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Buyers line up at the Waabigwan Mashkiki store in St. Cloud, Minn., on opening day.

Waabigwan Mashkiki opens store in St. Cloud

A line of more than four dozen people outside Waabigwan Mashkiki snaked around the corner of the small strip mall in St. Cloud just before 10 a.m. on July 2.

That's when the doors opened to customers for the first time — the St. Cloud weed dispensary's opening day — marking the second off-reservation cannabis dispensary for White Earth Nation.

The store opened in a former LeafLine medical dispensary at 141 33rd Av. S. While medical marijuana became legal a decade ago, the Legislature legalized recreational cannabis just two years ago.

White Earth's cannabis company,

Waabigwan Mashkiki ("flower medicine" in Ojibwe), opened its flagship dispensary in Mahnomen, in 2023 and its first off-reservation store in Moorhead, Minn., in May. All the products are made in Minnesota at a facility in Mahnomen.

"It's another historical moment," said Zach Wilson, chief executive officer of the tribe's cannabis company. "This has never been done in the country."

Minnesota is the first to give tribes an early foothold in the recreational cannabis market by allowing them to operate dispensary.

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Thank you!

Oshki Manidoo Center (Bemidji, Minn.) would like to give a huge shout out to these hard-working White Earth Forestry workers who came to help with all the damage from the storm on June 21. The entire back forest is gone with snapped trees from the high winds and the campus has a lot of stumps uprooted with huge holes. Pictured from left are Daniel Snetsinger, Joe Starkey, Travis Roy and Kobe Weaver. Two co-workers were fighting fires in Utah and Oshki would like to thank them for helping others - Kael Snetsinger and Harry Stevens.

Photo by Derek Cornelius

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It's time for energy security, and cooperation

By Winona LaDuke

This winter promises to be a cold one in northern Minnesota. Federal cutbacks in energy assistance and additional power production will hit us hard. That Big Beautiful Bill will hurt Republicans and Democrats alike. Add some extreme storms, an aging grid, and we are really going to be hurting, especially if you need power in a rural area. Take Bemidji for example, that storm of the century with 106 mile an hour winds, knocked out power for 27,000 people. More will come.

Here's what's up: The Big Beautiful Bill will cost us money. Energy Innovation think tank along with the US Chamber of Commerce project electric rates for Minnesotans will increase anywhere from 25 to 42%, costing ratepayers \$2.6 billion over the next decade. The average Minnesota household could see its annual energy bill increase by more than \$400 by 2035.

The bill guts Energy Assistance. According to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, about \$125 million comes annually to the state for Energy Assistance, serving an estimated 125,000 families. Becker, Hubbard, Clearwater County, and Tribes like Red Lake and White Earth will be hit hard, where approximately 50% of the people are on Energy Assistance. That money is gone.

That's not just a hardship for Native families, it's a hardship for all of us, even Ferrell Gas, and Itasca Mantrap, who received major payments from Energy Assistance vouchers. That gravy train will be gone. And, in the end, it means tougher winters. Some Pine Point households pay over \$500 a month for power. Heat is even more on top of that.

There are some innovations and solutions coming from Native people, which benefit everyone. Take space heating for example. That's about 43% of the energy needs up north, and, that could be addressed in many households by adding some solar thermal to the individual house. That's an option that 8th Fire Solar is working on out of an Osage, Minn., manufacturing facility. The simple panels collect heat on a south facing wall, and then through a blower fan, push that heat into the house. Just think about it, most of the winter up north, it's sunny, but cold as heck. The fact is that solar thermal is one answer, and besides that, solar, it turns out works better in cold temperatures. That's a solution for household and industry heating needs.

Then there's big thinking for the grid. The reality is that power consumption is expected to increase by four-fold over the next twenty or so years. Pine Point Village has a solution. Pine Point School is building a resilience hub with solar plus battery storage. It is approximately 500 kilowatts (kW) solar and 2.75 megawatt-hours (MWh) battery storage. Local power, in times of rising outages and grid failures is the answer.

That's why the Pine Point Resilience hub is a good idea. The project plans an August groundbreaking and operations by winter.

A group of hardworking people from 10Power, 8th Fire Solar, and the Pine Point School raised all the money for this project. The solar panels are manufactured in Minnesota by a local company, Heliene, with Build America, Buy America (BABA) solar panels. This is a win-win situation for all of us.

Across the country, this type of project is increasingly common, as local communities, schools, even small industries are working to bring more electricity to the grid. A few years ago, Beltrami Electric joined Red Lake Nation and brought on line 275 kW of power to serve the community. More is coming.

Not every rural cooperative wants to work with tribes. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) recently scolded Minnesota Valley Cooperative for threatening to cut power to the Upper Sioux Community's casino if the tribe turns on the 2.5 MW solar array.

On July 26, the PUC voted 4-0 to investigate a complaint from Upper Sioux arguing that the threat by the Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association is illegal and discriminatory. The commission said it might resort to the extraordinary step of taking away Minnesota Valley's right to serve the tribe with power and giving it to another provider, such as nearby Xcel Energy. The commissioners then asked state attorneys to take legal action if necessary to prevent a shutoff.



At 500 kW, the Pine Point Solar Project will be the largest solar project on the grid for Itasca Mantrap and the first with energy storage. This project, on the White Earth reservation is also under the regulatory of the White Earth Public Utilities Commission, which supports the generation of local power like this.

The project is intended to support the Pine Point Elementary School, which pays a considerable bill because the school is 100% electric. Itasca Mantrap and their power supplier, Great River Energy, will purchase the excess solar energy at the minimum mandated PURPA rate. They have not yet designed a program for batteries, so the 2.76 MWh energy storage capacity at the Pine Point School cannot be fully utilized today to provide resilience and cost-saving benefits to the grid and other customers within their territory. It is our hope that the battery can be included in an upcoming pilot program, although Great River Energy has indicated they are designing the pilot for smaller batteries. Itasca Mantrap did recently sponsor a workshop on solar, with Wolf Creek Solar. Having locally generated, clean power is good for everyone. Now is the time.


Let's review the challenge: Most of us are energy addicts. Pine Point got power in 1961, because of our cooperation. Since we got those power lines, we've been lapping it up here in the north, and today, most of our households use a good chunk of power, not just for lights, but also for all sorts of appliances. And, increasingly, many of our people need power for some medical devices. When a blackout happens in the middle of winter it's going to be deadly.

So, what's wrong with bringing more renewable energy online, power to the people so to speak? Bob Blake, AKA Solar Bear, a Red Lake Tribal member, and one of the largest solar installers in Minnesota is positive, "Renewables are the future. And to invest renewable energy is to invest in the future..."

Let's all step forward together, it's time for energy security, and cooperation, the same cooperation that built the rural cooperatives and our communities.

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zookaanag.
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Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See
You!
It is already August - Ricing Moon!
Everyone Be Safe.

The Memegwesi (Little People) can do magnifi-
cent things whenever they wish and some say that they
can fly through the air and even live underwater if
they want. Other stories say that they can dig deep into
the earth and through the rocks as they please. If a per-
son sees a Memegwesi and is kind to them, the
Memegwesi will bring them good luck.

It is said that there are three tribes of Memegwesi
— those that live in the banks beside streams and
lakes, those who live near the flowers and plants, and
those who guard the lands under the earth.

The Memegwesi who live in the banks are very
strong. They can uproot trees and can hurl great rocks
with ease. Sometimes they will challenge people to
tests of strength; the Memegwesi who live with the
plants help the berries to grow fat, make flowers
bloom and medicines to grow, and can show how
these can be used to help the people; and the
Memegwesi who live under the earth guard against
serpents and monsters who live in the darkness below
from coming to the surface and harming people.

Sometimes, deep in the woods, you find a tree
around which no grass will grow. These trees are
sacred to the Memegwesi and are places where their
dance ring has been formed. Care must be taken not to
cut these trees down because they are sacred to
memengwesiwag. (Courtesy of Mishkiki)

Promising Outlook for 2025 Manoomin
Harvest Season

This year's stands of Manoomin are showing
strong potential, with the pollination process now
underway. Thanks to an abundance of rainfall, water
levels at Lower Rice Lake have remained stable
throughout the growing season. While parts of the
Tamarac Wildlife Refuge experienced some impacts
from the heavy summer rains, overall, wild rice stands
across the Reservation are thriving—setting the stage
for another successful harvest.

Several major infrastructure projects were com-
pleted this year at Lower Rice Lake through a collab-
orative effort involving the White Earth Wild Rice
Committee, Roads Department, Water and Sewer
Department, Forestry Department, Wild Rice
Department, Agriculture Department, and the Natural
Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

At Ponsford and Bush Landings, wood corduroy
walkways with gravel overlays were installed, provid-
ing improved access to the water's edge. Boulders
were strategically placed at the start of each walkway
to prevent damage from ATVs and UTVs. Parking
areas were also expanded to improve traffic flow and
accommodate more vehicles.

Additionally, the old channel at Big Bear Landing
was reopened after years of overgrowth, allowing
ricers to travel directly from the parking area to the
lake. All four landings are now equipped with poles
that will support solar-powered lights and navigation
flags. Each site will also offer two porta-potties for
ricer convenience.

With these enhancements and favorable growing
conditions, the community looks forward to a safe and
productive Manoomin harvest season.

White Earth Nation Strengthens Air Quality



Awareness Amid Canadian Wildfire Smoke

Lately, our air quality has been impacted by
smoke drifting south from wildfires in Canada, result-
ing in hazy skies and a noticeable smoky smell on cer-
tain days. This air is not healthy to breathe—for us or
for all our relatives. It serves as a warning from Mama
Aki, our Mother Earth, that something is out of bal-
ance.

As climate change accelerates, we are witnessing
longer and more intense droughts, rising temperatures,
and an increase in lightning strikes—conditions that
contribute to the growing number and severity of
wildfires across the continent.

The White Earth Air Quality Program is commit-
ted to protecting the health of our community during
these smoke events through education and outreach.
Air Quality Environmental Coordinator Amber Eken
is leading efforts to make White Earth a “smoke-
ready” nation. A key part of this readiness is staying
informed about daily air quality conditions.

To support this, four PurpleAir sensors have been
installed across the White Earth Nation - in
Naytahwaush, Mahnomen, Ice Cracking, and Rice
Lake - with three more planned. These sensors moni-
tor PM2.5, a fine particulate pollutant found in wild-
fire smoke that can penetrate deep into the lungs and
bloodstream. Exposure to PM2.5 can worsen or trig-
ger heart and lung conditions such as asthma, COPD,
and heart disease.

It is vital that our community remains alert and
prepared for poor air quality, especially those in sensi-
tive groups - elders, youth, individuals with heart or
lung conditions, and those who are pregnant. You can
check current air quality conditions using the
“PurpleAir Map” or the “AirNow Fire and Smoke
Map.”

The White Earth Air Quality Program will contin-
ue to share air quality alerts issued by the Minnesota
Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on the White Earth
Tribal Health Facebook page. We encourage everyone
to stay safe during heavy smoke days and to cherish
the Nayese’igooyang - the air that is breathed by us -
when the skies are clear once again.

Miigwech White Earth Natural Resources
Department for the update.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Chi-miigwech bizindawiyeg miinawaa anooj
ninda-gikinoo’amaadiwin

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening and continuing to learn
together.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo.

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of serving as the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council and this is my 3rd Quarter report ending June 30. Our Fiscal year runs from Oct. 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Due to the fiscal year dates, the RBC must have a general fund budget in place by Sept. 30, 2024. This budget was approved by the Tribal Council and adopted by resolution on Sept. 27, 2024. The approved FY2025 budget is \$28,578,630. The budget approved accounts for revenues in the amount of \$25,444,188 which consists of Minnesota Tax Revenue and Minnesota State Impact Aid funding, Casino distribution and among other revenue sources.

This expenditure is incurred for departments that operate as non-profit, for the benefit to the band membership. This includes Education, Public Safety, general government, Human Services, Public Works, Economic Development, and culture among others. This allows for a budget deficit of \$3,134,442, which will be funded by distributions from the Shooting Star Casino. This deficit includes all capital expenses.

General Fund

This quarter FY25 budget for governmental activities ending June 30 is \$28.57 million with expenses at \$17.5 million with a balance of \$11 million. Total Capital Purchases in all funds: Land: \$6.3 million, building remodels: \$2.2 million, building construction: \$2.4 million, vehicles: \$1.5 million, and other equipment: \$1.1 million. Total purchases: \$13.7 million.

Gaming

Consolidated revenue for Mahnomen, Bagley, and all other gaming revenue for the 3rd Fiscal Quarter of FY25, ending June 30, was \$30.1 million. The consolidated expenses for the Quarter were \$25.6 million. Consolidated net income for the quarter was \$4.5 million; Mahnomen is \$3.8 million, and Bagley is \$703,000.

The budget throughout the 3rd Fiscal Quarter was \$89.8 million of revenue and \$81.3 million in expenses for a budgeted net income of \$8.5 million for the third quarter of FY25. YTD Revenue was \$3.2 million higher than the budget while expenses were \$5.7 million lower than budget resulting in net income being \$2.5 million higher than budget.

The Bagley Casino for the 3rd quarter ending June 30, earned \$3 million in revenue with expenditures of \$2.3 million. Bagley Casino has a net income for the quarter of \$703,000.

Shooting Star Casino cash on hand on June 30 was \$72.6 million. The cash on hand at the close of the last fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2024, was \$75.2 million. After Shooting Star Casino capital improvement spending and distributions to the White Earth RBC, cash has increased by \$2.6 million during the first half of the fiscal 2025.

The unaudited preliminary numbers are subject to change as the numbers are finalized.

ARPA (Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund)

This quarter FY2025 ARPA funds a cash balance of \$5.75 million with \$5.25 million in expenses with revenues balance of \$11 million.

Other Grant Funds

In this quarter of FY25, we recorded \$72.54 million in other grant funding while recording \$55.79 million in expenditure. The other grant funds consist



of grants from the federal, state, and local funding agencies. The funds are meant for a specific program, service, or activity and must be budgeted as such. Total accumulative grant revenues were \$160.33 million.

Behavioral Health

In this quarter of FY2025, we accounted for \$29.16 million in revenue while recording \$27.33 million in expenditure. The ending cash balance in Behavioral Health funds is \$55.25 million, in addition, there is an investment of 15 million.

Youth and Elder Funds

In this quarter of FY25, we have \$384,726 in revenue while recording \$82,055 in expenditure. This leaves us with a cash balance of \$302,671.

Moorhead Property Land Update

The Moorhead Property went up for auction in October 2024. Once notified of a property for sale, an analysis of possible sale process is calculated. There were three comparable sale reviews to determine the price. These parcels were sold in four parts equating a total of 280 acres. This investment is a great opportunity for gaming, economic opportunities, investments of land knowing the value of the land will continue to rise, and ag leasing.

Mitigation would be implemented to endure the protection of the aquifer.

The RBC continues to gather information on possible options and strategies. We will be setting up meetings for the members to discuss the Fee to Trust process, and to get feedback on the different opportunities.

Travel Update

Attended MCT/TEC Quarterly Meeting at Bois Forte, Fortune Bay Casino in May.

Local Meeting Attended

I attended the following monthly meetings: Gaming Commission, Council of Elders, White Earth Enterprise Board, and Waabigwan Mashkiki Board. Attend the Minnesota Governors update meetings every Thursday of the month and attended a monthly Consultation meeting with Minnesota Commissioner's per State Law 1065. I met with the Mahnomen County Commissioners, and also attended a meeting with the City of Mahnomen, intro with new Mayor Curt Uran.

I attended the Mothers Day Pow-Wow, Urban Annual Pow-wow and attended the 157th White Earth Annual Treaty Day Pow-Wow, all were great weekends of dancing and visiting with our membership from all over the country.

I would also like to say that I have been holding all divisions in line to stay within their approved bud-

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White Earth Reservation COMMUNITY MEETING Hosted by: White Earth Constitution Reform

Date: Wednesday, Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 4:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Location: Shooting Star Casino – Event Center

All tribal members are invited to attend; the meeting is to focus on constitution education and member input for the following topics that the Constitution Reform delegates are currently working on:

- ✓ Secretarial Election Education
- ✓ MCT Membership/Enrollment discussion
- ✓ MCT Constitution options

Please plan on joining us, meet the White Earth Delegate committee, share a meal with us. Your opinion, suggestion and ideas are needed, the meeting will be informal (Q&A), informational materials will be available, we hope to see you!

4:00-5:00

Meet & Greet

5:00 - 6:15

Meal

6:15- 9:00

Updates, discussion & and Q&A .

This meeting is hosted by the White Earth Constitution Reform Committee

Hunters Safety Class

HUNTERS EDUCATION/ FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATION

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20TH (1:00PM)

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YOUTH SAFETY CLASS AUGUST 20TH 2025

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NATURAL RESOURCES

A Hunters Safety Class will be held Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Mahnomen Rifle Range. Open to ages 11 years old and up. Must complete the online course found on the Minnesota DNR website prior to the field day! Contact Natural Resources to register with name, birth date, address, and age. The class will be open to the first 30 kids! After 30 kids are signed up we will start a wait list. Reach out to Justin.Keezer@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Miigwech!

The Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow is Aug. 9-10

News From District 2 Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe,

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) recently held its quarterly Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) meeting in Grand Portage, Minn. During the meeting, two new members were sworn onto the TEC. Chairman Carlos Hernandez representing Bois Forte and Secretary Treasurer Wayne Dupuis representing Fond du Lac.

TEC Resolutions

The Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) recently passed Resolution **XX-26**, which addresses the voter threshold required for a Secretarial Election, the only formal process for amending the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Constitution.

This resolution confirms that the TEC will now adopt the federal interpretation of voter participation requirements: the 30% turnout threshold applies only to registered voters, not to the total MCT membership.

What does this mean in practice?

If there are 100 registered voters, only 30 need to vote for the threshold to be met. This is lowering the bar for initiating constitutional amendments and making changes to the constitution.

For context:

In 2022, a non-binding referendum on blood quantum saw 7,470 participants, around 18–20% of the total MCT membership. Under the previous interpretation, more than 12,000 voters would have been needed to meet the 30% threshold. This resolution now makes it much easier to move forward with a constitutional amendment through a Secretarial Election.

Article 12 MCT Constitution

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT: Section 1. This constitution may be revoked by Act of Congress or amended or revoked by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior if at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote. No amendment shall be effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to call an election when requested by two-thirds of the Tribal Executive Committee.

Enrollments

The Tribal Executive Committee also passed Resolution 88-25, which approved blood degree



changes to recognize Red Lake blood toward enrollment eligibility. This resolution specifically applies to Leech Lake enrollments.

While updated total enrollment numbers were not provided, 179 individuals were newly enrolled into the MCT by various bands. The current estimated MCT membership is 41,087, with enrollment by band as follows:

Bois Forte: 3,658
Fond du Lac: 4,101
Grand Portage: 994
Leech Lake: 10,168
Mille Lacs: 5,140
White Earth: 17,026

White Earth Quarterly Meeting

The White Earth RBC held their quarterly meeting on July 25 at the Shooting Star Casino. A highlight of the meeting was the RBC approval of resolution 020-25-020 which recognizes Red Lake blood quantum for enrollment eligibility. Individuals can now go to White Earth Enrollments Department and request a blood quantum change.

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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 29, 2025, and shall close at 5 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2025.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of three (3) years.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, PO Box 8, Ponsford, 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 August 12, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Waubun & White Earth sites:
8 am to 4:30 pm

Rice Lake: 8 am to 4 pm

Pine Point: 8 am to 4 pm

Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 am

Lunch will be served from 12:30-1:30 pm

Snack will be served in the afternoon

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

Aaniin Anishinaabe. I hope this message finds you and your families well. It is an honor to serve as your District Representative and I remain committed to listening, advocating and working for the needs of our community. I'll be sharing updates on recent events.

Events/Meetings

7-2 Behavioral Health staff and I met in Pine Point to discuss office space, moving offices to create space for Pine Point Community Council projects and other BH services for our community members.

7-8 I joined our staff and elders at a Water Blessing ceremony at Lower Rice Lake. The ceremony was a reminder of our relationship with water and the responsibility we carry to protect it for future generations.

Carol Thompson, Boys and Girls Club CEO and I attended a City of Callaway meeting to discuss the Boys and Girls Club proposal and to formally request a letter of support for the development of a Cultural Center building.

7-14 The MCT Tribal Executive Committee and Subcommittee meetings were held in Grand Portage, Minn. As is customary each year, all meetings were conducted in a single day rather than being spread over two days. A formal contract is now in place for the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position. This will help with financial oversight this role will bring to support the continued accountability. Discussion included Secretary Election process and BIA Involvement and Constitutional amendment process.

Frustration was expressed despite tribe's desire for reform, the BIA dictates the process and has not accepted the tribe's suggested changes for years. Debate over whether the 30% threshold should apply to all eligible adult voters or only those registered to vote. A resolution was presented to clarify the Secretarial Election quorum thresholds. This resolution recognizes and acknowledges the validity of the BIA's quorum threshold calculations which are based on registered voters as opposed to all eligible voters. The resolution was adopted with a vote of 8 favor-4 opposed.

7-18 RBC employee picnic was held at the Shooting Star Casino. Due to the rain it was held indoors. I want to thank all the employees for the work you do each day for our community. Your hard work, dedication and commitment to serving our community day in and day out including evenings, weekends and holidays does not go unnoticed. A special shout out to the staff who helped plan and organize the picnic.

7-22 Tribal leaders and staff met with Attorney General Keith Ellison and his staff to discuss water management, and criminal prosecution in Indian Country. He formed a new Advisory Task force on the Future of Minnesota's Water. Will Bement from White Earth was selected to serve on the task force.

7-24 I attended the Natural Resources and Intertribal Buffalo Council Buffalo Harvest and Necropsy Training. Our elders helped cut the meat while community members removed the hide. I was amazed to learn about the many parts of the buffalo that can be used and eaten- so much more than I realized before.

7-25 White Earth Quarterly meeting was held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Agenda included: Tribal leader updates, updates from White Earth Council of Elders, White Earth delegates, community councils, White Earth Housing Authority, IHS, White Earth Tribal and Community College,



consent agenda. There was a motion to make a decision from executive session public. The WERBC formally adopted a resolution recognizing Red Lake Band of Chippewa blood quantum as eligible for enrollment consideration with the White Earth Nation. <https://www.whiteearth.com/news/white-earth-red-lake-enrollment-information>

In my opinion, this decision should not have been made in executive session. I firmly believe that tribal members deserve to be part of important decisions like this especially when it involves our future and Nation.

I do not oppose accepting Red Lake blood. What I wanted and still want is to hear directly from our tribal members. I did not have the opportunity to review the proposed guidelines in time, as they were not presented to me in a timely manner. That is why I chose to oppose the vote. I take my responsibility seriously and I do not say "yes" to anything without reading and understanding it. Transparency and community involvement matter. We owe it to our people to lead with honesty and respect.

This action follows the Jan. 28, 2025, amendment of the enrollment ordinance by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) to recognize Red Lake blood for enrollment in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This amendment allows each of its six member Bands including White Earth to independently decide whether to include Red Lake blood quantum in their enrollment criteria.

The MCT Enrollment Ordinance now defines "Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood" as blood derived from the six constituent Bands (Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth) or blood derived from any Chippewa Tribe in Minnesota, provided that the Band governing body has enacted a resolution authorizing the use of such blood for enrollment purposes. The MCT Tribal Executive Committee approved the ordinance amendment, empowering each Band to make this decision locally.

The White Earth Delegates will be hosting a dinner meeting on Aug. 20 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and meeting will follow. I encourage all tribal members to attend and participate in these important discussions. I've received questions about why all Ojibwe blood is not accepted for enrollment. The reason is that the current MCT Constitution does not permit it. The White Earth Delegates are assisting in informing our tribal members and are organizing meetings in each community to provide information and answer questions.

See Erickson Page 21

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

<https://forms.office.com/g/me96a35Qds>

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White Earth Reservation Business Committee announces significant changes in tribal enrollment policy

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee (WERBC) is pleased to announce a significant development in our tribal enrollment policy. On July 25, the WERBC formally adopted a resolution recognizing Red Lake Band of Chippewa blood quantum as eligible for enrollment consideration with the White Earth Nation.

This action follows the Jan. 28, 2025, amendment of the enrollment ordinance by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) to recognize Red Lake blood for enrollment in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This amendment allows each of its six member Bands—including White Earth—to independently decide whether to include Red Lake blood quantum in their enrollment criteria.

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What This Means for White Earth Members

Including Red Lake blood quantum in White Earth’s eligibility criteria broadens the interpretation of what it means to be “Minnesota Chippewa.” This decision aligns with Article II of the MCT Constitution, which refers to “Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood” and is not limited to the six MCT member Bands. The Red Lake Band has long been recognized as part of the Minnesota Chippewa people, and this action affirms that shared heritage.

Who is Affected

Effective immediately, the White Earth Enrollment Department will accept applications that include Red Lake blood quantum toward the one-quarter (1/4) degree requirement for enrollment, provided the applicant meets the other existing criteria.

This change may affect:

- Individuals who previously did not qualify for White Earth enrollment because their blood quantum did not include Red Lake blood.
- Families with shared White Earth and Red Lake lineage who wish to enroll their children or grandchildren.
- White Earth Tribal members with Red Lake descendency can now have their Red Lake blood quantum included in their total blood quantum calculation.

Enrollment Requirements (as of July 2025)

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria for enrollment consideration:

- Have at least one parent who is an enrolled White Earth member, and
- Possess a minimum of one-quarter (1/4) total Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood quantum (now including Red Lake).

Applicants must provide:

- A certified birth certificate
- A signed Release of Information form authorizing verification with the MCT Enrollment Agencies and/or relevant Tribal governments
- In cases where parent verification through documentation is not possible, DNA testing may be approved and administered by the White Earth Enrollment Department with full consent of all parties involved.

The White Earth and Red Lake Enrollment offices will now collaborate directly to verify blood quantum information and support the enrollment process.

This policy change reflects the WERBC’s ongoing commitment to inclusivity, cultural preservation, and the sovereign authority of the White Earth Nation to define its membership according to its own values and historical understanding.

If you have questions about how this change may apply to you or your family, please contact the White Earth Enrollment Office at 218-983-3285 or visit www.whiteearth.com.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman
White Earth Nation Council of Elders

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It was another busy month in July as we had the TEC meeting in Grand Portage, Minn. The bus was full and the trip was fun - we went to the boarder and just looked, we did not want to cross just in case they kept us! Just kidding, we weren’t sure if we could get through with our tribal IDs. We heard some people say they won’t accept them and then we heard they would, so we didn’t even try but we went for the long walk to see the water falls. That was exciting to see how powerful mother nature is at its finest.

We also attended the Water Blessing on July 8, with Dorene Day, that took place on the north side of the reservation. Joe Bush, Bongo, and Ponsford landings were blocked off with some downed trees from the storm. We went to the south side on July 22 at the Tamarac Refuge. Those that have not done this before should really get out next year and be a part of the blessing with the drum, singing and feast. You walk away feeling “in touch” with the land and renew your respect for our ancestors and their way of life - it was very moving.

Well, we looked at the survey results from the Elder Picnic and it was clear that people would like to see the elections take place at the Elders Christmas Party. There will be a table set up for your voting and you must have your Tribal ID. We are hoping to announce the results during lunch.

We are still seeking someone from each district to do a district report at the Quarterly meeting for the RBC so they can be up to date on what’s happening, what is needed and what you would like to see happen.

August is here and it’s going to be hot so be careful not to overdo it, rest and relax during the day and do the gardening and take care of outside chores in the morning and evening when it is cooler out.

The movie *Bad River* was played July 29 at the White Earth Congregate. We had popcorn and Dawn Goodwin brought in door prizes. Thank you, Dawn, the movie was great, and we appreciate all the hard work you put into keeping us updated on our waters and land.

Dean Villebrun is delivering picnic tables to all ENP sites for our enjoyment so please sit down and take some time to visit each other. Life is way too short. Thank you very much Dean, I hear you have bigger ideas in mind and can’t wait to see what you have in store for us next.

This is our meeting schedule for this year as follows.
Sept. 2, White Earth ENP site
Oct. 7, Rice Lake ENP site
Nov. 4, Elbow Lake ENP site
Dec. 2, Naytahwaush ENP site

All life is a circle. The atom is a circle, orbits are circles, the earth, moon, and sun are circles. The seasons are circles. The cycle of life is a circle: baby, youth, adult, elder. The sun gives life to the earth who feeds life to the trees whose seeds fall to the earth to grow new trees. We need to practice seeing the cycles that the Great Sprit gave us because this will help us more in our understanding of how things operate. We need to respect these cycles and live in harmony with them.

If you have something exciting happening in your area let us know so that we can get the word out.

Miigwech,
Tim Rindahl (Chairman) 218-261-0182

WHITE EARTH ABE SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAHNOON MAIN ABE OFFICE	Melissa all day Charlie all day Amy all day	Melissa all day Charlie all day Amy all day	Melissa all day Charlie all day	Melissa all day Charlie all day	Melissa all day Charlie all day
MAAADIZI WORKFORCE CENTER	Workforce Tutors all Day	Workforce Tutors all Day	Workforce Tutors all Day Amy all day	Workforce Tutors all Day	Workforce Tutors all Day
WHITE EARTH	Afternoons by appointment with Melissa, Amy, or Charlie	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes
CREATORS PLACE	Lindsey Tutor 9:00-3:00 Kay by appointment	Lindsey Tutor 9:00-3:00 Kay by appointment	Lindsey Tutor 9:00-3:00 Kay by appointment Amy Afternoons	Lindsey Tutor 9:00-3:00 Kay by appointment	No Classes
PINE POINT COMMUNITY CENTER	No Classes	No Classes	Amy Mornings	No Classes	No Classes
RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	Mornings by Appointment with Melissa, Amy, or Charlie
VIRTUAL	Mornings by appointment with Amy	Evenings by appointment with Amy	No Classes	Evenings by appointment with Amy	All day by appointment with Amy
White Earth Adult Basic Education Melissa Widner Manager melissa.widner@whiteearth-nsn.gov (218) 935-3576					

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT WALK

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AUGUST 8, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm
Waubun City Park



Photo by Melissa Widner

These Elders recently raised money to buy a portable keyboard for a Naytahwaush youth. From left are Theresa Loud, Myrna Smith, Ruthie Foss, and Susie Coleman. Not pictured: Marilyn Goodwin.

Elders raise money for a gifted pianist from Naytahwaush

By Melissa Widner

Every Tuesday in Naytahwaush, a group of dedicated elders gather to share stories, laughter, and connection—a tradition started over 11 years ago by Marilyn Goodwin during her time with DOVE. Even after her retirement, the group has remained strong, continuing their weekly visits and community involvement.

Recently, the ladies were following local news and learned about Jaime Littlewolf, a gifted young pianist from Naytahwaush whose talent has been gaining attention. Jaime regularly travels to perform at community events, bringing pride and joy wherever he plays. Inspired by his story and wanting to sup-

port him in a meaningful way, the elder group decided to take action.

With thoughtful teamwork and generous hearts, the ladies pooled their resources to buy Jaime a portable keyboard—a gift he could take with him to performances. On July 7 they presented the surprise to Jaime during a special visit.

In return, Jaime touched everyone's heart with a gesture of gratitude. He gifted each elder t-shirts and flash drives filled with his music, a token of thanks for their support and belief in him.

There are many other women who regularly participate in elder activities, each bringing their own stories, talents, and generosity to the group.

State Forest Nursery is purchasing seed & cones

Are you looking for an exciting way to get outdoors and bring home extra income? The Minnesota State Nursery, located within the Badoura State Forest near Akeley Minnesota, purchases seed and cones from the public to supplement the state's tree planting programs. In 2025, over 3 million seedlings were distributed across Minnesota and are now taking root in their new homes.

The Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is excited to share a wonderful opportunity to help the state nursery and interested individuals. The Hubbard SWCD has received an Environmental Education grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to promote and provide the resources for collection of seed and cones for sale to the nursery. With these funds they have created an online resource that has everything you need to begin earning extra income collecting seeds and cones. Included in the online resource is infor-

mation regarding when to collect, how to collect, where to collect, and the tools needed to collect. The SWCD is also offering collection kits, at various locations, which provides all the basic tools needed and they can be used for free.

The Hubbard SWCD will be at the Pine Point Pow Wow grounds for the Community Picnic from 5-7 p.m. on Aug. 7, with more information on seed and cone collection as well as a free nitrate testing booth (bring a water sample in a clean baggie for testing). The SWCD will also host a class on Aug. 19 starting at 1:30 p.m. at Bam'idizowigamig Creator's Place in Pine Point. This class will include information on seed/ cone collection and tree identification with discussions on how to address barriers for successful collection. The class will include a section how to use the online module and access resources that the Hubbard SWCD has created for seed and cone collection.

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Northwest Minnesota Foundation launches 'Retain' loan program to support existing child care providers

Bemidji, MN – Child care providers who have been in business for more than two years are eligible to apply for a forgivable loan to fund facility upgrades and improvements.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is now offering the Retain program as an expansion of its Child Care Finance Program to support existing child care providers and child care centers.

Loans are available up to \$10,000 for family child care providers and up to \$20,000 for child care centers. Loans are forgivable after five years, but repayment will be required for anyone who closes their business before the end of the loan term.

NMF anticipates demand will exceed funding available. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 14. Once submissions close, each will be scored for program alignment and impact. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of October;

those not selected will be placed on a waiting list should additional resources become available. Successful applicants will need to meet underwriting requirements.

Eligible applicants are child care providers who operate in Red Lake Nation, **White Earth Nation**, or the in the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomon, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake Falls, and Roseau.

Funding for this program has been provided by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Child Care Economic Development program.

For more details or to apply, visit <https://nwmf.org/business-support-loans/loans/child-care-finance/>

Winners named in annual Tribal Canoe Drawing

The annual Tribal Canoe Drawing was held July 23 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon.

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

There were almost 900 entries and White Earth Natural Resources Air Quality Coordinator Amber

Eken randomly picked the following winners: Blaise P. Neeland Jr., Alan C. St.Clair Sr., Donna L. Manypenny, Sean P. Sargent, and Usher Gordon.

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

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

Vig Guitars takes home gold in reader's choice awards

Vig Guitars got the Gold again!

The much-loved music hang out took first place in the 2025 Minnesota's Best Readers' Choice for Best Music Instrument Store. The annual contest is sponsored by the Minnesota Star Tribune. This makes three Golds and two Silvers, not too shabby!

White Earth Nation's very own Angie Vig and husband, Ted Vig are the proud owners of Vig Guitars in St. Paul, Minn. They are located at 595 Snelling Avenue North.

"Being a repair shop with retail means that our

specialty is repair. In fact, we are the largest music instrument repair shop in Minnesota, and maybe even the midwest," said Angie. Another specialty is Ted hand winds guitar and bass pickups and they have been selling nationwide!

Angie is also a board member in the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce and loves to meet other Native business owners and help with networking. "If you come to St. Paul - make sure to stop in and say "boozhoo," said Angie.



Photo by Jayme Halbritter

Angie Vig (White Earth) and her husband, Ted Vig inside their business located in St. Paul, Minn.

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(let's talk about raising children in a good way)

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Photo by Amanda Kent

The old White Earth Child Care building was recently moved to the new Child Care building located near the RBC headquarters. The building will house the White Earth Child Care/ Early Childhood Library and Play Spot. After renovations, the facility is expected to open in the summer of 2026.

New library hits the road for location change

By Carissa Winter

White Earth Child Care / Early Childhood Program Librarian / Curriculum Support

Get ready to dive into a world of knowledge and imagination! The new White Earth Child Care / Early Childhood Library and Play Spot building has been moved! Now that our building has been moved, we can begin renovations to bring a new fresh and inviting space to our community!

This isn't just any library, it's a haven for book lovers of all ages. What's more exciting? It will feature a dedicated children's learning area! This special section will be brimming with colorful, engaging books and interactive learning toys and tools designed to spark curiosity and foster a love for reading and learning in our young ones.

Our hope is for doors to open in summer of 2026, and a world of knowledge awaits!

August is Child Support Awareness Month

Since 1995, the United States has been honoring Child Support Awareness Month during the month of August. Former President Bill Clinton recognized this month on Aug. 5, 1995, in his official proclamation stating that, "Providing for our children is one of humanity's worthiest and most fundamental endeavors. Children are the best part of ourselves – the sum of our past and the promise of our future, the guarantee that our lives and values and dreams will flourish long after we are gone."

The Child Support Enforcement Program is coordinated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and is partnered with State and Tribal Child Support Agencies to ensure children are provided for and financially supported.

The mission of the White Earth Nation Child Support Program is to advocate for children and their need for regular child support and strives to improve their well-being.

The program's vision is to see that families receive culturally appropriate and effective services, and parents are motivated to provide their children with quality child support.

Some of the many services they provide include:

- Locator services for support purposes.
- Establishment of paternity, including confidential genetic testing.
- Establishment and/or modification of child support orders.
- Collaboration with other tribal, state and county agencies.
- Collaboration with the White Earth CARE program and White Earth Financial Services.

Contact White Earth Nation Child Support for

more information at 218-935-3512 or by mail at:

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Baaga'adowewin Field Trip to Premier Lacrosse League!



Saturday, August 23rd

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- ✈ Charter White Earth to TCO Stadium
- 🏑 Watch up to 2 pro lacrosse games
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- 🍽 Lunch & Snacks provided at no cost



Register by August 15th!
Ana - 218-401-1993



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White Earth Business - \$115

Non-enrollee (any age) - \$185

Businesses - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

ITBC Buffalo Harvest and Necropsy Training



On July 23, the White Earth Natural Resources Agricultural Department, Bison Program, and the InterTribal Buffalo Council hosted a Buffalo Harvest and Necropsy Training in Mahnomen.

People got to learn how to harvest in the field using ITBC's mobile harvest unit. People also got to connect with cultural traditions and deepen their knowledge of buffalo processing.

Photos by
Sage Thompson

White Earth Reservation – District 1

WHITE EARTH CONSTITUTION REFORM DELEGATE

DISTRICT 1 NOMINATION & ELECTION NOTICE

- What:** The White Earth Constitution Reform Delegate group has 1 opening/slot for District 1.
- How to apply:** Self nomination only
Please let any of the White Earth Delegates know of your interest to serve, you will be placed on the ballot.
- Requirements:** 1. A member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe,
2. Reside in White Earth District 1.

Nominations begin: 07-21-25 end: 08-31-25

- **If more than one (1) nomination, the Election will be held on FIRST DAY OF RICING ON LOWER RICE LAKE (TBA-MEDIA)**
- **District 1 Polling/Election at the RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER (Time: 10:00-2:00)**

White Earth Delegates: District 1 - Fawn Roy, District 2 - Patty Straub, Mykee Brown, District 3 - Mike Swan, Emily Annette, WE At-Large - Chris Vanwert Jr., Metro-Sybil Gund, Cass Lake - Jolyn Donnell, Iron Range - Louie Johanssen

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- \$ FIX YOUR CREDIT?
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White Earth Food Shelf August 2025 Delivery Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
			NEW HOURS	Cleaning, Inventory
				CLOSED
				CLOSED
4	5	6	7	8
NTW	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Closed	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	Nijji Radio	ENP Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	Closed	CLOSED
11	12	13	14	15
NTW	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	NTW	CLOSED
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Closed	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	ENP Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	Closed	CLOSED
18	19	20	21	22
NTW	White Earth	Ogema	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Closed	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	Dream Catcher Homes	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	Closed	CLOSED
25	26	27	28	29
NTW	Waubun	Mahnomen	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Closed	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	Community Center	Vet's Building	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	Closed	CLOSED
applications are available at Community Centers, ENP Sites and Naytahwaush Sports Complex				
Hours are subject to change due to weather and closure's for Holiday's				
Walkin's are Monday only from 9am-2pm in Nay tah waush at Sports Complex				
please feel free to contact the White Earth Food Shelf at 218-935-6313 or 218-935-6314				
please call ahead of time if picking up so that we have enough food for everyone thanks				

August 2025

Manoominike-giizis

Ricing Moon

Cultural Calendar

White Earth Behavioral Health

Cultural Activities

Monthly Schedule

Every month the Cultural Division will deliver all 9 of the Anishinaabe Foundational Teachings at Shooting Star Casino from 8am - 4pm. Any White Earth Employee is welcome to attend. A training certificate will be given.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 OMC Tobacco 10-12 Sewing 1-3:30	5 WE Mats 10-12pm	6 WE Wesa 10-12pm NTW IOP 1-3pm	7 Acute Care 1-3 PM Pine Point Comm. Picnic 5-7pm	8 Mpls. Urban AFT 1 10-12pm Sweat	9
10 OMC Tobacco Youth Sewal 12 PM	11	12 MAH AFT 5 10-12 NTW MOMS 10-12	13	14 Circle Bk 12-3 pm NTW WESA 10-12	15 Urban Singing Session 10-12	16
17 OMC Tobacco 10-12 Women's Sewal 13 PM	18	19 WE Mats 10-12pm NTW Moms 10-12pm *WEICC AFT 1 1-3	20 WE Wesa 10-12pm NTW IOP 1-3pm ? Gwayako AFT 1 10-12 PM	21 Acute Care 1-3 PM Elbow Lake Comm. Picnic 5-7pm	22 Mpls. Urban AFT 2 10-12pm Cedar Healing	23
24 OMC Tobacco 10-12 Sewing 1-3:30	25	26 Mahnomen Behavioral Health AFT Group 10-12 PM NTW MOMS 10-12	27 *All day Anishinaabe Foundational Teachings. Session @SSC 9-4:30pm Mahnomen Healing Feast 5-7pm	28 Circle Back 12-3 NTW WESA 10-12 Ogema Comm. Picnic 5-7pm	29	30

Harvest Fest

POWWOW

SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH, 2025

NAYTAHWAUSH, MN

EMCEES

Frankie Graves

Frank Stech

HOST DRUM

Storm Crossing

ARENA DIRECTORS

Thomas Mason

Lucas Hisgun

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Robert Tibbetts

Drum payouts to the first 8 drums registered. Drum roll call before each grand entry.

All dancers welcome.

Dancers must register before each grand entry.

Committee Specials

Flowers vs. Feathers (Men's Woodland vs Men's Northern Bustle)

Women's Jingle

Switch Dance

Committee Giveaway

Princess/Brave Contest

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

Thursday

5pm: Blessing of the Grounds

Friday

Warm-Ups

Saturday

10am: Flag Raising

1pm: Grand Entry

5pm: Community Feast

7pm: Grand Entry

Sunday

1pm: Grand Entry

Vendor Contact: Lew Murray 218-261-1599

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

Committee is not responsible for lost or stolen property or short funded travelers.

Drug and alcohol free event. Campsites available.

Lights, camera, and action!



Submitted photo

Students at Pine Point School recently performed a play for family and friends at the Pine Point Community Center. The Northern Light Opera Company out of Park Rapids, Minn., recently held a four-week NLOKids theater camp at Pine Point School. The primary goal of the camp was to grow self-confidence and create friendships through writing, performing and staging a 25-minute music theater piece at both the Pine Point Community Center and the Park Raids Armory Arts & Events Center.

White Earth Reservation
2025/26 Hunting/Trapping Seasons & Limits

Big Game		
		<u>Yearly Limit</u>
Bear Baiting	Aug. 9 - Aug. 22, 2025	3 A total of 1 deer in combination w/primitive or modern firearms.
Bear Season	Aug. 23 - Oct. 31, 2025	
Deer (primitive weapons)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025	
Deer (modern firearms)	Oct. 25 - Dec. 31, 2025	
Youth Deer Firearms	Oct. 11 - Dec. 31, 2025	
Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Elk	Closed, No Season	0

Small Game		
		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025	25
Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025	25
Snipe	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025	10
Coots	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025	20
Woodcock	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025	10
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	20
Snowshoe Hare	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	20
Jack Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	20
Gray/Fox Squirrel	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	20 (combined)
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1 - Jan. 11, 2026	6
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 1 - Jan. 11, 2026	6
Ring-Necked Pheasant	Sept. 1 - Jan. 11, 2026	4 (males only)
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No limit
Red/Gray Fox	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No limit
Coyote	Continuous	No limit
Prairie Chicken	Closed, No Season	0
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Closed, No Season	0
Sandhill Crane	Close - No Season	0
		<u>Yearly Limit</u>
Wild Turkey	<u>Fall</u> Sept. 6 - Oct. 31, 2025 <u>Spring</u> April 1 - May 31, 2026	2 Tom/male only in combination with spring or fall season.

Waterfowl		
		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Geese	Sept. 1 - Dec. 14, 2025	8 (All species combined)
Ducks	Sept. 13 - Dec. 14, 2025	10 (No more than 2 hen mallards. No more than 2 canvasback and 2 pintail)
Mergansers	Sept. 13 - Dec. 14, 2025	5 (No more than 2 hooded mergansers)

Trapping*		
		<u>Annual Limit</u>
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No Limit
Badger	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No Limit
Fox (Red or Gray)	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No Limit
Coyote	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2026	No Limit
Beaver	Oct. 1 - May 15, 2026	No Limit
Muskrat	Oct. 1 - May 15, 2026	No Limit
Otter	Oct. 1 - March 15, 2026	6
Mink	Oct. 1 - March 15, 2026	No Limit
Bobcat	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2026	6
Fisher/Pine Marten	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2026	4
Lynx,	Closed, No Season	0
Gray Wolf	Closed, No Season	0

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

27th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run



Photo by Sage Thompson

The 27th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run was held July 30 to Aug. 2. The run started at the Red Lake Pow Wow Grounds and ended at the Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center in Sawyer, Minn. Participants ran in memory of those we have lost to overdose and stood together to honor their lives, raising awareness and supporting our communities for those in recovery or struggling. Representing White Earth from left were District 3 Representative Laura Lee Erickson, Teddy Millage, Randy Allen Hagen Jr., Allison Jones, Justin Brown, and John Swan. White Earth Behavioral Health helped sponsor the event.

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION
ENROLLED ELDER LAWN MOWING PROGRAM

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.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department

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Email address: Lisa.Donovan-Larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.tibbettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov



Ojibwemodaa.2! Lets all speak Ojibwe! Aaniin, Boozhoo.; Greetings.

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

Abinoojiwin•Infancy Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism!

Pronounce by syllables: Boo zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan. - Greetings!-How are you? Gimino-ayaa na?-You're well? Gaye niin-Also me.

••Use a consonant with a *Vowel sound to speak in "syllables": O ji bwe.*

••"Abinoojiyens, gizaagii'in." (A bi noo jii yens)

("Baby, I love you.") (Voice the syllables.)

••"Gibakade na? Gigiishkaabaagwe na?"

("You are hungry? Are you thirsty?")

••"Niwii-aanzikonaye noongom."

("I will-change his/h clothes now.")

••"Waaboowayaan ina? Omaa."

("Blanket? Here.")

••"Gizaaga'in!" ("I love you!")

Speak syllables=consonant & vowel

Agaashiinyi. - S/he is small.)

Aanziyaan(an) - Diaper(s)

Noonaajigan(an)-Baby bottle

Odaminwaagan(an) -Toy(s)

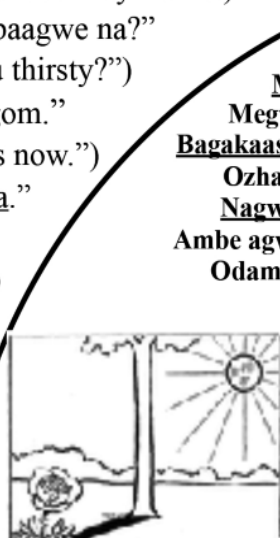
Odazhigan(an)-H/h sock(s)

Nooni. -S/he/baby nurses.

Giwii-dakonaawas ina?

You will-hold the baby?

Giwaangawizin.-You're gentle.



Waabigwan - Flower
Waabigwaniin - Flowers
Mitig(oog) - Tree(s)
Megwayaak - In the woods
Bagakaasige - Sun shines brightly.
Ozhaawashkozi - Earth.
Nagweyaab - Woods (NI)
Ambe agwajiing! - Let's go outside!
Odaminodaa! - Let's all play!

Minwendam -
 S/he is happy/glad.
Niminwendam -
 I am happy/glad.
Awabi. Anwaatin -
 It is calm weather.
Bangan - It is quiet.
 It is peaceful.

Find the ten(10)underlinedOjibwe words in the wordfind.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Listen to new Ojibwemo-ikidowinan (words) online at the Ojibwe People's Dictionary website. Search in Zhaaganaashimowin/English or Ojibwemowin. Use it to spell, listen and speak. Add a monthly list on your fridge or poster and share with friends and family. **Bizindan!**/Listen! **Ojibwemon!**/Speak it! **Maadagindan!**/Start reading it! **Ozhibii'an!**/Write it! Work on your education path for high school and college. Expand your brightness!

-Miigwech for introducing yourselves:

"Name" nindizhinikaaz. (I am named.)

-Pronounce double vowel sounds below!

O ji bwe mo win & A ni shi naa be mo win.

Both are "the Language" and the syllables shown for correct pronunciation. Howah!-Alright!

Goal: Learn a phrase a day

Speak syllables: consonant & vowel.

Listen/Speak w/dictionary online.

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

Double Vowel Sounds!

Specific to Ojibwe!

*Longer voiced vowels:

AA (baa), II (teen),

OO (mo), E (cafe)

*Short voiced vowels

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

A glottal stop ' is a

voiceless nasal hesitation

as dash in: oh-oh

Nitaawigiwin

• Grownup

Aaniin, Boozhoo!-Greetings

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Action VAI's !

- Izhaa. - S/he goes there.
- Nindizhaa. - I go there.
- Izhaawag.-They go there.
- Bimose. -S/he walks.
- Nimbimose. -I walk.
- Bimosewag.-They walk.
- Bagizo.-S/he swims/bathes.

— Add a place below —

Add any of these to create a longer sentence/statement

1. the bank/money bldg. - zhooniyaawigamigong
2. to the lake - zaaga' ganing
3. to the gas station: Waasamoo-bimide-adaawewigamigong
4. to a store/buying building: Adaawewigamigong.
5. to the farm: Gitigaaning
6. White Earth: Gaa-waa-baabiganikaag.

Example:

Nindizhaa gitigaaning.-

I go there to the farm.

Wiidigendiwig. Wiidigendiwin.

They are married to each other. A wedding.

He and she, they are handsome/beautiful:

Miikawaadiziwig

They wear the rings. - Didibininjiibizowag.

Zaagi'idiwig. - They love each other.

Her dress, it's pretty.-Ogoodaas onizhishin.

They kissed. - Gii-onjiindiwig.

Flowers, they were pretty.-

Waabigwaniin gii-onizhishiwag.

Gii-pimosewag agwajiing.-

They walked outside.

Zaagi'idiwin.-It's mutual love.

Ningii-niimimin gaye.

We danced also.

Mii'iw!

Gabaatoon. -Cook something by boiling.

Zaasakokwaan. - Fry it/something.

Mashkawaakwajidoon.-Freeze it.

•WE Resources

<https://whiteearth.com/divisions/culture/services>

•Search/Listen: Ojibwe People's Dictionary

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

•Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Comm.

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

<https://schools.clipart.com/>

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is

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

wa'aw giizis. -S/he's called Wild Ricing-Moon this

moon. (August/Sept.). • Depending on place/

weather, August/September moon can be ripe

for manoomin-wild rice. Howah!-Wowza!

I read/listen to the Ojibwe People's dictionary.

N. Jones gii-ijibwemod, "Gego mashi

bawa'angen manoomin baamaa

binaabigwaniig." -Don't rice yet until

the flowers fall. Binaabigwaniig.-Its

flower falls. Miigwech to our

Elders near and far for their

wisdom. Ask elders

respectfully: learn.

- Miigwech!

Naadamaage

Ni- -aag

Niminwendaan

-ag

owii-

1. Manidoons_____ miziwe.

Bugs everywhere/all over.

2. _____ ozhaawashko-aniibiish.

I like it green-tea.

3. _____-zaagi'_____ noozhisheyag. Minwendaagoziwig apane.

I love them-my grandchildren. They are fun all the time.

4. Baaga'adowewin, _____-baaga'adowe, noozhishe.

The game lacrosse, he will/wants to play it, my grandson.

5. Gimino-izhiwebiz! _____ gabe, miigwech!

Be happy! Help people also, thank you!

Ojibwemodaa! - Let's all speak Ojibwe!

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

MIIGWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, knowledge, resources, how you learn, and help others!

Cruising in Water Carnival Parade



Photo by Tiffany Swiers

2025 Detroit Lakes Public School Powwow Princess Taya Longchase and Brave Justuz Swiers recently participated in the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival Parade.

Students earn ribbons at fair



Photos by Sia Adkins

Naytahwaush Community Charter School students earned several ribbons for their crafts at the Mahnommen County Fair. Students submitted projects to include mini winnowing birch bark baskets, beaded items, medicine gathering bags, and mixed media art.

Urban members visit White Earth



Submitted photo

White Earth urban members attended the RBC quarterly meeting on July 25 at the Shooting Star Casino. While here, many got to visit with family and friends.



Photo by Maria Fatz

Community members harvesting wild blueberries during Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin (Berry Camp).

2025 Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin (Berry Camp)

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) Community Extension hosted Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin (Berry Camp) on July 17-18.

This year looked a little bit different for community attending, as the camp was set up and hosted out in the bush with the berry patches. Twenty-four participants from six surrounding communities joined in. The harvesting areas were scouted ahead of time by local instructor and guide Stanton (Stan) Alexander. Stan surveyed berry patches weeks prior to camp to track berry growth and observe community picking practices.

While out in the patch, Stan shared his honorable harvesting practices, as well as showing what happens to berry patches when these respectful ways are not followed. Collaborative partner, Nicole LaFrinier (White Earth Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator), provided each participant a berry picker to use and keep, with Stan and Nicole working together to share and ensure sustainable harvesting practices.

The 2025 Mawinzowi-Gabeshiwin was made possible through Capacity grant funding from USDA/NIFA (Award #2022-47003-38383). WETCC Community Extension greatly appreciates their local partners, instructors and volunteers for assisting in offering healthy food-based community learning activities.

Save the Date: WETCC Community Extension will host the 2025 Manoominike- Gabeshiwin (Wild Rice Camp) outside of the main WETCC campus building on Sept. 18-19. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about seasonal camps, please email Maria Fatz (WETCC Community Extension Coordinator) at: maria.fatz@wetcc.edu or call 218-936-8349.

To track upcoming Community Extension workshops, events, and projects, follow along at <https://www.wetcc.edu/extension/> and 'like us' on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wetcc/> for the latest postings.

Having fun at the White Earth Urban Community Picnic



Photo by Jean LaRoque

Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque (center) thanks volunteers who organized the annual White Earth Urban Community Picnic on July 12 at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. There was great food, fun, and prizes. The event was sponsored and organized by the White Earth Urban Community Council.

Highlights of the annual Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The 3rd Annual Naame Giizis Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow was held July 25-27 at the White Earth Powwow Grounds. The Spiritual Advisor was Mike Bunker, the Arena Director was Tom Mason, and the MCs were Vince Beyl and Puggy Goodwin. The new royalty are Alaina Hanks - Princess, and Gitigaan Littlewolf - Brave.





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AUG. 8, 2025



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The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council hosted a basketball tournament on July 26 in Mahnomen.

More than 30 teams from third grade to adults competed in the community event.

Submitted photos

Community invited to wild rice informational meeting

The White Earth Wild Rice Department will be holding a Wild Rice Informational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14 at White Earth Community Center. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., and the doors open at 6 p.m.

Ricers can meet with Natural Resources and Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge staff. Pictures will be available of this year’s rice. AIS and landing projects will also be discussed.

MTCC hosts community basketball tournament

The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council (MTCC) proudly hosted the inaugural MTCC Basketball Tournament on July 26, bringing together more than 30 teams from across the area in a celebration of community, competition, and culture.

The tournament featured divisions for youth as young as 3rd and 4th grade, all the way up to men’s and women’s teams, creating a full day of exciting games and positive energy at the courts.

MTCC would like to extend a heartfelt Chi Miigwech to all of our generous sponsors and supporters who helped make this event possible: Burger Hut, Waabigwaan Commissioners, Gordon Construction, Pump 24 (Cenex), Booster Bucks, Ojibwa Business Products, White Earth Behavioral Health, Pinehurst, White Earth Public Health, Debwe, Mahnomen Firehall, Mii-gii-way-win Advisory Board, Pure Dynamic Sound, Cedar Sense, and to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy.

Most importantly, thank you to every team that participated we couldn’t have done it without you! We look forward to making this an annual tradition that continues to uplift and unite our communities.

B&G Club Summer Food Service Program

The Boys & Girls Club of the White Earth Reservation is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSFP). 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	June 2nd-August 29th, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club	2531 310 th Ave Naytahwaush, MN	June 2nd-August 29th, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Pine Point Boys & Girls Club	48580 Pow Wow Hwy Ponsford, MN	June 16th- August 2nd, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Rice Lake Boys & Girls Club	13830 Community Loop Rd Rice Lake, MN	June 2nd-August 29th, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Waubun Boys & Girls Club	1041 Dutch St Waubun, MN	June 2nd-August 29th, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
White Earth Boys & Girls Club	35233 Misson Road. White Earth, MN	June 2nd-August 29th, 2025 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

*Hours are subject to change due to staffing.

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

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- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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White Earth Nation Urban Office

Monthly Newsletter

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Tools and materials will be provided. Bring your own hand tools and personal protective equipment if you have them, e.g. draw knife, wood plane, wood rasp, safety glasses and gloves.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Nicole LaFrinier:
nicole.lafrinier@whiteearth-nan.gov or call
218.935.3562 or Bob Shimek: 218.204.1632



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Naytahwaush Community Council, White Earth Tribal Council and a generous donation from Gail and Greg Hughes of the Family Fun Shows Midway sent 97 families (including 250 youth) from District 2 to the Clearwater County Fair on July 30. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time.

Vaping is Not Our LIFEWAY



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A Culturally Rooted Curriculum For Youth Vaping Prevention

The *Vaping is Not Our Lifeway* program offers youth in grades 4-6 a chance to protect their health and learn about the risks of vaping. While the long-term effects on youth remain unclear, we know vaping poses real dangers—together, we can help them make healthier choices.

IN THIS PROGRAM STUDENTS WILL LEARN:

- ✓ How traditional teachings guide us toward health and well-being.
- ✓ Understand the risks and harm caused by vaping.
- ✓ Learn how nicotine impacts the body and mind.
- ✓ Discover the hidden dangers of vaping on physical and mental health.
- ✓ Uncover manipulative tactics used to market vaping to youth.
- ✓ See how vaping affects your wallet as well as your health.
- ✓ Build confidence to make healthy choices and resist peer pressure.

This curriculum was created by White Earth Nation-Tribal Public Health in collaboration with the White Earth Tobacco Coalition. This program weaves together traditional knowledge and modern health education to support and empower youth in making healthy choices. **If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to the White Earth Tobacco Coordinator at 218-401-3174.**



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WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT

In Re the Marriage of:

SUMMONS

Andrea Basswood-Heinonen
Petitioner,

File No. D2025-00007

and
Kevin Heinonen Jr.
Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 30, 2025, a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the above-named parties. A hearing will commence on **August 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at the White Earth Tribal Courts located at the White Earth Tribal Office in White Earth, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218)-983-3285. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the above-named parties. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: July 15, 2025

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT

GARNISHMENT SUMMONS

LVNV Funding LLC.,
Petitioner,

vs.
Katy LaFriniere
Respondent.

Court File No. G2025-00018

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 12, 2025, a Petition for Full Faith and Credit and Garnishment was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the above-named party. A hearing will commence on **August 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.** at the White Earth Tribal Courts located at the White Earth Tribal Office in White Earth, Minnesota. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the above-named party. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: July 25, 2025

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saries off reservations. Wilson said it’s an unusual agreement that allows tribes to work side by side with the state and maintain sovereignty.

The compact, signed by Gov. Tim Walz in late May, allows White Earth to open up to eight retail dispensaries across the state. Wilson previously told the Star Tribune they are eyeing storefronts as far south as Mankato, Minn., and Rochester.

After long delays, the state’s Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) in June finally held the first lotteries to begin awarding non-tribal cannabis business licenses.

The agreements, while historic and celebrated in Indian Country, have been met with skepticism and pushback elsewhere, with some saying it’s an unfair advantage for tribes.

Some business owners, advocates and state lawmakers are frustrated that the state has taken nearly

two years to issue cannabis business licenses to Minnesotans and are concerned the compacts could give tribes long-term market advantages.

White Earth Tribal Chair Michael Fairbanks said in a phone interview Tuesday that he doesn’t believe it’s unfair for tribes to get an early jump on the legal cannabis market. Rather, he said tribes are filling gaps in the market to serve customers who “use our products in good ways, especially when it comes to pain management, anxiety or depression.”

Fairbanks said White Earth having a medical marijuana program so early on helped prepare the nation for this moment of economic development and tribal self-determination.

“As diverse and as well-rounded that we are in cannabis now, we’re one of the leaders out there,” Fairbanks said.

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7-26/27 The White Earth Community Council hosted the White Earth Sturgeon Moon Powwow this past weekend. It was a warm and beautiful weekend. We are deeply grateful to everyone who came out and joined us. Miigwech to all who braved the heat to celebrate and dance.

7-30 We joined the 27th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run starting at Red Lake Reservation Powwow grounds. This is a four-day run/event. White Earth was once a part of the event in prior years and though we have not participated in recent years, we rejoined this year. This year we ran in memory of those we have lost to overdose and standing together to honor their lives, raising awareness and supporting our communities for those in recovery or struggling.

Runners carried the message all day and into the evening, concluding Day 1 at the Leech Lake Veteran’s Memorial Powwow Grounds. Day 2 began in Cass Lake, Minn., with runners making their way to Grand Rapids. Day 3 continued the journey from Grand Rapids to Floodwood, Minn. On day 4, the run moved from Floodwood to the Powwow grounds of Mash-Ka-Wisen. Miigwech to all the runners, drivers, cooks, organizers and everyone who helped make this meaningful event possible.

Other Events/News

In January, White Earth submitted a grant application to fund the construction of a new Community Building in Elbow Lake. We’re excited to share that our application was successful and we have been awarded the grant. While the disbursement of funds is taking a bit longer than anticipated, we are continuing to move forward with the project. As part of the next steps, we are preparing for the demolition of the old Boys and Girls Club building to make way for the new facility.

The Reservation Business Committee (RBC) has approved improvements to the beach area in Elbow Lake. Our Natural Resources team is actively working on this initiative to enhance the space for community enjoyment. We appreciate your patience and support as we continue moving forward with these developments for Elbow Lake.

We’re excited to share that White Earth Natural Resource program has ordered three pontoons to support fishing activities. These pontoons will be used to take our youth and elders out on the water providing meaningful opportunities to connect with nature, fishing and enjoy time together. This initiative is one way we are investing in the health and well-being of our community promoting intergenerational connection, cultural and outdoor recreation. We look forward to

seeing our youth and elders out on the lakes.

White Earth hosts the annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference, bringing together professionals, community members and partners to support healthy brain development across the lifespan. This year’s conference will be held on August 13–14, 2025 at the Shooting Star Casino (SSC) in Mahanomen, MN.

My heartfelt prayers go out to all of our community members. Our Reservation has experienced a great deal of loss recently with many families grieving the passing of loved ones. During this difficult time may we come together in support, offer comfort to one another and keep those we’ve lost in our thoughts and prayers. May their families be surrounded by strength and healing.

I welcome your thoughts and questions. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Miigwech

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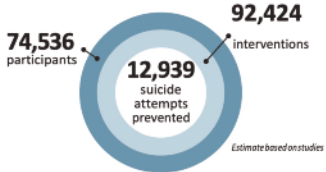
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Date: August 19-20, 2025
Location: Shooting Star Casino
Hosted by: White Earth Mental Health

Cost: Free
Register: 218-935-3534 or elizabeth.stclair@whiteearth-nsn.gov

*Light breakfast and lunch included

*Participants are required to attend both full days to receive a certificate of completion.

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2025 COMMUNITY APPLE FESTIVAL

FREE FAMILY EVENT

AUGUST 20, 2025
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Naytahwaush Charter School
242 Church St, Naytahwaush, MN

- Light Meal
- Music
- Facepainting
- Games
- Petting Zoo
- Apple Recipes
- Information Booths

Join us for the annual Community Apple Festival! Learn about the apples in your community. Celebrate with a light meal, music, and fun for the whole family!

Apple pruning information with community pruning workshops to come this winter.

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

Logos for various community organizations including White Earth Nation, Circle Back Center, and others.

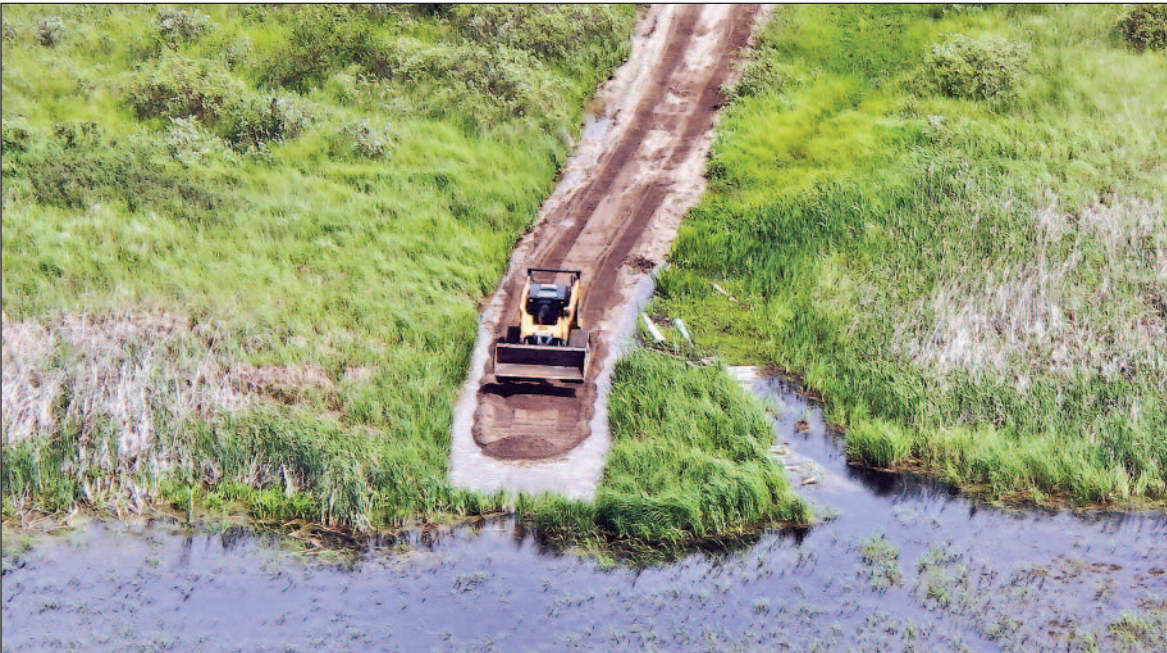
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gets or come in under these approved budgets. The last two years we have been under budget with no budget amendments.

In closing I want to thank the members of the White Earth Nation for giving me this opportunity to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for this great nation. I look forward to moving forward with great progress and optimism and I hope we can work together for a brighter future. Miigwech!

Michael J. LaRoque
Secretary-Treasurer

WE programs busy with Lower Rice Lake projects



Photos by Clifford Crowell

Several major infrastructure projects were completed this year at Lower Rice Lake through a collaborative effort involving the White Earth Wild Rice Committee, Roads Department, Water and Sewer Department, Forestry Department, Wild Rice Department, Agriculture Department, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). At Ponsford and Bush Landings, wood corduroy walkways with gravel overlays were installed, providing improved access to the water’s edge. Boulders were strategically placed at the start of each walkway to prevent damage from ATVs and UTVs. Parking areas were also expanded to improve traffic flow and accommodate more vehicles. Additionally, the old channel at Big Bear Landing was reopened after years of overgrowth, allowing ricers to travel directly from the parking area to the lake. All four landings are now equipped with poles that will support solar-powered lights and navigation flags. Each site will also offer two porta-potties for ricer convenience.



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2025 MANOOMINI-GABESHIWIN
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Special Events

- WECOE MTG
August 5th— Pine Point
- Diabetic Bingo
6th~Pine Point
12th~Elbow Lake
27th~Valley View

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“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

White Earth Elderly Wellness Program

Manoominike-giizis (Ricing Moon)- August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Stuffed pepper Artisan roll Spinach salad Blueberry crisp
4 Salmon Creamed peas & potatoes Wheat roll Mixed fruit	5 Chicken pot pie Wheat bread Mixed veggies Beets Fruit cocktail	6 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	7 Sausage zucchini bake Manoomin stuffing Seasoned cauliflower Chocolate pudding dessert	8 Ham & cheese sand. Tomato tortellini soup Cut veggies w/ dip Fresh fruit
11 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Bread stick Cali. blend veggies Fruit salad	12 Beef roast Mashed potatoes Green beans Wheat roll Pineapple	13 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	14 BBQ chicken Hawaiian roll Baked beans Broccoli salad Angel food cake w/ berries	15 Baked fish Manoomin pilaf Glazed carrots Wheat bread Grapes
18 Bison chili Corn muffin Spinach salad Mangoes	19 Swedish meatballs over egg noodles French roll Steamed veggies Baked cinn. apples	20 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	21 Birthday Lunch Chicken cordon bleu sandwich Sweet potato fries Cucumber salad Birthday treat	22 Chef salad w/ fixings Artisan roll Cookie Berry parfait
25 Chicken stir fry Brown rice Oriental veggies Fortune cookie Apricots	26 Salisbury steak Stewed tomatoes Mashed potatoes Manoomin bread Pears	27 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	28 Chicken enchiladas Spanish rice Garden salad Fresh fruit	29Brunch for Lunch Egg bake Roasted veggies English muffin Oatmeal Banana

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

Questions or comments please contact :

White Earth ENP Site (218) 983-3744
Site Supervisor ~ Jeanie Rogers

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

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

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-6403
Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795
Site Controller~ Millie Roy & Larae Stevens

Danielle Sutherland Uran, Nutrition Coord.
(218) 983-3286 ext. 1266
Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Food Distribution August Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

August 2025 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education & Health Screenings w/Shirley: August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

August 8: Bagley & Naytahwaush

August 11: Mahnomen & Waubun

August 15: White Earth

August 22: Detroit Lakes & Ponsford

August 29: Store closed for inventory

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Locations and times are subject to change	*WIC follows RDC Schedule for closings*				1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2
3	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	5 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	6 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	7 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:00	8 Breastfeeding Walk Waubun Park 10 AM	9
10	11 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	12 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	16
17	18 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	19 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-10:00	20 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	21 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	22 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	23
24	25 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	26 White Earth Health Center 8:15-12:00	27 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	28 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	29 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	30
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Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.

Obituaries

Cleve Earl Goodwin

Cleve Goodwin, 80, of Bagley, Minn., died peacefully on June 17 in Fargo, N.D., surrounded by his family.

Cleve Earl Goodwin was born on March 12, 1945, in Bagley, the son of Thomas and Bessie (Hill) Goodwin. He attended elementary and high school in Bagley. After high school, Cleve joined the U.S. Marine Corps on May 2, 1962, and served in Vietnam. While serving our country, Cleve earned the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Naval Unit Citation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.



After he was honorably discharged, he married Deborah LaFriniere on Dec. 12, 1967. They made their home in rural Bagley, where he lived all of his life. Cleve graduated from the Detroit Lakes Technical Collage in Automotive and later attended Bemidji State University for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. He was employed as a Deputy Sheriff for Clearwater County for a number of years until he took the position of Native American Liaison for the Bagley School until his retirement.

Cleve was also an avid outdoorsman. He ran a successful wholesale live bait business for several years and gave many of his nieces and nephews a chance to be gainfully employed. Cleve loved to hunt and watch sports, especially football and boxing. The casino was a favorite place for him to visit. Cleve was an avid reader; he was a caring mentor to many and a good political conversationalist. He always stuck up for the underdog, he loved to tease, and played a mean game of cribbage. He loved his dogs very much. All his nieces and nephews brought laughter and joy to his life. Cleve and Deborah opened their home to many children and raised them like their own, especially ChelleCody Martin and Jennifer Bush.

Cleve is survived by his wife, Deborah Goodwin of Bagley; son, Jeffrey Goodwin of Mahnomen; daughter, Lesley Warnsholz of Mahnomen; daughter, Lisa (Rod) Knutson of Bagley; grandchildren: Tyler (Lily) Goodwin and Karley (Shawn) Goodwin both of Bagley, Luke Warnsholz of Cass Lake, Minn., Christian Knutson of Bagley, Colten Warnsholz of Mahnomen, and Wyatt Sonneberg of Vergas, Minn.; great grandchildren: Ashton Goodwin, Skyla Olson, Leeland Olson, Grayson Goodwin, and Amarah Goodwin all of Bagley; siblings: Denice (Vern) Iverson, Darrell (Joyce) Goodwin, Larry Goodwin, and Alvis Goodwin, all of Bagley.

Cleve is preceded in death by parents; brothers: Marcell Goodwin, Clinton Goodwin and Daniel Goodwin; sisters: Marcy Halvorson, Beverly Midbo, and Louella Iverson; and godson, Ryan Martine.

Funeral services were held June 24 at the Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley, with Pastor John Swanson officiating. Military Honors were performed by White Earth Honor Guard, Marine Corp Honor Guard, and Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley.

Interment: Bagley City Cemetery.
Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Duane Lee Byrd

Duane Lee Byrd, 62, of Ebro, Minn., died June 30 at his home in Ebro.

Duane was born on May 28, 1963, to parents Owen Beaulieu and Marie Byrd in Bagley, Minn. In 1965, the family moved to Minneapolis and continued to reside until Duane enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1982. He was blessed with two beautiful children - a son, Russell and a daughter, Amber. Duane worked at a various number of jobs but primarily worked for a moving company and did carpentry work. In 2000, he moved back to the Bagley area and resided in Ebro.



He was the type of person you could count on for anything, he was kind and had a generous and caring soul. Duane enjoyed going to the casino, listening to music, hanging out with friends, riding around on his side-by-side, and was a huge animal lover. He will be missed by everyone that had the opportunity to know him and be part of his life.

He is survived by his children, Russell and Amber; sister, Andrea Byrd of Minneapolis; brother, Kenny Wade of Bagley; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and his fur baby, Mahkwa.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; aunts: Cece Byrd, JoAnne Wade, Josephine Johnson, and Daisy Auginaush; and numerous cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held July 11 at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Derien Jackson-Flores

Derien Jackson-Flores, 26, of Mahnomen, died July 19 at his residence.

Derien was born on June 28, 1999, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Elizabeth Jackson Flores and Darin Stone. He spent his early years in White Earth, where he attended school and was recognized for his intelligence and academic success. A proud member of the Ojibwe community, Derien embraced his Native American heritage and cherished time spent ricing, leeching, and practicing traditional crafts. His artistic spirit was evident in the beautiful drawings and Ojibwe artwork he created.



Over the years, Derien lived in various communities, including Ebro and Rice Lake, but most recently made his home in Mahnomen. There, he built lasting friendships and was known for his warm heart and uplifting presence. Though he faced challenges with mental health, Derien was determined to bring light to those around him. He had a natural way of making people smile, offering kindness, laughter, and unwavering support to family and friends alike. He especially loved spending time with his friend, Haleigh Garbow. Derien was deeply loved by those who knew him. He had a gentle soul, a caring nature, and a creative mind that left an impression on everyone he met. Whether spending time with family, sharing his art, or simply being present, Derien made an impact on others lives which will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his father, Darin (Trisha Simon) Stone Sr.; siblings: Darin Stone Jr., Koda St. Clair-Stone, Dayton Colegrove, and Abigale Bellanger; special sisters, Gracie Sanchez and Teanna Anderson; grandparents: Donna Stone, Pat Aspinwall, and Tony Warren; his godmother, Tara Lynn Libby; and aunt, Jody.

He was left this world and was welcomed into the next by his mother, Elizabeth; grandparents: Darlene Jackson, Pat Flores, and Curtis Stone; and an infant sister, Jasmine Stone.

Traditional services were held July 30 at the White Earth Community Center. All-night wake services began July 29 and continued until the time of the service.

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

Shirlene Claire Wakemup

Shirlene Wakemup, 69, of Bemidji, Minn., formerly of Naytahwaush, passed away on July 24 at Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D.

Shirlene Claire Burnette was born on Feb. 23, 1956, in White Earth, to John Burnette and Thelma (Wadena) Coleman. She was given the Indian name Awanibiisikwe. Shirlene grew up on the White Earth Reservation and attended Mahnomen High School. In the late 1980s, Shirlene married Roger Wakemup, the couple later separated in the late 1990s. After



high school, she moved to the Twin Cities and earned her certification from the Minneapolis Barber School in 1992. She enjoyed cutting hair—often doing it for her family and even herself. Shirlene also obtained her childcare development associate certificate.

Over the years, Shirlene held many roles, including working as a blackjack pit boss at Shooting Star Casino, managing the Minneapolis and Naytahwaush Childcare Centers, and as a personal care assistant. But the job she loved most was helping raise her grandchildren, who were her pride and joy- as were all children.

Shirlene had a generous heart and an open door. She was always ready to lend a hand or a listening ear. Creative and skilled with her hands, she enjoyed beading, sewing, crafting, coloring, and puzzles, and was devoted to caring for her houseplants. She lovingly made regalia for all of her grandchildren, ensuring they could dance proudly in their traditions.

She was also an incredible cook—famous among family and friends for what many called “the best fry bread White Earth has ever seen.” Wherever Shirlene went, she could be heard humming or singing, bringing warmth and comfort to those around her.

Shirlene is survived by her daughters: Nicole Goodman, Stephanie Turner (Ray “Hoppy” Conner), Chasity Burnette, Deanna Wakemup, Leslie Wakemup, and Sharon Sargent; sons, Bruce Turner and Lawrence Sargent Sr.; grandchildren: Devan, Ashley, Raeanna, Lynnea, Tabitha, Daizy, Kenneth, Farrah, Lailee, Dallas, Jasmin, Luna, Ezra, Tarren, Corey, Tavion, Penelope, Chad Jr., Bishop, Josephine, Caleigh, and Cassidy; many great-grandchildren; brothers: David (Beth) Burnette, Jeffery Coleman (Dolly Beaulieu), and Dale Accobee; sister: Diane Accobee; and a special friend, Michael Keezer.

She was preceded in death by her son, Adam “Ice” Burnette; grandson, Wayne Goodman; parents, John Burnette and Thelma Coleman; siblings: Faith Burnette, Floyd Burnette, Denise Burnette, Delmar Burnette, and Mike Accobee; neice, ShiAnn Coleman; son-in-law, Timothy “Tim Dawg” Goodman and a special friend, Arne Martin.

Traditional services were held July 31 at the Naytahwaush Complex. All-night wake services began on July 30 and continue until the time of the service.

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

Obituaries

Elisa Bellanger

Elisa Bellanger, 80, of Mahnomen, died June 28 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

Elisa was born on Jan. 13, 1945, in Madera, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Francisco and Rafaela (Dominguez) Hernandez. She began her education in Madera and continued through the eighth grade in Durango. At the age of 15, Elisa immigrated to the United States, settling in Baja, Calif.



After graduating from Ben Franklin High School, she met the love of her life, Delos Bellanger and they were married on Aug. 24, 1963, in the “Little White Chapel” in Las Vegas. They spent their first years in California before moving back to Delos’ hometown of Mahnomen in 1967. As a young wife and mother, Elisa worked at the Ben Franklin dime store and later at the Register of Deeds office at the Mahnomen County Courthouse. After the family moved to Winger, she began her lifelong career in nursing. Elisa first served as a nurse’s aide at Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile, Minn., and at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston, Minn. Inspired by her passion for caring for others, she pursued further education, earning her LPN degree.

She continued to work at Villa St. Vincent Nursing Home until she and Delos moved to Beaulieu, at which time she continued her career at the Fosston Nursing Home until her retirement. Always one to stay active and engaged, she later worked as a promotional representative at the Shooting Star Casino. Following Delos’ passing in 2007, Elisa continued living at home in Beaulieu. After bravely and proudly surviving cancer, she faced additional health challenges, including a serious accident and then a stroke, which ultimately led to her move to the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

Elisa’s dedication to caring for others extended well beyond her professional life. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who loved nothing more than spending time with her family. A faithful member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, she served actively with the Ladies Aid. She generously volunteered with the church, within the community, and helping her family wherever she was needed. She also found joy in music and dancing—especially Polka—and was a proud five-year champion in the Ladies Bowling League.

In her quieter moments, Elisa enjoyed knitting, cross-stitching, and reading. She had a special fondness for watching hummingbirds and took pleasure in the beauty of flowers. Elisa will be remembered for her generous spirit, tireless work ethic, and the deep love she had for her family and community. Her legacy of care, compassion, and joy lives on in all who knew and loved her.

Elisa is survived by three children, Delallen (Tammy), Frank, and Shawn (Juan); grandchildren: Tasha, Beau, Kory, Cole, Cady, Alicia, Annabelle, Antonio, Angela, Alex, Phoenix, Danika, Erika, Furious, and Jax.; 15 great grandchildren; sister, Hortencia “Tencha” and brother, Fransico “Qiqo.” She is also survived by her half-sisters, Margarita “Mague” and Sara; and half-brother, David “Chuy.”

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Delos; son, Erik; and brother, Maurilio “Lilo” Hernandez.

Mass of Christian Burial was held July 3 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beaulieu. Interment: St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Michael “Nawagwaneb” Turner III

Michael “Nawagwaneb” Turner III was born July 30, 2011, to Alicia “Sis” Weaver and Michael “Black” Turner Jr. He suddenly passed on July 5.

Nawagwaneb spent his life in Naytahwaush with his mother, Dawn Kier and his Gram, Carol Turner. As a younger kid, he enjoyed spending time at home with his mom and going on adventures across the country attending powwows, ceremonies, storming the capital, doing Sugar Bush, being a Water Protector and being an uncle. Although traveling or exploring the country was fun, he truly enjoyed spending time at home with his mom, siblings, niece and nephews or just playing his game. He enjoyed fishing to some extent, and in recent years, he developed a true admiration for guns and enjoyed “hunting” by himself or with his buddies, hoping to one day provide food for his family at home or ceremonially items for his Waasegaming Family. He had big dreams of becoming a provider for his family and community as a whole.

Throughout the family and community, you will hear stories of his impeccable timing, sense of humor and ability to lighten the room with his smile or “blowing a kiss” as a way of greeting and acknowledging people. Living a somewhat quiet and private life, it sometimes took a lot to get him to leave the house. Being very selective

about who he spent his time with, he truly enjoyed and loved the time with the Bros, Buddies and friends playing ball, hunting, playing his game, going to boxing gym, chillin, or just walking around the village. He is, of course, remembered for his good looks that he knew he had, yet was humble about it, and carried himself in a respectful and helpful manner. Sure, Michael had the typical teenage boy attitude at times, but at his core he’s a big ol mama’s boy and is quite the loving, caring, helpful and respectful young man.

In recent years he took to drumming and singing at powwows with the White Earth Jrs Drum Group - which led to becoming an integral part of drum group at his school, The Circle of Life Academy, where he had just finished his 7th grade year. When Michal wasn’t singing at the powwow with his bros, he was dancing with his mom and the Christina Keezer family.

Nawagwaneb will be dearly missed and his legacy remembered by his mom, Alicia “Sis” Weaver; mother, Dawn Kier; grandparents: Carol Turner, Patleen (Jeff) Straub, Mike Weaver, and Missy Brown; great grandma, Sharon (Jim) Brandon; siblings: Ryan Fry, Ericka Bellanger, Robert Keezer III, and Cassidy Burnette; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Anxiously waiting to greet him in the Spirit World is his father, Michael Turner Jr.; an infant sibling; grandpa, Mike Turner Sr.; grandma, Donna Fairbanks; aunts: Mya, Melissa “Mid” and Natasha; great grandfathers, Spence Fairbanks and Mike Keezer; great grandma, Shirley Belland; as well as many extended family members.

Traditional services were held July 11 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. All-night Wake services and ceremony began July 10 and continued until the time of the service.

Interment: St. Anne’s Catholic Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Kailene Cheri Villebrun-Bevins

Kailene Villebrun-Bevins, 34, of White Earth, died unexpectedly on July 3 at her home.

Kailene Cheri was born Dec. 20, 1990, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the daughter of Jamie Bevins Sr. and Theresa Villebrun. Most of her childhood years were spent in the White Earth area except for the time she spent with her mom and brother, Honker, living in New Jersey. After returning to Minnesota, Kailene attended school in Waubun and graduated



from Waubun High School in 2009. During high school, Kailene met Daniel Dakota and in June of 2009 the two welcomed a son, Michael, and later two daughters, Desirae and Paige to make their family complete.

Kailene worked for a time at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen and was currently the Assistant Manager of the White Earth Fleet Department for White Earth Nation. However, her most important job was being a mom and a caregiver. In addition to raising her own children, she helped to raise her siblings and took care of her grandpa, James. Kailene was loving, caring and a mama to all. Family was her priority and she loved when they would have any type of family get togethers, especially family game night, it was always a good time! She also enjoyed sewing and making jingle dresses. Kailene will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Kailene leaves behind her significant other, Daniel “Mouse” Dakota; children: Michael, Desirae and Paige all of White Earth; father, Jamie (Danelle “Nellie” Keezer) Bevins Sr. of White Earth; grandma, Lillian (James) Pinneo of Phoenix; brothers, Timothy Bevins and Joseph (Delayna) Bevins both of White Earth; sisters: Tiana Bevins, Miranda “Nana” Bevins both of White Earth and Desi Swanson of Frazee, Minn.; aunts, uncles; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Theresa Villebrun; brother, Jamie “Honker” Bevins Jr.; grandpa, James Bevins; and grandpa and grandma, Jon and Cheri Stoa.

Blessed be the memory of Kailene Villebrun-Bevins.

All night wake services were held July 9 and continued until the time of the funeral service on July 10, both at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

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Obituaries

Joseph “Alex” Greene

Joseph “Alex” Greene, 32, of Bagley, Minn., formerly of Mahnomen, passed away surrounded by his family on July 18 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D., after battling health issues for several weeks.

Joseph Alexander Greene, lovingly known as Alex or Joe by his family and friends, was born on Dec. 11, 1992, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He was the son of Delmar Hvezda Jr. and Tiffany Greene, and as a young child was welcomed by his stepfather, Jeff Thompson. Alex was raised in Mahnomen, where he attended high school and made a name for himself on the football field. Known as “Mean Joe Greene” to his teammates, he brought passion and determination to the game he loved most. Alex graduated from Mahnomen High School in 2011 and went on to study welding at NDSCS in Wahpeton, N.D.



Over the years, he held a variety of jobs, including serving as a personal care attendant for his beloved grandma Irene and working in security and auto transport. However, it was through his career with the U.S. Postal Service that Alex found a quiet joy working, first in Mahnomen and most recently as a rural mail carrier in Bagley. Through the past several years, Joe formed many cherished connections with the people and families along his mail route.

A gentle and private person, Alex valued the deep bonds he shared with his close-knit circle of friends and family. He had a love for the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting or joining his uncles for softball games. He also spent hours playing video games on his PC, listening to music, and exploring trivia. During his younger years, Joe also danced in powwows and took pride in learning about his Native American heritage. Alex had a special place in his heart for animals, especially his cherished dog, Penny, and his cat, Lauren, whom he doted on with love and affection. Though quiet by nature, Alex's presence left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know him.

Alex is survived by his parents, Tiffany and Jeff Thompson; sisters: Lindsey Thompson, Nakkia Johnston, and Kia Thompson; brothers: Eric Greene, Hunter Thompson, Geroge Thompson, and Koda Thompson; grandparents, Gayle Turpin, Gorman Greene, and Delmar Hvezda Sr.; uncles: James Hvezda, Jerry Hvezda, Scott LaFriniere, and David Greene; nieces and nephews: Natalia, Zylus, Elora, Anna, and Ayla; and many great aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Delmar Hvezda Jr.; grandma, Irene Auginaush; grandparents, Jerome and LaDonna Thompson; and great grandparents: Bill and Phyllis Turpin, Leslie Hvezda, Veronica Hvezda, Joeseph Auginaush, and Gertrude Auginaush.

Funeral services were held July 24 at Samuel Memorial Episcopal Church in Naytahwaush.

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

Gertrude Evelyn Buckanaga

Gertrude was born in Pine Point on the White Earth Reservation to Cyril Howard Sr. and Sadie Peake. Her Indian name was “Baswewe-Binewiik,” which means Echoing Thunderbird Woman.

She was 89 years old she when passed away at The Villas at Brookview where she was staying during her illness. Ronald, Neil and Sharon were with her when she passed away.

Gertrude’s mother was killed by a drunk driver in Pine Point. Gertrude and her siblings were taken away by the Becker County Social Worker. They were sent to the Pipestone Boarding School. She met a lot of life-long her friends and relatives there. She eventually graduated from the Flandreau Indian School.



Curtis Buckanaga asked Gertrude to marry him three times. She accepted the thrid time and they were married in 1953. She had four children: Ronald, Neil Sr. (Robin), Kevin (deceased) and Sharon (Jim). Gertrude earned an Elementary Degree in Education from Concordia University in St. Paul. She went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Counseling at the University of St. Thomas.

Gertrude worked at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She helped to develop their GED program and incorporated Ojibwe culture in the Head Start program on the Leech Lake Reservation. She helped start the Foster Care Program at the Upper Midwest American Indian Center. She won a case when the White Earth Reservation didn’t help an elder woman to get her grandchildren back. She received an award from Washington, D.C., for this case. She also served on the Board of Mental Health with the State of Minnesota.

She was a lifelong fan of boxing and supported her husband, Curtis Buckanaga, with his boxing program. She also helped start the American Indian Movement in the early 1960s with her friends Dennis Banks, Audrey Banks and many others.

She is survived by her children: Ronald, Neil Sr. and Sharon; many grandchildren and great children.

She will be welcomed in the Spirit World by her husband, Curtis Buckanaga; son, Kevin Buckanaga; father, Cyril Howard Sr., mother, Sadie Howard; siblings: Donna Howard, Cyril Howard Jr., John Howard Sr., Robert Howard, Theresa Yahr and Anita Howard.

A wake was held June 26 at the Upper Midwest American Indian Center and a wake was held June 27 at the old Pine Point School. A service was held June 28, also at old Pine Point School.

Pallbearers were Raymond Walker, Joseph Buckanaga Sr., Jacob Walker-Swaney, Robert Jackson Jr., Scott Yahr and Neil Buckanaga Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Faron Jackson Sr., Orville Bowers Jr., Yvonne Wind, and Marjorie Rowen.

Interment: St. Theodore’s Cemetery.
Arrangements: Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted, Minn.
Online: www.chilsonfuneralhome.com

Thomas “Tom” Donald Delano Rousu

Thomas “Tom” Rousu, 87, of Callaway, died on July 22 at Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Thomas Donald Delano was born Dec. 28, 1937, the 10th child born to Ale and Emma (Pellinen) Rousu at home in Sugarbush Township, rural Callaway. He grew up attending Goat Ranch Country School District #126 and graduated in March 1955 from the North Central School of Agriculture in Grand Rapids, Minn. Following graduation, Tom helped on the farm and entered the workforce in the field of construction. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Alaska and proudly served during peace time from 1961-1963. Tom was honorably discharged on Aug. 20, 1963.



Returning to the Callaway area, Thomas was united in marriage to Myrna Rouse in 1965. They were blessed with four children, only to lose their oldest, a daughter, Vickie at birth. The couple built a home near Richwood where they raised their sons. Over the years, Tom worked mostly as a carpenter. First working with Kaiser-Rousu-Spry Construction before becoming self-employed and running Rousu Construction.

In addition to his construction business, Tom enjoyed trapping for many years and driving. He could often be found taking Sunday drives when the kids were younger or endless trips up and down the Goat Ranch Road taking in the scenery and visiting with the neighbors. After several years, Tom and Myrna parted ways and in 1991, Tom married Lee Anderson and they resided near Callaway. He retired in the mid 90s from construction, however, in 1996, Tom began working at Hedahl’s Automotive in Detroit Lakes, Minn., until 2010. He was their parts driver and couldn’t believe he could get paid for driving around all day. Lee passed in February 2025 and with Tom’s declining health, he moved to

the Veterans Home in Fergus Falls in May.

Tom always enjoyed hunting, trapping, gardening, bird watching and simply spending time in the woods. He held membership with Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Smokey Hills Chapter. Tom planted food plots for the deer at his house and tended to a large garden each year. Another hobby that kept Tom busy was woodworking and making bird houses. When he wasn’t building, he could be found reading up on some history or playing cards, especially Pinochle with family and friends. Tom will long be remembered for his gruff exterior but heart of gold and witty comeback lines. Above all, he loved the great outdoors and all his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be missed by many.

Tom is survived by his sons: William (Maxine) Rousu of Bagley, Minn., Donald (Cheyanne Farley) Rousu of Waubun, and Richard Rousu of Callaway; grandchildren: Caitlyn, Jordan, Faith and Remington; sisters: Phyllis St. Claire of Callaway, Claire Hill of Aitkin, Minn., Jeanie Johnson of Callaway and Patsy Johnson of Meadowland, Minn.; brothers, Paul (Margie) Rousu and Dave (Delores) Rousu, both of Callaway; sisters-in-law, Sue Rousu of Callaway and Jennie Rousu of Fargo, N.D.; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by an infant daughter, Vickie; parents; second wife, Leola “Lee;” brothers: George, Charlie, Danny, and Tim; sisters: Mildred (Don) Luedtke, Blanche (Johnny) Niemi, and Donna (Neil) Wayman; brothers-in-law: Eldred St. Claire, Simon Hill, Victor Johnson and Jim Johnson; and infant sister, Patsy.

Blessed be the memory of Thomas D. Rousu.

A funeral service was held Aug. 1 at Northern Lights Freedom and Life Church in Callaway.

Interment: Auran Finnish Cemetery in rural Callaway.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Marion Agnes Nelson

Marion Nelson passed away peacefully with her husband and daughter at her side on the morning of July 23. Marion Agnes Mosher was born on May 28, 1940 to Roy and Mabel (Lusty) Mosher. Marion was raised on the family farm at Strawberry Lake and attended country schools nearby. She graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1958.



Marion married Rodney Poppenhagen on July 30, 1960, in Detroit Lakes. Rodney established a truck painting shop (Kar-Nu) in Audubon. Marion kept the books for the business.

In 1976, Rodney was tragically killed in a car accident. Marion went on to raise her four children as a single mother in Audubon and Detroit Lakes. Marion’s extended family at Strawberry Lake provided her great support.

In 1981, Marion built a new home next door to her parents at Strawberry Lake. After the children were raised, she busied herself developing beautiful flower gardens, becoming a talented painter, and eventually a much-loved grandma. Marion, her mom and her friends Artie and Mary Jane were regulars for morning coffee at the

Strawberry Lake Store.

In December 1989, Marion married Philip Nelson of Detroit Lakes. Philip helped Marion fulfill her dream of traveling to England to see the beautiful gardens there and explore the countryside. In later years, Marion helped her sisters provide care for their aging parents. After their passing, she served as the beloved matriarch of the extended family. In her quiet times, she enjoyed sitting in her “secret garden” and doting on her cats.

In early 2022, Marion suffered a debilitating stroke that left her paralyzed on her left side. She was cared for by her daughter Melinda at her home in Nevis until 2023 when she was moved to Diamond Willow in Detroit Lakes. She returned to Melinda’s in April of this year when she was placed in Hospice.

Marion is survived by her husband Philip of Detroit Lakes; son, Steven (Liz) Poppenhagen of West Fargo, N.D., daughter, Melinda (Mike) Spry of Nevis, Minn.; son, Phillip (Patty) Poppenhagen of Frazee, Minn.; daughter, Jennifer (Lonny) Davidson of Ogema; stepson, Gary Nelson of Detroit Lakes; sisters: Marlene (Terry) Bunnis of Ogema, Anne (Raymond) Collman of Ogema, Diane (Don) Heinrich of Monticello, Minn., and Cecile (Eden) Baer of Rochert, Minn.; brother Ralph (Robin) Mosher of Detroit Lakes; sister-in-law, Sue Mosher of Waseca, Minn; and five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marion was preceded in death by her grandparents, her parents, her first husband Rodney, brother Lester (Butch) Mosher, and nephew Ryan Mosher.

Services for Marion were held Aug. 1 at Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church with Pastor Delmar Yoder officiating.

Interment: Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Gregory Michael Stevens

Gregory Stevens, 66, of Bagley, Minn., died June 20 at his home in Bagley.

Gregory Michael was born June 24, 1958, son of Lonnie and Dorothy (Kegg) Stevens in White Earth. His youth was spent in the Bagley area and after graduating from high school, Greg joined the United States Marine Corp. He proudly served and was honorably



discharged in April 1976. Following his discharge, Greg returned to the Bagley area. He attended the Vo-Tech in Detroit Lakes, Minn., where he learned the trade of an electrician. Greg worked in the Mahnomen and Bagley area as an electrician for several years. Later, he worked at the Golden Eagle Bingo Hall in Mahnomen for several years until his health began to decline.

Greg was a giving and generous individual with a great sense of humor. He loved spending time with family and friends. In his spare time, Greg enjoyed watching westerns on television, playing cards and dice and going to the casino to play Keno. He was proud of his military service and honorably served with the White Earth Honor Guard attending pow wows, funerals and many other events.

Greg will be missed and remembered by many family and friends.

Greg is survived by sisters: Charlene Thompson of Rice Lake, Cynthia Stevens of Gonvick, Minn., and Karen Murray of Mahnomen; brothers, Timothy Stevens of Coon Rapids, Minn., and David Stevens of Rice Lake; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins including Valerie Thompson and Carol Bunker who were very close to Greg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gail Stevens; nieces, Tracy Thompson and Dawn Thompson; and a great niece, Jandy Frederick.

A funeral service was held July 7 at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Interment: St. Philip’s Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

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Rosalie “Diane” Kier

Rosalie “Diane” Kier, Bi-naagozi giizhigak Anangookwe “Day Star Woman,” 83, of Naytahwaush, died July 3 at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice.

Rosalie was born April 8, 1942, in Red Lake, Minn., the daughter of Daniel and Cynthia (Mountain) McKenzie. She attended school in Red Lake and graduated with the Class of 1960 from Red Lake High School. Following graduation, Diane furthered her education in Albuquerque, N.M., earning her LPN licensure. She entered the workforce as a nurse in California. In 1969, Diane moved back to Minnesota to make her home. She met Phillip “Danny” Kier and the two were united in marriage in 1974. Together they raised three children and later helped with several of the grandkids. Diane has made her home in the same house since 1980. Over the years, she continued to work as an LPN on a part-time basis until her children were older and she could return to work full time until her retirement in the late 1990s.



Rosalie was a hardworking, loving, and caring individual who always put others before herself. She was independent and remained busy helping those around her. Her house was always open to family and anyone in need. Rosalie loved to play all games, especially Scrabble and dice. She looked forward to her weekly trips to the casino and her visits with her sister. Above all,

it was her family that brought her the most joy and she treasured being with them and making memories. She will be missed by many but not forgotten.

Rosalie is survived by sons, Phillip (Anitra Walz) Kier and Patrick (Ashley) Kier both of Mahnomen; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren plus one on the way; one great-great grandchild; sister, Roberta Jones of Mahnomen; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Delilah Boswell; brothers, William “Billy” Mountain and Charles “Junior” McKenzie; and sisters: Irene Sayers, Rita Cloutier and Marlene McKenzie.

Private family services were held.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Karrie Jo Auginaush

Karrie Jo Auginaush, 62, of Naytahwaush, died July 28 at her home in Naytahwaush.

Karrie Jo was born on Sept. 8, 1962, in Bagley, Minn., to her loving parents George “Porgie” and Daisy (Byrd) Auginash. She spent most of her life in Naytahwaush, where she became a cherished member of her community.

Those who knew Karrie Jo will remember her as a kind and caring soul with a heart full of love for her family and friends. She was fiercely protective of those she held dear, always putting their well-being above her own. Her devotion to her loved ones was one of her most defining characteristics.



Karrie Jo found joy in life’s simple pleasures. She loved the excitement of visits to the casino, where she could unwind and enjoy herself. At home, you could often find her working on puzzles or challenging herself with Sudoku. She had a special talent for beadwork, creating beautiful pieces that reflected her artistic spirit and attention to detail.

Above all, Karrie Jo treasured the time she spent visiting with family and friends, she made sure that everyone in her life felt valued and loved.

Karrie Jo is survived by her siblings: Laura (Jack) Thompson, George Jr. (Carolyn) Auginash, Sandy (Guy) Auginaush, Bruce Auginash, Mary Auginaush, Becky Auginash, Anthony (Holly) Auginaush; special friend, Bruce Turner; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; grandchildren: Corey Jr., Tavian, Tarren, Hailey, Jared, Damani, Denali, Daycian, Daleah and Daisy.

Karrie Jo was preceded in death by her parents; children: Corey, Desirae, and Craig; brother, Kenny Auginaush Sr.; nephews: Russell Auginaush, Derick Auginaush, Jared James “Bud” Auginaush; niece, Sara Auginaush; and all of her aunts

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Rice Lake Community Center. A wake began on Tuesday, Aug. 5 and continued until the time of the services.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

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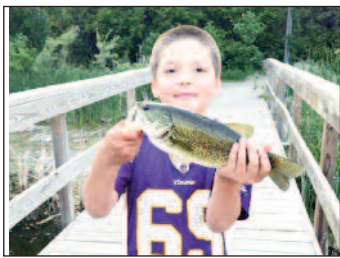
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Community members are invited to share stories



Photo by Melissa Widner

The Elders Group, recently started by Courtney Bunker, is a growing circle of community members who come together to share stories, laughter, and good company. The group recently enjoyed a nice picnic in Naytahwaush—just one example of the many gatherings that offer connection and joy. Everyone is welcome to join—elders, family, friends, and anyone who enjoys good conversation and a welcoming space. The group typically meets every Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. at Giizhigan in Mahnomen. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Pull up a chair. There’s always a place for you at the table. We hope to see you there! Back row from left are Mary Turner, Myrna Smith, Marilyn Goodwin, Ruthie Foss, and Susie Coleman. Sitting from left are Dolly Klinke, Phyllis Bunker, and Kitty Londo.

WE Parent Committee thanks Council for donation



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The White Earth Parent Committee would like to extend our gratitude to the White Earth Tribal Council for their donation. We appreciate your support and contributions, which helped the White Earth Head Start - home-base classrooms to blend cultural and educational experiences through meaningful field trips and graduation gifts. These opportunities allowed our children to explore and learn. Your commitment to our youth enriches their growth and strengthens the bonds between families, community, and tradition. Miigwech.

Thank You

Aaniin! I would like to thank everybody who helped us in any way as we said our final farewells to Jase! Whether it was cooking, cleaning, keeping fire, dropping off essentials for my house, helping out with money, even if you just stopped in to check on us.



Special thanks to Anderson’s for making sure everything went smoothly and for making sure our family was taken care of as well. We all appreciate everything you’ve all done, and if I could thank you all individually, I would!

Going forward, we are still trying to figure out how to live without Jason physically here, but I know we have a wonderful bunch of people behind us all the time to help us get through it. Miigwech everybody! We love you all! We couldn’t have done this without your support!

Brittney Bellanger and all of the Bellanger kids

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the friends, family and community members that have shown such great support, and kindness during our devastating loss of Kailene.

Special thanks to the fire-keepers, Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, Paige at Anderson’s Funeral home, the “kitchen help” during both the wake and funeral, the pall bearers for carrying her to her final resting place, the community members for the enormous amount of donations of food and supplies delivered to the house and the Community Center (it didn’t go unnoticed), the visitors and again, the support. The community is truly amazing in times of need.

Chi-miigwech to everyone who stepped up to help in any way!

The Family of Kailene Villebrun-Bevins

We would like to thank the following:

The Marine Corps Honor Guard, White Earth Honor Guard, Bagley American Legion Honor Guard, Clearwater County Sheriff’s Department, White Earth Police Department, Bagley Police Department, White Earth Natural Resources, White Earth Home Health, White Earth CHR, White Earth Constituents and Elders Programs, the VA and Sanford Medical, and the Fargo Sanford Hospice Unit.

Thank you to Pastor John Swanson for the beautiful service, the ladies of Faith Hill Assembly of God for taking care of the luncheon, Kathy Clark, Bill Rousu, Faith Rousu, the pallbearers, and the Cease Family Funeral Home. Kelly Cease and staff made a difficult time more bearable. We also are grateful to all our family and friends who sent cards, flowers, food, comfort, prayers, and kindness during this time.

The Cleve Goodwin Family

Family Reunion

Morgan Family Reunion and Potluck: Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Samuel Memorial Episcopal Church in Naytahwaush. 10 a.m. - coffee, 11a.m. - Harvest Fest parade, noon to 2 p.m. - potluck. Invite your families! Deb: 715-554-1187.

WHITE EARTH URBAN OFFICE

The White Earth Urban Office is located at 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100, in Minneapolis. Thier phone number is 612-813-1590 and the office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Manoomin Arts presents

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September 1+ October 27, 2025



Reception +

Thursday, September 25th
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Bidding will close on August 29th, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Name: _____
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BID Amount: _____

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Job Opportunity

White Earth Land Recovery Project (WELRP) Callaway, MN

Hiring: Office Assistant

Job Duties: The Office Assistant (OA) provides general administrative support to the White Earth Land Recovery, Native Harvest, and Nijji Radio staff. The OA should be skilled in creating documents using Microsoft Office within strict timeframes, so proficiency in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook is required. Multitasking and prioritizing workflow are essential to success in this role. The OA should be able to communicate in an articulate manner (written, verbal), and be accustomed to working in a fast-paced environment.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Serving as the primary receptionist (answering and directing incoming calls and greeting, directing, and assisting visitors)
- Using basic office equipment - computer, printer, shredder, scanner
- QuickBooks support, scanning and attaching documents to transactions
- Organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files
- Maintaining general office tidiness
- Providing direct administrative support to the Executive Director and Accounting
- Attending and assisting with community events
- Assisting with other special projects related to design and exhibitions
- Running errands and performing miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Self-motivated, detail-oriented, energetic, and highly organized.
- Must be a team player and have
- Outstanding writing, editing, data entry, and proofreading skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills,
- Ability to prioritize and handle multiple projects is essential.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office
- Must be proficient with Google Drive
- Associate degree or equivalent experience
- Understand Native American Communities and Culture

Minimum Education Required: High School Diploma

Apply: Submit cover letter & resume to maggie@welrp.org

Accepting Bids

The White Earth LTCC program is accepting bids for a bath modification to be done at an individual home located on the White Earth Reservation. Construction must be performed by a Minnesota licensed contractor and per MN State Code. All contractors must pass both White Earth RBC background and drug testing. Construction must follow State guidelines, including cost effectiveness. Payment will be made in full after final inspection, review of receipts, and approval of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at the White Earth Tribal Health Building, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591. All BIDS submitted MUST include a diagram/blue print of the proposed project and a list of materials, labor, equipment, etc. or they will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Due to client confidentiality, the bid description must be picked up in person at the White Earth Tribal Health Building. We are open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Bids will be accepted until 4:30 pm on 8/29/25.** Please contact White Earth Home Health, Long-Term Care program at 218-983-3286 with questions.



Your job search ends here
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WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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WETCC is delivering education & ice cream this summer!

Ice Cream Socials

12:30 - 2:30 PM

Aug. 4 - Elbow Lake Picnic Shelter

Aug. 5 - Pine Point Powwow Grounds

Aug. 6 - Naytahwash Softball Field by Powwow Grounds

Aug. 12 - Ogema Community Park

All are Welcome!

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WHITE EARTH
Community Farmers Market
Growing Healthy Families & Communities

Thursdays from 3-6 pm

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

Thursdays, 3-6 PM

Begins June 5th through October 2nd (weather permitting)
South Main Street, Mahanomen, MN

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

Come join the fun!


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

LOOKING FOR VENDORS?

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact:

MARKET MANAGER Eva Brakefield 218-983-3286 Ext. 1249 eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov	or	CO-MARKET MANAGER Maria Fatz 218-935-6417 maria.fatz@wetcc.edu
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The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahanomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.



GFWC
GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE
2025

We are asking for your help on our International Day of Service project we are participating in this year. The General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) is a worldwide organization of women that try to enhance our community through volunteer service. Once a year we work on an International Day of Service, and we like to get the community involved. This year our focus is in helping to us to bring attention to, and end sexual and domestic violence. We are the GFWC Library Club, established in 1913, and have been a part of the community since that time.

What we are going to do is ask the community to donate items that we will gather and take to our area's domestic violence shelters. We have contacted the shelters and have been given suggested items for donations. We are asking that you drop off your donation anytime during the month of August. We will collect them, and distribute them to the shelters.

Here is the suggested list of items that are requested.

Thanks List (new or gently used)	'No Thanks' List
Used cell phone chargers, and new batteries (AA, AAA, C, etc.)	Breast Pumps
Twin/Full/Queen bedding	Used bed & throw pillows
Lamps	Used Car Seats
Kitchen small appliances, dishes, silverware, etc.	used stuffed animals
Working electronics: TV, DVD player	knick-knacks, home décor
Laundry baskets, towels & wash clothes	toys that are broken
New Women's & Baby Toiletries	
New Clothing (adult and kids)	

This is a small example of what is needed by the shelters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the GFWC Library Club members listed below.

DROP off Locations	Days	Times
Lake Grove Lutheran Church	Sunday	9:30 to 11:00 AM
	Tuesday	4:30 to 5:30 PM
Circles of Faith UCC	Sunday	9:30 to 11:00 AM
	Tuesday	11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Trinity Lutheran, Waubun	Sunday	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
	Tuesday	6:45 AM to 10:15 AM
Or call Sandy Marr for other options (218) 401-0844		
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Thursday	5:00 to 6:30 PM
Or Call Diane Liebel @ 935-5950		
1 st Lutheran , Mahanomen, MN 56557	Sunday	before & after Service
	Wednesday	2:00 to 4:30 PM
St Michael's Catholic Church		
At Rectory	Tuesday-Thursday	8:30 AM to 3 PM
At Church		before & after Mass Times
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou	Sunday	8:00 to 10:00 AM
	Wednesday (the 13 th)	2:00 to 8:00 PM

The GFWC Library Club is always looking for new members. If you would like to join, or if you would just like more information on what we do, please contact one of us and we will answer any question. We meet on once a month from September through May, and have lunch and discuss various projects.

Thanks for your consideration on this.

Marge Fabre (218) 473-2591	Linda Blue (218) 935-2411	Anna Larson (218) 473-3111	Connie Soch (218) 734-2228
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White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
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Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

August 6 th Wednesday	Pine Point
August 12 th Tuesday	Elbow Lake
August 27 th Wednesday	Mahanomen – Valley View

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 is at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room in Valley View at 1:00pm.

September 3 rd Wednesday	Naytahwaush
September 9 th Tuesday	White Earth – Congregate
September 24 th Wednesday	Rice Lake

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

October 1 st Wednesday	Pine Point
October 8 th Wednesday	Elbow Lake
October 15 th Wednesday	Mahanomen – Valley View

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 is at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room in Valley View at 1:00pm.

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

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

Dr. Ung Clinic (foot doctor):
August 18th – 19th from 9am to 4:00pm in White Earth
August 20th from 9am to 3:00pm in Pine Point

Pine Point Community Picnic on August 7th starting at 5pm to 7pm
Elbow Lake Community Picnic on August 21st starting at 5pm to 7pm
Ogema Community Picnic on August 28th starting at 5pm to 7pm
Every Thursday in July the Farmers' Market will be at the Mahanomen Pavilion from 3-6pm

2025 Community Picnics

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Rice Lake Community Center	Thurs, May 22 nd
Callaway Softball Fields	Thurs, June 5 th
Mahanomen Mini Park	Wed, June 25 th
Waubun Community Park	Thurs, July 10 th
White Earth New Playground	Thurs, July 24 th
Pine Point Powwow Grounds	Thurs, August 7 th
Elbow Lake Elbow Lake Shelter	Thurs, August 21 st
Ogema Community Park	Thurs, August 28 th
Naytahwaush Sports Complex	Thurs, September 11 th

Sponsored by Behavioral Health, Public Health and the local Community Councils.

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE



LAKE HOME FOR SALE - SOUTH TWIN LAKE!

4 BED | 3 BATH | 2-STALL GARAGE | YEAR-ROUND LIVING



- Open kitchen & dining area
- Fireplace on each floor
- Large deck
- Dock included
- Storage shed
- Walk-out lower level



Amber Nefzger - Realtor®
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The Harvest Fest Powwow is Sept. 6-7 in NTW
Host Drum is Storm Crossing



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CUSTOMIZED EDUCATION



HYBRID ONLINE/IN-PERSON
CLINICALS

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA) TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 3

ORIENTATION: WEEK OF AUGUST 26
HYBRID COURSE: ON-LINE AND IN-PERSON

Application Link:
<https://qrcc.de/CustomizedEducation>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces concepts of:

- Basic human needs
- Health/illness continuum
- Basic nursing skills needed to work as a Nursing Assistant in long term care
- Upon successful completion of classroom studies, the student will participate in supervised clinical experience in a long-term care facility.

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

MUST TAKE ACCUPLACER EXAM TO DETERMINE READINESS

COST ASSISTANCE

Pathways to Prosperity Grant Requirements

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

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

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WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CUSTOMIZED EDUCATION



SPECIAL BOILER OPERATOR LICENSE COURSE

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 23
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Application Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/B2C-24>

CLASS OBJECTIVES

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

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Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

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

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

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

Contact us at 218-935-6276

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JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY!

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Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 218-401-2421 to fill out an application. Keycards cost \$10. Shooting Star employees can have their badge activated for free.

UPDATED KEY CARD HOURS:

- Adults (18 & older) have 24 hour keycard access 7 days a week.
- Minors (age 15-17) have keycard access 6 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 7 days a week



White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Prevent, Promote, Protect

HEALING FEAST 5PM - 7PM

WHITE EARTH BH CULTURE DIVISION

JUNE 11TH - PINE POINT	
PINE POINT COMMUNITY CENTER	
JULY 30TH - WHITE EARTH	
WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY CENTER	
AUGUST 27TH - MAHNOMEN	
FARMERS MARKET, MAHNOMEN	
SEPTEMBER 24TH - RICE LAKE	
RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER	
OCTOBER 29TH - NTW	
NTW BH BUILDING	

CONTACT BRENDA WEAVER FOR QUESTIONS
(218) 401-0391

Anishinaabeg Today Readers

Please let us know if you recently moved, or have moved in the past few years so we can cancel your old address.

Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

Email: today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:30 p.m.
Members present – Gerald Roberts, John Swan, Michael Swan, Allison Jones
Members absent – Sara Hunt, Marva Aitken
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks, Erin Dayl

3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the May 5, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 2025 as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$46,811.35 for check #34233 through check #34306 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 No unfinished business

7.0 New Business

7.1 2024-2025 Revised Budget – Motion by Allison Jones to approve 2024-2025 Revised Budget as presented, seconded by Michael Swan. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.2 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.3 Solar Grant – Tabled until the July 2025 meeting.


8.0 Principal’s Report – Discussion on End of School year; 4-8 grade field trip to Tamarac; Special Ed Field Trip; Head Start Pow Wow; B&G dates closed on June 10, 11 ,13; Treaty Day; Track-N-Field Day/Cook Out; Drama Camp; Hope for 1st Nations. No action needed.

9.0 Public Participation – July 4th fireworks

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Allison Jones to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m., seconded by Michael Swan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tribal Elder proud of great-granddaughter

White Earth member Charlotte Tommerdahl, 100, is proud of her great-granddaughter, Sienna Tommerdahl for graduating from Centennial High School in Circle Pines, Minn. Sienna graduated with 16 other Native American students from that school. All were honored at a special ceremony with beads on their caps, an Eagle feather, and wore the gift of an Indian blanket on their shoulders. She was an honor student and wore a special sash and the traditional gold tassel on her cap during school graduation. Sienna will be attending Lake Superior College to study dental hygiene. Her mother Kelsey (Tommerdahl) Froemming and her grandfather Wallace H. Tommerdahl Jr., are also White Earth members.



Canoe and Kayak Safety Event



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

A Canoe and Kayak Safety Event was held July 31 at the Rediscovery Center at White Earth Lake. Youth from the Boys and Girls Club spent the day enjoying the water and learning at the same time. White Earth Tribal Public Health sponsored the event and White Earth Natural Resources provided the staff and equipment.



Photo by Sage Thompson

White Earth Council members, program staff, Elders, and community members attend the Offering to the Lakes blessing on July 8 at Lower Rice Lake.

‘If Anishinaabe take care of the water, we will live’

An Offering to the Lakes blessing was held July 8 at Lower Rice Lake, and again on July 22 at Round, Rush, Upper Egg and Flat Lakes, Indian Creek, and Mitchell Dam.

White Earth Behavioral Health Cultural Clinical Director Dorene Day led the blessings. She said the Water Bundle has been with the Anishinaabeg for hundreds of years.

“We once were a sea-faring people. After contact, we came on a westward migration, following our prophecies of finding a place where food grows on water. We traveled on the waterways, lakes, and rivers. So, historically, our acknowledgement of the water has always had a place in our cultural beliefs

and practices,” said Day.

“The water bundle is about reciprocity, appreciation and thanksgiving for the food that grows on water: Manoomin, the wild rice. If Anishinaabe take care of the water, we will live.

Our water bundle is an acknowledgement of the spirit of manoomin, the spirit of the lake, and the Great Spirit, Gichi Manidoo, the love that Creator has for us, and the love that we have for wild rice.”

Day went on to say, “A bundle is offered in thanksgiving for the rice before it is harvested. We believe that our prayers and offering help to ensure that the manoomin will be there for future generations.”

WE-Mahnomen DWI Court participant donates tables to ENP sites



Marceline Parisian and Dean Villebrun at Congregate ENP.

In a heartwarming act of community service, Dean Villebrun has generously donated 10 picnic tables to various Elderly Nutrition Sites in our area. This initiative aims to enhance the outdoor dining experience for seniors, providing them with comfortable and accessible seating options.

The donation has been met with widespread appreciation from the elderly community. Lori Thompson, Court Administrator, praised Villebrun efforts, stating, “Dean’s contribution is a testament to the power of community spirit. These tables will greatly benefit our Elderly Nutrition Sites, promoting social interaction and well-being.”

The picnic tables have already been installed at several locations, and the positive impact is evident. Seniors are now able to enjoy their meals in a pleasant outdoor setting, fostering a sense of community and connection.

Villebrun project serves as an inspiring example of how individual efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of others. His generosity and commitment to the community are truly commendable.