



The votes are in!

Fox, McArthur and Accobee come out on top in election

The White Earth General Election was held June 9 and there will be two changes to the tribal council.

When the final votes were tabulated, Jacob McArthur defeated incumbent Michael “Mike” LaRoque for Secretary-Treasurer. McArthur received 1,065 votes and LaRoque garnered 664.

In District 2, Alrick “Son” Accobee defeated Sheri Kay Snetsinger 470-235. Incumbent Eugene Sommers did not run for office.

Incumbent District 1 Representative Henry G. Fox edged out Andy “Jack” Auginaush 198-185 to retain his position.

All positions are four-year terms.

After the election, Auginaush filed a request

for the White Earth Election Board to conduct a recount of the ballots. A recount was held June 11 at the White Earth Election office in Mahanomen. Once the count was finished there were no changes to the final numbers. No candidates filed an appeal.

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

The dates of when McArthur and Accobee will assume office or when there will be an inauguration celebration was not finalized when the July paper went to press.

More information will be made public on the White Earth Facebook page and the White Earth website at www.whiteearth.com.

The White Earth General Election was held June 9.

After the votes were counted Jacob McArthur, left, and Alrick “Son” Accobee, center, will be new members of the tribal council.

Incumbent District 1 Rep. Henry G. Fox, was reelected.

The official election results can be seen on Page 6.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta





4th Annual NAAME GIIZIS STURGEON MOON

White Earth Community Council Pow Wow JULY 25 & 26, 2026 White Earth, MN



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The White Earth Head Start Programs Pow-Wow was held June 4 at the Naytahwaush Powwow Grounds.

The event brought together students and staff from all the reservation Head Start programs, along with family and community members.

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White Earth gravestones get needed refresh

By Shannon Geisen
Park Rapids Enterprise

Several Anishinaabe chiefs. Early fur traders. Civil War veterans.

All are buried at Calvary Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries on the White Earth Reservation. The Aun-Way-Bewin (Ojibwe for “place of rest”) for St. Benedict’s Church, the Catholic cemetery is about two miles from the village of White Earth.

“There’s just so much history,” said Budd Parker, a White Earth community member and Navy veteran.

He’s currently working with Richville United Methodist Church (RUMC) volunteers to restore gravestones here and elsewhere on the reservation.

At least 40 orange flags denote tombstones that need care at this cemetery alone.

“We’re not going to run out of work any time soon,” said Lisa Nelson, leader of RUMC’s Travel to Serve Ministry.

“This one is, by far, the biggest cemetery,” Parker said.

By late Wednesday morning, May 27, an eight-member crew had lifted and leveled three grave markers. They whacked weeds and trimmed grass as well.

“This is a summerlong project,” Nelson explained.

“This is just day No. 1,” Parker added.

Their efforts will continue at the St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery in White Earth, along with St. Theodore’s Catholic Cemetery and Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Point.

It’s incredible what the church volunteers are doing, Parker said. “I couldn’t believe they actually wanted to do this.”

Oldest known headstone dates to 1868

Chief Wah-bon-ah-quot, also known as Chief White Cloud, and Chief Ojibway are laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery, according to Parker.

Chief Hole-in-the-Day’s daughter, Mary “Belle” Warren, is also buried here.

The oldest known burial is a Civil War soldier, Antoine Montreuille. He arrived in June 1868 in White Earth and died six months later.

Six generations of Parker’s own family reside in this cemetery.

A crucifix marks where the original Catholic mission was located. The first church, likely a log structure, was eventually built on the same spot.

Starting in 1878, Father Aloysius founded St. Benedict’s Mission and devoted 50 years to the White Earth Reservation.

He soon became fluent in Ojibwe. “He wouldn’t say his first mass until he spoke Ojibwe,” said Parker.

Two nuns – Sister Lioba and Sister Philomene – accompanied the priest.

In 1881, a new brick church was built nearby, so only



Photos by Shannon Geisen / Enterprise

Top: Tim Sullivan and Wyatt Guck team up to raise a sunken grave marker at Calvary Cemetery, near White Earth. **Bottom:** Terry Lee tidies up around tombstones. They are part of Richville United Methodist Church’s Travel to Serve Ministry.

the cemetery remains.

The oldest part has very few markers “because people didn’t have money.”

Parker calculates there are over 1,000 unmarked graves.

‘These are our people’

Along with a contingent of local volunteers, Parker has been helping with this cemetery for about three decades.

“Whenever I’d come back on leave, my uncle would have me up here and we’d fix different stones,” Parker recalled. “He’d lean against the car and put out his arms. ‘These are our people.’ And that’s the way we look at it. It doesn’t matter if you’re Catholic, traditional. They are all our people. Indian, white, whatever. These are our people.”

Thirty years ago, families only mowed their own plots.

After a tornado damaged the area in 1995, Kibby Sullivan and John Beaulieu started a fund to get a new crucifix. They also established a cemetery committee to care for the whole site.

A few years later, Parker was out of the Navy and returned to the area. He joined the committee.

Between 2001 and 2005, a local group repaired nearly 60 headstones, building frames, pouring concrete for new foundations and hauling in gravel.

“There were about 30 of us up here with wheelbarrows, going through this rough ground with heavy, wet cement,” recalled Parker. “We did that over a three-year period three different times.”

They replaced over 50 Civil War disintegrating marble markers with upright granite ones.

“They were getting so deteriorated, you couldn’t read them,” Parker recalled.

Marble is very soft, he explained, comparing it to a disintegrating salt lick.



Antoine Montreuille, a private in the Fourth Minnesota Infantry, is the oldest known marker at Calvary Cemetery.

See Cleanup Page 11

Modified services will still be available

CIRCLE OF LIFE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Open House and Kindergarten Round up

Applications for New and Returning Students

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Activities for Kids

May 27, 2026
June 24, 2026
July 29, 2026

Time: 11-2pm
Location: Circle of Life Academy

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

As we wrap up the month of June, it is hard to believe how quickly it passed. The different community events brought community members together to connect. I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all those that dedicate their time to making our communities stronger! There are several July events coming up including: Elders picnic, Employee picnic, Callaway and White Earth Community picnics, Sturgeon Moon Powwow, and 28th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run starting from Red Lake. I looked forward to seeing everyone at the events!

6-8 Tribal leaders joined White Earth Housing Authority for White Earth Nation Comprehensive Planning Initiative. White Earth Housing has engaged with Kevin Klingbeil of Big Water Consulting. This initiative will take place in phases. Phase 1: Initial Planning Meetings- Mr. Klingbeil will meet with Tribal Division Directors and Program Staff, Phase 2: Comprehensive Planning Session, Phase 3: Supplemental Planning Activities. A primary goal of the White Earth Comprehensive Planning Initiative is to synthesize the various ongoing and emerging Tribal data gathering and planning processes in the fields of healthcare, housing and economic development.

6-11 White Earth Annual Recovery Parade was in the morning followed by blessing of the powwow grounds and a community meal. All the floats were creative and beautiful. Vendors joined in this year. Miigwech to everyone that came out and those who worked behind the scenes to make it a beautiful day.

6-12 Our 158th White Earth Treaty Day Celebration & Powwow in White Earth was beautiful three-day celebration. It was wonderful to see all the dancers, drum groups, vendors families and visitors. Miigwech to our Powwow Committee, our veterans, the volunteers, arena directors, emcees, drum groups, dancers, vendor staff, public safety and emt, staff and all those who worked behind the scenes to make this year's celebration a success again.

6-22 It was a beautiful morning at the Canoe and Kayak event at White Earth Rediscovery center. Youth had the opportunity to get out on the water while learning valuable canoe and kayak safety skills. Miigwech to White Earth Natural Resources for working with our youth and teaching them important water safety techniques including what to do if a canoe or kayak tips over. These hands-on experiences help our youth be prepared.

6-25 Tiffany, D3 Assistant and I were happy to join the fun at the Pine Point Elder Bingo. A special thank you to Sam Crowell for calling the bingo numbers and helping make the afternoon enjoyable for everyone. It was wonderful to spend time with our elders and share some laughs.

6-26 RBC held the regular monthly meeting (last Friday of each month). Meetings are live streamed on White Earth Nation YouTube Channel. Some agenda items included program request, child support conference sponsorship, Circle of Life Academy bus discussion, food sovereignty funding opportunity, transit grant match, consent agenda and a power point was presented with an update for the proposed White Earth Cultural Heritage and Healing Center.

The project team gathered through surveys and community input at White Earth State of the Nation event. Planning continues as discussion focus on securing funding, identifying the best location and determining whether the center will be a standalone building. We appreciate everyone who has shared ideas. If you would like a copy of the power point, please let us know.

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



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7/30/26 CASS LAKE TO GRAND RAPIDS

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8/1/26 FLOODWOOD TO MASH-KA-WISEN

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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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DATE CHANGE: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

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9:00am-11:00am

Ages 0-18yrs

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Audrey Thayer, a Bemidji city councilor and White Earth Nation member, has teamed up with Collette A. Hyman to write "Weaving Community: Indigenous Women and Leadership in the Twin Cities."

Photo by Annalise Braught
Bemidji Pioneer



Audrey Thayer's first book tells stories of Indigenous women leaders

By Dennis Doeden
Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Audrey Thayer is a teacher, a city councilor, and a longtime community activist. Now she can add another title: author.

Thayer, 74, has teamed with Collette A. Hyman to write "Weaving Community: Indigenous Women and Leadership in the Twin Cities." It's the culmination of a nine-year project that included dozens of interviews with Native American women activists who helped build institutions that sustain urban Indigenous communities.

"This was a very spiritual experience, being in women's lives, hearing their stories," Thayer said. "I learned about the fortitude, the resilience and the strength of women. If you look at the women, the work that they had to do, the responsibilities were huge. When you look at this book, you see how they managed to do so much with so little."

The project was also very personal for Thayer, a White Earth Nation enrollee. She was able to include some of her 27 first cousins in the book.

"I didn't want the book to be about me, but about women who were in leadership in our communities ... who have returned home," Thayer said. "Women who were doing significant work during a period of history when women often were not called by their first names. It was Mrs. John Smith."

"Weaving Community" pays tribute to women like Vernell Wabasha, Winifred Jourdain, Bonnie Wallace and Laura Waterman Wittstock, leaders in

addressing the needs of Native people living in the metropolitan area.

Thanks to their combined efforts, the Twin Cities gave rise to noteworthy organizations including the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, the first off-reservation health care center for Indigenous people; MIGIZI, a nonprofit that supports the educational, economic and cultural needs of Indigenous youth; and Project STAIRS, which addressed the mistreatment of Native students in public schools and laid the foundation for the University of Minnesota's American Indian Studies program.

Thayer and Hyman first met 11 years ago at a conference for the Minnesota Campus Compact, an organization dedicated to promoting community service among college students. Hyman is a professor emerita at Winona State University, where she taught history and women's studies. In 2012, she published "Dakota Women's Work: Creativity, Culture, and Exile" about the decorative work of Dakota women through the years.

Thayer and Hyman connected quickly and decided to work together on "Weaving Community."

"Both of us culturally are very unique," Thayer said. "I'm Indigenous, and I live with teachings that I have to abide by. And she was Jewish. So we just have just a wonderful, unique relationship. And I think both of us value that. Working together was an unbelievable experience of beauty."

The 180-page paperback, published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, sells for \$24.95.

Ages 55+

WHITE EARTH ENP INVITES YOU TO THE 2026 ELDERS PICNIC

Join us July 10th at the Rediscovery Center in White Earth

11AM-2PM

A photograph of a grassy picnic area with several white folding tables and benches. In the background, there are trees and a body of water under a clear sky.

Contact your local ENP or ENP Management at 218-983-3286 Ext. 1266 for questions

2026 MAWINZOWI-GABESHIWIN BERRY CAMP

A photograph of several people, including children and adults, bending over and picking berries in a field. They are wearing casual summer clothing.

Participants can attend when able:

- **Tuesday July 14th** Lunch provided prior to departure- leaving from WETCC @ 2pm; arriving back to WETCC @ 7pm
- **Wednesday July 15th** Departing @ 9am, lunch provided on the road, arriving back to WETCC @ 4pm
- **Thursday July 16th** Full day of Camp Activities 9am- 3pm (breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided)

Transportation is limited to berry picking sites; families are encouraged to follow in their own vehicles. Please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Individuals & families are invited to join White Earth Tribal and Community College Community Extension for two days of berry picking, followed by a day camp on WETCC Campus.

2250 College Road
Mahnomen, MN

Call or email with questions regarding picking locations or camp: Maria Fatz 218-936-8349 extension@wetcc.edu

A row of logos including the USDA NIFA logo, the White Earth Nation logo, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College logo.

This annual event is a collaboration between WETCC Community Extension (funded by USDA NIFA), White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, and White Earth Natural Resource Department.

White Earth Head Start Programs

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Children aged 0-3 and pregnant moms

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White Earth Head Start Programs

GETTING A TRIBAL ID OR RENEWAL

If you don't have your old Tribal ID, you **MUST** first go to Enrollments for a CDIB.

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White Earth DMV Licensing

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

GENERAL ELECTION
June 9, 2026



OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

	RICE LAKE	BEJOU	PINE BEND	WAUBUN	NAYTAHWAUSH	MAHNOMEN	OGEEMA	WHITE EARTH	PINE POINT	ELBOW LAKE	CALLAWAY	MARBLE	MINNEAPOLIS	CASS LAKE	IN PERSON ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
SECRETARY/TREASURER																		
MICHAEL "MIKE" LAROQUE	67	3	7	22	112	21	16	85	31	5	37	6	34	53	110	55	664	38.40%
JACOB MCARTHUR	135	5	13	28	183	61	24	145	42	11	41	8	50	60	218	41	1065	61.60%
DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEEPERSON																		
ANDY "JACK" AUGINAUSH	95	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	22	23	16	185	48.30%
HENRY G. FOX	110	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	9	35	12	198	51.70%
DISTRICT TWO COMMITTEEPERSON																		
SHERI KAY SNETSINGER	0	0	0	16	81	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	21	72	14	235	33.33%
ALRICK "SON" ACCOBEE	0	0	0	35	212	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	23	121	19	470	66.67%

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned Election Officials, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the White Earth Reservation and Election Ordinance (Revised 12/16/25)

SIGNED

Mary S. Fraser
Shaneel H. Parker
Bonnie Badboy
Beverly H. Smith

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 - Willow Tree Crisis Beds: (218) 847-4357
 - Lakes Crisis & Resource Center: (218) 847-8572

For life threatening situations call 911

White Earth office in Cass Lake hosts ID event

By Deanne Cameron
White Earth Office in Cass Lake

The White Earth office in Cass Lake hosted an ID event on June 2. The turn out was pretty good for the Cass Lake area. We served lunch and sold some wild rice that was brought over from White Earth. The RBC Enrollments and DMV staff were here to help with people's needs. We had prizes for our members that signed up and there were nine happy winners!

I wanted to thank everyone who attended and helped our day be successful. Kris Cox and I will do this event at least once a year, or as needed. We make a list throughout the year for anyone in need of an updated or lost White Earth ID. We also collect information from elders in our area about any issues, wants, or needed assistance they would like to see.

We talk with members that may need to know what services we can help with. If issues come up and our office can't fund it, we will assist and help find a program that could possibly help. I wanted to let everyone know our office is good with finding resources and will try to assist as much as we can.

Thanks to all that came in, and call our office at 218-335-4129 or 218-335-0035 for any questions.



Photo by Deanne Cameron

The White Earth office in Cass Lake recently held an ID event. In addition to lunch and prizes, members could visit staff from White Earth Wild Rice, Enrollments, and DMV.

Peggy Flanagan wins Minnesota DFL endorsement for U.S. Senate

By Levi Rickert
Native News Online

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Ojibwe) recently secured the endorsement of Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party in her campaign to succeed retiring U.S. Sen. Tina Smith.

The endorsement marks a significant milestone for Flanagan, who is seeking to become the first Native American woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Flanagan won the endorsement at the DFL State Convention in Rochester after U.S. Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) announced earlier in the week that she would bypass the convention and focus on the Aug. 11 primary election. Craig argued that the endorsement process does not fully reflect Minnesota's broader Democratic electorate, but she remains in the race and is expected to mount a strong challenge.

Flanagan argued that Minnesota voters are frustrated with Democrats who, in her view, too often yield to Republican priorities. She said voters are looking for leaders willing to fight for their values rather than settle for political compromises.

"We can't just be the lesser of two evils, and we

will never ever win by being a pale shadow of our opponents," Flanagan said after securing the endorsement. "We're building a movement that demands more from our leaders in Washington."

The endorsement victory underscores Flanagan's strength among grassroots DFL activists and convention delegates. Heading into the convention, her campaign projected support from roughly three-quarters of delegates, making her the clear favorite for the party's backing. In remarks following the endorsement, Flanagan called for a more energized Democratic Party and emphasized standing up for working families while confronting the policies of President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans.

A citizen of the White Earth Nation, Flanagan has built a national profile as one of the highest-ranking Native elected officials in the country. Her campaign has drawn support from progressive activists and Native communities across Minnesota and beyond.

Despite winning the DFL endorsement, Flanagan's path to the Senate nomination remains contested. She and Craig will face voters in the August Democratic primary, with the winner advancing to the November general election for the open Senate seat.



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Nation), recently won the DFL endorsement to run for U.S. senator. She spoke at the 1 p.m. grand entry at the White Earth Powwow on June 13.



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White Earth Council of Elders

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

The Wisdom Steps Conference was held June 2-4 at Black Bear Casino in Carlton, Minn. There were 14 members that qualified with 12 traveling by the White Earth Elder bus and two by car. Paulie Neisen was the bus driver and we want to thank her for the safe travel of our Elders. We originally had 16 qualified members, but with deaths in family or unexpected health issues, some were unable to attend. Overall, the conference was enjoyed by all with many fun night activities and great workshops. The caricature pictures was a big hit with those that were able to get them done.

On June 9, the WECOE meeting was held at the Elbow Lake Elder Nutrition site. We enjoyed a meal together and thank you to the cooks and staff for their service. The agenda was full and much discussion was focused on how best to help the Elders of our reservation. We had guests that came to update us on matters that are geared to Elders. We want to thank all members that attend these meetings and to those that provide services. Just a reminder we are all volunteers of which some must take their own time off work. This was also the day to vote for those candidates up for election. Congratulations to newly elected and reelected!

June 22 was the ribbon cutting ceremony in New York Mills, Minn., for eight Veteran Tiny Homes with shared space for laundry, services, and socializing. For more information, please contact www.mahube.org or 888-458-1385.

Dr. Anton Truerer was a featured speaker for a 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. seminar on June 23 at Shooting Star Casino. He is from the Leech Lake Reservation and is a professor at Bemidji State University. Dr. Truerer has written about 20 books and expresses great value in Native traditions and true history.

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee held their monthly meeting on June 26 at 9 a.m. This was not the quarterly meeting.

The next scheduled meeting for WECOE is Tuesday, July 7 at Naytahwaush, but may have to be extended one week due to Board Members unable to attend. We will try to get the change out as quickly as possible when we know if a quorum can be met or not.

The White Earth Pow Wow was held June 12-14. It was well attended despite the cool weather. WECOE had a fundraising stand at the pow wow and sold baked items, and offered a raffle, and 50/50 board. We want to give a big thank you to the following programs and businesses that gave WECOE donations for the raffle: White Earth Store, B and T Meats of Waubun, Ojibwe Business Products, White Earth Youth and Elder Donation Committee, and EZ One.

Also, many thanks to all the Elders that baked and worked during the pow wow. WECOE was able to deposit \$801.86, after expenses, including \$300 of start-up funds and \$261.26 for needed items. A full summary will be given at the next meeting per the financial report.

The love and care we give to others is a reflection of our own capacity to love and care for ourselves.

Lucille M. Silk, Chair
218-204-0112

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

White Earth Food Shelf is getting a makeover

To our community members,

We are proud to serve the White Earth community through the White Earth Food Shelf. Our mission is simple but meaningful to provide consistent, respectful access to food for individuals and families in need, while strengthening the spirit of care and support within our community.

The White Earth Food Shelf operates with the goal of ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry. We offer a variety of food items, including non-perishable goods, fresh produce when available, and essential household items. Our services are available to all community members who need assistance, and we strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone who we serve.

We are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., (except when RBC is closed) providing regular opportunities for individuals and families to access the support they need. We work with other programs to maintain an organized and efficient process so that everyone can receive assistance with dignity and ease.

Our operations are made possible through community partnerships, grants, donations, and dedication of our staff and volunteers. We approach our work with compassion, respect, and confidentiality, understanding that food insecurity can affect anyone at any time.

Every person we serve is treated with dignity, and we do our best to meet each household's unique needs.

The success of the White Earth Food Shelf depends on the continued support of our community. We welcome and accept donations, funds, and time. Together, we can continue to make a difference and ensure that our neighbors have access to the nourishment they need.

We are excited to share a major milestone for the White Earth Food Shelf!

On June 15, construction officially began on a new storefront and warehouse facility that will greatly

enhance how we serve our community. This project represents a significant investment in accessibility, efficiency, and dignity for everyone who relies on our services.

What's Coming

Beautiful New Storefront

A welcoming, modern space designed to improve the food pickup experience, making it more comfortable, organized, and community-focused.

Expanded Warehouse

A larger storage and distribution area that will allow us to better manage inventory, increase capacity, and respond more effectively to growing needs.

Why This Matters

As demand continues to grow, this expansion will:

- Improve access to nutritious food
- Reduce wait times and streamline service
- Allow us to serve more families
- Create a more respectful and supportive environment for all visitors

Manager's Message

"This project has been a long time coming, and we are incredibly grateful that a state grant has made it possible," said Tim Rindahl, Food Shelf Manager. "Our goal has always been to serve our community with dignity and care, and this new space will allow us to do that better than ever before."

Looking Ahead

We are proud to announce that the new facility is expected to open in June 2027. This project reflects the strength, resilience, and generosity of our community, and we are grateful for the continued support that makes this vision possible.

Stay tuned for updates as construction progresses we can't wait to welcome you into our new store

If you or someone you know needs assistance or has questions, please reach out:

Angela: 218-935-6314

Tim: 218-935-6313



Photo by Tim Rindahl

The old swimming pool at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex is getting filled in to make room for the White Earth Food Shelf warehouse.

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UNRAVELING THE RIBBON

Short Documentary Screening
A community gathering exploring the stories, history, and enduring significance of the Native American ribbon skirt.

Featured Guest
BEVERLY ST. JOHN
WETCC SEWING INSTRUCTOR

Featured in the documentary, sharing the history and meaning of the ribbon skirt tradition.

THURSDAY, JULY 23
5:00-6:30 PM
WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

RIBBON SKIRT KITS PROVIDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY

Unraveling the Ribbon explores the deep cultural, spiritual, and political meaning of the Native American ribbon skirt.

Through stories shared across generations, the film honors ribbon skirts as expressions of identity, resilience, healing, ceremony, creativity, and Indigenous sovereignty.

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY: OPEN SEW WORKSHOPS
Create your own ribbon skirt alongside community.

MONDAY JULY 27
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JULY 29
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

THURSDAY JULY 30
4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

BEV'S SEWING ROOM (AZAADI)

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Head Start

White Earth Constitution Reform Delegate Information

By Patty Straub

White Earth Constitutional Reform Delegate

White Earth Delegate Information for the Month of June:

On June 13, the White Earth Delegates held an election to fill two vacancies; one vacancy in District 1 and one vacancy in District 3, the election was held at the White Earth Powwow. There were five candidates in District 1, and District 3 had three candidates.

- District 1 had a tie and the outcome has not been determined yet.

- District 3 voters selected Beverly Libby as their WE District 3 Delegate Representative.

Miigwech to all of the candidates for your interest and to all of the voters who participated!

On June 18, the monthly MCT Constitution Reform Meeting was hosted by the Mille Lacs Band at the East Lake Community Center in McGregor, Minn. Some of the topics discussed were:

The MCT Constitution – Article XII, which would be to remove the secretarial approval provision from “Article XII,” this will require a Secretarial Election for our members to vote on. A federal secretarial election would be conducted in accordance with

the federal election timeline and a 30% voter requirement.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee will decide if this Secretarial Election request will proceed. We will keep members updated regarding the decision.

The MCT Constitution Reform Drafting Committee has been working on a uniform tribal election ordinance, the ordinance would outline the processes and procedures in Tribal Elections once the required secretarial election approval is removed from our Constitution. The uniform tribal ordinance remains in a draft mode and continuation of this draft is worked on every Tuesday evening.

In addition, the MCT Constitution Reform Drafting Committee has drafted a citizen based “Citizens Oversight Board” to replace the oversight the Secretary provided, and the safeguards are built in.

On Friday, July 17 the White Earth Constitution Reform Delegates will be hosting the monthly MCT Constitution Reform Meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shooting Star Event Center. You are invited to come in and listen, give input, ask questions. A copy of the agenda will be shared on several sites for viewing. We look forward to seeing you there.

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. Kyla Butcher is a dedicated student whose resilience, determination, and commitment to family and culture continue to inspire those around her at WETCC.

Kyla has faced significant challenges on her journey. She shares that one of the greatest obstacles she has overcome was overcoming addiction and rebuilding her life for herself and her children.

“I’m getting my life together for my kids. Addiction almost had me in an early grave. I got sober for my kids and for my culture. I want to powwow dance again.”

One of the happiest moments in Kyla’s life has been becoming a healthy mother, securing stable housing, enrolling in college, and finding the strength to maintain her sobriety.

Kyla’s hard work and perseverance have led to many accomplishments. She proudly made the Dean’s List last semester and received the Creative Writing Award at AIHEC. Beyond academics, she treasures making new memories with her children and successfully building a healthy co-parenting relationship.

For Kyla, success means “being able to reach realistic goals in a timely manner.” This practical and determined mindset has helped her continue moving forward and achieving her goals.

One of the reasons Kyla chose WETCC was the opportunity to reconnect with her culture while pursuing her education close to home on the reservation.

“I grew up in foster care and without my culture, so being able to finally reconnect with it is very special.”

Kyla appreciates the close-knit environment at WETCC, where the small campus community has helped her build confidence and form meaningful connections. She has an appreciation for the assistance of Nora Schulz, WETCC Librarian/Co-curricular Coordinator, for going above and beyond to help her.

Outside of the classroom, Kyla is actively involved in student life. She participates in Marketing and Advertising for AIBL (American Indigenous Business Leaders) and is also involved in AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) activities. She is especially interested in archery and enjoys exploring new opportunities for personal growth.

After graduating from WETCC, Kyla hopes to create a homestead for herself and future generations.

“Realistically, I would love to start a homestead for myself and the next generation. I would love to connect with people who grow their own food and have knowledge they can pass down to me.”

Kyla’s journey is a powerful example of strength, healing, and perseverance. Her commitment to family, culture, education, and future generations embodies the spirit of resilience and serves as an inspiration to the entire WETCC community.



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ATV Safety Hybrid Course

July 28th 2026 (12pm-3pm)



Location:
Mahnomon Natural Resources Office
102 3rd Street NE, Mahnomon
12:00pm- Course Review and Written Test
Following the classroom portion, we will head to the field course for the riding skills evaluation.

To Register Contact:
Jason.Clark@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Zoe.Keezer@whiteearth-nsn.gov
218-570-9830

**Limited to 25 participants,
OPEN TO AGES 10-15**

If you register your child and need to cancel please notify us ASAP as there is a waiting list. Reminder texts will be sent out one day prior!

When Registering your child please provide:

- Name of Child
- Birthdate
- Age
- Guardian Name, Contact #, and address

Day of course :

- Bring required Field day Voucher (printed after completion of online course)
- Birth certificate or Tribal ID
- Helmet Required



The ATV Hybrid Online Course is REQUIRED PRIOR to taking the field day course. Cost is \$34.95 (participant responsibility) and can be found on the MN DNR Website under education and safety.
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html>

White Earth Nation has a Facebook page!
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White Earth Reservation

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DATE APPLYING: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Email address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

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

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

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

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

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

***Lawn mowing will be done every two weeks; **area needs to be cleared of debris.**

***Dogs **must be tied up, fenced in, or housed** during service.

***Weed trimming, bagging of grass & mowing ditches **will not be provided.**

***Mowing service **will end after Labor Day weekend.**

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18th Annual

Summer

Wild Rice

Round-Up

August 7-9, 2026
Sandhill Bible Camp



Friday, August 7, 2026 AGENDA

3pm. Registration: Meet & Greet

6pm. Dinner

8pm. AA Speaker: TBD

10pm. AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:30am. Breakfast

10am. AA Speaker: TBD

12pm. Lunch

1:00pm. Free time: Cribbage, swim, canoe, Paddleboat, horseshoes, volleyball, nap

4pm. Al-Anon Meeting: TBD

5:30pm. Ceremony

6:00pm. Dinner

8pm. AA Speaker: **Rachel D.**

10pm. AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:30am. Breakfast

10am. AA Speaker: TBD

11am. Packing & Farewells

Contact Information:
Kevin M. 612-730-6482
Jeana T. 612-998-3304
Website: www.wildriceroundup.com
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Mail Registration form & payment to:
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What to bring?
Bedding, towels, swimwear, toiletries, soda, snacks, camp chairs, clothing for warm days and cool nights.
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REGISTRATION FORM

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Cleanup from Page 2

The Calvary cemetery committee helps other cemeteries on the reservation. “Because oftentimes they have very few people, nobody to help or no money at all,” Parker said.

In pursuit of a tombstone jack

Today, some gravestones have sunk an inch under the surface.

“They need to be cleaned and raised up, and so that’s what we’re doing,” Nelson said. “They were sinking down into the ground and grass was starting to grow over them. We put them at ground level, so they can be mowed over and good for a few years.”

This is Travel to Serve’s 14th project. Their first, in March 2010, took them to New Orleans. They cleaned yards in the Lower Ninth Ward that had been neglected since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Since then, Travel to Serve has helped throughout Minnesota, Tennessee, North and South Dakota, plus Guatemala and Poland.

Last summer, they repaired homes, painted and cleaned at Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Eagle Butte, S.D.

They connected with Parker through RUMC member Terry Sullivan.

“I grew up on the White Earth Indian Reservation, about 15 miles from here. One of my classmates is Budd’s cousin,” she explained.

They plan to return on a weekly basis to restore gravestones.

With about 70 members in the congregation, Nelson said, “We’re a small church.”

Pastor Rod Tornquist said Travel to Serve is one of many ministries at RUMC.

“The focus of Travel to Serve is to get people from the church out into the community,” he said. “This is another one of those learning experiences where we get interaction with Indigenous people, hopefully, like Budd and others. They give us their perspective on the world.”

The church is also committed to raising funds to purchase a tombstone jack. It can lift the heavier monuments.

Depending on the size of the jack, the cost runs between \$1,700 to \$5,000, said Terry Lee, another RUMC member.

“According to what I read, the whole apparatus only weighs about 200 to 240 pounds, and it comes apart,” he said, adding it’s expensive to hire a company to lift stones.

Respecting and honoring the dead



Shannon Geisen / Enterprise

Budd Parker and Lisa Nelson have partnered on a gravestone restoration project on the White Earth Reservation.

“Not many people are interested in working in cemeteries. For me, I find it very peaceful,” Parker said, adding, “There are abandoned cemeteries everywhere.”

Along with his cousin Tim “Pete” Fairbanks, husband Bruce Engebretson and others, they have cleared brush and straightened headstones throughout the reservation.

Sullivan, now in her 80s, was a stellar fundraiser, according to Parker. But sometimes they dig into their own pockets to fix things when the money runs out.

Parker said he’s never felt that a cemetery was spooky or haunted.

“We believe in continuing spirituality,” he said. “We believe that these people see what you’re here for and they appreciate. It’s not that I want a cemetery to always look like a golf course. It’s about the individuals that are buried here. It’s respecting them, honoring them, that we remember, even if we didn’t know you, that we’re grateful for the things you did in your lifetime.”

Ben Franklin once said show me a cemetery and I’ll see the character of that community and its people.

“I think of that often. That’s what we’ve tried to do here,” Parker said.

Elders Commission Election Notice

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

Two (2) - District representatives for District I
Two (2) - District representatives for District III

Filing dates are 8 a.m. Monday, June 1 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

Those wishing to file for candidacy can do so with the Filing Agent - White Earth Compliance Division 779 E Jefferson Ave, Mahnomen, MN 56557. Please contact Christie Haverkamp at 218-935-3962 or Email Christie.Haverkamp@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

Candidates wishing to file for must 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 and

- 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: Aug. 11, 2026

Regular Election Polling Places:

District 1 - Rice Lake Community Center
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mahnomen Veterans Center / 2 - 6 p.m.

District 3 - Pine Point Community Center
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

White Earth Community Center / 2 - 6 p.m.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE
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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!

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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! Miin! Miinan!"

("Summer. Look! Blueberry! Blueberries!")

••"Inashke! Nawaj miinan imaa. Wiisinin!"

("Look! More blueberries there. Eat!")

••"Indandawendaan wiigwaasinaagan."

("I need a birchbark basket.")

••"Niminopidaan omaa."

("I find it tastes good here.")

Adisan! - Color it!

It is Red.- Miskwaa.

It's Yellow.- Ozaawaa.

It's Black.- Makadewaa.

It's White.- Waabishkaa.

It's Green or It's Blue.-

- Ozhaawashkwaa.

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Wiigwaas - A Birch
Wiigwaasaatig. - Birch tree.
"Wiigwaasi-mitig" also. Howah! -Wow!



Tree.-Mitig.
Grass.-Mashkosiw.
Birch.-Wiigwaas.
Rocks.-Asiniig.
Miskozi.-S/he is red.
Ozaawizi.-S/he's yellow.
Makadewizi.- S/he's black.
Waabishkizi.- S/he is white.
Find the ten(10) underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Howah!-Alright/Wow! "Do you organize learning words?"

O: Gaawiin mashi!-Not yet! O: Eya!-Yes! O: Gaawiin!- No!

Say: Yes- Eya!- It may help to know the one word sentence first, then add another word to expand your speaking! "Eya!.

Nawaj ikidowinan! Niminwendaan."-Yes. More words! I like it."

Niizh-2 **Ojibwemowin** / Anishinaabemowin
The words for the same language.

Aaniin minik ikidowinan?- How many words?

Ningodwaasimidana na? -60? Niizhwaasi-

midana na? -70? Nishwaasimidana

na? -80? Zhaangasimidana na? -90?

Listen/Speak: Use online Dictionary.

NA: **Nouns: Animate-Alive**

NI: **Inanimate- Not living item.**

M O I W E
A B J H I M
S I P I Z I M
H I O N ' T G I
K O G A M I E W I
O E Z S W G ' B A N
S Z N H J O N O Y A A
I H A K A Z O I M K S N
W S W E A H A D I S A N
N E A Z H A K W G B Z E
G O J I B W E M O W I N
N I M I N W E N D A A N

Double Vowel Sounds!

Specific to Ojibwe!

*Longer voiced vowels:

AA (baa), II (teen),

OO (moo), E (cave)

*Shorter voiced vowels

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

A glottal stop ' is a

voiceless nasal hesitation

as the dash in: oh-oh

Nitaawigiwin

• Grownup

Aaniin, Boozhoo-Greetings

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Verbs, Transitive, Animate

"VTA's: to him/her verbs"

Root verb/command: Miizh

Miizh! -Give something to

him/her! Root: -miin-

Nimiinaa.- I give to h/h.

Gimiinaa.-You give to h/h.

Omiinaan.-S/he gives h/h.

Omiinaawaa.-They give...

Ojiim!-Kiss someone/hm/hr!

Nindojiimaa.-I kiss him/her.

Gidojiimaa.-You kiss him/her.

Odojiimaan.-S/he kisses h/h.

Booni! -Leave h/h alone!

Nimbooni'aa dash

gibooni'aa. - I leave h/her

alone and you leave him/h

alone.

Obooni'aa.-

S/he leaves h/h alone.

Obooni'aawaan. -

They leave him/her alone.

See patterns of speech! :-)

Speak together with others!

Action 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.



Vowel sounds. Speak words' syllables.
Practice speech patterns of the 4 types of
verbs and 2 types of nouns.

•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? Aabita-

niibino-giizis wa'aw giizis. -"Mid-Summer

Moon" this moon (July). NITAM: HOWAH! First:

Wow! to all Graduates this spring and on pg.

40 last month who work their best everyday!

Miigwech to supporters! Gaye 158th Annual

WE Treaty Day Celebration: Chi-Miigwech!

Great-thanks!

Howah!-Awesome! Niimi'idiwin.-Dance

for people. Niimi.-S/he dances.

Niniim.-I dance. Niimi'idiwag.-

They dance. Giniim.-You

dance.

Nimbizindawaa dewe'igan. I

listen to h/h the drum.

*Mitigoon

*Wayiiba

*Niimi'idiwag

* Gichi-

* Giniim

1. _____-miigwech omaa dash imaa.

Great-thanks here and there

2. _____ina niimi'idiwining?

They dance? at the PowWow?

3. Benesiwag, _____, nibaawag imaa. Bangan.

The Birds, in the tree, they are sleeping there. Quiet.

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

Somebody, someone, early, they were happy here.

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

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

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

Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is an "indigenous language"; meaning it is native to a region, is spoken by the region's original groups and has minority language status. "Dialect" is region-specific unique speech patterns or word use within the same language. "Orthography" is a standardized way of writing the language. The Double Vowel orthography is commonly used in teaching Ojibwe in MN & WI circles.

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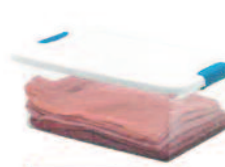


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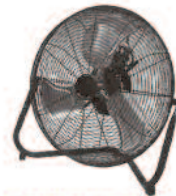


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Tribal Canoe Drawing

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

5 Canoes and Paddles will be given away!

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

Rules and Eligibility

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

No Exceptions!

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

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

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

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- Mail entry form to:
White Earth Natural Resources Office
Attn: Taylor Anderson
PO Box 393 | Mahnomen, MN 56557
- Drop off at: Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen Main Entrance - Info Desk

Must be post marked or dropped off by Wednesday, July 15, 2026.



Tribal Canoe Drawing Entry Form

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

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

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

Phone # _____



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White Earth author reads her new book to students



Submitted photo

Author Marcie Rendon, White Earth Nation, recently visited the child care centers in Mahnomen and White Earth to read her book “Stitches of Tradition” to the children. It was a fun day for all the children listening to the book of an Ojibwe grandmother sewing her granddaughter’s beautiful new ribbon skirt as she grows. In the Mahnomen Child Care Learning Center the children also made ribbon skirt and shirt artwork to celebrate the book. Chii miigwech Marcie for reading her book to the children and White Earth Public Health for gifting the book to the children.

Chairman from Page 3

erations.

ChiMiigwech, I am thrilled to hear niiji Rob Tibbetts’ update in our Ojibwemowin Language and Culture Department. Our Ojibwemowin language is vital to us as a First Nation’s people because it is our Language that makes us who we are as Anishinaabeg -being the heart of our nation.

I am excited to hear all the revitalization efforts from our Head Start Early Childhood Education Department and Circle of Life Academy with the addition of Lera Hephner the new Language and Culture Director. Not to mention all of the public schools in our White Earth Nation area; you all are doing amazing things for our future Ojibwe speakers and leaders.

Aho’ mi’iiw.

Chi-miigwech bizindawiyeg miinawaa anooj ninda-gikinoo’amaadiwin.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Thank you for listening and continuing to learn together.

Take it easy.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

“Our Indigenous life culture is just a part of who we are. We have to be more cognizant that there are many ways to achieve our best self, and heart health is a part of that.”—elaine



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PTSD and Fireworks:

Understanding the impact of Fourth of July celebrations

By **Lindsey Adams, PHN, BSN, RN**
White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health

The Fourth of July is a time of celebration across the United States. Families gather for barbecues, communities gather, and fireworks light up the night (and day) sky. While these traditions bring joy to many, they can also create significant challenges for individuals living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

PTSD is a mental health condition that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event. Veterans, first responders, survivors of violence, and others who have endured trauma may experience symptoms such as anxiety, flashbacks, hypervigilance, and heightened startle responses.

Fireworks can be particularly difficult for people with PTSD because of their loud, sudden, and unpredictable noises. The explosions, flashes of light, and vibrations can trigger memories of traumatic experiences and cause intense emotional and physical reactions. For some individuals, fireworks may lead to panic attacks, increased anxiety, difficulty sleeping, or a need to avoid public gatherings altogether.

The effects are not limited to military veterans. Survivors of domestic violence, natural disasters, serious accidents, and other traumatic events may also find fireworks distressing. What feels like a celebration to one person may feel overwhelming or frightening to another.

Communities can help make Independence Day more inclusive by showing understanding and consideration. Simple actions such as notifying neighbors before

setting off fireworks, attending professional displays instead of using personal fireworks, and respecting local fireworks regulations can make a meaningful difference. Some communities have also begun offering low-noise or sensory-friendly fireworks displays that reduce the impact on individuals with PTSD, young children, and pets.

For those living with PTSD, planning ahead can help manage the holiday. Strategies may include using noise-canceling headphones, listening to calming music, spending time in a quieter location, practicing relaxation techniques, or connecting with supportive friends and family members.

Mental health professionals can also provide coping strategies tailored to individual needs. White Earth Mental Health Crisis team is available 24/7 to help individuals who are struggling to cope or who feel overwhelmed. You do not need to be suicidal to reach out for support! The local phone number 218-850-4357 or toll free at 877-380-3621.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, it is important to remember that not everyone experiences the holiday in the same way. By increasing awareness of PTSD and showing compassion for those affected, we can create celebrations that are both enjoyable and respectful for everyone in our communities.

This Fourth of July, let's celebrate with gratitude, understanding, and consideration for our neighbors whose invisible wounds may make the sounds of fireworks more than just a festive tradition.

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Highlights of the annual White Earth Pow-Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

More than 970 registered dancers and 23 drums gathered for the 158th Annual White Earth Treaty Day Celebration and Pow Wow June 12-14. The host drum was Hochunk Station and the co-host drum was Leading Arrow. The 2025/26 Royalty are: Sr. Princess - Sophie Barrett, Jr. Princess - Tinsley Guinn, Sr. Brave - Charlie Hanks Jr. and Jr. Brave - Charles "Chucky" Auginaush.



Learning yoga at STEAM Camp



Photos by Nora Schulz

White Earth Tribal Public Health sponsored a STEAM Camp for youth on June 16-17 at Mahnomon Elementary School. Jackie Haugo taught yoga to K-2 graders on the 16th, and 3-8th graders on the 17th. Public Health sent home brand new yoga mats with all the students and teachers who attended the class.

RBC staff attend safety class



Photo by Kent Sundseth / Tamarac Us Fish & Wildlife

On June 16, staff from White Earth Natural Resources, including six seasonal interns, attended an 8-hour training for Non-Motorized Watercraft offered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Tamarac. The day included classroom sessions and on the water obstacles and skills training. This training helps staff bring valuable knowledge to share with White Earth youth looking to gain kayaking and canoe skills. Self-rescue and assisted rescue of capsized boats prepare students for real life scenarios.

Community gathers for annual Recovery Parade



The annual White Earth Recovery Parade was held June 11 in White Earth Village.

The theme of the parade was "Rooted in Tradition, Blooming in Strength."

The streets were lined with community members and kids enjoying the hunt of filling their bags with candy.

There was a long line of first responders and floats from the community and RBC programs.

The top three floats were Acute Care, White Earth MOUD MAT/MOMS, and Natural Resources.

After the parade everyone met up at the community center and enjoyed a picnic feast and a blessing of the Powwow Grounds.

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

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Supporting farmers markets strengthens community

By Eva Breakfield, LPN
Farmers Market Manager
Tribal Public Health

For generations, Indigenous people have understood the importance of living in balance with the land and supporting one another through community. Today's farmers markets continue many of those same values by connecting people directly to local growers, producers, and the foods that sustain us.

When we support farmers markets, we support our neighbors. Local farmers work hard to care for the land and provide fresh, healthy food for their communities. Purchasing locally grown produce helps keep dollars in the local economy and supports families who are committed to agriculture and food production.

Farmers markets also help strengthen our connection to the seasons and the natural world. They remind us that food does not simply appear on store shelves—it comes from the soil, the water, the sun and the dedicated hands that nurture it. This connection encourages greater appreciation for the resources we depend upon every day.

Beyond buying and selling, farmers markets serve as gathering places. They bring together elders, families, youth, artisans, and community organizations. These spaces create opportunities to share knowledge, stories, traditions and culture while building relationships that strengthen the entire community.

Supporting local food systems is also an investment in future generations. By encouraging sustainable farming practices and local food production; communities can help preserve valuable agricultural knowledge and promote healthier lifestyles for years to come.

Every visit to a farmers market is an opportunity to honor the people who grow our food and the land that makes it possible. By choosing local, we help cre-



ate stronger communities, healthier families and a deeper connection to the values of respect, stewardship and reciprocity that have guided Indigenous peoples for generations.

Together, we can support local farmers and cultivate a more resilient future for all.

Check out our local Farmers Market every week on Thursdays through September! Located in Mahnomen at the pavilion on main street from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy a free sample from one of our vendors each week and be on the lookout for information on special days at the market for seniors, kids, and community feeds. Our market accepts WIC Farmers Market; Market Nutrition Program Checks; The Food Group EBT/SNAP.

Circle of Life Academy hosts Immersion Camp



Submitted photo

Circle of Life Academy hosted a vibrant two-day Immersion Camp on June 9-10, bringing together 34 participants for an enriching experience centered on Ojibwe language and culture. Seven Ojibwe language speakers led engaging activities throughout the event, supported by several dedicated helpers who ensured everything ran smoothly. The camp created a welcoming space for learners of all levels to connect with the language in meaningful ways. The energy and enthusiasm throughout both days reflected the community's commitment to preserving and celebrating the Ojibwe language for future generations.

Valley View Manor

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Special Events

- Diabetic Bingo
 - July 1st —NTW
 - July 8th— White Earth
 - July 22nd—Rice Lake

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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

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

Guest Meals \$6
Elders Suggested Donation \$4

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“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program

Aabita-niibino-giizis (Mid Summer Moon) -July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	2 Sloppy joes Sweet potato fries Cucumber salad Watermelon	3 Closed for Independence Day 
6 Baked fish Rice pilaf Squash Dinner roll Plums	7 Pork chop Mashed potatoes Hawaiian roll Peas & carrots Fresh pears	8 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	9 Tomato basil soup Hot ham & cheese Fresh veggies w/dip Orange	10 Elders Picnic 11am-2pm W.E. Rediscovery Center
13 Taco salad w/fixings Chips Churros Sliced strawberries	14 Baked chicken Mashed potatoes W/gravy Rice pilaf Corn & Tropical fruit	15 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	16 Tuna noodle hotdish Breadstick Peas Apricots	17 Closed for Employee 
20 Chili Corn bread Spinach salad Fresh Pineapple	21 Tator tot hotdish Pickled beets Dinner roll Fruit salad	22 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	23 Birthday Lunch Meat loaf Baked potato Glazed carrots Donut Grapes	24 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green beans Breadstick Mandarin oranges
27 Brunch Biscuits and gravy Roasted root veggies Pastry roll Cottage cheese with Peaches	28 California burger w/ fixings Potato wedges Baked beans Berry parfait	29 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	30 Turkey Swiss sandwich w/ lettuce and tomato Potato soup Fresh fruit	31 Chicken alfredo Breadstick Mixed veggies Apple Slices

White Earth Food Distribution

July Store Hours

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

Nutrition Education with Shirley: July 6, 13, 20, 27

July 3 - Closed for Holiday

July 10 - Bagley, Naytahwaush home deliveries, no distribution at store

July 13 - Mahnomen, Waubun, Biimaadiiziwiin Home deliveries, no distribution at store

July 17 - Closed for RBC employee picnic

July 24 - Detroit Lakes, White Earth home deliveries, no distribution at store

July 31- Closed for inventory, no distribution at store

No distribution at store on Fridays

White Earth WIC July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-12:00	3 CLOSED	4
5	6 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	7 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	8 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	9 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	10 White Earth Health Center 8:15-1:30 (Appl request only)	11
12	13 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	14 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	15 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	16 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	17 CLOSED	18
19	20 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	21 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	22 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	23 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	24 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00 (Appl request only)	25
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1 p.m. **Grand Entry** (All dancers must be registered and dressed in regalia.)
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Master of Ceremonies: Darrel Kingbird
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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

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Almost 60 community members participated in the 23rd Annual White Earth 5K Run/Walk held June 13 at the Health Department building parking lot in White Earth. The overall winner was Randy Hagen Jr. with a time of 17 minutes and 29 seconds.

WE 5K Run/Walk helps kick off pow wow weekend

The 23rd Annual White Earth 5K Run/Walk to Fight Diabetes was held June 13. The weather was a bit cool for the helpers but perfect for the runners and walkers.

Hagen Jr. won 1st place overall in the Men’s category, and Marley Mindt won 1st place overall in the Women’s category.

All participants and helpers received a 158th White Earth Pow Wow T-shirt.

There were 59 participants at the event. Randy

Age		Men	Time	Age	Women	Time
5-14	1 st	Parker St. Clair	0:25:33	5-14	Adriella Kenney	0:40:16
	2 nd	Arthur Mustache	0:38:43		Niveah Buckanaga	0:41:00
	3 rd	Luke Mindt	0:41:38		Lainey Jay Mindt	0:45:45
15-29	1 st	Brandon Stenseth	0:18:25	15-29	Marley Mindt	0:19:02
	2 nd	Travis Bevins	0:19:09		Annalise Lehrke	0:19:45
	3 rd	Gordon Basswood	0:19:51		Anna Donner	0:35:03
30-39	1 st	Randy Hagen Jr	0:17:29	30-39	Nicole Jarvis	0:35:33
	2 nd	Jacob Jarvis	0:18:21		Lakei Sha Peterson	0:52:53
	3 rd	Curtis Rogers	0:18:47		Chaenna Hackney	1:10:16
40-49	1 st	Kevin J. Basswood	0:25:31	40-49	Michelle St. Clair	0:25:33
	2 nd	Micheal Mindt	0:41:38		Kelly Mindt	0:26:35
	3 rd	Bruce A. Turner	0:48:57		Katie Swor	0:27:12
50+	1 st	James Libby Sr.	0:25:47	50+	MaryAnn Basswood	0:27:50
	2 nd	Douglas Hamernik	0:50:00		Lisa Larson	0:41:20
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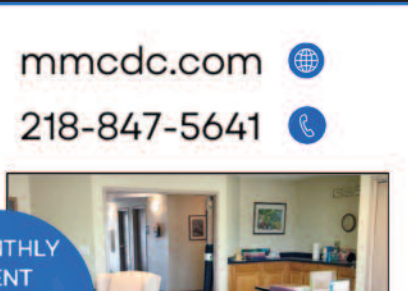
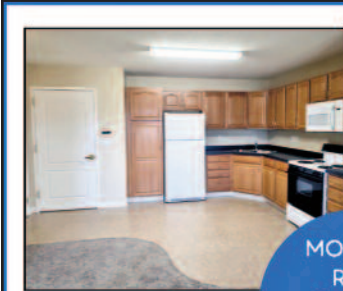
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- Mahanomen, Minn.

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FREE Minnesota Twins Youth Baseball Clinic!

The Boys & Girls Club of White Earth are excited to host a FREE Minnesota Twins Community Fund Youth Baseball Clinic for children ages 6–12.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn baseball fundamentals, develop their skills, and enjoy a fun morning of instruction and activity in a positive environment.

Date: Tuesday, July 21 / Time: 9-11 a.m.
Location: Barney Turner Memorial Ballfields, Naytahwaush

This clinic is open to everyone and there is no cost to participate. Space is limited, so be sure to register early by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visiting twins.com/clinics.

Transportation Options:
Parents who register their child through their local Boys & Girls Club site may have their child attend with that club site and travel with the group to the clinic.

Parents are also welcome to register their child independently and bring them directly to the clinic themselves.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Boys & Girls Club site.



Notice of Filing Dates for Election to the School Board

Independent School District No. 25

Ponsford, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 25 shall begin on July 14, 2026, and shall close at 4 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. At that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of three (3) years.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, P.O. Box 8, Ponsford, MN 56575. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

By Order of the School Board

Summer Safety:

Protect yourself from wood ticks and heat-related illness

By Savannah Leiser
White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

Summer in Minnesota is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors, but it also brings two common seasonal health concerns: wood ticks and heat-related illnesses. Taking a few simple precautions can help keep you and your family safe all summer long.

Watch Out for Ticks

Ticks are commonly found in grassy, brushy, and wooded areas. While not all ticks carry disease, some can transmit illnesses such as Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections.

To help prevent tick bites:

- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to spot.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes in wooded or grassy areas.
- Stay on marked trails whenever possible.
- Check your body, children, and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors.
- Shower soon after coming indoors to help wash away unattached ticks.

Pay close attention to areas such as behind the ears, around the hairline, under the arms, behind the knees, around the waist, and in the groin area.

If you find a tick attached to your skin, remove it promptly using fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with steady pressure. Do not squeeze, twist, or crush the tick. Clean the area with soap and water afterward. Contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, or a rash following a tick bite.

Heat Can Be Dangerous

Hot weather can lead to heat-related illnesses

when the body is unable to cool itself properly. Young children, older adults, outdoor workers, athletes, and individuals with chronic health conditions are at greater risk.

Signs of heat exhaustion may include:

- Heavy sweating
- Weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Headache
- Cool, pale, clammy skin

If someone is experiencing heat exhaustion, move them to a cool area, encourage them to drink water, loosen tight clothing, and apply cool compresses.

Heat Stroke Is a Medical Emergency

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and requires immediate medical attention.

Warning signs include:

- Body temperature of 103°F or higher
- Hot, red skin
- Confusion or altered mental status
- Slurred speech
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness

If you suspect heat stroke, call 911 immediately and begin cooling the person while waiting for emergency responders.

Stay Safe This Summer

Protect yourself by drinking plenty of water, limiting strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, wearing lightweight clothing, taking breaks in the shade, and never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle even for a short time.

A little prevention goes a long way. By staying aware of tick exposure and heat-related risks, you can enjoy a healthy, safe, and fun Minnesota summer.



Photo by Sannon Eck / Lens Lilly Photography

“I think you better just go”

My addiction started when I was younger with marijuana and alcohol. My alcohol addiction was the cause of my first time going to prison. After I got out, I eventually got into using hard drugs at the age of 26. I began using methamphetamine and later opiates. My opiate use started with prescription pills and later turned into other opiates.

My addiction to methamphetamine and opiates was the cause of my second time in prison. It didn’t change when I got out the second time; it got worse. I was in residential treatment 7-8 times in my life due to my addiction. There was a long while in my life I just couldn’t figure out how to stay sober. I would go to treatment and be sober for a while, but eventually I would relapse. I never really gave it any thought to why I would relapse. I guess every time I went to treatment I had it in the back of my mind that I was not done with using, so I guess you can say I was just wasting my time with trying, or not. I think I needed to go through that to eventually learn what I needed to do to stay sober.

In the summer of 2023, I went to do my comprehensive assessment and signed up to go to Acute Care. For about a month I kept dodging the workers that would come to get me to go. I did this for three weeks in a row. I would tell them I had to pack my stuff and ask them to come back in half an hour, then I would just leave. The fourth week I planned to do the same, but then my father told me “I think you better just go,” so I did.

My daughter has been my biggest motivation in my recovery. I wouldn’t be where I am now if it weren’t for her. My love for her keeps me going to this day. In my addiction I was not being a good father and that bothered me a lot and I would use to mask that guilt, until the day I decided I had to stop and get help so I could begin to be there for her the way she needed me to.

Since getting sober, I have earned my ADC 1 and became the counselor at the treatment center that I graduated from. I obtained my Associate’s degree at the White Earth Tribal Community College and am now signed up to attend courses at Bemidji State University, majoring in Social Work and minoring in Addictions. I begin that part of my journey on Aug. 24. I am so excited to start that. I am forever grateful for any and all who have been a part of this journey in recovery. If you need help, please reach out; there is hope.

Bruce T.



Know Your UV Risk

Low UV	1 2
Moderate	3 4 5
High UV	6 7
Very High	8 9 10
Extreme	11+

Stay Indoors!

Sun Safety Tips

- Avoid Direct Sunlight
- Cover Up When Outdoors
- Wear Sunglasses
- Use a Sunscreen That's 30+ SPF
- Drink Plenty of Water
- Avoid Tanning Booths



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White Earth Elders attend Wisdom Steps Conference at Black Bear Casino

By **Paulie Neisen**
White Earth Tribal Public Health

Lucille Silk, Pam Annette, Jean Bakken, Emily Annette, Colleen Blattenbauer, Karen Houle, Yvonne Estey, Pat Fineday, Keven Fineday, Bobbi Thompson, and Joan Thompson recently attended the Wisdom Steps Conference at the Black Bear Casino in Fond du Lac. Those who qualified and were planning on attending the event, but had other obligations preventing them from attending were Barb Hanks, Janet Hanks, Barb Thompson, and Millie Roy.

On the bus ride to the Black Bear Casino the passengers got to see a black bear running across the road south of Floodwood, Minn. I was told that was good luck, it did not give me any luck with the machines.

Tuesday afternoon we checked into our hotel rooms and received our Wisdom Steps Conference bags. Elders from other Tribal Nations had the option of doing one or more of the following: Minnesota Stories Collective, fingernail painting with Tara Fineday-Voight, free haircuts or playing bingo. Most chose playing bingo.

On Wednesday morning after the opening ceremony, we were treated to a wonderful breakfast of eggs, cheesy hash browns, assorted muffins, oatmeal, bacon and sausage.

The morning breakout sessions included the following: 1. Trust, Wills and Probates by the MN Board on Aging Anishinaabe Legal Services. 2. Boarding School by Serene Thin Elk and the National Native Boarding School Healing Coalition, 3. Strong Minds, Strong Communities with

Cliff Whetung, Curve, First Nation, UMD Memory Keepers, Medical Discovery Team, 4. Ten Warning Signs of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease by Earlene Buffalo and Karen Bedeau, with Northwoods caregivers, 5. It's That Easy by Tara Fineday with Minnesota Planned Parenthood, 6. Elder Falls Prevention by KaRee Liimatainen with FDL Community Health, 7. Preventing Fraud and Scams by Lauren Holden with MN Aging Pathways, 8. Virtual Dementia Tour, with Elder Circle Grand Rapids

The afternoon breakout sessions included repeats of 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9. In addition to Men's Health by Cyndy Rastedt and Lisa Braun with White Earth Public Health, 10. Sexual Abuse in The Community by Jaimie Meyers with Support within reach 11. Light Exercise and Physical Therapy by Kelly Burgner with FDL Community Health, 12. Therapeutic Poetry by Antonio Brizman 13. Dementia Friends by Lori Kangos Olson with the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging.

Wednesday evening, we were treated to a fish and steak strips dinner buffet. The Alan Allery Award was presented, followed by a Native Fashion Show by Makoonz Creations LLC /Diana Yerbich. There was also caricature artists and silent auction items to bid on.

On Wednesday morning the early risers had the option to go for a mile walk near the casino. We were again treated to a delicious breakfast, door prize drawings, and the Traveling song by the Fond Du Lac Drum Group – Debwewidang, then the Veterans Honor Guard retired of the colors.

About 11 a.m. we returned to the bus and headed back home to White Earth.



Photo by Paulie Neisen

Several White Earth Elders recently attended the annual Wisdom Steps Conference at the Black Bear Casino in Fond du Lac.

COLA introduces new kindergarten teacher

Circle of Life Academy is excited to introduce our new Kindergarten teacher for the 2026-27 school year! Kris brings years of experience in culturally infused education and mental health services. She's not a new face in the building but she'll be taking on this new role in our Elementary wing and we're looking forward to a year full of amazing things for our youngest learners.

Hello everyone! My name is Kris Manning, and I am thrilled to be the new kindergarten teacher! I am originally from Pine Point and have been working at COLA for three years. My prior work experience has been in the mental health field, early intervention, and teaching 2nd grade and Head Start in Pine Point.

My teaching philosophy focuses on building a strong foundation for a lifelong love of learning while helping children develop both academically and socially. I believe in the importance of social-emotional learning, fostering skills like empathy and resilience alongside educational growth. By incorporating our Ojibwe culture and language into our lessons, I aim to enrich the learning experience and celebrate our heritage. I look forward to partnering with you and your children for a wonderful year ahead!



Kris Manning

White Earth Food Shelf July 2026 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
Closed	Closed	Closed	NTW	Closed
			11am-1pm	
			Sports Complex	
6	7	8	9	10
Closed	Callaway	Rice Lake	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	Nijji Radio	ENP Site		
13	14	15	16	17
Closed	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
20	21	22	23	24
Closed	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	M&W Gas Station		
	Congregate			
27	28	29	30	31
Closed	Waubun	Mahnomen	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	Community Center	College parking lot		

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.

Obituaries

Trey Marquecee Beauchamp

Trey Beauchamp, 16, of Naytahwaush, died June 9 at his home surrounded by the love of his family and under the care of HIA Hospice, following a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Trey Marquecee entered this world on Nov. 28, 2009, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the son of Randi Hariluk and Tracy Beauchamp. His elementary years were spent at Mahnomen Public School followed by Mahnomen High School. Throughout elementary and Junior High, Trey loved to play sports. He played basketball, baseball and football. Trey entered the 9th grade last fall at Mahnomen High School and during the football season he encountered some health concerns that led to further tests and a diagnosis of metastatic Ewing Sarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer.



Even though Trey was given some tough battles, he never lost his sense of hope, determination or his great sense of humor. He always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Trey truly loved the visits and support he received from everyone. He was lovingly cared for by many but the closest to him were his dad and stepmom, Tracy and Fawn, and auntie, Lyndsie, making sure Trey had what he needed and was comfortable. His face always seemed to light up when his favorite nurse, Joanna, would come by and he wasn't shy to ask her where she's been if he hadn't seen her for few days!

To know Trey was to love him. He was a smart, respectful, honest and outspoken young man who loved his family. People enjoyed being around Trey with his outgoing personality and sense of humor, he could make light of any situation. He was both a good student and athlete. Trey also enjoyed doing "boy" things like riding 4-wheeler and dirt bike, playing video games with his friends, shooting pool, hunting and he especially loved to go fishing. He also had quite the collection of shoes with some of his favorites being his Air Jordans.

Although gone from this life far too soon, Trey will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Trey is survived by his father, Tracy (Fawn Leslie) Beauchamp; grandma, Jacki Hariluk; grandpa, Paul Hariluk; brothers: James Thompson, Anthony Thompson, Tavion Beauchamp, Kennedy Leslie and Tracy Beauchamp Jr.; sisters: Tayanna, Taneah, Kenzleigh, and Serenity Beauchamp; many aunts, uncles, cousins, classmates and friends including Ayden Johnson, Trista LaFriniere and Furious Alvarado.

He was met with open arms by his mom, Randi; grandparents, Billee Weaver and Shane Beauchamp; uncle, Tonio Weaver and good friends, Jack Burnette and Michael Turner III.

All night wake services began on June 15 and continued until the time of the funeral on June 16, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Waubun City Cemetery.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Charlene Clarice Garbow

Charlene Clarice Garbow, 77, of Callaway, passed away peacefully at her home on June 6, following a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Charlene was born on Jan. 16, 1949, in White Earth, the daughter of Allen Smith Sr. and Margaret (Fairbanks) Smith. She spent her early years in the White Earth community until moving with her family to Herman, Minn., where she attended grade school. They later returned to White Earth where she grew up.



As a young woman, Charlene moved to Minneapolis and began building her future. In 1969, she was united in marriage to Joseph Garbow. The couple made their home in Minneapolis, where Charlene furthered her education and earned a degree in accounting. Together they were blessed with two children, and Charlene devoted herself to being a loving and active mother.

In 1986, Charlene and Joe's dream of homeownership became a reality when they purchased a home in rural Callaway. Having a place of their own brought Charlene tremendous pride and joy, and it remained her cherished home for the rest of her life. Throughout her career, she served the White Earth Tribal Nation in a variety of accounting and financial positions. Her dedication and professionalism were evident through her work with the Ojibwe Forest Products, the White Earth Finance Department, and later the Circle of Life Academy.

Charlene found great joy in caring for her family. She loved preparing large meals and gathering loved ones around the table. She enjoyed trips to the casino, coloring, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. Above all, her greatest happiness came from her grandchildren. She treasured every opportunity to watch them grow, attend their activities, and share in their lives. They were truly the light of her life. Charlene will be remembered for her kind heart, strong work ethic, unwavering love for her family, and the quiet strength she displayed throughout her life.

Charlene is survived by her daughter, Deanna Robinson; son, Jospheh (Christine); grandchildren: Arro, Cameron, Amber, Skyler, Haleigh, Takara, Melina, and Devin; two great grandchildren; brothers, Gordie (Dinah) Smith and Mark (Paula) Smith; sisters: Mary (Dennis) Zortman, Beverly (Danny) Stevens, Birdie (Gus) Bevins, and "Betsy" (John Guy) Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters: Doris (Robert) DeVall, Doretta (Thomas) Hanks, Regina (Delmar) Basswood; brothers, Allen "Tony" (Judy) Smith and Robert "Bobby" Smith; and several extended family members.

A memorial service was held at June 15 at the White Earth Community Center.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

TeeJay Ignacio Alvarez "Bazhwewewiidam"

In loving memory of TeeJay Ignacio Alvarez "Bazhwewewiidam," 31, of Fosston, Minn., grew up in Naytahwaush, which he has always considered home, left this world unexpectedly and started his journey to the spirit world on June 9.

TeeJay was a son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew, cousin, partner, and friend who meant so much to so many people.



TeeJay was an only son. He was deeply loved by his mother, Maria Carrisalez, and by his stepfather, Daniel LaFrinier, who helped raise him and shared more than 25 years of life with our family.

TeeJay was also blessed to share many special years with his girlfriend, Gloria Hanks, and with the cats he loved so fiercely, proudly calling them his children. Although TeeJay did not have children of his own, he helped raise his first niece, Kasenya and proudly referred to her as "his baby."

He attended elementary school at Norman County East and Mahnomen, and Mahnomen High School and ALC. He carried a strong work ethic throughout his life. Recently he worked at the Fosston MDV, where he loved his job and his coworkers.

He believed in showing up, working hard, and helping

others whenever he could. Family and friends were important to him, and he genuinely enjoyed being around the people he loved.

If you knew him, you knew he loved music. Music was a big part of who he was, and Eminem was his favorite artist. He could connect with people through music, laughter, and conversation. He had a love for a variety of movies, especially Marvel movies. He has always enjoyed and been a huge fan of Grand Theft Auto and other video games.

What stands out most when you think about TeeJay, is his heart. He helped people even when he was struggling himself. He understood hardship, and because of that, he showed compassion to others. He was the kind of person who would give what he had, offer support when someone needed it, and stand beside people who felt alone. His heart was bigger than this world.

He loved fiercely. He loved his family, friends, cats and his girlfriend. He loved being surrounded by the people who mattered to him. The love he gave will continue to live on in all of us. He had a natural ability to make people laugh, even during difficult times. His sense of humor, laugh, and smile could lighten a room and bring people together.

He is survived by his mother, Maria (Daniel); sisters, Marisa, Melissa, and Anessa (Donnie); bonus sister, Nicole; bonus brothers, Lyman and Grant; nieces: Kasenya, Jada, Gabriella, Elora, Adoness, Anna Lee, Anavera, and Ayla; nephews: Donald III, Dathan, Darrian, Dastan, Zylus, DeMarieus, DeMarion, and Cassius; grandmother Enedelia;

aunts: Vanessa (Michael), Lee Anna (Jordan), and Laura (Saul); uncles, Ricky (Brittany), and Andres (Savannah); great-uncles: Ismael, David, and Rodolfo; great-aunts: Juanita, Maria, Velia, Leticia, and Elvahis; loving girlfriend, Gloria; along with many bonus nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends who loved him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ignacio; grandfather, Enrique; great-grandparents, Dagoberto Sr. and Juanita; great-uncles, Dagoberto Jr. and Isreal; great-aunt, Sandra; bonus brother, Travis; cousin Ariel; and close friends: Phillip Jr., Adam, Andrew, Sonya, Danielle, Derrick, and John whom he never forgot.

Although our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing that love does not end when life ends. The memories he gave us, the laughter we shared, the lessons he taught us, and the love he showed us remain.

TeeJay was deeply loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Until we meet again, we will carry you with us, in our hearts, in our stories, and in the love of our family.

May the loved ones waiting for him wrap him in their arms as he rests peacefully.

An all-night wake was held on June 17 and continued until the time of the funeral service on June 18, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

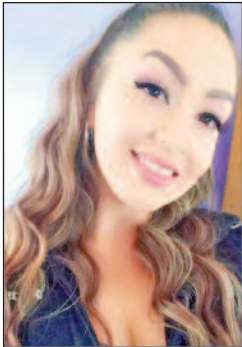
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Hope Christine DeGroat

In loving memory of Hope Christine DeGroat, who left this world unexpectedly on June 3. Born on Feb. 28, 1990, at North Memorial Hospital in Robinsdale, Minn., Hope’s life, though brief, was filled with laughter, love, and boundless generosity.

Hope was the cherished daughter of Tina Klingensmith and the late Floyd “Fritz” DeGroat. Her father’s passing, alongside her beloved maternal grandparents, Doris and Arthur, paternal grandparents, Donald and Bernice, and her aunts Penny and Lorraine, as well as uncles Kenny, Dennis, and Donnie, preceded her departure. In their absence, she found strength and solace in the love of her surviving family.



Hope’s legacy lives on through her four wonderful children: Isaac, Alejandro, Audrina, and Allie, who were the light of her life. She was a mother whose love knew no bounds, and she leaves them with the cherished memories of laughter, warmth, and endless love.

She is survived by her mother, Tina; stepfather, Richard and bonus father, Ej, whose unwavering support and love shaped the woman she grew to be. Her siblings—Floyd, Christine, Faith, Joy, Charity, Harmony, Ernest, Stanley, and brother in law Brandon—formed a close-knit family that shared countless moments of elation, laughter, and adventure. Her nieces, Taylor and Emily, and nephews Malikai, Marcus, Mason, Gabriel, and August carry forward the bonds of family that were so important to her.

Hope attended Buffalo High School and later earned her GED, further continuing her education at White Earth Tribal and Community College. Her love for learning was evident in her curiosity and zest for life. Fishing, movie nights with her sisters, beach days with her kids, and travel adventures filled Hope’s days with bliss. She had a special talent for makeup and fashion, always embracing the opportunity to get dressed up and celebrate life. Known for her quick wit and dark sense of humor, Hope was a beacon of light, making everyone feel welcome and included with her warm smile and unmistakable laugh.

She loved cooking big meals for family and friends. Her love for pranks and silliness was infectious, bringing laughter and levity to all who knew her. Hope’s kindness and generosity touched the lives of many, leaving a lasting impact on her family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her aunts, Kimberly, Michelle, Jeannie, Dorothy, Sheila and Liza; uncles, Donavan, Nathan, Daniel and Timothy; and countless cousins and friends join in remembering a life lived with love and laughter.

In this time of sorrow, we hold onto Hope’s memory with love and gratitude. She was a beautiful soul who leaves behind four beautiful children and a world made brighter by her presence. Rest in peace, dear Hope; you will be forever missed and eternally cherished.

A visitation and a wake was held June 10 and a funeral service was held June 11, both at the Anderson Funeral Home in Mahnomen.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Michael “Tony” VanWert

Michael “Tony” VanWert, 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family on June 18.

Born on March 12, 1950, Tony was raised in White Earth, and lived much of his life in St. Paul and Roseville, Minn. A proud member of the White Earth Nation, he was known for his intelligence, strong work ethic, and strong personality.



Over the years, Tony worked in a variety of fields. He served as President of the Upper Midwest American Indian Center (UMAIC), worked as a truck driver, and owned and operated an asphalt business. He was a hardworking man who took pride in providing for himself and his family.

A loving father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend, Tony will be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Tony was preceded in death by his sister, Rosie; brothers, Rick and Bruce; and many other beloved family members and loved ones.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Andersen (VanWert); mother, Ona Richards; brother, Paul Richards; sister, Kadji Richards; grandsons, James and Jacob; granddaughter, Josephine; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

His family finds comfort in knowing that he is now at peace in the loving presence of God.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, July 1 at the Church of Saint Peter in Forest Lake, Minn.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery in Forest Lake.
May God grant him eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon him.
Rest in peace, Tony.

Bertram Theodore LaFriniere

Bertram Theodore LaFriniere, 64, of Mahnomen, began his journey to the spirit world on June 2 from North Ridge Health and Rehab in New Hope, Minn.

Bert was born in Mahnomen on Nov. 9, 1961, to Eulalia (Brisbois) and Wilfred LaFriniere. He is the youngest of 11 children. Bert attended school at Mahnomen Elementary and Mahnomen High School. He graduated from the Auto Tech and Foreign Motors program at Detroit Lakes Technical School in 1981.



He became the proud parent to Kristian (Lafriniere) Elliot, his only child. He loved her with all his heart and was so proud of the young woman she had become.

Bert loved to travel and took every opportunity he could to see this great country. He would spend time with each of his siblings, wherever they were, finding work and making his way. He spent time in California with his oldest brother and his family and also in Washington state with sister, Jenny, and John Uruo. He lived on the big island of Hawaii for a year with Jenny and John.

Bert and sister, Carol, ventured to Port Isabel, Texas across the bay from South Padre Island for one winter. He loved the ocean and enjoyed eating jumbo shrimp at Dirty Al’s Restaurant there.

Bert loved to walk and ride bicycle. In his early years, he loved the stock car races and was in the pit crew. He also loved to ride motorcycle and snowmobile with family and friends.

In 2023, Bert had a heart transplant at Abbott Northwest in Minneapolis. He recovered in record time with no heart organ rejection. They were truly amazed at his quick recovery. In March, Bertram suffered an extended seizure that put him into a deep coma. He never recovered.

Bertram was a great brother and a good friend too many. He loved everyone, from children to teenagers and young adults to the elderly. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.

With his passing, he has been reunited with his brothers: Wilfred Jr., Dave, and Glenn; and sisters, Marge Roy and Josie Bellanger. His surviving siblings are Carrie Graham, Jenny (John) Uruo, Carol Mathre, Melody Lafriniere and Mary (Bucky) Tibbetts. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, all of which he loved very much.

May his spirit rest in peace and may we never forget Bertram Theodore LaFriniere. He was one of the good guys.

A Time of Gathering was held June 18 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. Funeral services for Bert were held June 19 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne’s Catholic Cemetery in Naytahwaush.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Georgia Lickness

With deep love and sadness, we announce the passing of Georgia, 75, who died peacefully on May 31, surrounded by her family. Georgia lived a life marked by kindness, quiet strength, and a generous spirit that touched everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Georgia was born on Oct. 23, 1950, in St. Paul, Minn. She grew up on the East Side of St. Paul and attended Johnson High School. She worked at 3M for 18 years, where she began finding quiet ways to share her Native American heritage and uplift those around her. With the support of her sisters and brothers in the Native American community, along with her education and life experiences, she found her calling. She spent much of her life teaching and advocating for Native American culture and issues. She was a proud member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.



Georgia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Theodore; children, Glenn (Janis) and Michelle; grandchild, Theodore Robert; and her sister, Donna May Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel Cortez and Cordelia Coleman; foster parents, William and Ethel Clark; and brothers: Leo, Douglas, Sonny, and Grant.

Those who knew Georgia will remember her smile, her laugh, her compassion, and her devotion to Native American children. She moved through the world with humility, often working behind the scenes without seeking recognition, yet leaving a lasting impact wherever she went. She made ordinary moments feel special and had a gift for making people feel seen and loved. Her family takes comfort in knowing that her love will continue to guide them and others every day.

A celebration of life will be held July 25 at 11 a.m. at Carpenter Nature Center, 12805 Saint Croix Trail South, Hastings, Minn. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Indian Family Center.

Obituaries

Vickie LaRae Hvezda

Vickie LaRae Hvezda, 28, of Rice Lake, passed away unexpectedly at her home on June 16.

Vickie was born on Dec. 24, 1997, in Bemidji, Minn., to Susan Stevens and Nolan Hvezda. Vickie grew up Rice Lake and attended school in Bagley where she learned sign language through BRIC. She was a proud member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.



Vickie worked at the Shooting Star Casino. She enjoyed bingo, going to the casino, drawing, coloring, music, watching her favorite TV shows, garage sales and thrifting. Vickie was very well loved by all the children in the community and was well known as “Bop-Bop.” She had such a kind heart and bubbly soul. She was always seen with a smile on her face and children always gravitated towards her for hugs. Vickie loved spending time with her family, particularly with her nieces, nephews, and cousins. She will be missed tremendously.

Vickie is survived by her father, Nolan Hvezda; siblings: Amy Beaulieu, Sunshine Hvezda, Tiffany Hvezda, LaVina Hvezda, Macy Hunt, and Brett Frederick; special cousins: Dylan Hvezda, Dawson Hvezda, Darwin Beaulieu, Braxton Parker and Alicyn Hvezda whom Vickie played a big part in her life; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; foster family, Toni Fairbanks; and many other loved family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Susan Stevens; sisters, Elizabeth “Bambi” and Ada Louise Hvezda; grandparents, Darwin and Dorothy Stevens and Leslie and Veronica Hvezda; uncles, Harlan Hvezda and Harry Hvezda; aunt, Mona Stevens; and special cousin, Anthony Moytona.

Funeral services were held on June 24 at the Rice Lake Community Center.
Interment: St. Philip’s Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.
Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Stacey Ann Wadena

Stacey Wadena, 54, of Ada, Minn., died on June 21 at her home.

Stacey Ann Wadena was born Sept. 3, 1971, the daughter of Selim Keezer and Lois (Wadena) Brown. She grew up in Naytahwaush, where she attended elementary school. After graduating from Mahnomen High School, Stacey was blessed with twin girls, Bethany and Brittany. She would add a son, Codey and complete her family with another daughter, Julie. Over the years, she lived not only in Naytahwaush but also Fosston, Bemidji, and Crookston, Minn., and has spent the past several years living with her significant other, Andy, in Ada.



If you knew Stacey, you knew she had a big personality. She was somewhat of joker and prankster, was outspoken but could also be a bit stubborn and would find ways to get her point across for sure. She loved her dogs and spending time with family, especially all her grandchildren. In her spare time, Stacey enjoyed coloring, dancing, cross stich, and playing cribbage. She also cherished car rides with her kids, listening to 90s country, old rock or Christian tunes. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Stacey is survived by her children: Bethany (Steven) LaFriniere of Mahnomen, Brittany Wadena of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., Codey Lang of Twin Valley, Minn., and Julie Wadena of Ogema; 15 grandchildren: Natalia, Hayden, Gavin, Maddox, Emmitt, Ariette, Caidyn, Kingston, Cylis, Codey Jr., David, Justice, Isaac, Sebastian, and Adeline; significant other, Andy Simon of Ada; step-dad, Francis Brown Jr. of Naytahwaush; brothers: Sonny (Desi) Wadena of Naytahwaush, Aaron (Sara) Keezer of White Earth, Dylan (Shania) Smith also of White Earth, Reginald (Shalene) Brown of Naytahwaush, and Anthony (Applonia) Fairbanks also of Naytahwaush; sisters: Lolly (Mike) Johnson of Naytahwaush, April (Joe) Thompson of Naytahwaush, Fran (Sam) Brown of Naytahwaush, Jen Bode of St. Paul, Minn., Deanna Keezer of White Earth and Melissa “Mitz” Ironshield; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; including special bonus mom, Mavis Bush; bonus sister, Jana Rock; and aunts: Kathy Wadena, KK Sargent, Paula Smith, and Pauline “Tyne” Keezer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Salem “Manny” Wadena and Francis Brown III; sister, Anna Levy; grandmas, Avonelle Sargent and Lorraine Keezer; aunt, Bernice “Bun” Bellanger; and several extended family members.

Funeral services were held June 26 at Wings as Eagles Fellowship Church of Naytahwaush.
Interment: Brown Family Cemetery, rural Naytahwaush.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Dale Warren,
Notice of Petition and Hearing Notice
Court File No. **CP2024-00035, -00036**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 12, 2025, a Transfer of Permanent Physical and Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00035, -00036. A Pretrial Hearing on the matters is scheduled for August 3, 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: June 24, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land
In the Matter of the Estate of **Karen Townsend,** deceased Assignee.
Located at: 3057 State Highway 200, Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557
Legal Description of Tribal Land: S ½ NE ¼ NE ¼ NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 4, Township 144 North, Range 39 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: June 24, 2026

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 TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Monica Crowell,
Notice of Petition and Hearing Notice
Court File No. **CP2024-00035, -00036**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 12, 2025, a Transfer of Permanent Physical and Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00035, -00036. A Pretrial Hearing on the matters is scheduled for August 3, 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: June 24, 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:
Any Man Coming Forward as the Father of the Child of Monica Crowell,
Notice of Petition and Hearing Notice
Court File No. **CP2024-00035, -00036**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 12, 2025, a Transfer of Permanent Physical and Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00035, -00036. A Pretrial Hearing on the matters is scheduled for August 3, 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: June 24, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
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Obituary

Ernest “Ernie” Clark Sr.

Ernest “Ernie” Clark Sr., 81, of Callaway, passed away on June 21 at his daughter’s home under the loving care of his family and HIA Hospice.

Ernest Duane Clark was born April 17, 1945, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the son of Daniel and Rena (Spry) Clark. Ernie grew up in Callaway and attended school in Detroit Lakes.



Following his schooling, he entered the workforce. In 1965 he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served for two years and was honorably discharged in 1967. Ernie returned to Callaway and his job at Tomlinson Lumber.

On Aug. 4, 1990, Ernest was united in marriage to Deborah Tonstad. He embraced Deb’s five children like his own and together they were blessed with a son, Ernest Jr., to make their family complete. They made their home together in Callaway where Ernie continued working at the lumberyard. Following the closure of Tomlinson Lumber, Ernie began working for Foltz trucking until his retirement.

Ernie loved to fish and go hunting with his buddies. In his younger years, he and Deb enjoyed going to WE Fest and spending time together with Deb as

his co-pilot traveling across the states for his job. Together they also looked forward to game nights, especially playing Triva Pursuit with Bob and Gretchen. Ernie will be remembered as a kind, caring and compassionate individual with a unique sense of humor. His loving nature will be missed by many.

Ernest leaves behind his children: Ernest (Raquel) Clark Jr., Lisa Torblaa, William (Mandi) Murray, Regina (Paul Pemberton) Murray, Gene (Melanie Schultz) Murray, and Brian Murray; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mary Green; a brother-in-law, Wayne (Gayle) Tonstad; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Deb; brothers, Bill Clark and Bob Clark; sisters: Dorothy (Bud) Watson, Ruth (Leo) Hutson, and Alice (Bob) Desjordins; brothers-in-law, Tony Tonstad and Jim Green; and nephew, Christopher Tonstad.

Blessed be the memory of Ernest D. Clark.

A funeral service was held June 26 at Assumption of Mary Catholic Church in Callaway.

Interment: St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Callaway with Military Honors.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Voting in Minnesota with a criminal record

By Kari S. Tomperi
Education Assistant
Park Rapids Area LWV

The Park Rapids Area League of Women Voters (LWV) works to educate and inform voters of the rights and responsibilities of every individual who wants to vote. Voting eligibility is an important concern and a frequently asked question is how to vote with a criminal record.

In 2023, Minnesota passed a law restoring voting rights to individuals convicted of felonies immediately upon their release from incarceration. This law allows felons to vote without needing to complete probation or pay fines, marking a significant change in the state's voting rights policy. The law was upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court, affirming that felons can regain their voting rights upon completion of their prison sentences.

Here is a list of some of the frequently asked questions:

Can I Vote If...

I was charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor? **YES**

I’m in jail, but am not currently serving a felony sentence? **YES**

I’ve been charged with a felony, but I haven’t been convicted? **YES**

I’ve been given a stay of adjudication? **YES**

I finished all parts of my felony sentence in another state? **YES**

I finished any incarceration required by my felony sentence, and am currently on work release, probation, or parole? **YES**

I am currently incarcerated serving a felony sentence? **NO**

I am currently incarcerated because my parole or probation for a felony sentence was revoked? **NO**

My stay of adjudication was revoked and I’m currently serving a felony sentence? **NO**

Voting After a Felony Conviction

As soon as you are no longer incarcerated, you can vote. Even if you are in a work-release program, you can vote. It is important to note, you will need to be registered to vote. It is best to register at least 21 days before Election Day, but it is not required. Visit mnvotes.org to register, or call 1-877-600-VOTE for help. Sometimes it is not clear whether a felony charge results in a felony conviction. If you are unsure, you may want to seek legal advice from an attorney. In summary, your criminal record does NOT affect your right to vote in Minnesota unless you are currently incarcerated serving a felony conviction sentence.

Our voices are equal at the ballot box, and we could all use some help making sure our voices are heard. VOTE411.org is the League’s one-stop-shop where you can find all the information you need to cast your ballot. Check your voter registration, find your polling place, learn about candidates, and more. It's virtual, nonpartisan, and available in both English and Spanish. The LWV is a nonpartisan organization, and therefore does not support or oppose political candidates or parties.

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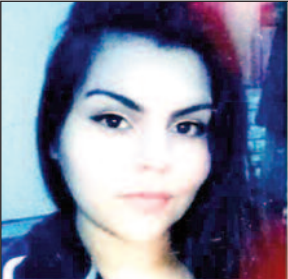
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Happy Heavenly **30th** Birthday
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Happy Birthday
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July 5th

Happy **5th** Birthday
Emani
Love - Mom, Dad, Gramma, Papa, and all your Sisters
July 12th

Happy **2nd** Birthday
Jasper Klockmann

Love grandma Chey and Grandma Millie

July 5th



Happy Birthday
IRENE LAROQUE
Love you Mom!! (July 4th)
From Chels, E, Dad & Mimi





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Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Input Needed

We are developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan to reduce wildfire risk and protect our community, lands, and natural resources. Your input will help identify risks, set priorities, and guide actions to better prepare for wildfires.

WHY YOUR INPUT MATTERS

- Help to identify wildfire risks in your area
- Share local knowledge and concerns for plan input
- Help protect homes, forests, and cultural resources
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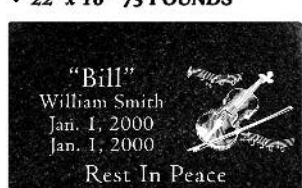
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Eagle View Township

Three positions on the Eagle View Township board will be up for election in November - two supervisors and the treasurer.

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Gail Gardner, Clerk
Eagle View Township

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BASKETBALL CAMP

July 23rd - July 25th

July 23rd - PONSFORD (Pine Point Boys & Girls Club)
July 24th - NAYTAHWAUSH (Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club)
July 25th - WHITE EARTH (White Earth Boys & Girls Club)

Session 1: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (3rd - 7th Grade)
Session 2: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (8th - 12th Grade)

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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. the Greenway Township Hall in Marble, Minn.

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

July 1 st , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
July 8 th , Wednesday	White Earth
July 22 nd , 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.

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 in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 elder meal.

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.

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 July are...

Dr. Ung (foot Doctor) Clinic

July 13th, White Earth Tribal Health Building
July 14th and Morning of July 15th Naytahwaush I.H.S. Clinic
July 15th afternoon and July 16th Rice Lake 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 6/8/26



Charter School Openings

Naytahwaush Community Charter School is located on the White Earth Indian Reservation and is in a beautiful area with clear lakes and forest. NCCS is a community school focused on educating the whole-child and embeds cultural and trauma-informed strategies throughout the school day. We are seeking caring, committed teachers to join our educational team.

NCCS offers a base salary of \$50,014; all experience and masters level education credits beyond a bachelors will be acknowledged for placement on the salary schedule. Benefits include a fully paid single health insurance policy, LTD, STD, life insurance, PTO and ability to purchase group rate vision and dental.

Current positions

First Grade Teacher
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Ojibwe/Culture Teacher
Special Education Teacher
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Technology Consultant
Indian Education Coordinator/Family Liaison

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JULY 18, 2026

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

AT THE MAHNOMEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free Events at the Mahnomen Public Library

Explore Sunflowers Learn All About How They Grow Tuesday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m.	Conductor Jack's Kids Dance Party Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m.
Make Your Mark: The Timeless Power of the Printing Press Wednesday, June 3 at 3:30 p.m.	TRAVEL THROUGH TIME with your library's free Summer Reading Program! Read to win fun prizes and join us for programs throughout the summer.
Art is Timeless Mandala Dot Style Rock Painting Tuesday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m.	
Stories in the Soil Tuesday, June 16 at 12:30 p.m.	
Music is Timeless: Rock Around the Clock Tuesday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m.	
The Lost Art of Creating Your Own Snack Foods Tuesday, June 30 at 12:30 p.m.	
Nature is Timeless with Itasca State Park Staff Tuesday, July 7 at 12:30 p.m.	



Thank You

To our dear friends and family - our family wishes to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible kindness. Thank you for the generous donations, the delicious food, and the overwhelming love and support during Michael's funeral. Knowing Michael was so loved has helped us through this, and your support allowed us to focus on honoring him.

With love,
The Azure Family

Meet Clearwater County Sheriff Candidate Adam Gunderson

Thursday, July 16 • Rice Lake Community Center



Clearwater County residents are invited to meet sheriff candidate Adam Gunderson at a town hall event on Thursday, July 16, at Rice Lake Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., event begins at 7.

The evening will start with a brief presentation on Gunderson's background, leadership experience, and vision for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Afterward, residents may ask questions, share concerns, and discuss key issues.

Gunderson, Police Chief for the City of Bagley, has 25 years of law enforcement experience, including 21 years as police chief, and 21 years of service in the Minnesota National Guard. He is a descendant of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe and is committed to transparent, experienced leadership focused on public safety.

The event is free and open to all.
Learn more at www.gundersonforsheriff.com.

2026 COMMUNITY PICNICS

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

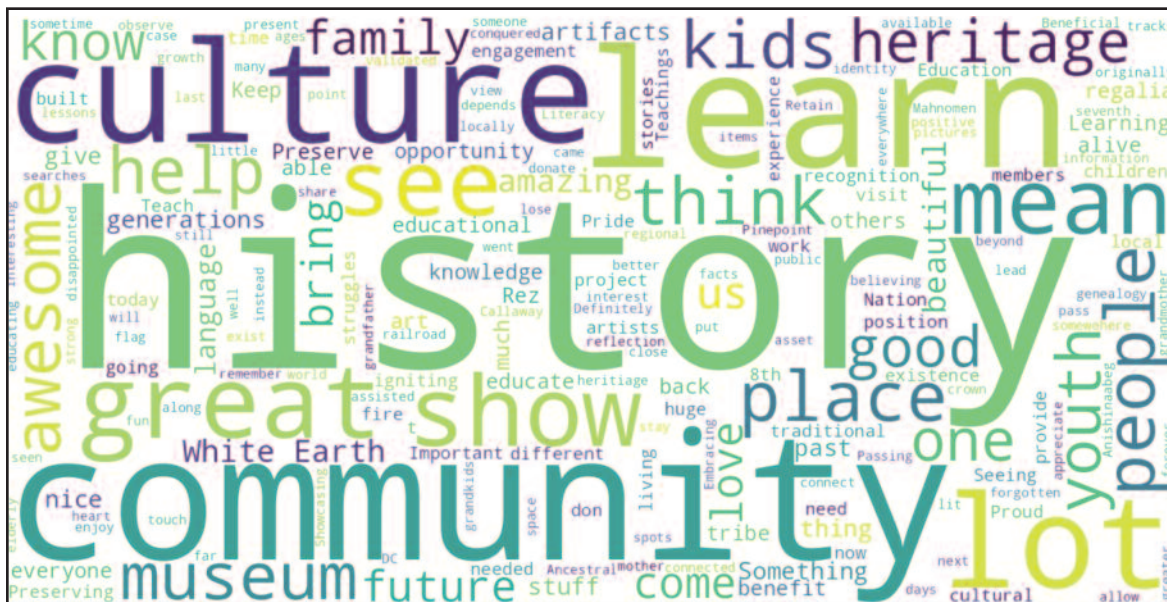
Rice Lake Thurs, May 14 th	Community Center
Waubun Thurs, June 18 th	Community Park
Mahnomen Wed, July 1 st	Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot
Callaway Thurs, July 16 th	Softball Fields
White Earth Wed, July 22 nd	New Park
Pine Point Thurs, August 6 th	Powwow Grounds
Elbow Lake Thurs, August 20 th	Elbow Lake Shelter
Naytahwaush Wed, September 9 th	Sports Complex



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Boozhoo. It was wonderful connecting with so many community members during the State of the Nation gathering. The positive feedback, thoughtful conversations, and all the completed surveys were truly appreciated. Miigwech to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and hopes for the future. We would like to sincerely thank the many individuals whose hard work over the years has transformed this vision into a reality. These projects require significant time and effort, and we owe where we are today to your steadfast commitment.

We are so excited to move forward with the White Earth Museum Project entitled: White Earth Cultural Heritage & Healing Center. This project aims to create a dedicated space to honor, protect, and share the history, culture, artifacts, and stories of the White Earth Nation. Community input is essential to shaping what this museum could become, and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to help guide its vision.

To support this effort, a Capital Campaign is being developed, and every contribution will help move the project forward, and a donation link will soon be available on the White Earth website for those who prefer to contribute online, and even small

Community support will play a major role in turning this vision into reality, we know many community members also have items, photographs, documents, or cultural pieces that they may be interested in donating or lending in the future. These contributions will help make the museum a meaningful and accurate reflection of our shared history.

For those who would like to share ideas, provide feedback, express interest in donating items, or contribute financially to the project, we will be setting up an email address for your convenience, until then, feel free to stop by the Education or Economic Development offices at the RBC headquarters.

Community voices are already shaping this project, and your continued participation is vital at every stage. The word cloud below highlights the key themes from our conversations with you at State of the Nation. In this graphic, the size of each word corresponds directly to how frequently it was shared, the larger the word, the more often it was emphasized by our community members.

Chi-miigwech,
Cultural Heritage & Healing Center Team

Having fun learning water safety on White Earth Lake



Photo by Madison Fairbanks

On June 22, Natural Resources utilized Rediscovery Beach on White Earth Lake to teach the first Non-Motorized Water Safety course of the summer. The youth participants from the Waubun School learned how to paddle kayaks and canoes the correct way, self-rescue tactics, and vessel maintenance. Learning these skills at a young age is crucial for water recreation, wild rice harvesting, leeching, and overall water safety. Each participant went home with a certificate of completion and are now confident with their water recreation skills. This event was a lot of fun, and the youth enjoyed the cold water and warm weather! Get in touch with Natural Resources for more information on how to host a water safety class within your community.

A group of children and adults are holding a banner that reads "WAHBAHNONG HEAD START DAY BREAK WAU BUN". The banner features a central graphic of a person silhouetted against a rising sun over water, flanked by two feathers. The children are dressed in traditional Native American clothing, including beaded necklaces and patterned skirts. The adults are also wearing traditional attire, including a woman in a black shirt with a colorful design and a large, patterned skirt. The background shows a blue canopy tent and a banner that says "WELCOME".



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Annual Head Start Programs Pow-Wow was held June 4 at the Naytahwaush Powwow Grounds. The event brought together students, staff, family and community members. The new Head Start Royalty are Quinny Farley (Princess) and Braven Cloud (Brave.) Both are from the Rice Lake Head Start.