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RICE LAKE MEMORIAL POWWOW & WALK
MAY 25TH & 26TH
specials- tbd

Grand entry
 at 1:00 p.m.
 & 7:00 p.m.
 on the 25th

2:00 p.m.
 on the
 26th

**WALK STARTS @ 9
 ON THE 26TH
 AT THE ROY LAKE
 LANDING**

FREE T-SHIRT FOR
 WALKERS
 UNTIL GONE

**HOST DRUM- SMOKEY HILL
 CO-HOST- MANOOMIN SINGERS
 MCS- FRANK STECH & HENRY FOX
 ARENA DIR.- SHAWN GOODMAN
 SOUND PROVIDED-PURE DYNAMITE SOUNDS**

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Submitted photo

District 1 Representative Henry Fox hands Brenda Hill the keys to her new home in Rice Lake.

White Earth Elders

move into Tiny Homes in Districts 1, 2, and 3

By Mary Gagnon
White Earth Human Services

Naytahwaush.

We are pleased to announce that Elders have moved into the newly constructed Tiny Homes!

District 3 includes six one- and two-bedroom units located in both White Earth and Pine Point.

District 1 has 10 one- and two-bedroom units located in Rice Lake.

These homes were proudly manufactured by Dynamic Homes of Detroit Lakes, a company owned by Ho-Chunk Inc., the award-winning eco-

District 2 has six one- and two-bedroom units located in

See Homes Page 17

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Keep on truckin'

Miigwech to the White Earth Tribal Council for assisting with financing our much-needed hook truck. With this assistance we can keep sanitation services without interruption and stay on schedule for the current community clean up event. From left are Rachelle Perkes - CEO/ Executive Director of WE Enterprises, Michael LaRoque - Secretary/ Treasurer, Tony Villebrun - Assistant Executive Director of WE Enterprises, and Mike Bevins - Sanitation Manager.

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Deadline	Issue Date
May 28	June 4
June 25	July 2
July 30	August 6
August 27	September 3
September 24	October 1

* Deadline and issue dates subject to change

Grant to assist broadband development in rural Mahnomen County

Garden Valley Technologies has been awarded a Border-to-Border Broadband Development/Low Density population Grant from the State of Minnesota through the DEED Office of Broadband Development. This grant will assist in a broadband build to rural Mahnomen County and is part of a last mile Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) project where fiber optic connections are brought to every location.

Residents and businesses in this area expressed support for GVT's Border-to-Border Grant application, which gives GVT the opportunity to offer Internet access to rural Mahnomen County. This underserved area needs fast, reliable Internet service to help residents progress, especially as technology continues to advance around them.

This particular grant funds up to 75% of the eligible project costs to help providers build out broadband infrastructure in some of the more remote or costly-to-serve areas of the state. This assistance is critical when it comes to plowing state-of-the-art fiber optic cable to the homes in such a rural area. It will allow these residences to have access to Internet speeds up to 6 Gbps, local phone service, and digital video services, which includes over 200 channels.

"This is exciting news, and I would like to thank the Office of Broadband and the State of Minnesota for this grant opportunity," said Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager at Garden Valley Technologies. "Grants like these make it possible to build out broadband in highly rural environments."

The Border-to-Border Broadband project for rural Mahnomen County will bring service to 287 unserved and underserved locations which include 221 residential households, six businesses, 56 farms, and four community institutions in northwest Minnesota. The total project cost of \$6,168,020 will be financed by the \$4,626,012 Minnesota Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Funds with the remaining costs covered by Garden Valley Technologies. With the large size this project covering 115 square miles with 142 miles of fiber optic cable being installed, it will be constructed over two construction seasons with the Mahnomen half of the area constructed in 2025 and the Naytahwaush half being constructed in 2026. Residents living in the area will receive communication from GVT on the next steps in the project.

About Garden Valley Technologies

Garden Valley Technologies is a progressive telecommunications and technology company serving 31 exchanges and surrounding communities in northwest Minnesota since 1906. GVT is a member-owned cooperative providing business and residential consumers with advanced integrated communications and technological solutions including high speed Internet, Digital HD TV, Security, 4G LTE Cellular, Smart Home technology and Voice services.

Sanford to host free Doc Talk on joint pain event in Bemidji

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Sanford Health will host a Doc Talk, "Understanding Your Joint Pain," from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Sanford Center, 1111 Event Center Dr. NE, in Bemidji. Attendees should use the convention center entrance near the hotel.

Guests can take the first step toward understanding hip, shoulder or knee pain by attending this free session with orthopedic surgeons Cody Sessions, MD, and Corey Wells, MD. They will discuss nonsurgical and surgical treatment options.

Refreshments will be available at 5:30 p.m. The one-

hour presentation will begin at 6 p.m. and include time for questions. The event is free to attend, but registration is required.

To register or learn more, visit <https://www.sanford-health.org/classes-and-events/doc-talk-bemidji> or call (218) 333-5862.

Sanford Health is dedicated to providing the communities it serves with relevant and up-to-date health information. Doc Talk is a free education series where Sanford physicians present and answer your questions on a wide variety of topics.

White Earth Nation Urban Office Monthly Newsletter

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to see our May newsletter



**White Earth Delegate
Announcement**

**White Earth Constitution Reform
Reservation At-Large Delegate Election**

The Candidates for the White Earth Constitution Reform
"Reservation At-Large Delegate" position are:

1. Pam Aspinwall
2. Lucille Silk
3. Jamie Gonzalez
4. Stella Devine
5. Clifford Garbow
6. Chris VanWert Jr.
7. Shania Basswood
8. Austin Burnette Sr.

The election will be held at the following event:

Date: May 10th, 2025
Time: 2:00-5:00 PM
Election location: White Earth Mother's Day Powwow
 Shooting Star Event Center
 Mahnomen

→ **Voter must be at least 18 years of age**
 → **Must show tribal ID to vote**

White Earth Nation - Urban

Wild Rice



Elder: \$6.50
 Enrollee: \$8
 Non-Enrollee: \$18

CASH ONLY
 60lb Limit

Safe

May 16th
 9:00AM - 4:00PM
 Lunch Break: 12:30PM - 1:00PM

Event Info: 612-813-1590

1730 Clifton Place, MPLS

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
 Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Zaagibagaa-Giizis!

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-
 zookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See
 You!

It is already May!

Everyone Be Safe.

An Oneida friend retold us this story so I thought
 I'd use it for our monthly traditional story as our
 Ojibwe creation stories cannot be told after the snow
 melts because of how sacred they are.

Long ago, two hunters went hunting deer for
 their village. They hunted for a very long time with-
 out seeing any signs of deer, but they didn't return to
 the village for they knew they had to provide food as
 May began.

Suddenly, they heard a very loud thump! They
 stopped and listened to see if there would be another
 thump, and sure enough, they heard it again! This
 time the thump was louder, "THUMP!"

One hunter said to the other, "What is that?"

The other hunter said, "I don't know, but IT
 sounds very close!"

So, both hunters got on their bellies and crawled
 to a nearby clearing surrounded by bushes. In the
 center of the clearing they saw the biggest rabbit they
 had ever seen!

The first hunter started to aim his bow and arrow
 at the huge rabbit, but the second hunter stopped him
 and said, "Let's wait to see what he is going to do."

Both hunters waited and watched the huge rabbit
 as he lifted one of his big back legs and thumped it
 three times on the ground. Then, out from every
 direction hopped regular sized rabbits. The hunters
 watched very closely not wanting to miss anything.

The little rabbits gathered around the big rabbit,
 and the big rabbit began to thump his back leg in a
 pattern as the little rabbits danced. The hunters
 watched in awe as the rabbits danced. Then the big
 rabbit thumped his leg in the directions in which the
 hunters lay. The huge rabbit looked in that direction
 and leaped into the sky. Then all the rabbits quickly
 hopped away.

The hunters watched still in awe. They realized
 they had to go back to the village and tell the people
 what they had seen and heard. They ran all the way
 to the village and asked if they could speak to the
 elders. After they told their story, one of the elde said,
 "Show us how the beat and the dance went." The
 hunters showed them exactly what the rabbits did.

Another elder said, "The rabbits gave this dance
 to tell us to show them respect and appreciation for
 what they give to us. We will name the dance after
 them, and we will dance it at our socials to show
 them our gratitude."

So this is the way it was then and is now. That is
 how the Oneida's Rabbit Dance came to be.

Springtime is here! The snow has melted, rivers
 and streams are flowing, and Mother Earth is awak-
 ening. The White Earth Agriculture Department con-
 tinues to work towards fulfilling their mission. Guided
 by Anishinaabe values, the White Earth Ag Depart-
 ment is dedicated to achieving sustainable food
 sovereignty and security for our membership. They
 are accomplishing this through outreach and educa-
 tion, promotion of sustainable farming, protec-



tion and restoration of our resources, and the devel-
 opment of tribal membership capacity.

Food Sovereignty and Security

Local garden tilling is happening in May. The
 FS&S Coordinator developed an updated roster of
 White Earth Elder gardens - currently reaching the
 limit of 100 gardens. Thousands of seedlings were
 propagated in the indoor grow system and recently
 transferred to the greenhouse. These starter vegeta-
 ble plants and garden pollinator flowers will be offered
 to the people we till gardens for. If there are surplus
 plants after fulfilling those needs, they will announce
 their availability to the tribal community.

Community education and outreach are ongoing
 in the FS&S Initiative. They developed a sugar bush
 in March, successfully tapped 65 trees, and evaporat-
 ed the sap into maple syrup. Volunteers were solicit-
 ed and participated in building their knowledge base
 in this specialized harvest. Extra sap evaporators
 were purchased and loaned out to community mem-
 bers who needed them for their sugar bushes. This
 year's sugar bush volunteers will be eligible candi-
 dates for our sap cookers next season.

**Mashkode-Bizhike Gikendamaawendam or
 the Bison Program**

As we move into Ziigwan or Spring, the Bison
 Program continues to move forward with our goals
 and initiatives. We currently have six Bison at our
 breeding herd pasture that many refer to as the
 Spence farm. These six consist of the four original
 heifers we received from Kankakee Sands Nature
 Conservancy Preserve in Indiana, a nine-year-old
 bull from Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North
 Dakota, and a four-year-old bull from the
 Yellowstone herd. We are hoping to have White
 Earth Nation's first Bison calf born in spring 2026.

To date, we have received all our Bison from the
 InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC). They receive all
 excess cull animals from the federal herds through-
 out the country, as well as from the Nature
 Conservancy herds. When requesting surplus ani-
 mals from ITBC, they have criteria such as "direct
 harvest" or for "breeding" purposes. We currently
 have 11 young bulls at our feeding operation located
 on 14 acres adjacent to our office site in Mahnomen.
 These animals are considered "direct harvest" and
 are intended for consumption.

We recently harvested two young bulls from the
 13 we had for the "direct harvest" animals. We have
 collaborated with B&T Meats in Waubun to process
 the animals. The meat will be distributed to Tribal
 members that are signed up to receive meals through

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Tribal offices closed for holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on May 26 for
Memorial Day and will reopen on May 27.
 Modified services will still be available.

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 2nd Quarter report ending March 31, 2025. 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 State 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 more for the good of the band members than to make a profit. These include 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 Dec. 31, 2024, is \$28.57 million with expenses at \$10.64 million with a balance of \$17.93 million. Total land purchases are \$5.9 million and capital purchases \$18,998.

Gaming

Consolidated revenue for Mahnomen, Bagley, and all other gaming revenue for the 2nd Fiscal Quarter of FY2025, ending March 31, 2025, was \$27.8 million. The consolidated expenses for the quarter were \$24.6 million. Consolidated net income for the quarter was \$3.2 million; Mahnomen is \$2.7 million, and Bagley is \$471,000.

The budget throughout the 2nd Fiscal Quarter was \$58.1 million of revenue and \$53.1 million in expenses for a budgeted net income of \$5.1 million for the second quarter of FY2025. YTD Revenue was \$1.7 million higher than the budget while expenses were \$3.1 million lower than budget resulting in net income being \$1.4 million higher than budget.

The Bagley Casino for the 2nd quarter ending March 31, 2025, earned \$2.7 million in revenue with expenditures of \$2.3 million. Bagley Casino has a net income for the quarter of \$506,000.

Shooting Star Casino cash on hand on March 31, 2025, was \$75.3 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 \$0.1 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 and Tribal Consistency Fund)

This quarter FY2025 ARPA funds a cash balance of \$6.32 million with \$4.68 million in expenses with revenues balance of \$11 million.

Other Grant Funds

In this quarter of FY2025, we recorded \$74.54 million in other grant funding while recording \$34.30 million in expenditures. 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.

Behavioral Health

In this quarter of FY2025, we accounted for \$15.11 million in revenue while recording \$18.25 million in expenditure. The ending cash balance in



Behavioral Health funds is \$50.27 million, in addition, there is an investment account of \$15 million.

Youth and Elder Funds

In this quarter of FY25, we have \$384,726 in revenue while recording \$54,039 in expenditure. This leaves us with a cash balance of \$330,687.

Travel Update

Attended the Tribal/Interior Budget Council meeting, along with our Self-Governance Coordinator Nakoa Graff in Washington, D.C., on March 10-13. I attended these subcommittee meetings: Education, Transportation, Budget, Public Safety and Justice, Land Water and Natural Resources and Data.

I attended the TIBC Main Session and the Tribal Caucus meeting with Tribal leaders.

I attended the 50 years of Tribal Self-Determination and Self-Governance Conference along with Self-Governance Coordinator Nakoa Graff at Wild Horse Pass Gila River Resort and Casino, Ariz. I attended all sessions on Self-Governance and Self-Determination and all the history. I also attended all listening sessions. The Tiwahe Initiative Update by Red Lake Nation was very informative and good for the increased funding for White Earth Nation.

Waabigwan Financial Update

The RBC met with the Waagigwan board of directors and administrators and talked about Revenue Allocation and Updating the Tribal members on Financial data. I suggested we have a Tribal members only meeting with a presentation on Waagigwan's financials. This meeting will take place sometime next month.

Local Meeting Attended

I attend the following monthly meetings: Gaming Commission, Council of Elders, White Earth Enterprise Board, and Waabigwan Mashkiki Board. I attend the Minnesota Governors update meetings every Thursday of the month and attended the monthly Consultation meeting with Minnesota Commissioner's per State Law 1065.

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

White Earth Community Cleanup 2025

ALL ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE WAUBUN SITE IF HAULING IN YOURSELF

PICK UP SERVICES AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL ENROLLED SENIORS - 55 years and older

IF SENIORS HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PICKED UP PLEASE **CALL 218-473-3222 or 218-935-3234** TO SIGN UP AND GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DAY OF SERVICE. PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE OFFICE ASSISTANT TAKING YOUR CALL. ALSO HAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY TUESDAY NIGHT DURING YOUR WEEK OF CLEAN UP.

WE HOUSING TENANTS - CREWS WILL BE PICKING UP THEIR RENTAL UNITS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY. PLEASE HAVE UNWANTED ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE.

May 7th thru May 9th

Naytahwaush Area Pinehurst to Mahkounce, County Road 6 from Hwy 59 to County Road 4

May 14th thru May 16th

Elbow Lake Area Pinehurst to Hwy 113, McCraney Lake cut across, Snyder Lake area, Tamarac Resort on Hwy 35 back to Hwy 113

May 28th thru May 30th

Pine Point Area LaDoux Road, Ice Cracking, Strawberry Lake & Mary Yellowhead

June 4th thru June 6th

White Earth Area Callaway, Richwood Road, Goat Ranch Road

TV's, Electronics & 8 Car Tires per household accepted (**NO SEMI OR TRACTOR TIRES**). NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE ALLOWED



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IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING

If you need your sewer system pumped call the White Earth Water and Sewer Department at 218-935-6276.

Tribal Enrolled Elder (55 years of age or older) - \$25

Tribal Enrolled Member (54 years or younger) - \$80

White Earth Business - \$115

Non-enrollee (any age) - \$185

Businesses - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

News From District 1 Rep. Henry George Fox

Boo-zhoo,

Hope all is well with our people of the White Earth Nation.

10 Elder Homeless Tiny Homes (Rice Lake)

Five are for enrolled Elders 55 and over, and five are for 65 and over. We currently have eight Elders moved in and two more to be filled - one for 55 and older and one for 65 and older.

Land Tamarack and State Forest

Tamarack Refuge is still moving forward as is the State Forest. There are a lot of the county commissioners not wanting it at all, even our enrolled members in those positions are against it. I say you all need to look at history, we can do our own management of the State Forest. It comes down to that it's ours, not anyone else.

Housing

I'm working with our District 1 Housing Board member James Hvezda Sr., and I attend monthly meetings with the Housing Board. Applications need to be filled out and turned in to get on the list. Also tenants need to re-certify every year.

Chemical Health

We have had a spike on overdose's. I was at a funeral and there was an Elder that got up and talked. He was saying if you're going to use, make sure you use with someone. I got mad but after thinking about it and it's true, they would probably be here if they did. Addiction is hard in any form.

Pow-wow Grounds

The Pow-wow/Walk is coming up on Memorial weekend. Come on out, we are having a horseshoe and cornhole tournament on May 24. Keep looking for a flyer coming out soon.

Water and Sewer

Water and Sewer in Rice Lake has a project to hook up the houses from County Road 7 all the way down to the sewer system by the community center. They will all get the opportunity to get hooked into the city system.

Education

High school graduations are coming up here in May. Make sure you get out and support our students.



Day Labor and TERO

We have day labor in Naytahwaush that goes throughout the reservation so get signed up.

Boys and Girls Club

It is always good to see all the kids coming to the Club after a hard day at school. Come in to wind down for the day, this time of the year they go on field trips and are finally able to go outside to the playground.

Forestry

Our firefighters have been busy with controlled burns and are putting out fires here on the reservation. They also have been delivering Spirit firewood to the families that have lost loved ones.

Urban Communities

The White Earth Urban Council has a Board that will take the lead on all things for our activities.

Elder Advocates, Elder Commission, Elder Council and Elder Repair

Our Elder advocates are out in the communities helping with many needs. We also have some HAF funding for Elder repairs

Henry G. Fox
District 1 Representative
White Earth Nation
218-407-2729 or 218-850-0753

Naytahwaush students visit Mille Lacs Museum



Submitted photo

The 5th and 6th graders from the Naytahwaush Community Charter School recently attended a field trip to the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post. This was made possible through a Mini-Grant for K-12 Educators from the Minneapolis Foundation and the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community. Teacher Crystal Littlewolf received the grant as a way to incorporate cultural museum learning to students who lack access to museums and art centers. The grant narrative included parental chaperones as a way to continue learning at home in our community. The students loved the trip and will use this experience to continue learning about us as Anishinaabeg people and our cultural heritage.

EARTH SUMMIT 2025

EARTH AIR FIRE WATER

WETCC invites you to join us as we explore the health of the water, land, and climate on and near the White Earth Reservation.

MAY 28 + 29

White Earth Tribal & Community College
2250 College Road, Mahnomens, Minnesota

For more info, contact:
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USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY EXTENSION

NCCS

5K RUN & WALK

START FROM LOWER PARKING LOT

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 2025

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REGISTRATION @ 12:30 PM

START TIME @ 1:00 PM

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News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

Aaniin Anishinaabe. I want to take a moment to update you on the work happening within our Tribe through the month of April. The snow has melted, rivers are running and signs of spring, returning birds, budding tree and warming skies—remind us of the cycle of life and the strength of our connection to the earth.

April Updates Events/Meetings

4-7 Tribal leaders and health staff gathered to discuss progress toward Tribal Public Health accreditation. This is a vital step in strengthening health services for our people. White Earth Health Department has been dedicated to this journey for many years, building the systems and capacity needed to meet standards while caring for community wellness. The meeting highlighted ongoing efforts and shared milestones. Public Health focuses on preventing disease, prolonging life, promoting health and well-being at the population level vs Healthcare: Center - treating individual patients. This process aims to improve accountability, quality and effectiveness of the Tribal Health Department.

4-9 I had the opportunity to join Lucille Silk to attend the Wisdom Steps meeting at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. Wisdom Steps is a partnership among the 11 Minnesota tribes to encourage elders to take simple steps toward better health. Each year, the Wisdom Steps Conference is held in June and rotates among tribal communities across Minnesota. This year, it will be held at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in June, where elders and health advocates will come together once again to share knowledge and strengthen the path to wellness.

4-9 I joined a call with staff members to listen, learn and discuss the transportation challenges impacting our Boys and Girls Club on the Reservation. Reliable transportation remains a significant barrier. During the conversation, we explored potential solutions—including the possibility of securing vans to help bridge the gap. These early discussions reflect our shared commitment to supporting our young people.

4-16 Tribal leaders met with Intertribal Agricultural staff regarding environmental initiatives and agricultural collaboration. Discussions about environmental justice, methane reduction in agriculture, collaboration with tribal nations and future action plans.

4-17 Tribal leaders had the honor of attending a retirement celebration for Joyce Bellanger, recognizing an incredible 37 years of service with Indian Health Service (IHS). Joyce has served as a Medical Records Administrative Specialist and her last day was April 18. Her 37 years of dedication truly speaks for themselves! Thank you, Joyce for your commitment, compassion and the care you've shown our community. You will be greatly missed!

4-19 White Earth Community Council held an Easter event at the White Earth Community Center. The Easter bunny made an appearance. The event included games, easter baskets, pictures with the easter bunny and gifts.

4-22, 4-23, 4-24 I attended the Minnesota Indian Sexual Assault Conference and Powwow in Bloomington, Minn., - a powerful event dedicated to healing, awareness and justice. This event brought together survivors, advocates, leaders and community members from across the country including representatives from Louisiana, Nevada and tribal nations. Attending the conference was inspiring. I witnessed the courage of survivors who bravely shared their stories—stories of pain, resilience and hope. The conference offered learning opportunities at no cost to atten-



dees, making it accessible to many. It was a reminder of the importance of standing together to support victims, uplift survivors and work toward a future free from violence.

Project Updates:

Transit

The newly proposed transit project in Waubun is moving forward. White Earth Nation has secured support for the initiative with funding commitments from federal, state and tribal sources all working together to bring this vision to life. As planning continues, the transit project stands as a promising step toward a more accessible and connected future for the White Earth community.

Tiny Homes

Tenants have officially moved into the newly constructed tiny homes. This initiative was originally envisioned and started by previous tribal leaders. Our programs have played a vital role in facilitating this move, providing essential resources and coordinated support throughout the process. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the DCH Board, Optima Property Management, White Earth Human Services staff, our Elder Advocates and all others who contributed their time and energy. This project stands as a testament to what we can achieve together.

Elbow Lake Community Facility

White Earth Nation received an award notice for \$500,000 for a Multi-Purpose Community facility in Elbow Lake Village. Our tribal departments are currently working diligently to complete the required documentation and finalize the grant process to ensure the timely release of funds. Once completed, this facility will provide new opportunities for connection, wellness and community growth in Elbow Lake Village.

Tiffany Swiers is available at the Pine Point office every Wednesday offering assistance and support to community members. Whether you have questions, need help accessing services or simply want to connect, Tiffany is there to lend a hand and ensure members receive the guidance they need. Our contact information is listed below also.

It is an honor to represent our community and our families. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

MIIGWECH

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White Earth Tribal and Community College recognized for student success and excellence by AIHEC

Alexandria, VA – The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) congratulates its accredited Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) membership on receiving the prestigious, merit-based Carnegie Opportunity Colleges and Universities (Higher Access, Higher Earnings) classification, which recognizes exceptional commitment to expanding student access and fostering strong post-graduation earnings outcomes.

“Tribal Colleges and Universities are cornerstones of their communities as economic drivers and local systems of support for students and families from all walks of life in some of the most remote locations in the country,” said AIHEC President & CEO Ahniwake Rose. “Attaining this Carnegie classification is a well-deserved achievement, underscoring the outstanding work TCUs do in serving their communities and advancing student success every day.”

Congratulations to the AIHEC TCUs members receiving the highest student access and earnings classification as Opportunity Colleges and Universities including: Aaniiih Nakoda College (MT), Bay Mills Community College (MI), Blackfeet Community (MT), Dine College (AZ), Fort Peck Community College (MT), Haskell Indian Nations University (KS), Leech Lake Tribal College (MN), Little Big Horn College (MT), Little Priest Tribal College (NB), Salish Kootenai College (MT), Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (NM), Tohono O’odham Community College (AZ), Turtle

Mountain Community College (ND), and **White Earth Tribal and Community College (MN)**.

According to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, “Opportunity Colleges and Universities are institutions within the Student Access and Earnings Classification that can serve as models for studying how campuses foster student success. They provide higher than expected levels of access to low-income and underrepresented students, and their students experience strong earnings outcomes.”

The Carnegie Student Access and Earnings Classification has six categories, with TCU’s showing in the top three categories: twelve TCU’s attained the second level of Higher Access, Medium Earnings, five TCU’s were in the third Higher Access, Lower Earnings category, and three TCU’s were not classified

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Tribal leaders, staff meet with U.S. Senator Smith



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White Earth tribal leaders and staff recently met with Minnesota U.S. Senator Tina Smith while attending a Flag Ceremony held at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing Room, in Washington, D.C. during M.A.S.T. Impact Week. From left are Government Relations Coordinator Richard Hanks, Chairman Michael Fairbanks, U.S. Senator Tina Smith, District 2 Representative Eugene Sommers, and Behavioral Health Director Clinton Alexander.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Aaniin,

Every month we get closer to our goal of coming together as Elders from every community to gather in a good way and make plans for events that get us out to enjoy the beautiful weather that is coming our way. This month we met in Rice Lake at noon right after lunch at the ENP site to get program updates, make plans on what to do that brings us together so that we can visit and tell stories about how we made it through the rough winter! Now that it’s nice out we can talk about what we are going to plant in the ground - be it flowers or vegetables, maybe both.

I have been talking to some of the Elders Commission members about some of the complaints that we have heard at our meetings. Starting with Rice Lake we will have all the information and forms to fill out and give to the commission to address those complaints. It is nice to work with them then we can concentrate on planning events and learning from other programs like last month we had CPR training. Thanks to Jeff, Matt and Sierra from the Naytahwaush ambulance service we learned how to use the defibrillator and the EpiPen - so a big Thank You to the ambulance crew.

We also had home Tribal Health come in and show us how to use a massage roller to get relaxed and alleviate muscle tension and soreness. Thank you, Jill and Jackie, it was a fun time. This is the way we like to conduct our meeting, have fun, visit and learn something new and get updates.

I have included the Elders Commission’s contact information for any complaints.

District 1: Robin Ankeny 218-214-3269, Francine Day 218-280-5757

District 2: Missy Fairbanks 218-401-0553, Lorelie Morales 218-261-0990, Stella Devine 218-204-1521

District 3: Emily Annette 218-849-0717, Toni Vizenor 218-841-6784

Still working on sub communities for events, powwow, and bylaws. We have seven signed up to work on the bylaws and sign-up sheets for the event planning and powwow communities.

We have interest in forming a group in the Mahnomen area so we can add them to our meeting sites. If you would like to be involved with setting this up reach out to Pam Aspinwall at 218-850-7016.

We have the Mother’s Day Powwow coming up on May 10-11 and the Elder’s Council and the Elder’s Commission are going to have an information table so stop by and visit. Also heard the Elder’s picnic is June 26 at the Rediscovery Center.

We have the Rice Lake Memorial Powwow coming up and would like to have some volunteers to help out in the Elder booth - if interested let us know.

Just found out that Shirley Holzgrove will be doing some NARCAN training in the Elbow Lake meeting on June 3.

This is our meeting schedule for this year as follows.

June 3: Elbow Lake ENP site

July 1: Naytahwaush ENP site

Aug. 5: Pine Point ENP site

Sept. 2: White Earth ENP site

Oct. 7: Rice Lake ENP site

Nov. 4: Elbow Lake ENP site

See Elders Page 8

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Region 2 Arts Council's Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship awarded to Kent Estey

The Region 2 Arts Council's Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council, a group comprised of indigenous artists and elders, recently reviewed applications. Kent Estey was selected from an exceptional group of candidates as this year's recipient of the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship. This \$5,000 fellowship, made possible by the generous support of the McKnight Foundation, honors Indigenous artists whose work enriches and uplifts their communities, and Kent embodies this mission through his creative and cultural contributions.

A citizen of the White Earth Nation, Kent Estey is an accomplished painter whose work is deeply rooted in Anishinaabe traditions, spirituality, and the natural world. His art captures the interconnectedness of land, water, and spirit, offering viewers a rich visual narrative steeped in cultural heritage. With vibrant colors and powerful symbolism, Kent's paintings reflect his commitment to preserving and sharing Anishinaabe stories through contemporary expression.

Beyond his artistry, Kent is a dedicated community member who actively supports Indigenous arts and cultural preservation. His work fosters dialogue, understanding, and connection among artists and audiences alike. Through mentorship, advocacy, and creative storytelling, Kent continues to inspire future generations while strengthening the artistic identity of the region.

The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council recognizes Kent's exceptional talent and his unwavering commitment to the artistic and cultural vibrancy of his community by awarding him this fellowship. We congratulate Kent and look forward to seeing how his work continues to shape and inspire the arts land-

scape in Region 2 and beyond.

The Region 2 Arts Council Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship Award is made possible through the generous support of the McKnight Foundation.



Photo by TJ Turner

Kent Estey painting in his studio. He was recently selected to receive a \$5,000 fellowship.

Chairman from Page 3

the White Earth Nation food shelf. And we will also have some meat available for special requests such as the Earth Day event that was held on April 22.

We are very excited about continuing to move this program forward and anticipate further requests related to the program. Whether those requests are for meat/consumption or for any ceremonial purposes or items (hides, bones, skulls, etc.) we look forward to doing our best to accommodate these requests and leading in a good way.

As the warmth of May returns and new life awakens all around us, let us walk together in gratitude, taking care of our families, our communities, and our sacred homelands. Miigwech for your

strength and spirit — let's make this season one of growth moving forward and healing.

Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg gaye Anishinaabeg miziwe maajita-naanoojimo.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Elders from Page 7

Dec. 2: Naytahwaush ENP site

Native American quote of the month: "Remember it is better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightning in the hand."

Let's get out and have some fun this summer, that is what it is about - having fun and making friends.

As always you can reach out to us with any new ideas for events and other fun stuff to do.

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

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Tim Rindahl (Chairman) 218-261-0182

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Traditional Foods promotes health and well-being in Rice Lake community

By Ana Kircher
 White Earth Tribal Public Health Community Health Educator

through disease prevention, highlighting both the importance of traditional food harvesting and the value of community connection.

A gentle snow fell on the Rice Lake Community Center on April 4, creating a cozy atmosphere filled with laughter and the aroma of searing bison and herbs. Derek Nicholas, Traditional Foods Nutrition Coordinator at the Minneapolis non-profit Division of Indian Work, shared insight on the importance of food sovereignty and demonstrated a bison bowl recipe using hand harvested ingredients.

Nicholas's engaging presentation, which blended his mindful approach to harvesting with humorous stories about traveling with elders, resonated with attendees. He demonstrated the recipe using traditional ingredients such as milkweed pods, bison talow, bison meat, wild rice and lotus roots.

The Rice Lake Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) site provided an ideal setting for foragers and elders alike to participate. To further extend the learning, White Earth Nation Tribal Health provided 20 food kits for attendees to recreate the bison bowl at home, emphasizing the health benefits of traditional foods and the importance of shared culinary experiences.

Before the food demonstration, Nicholas broadened the discussion with a presentation on food sovereignty through a global lens. Adding an engaging, interactive element, he led a traditional game using a beaver hip bone, where participants with closed eyes attempted to guide their finger into the socket, resulting in much laughter.

The event fostered an environment that promoted the White Earth Nation's health and well-being



Submitted photo

Derek Nicholas, a Traditional Foods Nutritional Coordinator for the Minneapolis Division of Indian Work prepares milkweed pods.

Making traditional crafts and eating pizza!



Photo by Laura Loken

The White Earth Urban Community Council recently sponsored Family Cultural Day. Participants made dream catchers and medicine bags while enjoying pizza! From left are Sherr-lynn Loken, Desiree Jones, and Sofia Loken.

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council

Annual Community Picnic

Saturday, 7-12-25

11 am to 3 pm

Meal served at noon

WEUCC cordially invites White Earth Families & Friends to the Annual Summer Picnic where there will be great food, fun and door prizes.

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**MAY 15TH,
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MAY 2025

Cultural Calendar Zaagibagaa-giizis

White Earth Cultural Activities Monthly Schedule

Happy Mother's Day!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
				Fasting Camp @ NTW NTW Wesa 10-12	Fasting Camp	Fasting Camp
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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The White Earth Behavior Health Cultural Team has met and would like to inform you of decisions regarding upcoming Sweat lodges. Due to the fluctuation of participants in attendance at recent sweat lodge ceremonies, the White Earth BH Cultural staff will begin combining the Men's and Women's community Sweat lodges in a co-ed fashion. To ensure safety of our relatives that will attend, both male and female staff will also be in attendance and safety protocols will be followed. We will accommodate Male or Female only Sweat lodges. Please consider Asemaa/tobacco with any request.
Miigwech, BH Cultural Team

May 22nd | 9:30AM-2:30PM
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WETCC Student Spotlight: **Adrian Olson**

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) honors a student each month who exemplifies academic excellence, resilience, and personal growth. Students are nominated by fellow students who recognize the unique and exceptional qualities of their peers. This May, WETCC shines the spotlight on Adrian Olson.

Adrian is in his second year at WETCC and is a well-known face on campus. Besides being a student, he also works in the college business office.

He has had an unforgettable Spring Term. In February, he was one of nine students who had the opportunity to travel to Florida and take part in the NASA training experience at the Kennedy Space Center.

Just a couple of weeks later, he was off to Las Vegas for the American Indigenous Business Leaders (AIBL) National Conference. He and his team members earned third place in the Tribal College Business Plan Competition for their proposal for an Indigenous art consignment store. This innovative business idea is set to become a reality with the store opening this fall.

To top things off, Adrian won the individual

Elevator Pitch Competition in the age 26+ division. Reflecting on his accomplishment, he describes it as one of his proudest moments.

According to Adrian, his greatest challenge has been rebuilding himself while working towards his degree. He has had to overcome many obstacles, but his determination and perseverance is paying off. When asked about his secret to success, Adrian shared his motto: "Get up, dress up, and show up. Preparation is huge." For him, success means making progress, understanding where you're headed, and working each day to achieve it.

Looking ahead, Adrian plans to graduate from WETCC, then transfer to pursue his bachelor's degree.

Congratulations, Adrian! WETCC wishes you continued success in the future.



Adrian Olson



To our relatives, families, and communities,

On behalf of the eleven sovereign Tribal Nations of Minnesota, we extend our deepest condolences to the families, loved ones, and entire communities impacted by the recent and tragic acts of violence in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis.

We are devastated by the loss and harm caused in two separate shootings that occurred just hours apart.

Among those impacted are members of our Tribal Nations. Our hearts are heavy, and we stand in mourning with all relatives affected.

These acts of violence are not only tragic—they are a direct threat to our communities. We cannot allow harm to continue or deepen through retaliation or further conflict. Now is the time for unity, for reflection, and for immediate collective action.

As Native peoples, we have always known grief. But we have also always known strength. We are here because our ancestors cared for one another. That is how you are even here—because someone before you chose love, protection, and community over despair. That is how we honor them, and how we must continue forward: by protecting one another, by choosing life together, and by remembering that we are stronger united.

We call on all our relatives to stand together in this moment. Please check in on one another. Offer your strength. Encourage peace. And if you have information about these events, we ask you to come forward—whether to the Minneapolis Police Department, Crime Stoppers, or your own Tribal law enforcement. We recognize that trust in law enforcement is not simple, and we respect each person's path toward sharing information. What matters is truth and accountability.

We have endured so much. The world has challenged us again and again. But we must not turn on one another. We must turn toward each other. Let us walk forward with grief, but also with strength. Let us honor those lost by rising in solidarity and care.

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			Walk in's	CLOSED
			Stocking Shelves	
			9am-2pm	CLOSED
5	6	7	10	9
NTW	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	Nijii Radio	ENP Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-2pm	CLOSED
12	13	14	15	16
NTW	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	ENP Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-2pm	CLOSED
19	20	21	22	23
NTW	White Earth	Ogema	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	Dream Catcher Homes	Stocking Shelves	
9am-2pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-2pm	CLOSED
26	27	28	29	30
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CLOSED	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
	Community Center	Vet's Building	Stocking Shelves	
CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-2pm	CLOSED
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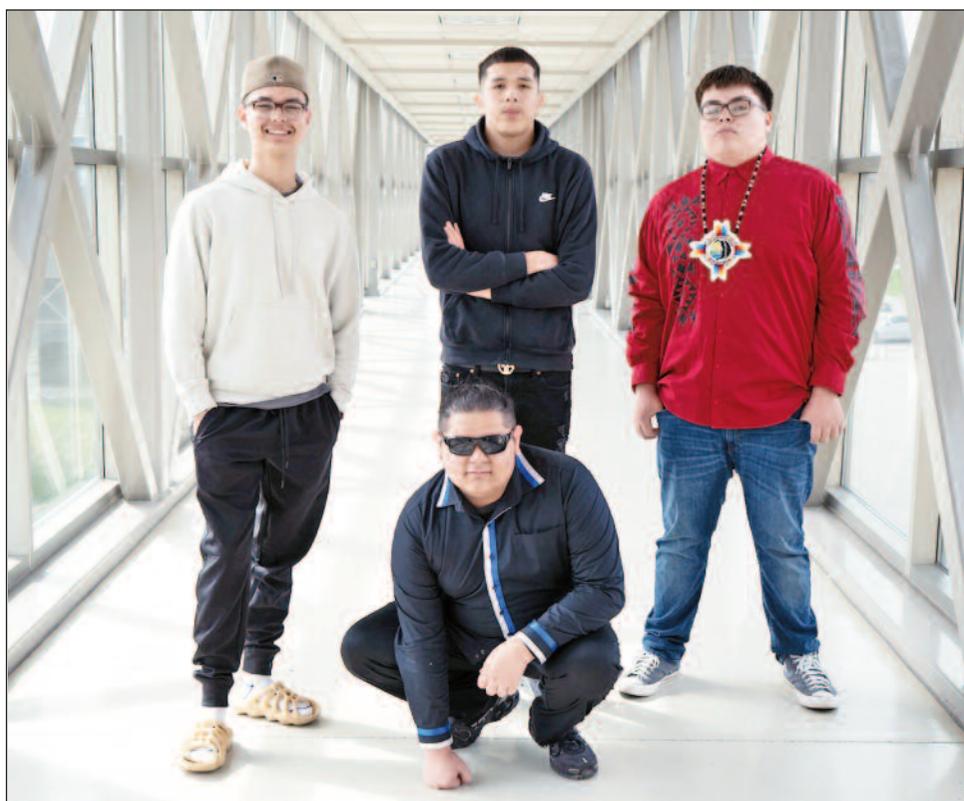
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Community invited to COLA graduation



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The 2025 graduation ceremony for the Circle of Life Academy seniors will be held Thursday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at Circle of Life Academy. Light refreshments and cake will be served following the ceremony. Graduating seniors (back row from left) are Keagon Goodman, Nathan Richey, and David Hoagland III. Kneeling is Devlin Fineday.

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Brandon Baity, Executive Director with the Indigenous Association, presenting a keynote presentation.

White Earth Land Recovery Project sponsors Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference

The Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference (GLIFC) is an annual event organized by the White Earth Land Recovery Project (WELRP), dedicated to promoting Indigenous food sovereignty, sustainable agriculture, and cultural revitalization. The conference recently celebrated its 22nd year at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, Minn.

Purpose and Vision

GLIFC serves as a vital gathering for Indigenous farmers, seed keepers, land stewards, and community leaders across the Great Lakes region. Its mission is to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration, integrating traditional ecological knowledge with contemporary sustainable farming practices. The conference emphasizes themes such as food sovereignty, climate resilience, and the restoration of Indigenous food systems.

Conference Highlights

Workshops and Panels: The conference featured more than 25 presenters leading sessions on topics including regenerative agriculture, seed saving, soil health, and the cultivation of traditional crops like corn, beans, squash, and hemp.

SARE Farmer's Forum: In collaboration with the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, the conference hosted the Farmer's Forum, providing a platform for discussions on sustainable farming practices, conservation, and food system innovations within Indigenous communities.

Cultural Demonstrations: Attendees engaged in cultural activities such as storytelling, traditional food preparation, and craft workshops, reinforcing the connection between cultural heritage and agricultural practices.

Community Engagement: The event included Indigenous vendors, film screenings, and networking opportunities, fostering community connections and shared learning experiences.

Impact and Legacy

Over its two-decade history, GLIFC has become a cornerstone event for Indigenous communities in the Great Lakes region, supporting the revitalization of traditional agricultural practices and strengthening community resilience. By centering Indigenous voices and knowledge systems, the conference contributes to the broader movement of cultural preser-

vation and environmental stewardship.

For more information about the Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference and future events, visit the White Earth Land Recovery Project's official website at welrp.org.



Submitted photos

Top: Kadence Knutson and AJ Hill participating in CHOPPED at the conference - a youth program supported in part by White Earth 4-H. **Bottom:** Two ladies working on Anishinaabe cultural crafts.

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Joyce Bellanger retires from IHS



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Tribal Council gifted Joyce Bellanger with a blanket at her retirement ceremony on April 17 at the White Earth Health Center. Joyce served 37 years with IHS! She was a Medical Records Administrative Specialist. From left are District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson, Chairman Michael Fairbanks, Joyce Bellanger, and Secretary-Treasurer Mike LaRoque.

Bluey visits WOYC event



Submitted photo

The annual Week of the Young Child event was recently held at the Shooting Star Casino. More than 350 attended and they enjoyed pizza, visited 22 vendors, and were treated to a “Bluey” and friend “Bingo” meet and greet and dance show. Vendors provided family resources and engaging activities which were a huge hit for all children. The event was a fun filled, celebrating early learning for children, families and tradition. The event was sponsored by the White Earth Childcare/Early Childhood program along with West Central Initiative. Migwech to all who made this another great year!



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Back row from left are Crystal Littlewolf, Shona Hanks, Susie Ballot, Cyndy Jones, Geri Goodwin, Marlena Hanson, Matty Bowstring, and Raven Freebird. Front row from left are Beth Ann Dodds, Mike LaRoque, and Stephanie Longfield. Not pictured: Eugene Sommers

All Nations Rise welcomes council members

By Beth Ann Dodd
All Nations Rise

All Nations Rise’s ‘Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI) - Cohort 3’ Parent Leaders welcomed White Earth Tribal Council members Mike LaRoque (Secretary-Treasurer) and Eugene Sommers (District II Representative) into the classroom for a ‘taste of NPLI (National Parent Leadership Initiative).’

IPLI Facilitator’s combined sessions 14 & 15 “How Local, State & Tribal Governments Work” where Parent Leaders learn how tribal government works alongside local and state leaders to ensure children and families receive the services they need and how policies and systems effect their family and community. Parent Leaders shared their “Passion with Purpose” community projects where parents have an opportunity to identify a need in their community and offer solutions.

Minnesota-based non-profit, All Nations Rise (ANR) was established in 2021 by Indigenous Visioning, LLC (IV) to support Indigenous families and their communities through tribally led initiatives

that include creating tribal early childhood systems and supporting the parent voice through a cultural lens.

Grounded in Indigenous values, IV/ANR’s IPLI uses a cultural foundation created by Elders and Dr. Anton Treuer that is infused within the NPLI’s curriculum “Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) framework.” Facilitators help guide the parent leaders through both curriculums, community projects and alumni activities.

In July 2025, NPLI is holding their annual facilitator training in Minneapolis. If you are interested in becoming a PLTI/IPLI Facilitator, contact ANR/IV at 218-694-2005 or BethAnn@AllNationsRise.com

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), through its Child Safety and Permanency Division is partnering with NPLI and IV/ANR to bring these initiatives to Minnesota communities. Announcements coming soon, please refer to DCYF’s website for more information at: <https://dcyf.mn.gov/> or contact: BethAnn@AllNationsRise.com, 218-694-2005.

White Earth Honor Guard	No alcohol, illegal substances or weapons allowed
Emcees - Brandon Bowstring and Wesley Jourdain	
Spiritual Advisor- Rob Tibbetts	
Arena Director - Lucas Hisgun	
Male Head Dancer-Erick Greenleaf Gordon	Doors open at Noon
Female Head Dancer - Miya LoneEagle	Grand Entrance at 1 PM
Invited Drum Groups Only:	Bag Lunch Provided
Bear Runner	Payouts at end of Pow Wow
Makade Makwa	Dance Specials:
Mississippi Ojibwe	Traditional Male=Woodland (18+)
Opitchi Drum	Women’s Jingle Dress (18+)
Smoky Hill	Youth Dance (9-17)
Southside Ramblers	Royalty Recognized
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White Earth ABC	at 612-423-6760

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council 2nd Annual Pow Wow 5-17-25

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Homes from Front Page

conomic development corporation of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Optima Property Management oversees the leasing and day-to-day management of the Tiny Homes. Optima Property Management manages over 500 units across multi-family and commercial properties.

Qualifying Elders receive Housing Support (formerly known as Group Residential Housing or GHR), which helps subsidize rental costs. Housing Support also assists with ongoing utility bills and other housing-related expenses.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many businesses and programs that made this initiative possible:

The Housing Consultants, LLC – for providing training and guidance to tribal program staff on

implementing Housing Support Services.

White Earth Human Services Programs, including:

- Financial Services
- Elder and Vulnerable Adults
- Housing Stabilization

These teams along with WE Care have been instrumental in serving our Elders and will continue their dedicated work moving forward.

Finally, we thank the White Earth Tribal Council for their vision, leadership, and support in making these homes a reality.

Caretaker information:

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District 2 Lee Defoe 218-350-3543

District 3 TBA Alex Lavoy 701-941-3802



Submitted photos

White Earth Elders moved into more than 20 Tiny Homes throughout the reservation. Qualifying Elders receive Housing Support (formerly known as Group Residential Housing or GHR), which helps subsidize rental costs.



Easter Bunny visits urban youth



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The White Earth Urban Community Council recently hosted a Youth Bingo event. They gave the kids an easter bag with candy and a plastic egg with candy and \$1 for attending. Then the kids and adults were fed pizza, chicken wings and garlic bread. After lunch, they played bingo for cash and candy in plastic easter eggs - varying from \$2 to \$5. Raffles were held during the event for big chocolate easter bunnies. Everyone enjoyed and said they would definitely come back next year.

Ray Waukazo retires from WELSA



Submitted photo

A retirement party was held May 1 for Raymond Waukazo after 25 years of service to the White Earth Nation. He served all 25 years with the WELSA Office as a Probate Technician. Secretary-Treasurer Mike LaRoque presented Raymond with a blanket and words of appreciation on behalf of the White Earth Tribal Council.

MMIP Awareness Event and Walk



Photo by Jeffrey Burnette

The MMIP (Missing & Murdered Indigenous People) Awareness Event and Walk was held Monday, May 5 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. The event featured a solidarity walk, play, program booths, BCA speaker, and a feast.



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May

is Mental Health Awareness Month

What is "Mental Health?"

- We all have mental health.
- Mental health is just as important as physical health!
- Mental health affects how we think, feel, and act!
- Mental health is emotional, psychological, and social well-being.
 - It can influence and affect our cognition, perception, and behaviors.
 - It can also determine how we handle stress, relationships, and decision-making.

Why should we prioritize mental health?

- It allows for building positive life experiences and strengthening resiliency. Life often presents difficult circumstances and having that resiliency allows us to bounce back and live in a way that creates more joy and helps us to achieve our goals.

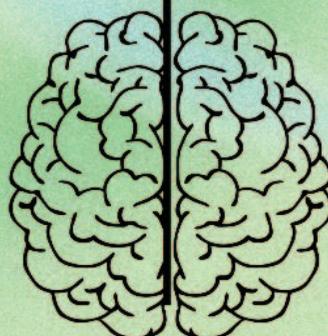
Mental Health

IS...

- Important
- Something everyone has
- Linked to physical health
- Worth making time for
- Part of being human
- Something we need to look after
- Positive & Negative Feelings
- Changeable
- Complex
- Real

IS NOT...

- A sign of weakness
- Shameful
- Always something negative
- Something you decide to have
- Something to think about- only when it feels "broken."
- The same term as "mental illness."
- Feeling good all the time
- Something you can "snap out of."
- "Fake News"



Obituaries

Eugene "Gene" Joseph Rock

Eugene J. Rock, 78, of Chicago, formerly the White Earth area, died April 19 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Eugene "Gene" Joseph Rock was born Dec. 13, 1946, in White Earth, to Joseph Badboy and Malina Roberts Anywaush. Gene grew up in the White Earth area and graduated from Waubun High School. While in his 30s Gene suffered from an injury which left him with chronic back pain that lasted the remainder of his life and forced him to retire.



Gene met Michelle Lu and the couple were blessed with beautiful twin daughters, Tina and Cindy. The family made their home in Chicago for several years. In the 1980s, he returned to northern Minnesota for a time before moving back to Chicago in 2014 to be closer to Tina and Cindy, especially as he began to face the challenges of dementia.

Gene had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and joke. He enjoyed collecting coins and was known for "always having change on him." Gene loved a good challenge—whether it was a card game with his family members, the daily word puzzles in the newspaper, or a lively round of bingo.

Gene is survived by his twin daughters, Tina (Paul) Rock-Noffsinger and Cindy Rock; grandchildren: Michelle, Alyssa, Jacquelyne, Genevieve, Angel, Jonathan, and Kevin; great-grandchildren, Manuel "Edward" and Troy "TK;" brothers, Ronald Rock and his children Roxanne, Rosanne, and Dakota, and Robert Rock and his daughters Malena and Verna; and many other beloved family.

Gene was preceded by his parents; brother, Emil Rock (survived by his daughter, Michelle); nephew, Robert "Robbie" Rock; the mother of his daughters and special friend, Michelle Lu; and many extended family members.

A funeral service was held April 28 at the old Pine Point School.

Interment: St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Pine Point.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

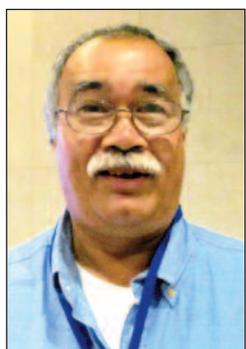
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Robert "Bobby" Keith Millage

Robert Millage, 67, of Fergus Falls, Minn., died March 27 at his home.

Robert Keith Millage, affectionately known as "Bobby" to his family was born Dec. 13, 1957, in White Earth, the oldest son of Verna (Morgan) and Clark Millage. He started elementary school in Mahnomen, then the family moved to the Detroit Lakes, Minn., area, and Bob attended Rossman Elementary.

As a young teenager, Bob moved to Fergus Falls to continue his education and skills later entering the workforce. Bob kept busy working at Productive Alternatives, Inc. in Fergus Falls. He really enjoyed living and working in Fergus Falls and continued living there until the time of his passing. He was working at Walmart, where he enjoyed his job and had been with Walmart earning him a five-year service award, which he was very proud of his accomplishments.



Bob was a very loving, caring soul and had a tender heart for those he loved - his family! One of the happiest times in his life was realizing he was going to be a father and then again in March 2003, when his grandson, Michael, was born.

While living in Fergus Falls, Bob enjoyed many activities that kept him busy like bowling, walking and biking that kept him physically fit in his early years and listening to favorite rock bands, especially KISS. He also enjoyed watching his favorite sport teams: Minnesota Vikings, Twins and college sports; where he knew all the scores and players by name. He loved his Ojibwe culture and collected eagles and wolves and to attend powwows was a joy in his life. Thrifting with his sisters was always a treat as he knew all the neighborhoods to find the best treasures. His favorite holiday celebration was the 4th of July with lots of fireworks. Bob was very fortunate to have gone on several cruises, most memorable was to Alaska and Hawaii and he was so looking forward to the next one.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Stacy Millage of Detroit Lakes; grandson, Michael also of Detroit Lakes; sisters, Kim (Mark) Lage of Audubon, Minn., and Sheree Millage of Ogema; and several nieces and nephews near and far. He also had several special people in his life he treated like family including Mary, Darlene and his close worker, Amanda.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Lowell and Teddy Millage.

Blessed be the memory of Robert Millage.

A memorial service was held April 5 at Samuel Memorial Episcopal Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Naytahwaush at a later date.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

John Lawrence Townsend Jr.

John Lawrence Townsend Jr., passed away at the age of 54 on March 17 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

Born in Minneapolis on March 22, 1970, to John L. and Ann Opegard Townsend, John's life was a blend of family, community, and compassion. He spent his early years living between the Minneapolis area and the White Earth Reservation, growing up near Roy Lake. These formative years shaped the kind-hearted and generous spirit that would define his life.



John attended school in Mahnomen and later pursued welding, but his true passion was always helping others. It was through his work as a counselor that John found his calling, dedicating his life to assisting those in need. He was known for his willingness to lend a hand, offer support, or simply provide a listening ear to anyone who needed it. His kind heart and tireless dedication made him a trusted and valued friend to many.

John cherished his family. He shared a special bond with his sisters and treasured the time he spent with his loved ones. He enjoyed dancing, fishing by the lake, and hanging out with friends. His laughter, smile, and his ability to make anyone feel at home will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his sisters: Margaret, Nancy, Andrea, June, and Lisa; son, Darrell Lovejoy; several grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his fiancée, Lisa; parents, John Sr. and Ann; brothers, Mike and Sam; and niece, Shantell.

A funeral service was held April 1 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Anita Ann Beaulieu

Anita Ann Beaulieu, 40, of Mahnomen, passed away on March 23 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

Born on Jan. 2, 1985, to Robert "Bob" Beaulieu and Vanessa Maskewit, Anita grew up with an adventurous spirit and a heart full of kindness. She spent much of her early life in the Minneapolis area before moving to northern Minnesota to be closer to family. Anita was proud to have earned her GED and spent several years caring for others while working at the Bemidji Nursing Home.



Anita was a free spirit, drawn to new places and good energy. She never stayed in one place for too long, always eager to meet new people and embrace life's adventures. From a young age, she shared a special bond with her father, tinkering on cars and learning the art of mechanics. She had a knack for fixing things and enjoyed scrapping metal.

With a warm and magnetic personality, Anita was the life of any gathering. She had a way of making people laugh, lighting up rooms with her humor and charm. In recent years, she found joy in perfecting different makeup techniques. More than anything, Anita had a generous soul—she loved helping others in any way she could.

Anita is survived by her sisters, Christina Thomas and Evelyn Maskewit; brothers, Kris Beaulieu and Rob Beaulieu; grandmother, Esther; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Anita was preceded by her parents and her grandparents.

An all-night wake service was held March 31 at the Naytahwaush Complex and continued until the time of the funeral service on April 1, also at the Complex.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Marilyn Ericson

Marilyn Ericson, 79, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., died April 21 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

A memorial service will be held June 6 at 2 p.m., at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth. A time of gathering will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

A full obituary will be available on the Anderson Family Funeral Home website and in the June Anishinaabeg Today.

Interment: Will be in St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Arlene Ruby Rishovd

Arlene Ruby Rishovd, gracefully walked through the gates of Heaven to meet our Lord and Savior on March 28.

Arlene was born on March 8, 1935, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Abner and Hazel Warren. She was the oldest of two siblings, Virginia and Joe. She grew up in a few different homes around Ogema while attending Kaye's Corner, a one-room schoolhouse, and latter attending Waubun High School.



Arlene moved to Detroit Lakes with her grandma Sophie after grade school, where she experienced work life, babysitting, and waitressing at the Graystone, Mickey's Café and Bunnell's.

Shortly after her move to Detroit Lakes, the love of her life, Harry Rishovd proposed. They married in 1953 and together had three children: Larry, Gary and Sandra. While married, they enjoyed the outdoors, often staying at a cabin on Big Elbow Lake. Arlene would fish with Harry which resulted in her biggest catch, an 8 pound walleye! Oftentimes she was a great scout and driver for Harry, while he hunted partridge and pheasant. Their home was always decorated with the most beautiful assortment of flowers from tulips, tiger lilies, marigolds and roses. Arlene enjoyed a long-time job at Montgomery Ward and later retired from Beug's Ace Hardware.

Two years ago, Arlene moved into the Frazee Care Center. She welcomed old and new residents with warmth and open arms, spending time with people she felt needed company the most. She was an avid puzzler and proudly held the title of BINGO Queen.

Arlene had a strong background in faith and was a lifetime member of First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. Arlene will be remembered for her faith, kindness, generosity, thoughtfulness, giver of cards/gifts, lover of birds, the Game Show Network, puzzles, and fresh baked bread after school.

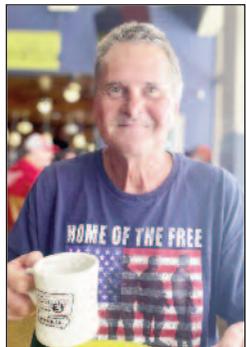
She is survived by a son, Gary Rishovd (Carol Schimetz); daughter, Sandra (David) Scherer; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Rishovd; son, Larry Rishovd; sister, Virginia Anderson; brother, Marvin (Joe) Warren; and her parents.

Arrangements: West-Kjos Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.
Online: www.westkjos.com

Paul Wesley Hickman

Paul Wesley Hickman AKA Randy Gayle Gordon, Randy Paul LaFriniere – RP. Born Sept. 4, 1960, to David LaFriniere and Janet Gordon. Adoptive parents are John Wesley Hickman and Winnifred Maria Hickman (Fogelberg).



Paul passed away unexpectedly on March 31 in Grand Forks, N.D. Paul resided in East Grand Forks for the past three years, close to his daughter and many of his grandchildren.

Paul is survived by his daughters Jessica Hickman and Ciara Santiago; grandchildren: Wesley, Mary Jane, Violet, Hazel, Felix, Daphne, Vincent, Julian, Luna, Savannah, and Enderlin; father, David; brothers, Marty (Kim), and Dominic; sisters: Tonya (Dan) Beckman, Maria "Mia," and Samantha; uncles and aunts; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, John and Winnifred; sister, Mary; mother, Janet; sister, Paula; brothers: Shawn, Rusty, and Dino; and grandparents.

Paul was adventurous and always open to sit down with friends and family to tell a "true story." He enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Paul lived by his own rules and loved spending time with his grandchildren who held a very special place within him. He loved travel and had friends and family from coast to coast. Ciara's fondest memories are when he spent time with her and the kids out in Colorado. He would visit his sister Maria no matter what state she lived in. He will be missed by many and never forgotten.

A memorial gathering is tentatively scheduled for June 7. Location to be determined.

Laura Spicer

Laura Spicer, 77, of Lengby, Minn., died April 25 at Edgewood East Grand Forks Memory Care under the loving care of her family and Ethos Hospice.

A family-led Celebration of Life will be held from noon - 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Lengby Community Center in Lengby.

A full obituary will be available on the Anderson Family Funeral Home website and in the June Anishinaabeg Today.

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

Michael L. Trautner

Michael L. Trautner, 73, of Van Dyne, Wis., died April 23. He was born Sept. 13, 1951 to Edward and Leona Trautner. He grew up in Roy Lake. He then moved to Wisconsin and lived there as an adult except for the time he served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1973. He worked for the former Galloway West and Saputo until retiring in 2008. Mike enjoyed spending time with his grandsons, playing cribbage, hunting, and fishing.



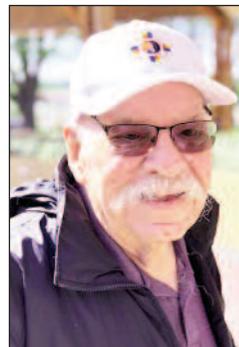
Mike is survived by his partner of 32 years, Zita Kelling; daughter, Heather (Bobby) Jarmula; son, EJ Trautner; grandsons: Jack and Will Jarmula; brothers, Louis (Theresa) Stuvland, and Bill (Mary) Trautner; sisters: Sharon (Gene) Jurgens, Renee (Randy) Dickhaus, Paula (Joe) Reichel and Jackie (John) Agnew; and many lifelong family and friends from Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Leona Trautner; sister, Judy Trautner; and his special aunt, Ora.

Interment: Will be at a later date.
Arrangements: First Wisconsin Cremation.
Online: www.firstwisconsincremation.com

Jack Parisian

Jack Parisian's story began on June 9, 1930, at the Hotel Bement, owned by his family, in Waubun. There, he was born and lived his early life. He was the youngest of five children born to Josephine and Victor. He was very active in sports playing basketball and football at Mahnomen high school. Despite his short stature and being called 'Little Indian' he scored the winning touchdown in the big game. Jack was a member of the White Earth Band of Objiwe.



After high school, Jack went into the service during the Korean War. While stationed at Hamilton Air Force base, Jack was nervous and razzed when a brigadier general, while touring the base, called Jack into his office. Turned out, it was just for a visit as they were both from the same town.

A blind date started a romance, nourished by a year of long-distance love letters. The marriage to Betty on Sept. 26, 1959, sealed their true love.

Together, they raise five children in Crystal, Minn. He was such an active and wonderful dad that so many others wished he was their dad too.

Jack worked for 30 years with Burlington Northern railroad. After retirement, Jack and Betty headed to their happy place on Little Sand Lake in Park Rapids.

You would recognize Jack by his lifelong mustache, contagious smile and ever-present camera in his hand. If Jack ever took your picture and sent you that picture, you truly meant a lot to him. Jack took thousands of pictures capturing moments that were important to him.

A happy go lucky personality, always joking around, he made life fun and funny.

Teasing children and adults was a common theme in his life. He loved practical jokes, making people laugh and putting a smile on the face of everyone around him.

Jack loved his family, magic tricks, newspapers, yardwork, camping, and watching the news.

His adventurous spirit led him to several places in the world traveling throughout Europe, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Cuba, and many Caribbean cruises with family.

Donuts, treats, gifts, photos were one of many ways that Jack said, I love you.

He valued relationships above everything. Jack was loved by all because he loved everyone.

Jack was a devout Catholic all the way until the end of his life.

The most wonderful story ever written ended with a bang. Jack passed away peacefully during a thunderstorm. A flash of lightning and an immediate clap of thunder called him home to share an eternity with Betty and all his family and friends that passed before him.

He is survived by his children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 6 at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Arrangements: Crescent Tide Cremation Services of St. Paul, Minn.
Online: www.epilogg.com



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How to Safely Dispose of E-Cigarettes: Information for Individuals

The goal of this fact sheet is to explain to consumers the importance of safe disposal of e-cigarettes, including vape pens.



Do NOT put e-cigarettes in your household trash or recycling

- The lithium batteries can become damaged and cause fires.
- Nicotine is toxic and poses a risk to both workers and the environment.



DO take e-cigarettes to your household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site

- Many towns and counties have collection programs for HHW, which can be identified by searching online for HHW collections near you or contacting your local solid waste agency.
- Typically, HHW collections are free for residents.
- The e-cigarettes will be managed safely and prevent fires and releases of harmful chemicals to the environment.



A customer carefully disposing of multiple e-cigarettes at an HHW collection site. Photo courtesy of Mesa County, Colorado HHW



An e-cigarette showing the portions that contain the two hazards.

E-Cigarettes Contain Nicotine and Lithium Batteries

E-cigarettes contain nicotine and lithium batteries, making them hazardous waste.

Nicotine is toxic. Liquid nicotine in e-cigarettes can be easily absorbed by the skin, potentially causing nicotine poisoning with symptoms that include difficulty breathing, fainting, or seizures. Nicotine can also harm fish and other aquatic organisms.

Lithium batteries can catch fire, especially when damaged. When placed in household trash and recycling bins, lithium batteries often get damaged by trash compactors and can cause fires during transportation and at waste and recycling facilities.

Benefits of HHW Collection

Taking your e-cigarette waste to a HHW collection site is the best way to ensure that your hazardous waste does not:

- Cause a fire.
- Expose first responders and other workers to toxic chemicals.
- Release toxic chemicals into the environment.



Firefighter extinguishing a lithium battery fire after the combusted pile of recyclables was moved outside by a municipal recycling facility operator. Photo courtesy of Larimer County Solid Waste Department, Colorado.

Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
May 7th — Rice Lake
- **Diabetes Bingo**
May 7th —Naytahwaush
May 21st—White Earth
May 28th—Rice Lake

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program
Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

Zaagibagaa-giizis (Budding Leaves Moon) - May
Save the Date: June 26th, Elders Picnic @ Rediscovery Center

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 :

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Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

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

Kat Thompson, ENP Manager
Danielle Sutherland Uran, Nutrition Coord.
(218) 983-3286 ext. 1266
Katherine.thompson@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Chicken pot pie w/ mixed veg. Beets Fruit crisp	2 Turkey and Swiss on a croissant bun Potato soup Cookie Grapes
5 Tuna noodle hotdish Steamed veggies Breadstick Spinach salad Pineapple	6 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Stewed tomatoes Dinner roll Mangos	7 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	8 Chicken cordon bleu sandwich Sweet potato fries Coleslaw Fruit salad	9 White chicken chili Cornbread muffin Garden salad Pound cake w/ strawberries
12 Ravioli w/ sausage marinara Garlic toast Green beans Pears	13 Stuffed pepper Spanish rice Wheat bread Berry yogurt parfait	14 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	15 Birthday Lunch Pork chop w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Capri veggie blend Manoomin bread Birthday treat	16 Baked Italian chicken Seasoned rice Cheesy broccoli Artisan roll Apricots
19 Manoomin hotdish Wheat bread Brussel sprouts Cinnamon peaches	20 Club sandwich Potato wedges Fruit cocktail Cookie	21 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	22 Lasagna Breadstick Spinach salad Mandarin oranges	23 Potato/ham soup Egg salad on croissant Fresh fruit
26 Closed for 	27 Fish sandwich French fries Broccoli salad Banana pudding w/ wafers	28 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	29 Beef gravy over Egg noodles French roll Veggie blend Applesauce	30 Brunch for Lunch 

White Earth Food Distribution May 2025 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

May 2025 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education w/Shirley: May 1st, 7th, 12th and 28th.

May 9th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

May 12th: Mahnomen & Waubun

May 16th: White Earth

May 23rd: Detroit Lakes

May 26th: Memorial Day Holiday

May 30th: 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 May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings	*Locations and times are subject to change*			1 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:00	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	3
4	5 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	6 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	7 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	8 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	9 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	10
11	12 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	13 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	14 CLOSED (Training)	15 CLOSED (Training)	16 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	17
18	19 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	20 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	21 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	22 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	23 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	24
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Please call **218-204-0399** or **218-401-4247** to contact our department.



CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

RETIRED SHERIFF BRAD ATHMANN-INSTRUCTOR
25 Years of Experience

Law Enforcement Prospective For Legal Use of
Force instruction for self defense and
PROTECTION FOR FAMILY AND HOME
Welcome new ages 18 to 20 to class!

SATURDAY May 17th 10:00am

Twin Lakes Fire and Ambulance Garage
County Road 4, Naytahwaush, Mn.

Classroom and Firearms Qualification

Bring CLEANED firearms and 20 rounds
of NEW Ammunition (if possible)

Firearms available for qualifications if needed.

Registration at Class: Cost: \$85

Class open to ages 18 and up.

Questions? Call 218-261-0266

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice services or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs.

The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



Syrup from Page 32

Boiling it Down:

The forest smelled amazing as the sap was boiled over an outdoor fire to create golden syrup. Students learned just how much sap it takes to make even a small bottle—and they were amazed!

Cultural Connections:

A special part of the season included learning about the Indigenous roots of sugar bush. Students heard teachings from local community members and learned why this time of year is so important to many Native cultures.

Celebrating the Season:

At the end of the season, students got to taste the syrup they helped make at the Community Pancake Feed held Sunday, May 4 at the Waubun School Forest.

Science and Math Integration:

Fourth graders focused on measuring a tree's crown and understanding its impact on forest health. Students also created a presentation show-

ing their tree total sap collection, graphs recording their sap amounts, as well as the temperature each time it was collected, and discussed patterns they noticed and highlights from their Sugarbush experience.

Fifth graders expanded their learning by measuring tree height, circumference, and diameter to assess tree health. They also checked their sap taps, recorded data, and connected their findings to future math lessons.

Seventh and 8th graders explored tree identification and the seasonal cycles of the Ojibwe, deepening their understanding of the natural world.

Notice & Wonder – Students hiked the forest trail, made observations, asked questions, and formed hypotheses about the natural world.

The Waubun School Forest continues to be a place where learning comes alive. Thank you to everyone who helped make this syrup season so special!

Application and Participant Rules for
Junior and Senior Princess and Brave Contests

157th Annual White Earth Celebration

June 13, 14 and 15, 2025

Deadline for submission of completed applications with documentation is 12 p.m. (noon) on June 9, 2025 to allow for verification of eligibility

- All portions of the princess and brave contests will begin at the 1 p.m. Grand Entry on Friday, June 13, 2025.
- This includes but is not limited to interviews, verification of eligibility, self-introduction at Powwow, and dance competition scoring. Please note that an introduction in our language is beneficial to the contestants.
- All applicants and their parents/guardians agree, through submission of their signed application, that the contestant:
 1. Pledges to live a crime, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle at all times prior to and during their reign as princess or brave, including but not limited to their social media presence.
 2. Continues with successful academics and maintains a positive role within their school and community, including social media.
 3. Is unmarried may not have any pregnancies past, present or during the year that the participant holds the title of princess or brave.
 4. Is an enrolled member or descendant of White Earth Reservation, **documentation required.***
 5. Resides on or within 25 miles of the White Earth Reservation presently and during the reigning year, **documentation required.****
 - a. If a princess or brave moves, it is the family/guardian's responsibility to contact the committee immediately.
 6. Is age 9-12 for Junior title, or age 13-17 for Senior title.
 7. Is willing to represent the White Earth Reservation throughout the reigning year by traveling to and dancing at other powwows.***
 8. Cannot hold any other title of royalty while applying for or holding the title of White Earth Princess or Brave.
 9. Will only be awarded the title of White Earth Celebration Princess or Brave once in their lifetime.
 10. Will immediately relinquish his or her title to the first runner-up if White Earth Pow Wow Committee finds the princess or brave to violate these rules. Relinquishment includes returning of crown and/or sash to the White Earth Pow Wow Committee.

• Applications are available at the White Earth RBC Headquarters, via email, and in the *Anishinaabeg Today* newspaper.

• **Application and documentation materials must be filled out completely and submitted to Jeffrey Burnette by noon on Monday, June 9 to be verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee and White Earth Enrollment Office.**

• Please mail completed application and documentation to White Earth Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591. Contact Jeffrey Burnette at jeffrey.burnette@whiteearth-nsn.gov with questions or concerns. Do not rely on social media for communication.

Sr. Princess Jr. Princess Sr. Brave Jr. Brave

Please Print Clearly

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ Clan _____

Address _____
Street (and PO Box if used for mailing purposes) City Zip Code

Phone number _____ Additional phone number _____

School _____ Grade in 2024/25 _____

Enrolled Contestant's White Earth enrollment # _____, or
Descendant Contestant's Enrolled Parent or Grandparent:

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ WE Enrollment # _____

I, _____ understand and comply with the above-stated conditions for application to the White Earth Princess/Brave title. My parents/guardian and I understand and agree to have the above information verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee. This form gives the above-named school and the White Earth RBC permission to release and verify information entered on this form. I also agree that all information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Participant Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

WEPC Only: Verified eligible by WE Enrollments: _____ Date: _____

Howah Ads

Congratulations
Keags!

Reach for the star next!



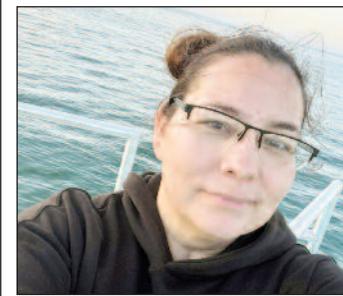
Happy 4th Birthday
Za'Ryiah

Mommy & Daddy love you!

May 14th



Happy Birthday
Mom/Grandma
Love kids & grandbabies!
May 27th



Happy Birthday Mom
We love you!
Shy, Ceeds, Markie,
Kai-Kai, Dad
May 10th



Happy Birthday
MerriLu Crandall

May 29

From the RBC Gang

Howah Ads are \$5 with a picture or \$4 without. All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

Happy Birthday
to my Twin

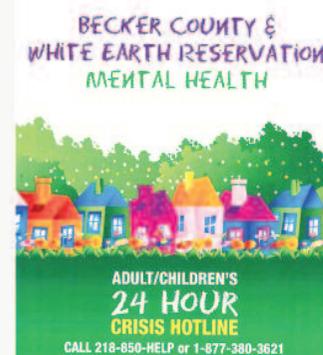
I Love You So Much Crystal
~Tiffany



White Earth Mental Health Support

White Earth Mental Health Supports are available to the community who may be struggling with the recent community loss. No appointment is needed.

The Becker County & White Earth Reservation Mental Health Crisis 24/7 Hotline offers community outreach and support. Phone support and face-to-face support are both available. Please reach out during any time of crisis. Crisis is defined by the individual and tended to according to their individual level of care need.



Walk In Availability:

- Pine Point:** 48036 Pow Wow Highway Ponsford, MN 56575; P: 218-227-3888
Monday: 12pm-4:30pm
Thursday: 12pm-4:30pm
- White Earth Behavioral Health Building:** 26426 Crane Road, White Earth, MN; 56591; P: 218-983-4703
Monday: 8am-4:30pm
Tuesday: 8am-4:30 pm
Wednesday: 8am-4:30pm
Thursday: 8am-4:30pm
Friday: 8am-4:30pm
- Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building:** 2531 210th Avenue, Naytahwaush, MN 56566; P: 218-983-4703
Tuesday: 8am-12pm
Wednesday: 1pm-4:30pm
- Rice Lake Community Center:** 13830 Community Loop, Bagley, MN 56621; P: 218-983-3286 ext 1438
Monday: 12pm-4:30pm
Wednesday: 1-4:30pm
- Mahnomen Behavioral Health Building:** 216 Main Street N, Mahnomen, MN 56557; P: 218-983-1286
Monday: 12pm-4:30pm
Thursday: 1pm-4:30pm

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

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

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00071**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **May 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: April 11, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

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

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00083**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **May 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: April 15, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Gordon Leroy Smith, DOB: 08/17/1945**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00008**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **May 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: April 25, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Caitlyn Clark

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CP2024-00026**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 10, 2025, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2024-00026. An Admit/Deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for **May 29, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.** You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: April 24, 2025

Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

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

P.O. Box 418

White Earth, MN 56591

Phone: 218-935-6411

Fax: 888-228-3650

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

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

The Mother's Day Powwow is May 10-11 at Shooting Star

Shooting Star is hosting Wisdom Steps Conference

By Lucille Silk

Wisdom Steps Board Vice-Chair

The annual Wisdom Steps Conference is June 10-12 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

Tuesday, June 10: This is arrival day beginning with check-in time at the hotels at 4 p.m.. Packets, keys to rooms, and any other information will be given out at that time and tables will be set up by each reservation or urban area to meet and greet their respective members. At 6 p.m., we begin with Fun Night for various activities to enjoy at your leisure. These will continue for about two hours, then either you can retire to your rooms or press your luck on the casino floor.

Wednesday, June 11: The day begins with our White Earth drum group and White Earth Veterans to post the colors, the blessing, then the guest speaker will begin about 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., and we ask that respect be given to those that are speaking during the meal. At 10 a.m., the break-out sessions will begin and run all day with topics of your choice as mentioned in your packets. The banquet and entertainment will begin about 5 p.m., and continue until 8. The silent auction will continue from Tuesday night through Wednesday and close at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 12: Activities begin at 7 a.m.

with a mile walk or as far as each person can comfortably do. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m., with final activities. You must complete the survey to be in on the drawings. Also, a great big Miigwetch to the folks at Grand Portage who made the beautiful table decorations. Each table will draw for that decoration. Please do not take the table arrangement as they are part of the prizes. We hope to conclude the closing ceremony by 11 a.m., so the buses can return to their reserves. The drum group will sing a Traveling song and Veterans will retire the colors. Please be safe on your journey home.

We have 14 members from White Earth that completed their Health and Walk Card requirements by Dec. 31, 2024. We congratulate those members and hope to increase membership this year in order to attend next year's conference. We cannot accept anyone that is not currently registered with their local Wisdom Steps program by the cut-off date.

Wisdom Steps is a preventative health program that has been in existence for 25 years and completed cards are not hard to complete and hopefully will improve your health and provide you with a more productive life.

Thank you for your attention and any questions may be answered by telephone at 218-204-0112.

WOWE School District #133
American Indian Education

WOWE Indian Education
SENIOR BANQUET
WEDNESDAY MAY 21 AT 5 PM
HONORING OF
Class of 2025
Waubun High School Commons
WHS Graduates
Seniors and parents/guardians
MEAL SPEAKERS PHOTOS
SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT TO FOLLOW

WANTED: Program Director – Community Radio Station

Inspire Voices. Lead Innovation. Strengthen Community.
 Location: Callaway, Minnesota
 Status: Full-time
 Salary: Negotiable based on Experience & Education
 Application Deadline: May 22, 2025

About Us
 KKWE is a community-powered, non-commercial radio station committed to amplifying local voices, promoting cultural expression, and providing a platform for diverse perspectives. We serve as a vital source of information, entertainment, and engagement for our listeners, empowering our community through inclusive and accessible media.

Position Summary
 Seeking an experienced, visionary, and collaborative Program Director to oversee all aspects of on-air programming and content development. The ideal candidate will bring creativity, leadership, and a deep appreciation for community-centered broadcasting. They will work closely with volunteers, station staff, and community partners to shape a dynamic and responsive programming schedule that reflects the unique voices and interests of our community.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement a compelling programming schedule that aligns with the station's mission and values
- Supervise and mentor on-air talent, volunteers, and programming staff
- Ensure compliance with all FCC regulations and broadcast standards
- Oversee live broadcasts, special segments, and emergency programming as needed
- Cultivate partnerships with local artists, organizations, and content creators
- Evaluate programming through listener feedback, audience metrics, and community engagement
- Support fundraising, outreach, and promotional activities in collaboration with the development team
- Uphold and promote the station's values of diversity, inclusion, and equity in all programming decisions

Qualifications

- Proven experience in radio programming, broadcasting, or media production (minimum 3 years preferred)
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills; experience managing teams or volunteers
- Deep knowledge of FCC regulations and public/community radio standards
- Excellent organizational, communication, and project management skills
- Passion for community service, cultural diversity, and alternative media
- Technical proficiency with audio production software and broadcasting equipment is a plus
- Ability to work flexible hours, including occasional evenings and weekends

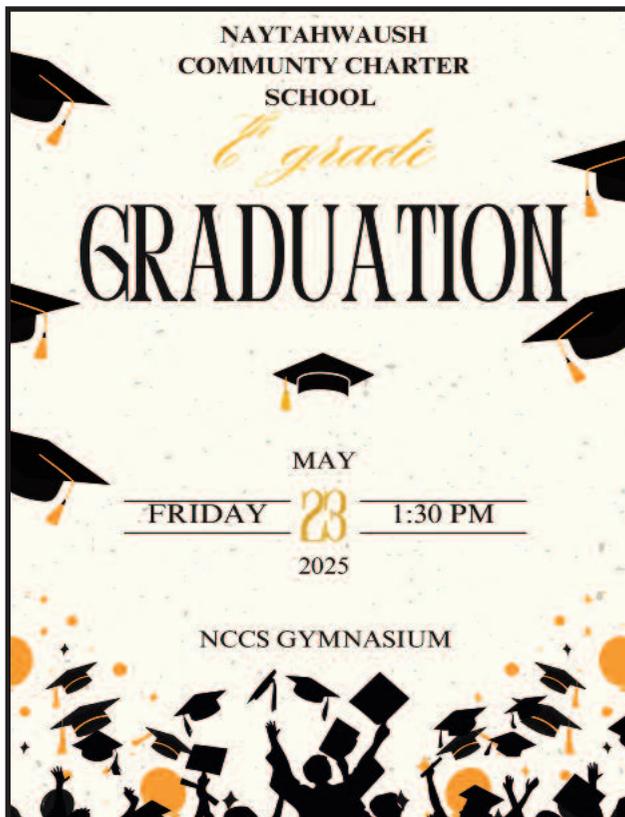
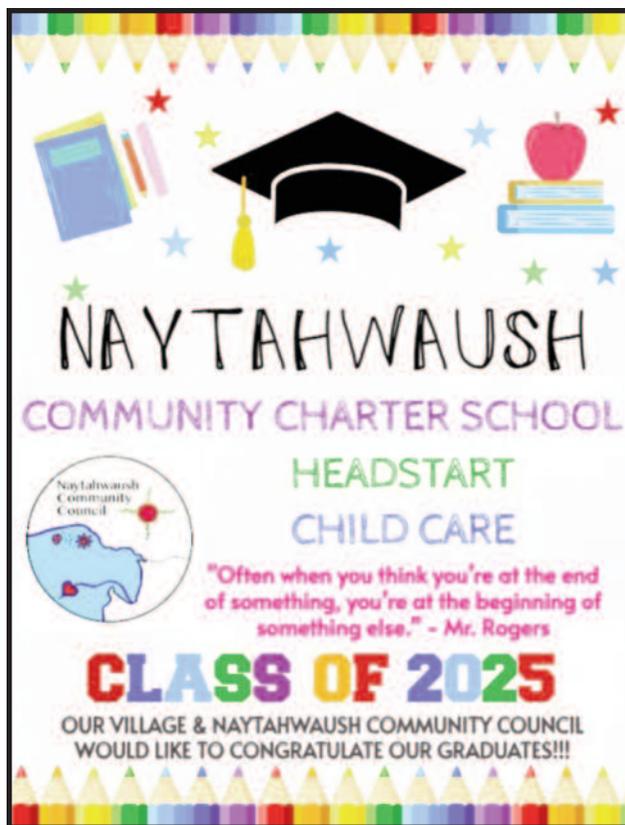
To Apply
 Please submit a resume, cover letter, and two references to White Earth Land Recovery Project, email maggie@welrp.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.



Wii-Baaga'adowaanaatigo Wiikongem
 Feasting of the Sticks
 May 9th at 10:00am
 White Earth Tribal and Community College (behind the library patio)

If you are able, please bring a small dish to share

We invite you to join for a Feasting of the Sticks, a gathering where we honor the spirit of baaga'adowewin and the spirit of the sticks we carry. This feast is a time to offer gratitude, reconnect with the roots of the Medicine Game, and prepare us for the season ahead. Whether you play, support or are simply curious, all are welcome to share in the food, teachings, and spirit of the game. Let's come together in community, ceremony, and celebration.



NCCS hosts annual Sonny McDougal PowWow



Submitted photo

The Naytahwaush Community Charter School hosted the annual Sonny McDougal PowWow on April 25.

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 RTC 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 5/31/25.**

Contact: Jennifer Bartos, 218-983-3286



2025 White Earth Adult Basic Education Program Calendar

- Monday** Naytahwaush Maadaadizi 8-2 Congregate White Earth 2-430
- Tuesday** Mahnomon Site - Open Lab 701 E. Jefferson Ave.
- Wednesday** Naytahwaush 8-4.30 Maadaadizi
- Thursday** Pine Point 8-4.30 Creators Place and Old School.
- Friday** Rice Lake 10-12 Rice Lake Community Center

Contact: melissa.widner@whiteearth-nsn.gov
amy.fish@whiteearth-nsn.gov
 218.935.3576

WHITE EARTH NATION



TREE/SHRUB GIVEAWAY

Join White Earth Forestry for tree and shrub distribution. Seedlings will be bundled into bags with a variety of tree and shrub species. Trees and shrubs will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. **MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TREES! NO HOLDS!**

Trees and Shrubs Available

- White Pine
- White Cedar
- Silver Maple
- Pin Cherry
- Nannyberry
- Chokecherry
- Elderberry
- Red-Osier Dogwood

LOCATION:
Naytahwaush Forestry Building
254 County Road 4, Naytahwaush

Date:
To Be Determined
Keep a look out for posted dates!

a safe childhood is an adult responsibility.

report abuse if:





YOU SUSPECT ABUSE

You witness red-flag behaviors like crossing a child's boundaries, but don't have hard evidence of abuse.



YOU DISCOVER ABUSE

You witness a child being abused, someone tells you about an incident, or you find photo/video evidence online.



A CHILD DISCLOSES ABUSE

A child reveals to you that they have experienced sexual abuse or are currently being abused.

1. Be an Active Bystander by intervening with the offender on the child's behalf:

- a. Describe the Behavior
- b. Set a Limit
- c. Move On

2. Monitor the Situation in case the offender keeps crossing boundaries; **if they do,**

1. Remain Calm and don't overreact. Showing anger toward the offender or asking leading questions may distress the child and discourage them from further sharing.

2. Offer Support by listening and comforting the child. The most important words you can say are, "I believe you," and "it's not your fault."

3. Report. Contact the police and your state's child protective services.

Remember that the law doesn't require you to have evidence when reporting child sexual abuse, it only requires reasonable suspicion. To make a good faith report, provide:

- the child's name, age, and address
- the parents' name and contact, if known
- the nature of the abuse or the reason for reporting
- the name of the perpetrator, if known



for more information visit www.D2L.org



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Are you that person that has a lot of heart for children and looking to start a business?

See what child care licensing has to offer YOU!

White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program who works to support child care providers with the process of licensing their home or a child safe facility while building their own personal business ownership through resources available for the following:

- ❖ START-UP GRANTS FOR CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE
 - ❖ CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS
 - ❖ POLICY PROCEDURE & CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT
 - ❖ ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
 - ❖ BUSINESS PLANNING & ADVERTISEMENT
 - ❖ HEALTH & SAFETY TRAININGS
 - ❖ CHILDREN'S PLAY-SCAPES

and much more.



Just CALL and WE WILL COME TO YOU FOR A VISIT to HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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

Tribal Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

UP FOR BID 12" Makita Planer




SOLD AS IS. Minimum Bid : \$250

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

Cassandra Hoban, White Earth Finance, P.O. Box 270 White Earth, MN 56591
 (218) 935-3411 Cassandra.Hoban@whiteearth-nsn.gov
 Bidding will close on May 28th @ 4:30pm

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Bid Amount: \$ _____

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

May 7 th , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
May 21 st , Wednesday	White Earth – Congregate
May 28 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.

June 4 th , Wednesday	Pine Point
June 17 th , Tuesday	Elbow Lake
June 18 th , Wednesday	Mahnomen – 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 in 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.

July 2 nd , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
July 9 th , Wednesday	White Earth – Congregate
July 23 rd , Wednesday	Rice Lake

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

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

Other Public Health Events that are coming up in April
 Dr. Ung (a foot doctor) Clinic – Call (218) 255-2204 to set up an appointment.
 May 12th, in White Earth at the Tribal Health Building
 May 13th, in White Earth at the Tribal Health Building
 May 14th, in Pine Point at the Community building

May 20th Blood Drive at the RBC lower level.
 May 29th Skin Cancer / Stroke Awareness Health Fair at the Shooting Star Casino 2-6.

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



Updated 4/29/25

LAKES AREA BOXING PRESENTS



IGNITE FIGHTS 108
SAT MAY 17

PRO/AM BOXING AT THE KENT FREEMAN ARENA
 FEATURING
 KIRSTEN WESSEL, JOHNSON JONES,
 DALTON BYMERS, GLEN SOMMERS JR, CARTER HANKS,
 STEPHON WILLIAMS, SYDNEY MEISER, & ANDRES CARDONA
 1310 ROSSMAN AVE, DETROIT LAKES, MN DOORS - 5:00 PM FIGHTS - 5:30 PM
 WATCH LIVE AT [SPECTATION](https://www.spectation.com) TICKETS AT [NITRO TICKETS.COM](https://www.nitrotickets.com)



UP FOR BID 8" Makita Jointer




SOLD AS IS. Minimum Bid : \$250

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

Cassandra Hoban, White Earth Finance, P.O. Box 270 White Earth, MN 56591
 (218) 935-3411 Cassandra.Hoban@whiteearth-nsn.gov
 Bidding will close on May 28th @ 4:30pm

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Bid Amount: \$ _____

Tina Guerrero/Gidagaa Binesi Ikwe
 Gaa-gazagkwaajimekaag (Leech Lake), Maang clan (Loon)
 Long Term Recovery 7 yrs
 May 29th, 2025

The last Thursday of every month!

- Community education (substance use disorder (SUD) topics)
- New facilitator/ Speaker each month
- Home cooked meal and light refreshments
- Safe space for community

We offer a welcoming sober environment for you and your loved ones!

212 West Franklin Ave
 Minneapolis, MN

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Agenda

- 5:00-5:30 Begin to Gather/ Socialize
- 5:30-6:30: Meal Served
- 6:30-7:30: SUD Guest Speaker
- 7:30-8:00: Coin Ceremony/ Talking Circle



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROBOTICS CAMP
 JULY 28 - AUGUST 14, 2025
 Mondays-Thursdays, 9 AM - 3 PM
 2250 College Rd, Mahnomen, MN

UNLEASH YOUR INNER INNOVATOR

Join us for an unforgettable summer with three weeks of hands-on learning and fun.

- INTERACTIVE LEARNING: Build and program VEX robots and perform exciting challenges.
- INTERESTING FIELD TRIPS: Visit local industry & research leaders and learn about STEM careers.
- ANISHINAABE CULTURE: Participate in cultural activities and hear Indigenous perspectives.

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY

Open to students entering grades 11 & 12, recent HS grads, & those newly admitted to WETCC

Camp is FREE!
 Space is limited so scan QR code & apply today!

Students who complete ALL camp activities will receive a \$1,200 stipend!




Contact: 218-635-0417
allen.darks@wetcc.edu
nico.dejarlois@wetcc.edu
amber.tax@wetcc.edu

UP FOR BID SOLID OAK LUMBER LOT




SOLD AS IS. SOLID OAK Lumber Minimum Bid : \$250

All boards rough cut & range from 9 1/2" - 14 1/2" wide roughly 1 3/4" thick and 8FT Long

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 WAABAN
 OGIMAAWAG
 honor & wish
 all our
 Anishinaabeg
 Mothers & those
 who have taken up
 the of role of
 Motherhood a
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Anishinaabe women birth the nation.

Thank You

Our family would like to thank all our friends and family for all their expressions of caring, kindness, and sympathy shown to our family during the difficult time with the passing of our loved one, Bobby Millage.

Special thanks to all those for the donations of food, calls, and cards. To Jennifer McDougall for all your help, Paige at Anderson Funeral Home, the Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, Father George Ross, the White Earth RBC, Leonard Wadena, for the beautiful floral arrangements, the White Earth Enrollment Department staff, and the White Earth Childcare staff for all their caring and support. Thank you.

The Family of Bobby Millage

Dawn Wann's Gardens

Plants grown with love

OPENING MAY 1ST
CLOSING FATHER'S DAY

Come check us out!

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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
Present. Promote. Protect



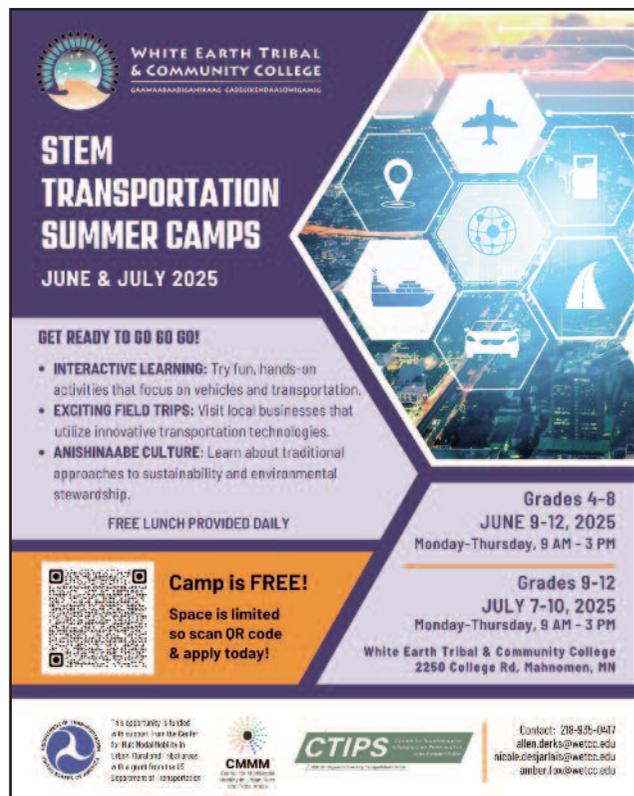
The Callaway Event Center offers different rental options for your convenience

- Rehearsals - Receptions - Showers, Anniversaries - Dances - Reunions - Meetings, Retirements - Graduations

Full rental.....	\$450
Front dining area (4 hours).....	\$125
Front dining area (6 hours).....	\$150
Front dining area (over 6 hours).....	\$175

For additional rental information contact the Callaway City Hall at 218-375-4691

www.callawaymn.gov
clerk@callawaymn.gov



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STEM TRANSPORTATION SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE & JULY 2025

GET READY TO GO GO GO!

- **INTERACTIVE LEARNING:** Try fun, hands-on activities that focus on vehicles and transportation.
- **EXCITING FIELD TRIPS:** Visit local businesses that utilize innovative transportation technologies.
- **ANISHINAABE CULTURE:** Learn about traditional approaches to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY

Camp is FREE!
Space is limited so scan QR code & apply today!

Grades 4-8
JUNE 9-12, 2025
Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 3 PM

Grades 9-12
JULY 7-10, 2025
Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 3 PM

White Earth Tribal & Community College
2250 College Rd. Mahanomen, MN

Contact: 218-885-0447
allen.derkis@wetcoc.edu
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ANISHINAABE GIGEWIN MIIKANA

218-261-1010

Healing Pathways

Participates - Where are You?

Interviewers are in your community trying hard to find and connect with you.

If you are an Original Healing Pathways Participant

If you Haven't yet completed your interview, please update your contact information or contact us to schedule.

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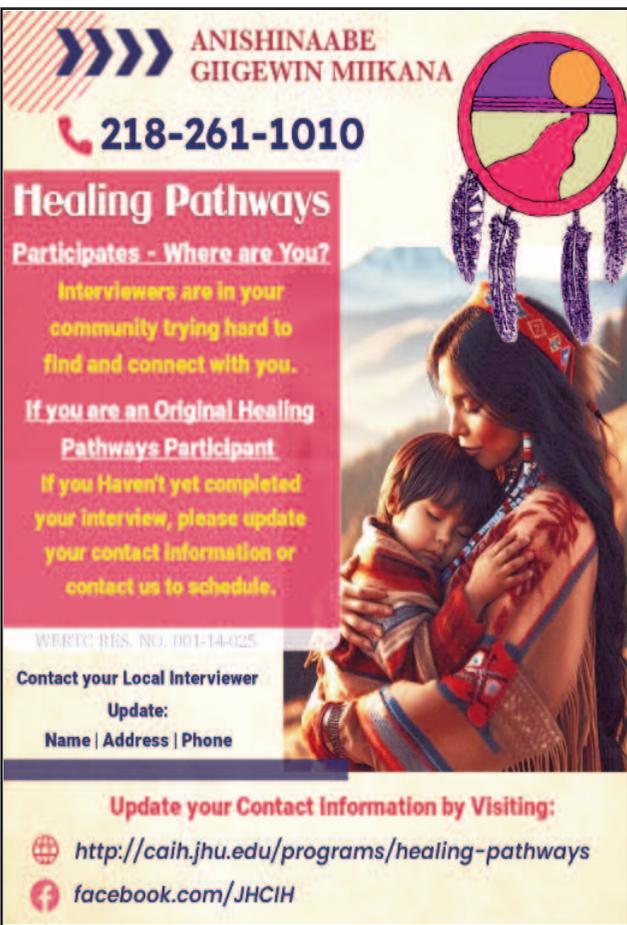
Contact your Local interviewer

Update:
Name | Address | Phone

Update your Contact Information by Visiting:

<http://caih.jhu.edu/programs/healing-pathways>

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LET'S PROTECT OUR WATERS

Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

- ◆ Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals
- ◆ Drain lake/river water away from the landing
- ◆ Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash

It's **unlawful** to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels

White Earth tribal offices closed for the holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on May 26 for **Memorial Day** and will reopen on May 27. Modified services will still be available.

You can reach the *Anishinaabeg Today* at 218-935-3569 or email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

NAYTAHWAUSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL **2025 REGULAR MEETINGS**

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS NOTED DIFFERENT * @ NTW OLD CENTER

09 JAN	NCC 6PM	14 AUG	NCC 6PM
13 FEB	NCC 6PM	*04* SEPT	NCC 6PM
13 MAR	NCC 6PM	09 OCT	NCC 6PM
10 APR	NCC 6PM	13 NOV	NCC 6PM
08 MAY	NCC 6PM	*04* DEC	NCC 6PM
19 JUN	NCC 6PM		
10 JUL	NCC 6PM		

QUESTIONS? PLEASE MESSAGE NAYTAHWAUSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FB PAGE

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
 Pine Point School Staff Room

- 1.0 Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Marva Aitken at 4:32 p.m.
 Members present – Marva Aitken, Gerald Roberts, Sara Hunt, Allison Jones, Michael Swan, John Swan
 Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal
- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors** – Bonnie Meeks
- 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 February 3, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Finance**
 - 5.1 Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Sara Hunt to approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2025 as submitted, seconded by Gerald Roberts. 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 February 2025 in the amount of \$53,379.99 for check #34046 through check #34104 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 6.0 Unfinished Business
 - 6.1 No unfinished business
- 7.0 New Business
 - 7.1 Sealed Bus Bids – Motion by Michael Swan to approve N. Brunner’s bid of \$500 for the purchase of 2010 School Bus, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 8.0 Principal’s Report – Discussion on MCA 3rd-8th grade testing; Science Fair on March 6th; Read Act Training Zoom meeting for teachers in the afternoon on March 7th; End of 3rd quarter on March 13th; Fastbridge training for staff on March 14th; B&G will be open during 3-week break; School Pow Wow on May 16th. No action needed.

- 9.0 Public Participation – Culture Camp; Jingle Dress Workshop March 9-13; Raised garden beds.

- 10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Michael Swan to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m., seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lawn Mowing Provider(s)
White Earth Tribal Elders Program

District II & an On-Call position opening

- Must be an enrolled Tribal member or descendant (18 years or older)
- Provide your own lawn mower (rider)
- Must complete an application
- A current Driver’s license & insurance.
- You must have your own transportation to & from each site.
- Knowledge of area highways & roads in District
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check & drug screening
- Must be able to communicate with the elders
- Must sign a contract & liability form upon hire
- \$48.00 per lawn, with guidelines to follow upon hire

Deadline: Until filled
 Contact: Lisa or Buck at W&S Department 218-935-6411
 Email addresses: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.tibbettsIII@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Please join us as we honor those who have died in military service to the United States

Monday, May 26, 2024

CEMETERY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Conducted by the Ogema VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary

St. Columba’s Episcopal Cemetery, White Earth.....	8:15AM
Bethel Lutheran Cemetery, White Earth.....	8:30AM
White Earth Veteran’s Cemetery, White Earth.....	8:40AM
Assembly of God Cemetery, White Earth.....	8:50AM
Calvary Catholic Cemetery, White Earth.....	9:00AM
Aura Finnish Cemetery, Goat Ranch Road.....	9:30AM
Callaway Cemetery, Callaway.....	10:15AM
Ogema City Cemetery, Ogema.....	10:35AM
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery, Ogema.....	10:40AM
Waubun City Cemetery, Waubun.....	11:20AM
St. Ann’s Catholic Cemetery, Waubun.....	11:30AM
Lake Grove Cemetery.....	12:00PM

Bins Now Located Behind Naytahwaush Complex

Recycling Underway

NEARLY 1000LBS OF RECYCLABLES DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL TO DATE

ACCEPTED ITEMS: 1&2 PLASTICS, TIN/STEEL, ALUMINUM, PAPER, GLASS

PLEASE NO TRASH BAGS LOOSE ITEMS ONLY

LSNM LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST MINNESOTA

SELF-HELP LAW CLINIC

WHEN: Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHAT: Self-help law clinic can assist free of charge with:

- Divorce
- Domestic Abuse
- Name Change
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- Child Custody/Parenting Time
- Criminal Expungement
- Landlord-Tenant
- Or many other, non-criminal issues

FREE HELP FILLING OUT COURT FORMS

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 915 Lake Avenue | Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

LSNMLAW.ORG
 For questions, please call 1-800-450-8585

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



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Donna Kent, a teacher at Waubun School talks about trees at the outdoor classroom at the Waubun State Forest.

Sugarbush season at Waubun School Forest – a sweet success!

By Donna Kent
Waubun School Teacher

This spring, students at Waubun School Forest rolled up their sleeves and dove into the magic of maple syrup making! From tapping trees to tasting the final product, the forest was full of excitement, learning, and community connections.

Tapping the Trees:

Students began the season by learning how to identify maple trees and carefully tapped them to collect the sweet sap. They explored the reasons we tap in early spring and had fun using both traditional and modern tools.

Collecting Sap:

Classes took turns gathering sap from the trees each day. Along the way, they measured how much was collected and discovered how temperature and tree health affect sap flow.

See **Syrup** Page 24



Fourth graders from Waubun School collect and empty sap into buckets



Jason Clark, White Earth Natural Resources, teaches students on how to boil sap into maple syrup. More than 400 students from area schools and Head Starts viewed the week-long demonstration. Over 400 gallons of sap was collected, which made 10 3/4 gallons of syrup.

WENR hosts Earth Day Celebration



Submitted photo

White Earth Natural Resources recently hosted an Earth Day Celebration at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Around 150 people spent their evening learning about recycling, painting plant pots, scavenger hunt, and yard games like ladder ball, bean bags, and giant connect four. Programs handed out seeds, recycling bins, information about programming and reusable bags. A delicious meal of bison burgers, beef burgers, brats, and wild rice dessert from White Earth Ag department (bison) and B&T Meats, along with water and lemonade was served. WENR is grateful for partnerships with White Earth Tribal Public Health, White Earth CSOs, White Earth Tribal and Community College, and Anishinabe Legal Services. This event was a lot of fun, and WENR is excited to for next year's event! Miigwech to everyone who came out!

Carlson retires from ambulance Service



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

A retirement party was recently held for White Earth Reservation Ambulance Service Manager Fran Carlson at the Tribal Health Department building. Fran began responding to medical emergencies on the reservation starting in 2000.