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PINE POINT TRADITIONAL POW WOW
AUGUST 8 & 9, 2026
POW WOW HIGHWAY
½ mile W. of the Pine Point School
PONSFORD, MN

ALL DRUMS AND DANCERS WELCOME

PRINCESS & BRAVE CONTEST

ALL FAMILY FLAGS WELCOME

Thursday: Community Picnic and Blessing of the Grounds
Friday: Demolition Derby – 5:00pm
Saturday: Joe Bush Memorial 5K Walk/Run – 8:30pm
Flag Raising – 10:00am
Grand Entry – 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Feast – 5:00pm
Sunday: Rez Car Parade – 10:30am
Grand Entry – 1:00pm Bag Lunch Provided

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Photo by Sage Thompson

Chairman Michael Fairbanks, left, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Regional Director Will Meeks sign a Multi-year Funding Agreement during a ceremony at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

Multi-year funding agreement signed at Tamarac

ROCHERT, MINN. – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the White Earth Nation, today signed a multi-year funding agreement that supports a long-standing partnership at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and includes lands located within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation.

Leadership were on hand today at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge to formally sign this multi-year funding agreement and recognize their common natural resource goals. The signing ceremony marked an important milestone in the ongoing relationship between White Earth Nation and the refuge. The agreement strengthens co-stewardship, supports the exercise of tribal expertise and helps to ensure that Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge continues to

benefit wildlife, tribal communities and all visitors for generations to come.

The agreement reflects the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's commitment to working with Tribal Nations through government-to-government relationships and supports the agency's conservation mission at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

More specifically, the agreement supports three main management activities that White Earth Nation will undertake with the refuge:

- Water and wild rice management to support wildlife and traditional harvest by tribal members
- Forestry to maintain and improve habitat for

See Agreement Page 9

Minnesota Twins hold Youth Baseball Clinic in Naytahwaush



Photo by Sage Thompson

The Boys & Girls Club of White Earth recently hosted a free Minnesota Twins Community Fund Youth Baseball Clinic for children ages 6–12 at the Barney Turner Memorial Ballfields in Naytahwaush. Participants learned baseball fundamentals, developed their skills, and enjoyed a fun morning of instruction and activity in a positive environment.

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Deadline	Issue Date
August 26	September 2
September 30	October 7
October 28	November 4
November 23	December 2
December 28	January 6

* Deadline and issue dates subject to change

WE Tribal & Community College Student Spotlight

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) honors a student each month who exemplifies academic excellence, resilience, and personal growth. Students are nominated by staff who recognize the unique and exceptional qualities of our students.

For Deziree Buckanaga, the greatest obstacle she has overcome was a 15-year battle with addiction. In 2017, addiction led to the heartbreaking loss of custody of her children and a period of homelessness while living on the streets of Minneapolis. In 2018, she made the life-changing decision to pursue sobriety. Since then, she has remained clean and sober, rebuilding her life one step at a time.

That journey of healing led to one of the happiest moments of her life—regaining custody of her children in 2020 after years of hard work, determination, and personal growth. Another unforgettable milestone came in 2022 with the birth of her son, who continues to be a source of hope and motivation.

Education became an important part of that transformation. While raising her family and maintaining her sobriety, Deziree graduated from White Earth Tribal & Community College (WETCC) with an Associate of Arts degree, a Business and Office Certificate, and a Court Advocacy Certificate. Along the way, she earned recognition on both the President’s List and the Dean’s List, demonstrating that perseverance and dedication can overcome even the greatest challenges.

When asked why she is grateful to have chosen WETCC, Deziree shared that the college welcomed her with open arms and believed in her at a time when she was ready to change her life. The supportive environment, strong cultural connections, and flexibility allowed her to succeed while balancing recovery, parenthood, and academics. She is grateful to be part of a college community that truly cares about its students.

Deziree credits her college success to persistence, the unwavering support of her family and community, and never forgetting where she came from. Staying organized, asking for help when needed, and keeping her children at the center of every goal has helped her stay focused on building a brighter future.

WETCC has also prepared Deziree for the next chapter by providing a strong academic foundation through her



Submitted photo

Deziree Buckanaga receives her AA diploma last May from Allen Derks, WETCC Interim President.

degree and certificates while building confidence in her abilities. The knowledge and skills she has gained have empowered her to continue her education and pursue meaningful work that makes a difference in her community.

Deziree plans to continue her education at Bemidji State University. Her goal is to use her education to help others, especially individuals in recovery and families facing difficult challenges. She hopes to be a positive role model for her children and give back to the community that supported her throughout her journey—from living on the streets to achieving sobriety, academic success, and a brighter future.

Sen. Klobuchar meets with Council members and staff



Photo by Sage Thompson

White Earth tribal leaders and key staff recently met with U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen to discuss supportive housing for young adults, wild rice concerns, opposition to mining of the BWCA, and other important issues for the tribe and its membership.

Tribal offices closed for holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day** and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Modified services will still be available

Community invited to wild rice informational meeting

The Wild Rice Department will be holding a Wild Rice Informational Meeting on **Tuesday, August 18 at 7 p.m.** at the White Earth Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Ricers can meet White Earth Natural Resources staff and Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge staff. Pictures will be available of this year's rice.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT WALK

MASHKIKIIWAN DOODOOSHAABOO
(MOTHER'S MILK MEDICINE)

Friday, August 14, 2026
11:00am - 1:00pm
Waubun City Park

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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

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Manoominike-Giizis!
Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-
zookaanag.
Weweni-sago-na
Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See
You!

It is already August Ricing Moon!
Everyone Be Safe & Stay Safe,
August is very beautiful and very hot this time of
year. I would like everyone to stay safe when heading
outside for any seasonal gathering and summer activ-
ities. This month we have a borrowed story from an
elder from out west named Ella Clark.
Once there was a rabbit with only three legs, but
he made a wooden leg for himself so that he could
move fast.

At the time the sun was very hot, and Rabbit said
to himself, "I'll go and see what the problem is." As
he hopped along toward Sun, he found it getting hot-
ter every day.
"The only thing on earth that doesn't burn," said
Rabbit, "is cactus."
So he made a house of cactus to stay in during the
day, and he traveled only at night.
When he came to the east, he rose early in the
morning and ran toward the place where Sun should
appear. He saw the ground boiling and knew that Sun
was ready to come up. Rabbit stopped, sat down, and
took out his bow and arrows.
When Sun was about halfway out of the earth,
Rabbit shot. His first arrow hit the heart and injured
the Sun. Rabbit stood over it and cried: "The white
part of your eye will be clouds." And it was.
"The black part of your eye will be the sky." And
it was.
"Your kidney will be a star, your liver the moon,
and your heart the dark." And they were.
Then Rabbit said to Sun, "You will never be too
hot again, for now you are only a big star."

Sun has never been too hot since, and after that
day, rabbits have had brown spots behind their ears
and on their legs. Their rabbits' fur was scorched dur-
ing their journey, long, long ago, to see why Sun was
so hot.
Biinjwebinigen! Make your voice heard at the
ballot box.
Biinjwebinigen means, "Throw your ballot in!" It
is more than just a translation of "get out to vote." It
is a traditional call to action, a reminder of community
responsibility, and a celebration of Indigenous civic
power.

Casting a ballot is one of the most direct ways to
shape the future of your community, your state, and
the country. Every election decides the leaders who
make critical choices about your life. Your vote directly
impacts sovereignty and decides budgets for our ser-
vices such as health care, education and hous-
ing.
Every election decides the leaders who make crit-
ical choices about your daily life. Your vote directly
impacts funding, laws, and leadership.
• Protecting Sovereignty: Voting helps elect lead-
ers who respect tribal sovereignty and treaty obliga-
tions.
• Funding Vital Services: Public officials decide
budgets for local healthcare, education, housing, and
infrastructure.
• Protecting Natural Resources: Elected represen-
tatives make critical choices regarding clean water,
land management, and environmental protection.
• Representation: High voter turnout ensures that



the unique needs of Indigenous communities cannot
be ignored by lawmakers.
Participating in the election process is straightfor-
ward if you prepare in advance. Follow these essential
steps to ensure your ballot counts.
Register to Vote
• Check your current registration status online.
• Update your address if you have recently
moved.
• Note your state's deadline for online, mail-in,
or in-person registration.
Know Your Voting Options
• In-Person Voting: Find your designated polling
place and review its operating hours.
• Early In-Person Voting: Take advantage of early
voting days to avoid long lines on Election Day.
• Mail-In or Absentee Ballot: Request your ballot
early, follow the signing instructions precisely, and
mail it back well ahead of the deadline.
Bring Proper Identification
• Many states accept tribal photo identification
cards at the polls. Minnesota is one of them.
• Keep a backup form of ID, such as a utility bill
or government document showing your current
address, if required.
Research Your Ballot
• Look up a sample ballot online before you vote.
• Research candidates for local positions like
school boards, judges, and county commissioners.
Voting is stronger when done together. You can
amplify your impact by helping others in your com-
munity exercise their rights.
• Offer Rides: Help Elders, neighbors, or friends
without reliable transportation get to their polling sta-
tions.
• Spread the Word: Share key voting dates,
polling locations, and ID requirements on social
media or community boards.
• Work the Polls: Consider signing up as a local
election judge or poll worker to support your precinct.
When you cast your vote, you carry the voices of
your ancestors and build a path for future generations.
Don't sit this election out.
Biinjwebinigen—throw your ballot in!
Chi-miigwech bizindawiyeg miinawaa anooj
ninda-gikinoo'amaadiwin.
Baamaapii wiingezin.
Miigwech bizindawiyeg.
Gigawaabaminim naagaj.
Thank you for listening and continuing to learn
together.
Take it easy.
See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

As we wrap up the busy month of July, it has been great to see so many community members at events. We have experienced some high temperatures that we wait for all winter long. Please remember to check in on your elders, neighbors, family and friends. A simple visit, telephone call can go a long way.

As of July 1, it has been two years of serving as your District 3 Representative. It has been an honor and privilege to represent our communities and the members of the White Earth Nation.

Over the past two years, we have worked together to address community needs, advocate for our elders and youth. Every day brings new opportunities to listen and work alongside our members and find solutions to improve. Projects take time but we have projects in almost each village at this time. I want to say thank you to my assistant for the hard work and support provided over the past two years. I truly appreciate everything you do for District 3 and our tribal members. Miigwech for the honor of serving you. I look forward to continuing this work together.

7-1 A ribbon cutting was held at the new Waabigwan dispensary in Chanhassen, Minn. Tribal leaders and staff attended along with several Chanhassen officials. The dispensary officially opened on July 3.

We traveled back to attend the Mahnomen Community picnic that was filled with community members, program booths, food and prizes. A guest visitor, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar attended. Following the picnic, tribal leaders had an opportunity to meet with Klobuchar to discuss tribal priorities and goals.

7-7 Tribal leaders met with Canadian Pacific to get an update about the May trail derailment. The cleanup work continues each day.

7-8 We joined the Indigenous Parent Leadership initiative to welcome Family Well Being Strategy Group and other partners including Annie Casey Foundation. The program has made a positive impact on families and continues to grow.

7-10 The annual Elders Picnic was held at White Earth Rediscovery! It was great to see so many of our Elders enjoying the day together visiting, sharing stories, laughing- this is what makes our gatherings so special. This year, tribal elders in attendance received a \$50 gift card also. A huge miigwech to everyone who attended and helped make the day memorable. A special thank you to all of the staff who worked behind the scenes to plan, organize and make sure everything ran smoothly. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. Also a shout out to IHS staff for attending and jumping in to help serve food to elders! The weather was hot out, discussion about the location for next years picnic is in the works.

7-10 We took a day to recognize our employees at the RBC Employee Picnic for the dedication and hard work they bring every single day to serve our communities. The entertainment was great and the volleyball and bean bag tournaments brought some competition, and lots of smiles!

We heard a lot of anty laughs. A big miigwech to the staff who worked hard to plan and coordinate this event. Due to the smoky conditions, staff quickly adjusted the plans to make sure everyone had a safe and enjoyable day including those who could not tolerate the smoke.

Thank you to all of our employees for everything you do—you are truly appreciated! And Miigwech to all the Shooting Star Casino staff for the



great food and setting up for the event!

#TEAMWORKMAKESTHEDREAMWORK

7-22 The White Earth Community Picnic was a beautiful evening spent with our community members! It was fun visiting with everyone. The cotton candy line stayed busy all night. One of my favorite parts was hearing from our youth and listening to their ideas about what they'd like to see in our communities. Miigwech to everyone who stopped by to say hello and completed a District 3 community survey. Your input is valued and helps guide the work we do together. A big thank you to the staff for preparing the meal, Frank Stech our MC and all of the programs that had booths and donated prizes to make the event successful. Together, we're continuing to make positive improvements for our families and community!

7-25/26 The White Earth Sturgeon Moon Powwow was held Saturday with grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks show in the evening. There was also an grand entry at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The weather was a little warm but our dancers, singers and visitors showed up all weekend.

Miigwech to the White Earth Community Council for hosting another wonderful powwow and thank you to our Honor Guard, MCs, arena directors, drum groups, dancers, vendors, volunteers and everyone who attended.

7-31 Tribal leaders held an RBC quarterly meeting. We welcomed our new tribal leaders. The agenda included updates from White Earth Earth Housing, White Earth Tribal College, Indian Health Service, Community Councils, elder board updates, MCT delegates, presentation from Natural Resources proposing land be designated specifically for youth teaching hunting, cultural activities, White Earth animal shelter proposal, consent agenda, Waabwigwan issues, and public comment. Miigwech to everyone that attended.

Waubun

The new White Earth Transit building in Waubun is nearly complete. The program is aiming to move in by the end of August/September.

Elbow Lake Community

The new Elbow Lake Community Building has officially been delivered! The building will include space for the Boys & Girls Club, providing our youth with a safe, positive place along with providing community space. This is an exciting milestone for our community and a big step forward in creating a welcoming space for everyone. Miigwech to everyone who has worked hard to help make this project a reality. We can't wait to see this space come to life for

See Erickson Page 21

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TIME:
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Central Time)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

EVENT:
Virtual Online Event
Hosted on Microsoft Teams

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

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- The application process
- Hiring requirements
- How our ongoing surveys and programs make a difference in your community
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Photos by Sage Thompson

Two new council members were sworn in on July 14 at the RBC headquarters. **Top:** Secretary-Treasurer Jacob McArthur being sworn in by his uncle, Jerry Rawley. **Bottom:** District 2 Representative Alrick “Son” Accobee being sworn in by his mother, Myra “Kitty” Londo.

McArthur and Accobee sworn in as new WE Reservation Business Committee members

Newly elected Secretary-Treasurer Jacob McArthur and District 2 Representative Alrick “Son” Accobee were officially sworn in on July 14 at the RBC headquarters in White Earth.

McArthur defeated incumbent Michael LaRoque in the White Earth General Election held June 9.

Accobee defeated Sheri Kay Snetsinger in District 2. Incumbent District 2 Representative Eugene Sommers did not file for re-election.

Incumbent District 1 Representative Henry Fox edged challenger Andy “Jack” Auginaush. These positions are four-year terms.



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Harvest Fest Powwow

September 12th & 13th, 2026 | Naytahwaush, MN

SCHEDULE

Thursday	Blessing of the Grounds, 5 pm
Friday	Warm-Ups
Saturday	10 am Flag Raising 1 pm Grand Entry 5 pm Community Feast 7 pm Grand Entry
Sunday	1 pm Grand Entry

EMCEES

Frankie Graves
& Frank Stech

HOST DRUM

Battle Nation

ARENA DIRECTORS

Thomas Mason
& Lucas Hisgun

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Rob Tibbetts

COMMITTEE SPECIALS

Flowers vs. Feathers
(Men's Woodland vs.
Men's Northern Bustle)
1st \$800, 2nd \$600,
two consolation places

Old Style Jingle
1st \$800, 2nd \$600,
two consolation places

Youth Switch Dance
Committee Giveaway
SNL 2-Step

Princess/Brave Contest: Open to youth ages 6-18, enrolled or descendent. Local to Naytahwaush, or have immediate family from Naytahwaush. Must be registered to compete.

Drum payouts to the first 8 drums registered. Drum roll call before each grand entry. All dancers welcome. Dancers must register before each grand entry.

Vendor Contact: Lew Murray 218-261-1599

Powwow Contacts: Greg Blue 218-261-1048 and Terry Snetsinger 218-261-1210

Committee is not responsible for lost or stolen property or short funded travelers. Drug and alcohol free event. Campsites available.

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AUGUST 19TH 3:30PM-6:30PM
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Waubun, MN 56589

- Light meal will be provided
- Bounce and Beyond Inflatables
- Activities, Games for kids
- Door prizes for families(must be present to win)

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ON DISTRIBUTING BACK PACKS FOR GRADES PRE-K
THROUGH 12TH GRADE**

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Festival for Fathers and Families 2026

DATE CHANGE: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026
Shooting Star Casino and Event Center
9:00am-11:00am
Ages 0-18yrs
No Registration/ Everyone Welcome!
Brunch Served 9:30am-11am Only.



Come join the fun and check out our vendors!
Family Activities,
Family Resources,
Literacy Books for all,
and much more!

RBC honors employees with annual picnic



The RBC Employee Picnic was held July 17 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

There was live music, party games, door prizes, a picnic-style lunch, and sport tournaments.

Due to high temperatures and wildfire smoke, employees had the option of being outside or inside the event center.

Top and left: Part of the activities included a volleyball and bean bag tournament.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

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Third Anishinaabe Law Conference

**Shooting Star Casino
Mahnomen, MN**

October 25th -27th, 2026

A community gathering to continue the process of reclaiming our traditional laws and systems

Hosted by the Niibi Center

Area youth participate in reservation tournament



Photo by Sage Thompson

The Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth and White Earth Behavioral Health sponsored a Youth Co-Ed Softball Tournament on July 31 at the Waubun softball fields. There were 13 teams and 156 players in two divisions - ages 8-12 and 13-18. Water, Gatorade and snacks were provided throughout the day and everyone enjoyed lunch. **Top:** Robert Stevens takes his turn at the plate as coach Monte Bower looks on. Robert attends the White Earth Boys and Girls Club.

Uniform Tribal Election Ordinance: A Condensed Overview

By Sybil Gund
White Earth Delegate
Metro Area

The proposed Uniform Tribal Election Ordinance is intended to replace the Secretary of the Interior election procedures found in 25 CFR 81 with a tribal election process established through constitutional amendment. The ordinance creates a consistent framework for conducting tribal elections and constitutional amendments.

Under the ordinance, petitions for constitutional changes are submitted to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT), where a three-judge panel reviews the petition and determines whether it may move forward.

Key Participants

- 1. **Tribal Executive Committee (TEC)** – May request an election with a two-thirds vote.
- 2. **Citizens** – May initiate constitutional change through a petition signed by 20% of resident voters.

3. **Citizens Oversight Board** – Consists of two citizens from each band (12 total) plus two elders to promote transparency and public confidence in the election process.

4. **Tribal Election Board** – Appointed by the MCT and composed of a chair and two members from each band. Responsible for election notices, ballot administration, and certification of results.

5. **Three-Judge Panel** – Reviews petitions and resolutions to determine whether they meet requirements for advancement.

6. **Election Administrators** – Carry out election operations and ensure compliance with ordinance requirements.

Ordinance Requirements

The ordinance requires absentee ballots and polling places for all elections. It also establishes strict timelines for election notices, ballot distribution, and certification procedures to ensure fairness, consistency, and transparency throughout the election process.

Winners named in annual Tribal Canoe Drawing

The annual Tribal Canoe Drawing was held July 22 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

The contest was open to White Earth members ages 18 and older. Five 17-foot aluminum canoes with paddles were given away. Winners from the past three years were not eligible.

There were 857 entries and White Earth Natural Resources Wildlife Manager Tess Lindow randomly

picked the following winners: Lavern E. Bellefeuille, Ashley F. LaFriniere, Kayla O. Stellick, Gorman W. Greene, Marilynn S. Holt.

The drawing was recorded and posted to the White Earth YouTube channel and White Earth Facebook page.

Shooting Star bought the canoes and White Earth Natural Resources sponsored the contest.

White Earth B&B Club hosts youth basketball camp

The White Earth Boys & Girls Club recently welcomed youth from across the White Earth Nation for a three-day Basketball Camp held in Pine Point, Naytahwaush, and White Earth.

Participants in grades 3–12 had the opportunity to strengthen their basketball fundamentals, build confidence, and develop teamwork and leadership skills while learning from special guest coach Sherron Dorsey-Walker, former professional basketball player and coach.

The camp brought together youth from multiple communities, providing a positive environment where participants challenged themselves, encouraged one another, and made lasting memories both on and off

the court.

The White Earth Boys & Girls Club extends a sincere thank you to Coach Sherron Dorsey-Walker, Bombas, ND42, Gatorade, staff, volunteers, families, and community partners whose support made this event possible. Their commitment continues to create meaningful opportunities for Native youth to stay active, build healthy relationships, and grow through sports.

Miigwech to everyone who helped make this year's Basketball Camp a tremendous success! We look forward to continuing to invest in our youth and bringing more opportunities like this to the White Earth Nation.



Photo by Sage Thompson

White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille M. Silk, Chairwoman
White Earth Nation Council of Elders

The month of July has been very hot and uncomfortable for Elders, especially those with lung or heart conditions and have been advised to remain inside, preferably with air conditioning. As Elders, with underlying health concerns, we are especially vulnerable to dehydration, so we must drink plenty of liquids and try not to overexert ourselves.

The July WECOE meeting had to be delayed one week due to conflicts with other commitments with board members. We then met on July 14, otherwise regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Many issues were discussed and we try to find answers for them with the various programs that serve Elders on the White Earth Reservation.

A trip to Minneapolis for the annual Urban Elder community picnic on Sept. 16 was discussed. We are trying to seek out reasonable hotels to accommodate double occupancy for Elders, rather than a one-day trip that would be too hard for us. We must do all that we can to keep our precious Elders comfortable. We are also seeking out one-day trips that would not require an overnight stay. We decided to have a booth for the Pine Point Pow wow on Saturday, Aug. 8. The Council is seeking both bakers and volunteers to assist. Gina Boudreau and Dawn Goodwin made their presentations to the group. Gina was seeking Elders for her conference on July 28-29. The two-day conference was titled, “Return to First Medicines.” Those of you that are seeking more traditional knowledge, missed a great program. Dawn is passionate about protecting Mother Earth and devotes endless hours to the RISE Project. She invites Elders to many activities through RISE, and seeks transportation and housing for Elders to attend. We are very fortunate to have these ladies advocate for us.

The quarterly meeting for Wisdom Steps Program was held July 7-9 in Grand Portage. We have not made a decision for the 2027 conference location but will advise after the October quarterly meeting. Remember to complete your health card and keep track of your weekly steps or miles, as these two requirements will make you eligible to attend the annual conference. Both cards are due by Dec. 31.

Callaway Days was held on July 18 with a large parade, many activities, and a dance. It is wonderful to see the various communities sponsoring this type of programming and to be so well attended. These functions require lots of planning and volunteers, so our many thanks to all involved.

The White Earth Community Picnic was held July 22 from 5-7 p.m. There were lots of games for children, youth, and adults. A barbecue supper was provided for all and drawings for bikes and other prizes. It was an enjoyable evening and we thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this possible.

The next meeting for WECOE is Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Mahnomen Fire Hall. Meetings are always open and we encourage Elders to attend.

Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.

Lucille Silk, Chair
White Earth Council of Elders
218-204-0112

Remaining 2026 WECOE meeting schedule

- Sept. 1 – Mahnomen Fire Hall
- Oct. 6 – Callaway {TBA}
- Nov. 3 – White Earth ENP
- Dec. 1 – Pine Point ENP

GET OUT TO VOTE

TEMPORARY ABSENTEE POLLING PLACES AVAILABLE FOR STATE ELECTIONS

MAHNOMEN COUNTY:

PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 1ST, 2026
GENERAL ELECTION: OCTOBER 17TH, 2026
9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.
TWIN LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT
245 CO. RD. 4, NAYTAHWAUSH, MN 56566

CLEARWATER COUNTY:

PRIMARY ELECTION: JULY 30TH, 2026
GENERAL ELECTION: OCTOBER 22ND, 2026
9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.
RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
13830 COMMUNITY LOOP, BAGLEY, MN 56621

BECKER COUNTY:

PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 8TH, 2026
GENERAL ELECTION: OCTOBER 24TH, 2026
9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.
WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY CENTER
26310 CRANE RD. WHITE EARTH, MN 56591

The Minnesota State Primary Election is approaching! This election determines which candidates will appear on the ballot for the General election in November. Every vote shapes the future of our communities. Make your voice heard.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 11.
Vote by mail or in person through August 10.

Lera Hephner is the new Director of Ojibwe Language and Culture at Circle of Life Academy

Circle of Life Academy is excited to introduce our new Director of Ojibwe Language and Culture for the 2026-27 school year! Lera Hephner brings years of experience in culturally infused education. We are looking forward to the positive impact this position will have on our students, families, and the entire school community.

Boozhoo gakina awiya! Naawakamigookwe indizhinikaaz. Migizi indoodem. Opwaaganasiniing izhinikaade ishkonigan wenjibaayaan. Gaa-waabaabiganikaag indoonjibaa. Mahnomen indaa.

Hello everyone! My English name is Lera Hephner and I will be serving our community as the Director of Ojibwe Language and Culture at the Circle of Life Academy. I am excited to return to COLA where I started my teaching career in 2016 and be apart of the school community again.

As a long time resident of the White Earth Reservation, I consider it my home and work every day to uplift and empower our youth. When I was 8 years old, I first heard the teachings of the Seven Fires Prophecies and started to cry because of the overwhelming feeling of purpose and pride I had in being Ojibwe. I was in awe to know our ancestors knew of a time that would come where we would have to work hard and awaken our spirits, the language, and ways of being to become whole again as a people, and to guide our non-Native relatives onto a path of love, peace, and unity with all of creation.

My life's work is to help guide our youth to seek



Lera Hephner

out who they are and become grounded in their identity through our Ojibwe language and culture to create a better and healthier community for everyone. I am hopeful for the future school year and all the opportunities we will bring to our students, staff, and community. Miigwech!

Stronger Every Day

Join us for the 2026 Diabetes Conference at Shooting Star

By Savannah Leiser

White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

White Earth Tribal Public Health invites community members to attend the 2026 Diabetes Conference on Aug. 20 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahnomen. The Conference theme is Stronger Every Day: Hope, Healing, Healthy Living.

Living with diabetes or supporting someone who does can be challenging, but you don't have to face it alone. This year's conference is designed to educate, encourage, and empower individuals through practical information, inspiring stories, and resources that promote healthier living.

The day will begin with registration from 8:15 to 9 a.m., followed by a Cultural Opening. Attendees will then hear from Tony St. Clair, who will deliver an inspirational keynote focused on finding strength, hope, and resilience while managing a chronic condition.

Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to attend a variety of educational sessions covering important topics related to diabetes management and overall wellness. Sessions include:

- Small Moves Toward Change – Discover how simple, realistic movement can improve health and help build lifelong healthy habits.
- What About Food? – Learn practical nutrition

tips, including grocery shopping strategies, portion control, reading food labels, and meal planning.

- Beat the Burnout – Explore the connection between stress, mental health, and diabetes while learning ways to stay motivated and find support.

- Managing a Diabetic Emergency – Local EMS professionals will discuss diabetic emergencies, how to prepare, and what to expect during an emergency response.

- Movement activity – Participate in a fun and accessible activity that demonstrates how movement can fit into everyday life.

The conference will conclude with a special presentation from Allison Nimlos of Greater Than Counseling, whose work focuses on the connection between diabetes management and mindset. Her closing session will offer encouragement, practical strategies, and hope for living well with diabetes. Whether you have diabetes, care for a loved one with diabetes, or simply want to learn more about preventing chronic disease and living a healthier lifestyle, this conference offers valuable information for everyone.

Join us on Aug. 20 for a day of education, inspiration, and community as we become Stronger Every Day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration is required. Please contact Lindsey Adams at 218-401-2828 or by email at Lindsey.Adams@whiteearth-nsn.gov to register.

Don't Worry Be Hippy Ogema Days
September 3rd-5th

Call: 218-401-0158 | ALL VENDORS WELCOME!

THURSDAY
8 pm - 11 pm Music at Ogema Liquor by Rick Fielder

FRIDAY
11 am - 2 pm Customer Appreciation Picnic
Deerwood Bank
5 pm Softball Under The Lights
@ Ball Park. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy music by Hank Reitan and Friends
Big Foot Frybread Tacos
@ Ball Park

SATURDAY
9 am 5k Run (Registration starts @ 8 am Ogema Park)
Noon Parade: Hippy Theme
Cash prizes for top floats! 1st \$150 | 2nd \$100 | 3rd \$75

Following Parade
Inflatables
Volleyball
Bean Bags
Elvis Impersonator Sponsored by Deerwood Bank
Color your own Deerwood Bank Shirt
Sponsored by Deerwood Bank
2:30 pm Bike Giveaway (sign up @ park after parade)
Sponsored by Behavioral Health in White Earth
Must be present to win.

11 am - 3 pm Bingo
Car Show
St. Columbia Dinner
@ Ogema Community Center. Basket Raffles

8:30 pm - 12:30 am Street Dance
Slamabama

Bloody Mary Bar
Ogema Liquor
Saturday Morning

Cash Only | All Day
Ogema Liquor

Slamabama

Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow is Aug. 8 & 9

Protect Your Skin

Skin cancer is common, but one of the most preventable

By Savannah Leiser

White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

As the weather warms up and many of us spend more time outdoors, it's the perfect time to think about protecting our skin. Whether you're fishing, gardening, attending powwows, working outside, enjoying time at the lake, or simply taking a walk, your skin is exposed to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. While sunshine has many benefits, too much UV exposure can increase your risk of developing skin cancer.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States, but the good news is that it is also one of the most preventable. Taking a few simple steps to protect your skin can greatly reduce your risk.

What is Skin Cancer?

Skin cancer occurs when skin cells begin to grow abnormally, often as a result of damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or tanning beds. There are three main types of skin cancer:

Basal cell carcinoma – The most common type. It grows slowly and is highly treatable when found early.

Squamous cell carcinoma – The second most common type. It can spread if left untreated but is also very treatable when detected early.

Melanoma – The least common but most serious type of skin cancer. Melanoma can spread to other parts of the body if not caught early, making early detection especially important.

Who is at Risk?

Anyone can develop skin cancer, regardless of age or skin tone. While individuals with lighter skin generally have a higher risk, people with darker skin can also develop skin cancer. In darker skin tones, skin cancer is sometimes diagnosed at a later stage because it may not be recognized as quickly.

Other factors that increase risk include:

- Spending a lot of time outdoors without sun protection.
- A history of frequent sunburns, especially during childhood.
- Using tanning beds.
- Having many moles or unusual-looking moles.
- A personal or family history of skin cancer.
- A weakened immune system.

Remember: No one is immune to skin cancer. Everyone benefits from protecting their skin.

Protecting Your Skin

Fortunately, preventing skin cancer doesn't have to be difficult. A few daily habits can make a big difference.

Wear Sunscreen

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. Apply it 15 to 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours, or more often if you're swimming or sweating.

Don't forget areas that are commonly missed, such as your ears, the back of your neck, your scalp if

you have thinning hair, the tops of your feet, and your lips. Lip balm with SPF protection is a great way to protect your lips from sun damage.

Seek Shade

The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. When possible, seek shade during these hours, especially if you'll be outdoors for an extended period.

Cover Up

Clothing provides an extra layer of protection. Consider wearing:

- Long-sleeved shirts
- Long pants or longer shorts
- Wide-brimmed hats that shade your face, ears, and neck
- UV-blocking sunglasses to protect your eyes and the delicate skin around them.

Many outdoor clothing brands also offer garments with built-in UV protection.

Avoid Tanning Beds

There is no safe way to tan using indoor tanning beds. They expose your skin to concentrated UV radiation and significantly increase your risk of developing skin cancer, especially melanoma.

Know Your Skin

One of the best ways to detect skin cancer early is by becoming familiar with your own skin. Check your skin from head to toe about once a month. Use mirrors or ask someone you trust to help examine hard-to-see areas like your back or scalp.

Watch for ABCDE warning signs of melanoma:

A - Asymmetry: One half doesn't match the other.
B - Border: The edges are irregular, uneven, or blurred.

C - Color: Multiple colors or uneven coloring.

D - Diameter: Larger than about 6 millimeters (the size of a pencil eraser), although melanomas can be smaller.

E - Evolving: The spot changes in size, shape, color, or begins to itch or bleed.

Also watch for any sore that doesn't heal, a new growth, or spot that looks different from the others. If you notice anything concerning, schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider.

Early Detection Saves Lives

When skin cancer is found early, treatment is often simpler and more successful. That's why paying attention to changes in your skin and seeking medical care when something doesn't look right is so important.

Farmers Market Customer Appreciation Corn Feed

The Farmer's Market is planning to host its annual Customer Appreciation Corn Feed sometime in August, with the exact date depending on the availability of this year's corn crop. Due to the dry conditions we've experienced this summer, the timing will be determined once the corn is ready for harvest.

able. As Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and White Earth Nation staff share duties, the refuge will continue to be managed under existing laws, policies and regulations of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Visitors should expect to see White Earth Nation staff and vehicles on the refuge in an increased capacity accomplishing our common conservation goals.

migratory birds and resident wildlife

- Visitor services to include current, culturally relevant information in interpretive materials provided to the public.

Public access is central at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, as it has been for decades, and the refuge continues to be a welcoming place for everyone. Opportunities for quality hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography remain avail-

White Earth Nation Child Support Program

White Earth Nation Child Support Program is committed to helping families receive fair, effective and culturally appropriate child support services. The program serves families in Becker, Mahnomon, and Clearwater County, both on and near the White Earth Reservation. Our mission is to advocate for children by helping parents establish and maintain regular child support to promote children's health and future success. We encourage clients to communicate with WENCSP workers to keep their information updated to ensure that their case(s) are fully maintained

Services provided by White Earth Nation Child Support:

- Establishing paternity through voluntary acknowledgment, court orders or genetic testing
- Locating parties
- Enforce child support orders
- Establishing child support orders through the appropriate legal process.
- Reviewing and modifying child support orders when there has been a substantial change in circumstances
- Collection and Distribution of Child Support Payments via electronic payment methods for greater convenience and security.
- Assist with applications, forms, payment history requests, and explaining the child support process.
- No fee for applying for services

WHY CHILD SUPPORT MATTERS

Child Support plays an important role in ensuring that children have financial support they need to grow, learn, and thrive. Child Support is not about one parent helping the other- it is about supporting the well-being and future of the child. When both parents contribute to a child's upbringing, it helps provide stability and meet essential needs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
WHITE EARTH NATION CHILD SUPPORT
218-935-3512**

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Location: 40578 Kramer Street, Ponsford, MN 56575

Single family, one-story home and garage, built in 1945, 2BR/1BA, sold AS-IS condition. Lakeshore lease will be available for White Earth enrolled members for a yearly fee.

OPEN HOUSE:
Tuesday August 18, 2026, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM
for viewing and inspection. Detailed information, viewing arrangements, or full terms and conditions will be made available upon request.
Contact White Earth Land Office for information: 218-983-4650

Minimum Bid: \$40,000.00
Use this flyer to submit your bid.

Bidding will close Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – 4:00 PM

*Bids can be mailed, dropped off, or e-mailed; and must be received or postmarked by the deadline

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ENROLLMENT NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE): _____

BID AMOUNT: _____
Minimum bid: \$40,000.00. CASH SALE, NO FINANCING.

Send Sealed bid to: White Earth Tribal Finance,
Attn: Cassandra Hoban (Cabin Bid), P.O. Box 270, White Earth, MN 56591

Email bid to: Cassandra.Hoban@whiteearth-nsn.gov – subject: Cabin bid



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Moms' Walking Club

Each week will feature exercise and health education

By Jackie Haugo
White Earth Tribal Public Health

Looking for a fun way to stay active, meet other moms, and enjoy time outdoors with your little one? Join us for our new Moms' Walking Club, beginning in August!

The Walking Club will meet every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Mahnomen School Track. Whether you're a new mom, a caregiver, or have young children, this is a great opportunity to connect with other families while incorporating physical activity into your weekly routine.

Participants are encouraged to bring strollers, wear walking shoes, and enjoy a relaxed walk at their own pace. For toddlers who need a break from riding, we will have activities available in the middle of the track, to keep little ones active while moms continue

to socialize and burn some calories.

Each week will also feature health education resources on topics such as hydration, exercise and post-partum, nutrition, child development, family wellness, and other health-related information to support you and your family.

As an added bonus, participation incentives will be awarded throughout the program to encourage attendance and celebrate your commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

For the safety and comfort of all participants, pets are not allowed at Walking Club events.

We hope you'll join us this August as we take steps toward healthier families, stronger connections, and a supportive community—one walk at a time!

For more information, please contact Jackie Haugo at 218-401-2421.



MOMS' WALKING CLUB

MAHNOMEN SCHOOL TRACK • TUESDAYS IN AUGUST • 10:00-11:00AM

Join Us for:

- Health education resources
- Water for moms and kids
- Games and activities for toddlers who need a stroller break.
- Pets are not allowed
- Participation incentives will be awarded.





Elders Commission Election Notice

The White Earth Elders Commission hereby announces a General Election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, for the following positions;

Two (2) - District representatives for District 1

Two (2) - District representatives for District 3

Filing dates were held from June 1-18.

Candidates filing had to meet the following eligibility criteria per the White Earth Elders Commission By-Laws.

- Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- At least 55 years old on or before the date of the Election.
- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation.

• Must be a resident of their District for a least 12-month period immediately preceding the date established for the election.

• Must be able to pass the background check and meet background eligibility* according to the approved By-laws of the Elders Commission.

Election: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026

Regular Election Polling Places:

District 1
Rice Lake Community Center ENP
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

District 3
White Earth Congregate ENP/ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pine Point School ENP / 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



WHITE EARTH NATION ENROLLMENT INFORMATION BOOTHS SUMMER SCHEDULE

COME SEE US AT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!



1. PINE POINT

📍 LOCATION: Old School

🕒 WHEN: Every 3rd Wed., 10 AM - 2 PM

📅 JUNE	17TH
📅 JULY	15TH
📅 AUGUST	19TH



2. RICE LAKE

📍 LOCATION: Rice Lake Community Center

🕒 WHEN: Specific Fridays, 9 AM - 12 PM

📅 JUNE	26TH
📅 JULY	10TH
📅 AUGUST	14TH



3. NAYTAHWAUSH

📍 LOCATION: Sports Complex

🕒 Every 2nd Friday, Starting July

📅 JUNE	26TH, 1 PM - 4 PM
📅 JULY	10TH, 1 PM - 4 PM
📅 AUGUST	14TH, 1 PM - 4 PM



OTHER POP-UP LOCATIONS: Look for us at area Pow Wows, local events, and parades!

SAVE THE DATE

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AUGUST 20TH

THEME: **STRONGER Every Day**

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON!





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Ojibwemodaa.2!

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

Abinoojiwin•Infancy Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism! Pronounce by syllables: Boozhoo! / Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan. - Greetings/Hi!-How are you? Nimino-ayaa.- I am well. Gaye niin-Also me. •Use a consonant with a Vowel sound to speak in "syllables": O ji bwe.

"Niibin. Inashke! Ode'imin!
Ode'iminaan" ("It is Summer. Look!

Strawberry! Strawberries!")

"Zaagijinaazha'. Zaagizi'!"

("Tell h/her to go outside. Take him/her outside.")

"Miinikaa! Niminopidaan."

(There are many blueberries!
I like the taste of them.)

Adisan! - **Color it!**
Green.-Ozhaawashkwaa.

Blue.-Ozhaawashkwaa.

It is Red.-Miskwaa.

It's black/dark (canoe)-

Makwadewaa

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Adisan! -
Color it, dye it!
S/he plays music. -
Gidochige.
Play music for h/h.
-Madwewetaw.
Make it play.
Howah! - Wow!

Basweweyaabiigibijigan
(Electric guitar) by Garrett

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



Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Howah!-*Alright/Wow!* "Gizaagitoon ina? - Do you like it?"

>Eya!-Yes! >Gaawiin!-No! >Ganabaj!-Maybe! >Maagizhaa!-Perhaps!

"Eya! Niminwendaan."-"Yes! I like it." Expand your speaking.

Speak aloud. Write flashcards! Use flashcards & make them for your family and friends. EYA! -YES! > Teach others. Miigwech!

Niizh-2 Nindanishinaabemowinikaaz.

I have an Indian name.

Anishinaabewinikaade.-It has an Indian name.

Nimaamaa (yag) - My Mother (s)

Nindede (yag) - My Father (s)

Ninbaabaa (yag) - My Father

Listen/Speak: Use online Dictionary.

NA: **Nouns:** Animate-Alive

NI: Inanimate- Not a living item.

A Z N O G
N A M V A A
C A D I S A N
H G W B S E W A
X I N ' M K I E B
E Z I E J U W G Y A
M I N I K A A E A J
H Y B ' Z M W O A D ' P
O G I D O C H I G E Z S
W S N S S A Y B N K O H
A D O C K T G M K A A T
H E R H I I N A S H K E

Double Vowel Sounds!

Specific to Ojibwe!

*Longer voiced vowels:

AA (baa), II (teen),

OO (moo), E (cafe?)

*Shorter voiced vowels

A (about), I (tin), O (only)

A glottal stop ' is a

voiceless nasal hesitation

as the dash in: oh-oh

Nitaawigiwin

•MIINAWAA•

ANISHINAAABEG LOVE

>>>>=====>>>>

Add inanimate nouns.

Zaagitoon!-Love a thing!

Ninzaagitoon.- I love it.

Gizaagitoon.-You love it.

Ozaagitoon-S/h loves it.

Ozaagitoonaawaa.-They

love it.

Root: -zaagitoon-

Add animate nouns.

Ojiim!-Kiss someone/hm/hr!

Nindojiimaa.-I kiss him/her.

Gidojiimaa.-You kiss him/her.

Odojiimaan.-S/he kisses h/h.

Zhoomiingweni! S/he

smiles.

Nimbooni'aa dash

gibooni'aa. - I leave h/her

alone and you leave him/h

alone.

Obooni'aan.-

S/he leaves h/h alone.

Obooni'aawaan. -

They leave him/her alone.

See patterns of speech! :-)

Speak together with others!

MIINAWAA transfers to the living, a him/her.

Wiidookaw!- root command: Help someone!

Niwiidookawaa.-I help h/h.

Niwiidookawaag.-I help them.

Giwiidookawaa.-You help h/h.

Giwiidookawag.-You help them.

Giwiidookawaawaa.-You all help him/h.

Owiidookawaan.-She/He helps h/her.

Niwiidookawaanaan.-We help h/h.

Giwiidookawaanaan.-We all help h/h.

Owiidookawaawan.-They help h/h.

(All theses can be negated)

No, I do help him/her not -

Gaawiin, niwiidoo-

kawaasii.

*Extra Practice!

Bezhig, Niizh, Niswi, Niiwin, Naanan
Ningodwaaswi, Niizhwaaswi.
Nishwaaswi, Ningodwaaswi, Midaawi. 1-10

•WE Resources

<https://www.whiteearth.com/community>

•Search/Listen: Ojibwe People's Dictionary

<https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>

•Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Comm.

<https://www.glifwc.org/>

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is

s/he's called this moon/month? Manoominike-

giizis wa'aw giizis. -"Rice Moon" this moon.

(August or September). NITAM: HOWAH! First:

Wow! to all ricers, families, and students this

dagwaagin/fall! Enjoy manoominike -giizis: the

Rice moon/Chi-Miigwech!-Great-thanks!

Howah!-Awesome! Niimi'idiwinan.-the

Dances. Niimi.-S/he dances. Niniim.-I

dance. Niimi'idiwag. - They dance.

Giniim.-You dance. Nimbizindawaa

dewe'igan. I listen to h/h a drum

Ojibwemodaa! Let's all speak

Ojibwe language - Wah!

Miigwech! Thanks!

Mii'iw.

Bizaan!

-Quiet!

Wiidookaw!

-Help him/her!

Ganawenim!

-Take care of him/her!

Niwaabamaa.

-I see him/her.

Niimi'idiwag.

-They dance.

1. _____ omaa dash imaa.

I see him Jack here and there

2. _____ ina niimi'idiwining?

They dance ? at the PowWow?

3. Benesiwag, aninaatigong, nibaawag imaa. _____

The Birds, in the maple tree, they are sleeping. **Be quiet!**

4. Gichi-aya'aa _____, gii-minwendamoog omaa.

Somebody/adult, **help h/h**, they did- fall down here.

5. _____! Eya! Niminwendam. Giwii-ojibwem.

Again! Yes! I am happy. You will speak Ojibwe language.

Ojibwemodaa!-Let's all speak Ojibwe! August©2026 Shelly Ceglar

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Terry Fator | August 28

Slaughter | September 11

Jo Dee Messina | September 25

The Band Perry | October 9

Little River Band | October 23



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White Earth Reservation
2026/27 Hunting/Trapping Seasons

Big Game Hunting

Bear Baiting	August 1, 2026 - October 18, 2026
Bear Season	August 15, 2026 - November 15, 2026 *It is unlawful to harvest bear from a den*
Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Elk	CLOSED, NO SEASON
Deer Archery and Muzzleloader	September 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026
Deer Modern Firearms	October 24, 2026 - December 31, 2026
Youth Deer Firearms	October 10, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Small Game

Dove, Woodcock, Rail, Snipe, and Coots	September 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026
Ruffed Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, and Ring-necked Pheasant	September 1, 2026 - January 10, 2027
Prairie Chicken/Sharp-tailed Grouse	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026
Sandhill Crane	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - November 1, 2026
Wild Turkey	Fall - September 5, 2026 - October 31, 2026 Spring - April 1, 2027 - May 31, 2027
Rabbit, Hare, and Squirrel	September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Raccoon and Fox	September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Coyote	Continuous

Waterfowl

Goose	September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026
Ducks	September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026
Trumpeter Swan	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026

Trumpeter Swan hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

The taking of waterfowl is prohibited on wild rice waters identified by tribal authorities during the wild rice harvest season

Trapping

Raccoon, Badger, Fox, and Coyote	September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Mink and Muskrat	October 1, 2026 - March 15, 2027
Beaver and Otter	October 1, 2026 - May 15, 2027
Bobcat, Fisher, Pine Marten	November 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027

White Earth Reservation
2026/27 Hunting/Trapping Limits

Big Game Hunting

Bear	Season Limit 3
Deer	1
Cottontail Rabbit	Small Game Daily Limit 20
Snowshoe Hare	20
Jack Rabbit	20
Gray/Fox Squirrel	20 combined
Ruffed Grouse	6
Hungarian Partridge	6
Pheasant	4 cocks only
Prairie Chicken/Sharp-tailed Grouse	Experimental Season Daily limit: 2 birds (any combination of prairie chicken/sharp-tailed grouse) Season limit: 4 birds per tribal member (any combination of prairie chicken/sharp-tailed grouse reaches 20 birds) *It is required that all birds harvested must be registered with a White Earth Conservation Officer daily*

Wild Turkey	Season Limit 2 (Tom/Male)
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Rail	Migratory Upland Birds Daily Limit 25
Snipe	10
Woodcock	10
Mourning Dove	25
Sandhill Crane	Experimental Season Daily limit 4

Ducks	Waterfowl Daily Limit 20
No more than 4 hen mallards	
No more than 4 canvasback and 4 pintail Mergansers	10
Coots	20
Trumpeter Swan	Experimental Season Daily limit: 2 birds
It is required that all birds harvested must be registered with a White Earth Conservation Officer daily	

Goose	8
Canada, White-Fronted, Brant	
Snow. Blue Snow. Ross's	25

Trapping

Bobcat	Season limit 6
Fisher/Pine Marten	4
Otter	5
Badger	No Limit
Mink	No Limit
Muskrat	No Limit
Beaver	No Limit
Raccoon	No Limit
Red fox, coyote, gray fox	No Limit

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BEFORE launching and BEFORE leaving.

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- ◆ Drain lake/river water away from the landing
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2026 COMMUNITY PICNICS
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

~~Rice Lake | Thurs, May 14th~~
Community Center

~~Waubun | Thurs, June 18th~~
Community Park

~~Mahnomen | Wed, July 1st~~
Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot

~~Callaway | Thurs, July 30th~~
New Park (next to the post office)

~~White Earth | Wed, July 22nd~~
New Park (old school)

Pine Point | Thurs, August 6th
Powwow Grounds

Elbow Lake | Thurs, August 20th
Elbow Lake Shelter

Naytahwaush | Wed, September 9th
Sports Complex



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DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE

Tribe opens new Waabigwan Mashkiki dispensary



Photo by Sage Thompson

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held July 1 for the new Waabigwan Mashkiki dispensary in Chanhassen, Minn. Waabigwan Mashkiki continues to expand access and economic opportunity through tribally owned cannabis operations. The building is located at 951 West 78th Street in Chanhassen.

Valleyview Commons

Valleyview Commons in Mahanomen has immediate openings for 1 bedroom units for persons 62 and older or with a verified disability.

Rent is based on 30% of your adjusted monthly income calculated per HUD guidelines up to a contract rent of \$615 and includes water, sewer and garbage.

Tenant is responsible for electric and heat.

For more information contact DW Jones Management. 218-547-3307 or apply at www.dwjonesmanagement.com



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WE Natural Resources hosts ATV safety course



Photo by Zoe Keezer

White Earth Natural Resources hosted their annual summer ATV Safety Hybrid Course on July 28. Sixteen local youth attended and became Minnesota DNR Safety Certified! Keep an eye out for upcoming hunters and firearm safety course! A big thanks to all the volunteers within Natural Resources that make these events happen.

Notice: All tribal land lessee(s), assignee(s), and all others utilizing tribal lands must update information

The White Earth Land Office is conducting in-depth file reviews and periodic inspections on all sites, assignments, leases and contracts as it relates to compliance on all tribal land and pursuant to the Land Assignment Agreement, Land Assignment Ordinance and the White Earth Reservation Environmental Code.

All those occupying or residing on tribal land must update their information in-person or by com-

pleting and submitting an Address Update Form.

If you are residing on or occupying tribal land and **DO NOT** have a current lease, assignment, and/or contract, you must contact our office immediately to avoid further action.

Please contact the Land Office at 218-983-4650 if you need additional information or have questions.

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WHY IT MATTERS

Throwing vapes in the trash or plastic recycling can:



Cause fires



Release toxic chemicals



Harm workers, first responders, and the environment.



WHAT TO DO

Take e-cigarettes to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) site.

How to find one:



Contact your local waste service



Or simply Google



SAFE STORAGE AT HOME

Until drop-off, store vapes safely:



Use a closed metal container



Examples: clean soup can or coffee can. This helps prevent fires.



You can also ask Elderly Nutrition cooks to save an empty metal can for you.



DID YOU KNOW?

In the past year, Becker County HHW collected over 500 pounds of vapes.

We can do better—every vape disposed of safely makes a difference.



WHITE EARTH DROP OFF PROCESS

Pick up at White Earth Tribal Public Health



Get a metal can

Pick one up at White Earth Public Health (outside near the raised garden beds, north end of the Tribal Health building) —or use a clean metal can from home



Place empty vapes inside

Store e-cigarettes and vapes in the metal can with the lid closed.



Bring vapes to the White Earth Transfer Station



Empty into the collection can

Dump vapes into the large metal container on site.



They'll be hauled to Becker County for proper disposal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: 218-935-3234



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Highlights of the annual Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The 4th Annual Naame Giizis Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow was held July 24-26 at the White Earth Powwow Grounds. The Spiritual Advisor was Mike Bunker, the Arena Directors were Tom Mason and Lucas Hisgun, and the MCs were Vince Beyl and Opwaganse Goodwin. The new royalty are Tacia Beauchamp - Princess, and Carl Wadenah Jr. - Brave.





Photos by Nicole LaFrinier

Photo of when the plants were first planted. A big shout out to the Naytahwaush Community Charter School (background) for all the help!

Teamwork helps build NTW Community Garden

Nicole M. LaFrinier
WE Food Sovereignty and Security Coordinator

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In partnership with Naytahwaush Community Council, Naytahwaush Community Charter School, Naytahwaush Community members, and White Earth Food Sovereignty Initiative, a no-till community garden was built, planted and fenced.
Unlike traditional tilled gardens, a no-dig garden utilizes cardboard and woodchips in the isles and the edges to help keep weeds at bay (less weeding = happier gardener). At the end of the season, roots are left in the soil over winter, this helps keep the topsoil in place. After an inch of compost has been applied in the spring for soil amendment, seeds/plants are directly sowed/transplanted in the garden beds.
Smaller woodchips/garden straw can also be placed in beds around plants to further help combat weeds and hold moisture in longer. This method of gardening also provides housing conditions for

mushrooms and mycelium to prosper and improve soil health. Healthy soil means healthy plants. Healthy plants will give healthy fruits, vegetables, and even mushrooms to eat!
The NTW Community Garden has 20 beds that are approximately three feet wide and 42 feet long, which provides over 2,500 feet of gardening space! Even though, this was the last project on the spring to-do list, we were still able to plant a variety of fruits and vegetables that will mature in time.
The majority of the garden beds have some variety of sweet corn that will be ready in succession starting around mid-August. Other vegetables include winter squash, zucchini, potatoes, cantaloupe, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, onions, beans, pumpkins, celery, kale, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.
To find out how you can help out in the NTW Community Garden or how to get a garden in your community please contact Nicole LaFrinier, Food Sovereignty Coordinator at 218-935-3562.



Phil Blue (right) and Joshua Stalberger (left) building the beds with cardboard, woodchip and soil.

3rd Annual WEUCC Powwow



Submitted photos

The 3rd Annual White Earth Urban Community Council Powwow was recently held at the American Indian Center in Minneapolis.

Fireworks in Ptown



Photo by Alexandra Nessman

The Pine Point Community Center is silhouetted by fireworks on July 4. The show was courtesy of the Pine Point Community Council.

22nd Annual
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Or call for conference information - Carissa 218-935-3563 or
scholarship availability - Jessica 218-935-6271

White Earth Police dispatcher honored for helping find lost wild rice harvesters

Motorola Solutions (RapidDeploy) recently expressed their appreciation to White Earth Police Dispatcher Anna Paul for her exceptional service, technical expertise, and dedication to public safety.

Anna’s quick thinking and application of RapidLocate helped locate and safely rescue lost harvesters during the 2025 wild rice harvest.

The White Earth Police Department received an urgent call from two tribal members who stated they had been harvesting wild rice, but had gotten lost while trying to return to their canoe and were now experiencing symptoms of dehydration, exhaustion, and disorientation.

The call originated from a remote, wooded area and the callers did not know their precise location. Additionally, their cell phone battery was low and they worried they would lose contact with 911, which further escalated the emergency.

Using Rapid/Deploy Radius Mapping, Paul launched a Rapid/Locate, a feature which sends a secure SMS text to a caller to retrieve precise GPS coordinates from the caller’s mobile service.

Paul used Rapid/Deploy’s SMS capabilities to help maintain open communication with the caller via text updates. Within 90 minutes, both men were safely found and rescued by emergency teams.

Motorola Solutions (RapidDeploy) sent Paul an official Recognition of Honor certificate, presented for her technical excellence, swift action, and commitment to safeguarding the White Earth community.

Anna Paul

Summer Food Service Program schedule

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

Site Name	Site Address	Dates and Days of Operation	Meals with Service Times
Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club	416 US Hwy 59 Mahnomen, MN 56557	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club	2531 310 th Ave Naytahwaush, MN 56566	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Pine Point Boys & Girls Club	48580 Pow Wow Hwy Ponsford, MN 56575	June 13 th -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Rice Lake Boys & Girls Club	13830 Community Loop Rd Rice Lake, MN 56621	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Waubun Boys & Girls Club	1041 Dutch St Waubun, MN 56589	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
White Earth Boys & Girls Club	35233 Misson Road. White Earth, MN 56591	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Elbow Lake Boys & Girls Club	39988 N Elbow Lake Dr Waubun, MN 56589	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Callaway Boys & Girls Club	403 Main Ave Callaway, MN 56521	June 1 st -August 31, 2026 Monday-Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

*Hours are subject to change due to staffing.

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

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National Night Out: Building safer communities together

By Lindsey Adams, PHN, BSN, RN
White Earth Public Health

Every year, neighborhoods across the country come together to celebrate National Night Out, a community event that strengthens relationships between residents, local organizations, and law enforcement. This year’s event was held Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5-7 p.m. at the Waubun football field.

More than just an evening of food and fun, National Night Out is an opportunity to build trust, promote safety, and remind one another that a strong community begins with people who know and care for each other.

Within the White Earth Nation, community has always been at the heart of who we are. Our traditions teach us that we are stronger when we look after one another, share knowledge, and work together for the well-being of future generations. National Night Out reflects these same values by bringing families, Elders, youth, and community partners together in a welcoming environment.

Events like National Night Out give families the chance to connect with local resources that support health and safety. From learning about emergency preparedness and child safety to exploring health services and wellness programs; community members can discover tools that help keep their loved ones safe throughout the year.

Erickson from Page 4

our children, families and community.

The contractor started the work on the Elbow Lake Beach. This will be a space for the community to gather and swim.

The new pier is being constructed and will be completed this fall. It will hopefully be delivered in October. It will be put out next summer. The Natural Resource staff pull out the piers in October/early November.

White Earth

A fence was installed all the way around the playground and basketball court to improve safety and prevent vehicles from driving onto the future splash pad. The site survey was being done this week. Splash pad equipment has been ordered. New lighting is also on the way.

We will be replacing the playground equipment in the south projects. The playground equipment was ordered and will be delivered soon. The plan is to install in August. We will also be installing a 20x40 basketball court basketball court.

We are moving forward with Phase 2 of the Tiny Homes project. Two additional tiny homes will soon be placed in White Earth. When the site for the first phase was originally prepared, we planned ahead by installing two additional septic systems. Taking this proactive approach saved money and helped us move forward with the next phase more quickly.

Pine Point

The softball field renovation project is moving forward! While we experienced a slight delay, we worked through the challenges and continue making progress.

The basketball court near the old school will be removed and replaced with a brand new, full-size basketball court providing an upgraded space for youth and community members to enjoy for years to come. We appreciate everyone’s patience and support

For children, National Night Out offers an opportunity to meet first responders and community leaders in a positive, friendly environment. These early interactions can build confidence, reduce fear during emergencies, and help young people understand that many people in the community are here to help and protect them.

This event also reminds us that public safety is everyone’s responsibility. Getting to know our neighbors, checking in on Elders, watching out for children, and supporting one another are simple actions that make our communities healthier and safer. When neighbors know each other, they are more likely to work together, respond during emergencies, and create welcoming places where everyone belongs.

As we gathered for this year’s National Night Out, we celebrate the strength of our community and the connections that unite us. Together, we can continue building a safer, healthier White Earth Nation—one conversation, one family, and one neighborhood at a time.

The community enjoyed an evening focused on community, safety, and family fun! There were fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, Bounce and Beyond inflatables, and on-site multiple attractions for families to enjoy together. It was a great way to celebrate physical health, connect with one another, and build strong protective factors across our community.

We hope to see you next year!

as we continue investing in recreational opportunities for our communities.

Callaway

Ground breaking for the new Callaway Boys and Girls Club was held Aug. 3

The Tribe was gifted a church in Callaway. A community giveaway of the items in the church is tentatively set for Aug. 11 and 12 or until gone.

White Earth applied for a grant to provide housing for medical providers, but we were not selected for this grant.

Miigwech for your support and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Attention WE Members!

You **MUST** update your address with **White Earth Enrollments** even if you updated your address with White Earth Licensing (IDs), White Earth Election Board, or the *Anishinaabeg Today*!

Call Enrollments at 218-935-6247

NAYTAHWAUSH HARVEST FEST 2026

8 AM	Memorial Walk	SAT 09/12
11 AM	Harvest Fest Parade	
1 PM	Cribbage Tourney	1 PM Horseshoes
2 PM	Partridge Shoot	2 PM Dart Tourney
4 PM	Tug of War	
5 PM	Pie Eating Contest	
6 PM	Canoe Racing	6 PM Looney Races

11 AM	Volleyball Tournament	SUN 09/13
1 PM	Beanbag Toss Tourney	
2 PM	Fill the Rez Ride Contest	
3 PM	Frybread Contest	

NAYTAHWAUSH HARVEST FEST POWWOW

SATURDAY Grand Entry 1 & 7 pm

Community Feast 5 pm

SUNDAY Grand Entry 1 pm

SAT & SUN TLVFD Pancake Breakfast EARLY

CHANGING SEASONS, CHANGING LIVES

5K Color Run/Walk

Join us for a 5K focused on healing, hope, and awareness

Monday, August 31st

Starts and ends behind the casino

Registration: 9:30 am | Start: 10:00 am

What to expect: Community gathering and meal after run/walk. Speakers sharing stories of hope and recovery. Swag bags for participants. Healing activities to honor loved ones.

What to Wear: Sunglasses to protect your eyes, and shoes that you don't mind getting a bit messy! We will have white t-shirts available. The color powder will dye fabric so it is recommended that you bring towels or sheets for the seats of your vehicle.

All ages welcome! Drug and alcohol free event.

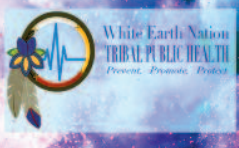
Agenda

9:30 am: Registration

10:00 am: Run Begins

12:00 pm: Lunch

12:45: Speakers



Iron Range Area Community Council

The Iron Range Area Community Council holds a meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenway Township Hall in Marble, Minn.

Kids Day brings smiles and learning to the Farmers Market

By Eva Brakefield, LPN
White Earth Public Health

The Farmers Market celebrated a lively and joyful Kids Day on July 23, welcoming 59 children who explored the market through hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity, confidence, and a love for local food.

Young shoppers kicked off the fun with a produce scavenger hunt, eagerly searching for colorful fruits and vegetables while filling their baskets with favorite home grown treats. The activity encouraged children to interact with local growers, ask questions, and discover new healthy foods in an engaging way.

Another highlight of the day was the Kids Corner at the Market, a cozy space dedicated to reading and creativity. Children were invited to enjoy inspiring, educational stories or spend time crafting, providing a quieter moment amid the excitement of the market. The area serves as an ongoing resource to help strengthen literacy skills and support healthy development.

White Earth Public Health was thrilled to participate, sharing valuable education on the importance of nurturing a love for reading in children. Staff emphasized how literacy builds resilience, supports emotional wellbeing, and strengthens protective factors throughout childhood.

Kids Day not only brought families together—it helped foster connections between health, learning,

and local agriculture. The Farmers Market looks forward to creating more opportunities for children to learn, play, and grow within the community.



Submitted photo

A young boy relaxes while reading a book at Kids Day at the Farmers Market in Mahanomen.

Anishinaabe Law Conference planned for Oct. 25-27

By Amy Mysko
Niibi Center

Niibi Center is excited to announce official dates for the 3rd Anishinaabe Law Conference, which will take place Oct. 25-27 at the Shooting Star Casino.

After a year off due to organizational changes, we are hopeful to reconnect with the local White Earth Community in a good way around discussions relating to Natural Law. The conference will once again be free for all Tribal members, students, veterans and those who cannot pay due to financial hardship.

On Sunday, Oct. 25th, we will begin the conference in the mid-afternoon with a feast and have an evening Elders panel, along with a keynote featuring land-based teachings from Lindsay Barrows. Other potential speakers for the conference include Leanne Simpson, Sharon Day, Renee Gunneau, and Aimee Craft, who will be returning for a second conference.

One new aspect of this year's conference will be

a youth component, with land-based activities, as well as an art exhibit at the finale of the conference. We will also facilitate working groups and breakout discussions to make plans to continue the work of adapting natural law and indigenous wisdom into existing legal systems.

The 3rd Anishinaabe Law Conference will be funded in part by the Earl and Kathy Hoaglund Sacred Manoomin Fund and Carleton College, along with support from the White Earth Tribal Council and the Shooting Star Casino.

The Sacred Manoomin Fund has general scholarships available for Tribal members and descendants, learn more about applying here: <https://catholicrurallife.org/earl-and-kathy-hoaglund-sacred-manoomin-fund-native-american-scholarship-application/>

Miigwech for the ongoing community support we have received to continue hosting these important conversations and watch for next month's AT for information regarding registration.

WE Forestry has wood available for Spirit Fires

The White Earth Tribal Forestry office has firewood available for Spirit Fires when there is a passing in our communities. This firewood is cut and split, and can be delivered to families on the reservation that may be going through the grieving process.

There are a few special considerations:

- ❖ This firewood is available for a tribal member passing only.
- ❖ Firewood deliveries will be limited to **one** pickup load per Spirit Fire/passing.

- ❖ The firewood will be delivered to families within the reservation boundary.
- ❖ This firewood may be used only for Spirit Fire purposes.

We hope to continue to offer this service as much as we can in the future. Please contact the White Earth Tribal Forestry Office in Naytahwaush for this service at 218-935-5967.

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White Earth DMV Licensing

Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow is September 12-13

Diabetic Bingo

- August 5th - Pine Point
- August 12th - Elbow Lake
- August 25th - Mahnomen Senior

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 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 :

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Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
Site Controller ~ Zac Adams

Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
Site Controller ~ Cheryl Rindahl

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
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(218) 983-3286

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“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

White Earth Elderly Wellness Program

Manoominike-giizis (Ricing Moon)- August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice pilaf Green beans Apple crisp	4 Pork roast w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Steamed peas Wheat roll Mandarin oranges	5 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	6 Chicken a la king Beets Biscuit Pineapple	7 Lasagna Baked creamed corn Garlic bread Fruit cocktail
10 Beef & broccoli Brown rice Egg roll Sliced apples	11 Cheesy chicken & rice Mixed veggies Wheat roll Tropical fruit	12 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	13 Tator tot hotdish Steamed broccoli Dinner roll Bananas & pudding	14 Tuna salad sandwich Lettuce and tomato Vegetable soup Melon
17 Chicken sandwich Sweet potato fries Baked beans Peaches	18 Salisbury steak Stewed tomatoes Mashed potatoes Wheat bread Applesauce	19 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	20 Baked ham Mac n cheese Croissant roll Season cauliflower Jell-O fruit salad	21 Alfredo Pasta Sausage & peppers Breadstick Italian garden salad Fresh Fruit
24 Baked fish Wild rice pilaf Wheat roll Glazed carrots Pears	25 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cali blend veggies Croissant roll Apricots	26 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	27 Birthday Lunch Potato and sausage soup BLT sandwich Fresh fruit Birthday treat	28 Brunch for Lunch Ham/cheese egg bake Roasted veggies Breakfast pastry Berry crunch parfait
31 Beef Enchilada Spanish rice Fiesta corn Grape salad				

White Earth Food Distribution

August Store Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Nutrition Education with Shirley: August 4, 11, 18, 25

August 7: Bagley, Naytahwaush home deliveries, no distribution at store

August 14: Mahnomen, Waubun, Biimaadiiziwiin Home deliveries, no distribution at store

August 21: Detroit Lakes, White Earth home deliveries, no distribution at store

August 28: Staff Training

August 31: Closed for inventory, no distribution at store

No distribution at store on Fridays

White Earth WIC

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Locations and times are subject to change	*WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings*					1
2	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	8
9	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	CLOSED (Training)	CLOSED (Training)	CLOSED	15
16	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	22
23	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	29
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Honoring Our Veterans

By Budd Parker
White Earth Community Veteran

I was unable to include the following information in the Memorial Day article published in the May Anishinaabeg Today because I was waiting for more information on Larry McKenzie, and I was waiting on the restoration of these photographs of our women veterans who served in World War II and the Vietnam Era.

Larry Dean McKenzie

SGT, Co. D, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, 11th Light Inf. Brigade, Americal Div., U.S. Army. The son of Lawrence and Corrine McKenzie of Island Lake Twp., Mahnomen Co. and later of rural Mizpah, Koochiching County.

Larry went into service Nov. 1967 and received training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, Ft. Polk, Louisiana, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Ft. Lewis, Washington before being shipped overseas to Vietnam in Oct. 1968.

Once in country, he was stationed out of Chu Lai serving in Operation Iron

Mountain. Around May 1969, he was transferred to Co. D, 1st Battalion and was soon made Platoon Sergeant of 1st Platoon. While operating in Quang Ngai Province, the company had been taking casualties along their way from enemy mortar fire.

They were ordered to locate the position of the VC's mortar launching location. On the afternoon of June 3, 1969, after the mornings casualties were choppered out, the 1st Platoon headed out across a rice paddy, leading the company. Almost immediately the platoon was ambushed in the middle of the paddy, receiving fire from both sides. Larry, aged 22 years, was Killed in Action in this assault.

He is buried in Mizpah Cemetery, Mizpah, Minn. VFW Larry McKenzie Post No. 3869, Northome, Minn. is named in his honor.



Melba Buckanaga
PhM3, U.S. Navy
World War II



Evanelle Swan
PFC, U.S. Army
World War II



Elizabeth Wendorf
Capt., U.S. Army
World War II



Diane Naomi Lange
HN, U.S. Navy
Vietnam

RBC employee volleyball champs



Submitted photo

The RBC Employee Picnic was held July 17 behind the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. There was live music, party games, door prizes, a picnic-style lunch, and sport tournaments. This team won the volleyball championship. From left are Beek Rogers, Tyson McArthur, Nelly Weaver, Shelly Weaver, Taytum Weaver, Matt Bowstring, and Kobe Weaver.

AUGUST 2026

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AUGUST

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White Earth Food Shelf
August 2026 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Closed	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	
	Niiijii Radio	ENP Site	Sports Complex	
10	11	12	13	14
Closed	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
17	18	19	20	21
Closed	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	M&W Gas station		
24	25	26	27	28
Closed	Waubun	Mahnomen	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	Community Center	College parking lot		
31				
Closed				

Applications are available at Community Centers, ENP sites and Naytahwaush Complex
Hours are subject to change due to weather and closure for holidays
Feel free to contact the White Earth Food Shelf at 218-935-6313 or 218-935-6314
Please note you may go to any of our stops to pick up a food box, you don't have to reside in that area
White Earth Food Shelf Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Obituaries

Betty June Coughlin

Betty June Coughlin, 87, of Moose Lake, Minn., was reunited with her dear love, Maury, as she peacefully died on June 18 in Moose Lake Village.

She was born on June 28, 1938, in White Earth to Laura and Cecil Cook Sr. Betty grew up in Ogema and attended Waubun High School where she graduated in 1956. She worked at St. Mary’s Hospital in Detroit Lakes and later at Northstar Dairy where she met the love of her life, Maury Coughlin.



On Jan. 17, 1958, Betty and Maury were married in Detroit Lakes, Minn. In 1967, they moved to Moose Lake. Betty was always active with children in her community. She worked as an assistant to Hope Lutheran Nursery School, operated a licensed day care in her home for over 25 years, and assisted with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. For many in Moose Lake, Betty was one of their first teachers outside the home and those tender young people experienced a caring and nurturing woman who instilled a love of learning and fun with lots of hugs.

While raising her children, young people in the community always knew they were welcome at 320 Cedar and many times they gathered around the table sharing stories, troubles and joys, and seeking adult advice from Maury and Betty. They also immersed themselves in their community and supported, volunteered, and participated in many community endeavors. Betty was involved in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Moose Lake Historical Society, Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, Mercy Foundation, Moose Lake American Legion Auxiliary, and many other community groups and programs. They were honored in 2016 as The Fourth of July Grand Marshalls for supporting the Moose Lake area and making it a better place to raise a family and live. Betty also was an avid sports fan from the Minneota Timberwolves and Lynx to local high school sports.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Maury in 2023; father and mother, Cecil Sr. and Laura Cook; brothers, Cecil Jr. (Betty) Cook and Dick (Edith) Cook; sister, Carol Barker (John Kraker) (Tom Barker); sisters-in-law, Ann Glander and Ruth (Larry) Engen.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Candyce (Ralph) Sandberg, Cory (Teresa) Coughlin, and Casey (Jillian) Coughlin; grandchildren: Robby (Kristin) Sandberg, Cody Coughlin, Addison Coughlin, Zoe Coughlin, Caden Coughlin, and Olivia Coughlin; great grandson: Austin Sandberg; brothers-in-law: Rodney (Jane) Coughlin and Duane Glander; sister-in-law: Carolyn (Bob) Eilertson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held July 24 in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Moose Lake.

Interment: Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Moose Lake.

Arrangements: Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home in Moose Lake

Gerald “Pete” Wayne Thompson

Gerald “Pete” Thompson, 70, of White Earth, died on July 12 at his home.

Gerald Wayne Thompson was born in White Earth to Myrtle Boswell Thompson and Maurice Jackson on Feb. 24, 1956. Growing up, he attended elementary school in Park Rapids, Minn., and his family later moved to Minneapolis.

Following his high school graduation, Pete entered the United State Marine Corps. After serving, he returned to the White Earth Reservation where he made his home in



White Earth until his death. Over the years, Pete worked as a logger and mechanic in addition to raising his family.

Pete’s enthusiasm for automobiles went beyond the capacity of working as a mechanic, but also as a car collector. He enjoyed fishing, breeding pitbulls, collecting coins and spending time with family, especially his children and grandchildren. He also had a love for homemade bread, frybread and cinnamon rolls. Pete had a great sense of humor and will be remembered as a very generous and helping individual, always willing to lend a hand whenever needed

Pete is survived by daughters: Lace Thompson, Zoe (Carl) Wadenah, Renee Geshik, and Crystal Littlewolf; sons, Pete “Jack” Thompson and Nakoa Neeland; sisters: Joan Thompson, Karen Thompson, Barbara Thompson and Bobbi Jo Thompson; brother, Robert Thompson; numerous grandchildren including two he adopted, Jack Littlewolf and Janelle Potter; and best friends: Jeff “Joe Bum” Bevins, Stan Goble, and Ben Bellanger.

He was preceded in death by his son, Justin Richie; lifelong partner, Sally Littlewolf; and siblings: Laurel, Carol, Sandy, Cheryl, Elmer “Sonny,” Melvin and Alan.

Blessed be the memory of Gerald “Pete” Thompson.

A memorial service was held July 23 at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

John “Jack” William McArthur

John “Jack” McArthur, 88, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., passed away on July 25 under the loving care of his family and HIA Hospice.

John William, the oldest son of Bernard and Delphine “Teta” (Ross) McArthur was born in White Earth Township on Nov. 8, 1937. He attended St. Michael’s Catholic School through the 8th grade followed by Mahnomen High School. Jack was an exceptional athlete, excelling and appointed the captain of the basketball, football and track team during his high school years. Following his graduation with the Class of 1955, John was united in marriage to Darlene Bjerken. That fall, he began classes at MSU but soon realized he would need to support a family, so he entered the workforce.



Jack and Darlene moved to Coral Gables, Fla., where his uncle Scotty was able to teach him the trade of becoming a tile setter/installer. He learned quickly and became very efficient at his job. As time went on, Jack and Darlene would be blessed with seven children. The family made their home in various cities but spent quite a bit of time in Detroit Lakes and Fargo, N.D., where he established McArthur Tile Co. After many successful years of self-employment, he decided to retire and Jack moved to Long Lost Lake and proudly built his home from the ground up. Although he and Darlene divorced earlier, they were able to reconnect a couple years ago, and she was a key part of him being able to remain at home until his passing.

Over the years, Jack kept busy with work and family but will be remembered as a “Jack of All Trades.” He was a good listener, a man who only gave advice if asked, not caring for gossip but more “tell it like it was” attitude. He loved to design and build homes, following his grandkids’ sporting activities and just being with family. He proudly passed on his athletic ability and his legacy of tile setting to his grandkids. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed woodworking, listening to music, especially Blue Grass, and more recently working Sudoku puzzles. Jack had so much love and pride for his family. He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

Jack is survived by Darlene McArthur of Detroit Lakes; son, Lincoln (Renae) McArthur of Fargo; daughters: Julie (Tim) Olson, Lorie (Richard) Holmer, Dona (Gary) Rosell, Kari (Dan) Lane and Maggie (Chad) Schmit all of Detroit Lakes; 13 grandchildren; numerous great and great-great grandchildren; brothers: Steven McArthur of Mahnomen, Scott McArthur of Lengby, Minn., and Tim (Barb) McArthur of Mahnomen; sisters: Nancy Bratvold, LaVerne Hisgun and Tammy McArthur all of Mahnomen; brother-in-law, Ron Bellefeuille of Mahnomen; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and his faithful constant companion, his dog, Buddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kim McArthur, siblings: Joan “Bunkie” LaFriniere, Mary Ann Keogh, Evelyn Tangen, Lucille Goodwin, Clyde McArthur and Suzie Bellefeuille.

The family would like to acknowledge Chaplain Arlen and the members of the Blue Team of the HIA (Hearts in Action) Hospice team that gave such loving and compassionate care to Jack in his last days at home with family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 31 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Mahnomen.

Interment: Oak Grove Cemetery in Detroit Lakes.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Melvin Eugene Goodman

Melvin Eugene Goodman, “Nin-nay-nec’-gay-teegahbow,” The One Standing in the Northern Lights, 79, of the Sturgeon Clan and from Cass Lake, Minn., began his spiritual journey on July 8 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minn. He was born on April 24, 1947, in Ponsford.

Melvin graduated from high school and immediately enlisted in the United States Army and served in Viet Nam. Following his discharge from the Army, he worked for the Chemical Dependency program and later for Housing as a mechanic for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. He attended pow-wows and was a traditional dancer. Melvin was a spiritual advisor for many traditional American Indian services. He and Shelly would travel all over to help families heal. Melvin was a pipe maker and an Eagle staff carrier for Pine Point for many years.



The family that Melvin joins again are his parents; son, Curtis; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Shelly; son, Lawrence Barrett; daughters: Cierra Whitefeather, Amber Goodman and Velvet Goodman; brothers, Randy Finn and Donnie Headbird; and numerous other brothers, sisters and grandchildren.

Arrangements: Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minn.

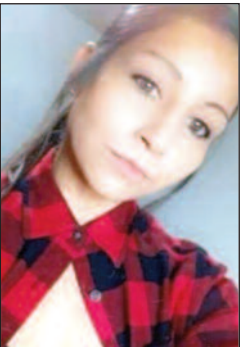
Online: www.northernpeace.com

Obituaries

Ruth LeAnna Basswood

Ruth Basswood, 31, of Virginia, Minn., died on July 23 at Essentia Health- St. Mary’s Medical Center in Duluth, Minn.

Ruth LeAnna Basswood, Waabishkii-Binesii-ikwe, the daughter of Rebecca (Cyr) Hart and Robert Basswood was born Sept. 10, 1994, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. Growing up, she attended school in Mahnomen and spent much of her youth on the farm with her grandparents, Urban and Doreen Jirik. Urban and Doreen taught the girls many life lessons and good morals while allowing them to simply be kids. Ruth enjoyed riding 4-wheeler, catching baby bunnies, and had a knack for rocking the chickens to sleep. When they weren’t at the farm, Ruth and her siblings could often be found in Naytahwaush making memories with their father, Jeff Coleman, and grandparents, Ronnie and Thelma Coleman.



As a young mom, Ruth was blessed with her daughter, Rylee. Soon after, she moved with her mom to LeSeur, Minn., to make their home and later she met Colin Crosby. Together, Ruth and Colin would be blessed with five additional children and have made their home together in Virginia for the past eight years. While living in Virginia, she worked as a housekeeper for a time, but her main focus was being a good mother to her children. Ruth loved being a mom and her children were her everything.

Ruth enjoyed attending pow wows, listening to all genres of music and spending time with family and friends. She was known to be a bit mischievous and somewhat of a terrorizer/instigator, but she had a great big heart and loved fiercely. When it came to family, there wasn’t anything she wouldn’t do for them, especially her children. Although Ruth left this world too soon, she will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by her children: Rylee, Reece, Remmie, Rayden, and Rizin; significant other, Colin Crosby of Virginia; parents, Rebecca (Brian Lovejoy) Hart of Gilbert, Minn., and Jeffrey (Dolly Beaulieu) Coleman of Naytahwaush; grandpa, Urban Jirik of Mahnomen; sisters: Kayla (Dustin Keezer) Coleman of Naytahwaush, Destiny (Daryl Moran) Coleman of Mahnomen, Jessica Coleman of Cass Lake, Minn.; Tiana (Thomas) Richotte of Perham, Minn., and Indy (Darrell Fox) LaFriniere of Shevlin, Minn.; brothers: Randy (Samantha Fairbanks) Kettle, Bobby Kettle and Ramsey Kettle all of Pine Point, Julian Beaulieu of Naytahwaush and Timothy LaFriniere also of Naytahwaush; and several nieces, nephew, cousins and many aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her son, Reign Crosby; sister, ShiAnn Coleman; grandma, Doreen Jirik; grandparents, Thelma and Ronnie Coleman; father, Robert Basswood; aunt, Shirlene Wakemup; nephew, Keith Richotte; cousin, Wayne Goodman; grandpa, Edmund Cyr and grandparents, Richard and Mary Basswood.

An all-night wake with ceremony was held July 29 until the traditional funeral service on July 30, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Free Gospel Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Verna Mae Bobby

Verna Mae Bobby, 67 of Janesville, Minn., died at her home on the morning of Dec. 24, 2025.

Verna was born in route to the hospital from Ponsford, Minn., on Nov. 30, 1958 to Susan Margaret Fineday. She was one of 12 children. Verna and one of her sisters were removed from their home and put up for adoption at an early age. After living in various foster homes, they were both adopted by the Bill Loge family in Burnsville, Minn.



The Loge family had a hobby farm with horses, and Verna grew to love grooming and training them. She graduated from Lakeville High School where she excelled on the softball team. Her passion for the game continued well into her 50s.

On June 18, 1983, Verna was married to Dale Raymond Bobby in Albert Lea, Minn., and together they raised two boys. Verna’s working years included Walters Cookbooks and Birds Eye Foods in Waseca, Minn., although she was a homemaker for most of her life. Her family remembers her cooking and her constant work around her home. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville.

Verna is survived by her husband of 42 years, Dale of Janesville; sons, Jason (Krista) Bobby of Mankato, Minn., and Joshua Bobby of Sauk Rapids, Minn.; grandchildren: Trevon Bobby, Maizen (Jordan) Bobby, and Aubrey Bobby; and siblings Sue Stommes of Le Roy, Minn., and Pat Fineday of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her mother, two brothers, and one sister.
Verna’s family recently hosted a celebration of her life in July.
Arrangements: Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Janesville.
Online: www.dsfuneral.com

Darrin Michael Thompson

Darrin Michael Thompson, 32, of Bagley, Minn, passed away on June 25 at Sanford Health Hospital in Bemidji, Minn.

Darrin was born on Aug. 6, 1993, to Jeremy Thompson and Nicole Godwin in Bemidji. As he grew up, he spent a lot of time with his neighbor, Simon, who acted as a mentor, teaching him how to process rice and maple syrup; and with Tim Stone, who taught him to make art from stone. He moved to Bagley in the seventh grade. At the age of 10 he started his first job, delivering papers for the Bemidji Pioneer, and continued delivering, along with his mother, until 2019. The following year he worked for Marketplace Foods. In 2012, he began working for Subway, where he would remain until 2025. Darrin would also work for his parents doing landscaping, tree trimming, and yardwork.



Darrin loved hunting and fishing and hanging out with good people. He had the biggest heart and loved everyone, and he always wanted everyone to be safe.

Darrin is survived by his mother, Nicole Godwin of Bagley; father, Jeremy Thompson of Bemidji; sister, Samantha Thompson of Shevlin, Minn.; brothers, Andrew Thompson of Bemidji and Jordan Thompson of Bemidji; grandmother, Wanda Zenzuis (Chad Heiberg) of Bemidji; aunts: Natalie Godwin of Bemidji, Amy Godwin of Shevlin, Terry Musselman of Bemidji, Mia Thompson of Bagley, Sandy Norlander of Bagley, Beverly Randberg of Bemidji, and Kathy (Jerry) Bowman of North Branch, Minn.; uncles: Aaron Thompson of White Earth, Bill Thompson of Bagley, Edward Randberg of Bagley, Joe Rismand, Brian Godwin of Bemidji, and Robert (Tammy) Godwin of Bagley, nephews, Eloy and Mathew; and many special cousins and family.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Andy (Gay) Godwin, Judith Thompson, and Joe Crumb; great-grandparents: Bill and Verna Godwin, Robert Neeland and Sophie Auginaush; grampa, Frank “Bud” Thompson Sr. and Bernice Randberg Redboy; uncles: Gordy, Frank Thompson, George Neeland, and Mike Randberg; aunts: Joy Neeland, Debbie Tollefson, Charlene Redboy, Penny, and April Thompson.

A memorial service was held July 8 at the Rice Lake Community Center.
Arrangements: Cease Funeral Hone of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

David Ezra Hanks

David Hanks, infant son of Lara Hanks and Harold Hill, died unexpectedly on July 7 at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

David Ezra Hanks and his twin brother, Ezekiel, were welcomed into this world on Jan. 16, 2026, and he was tenderly given his Indian name “Gizhiibaayaate.” The twins were immediately welcomed by excited siblings: Kairo, Le’lani, and Zaya, where they soon filled the house with even more joy and laughter. He was a calm and happy baby who loved to be cuddled. David loved to share smiles and coos with mom and his siblings daily. The five months he was in their arms changed his family forever. His all too brief life truly made a difference in the world and his precious memory will be cherished in their hearts always.



He is survived by his mom, Lara Hanks; dad, Harold Hill; siblings: Kairo, Le’lani, Zaya and identical twin brother, Ezekiel; grandparents, Eric and Ruby Evans; great grandparents: Robert and Ethel Davey and Wanda Lego; uncles: Thomas Hanks Jr., Dallas Hanks and Kendrick Evans; aunts, Lana Hanks and Chantel Hanks; and numerous extended family members who loved and adored him.

He was proceeded in death by his grandpa, Thomas Hanks Sr.; great-grandpa, Laverne Feather; uncle, Thomas Hanks; and aunt, Kylee McArthur.

A funeral service was held July 16 at the White Earth Community Center. All night wake services with ceremony was held July 15 and continued until the time of the funeral.
Interment: St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery in White Earth.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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All Nations Rise welcome visitors to White Earth Reservation community

By Marlena Hanson
All Nations Rise

On July 8, All Nations Rise had the honor of welcoming the Family Well-Being Strategy Group, along with partners from the Equity & Inclusion, Strategic Communications, and Child Welfare Policy teams from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to the White Earth Tribal community for an immersive learning experience rooted in Indigenous knowledge, healing, and relationship-building. We were also honored to have White Earth District III Representative Laura Lee Erickson join us, demonstrating her support for strengthening families, preserving culture, and advancing community well-being.

A meaningful part of the experience was hearing the powerful boarding school reflections shared by Phyllis Bunker. Her personal story offered a moving reminder of the lasting impacts of Indian Boarding Schools on Indigenous children, families, and communities, while underscoring the importance of truth-telling, healing, and ensuring these histories are never forgotten.

Throughout the experience, participants learned

from Indigenous parent leaders, Elders, and community members through the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative, engaging in Circle, tobacco teachings, dreamcatcher making, storytelling, and conversations centered on Indigenous approaches to parent leadership, family well-being, and community-led healing. Together, we explored both the impacts of family separation and the resilience, strength, and cultural knowledge that continue to guide our communities today.

This gathering was about more than learning—it was about building relationships, creating space for reflection, listening with open hearts, and strengthening our collective commitment to keeping families together, honoring Indigenous cultures, and advancing equity in child welfare.

Miigwech to Phyllis Bunker for courageously sharing her story, to White Earth District III Representative Laura Lee Erickson for joining us, to Dr. Marilyn Zimmerman, and to our parent leaders, Elders, community members, and everyone who helped make these two days possible. We are grateful to all who joined us with respect and humility, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.



Submitted photo

All Nations Rise recently welcomed visitors to the White Earth community for a learning experience rooted in Indigenous knowledge, healing, and relationship-building. Participants learned from Indigenous parent leaders, Elders, engaging in Circle, tobacco teachings, dreamcatcher making, storytelling, and conversations centered on Indigenous approaches to parent leadership, family well-being, and community-led healing.

2026 COMMUNITY APPLE FESTIVAL

FREE FAMILY EVENT

September 1st, 2026
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Rice Lake Community Center
13830 Community Loop Bagley, MN 56621

Join us for the annual Community Apple Festival!
Learn about the apples in your community. Celebrate with a light meal, music, and fun for the whole family!
Apple pruning information with community pruning workshops to come this winter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Nicole LaFrier 218-935-3562 or Maria Fatz 218-936-8349

Light Meal
Music
Facepainting
Games
Apple Recipes
Information Booths

Rice Lake Community Council
White Earth Tribal & Community College
Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth
USDA
NIFA
White Earth Nation
White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health
Circle Back Center

2026 MANOOMIINI-GABESHIWIN (WILD RICE CAMP)

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
10AM-6PM
&
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
9AM-3PM
2250 COLLEGE ROAD, MAHNOMEN MN

Save the Date

White Earth Inauguration

Friday, August 28
Shooting Star Casino / Mahnomen

*Times were not available when this paper went to press. Check the White Earth website and Facebook page for future updates.

Your job search ends here
www.whiteearth.com

WHITE EARTH NATION

ELDERS COMMISSION ELECTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
Polls Open 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DISTRICT 1
Electing 2 Representatives
POLLING LOCATION
RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER (ENP SITE)

DISTRICT 3
Electing 2 Representatives
POLLING LOCATIONS
1 WHITE EARTH ENP SITE (CONGREGATE)
2 PINE POINT ENP SITE (SCHOOL)

Please update your mailing address!

Please update your address with the Anishinaabeg Today. Let us know if you recently moved so we can cancel your old address. Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the **Estate of Gordon Boswell**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: North Ice Cracking Trail, Ponsford Minnesota 56575

Legal Description of Tribal Land: N½ E½ NW¼ NW¼ NE¼ NW¼ and N½ W½ NE¼ NW¼ NE¼ NW¼ of Section 19, Township 141 North, Range 38 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Becker County, Minnesota, White Earth Reservation.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that the homesite (assignment/lease) has been determined to be abandoned and is set for cancellation. **You have 30 days to contact the White Earth Land Office in White Earth, Minnesota, at (218) 983-4650** to avoid cancellation. Upon cancellation, any or all personal property must be removed from the site within 60 days of the date of cancellation, or it becomes affixed to the property and ownership shall transfer to the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. The site will be reassigned without further notice. If clean-up is required on the site, you will remain ineligible for any leases/assignments until the cost is paid in full.

Dated: July 24, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the personal property of the Assignee, **Marvin Bellecourt**, whose last known address is 33994 Mary Yellowhead Road, Ogema, Minnesota 56569 .

Located at: 33994 Mary Yellowhead Road, Ogema, Minnesota 56569

Legal Description of Tribal Land: W½ SE¼ SE¼ SE¼ of Section 12, Township 141 North, Range 40 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Becker County, Minnesota, White Earth Reservation.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that the homesite (assignment/lease) has been determined to be abandoned and is set for cancellation. **You have 30 days to contact the White Earth Land Office in White Earth, Minnesota, at (218) 983-4650** to avoid cancellation. Upon cancellation, any or all personal property must be removed from the site within 60 days of the date of cancellation, or it becomes affixed to the property and ownership shall transfer to the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. The site will be reassigned without further notice. If clean-up is required on the site, you will remain ineligible for any leases/assignments until the cost is paid in full.

Dated: July 24, 2026

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Justine Fasthorse

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2026-00015**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 19, 2026, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2026-00015. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for August 28, 2026, at 9:15 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: July 29, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Dionicca Kier

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2026-00016**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 21, 2026, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2026-00016. A Trial on the matter is scheduled for September 10, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: July 29, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF WADENA WADENA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

In re: the Custody of J.N., Michelle Lynn Newhouse and Todd Bryan Newhouse, married to each other, Petitioners v. Caitlyn Clark, Respondent, Court File No. 80-FA-26-323. To Ms. Clark: **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on April 27, 2026, a Petition for Interested Third-Party Custody was filed with the District Court regarding your child. A default hearing is **scheduled for August 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** You are asked to contact Wadena County Court Administration located at 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, MN 56482 at (218) 631-7633 for hearing details. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: May 28, 2026
Zachary H. Johnson,
Attorney for Petitioners
(218) 732-7236.

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of: White Earth Housing Authority vs. Marissa Keezer

Summons to Appear

Court File No. H2026-00016

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 6, 2026, a Housing Complaint was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court. A hearing on the complaint is scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-935-3525 to receive a copy of the housing complaint. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you, and/or you may be found in contempt of Court.

Dated: July 20, 2026

Recycling Bins in Naytahwaush



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

Acceptable Items
Plastics 1 & 2
Tin Steel
Aluminum
Paper
Glass

Un-Acceptable Items
Plastics NOT labled 1 or 2
Large Items
Soiled Containers
ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE!!



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acute care, where I stayed until my court matters were resolved. After nine months, I graduated from my second treatment program in a year, and I entered drug court to keep myself out of prison. Building a support network, attending meetings and ceremonies, and simply putting myself and my family first is what keeps me going.

In my nearly two years of sobriety, I have married my best friend, repaired my relationships with my family, found a steady job, secured housing, and proven to my communities that I am a good man. The

person I used to be was just caught in addiction. I view my sobriety as a second chance at life; I protect it daily and seek every opportunity to keep growing, becoming better and stronger.

I am deeply grateful to my wife for never giving up on me and standing by my side through it all. I am also grateful to my family, my support network, and my friends for helping guide me and teaching me the tools to fight addiction.

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Celebration of Life



Mike Williams

Though eight months have passed since we said our quiet goodbyes to our wonderful dad, stepdad, grandpa, brother, husband and friend, Micheal Dean Williams, our hearts are now ready to gather and honor Mikes life.

Please join us for a celebration of life to share stories, laughter, and cherished memories on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m., at the White Earth Community Center. Following the service there will be a light meal provided and all are welcome.

“I view my sobriety as a second chance at life; I protect it daily”

Boozhoo
WaaWaate Binesiikwe indishnikaaz
Migizi Indoodem
Gaa-Waabaabiganikag Indoonjibaa

I am writing to share my personal history as I actively seek support and work toward my ongoing recovery. My name is Lindsey. I am 41 years old, and I am a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and cousin who has struggled with alcoholism and addiction.

My struggles began early in life. My father drank, and I first tasted beer when I was five or six years old. When I was 12, my father passed away in a car accident, and my life changed drastically. I began smoking cigarettes and missing school. At 14, I tried marijuana a few times due to peer pressure, but I did not like how it made me feel. Things escalated when I was 17; I got drunk for the first time, which resulted in a blackout, and I also tried methamphetamine. I found myself drawn to its effects, as it made me feel more attractive, talkative, energetic, and less shy. It made me feel like my problems disappeared and that people liked me more.

Over the years, I had children and used substances on and off. I have struggled with addiction for a long time and have entered treatment numerous times. In 2015, I faced a fifth-degree charge and was sentenced to five years of probation. I found myself trapped in a cycle of doing well for a period before relapsing, experiencing unhealthy relationships, facing homelessness, and spending time in jail. During these difficult times, I stayed wherever I could, including with my mother.

My situation grew more dangerous as my drinking worsened, culminating in a frightening car accident. Sometime after that, I met Zach. He was someone I could relate to, who listened to me without judgment, and whom I wanted to be around. Despite finding this support, I continued to struggle, my life felt stagnant, and I eventually tried fentanyl.

I shared my desire for a different life with Zach. I want to be a better person, a better mother, and to rebuild relationships with my children. Recognizing my need to commit to sobriety, I completed a Rule 25 assessment and entered a treatment program. Unfortunately, I made the decision to leave after two weeks. About a week after checking out, I found myself on a self-destructive path and suffered a near-fatal overdose.

Waking up in the emergency room was an eye-opening experience. I was crying, trying to remember what happened, but I was ultimately happy to be alive. Determined never to return to that point, I went back to treatment and fully committed to the process. I did everything I was supposed to do and graduated from my aftercare program for the first time.

Since then, I have built a strong support network that includes my probation officer, Mat’s program, and therapy. I attend ceremonies and meetings, work a full-time job, and have secured housing. I am also actively repairing my relationships with my children and my mother. Furthermore, I married my best friend, Zach, who has been my biggest support alongside my children. I am still fighting every day, and I am now coming up on two years of sobriety.

I am sharing this history because I am deeply committed to changing my life and am looking for the right path forward to maintain lasting sobriety. I would greatly appreciate any guidance, resources, or support you can provide as I take these next steps.

Best regards,
Lindsey



Boozhoo Indinawemaaganidog,
Bezhigoogaabaw Indishnikaaz. Ajijaak Indoodem. Gaa-Waabaabiganikaag Indoonjibaa.

I am Zach. I started using marijuana at about 14 years old. At first, it was just to fit in, but it quickly turned into a habit to help manage my temper. I used that until my early 20s, when I briefly tried cocaine and crack. Eventually, I was introduced to pills—first hydrocodone, and then oxycodone. Because I had a decent job, I was able to function as an addict for a long time.

When pills became difficult to find, I turned to heroin to satisfy the cravings. Soon after, I began using methamphetamine to balance out the effects of the heroin. Eventually, the heroin turned into fentanyl, and I was completely hooked. My addiction ultimately cost me my family and my job, sent me to prison, and kept me trapped in a downward spiral for a long time.

The losses of my sister and my mom drove me even deeper into my addiction. Having lost everything, I barely had a place to go and couch-surfed constantly, feeling like I was just living for the day. I kept getting into trouble with the law and was on the verge of returning to prison. After 19 years of opiate addiction, I tried to get help by entering an inpatient program. I did well for six months, but because I failed to maintain my boundaries, I relapsed, left treatment, and fell back into the spiral.

Later, I met Lindsey. At first, we were both using, but she would confront me about my fentanyl addiction. I would tell her I would try to stop, but I never did. Eventually, she started using as well because of me. An overdose changed everything, and after getting into legal trouble, I landed in jail. Facing years of prison time, all I could do was pray. I arranged a chemical dependency assessment while in jail, thinking it was a long shot, but I ended up securing a bed at Mash-ka-wisen.

During the two months I spent there, something awoke in me. Something clicked as I reconnected with my culture. I then moved back home to enter

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Howah Ads

Happy **61st** Birthday
Becca!

August 23rd

Happy Birthday
Layne!!

Love - Mom, Baby Charlie and Chuck

Happy Birthday
Gabby!

August 10th
Love Josie & the boys

Happy Belated Birthday
Megan and Courtney!

Love Mom and Liam

Happy **8th** Birthday
Ella Fern Thompson

Love, Mom, Dad, Hanna, Eevi, Emani, Papa, Gramma, Uncle Joe, Aunty Sabrina and cousins

Happy Birthday
Charles!

Love, Meg, Layne, and Baby Charles

Happy Belated Birthday
Megan Jean

Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday to my Nieces
Kaylee Basswood and Josie Basswood

Many Wishes!

Love,
Auntie
Brenda Basswood

Happy **3rd** Birthday
Natahlia Rae Oshie

August 23

Happy Birthday
Justuz

Love - Mom

Happy Heavenly Birthday
MIKE

Love - The Smiths

BUS Tax411 2007 SUPREME BUS-WERBC PARKING LOT



SOLD AS IS. No keys, do not know if it runs, has not been started.

Mileage UNKNOWN TAX plate-411 White in color

NO MINIMUM BID

Please use this bid sheet to place your bid. (return or e-mail to)

Cassandra Hoban, White Earth Finance,

P.O Box 270

White Earth, MN 56591

(218) 935-3411 Cassandra.Hoban@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Bidding will close on August 26th,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

1995 POLARIS 6 WHEELER – LOCATED AT AG BARN
HWY 200 EAST, MAHNOMEN MN

SOLD AS IS. No keys, do not know if it runs, has not been started.

Mileage UNKNOWN TIRES DECENT, BODY IN GOOD CONDITION

NO MINIMUM BID

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

2010 RAM TRUCK – LOCATED WE FLEET PARKING LOT



SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE TOWED OR TRAIERED

MOTOR ISSUES, DOES NOT RUN, HAVE KEYS

NO MINIMUM BID

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

2002 CHEVY SILVERADO -LOCATED AG BARN
EAST HWY 200 MAHNOMEN

SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE TOWED OR TRAIERED. NO KEYS

DOES NOT RUN, HAS BEEN SITTING, PARTS OR SCRAP

NO MINIMUM BID

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

2010 DODGE CHARGER -LOCATED AG BARN
EAST HWY 200 MAHNOMEN

SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE TOWED OR TRAIERED. NO KEYS

DOES NOT RUN, HAS BEEN SITTING, PARTS OR SCRAP

NO MINIMUM BID

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

660 New Holland Baler – LOCATED AT AG BARN
HWY 200 EAST, MAHNOMEN MN

SOLD AS IS.

UNUSABLE CONDITION, PARTS OR SCRAP ONLY, WILL NEED TO HAUL

NO MINIMUM BID

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Bidding will close on August 26th,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

GREEN HOUSE – LOCATED AT AG BARN
HWY 200 EAST, MAHNOMEN MN

SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE DISMANTLED & REMOVED

20'x12'x36' WITH VENTED AIR CIRCULATION FAN, SCALED PROPANE FURNACE(BOTH NEED SERVICING),LIGHT DAMAGE TO SWING DOORS.

Minnimum BID \$4800.

Please use this bid sheet to place your bid. (return or e-mail to)

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Bidding will close on August 26th,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

1999 FORD RANGER-LOCATED AG BARN
EAST HWY 200 MAHNOMEN

SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE TOWED OR TRAIERED. NO KEYS

DOES NOT RUN, HAS BEEN SITTING, PARTS OR SCRAP

NO MINIMUM BID

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

HIGH TUNNEL GREEN HOUSE – LOCATED AT AG BARN
HWY 200 EAST, MAHNOMEN MN

SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE DISMANTLED & REMOVED

30'X12'X70' WITH VENTED AIR CIRCULATION FAN INSTALLED,HAS FRAME DAMAGE, DOOR OFF HINGES, MISSING PLASTIC AND PANELS

Minnimum BID \$2,000.

Please use this bid sheet to place your bid. (return or e-mail to)

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Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

CULTURAL RESURGENCE INTERNSHIP

WE ARE HIRING!

1 Cultural Resurgence Mentor

- \$39/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

2 Cultural Resurgence Interns

- \$26/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

ABOUT THE POSITIONS

The Cultural Resurgence Internship will focus on facilitating cultural workshops, organizing seasonal gatherings and community engagement activities, and participating in a final presentation showcasing internship accomplishments.

Scan the QR Code or
Visit our website www.wetcc.edu/employment-careers or email hr@wetcc.edu

View Qualifications & Apply

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

DIGITAL STORYTELLING INTERNSHIP

WE ARE HIRING!

1 Digital Storytelling Mentor

- \$39/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

1 Digital Storytelling Intern

- \$26/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

ABOUT THE POSITIONS

The Digital Storytelling Internship will create a digital art series representing the Seven Anishinaabe Values, document internship activities, support digital communications and participate in a final presentation showcasing internship accomplishments.

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Visit our website www.wetcc.edu/employment-careers or email hr@wetcc.edu

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OJIBWE LANGUAGE INTERNSHIP

WE ARE HIRING!

1 Ojibwe Language Mentor

- \$39/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

2 Ojibwe Language Interns

- \$26/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

ABOUT THE POSITIONS

The Ojibwe Language Internship will focus on Ojibwe language revitalization through resource development, hosting language tables, coordinating immersion activities and participating in a final presentation showcasing internship accomplishments.

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MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

LAND STEWARDSHIP INTERNSHIP

WE ARE HIRING!

1 Land Stewardship Mentor

- \$39/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

2 Land Stewardship Interns

- \$26/ hour
- 10 hours/ week
- Flexible Scheduling
- 9-month appointment (September 2026 - May 2027)

ABOUT THE POSITIONS

The Land Stewardship Internship will focus on planning community gatherings centered on traditional ecological practices, seasonal harvesting, creating educational materials, and participating in a final presentation showcasing internship accomplishments.

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Monthly Newsletter

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STORIES THAT TEACH

An Evening with
BETSY ALBERT-PEACOCK & THOMAS PEACOCK

Join us for a public reading & conversation

Two respected Ojibwe authors share stories, history, and teachings that inspire, educate, and connect us all.

BETSY ALBERT-PEACOCK
AUTHOR & EDUCATOR

- Member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
- Former faculty member in the Education Department at the University of Minnesota Duluth
- Author of numerous children's books

THOMAS PEACOCK
AUTHOR & EDUCATOR

- Member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
- Author and co-author of numerous books on Ojibwe history and culture, education, fiction, and racism.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Through a public reading and presentation, Betsy Albert-Peacock and Thomas Peacock will discuss the importance of Indigenous-authored texts and culturally relevant curriculum in education.

This evening offers educators, families, students, and community members an opportunity to engage with Indigenous literature and learn from two respected voices in education and storytelling.

Free & Open to the Public

FREE CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY THE AUTHORS FOR ATTENDEES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
5:00-7:00 PM

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DRUM HALL

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

COMPLIMENTARY TOTE BAG FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

If you are in need of a Well & Sewer system for your house/trailer home, you can contact the White Earth Water & Sewer Department

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

- White Earth Tribal enrolled member
- Reside on the White Earth Reservation
- Proof of the Land in which you own, Fee land (Land Deed/ Warranty Deed or Tribal Trust Land (Tribal Trust agreement))
- Proof of home ownership
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Must have electricity, heat source and interior plumbing to the home

Contact us at 218-935-6276

Public Recycling Drop Sites

White Earth Operated Recycling:

- Naytahwaush behind Complex
- White Earth Sanitation

Mahnomen County Operated Recycling:

- Mahnomen Co Highway Office
- Bejou Co-op Store
- LaGarde Town Hall
- Waubun Fire Hall –East side
- Waubun Hwy 113 & Co 3

Becker County Operated Recycling:

- Callaway 6th Dakota Street
- Ogema Across from M & W
- Ice Cracking Lodge
- Sugar Bush 31837 Co Hwy 35
- White Earth Tribal Building
- Forest Town Hall Ponsford
- Berry's Bar Cherry Lake Rd
- Ponsford Fire Hall

Sites generally accept: Plastics, Cardboard, Paper, Metal & Glass.
Please familiarize yourself with selected site for specific recycling requirements.

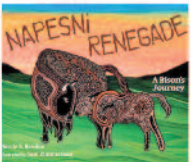
NO FOOD WASTE ALLOWED IN RECYCLING BINS !

B&T Market Days!

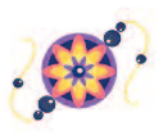
Friday, August 7th 11am-5pm
Saturday, August 8th 9 am-3pm
3145 US Hwy 59, Waubun, MN

With Special Guest Author - **Marcie Rendon**
(Friday from 11:00am – 3:00pm only)
Signing her latest book release - **Napesni Renegade!**

Come support our local artists, vendors, bakers and food lovers! Hot Dog and Brat stand on Friday.





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THE 3RD ANNUAL
NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER PICNIC



September 16
Veterans Park
6335 Portland Ave., Richfield, MN

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Seeking Interior Lighting Quotes

The Naytahwaush Community Charter School is planning to replace all interior fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. Please submit a quote including fixtures, installation and disposal of fluorescent bulbs by August 21, 2026. Light replacement should be done outside of school hours. Preferred completion date is September 8, 2026. Firm Completion date is November 30, 2026. For a tour of the school contact Director Beth Zietz at bethz@ntwschool.org or 218-936-2112.

JESUS IN THE PARK 2

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PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.
Pine Point School Staff Room

- 1.0 Roll Call - Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:40 p.m.
Members present – Betty Robbins, Allison Jones, John Swan, Anthony Buckanaga
Members absent – Marva Aitken, Gerald Roberts
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal
- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors - Bonnie Meeks
- 3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Betty Robbins to approve the April 13, 2026 minutes as presented, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Finance
- 5.1 Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Allison Jones to approve Treasurer’s Report for April 2026 as submitted, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the payment of bills for the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$57,128.35 for check #34908 through check #34967 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business
- 6.1 No unfinished business
- 7.0 New Business
- 7.1 Resignation – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to accept J. Roering resignation, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8.0 Principal’s Report – Discussion on Itasca State Park Field Trip for Grades K-3; Memorial Day-No School; Headwaters Science Center Field Trip for Grades K-3; Headstart Powwow; MCA Testing complete; Solar Panels. No action needed.
- 9.0 Public Participation – Wednesday evening classes starting at 6 pm with Karen
- 10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Allison Jones to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.
Pine Point School Staff Room

1. Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:34 p.m.
Members present – Anthony Buckanaga, Marva Aitken, Gerald Roberts, Betty Robbins, Allison Jones, John Swan
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal
2. Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks
3. Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the May 11, 2026 minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Finance
- a. Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Gerald Roberts to approve Treasurer’s Report for May 2026 as presented, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the payment of bills for the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$57,483.73 for check #34968 through check #35025 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. No unfinished business
7. New Business
- a. 2025-2026 Revised Budget – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the 2025-2026 Revised Budget as presented, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget as presented, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Principal’s Report – Discussion on last week of school; Field trips to Itasca State Park, Swimming, Science Center, PR Armory; 8th grade Graduation; Field Day; Cookout; July Drama Camp; B&G Summer hours; Solar Panels; DNR class
9. Public Participation – None
10. Adjournment – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m., seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.



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Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

August 5 th , Wednesday	Pine Point
August 12 th , Wednesday	Elbow Lake
August 25 th , Tuesday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals

Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the School in the E.N.P. Dining Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at the Mahnomen County Service Center after the 11:30 Senior meals (About Noon)

September 2 nd , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
September 9 th , Wednesday	White Earth
September 23 rd , Wednesday	Rice Lake

Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, E.N.P. dining hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in White Earth is at the Congregate Housing, Dining Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 elder meal.

October 7 th , Wednesday	Pine Point
October 14 th , Wednesday	Elbow Lake
October 27 th , Tuesday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals

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

Other Public Health Events that are coming up in August are...

Farmers Market every Thursday from 3-6pm at the Mahnomen Pavilion

Dr. Ung (Foot Doctor) Clinic

August 10th-11th White Earth Tribal Health Building

August 12th Pine Point Community Center

To make an appointment call (218) 255-2204 or email public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov

For additional information please check the Anishinaabeg Today or Facebook for detailed information.

Updated 7/27/26

WHITE EARTH Community Farmers Market

Growing Healthy Families & Communities

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

JUNE 4, 2026 TO OCTOBER 1, 2026 (WEATHER PERMITTING)
THURSDAYS: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
South Main Street, Mahnomen, MN

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

Our market accepts:
WIC, Farmers' Market, and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Checks and we have Hunger Solution monies for EBT/SNAP cards.

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact:
MARKET MANAGER and CO-MARKET MANAGERS, Eva Brakefield or Maria Fatz
218-401-3173 or 218-401-4037, eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov or maria.fatz@wetcc.edu

The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.

NARCAN TRAINING POP-UPS

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Join us for free Narcan training pop-ups this summer! Get trained, get equipped, and help make our communities safer.

TIME: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | MEAL PROVIDED!

SUMMER NARCAN POP-UP SCHEDULE

MAY 6	MAHNOMEN	224 Main St
MAY 20	WHITE EARTH	New Park
JUNE 3	NAYTAHWAUSH	Skate Park
JUNE 17	RICE LAKE	Community Center
JULY 1	PINE POINT	Community Center
JULY 15	MAHNOMEN	224 Main St
AUGUST 5	WHITE EARTH	New Park
AUGUST 19	RICE LAKE	Community Center
SEPTEMBER 9	NAYTAHWAUSH	Skate Park

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WETCC-Community Extension hosts annual Berry Camp celebrating Ojibwe traditions

By Maria Fatz

Community Extension Coordinator
White Earth Tribal & Community College

White Earth Tribal and Community College Community Extension brought together 72 students, staff, and community members for its annual Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin (Berry Camp), offering three days of hands-on learning centered on Ojibwe culture, language, and traditional practices.

Held July 14-16, the camp featured a variety of interactive activities that encouraged participants to connect with the land while learning traditional skills. Attendees harvested wild blueberries, prepared berry jam and compote, crafted wild rice knockers, played baaga'adowewin (traditional stick ball), and painted flowerpots.

Throughout the camp, participants also learned Ojibwemowin verbs associated with each activity, reinforcing language revitalization alongside cultural education. Featured vocabulary included baashkiminsiganike ("s/he cooks until it explodes") for berry compote making, baashkiminasiganike ("s/he makes jam") for berry jam making, zhizhoobi'ige ("s/he paints") for painting pots, bawa'iganike ("s/he makes wild rice knockers"), baaga'adowe ("s/he plays stick ball") for traditional lacrosse, and mazinibii'ige ("s/he colors") for the coloring station.

This annual camp provides an opportunity for participants of all ages to strengthen community connections while engaging in land-based learning and cultural traditions.

2026 Berry Camp was made possible through

funding by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) and with the support of community partners.



Photos by Maria Fatz

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White Earth annual Elders Picnic



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual White Earth Elder Picnic was held July 10 at the Rediscovery Center on White Earth Lake. It was a wonderful celebration filled with connection, laughter, and community spirit. With 498 elders in attendance, the day was lively and full of joy as friends reunited, new memories were made, and everyone enjoyed good food, great company, and beautiful weather. This gathering remains one of our most cherished traditions—an opportunity to honor our elders, share stories, and create a welcoming space where everyone feels valued and appreciated. The ENP staff would like to thank all the volunteers from other departments that helped us get through this busy day.