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Tamarac walk shares Anishinaabe knowledge of trees

By Abby Fostveit
Detroit Lake Tribune

More than a dozen people gathered recently at the Discovery Center in Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge for an Indigenous Forestry Walk led by White Earth Natural Resources Cultural Coordinator Jimmy Uran.

The walk follows a June 30 multi-year funding agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the White Earth Nation. Under the agreement, which took effect July 1 and runs through September 2028, White Earth Natural Resources staff play a larger role in managing natural resources and visitor services at the refuge.

“"We get to see White Earth staff on the refuge quite often now, which has been a great addition; and certainly today is an example of that,” park ranger at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge Kelly Blackledge said.

Just under half of the 43,000-acre refuge is on White Earth Reservation, and for decades, refuge staff and White Earth Natural Resource managers have worked together on shared conservation goals.

Uran spoke about Anishinaabe traditions, forest medicines and the historical role of trees, from the spruce to the maple, for Anishinaabe people, as low-angle sunlight filtered through the yellow and orange leaves. The stories emphasized that humans are not separate from the environment, and that storytelling is rooted not only in sharing knowledge but in bringing people together, though some stories are traditionally told only in winter.

“We talk about our trees as a relative,” Uran said. “They do a lot for us, and they’ve done a lot for us… they all carry medicine.”

For information on upcoming events at the refuge, visit the refuge’s Facebook page.



Photo by Abby Fostveit / Detroit Lakes Tribune

White Earth Natural Resources Cultural Coordinator Jimmy Uran, right, leads an Indigenous Forestry Walk at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge on Oct. 6.

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Meet and Greet

District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson presented Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan with some sage, sweet grass and wild rice at a Get Out to Vote Meet and Greet on Oct. 17 at the Drum Hall in Naytahwaush.

Flanagan, a White Earth enrollee, was campaigning for Minnesota senator.

The community was invited to visit Flanagan and other candidates. In addition, there was food, bouncy houses and a photo booth.

The paper went to press before the election results were available.

The event was sponsored by the White Earth Judicial Department.

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Photo by Page Lhotlka

White Earth Tribal Public Health hosted a Free Movie Night on Oct. 21 at the Shooting Star Event Center. Families enjoyed the Halloween-themed movie, a free meal, and an evening filled with family activities and hands-on learning.

White Earth Tribal Public Health
brings families together for Movie Night in Mahnomen

By Page Lhotka
Community Health Educator II
White Earth Tribal Public Health

MAHNOMEN, Minn. — Approximately 100 community members gathered on Oct. 21 at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen for a Free Movie Night hosted by White Earth Tribal Public Health. Families enjoyed the Halloween-themed movie Scared Shrekless, a free meal, and an evening filled with family activities, hands-on learning, creativity, and opportunities to strengthen community connections.

The event was organized to bring families together, strengthen relationships, and build protective factors that support the well-being of children, families, and the community. By providing a welcoming and accessible space for families to spend quality time together, White Earth Tribal Public Health created opportunities for connection, laughter, learning, and positive shared experiences.

In addition to enjoying the movie and sharing a meal, children participated in a dance video and took part in several Halloween-themed activities. Families enjoyed a craft and coloring station, photo booths, and a pumpkin-painting activity hosted in partnership with the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program. Every child also received a pumpkin and a trick-or-treat bag filled with goodies, helping make the evening special for the youngest attendees.

The event also provided an opportunity to promote healthy eating and family wellness through a food demonstration for parents. Using healthy, locally grown produce, participants learned how to prepare pumpkin chili and received a recipe to take home and make with their families. This hands-on demonstration encouraged families to explore nutritious food options, incorporate locally grown ingredients into their meals, and continue healthy cooking practices at home.

These activities supported the event's broader focus on family engagement, wellness, and building protective factors. Supportive family relationships, positive social connections, and strong community ties play an important role in promoting resilience and overall well-being. Community events like Movie Night offer family's opportunities to create lasting memories, learn together, and strengthen the relationships that help children and families thrive.

White Earth Tribal Public Health extends its appreciation to everyone who attended and to all partners and individuals who contributed to making the event possible. Through community gatherings and family-focused initiatives, White Earth Public Health continues to support opportunities that bring people together, strengthen protective factors, and promote healthier, more connected families.

The evening served as a reminder that building a strong community begins with supporting families, creating meaningful connections, encouraging healthy choices, and making space for shared experiences across generations.



Photo by Jenelle Mooney

One of the many activities at the Free Movie Night was a photo booth for families to help remember the night.



Tribal offices closed for holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be **closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day** and reopen on Thursday, Nov. 12.

They will also be **closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving** and reopen on Monday, Nov. 30.

Modified services will still be available





News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks



Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Gashkadino-Giizis!

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadizookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already November- the Freezing Over Moon!

Everyone Be Safe & Stay Safe,

Gashkadino-Giizis: Remembering Who We Are and Using Our Voice

November, Gashkadino-Giizis, the Freezing Moon, is a time to reflect on our history, our people, and the future we are working to build. During Native American Heritage Month, we honor our ancestors and remember the strength it has taken for the Anishinaabe people to hold on to our identity, culture, and way of life.

Decolonizing the mind starts with remembering who we are. Learning our Anishinaabe, Indigenous languages are number one no matter if you know only two words start using them every day and learn a new word a week is an easy way to start. For generations, our people were told how to live, what to believe, and what parts of our culture we should leave behind. But our language, our teachings, our ceremonies, and our connection to the land have always been part of who we are. We do not have to look outside ourselves to understand our worth. Our knowledge and traditions have carried us this far, and they continue to guide us today.

Our voices matter, and the decisions made by elected leaders can have a real impact on our families, our villages and urban communities, and our White Earth Nation. From protecting treaty rights and our natural resources to supporting our children, elders, and future generations, participation in the voting process gives us an opportunity to speak up about the things that matter to us.

Voting is not the only way to make a difference, but it is one tool we should not overlook. We can honor those who came before us by staying informed, participating in our villages and communities, and encouraging our young people to understand the importance of having a voice because they are the ones who are actively igniting the 8th and final fire of our fire prophecy.

As we move through Gashkadino-Giizis, let us take in who we are and remember the responsibilities we share with one another. Our strength comes from our people, our culture, and our willingness to stand together.

We have a responsibility to those who came before us and to those who will come after us. Let us carry that responsibility forward with purpose, respect, and a strong Anishinaabe Minobimaadiziwin especially for generations to come.

Hunter Safety Reminder

As hunting season gets underway, we encourage all hunters to make safety their top priority. A successful hunt begins with responsible preparation and awareness in the field.

Before heading out, always let someone know where you will be hunting and when you expect to return. Wear hunter orange as required and ensure your firearm is unloaded while traveling. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and positively identify your target and what lies beyond it before taking a shot.

Hunters should also be prepared for changing weather conditions by carrying appropriate clothing, water, a communication device, and basic emergency supplies. Respect private property, follow all hunting regulations, and be mindful of other hunters, outdoor recreationists, and community members who may be enjoying the woods during the season.

By practicing safe and ethical hunting habits, we can help ensure that everyone enjoys a safe hunting season and returns home to their families.

Miigwech, and have a safe and successful season.

Aho' mi'iiw.

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

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Thank you for listening and continuing to learn together.

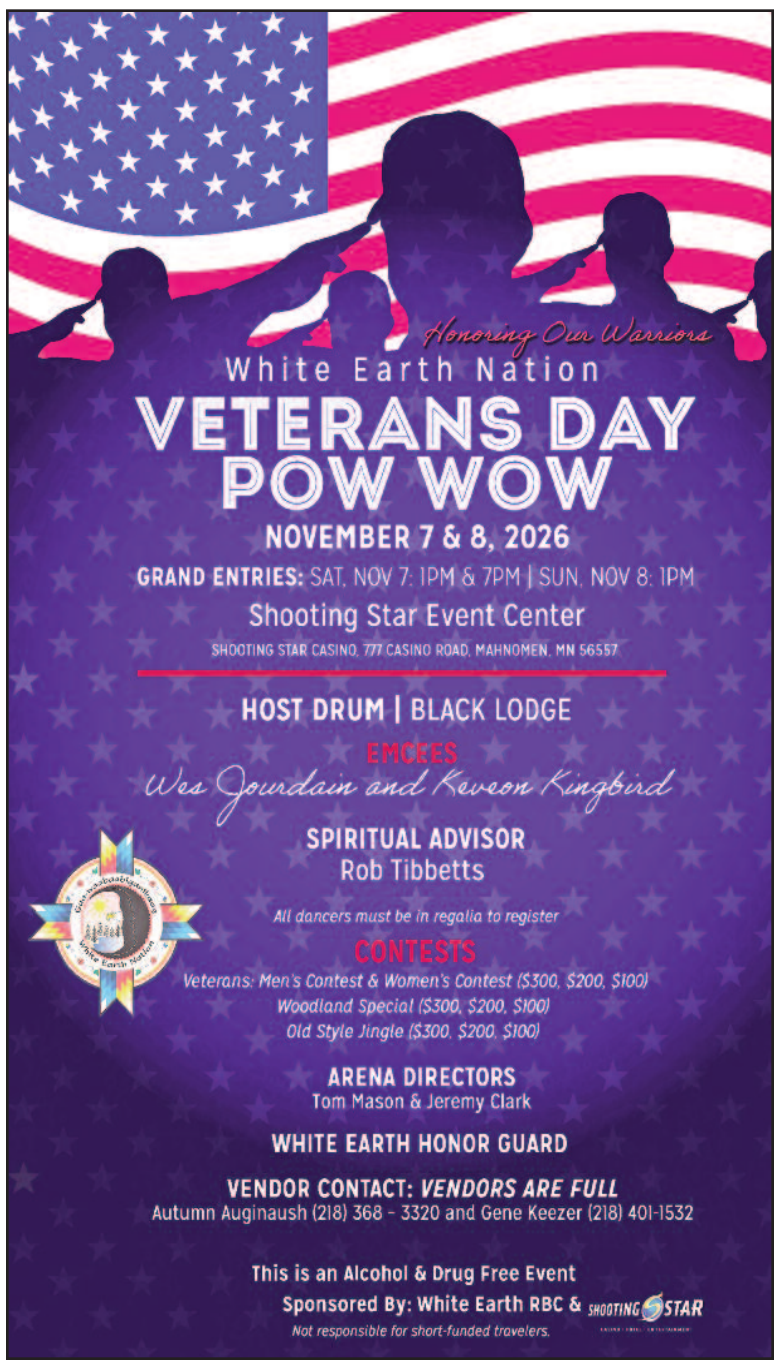
Take it easy.

See you all later.

Chairman
Michael Fairbanks







News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson



October brings the close of the high school football season and the start of hunting and netting season. As we enjoy the change of seasons, I wish our youth and athletes the best. For those who hunt, please stay safe! Good luck and enjoy the closing of fall season.

10-6 We attended the National Indian Education Conference, where we connected with other tribes and learned about their successful cultural and language programs. The conference offered hands-on curriculum development and great networking opportunities. We look forward to meeting with different Tribes to continue building strong cultural and language programs for our Reservation. This year, the Tribe is making a significant investment in our culture and language. Investing in our traditions, language and teachings helps preserve who we are for future generations.

10-15 I joined the governors call. We received an update from Minnesota Department of Human Rights. A couple Minnesota businesses violated the Minnesota Human Rights Act by refusing to accept valid tribal identification cards from Native American customers. The department is working directly with the businesses. Tribal members can travel through TSA with our tribal identifications, I hope this brings greater awareness and understanding.

10-16 Congratulations to White Earth Tribal and Community College on the grand opening of Phase 4. This expansion includes a kitchen, dining hall, wellness center, medical unit, science lab, greenhouse and family garden. These investments create new opportunities for education, health, wellness and community growth. We are proud to see continued growth and investment in our future generations! I encourage community members to stop at the College.

10-17 There was a Get Out to Vote event in Naytahwaush. Peggy Flanagan, Trina Swanson. school board, sheriff, township candidates attended. Miigwech to everyone who came out!

10-19 I attended the Elder Commission meeting in Pine Point. Miigwech to the commission for continuing to reach out to our elders in each village, helping with forms and listening to their concerns. If you have concerns, there is a form to be completed. Each of the elders gave updates about the work in each district. Some of the elders will be attending the upcoming Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive meeting in Bois Forte. Plans are also underway for a meeting between the Elder Commission and Council of Elders. Niijii radio, MPR and Three Sixty are working on a project involving 15 students that will interview our elders to share their stories. Tentative date is November 2026. District 3 Elder Commission representatives are Linda Buckanaga and Dorothy Zima.

10-21 I stopped by Shrek Movie Night at Shooting Star Casino sponsored by our White Earth Heath and Public Health programs. It was great seeing many little ones enjoying the movie, pizza, cake, activities and pumpkins!

I also stopped in at the candidate forum, where candidates for sheriff from all three counties, Minnesota Senate and House District 2, school board, county auditor, and other local offices were in attendance.

10-30 White Earth RBC Quarterly meeting. Community Councils, White Earth Housing, Tribal College and other entities provide updates.

Two new elder tiny homes in White Earth were delivered and set. Target date to complete is Nov. 25. Elders can apply for the homes at the White Earth RBC front desk, elder advocates or our office can assist.

White Earth Elder Christmas card forms are available early this year, to ensure elders have time to sign up. Cards will be mailed in December.

We continue to work to improve our communities and make things better for our communities. I wish I had a magic wand to make everything happen overnight! The reality is that progress takes time, teamwork and resources. We may not be able to make everyone happy but we can continue doing our best, focusing on solutions and moving our communities forward. Miigwech to everyone who sees the positive and supports the work! Miigwech to the elder that reminded me to stay focused on the positive, there is enough negativity in the world.

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween!

If you need assistance or would like to visit please let us know!

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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.



Photos courtesy of Doyle Turner

White Earth enrollee Doyle Turner in introducing his new album on Nov. 13 at the Gizhiigan Arts Incubator in Mahnomen. The event is free to everyone.

Doyle Turner

to premiere new album at Gizhiigan Arts Incubator

MAHNOMEN, Minn. - Anishinaabe artist Doyle Turner is coming home, and he's introducing his new album to its place of origin on Friday, Nov. 13, the Gizhiigan Arts Incubator in Mahnomen.

He will host the premiere of the songs for his new recording "Inland." Turner's band, "The Sweet Beans," featuring the musicians who recorded the album, will perform with him that night. His brother, musician Steve Turner, will play an opening set. The show begins at 7 p.m., is free, and is open to all ages.

Turner grew up in Naytahwaush - at the very heart of the White Earth Reservation. Bike trails, endless days spent in the outdoors, a tight-knit family, and one stop sign at the top of the hill, Turner's "little town tucked back in the woods" became the inspiration for a new album after he saw an art show based on the people of his hometown.

Naytahwaush visual artist Kent Estey's show "Naytahwaush; Faces, Stories and Artists Exhibition" was first displayed at Gizhiigan in the Spring of 2024. Turner said, "Seeing all of the people I knew from my childhood featured as creators really made me realize how influential that town and those people were on me and my music."

The new record features Dan Schwartz (Neighborhood Quartet), Nate Lebrun (Humbird, Bad Bad Hats, Squinny), Matthew Blake (Gentleman's Anti Temperance League) and Sarah Morris (Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys) with appearances by Nikki Lemire, Kai Brewster, and Cameron Kinghorn. The songs are infused with the sound of 70s and early 80s country and rock and roll with a healthy dose of the Turner family 8-track and vinyl collection. "Inland" was produced by Sarah Morris.

A 2026 Dylan Fest Songwriting Contest Winner, a 2025 Great River Folk Festival Songwriting Contest First Runner Up ,and a 2023 Red Lodge Songwriting Contest Finalist, Turner released his previous album, "Paper Maps," in late 2024.

Mpls.St.Paul Magazine wrote, "Turner creates from the heart without filter or pretense," and named the title track to its Best New Songs from October 2024 in its "Minnesota Playlist October" feature.

"Inland" won't be fully released and available to the public until the album release show at Icehouse in Minneapolis on Feb. 6, 2027, but the hometown audience will get the debut of the new songs the second Friday in November.

Turner, his band, and his brother Steve Turner will provide a first listen to "Inland" in Mahnomen on Friday, Nov. 13 ahead of the album's full release.

Event Details

Friday, Nov. 13, 2026
Gizhiigan Arts Incubator in Mahnomen
7 p.m. / Free to All Ages



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
of White Earth

UPDATED CLUB HOURS

Effective 10/12/26

B&G Winter Hours- After School to 8pm

If Schools Are Closed: Hours would be 8am-4:30pm
(Except for RBC Holidays)

Kindergarten - 5th grade
Must be picked up by 6:00 PM

6th grade and up
May stay until 8:00 PM

Disclosure: If sites do not have any youth after a certain time for at least 30 minutes, we will post a notice on the Boys & Girls Club of White Earth Facebook page that we will be closing early.

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Any questions about the food program:
Aimee Drift at 218-570-8134
Any other questions:
James at 218-396-0575 or
Carol Thompson at 218-935-3517

WHITE EARTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ATTENTION!
Keep an eye out on social media for our new Elbow Lake building Grand Opening!

White Earth Urban Office

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

White Earth Reservation Food Distribution

2205 271st Ave., Mahnomen, MN 56557
Hwy 200 - 13 miles east of Mahnomen
Phone: 218-935-2233 ❖ Fax: 833-512-2084

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE:
All persons residing within the White Earth Reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution is an alternative to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Eligibility requirements: Effective October 1, 2026

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	$1,547
2	$2,021
3	$2,494
4	$2,979
5	$3,492
6	$4,005
7	$4,478
8	$4,952

Each additional member add $474

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

a. **Address** - must verify residency
b. **Income** - most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
c. **Social Security Numbers**
d. **Tribal ID** (if applicable)

Deductions:

❖ 20% deduction from household's gross earned income
❖ Actual child care expenses paid to non-household members
❖ Legally required child support payments to non-household members, documentation required
❖ Medicare, Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums)
❖ Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense in excess of $35
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Store hours
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Zebra Mussels confirmed in Tulaby Lake

White Earth amends 2026 fall netting season after discovery

On Oct. 12, it has been confirmed Tulaby Lake has a Zebra Mussel infestation. The public should be aware of the infestation and ensure all water related equipment is cleaned, drained and dried prior to moving to a different water body. Listed below are a few important precautionary measures to follow to prevent further infestations.

Clean - boats, docks, boat lifts, nets of any excess weeds that may be attached.

Drain - water out of all live wells, compartments and boats before leaving access point.

Dry – water related equipment including boats, canoes, kayaks, paddles, docks, boat lifts and nets

Empty - any leftover water or vegetation left on boat, trailer, motor before entering the next lake.

NOTICE: White Earth Natural Resources has amended the 2026 Fall Netting Season due to the Zebra Mussel detection. The amended netting season can be seen on the White Earth Natural Resources page at www.whiteearth.com or on the White Earth Facebook page.

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White Earth Tribal Historic Preservation office secures repatriation of historic dress from Smithsonian NMAI

In October, the White Earth Tribal Historic Preservation Office (WETHPO) met with representatives from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). During the visit, WETHPO successfully completed the physical transfer and repatriation of a historic White Earth dress. This ancestral item had been away from White Earth since the 1930s.

WETHPO is in the process of preserving and caring for the dress as they prepare it for public display. While the tribe currently has limited space and limited dedicated facility to showcase pieces of White Earth cultural history at our tribal headquarters, this repatriation aligns with a broader, long-term vision: the construction of the White Earth Cultural Heritage and Healing Center, a stand-alone museum space designed to preserve, protect, and care for our items in ways that honor their cultural and spiritual significance.

When appropriate, these items should be available for our community to view and learn from, allowing our people — especially our youth — to connect with our relatives, histories, and teachings embodied in these objects. Repatriation is more than returning items; it is restoring relationships, healing historical harm, and ensuring that what rightfully belongs to White Earth is kept safe for future generations.

As the White Earth Cultural Heritage and Healing Center is in its foundational stages this is an important time for community input. Tribal members and the public are invited to share their thoughts, ideas, and visions for what they would like to see in this heritage and healing center.

Feedback and suggestions can be sent directly via email to WE.Museum@WhiteEarth-NSN.gov,

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Notice to Tribal Land Lessee(s), Assignee(s) and any or all others utilizing Tribal Lands

The White Earth Land Office is conducting in-depth file reviews and periodic inspections of all sites, assignments, leases and contracts for any compliance issues on Tribal Land. The inspections are being conducted throughout the entire year.

All those occupying or residing on Tribal Land must update their information in-person or by completing and submitting an Address Update Form. This form can be found in the Anishinaabeg Today.

If you have any questions regarding compliance inspections, leases and assignments, or to update your information, please feel free to contact the White Earth Land Office at 218-983-4650.

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Photos courtesy of The City of Fargo

Family, friends and co-workers gather with Georgianna (Garbow) Warren (White Earth) after being recognized for her compassionate service to people experiencing homelessness and addiction.

Georgianna Warren

presented Gladys Ray award for her compassionate service

Fargo Mayor Josh Boschee and members of the Fargo City Commission attended the annual Indigenous Peoples Day kickoff breakfast on Oct. 12 hosted by The Indigenous Association. They joined community members in celebration of the important work that's being done each day to honor and continue Indigenous cultures within the Fargo-Moorhead area.

During the event, the Gladys Ray Indigenous Peoples Day Award was presented to Georgianna (Garbow) Warren (White Earth) for her compassionate service to people experiencing homelessness and addiction.

Warren, who grew up in Naytahwaush, has worked for more than three years in Fargo Cass Public Health's Withdrawal Management Unit, co-located with the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo. She currently serves as a harm reduction team lead. Previously, she worked as a behavioral technician at the ShareHouse treatment center.

Warren draws on her own experiences with homelessness and addiction to connect with guests and care for them with kindness and dignity. As Warren explained, remembering her own experiences helps her treat guests the way she would want to be treated in the same situation. In nominating Warren for the award, her co-worker described her as a genuine person and active listener who has a deep understanding of what guests may be going through.

The Gladys Ray Indigenous Peoples Day Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Fargo's Indigenous community. It was created in honor of Gladys Shingobe Ray. A dedicated lifelong human rights advocate and volunteer, Ray served her community through her involvement with many organizations and by helping to develop numerous programs.

She advocated for all people, especially Indigenous peoples, children and people experiencing homelessness. She served as a mentor and advisor to many individuals and projects. Ray was devoted to sharing her love, wisdom and strength with her family, friends and everyone she knew.e



White Earth enrollee Georgianna (Garbow) Warren holds the award that was presented to her for her compassionate service to people experiencing homelessness and addiction.

The White Earth Nation Veterans Powwow is November 7-8

White Earth Council of Elders

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

The monthly meeting for this Council was held Oct. 6 at Rice Lake Elder Nutrition Site. Since the September meeting was cancelled due to no quorum we felt we owed it to the Rice Lake community members to hold an official meeting there. The meeting was well attended and several issues were discussed that pertain to Elders needs and concerns. We try to identify programs that will be held during the month and beyond.

The first mentioned was the 2nd Annual Community Bison Harvest that took place on Oct. 3 in Mahnomen. It was suggested that all persons wear old clothing, as they would be getting bloody and expected to help with the harvest. In return, they could take home some of the meat and thus should also bring a container for it. It sounded fascinating!

It was also advised that members of Wisdom Steps and new members should be working on their health cards, which insure that they can attend an annual conference to honor their efforts. I attended a quarterly meeting for Wisdom Steps on Oct. 7-8 at Fortune Bay Casino in Bois Forte.

Many fall dinners are going on throughout the month as fundraisers for their churches. We suggest that you try to attend these gatherings as they support their churches. Everyone enjoys a good meal and believe me they are delicious and no dishes for you to do.

Oct. 12 was National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is now a national holiday, and those of us who are Native should be very proud of our heritage. I hope you took time out to honor our forefathers that were looking out for us through Treaties as protection for our rights.

Oct. 20 was the Women's Night Out event at the Shooting Star Casino. There was a sit-down dinner and various speakers regarding cancer as it affects all of us. The meal was steak and chicken with all the trimmings. This annual event occurred from 4-6 p.m. with exercise, personal stories, and prizes. Thank you to our Tribal Health team for making this wonderful event happen.

The Naytahwaush Wellness Fair was held Oct. 28 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. There were many booths from different programs with information and handouts. Both youth and Elders attended this event. Some of us missed this event as we were attending the TEC meeting in Bois Forte.

The quarterly meeting of our Tribal Council was held on Friday, Oct. 30 at Shooting Star Casino. Many Elders are trying to attend these meetings in order to keep abreast of programs and events that are geared to us, and those that are lacking. We are concerned when for example, health care, shelter, and land issues, plus water and environment rights are blemished. We look to the Seventh Generation to provide a good way for our children and grandchildren. We thank our Tribal Council for the work they do and the programs that provide service to the Elders and respect our input.

It has been a busy month but we continue to move forward in a good way.

As Elders we turn our mind toward wholeness and well-being. We can heal! Streams of healing vitality are streaming in our mind, body, and spirit. The power within us is greater than any condition. Blessings and safety to all our families!

Lucille M. Silk, Chairperson
White Earth Council of Elders
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Honoring our military Veterans - past and present

By Budd Parker
White Earth Community Veteran

Nov. 11 is the day set aside to honor all of our nation's veterans. Holding onto memories of who they were or are - their stories, being able to see their faces - all help us to remember that our armed forces have been, and are, comprised of unique individuals from every segment of our population.

Each Soldier, Sailor, Marine, and Airman are their own persons with their own exceptional personalities, experiences and stories. Learning some of their individual stories allows us to comprehend at least a fraction of what each of them did for all of us.

We are looking for photographs and information of three women veterans:

- Cleo (nee Jerome) Irwin from Mahnomen - World War II
- Violet (nee Keahna) Frymire from Naytahwaush - Korea era
- JoAnn (nee McArthur) Conty from Callaway - Korea era

As well as 10 of those that died in the various wars:

- Joseph Vizenor of Callaway - Spanish-American War
- James Beare of White Earth and Michigan - World War I
- Peter DeFoe (Dufault) of Beaulieu - World War I
- Michael Kiplin of Mahnomen - World War I
- William Mitchell of Naytahwaush area - World War I
- George "Jumbo" Burnette/Brunette of Naytahwaush - World War II
- Harry Lewis of Beaulieu - World War II
- Emery St. John of Ebro and Rice Lake areas - World War II
- Charles "Buster" Smith of Beaulieu and Cass Lake - World War II
- Charles "Sonny" Wadena of Naytahwaush - World War II

Please send photos or information of these women veterans or of those who died in wartime to whiteearthhistory@gmail.com or faircox@arvig.net.

Here are some of the photographs remembering a few of the veterans from our reservation that I've come across or that have been sent to us by family members.



Mike Clark - WWI
Husband of Alice Heisler



Alex Anywaush - WWII
Son of Wm & Elizabeth Anywaush



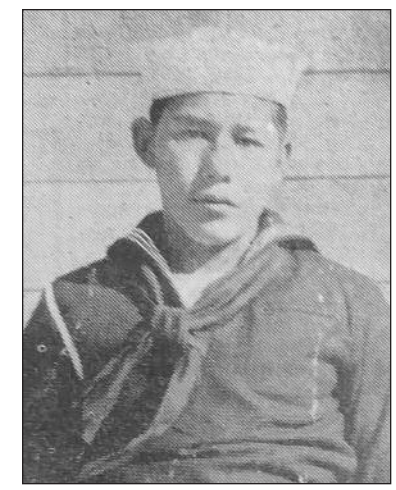
George Belland - WWII
Son of Fred & Amelia Belland



Dan Brown - WWII
Son of Ernest & Carrie Brown



Paul L. "Toady" Bellcourt - WWII
Son of Joe & Myrtle Bellecourt



Curtis Buckanaga - WWII
Son of John & Jane Buckanaga



Gordon Fairbanks - WWII
Son of Charles & Liza Fairbanks



Clarence Fisher - WWII
Raised by Wm & Elizabeth Anywaush



Magnus Moran - WWII
Son of Annie Brown King & Wm Moran



Aloysius Valerian "Kip" St. Clair - WWII
Son of Jim & Maggie St. Clair



Robert "Skip" Swan - WWII
Son of Louis & Irene Swan



Nelson "Bunky" Bunker Jr. - Korea Era
Son of Nels & Flora Bunker



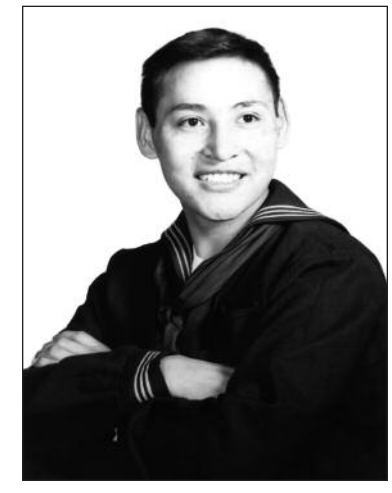
Merlin J. Fairbanks - Korea Era
Son of James & Grace Fairbanks



Maurice "Ditsy Boy" Jackson - Korea Era
Son of Joe & Jennie Oshkinowe



Joann McArthur - Korea Era
Daughter of Ray & Ethel McArthur



I. M. A. Sailor (Ira) - Korea Era
Son of Frank & Violet Sailor



Warner "Petty" Silk - Korea Era
Son of Lawrence & Alice Silk



Gordon A. St. Claire - Korea Era
Son of Fred & Fannie St. Claire



Joseph M. Thunder - Korea Era
Son of Baptiste & Rachel Thunder



Duane "Chick" Jasken - Vietnam Era
Son of Herman & Iona Jasken



Donovan "Swede" Larson - Vietnam Era
Son of Edward and Lucille Larson



Darwin "Boy Boy" McArthur - Vietnam Era
Son of Sam & Margaret McArthur



John S. Rock - Vietnam Era
Son of Rev. Reuben & Anna Rock

Thank you to White Earth community Veteran Budd Parker (Navy) for researching and collecting Veteran photos to share with our readers.

Special thanks to the **Becker County Historial Society** for the photos of Maurice "Ditsy Boy" Jackson, Joann McArthur, I.M.A. Sailor, and Warner "Petty" Silk

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11

Lalania Walker

named MNSCIA 2026 Civilian Partner of the Year

Lalania Walker was recently awarded the 2026 Civilian Partner of the Year by the Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigator Association at an awards banquet at the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, Minn.

Lalania was recognized for her leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to trauma informed, victim centered advocacy. Lalania is the Manager of White Earth Nation's Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center and has been employed there for five plus years conducting forensic interviews, providing advocacy and facilitating a large multi-disciplinary team that collectively responds to reports of child abuse and crimes committed against children.

White Earths Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center is the first tribally operated CAC in the state of Minnesota. They are also the fifth established tribally operated child advocacy center in the nation; there currently are 16 other tribally operated child advocacy centers in the nation.

White Earth Nation's Aakwade'ewin Tribal Child Advocacy Center is a referral-based program that provides intervention, education, forensic interviews, advocacy, to children who have been abused, maltreated and/or are a victim of a crime, utilizing a multi-disciplinary team response model. CAC also provides services and support to vulnerable adults who are victims of crime and going through the investigation process.

Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center (ACAC) is located in Naytahwaush, which is the central location of their service area. ACAC's service area includes all reservation lands and 25 miles beyond the reservation border serving Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen County. White Earth Nations Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Team entails of law enforcement, child protection, mental health, prosecution, medical and victim services from tribal, county and federal agencies within their designated service area.

Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center (ACAC) strives to include cultural responsiveness, trauma informed, and person-centered responses in their services, MDT work and within the environment of their center. Their CAC and MDT Team collectively conduct work directly in their center, where the team gathers, providing thorough services with the overall goal of reducing trauma for victims of crime, and ensuring children and their family's needs are met.

White Earth Nation had their ribbon cutting ceremony in May 2026, and re-branded their center with a new logo and name utilizing the theme of "Bravery."

Formerly known as White Earth Tribal Child Advocacy Center, the word "Aakwade'ewin" translates to the English word "Bravery". Aakwade'ewin CAC represents the bravery it takes for the team to advocate for children's rights and safety, the bravery it takes for a child to speak up, the bravery it takes for a family to navigate the system. Aakwade'ewin CAC wants to thank their MDT partners, furthermore, the team is deeply grateful to support and serve the community.



Courtesy photo

Lalania Walker accepts the 2026 Civilian Partner of the Year award presented by the Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigator Association at a recent banquet in Nisswa, Minn.

NOTICE

White Earth Reservation Enrolled Elders (55 and Older)

In order to provide information and possible services to White Earth Reservation enrolled elders (age 55 & up) living in the United States your assistance is needed. Please complete the following data form and return it. **If information is not legible or left blank the application would be considered incomplete and void.** The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be used to identify services and events from which you may benefit. (Example: Elder Christmas Cards).

I understand that the information I am providing on this form is for registration purposes. The information will be used by the White Earth Tribal Council to create statistical reports and may be used by service providers to help identify other services from which I may benefit. This information will not be released to anyone other than the above-mentioned parties in a way that will identify me as an individual unless I sign a separate consent for that purpose. I understand that I do not have to sign for release of information but will still receive services for which I am eligible.

Deadline to send in the application is December 11, 2026.

Please Check One:

_____ On Reservation _____Off Reservation

White Earth Reservation Elder Date Form

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____**State:**_____**Zip:**_____

Phone # :_____

Date Of Birth:_____

Tribal ID #:_____

Signature_____Date_____

Mail to:

White Earth Tribal Health
Attn: Elder Gift Cards
PO Box 496
White Earth, MN 56591 or
Scan the QR code to get the online form:

A new application is required annually. Applications will be accepted from **Oct. 5 to Dec. 11**, please complete one form only. Cards will be mailed out in December.
Happy Holidays!!

White Earth Tribal Land Office

Address Update Form

Occupant(s) Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	**Enrollment No.:**
Mailing Address:	**Phone No.:**
Physical Address:	
Name of Closest Relative:	**Phone No.:**

The Land Office requires **all** those occupying or residing on Tribal Land to update their information for our records. If you do not have a current lease or land assignment, you must come in to complete a Land Application immediately to avoid further legal action. Also, if you have had a name change you will need to submit, along with the Address Update Form, a copy of a legal name change document such as a Divorce Decree, Driver's License or Tribal ID.

You may contact our office at (218) 983-4650 if you have any further questions or need additional information.

Please mail your completed Address Update Form along with a copy of your legal name change documents, if required, to:

White Earth Tribal Land Office
35500 Eagle View Road
P.O. Box 495
White Earth, Minnesota 56591

Land.Office@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby acknowledge with my signature that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge with my signature, any misrepresentation, falsification, or omission of the above information may result in but not limited to site cancellation, eviction, denial of applications, fine and fees.



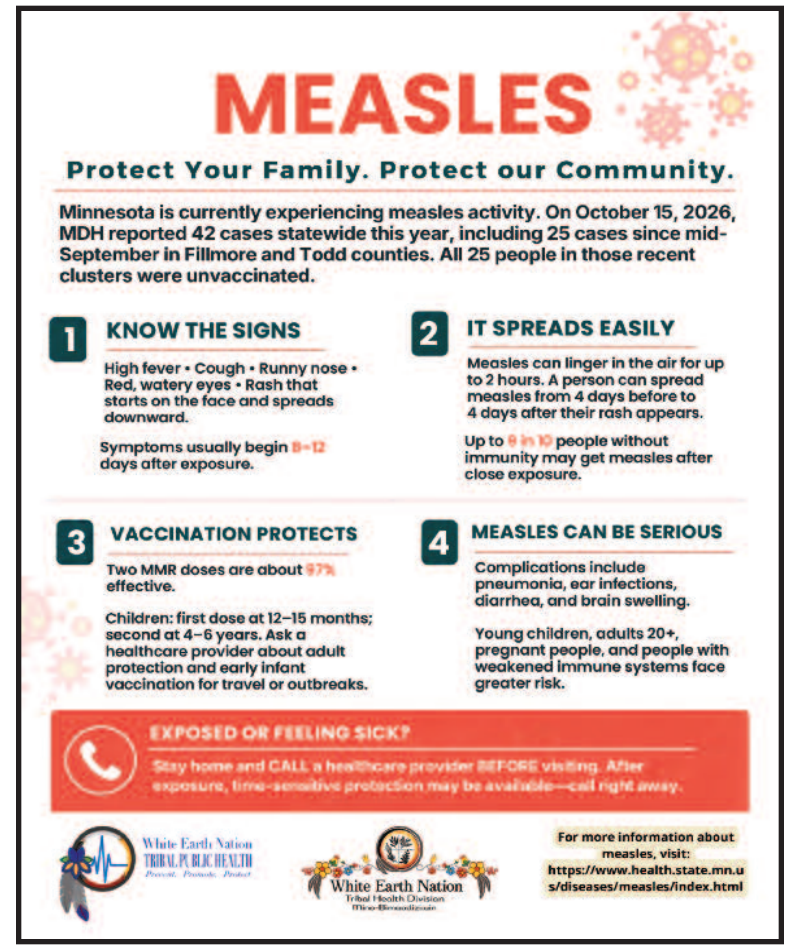












Ed Snetsinger honored by AMEM



Submitted photo

Ed Snetsinger, Emergency Manager for the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, was recently honored for his service as the past president of the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM).

Snetsinger was recognized for his yearlong tenure leading the statewide association, which has supported local disaster preparedness and response initiatives since 1955. AMEM comprises over 460 emergency response planners and professionals across Minnesota's cities, counties, and tribal nations. Snetsinger's leadership leaves a lasting impact on the organization's training, advocacy, and professional networking efforts.

Above: Snetsinger, left, with Marlyn Halvorson, Emergency Management Director of Carlton County and incoming President of the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers.

Helping military veterans

The Native American Veteran Resource Fair was held Oct. 28 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

The free community event featured information vendors that could help Veterans with housing, employment, health benefits and more.

In addition to information booths, there was refreshments in the morning and box lunches at noon.

Photos by Sage Thompson



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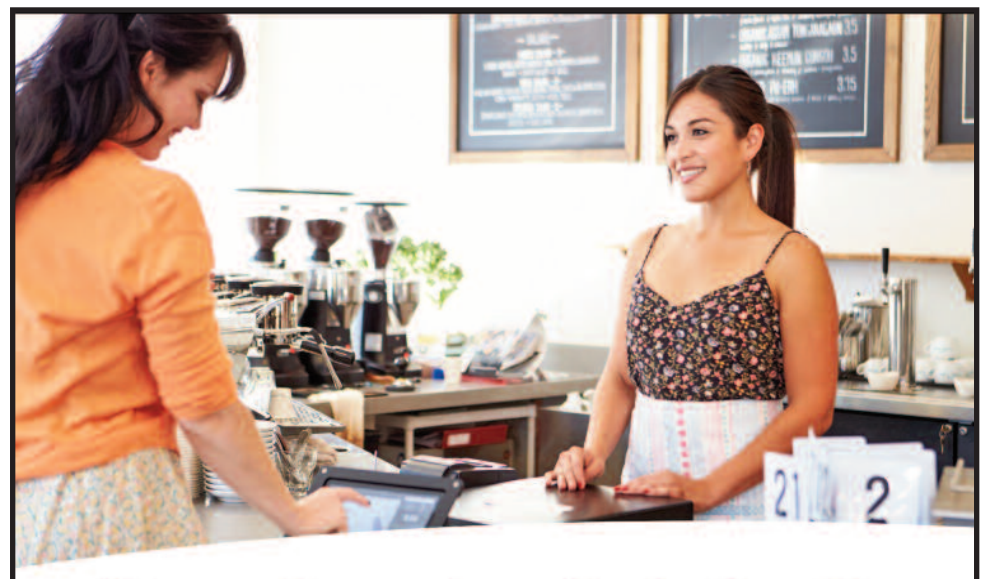
Stop by the Mahnomen True Value store and see Ryan and Paige or give them a call at 218-935-5148.

You can reach the newspaper at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov or 218-935-3569



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24th Annual Wild Rice Round-Up

"Lose your Winter Blues"

January 29-31 2027
Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center

AGENDA

Friday, Jan 29 2027	
3:00pm	Registration opens.
4-6:45pm	Hospitality Room – SSC Event Center Waubun room, light refreshments
7:00pm	AA Speaker: Tonya M. (Sergeant Bluff, IA)
9:00pm	Memorial Talking Circle: Steve M.(Mpls)
Saturday, Jan 30 2027	
6:30am	Morning Meditation/Stretches: Kevin M.
7:30am	BREAKFAST (on your own)
9:00am	Al-Anon Speaker: Amy R. (Mpls, MN)
11:00am	AA Speaker: Jay A. (Duluth, MN)
12:00pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00pm	Workshop: Roger B. "Life is a Teacher; I am the Student"
2:00pm	Free time: (Relax, shop, mingle)
5:30pm	Banquet
7:00pm	AA Speaker: Sharyl W. (Afton, MN)
9:00pm	Music Night hosted by Dan P & Danny B Bring your acoustic instruments and join in!
9:00pm	Board & card games in separate room
Sunday, Jan 31 2027	
10:00am	AA Speaker: Amy R. (Waubun, MN)
11:15am	Raffle, closing ceremony and goodbyes

Contact Information:
Name: Kevin M. (612)730-6482
Email: Kevinmonty9119@gmail.com
Name: Jeana T. (612)998-3304
Email: jeanamary2001@yahoo.com

Website: www.wildriceroundup.com
Pre-Registration fee: $45.00
Banquet fee: $15.00
$60.00
Pre-Registration deadline is Jan 15th, 2027
On-site Registration is $55.00
with Banquet (as available) $15.00 for a total of $70.00.

For Hotel Reservations, call
Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, MN
1.800.453.7827 by January 14th 2027
Ask for Block #19105 $85.00 plus tax.

Please note: Because of mature language and adult topics, children are not allowed in the meetings. Please plan to provide supervision for your child(ren). Childcare is not available at the casino hotel.

Use back side for other registrations →

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Email Phone#
Home Group

AA ☐ **Al-Anon** ☐ **Alateen** ☐ **Other** ☐ **Banquet** ☐ **Total enclosed $**

Mail PRE-REGISTRATION FORM by Jan 15, 2027 to: Wild Rice Round-Up, 3915 Unity Ave N Mpls, MN 55422
Your cancelled check is your receipt.

White Earth Tribal Enrolled Elders Snow Removal Program / 2026-2027

DATE APPLYING: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ E-mail _____

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**): _____

_____

Estimated length of your driveway (only for new applicants): _____

*** **Snowplowing will be done only when snowfall accumulation exceeds 4" inches or more.**
*** **Snow shoveling of driveway or sidewalk will not be done.**

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone #: 218-983-3202
Fax #: 888-228-3650

GED TESTING SERVICE

Testing Appointments Available!

November 2026

Monday	November 16	Mahnomen	9:00-3:00
Tuesday	November 17	Naytahwaush	9:00-3:00
Wednesday	November 18	Pine Point	9:00-3:00
Thursday	November 19	Pine Point	9:00-3:00

Testing dates can be scheduled in other communities as needed.

Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Testers should be attending WEABE or a partner program and have a GED Ready score of 150+ in the subject area.

Contact White Earth Adult Basic Education
Melissa.Widner@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Charles.Littlewolf@whiteearth-nsn.gov
amy.fish@whiteearth-nsn.gov
(218) 935-3576
(218) 570-9431

Hunting & firearm safety reminders

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

As the seasons change and we find ourselves in the midst of various hunting seasons, White Earth Nation wants to remind everyone of a few basic firearm and hunting safety guidelines to help keep our friends, relatives, and communities safe.

Hunting is an important tradition and an opportunity to teach our young ones about harvesting and connecting with the land. As we share these traditions, it is important to be mindful when giving children access to firearms and when teaching them about firearm safety.

Basic safety tips every hunter should follow

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always control the muzzle. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- Be visible. Wear blaze orange or blaze pink to help other hunters identify you. Deer do not perceive these colors the same way people do.
- Protect your eyes and ears. Wear appropriate protective equipment while hunting.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Watch for signs of a medical emergency. Changes in physical activity or routine can put extra stress on the body and may affect breathing, heart rate, or the musculoskeletal system. If something seems "off," do not ignore it—call for help.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs while hunting. Stay alert and able to make safe decisions.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check all equipment, including heaters, tree stands, knives, firearms, and other hunting gear.

A safe hunting season means everyone gets home safely. Take your time, stay alert, check on your hunting partners and don't hesitate to speak up if something does not feel right.

White Earth Nation wishes everyone a safe, successful, and bountiful harvest season! Miigwech and stay safe!

Update your address

Please update your address with the Anishinaabeg Today. Let us know if you moved so we can cancel your old address.

Today@whiteearth-nsn.gov



Women's Night Out offers connection and inspiration

What an incredible night! Women's Night Out 2026 brought together more than 300 women from our community for an evening filled with laughter, connection, inspiration, and celebration!

They were honored to hear powerful messages from Jennifer Lessman on cancer survivorship in the family system and Carol Thompson on living with Type 2 diabetes.

Guests also enjoyed energizing and memorable "Mindful Movements" led by presenter Rashad Jiles, giving everyone a chance to jive, dance, reconnect, and celebrate wellness.

White Earth Tribal Public Health sends a huge thank-you to all of our presenters, volunteers, staff, and especially everyone who came out and made the evening such a success!

We can't wait to see you again next year! Until then—keep celebrating, keep connecting, and don't forget to wear PINK!







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Photos by Lisa Braun

Valley View Manor

Valley View Manor in Ada has 1 bedroom units for rent.

Rent is based on 30% of your adjusted monthly income calculated per HUD guidelines up to a contract rent of $750 and includes: Water, Sewer, Garbage and Heat.

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

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- Workforce Center Front Desk / 218-936-2444
- Darrel Bellanger, Day Labor Supervisor / 218-935-3702
- Must reside within the White Earth Reservation boundaries
- Must be an enrolled tribal elder, or disabled, and own your home
- Not living in a White Earth Housing residence/properly

Supplies provided - inside or outside plastic for windows, weatherstripping for doors

- Outside plastic will be installed by day labor workers
- Day labor can not enter homes, or accept money or gifts
- Shoveling of roofs/walkways depending upon snow fall amounts
- A separate sign-in sheet will be required
- **All applications must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 13**

Valleyview Commons

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

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Photo by Anthony Soufflé / Minnesota Star Tribune

Dustin Roy, director of White Earth Nation's Natural Resources Division, and Amalia Galvan take a boat to survey the wild rice on McCraney Lake.

Permits to destroy wild rice are on the rise in Minnesota

By Kim Hyatt and Chloe Johnson
The Minnesota Star Tribune

MAHNOMEN, Minn. — More wild rice grows along the shallow shorelines of north-central Minnesota lakes than anywhere else in the world. Tribes have harvested the state grain here since time immemorial.

But in Minnesota's rice basket, lakeshore property owners routinely kill wild rice with pesticides and carve paths for boats throughswaying amber stands.

Wild rice is a crop under stress. One recent study found a 5 to 7% annual reduction in harvests outside reservations in the Great Lakes region. Researchers identified climate change as the key stressor. Two northern Minnesota tribes say pesticide use and paths cut through the rice beds are adding another threat.

The destruction is legal with a permit, andhundreds are active every year, according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources data. The number of permits has been steadily rising the past decade, yet the broad effects of wild rice destruction are unknown. The DNR has never studied the impact of its permits.

Wild rice, or manoomin in Ojibwe, has grown in these lakes for 12,000 years. It's why the Anishinaabe migrated to the region, following a prophecy to find the land where food grows on water. Treaties with the U.S. government preserved the tribes' rights to harvest.

It wasn't until five years ago that tribal natural resources managers discovered the DNR was issuing permits to destroy wild rice on lakes within reservations.

"It had everybody's jaw on the floor to realize this was going on," said Dustin Roy, natural resource divisional director for White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

The tribes question how the DNR can protect Minnesota's state grain while permitting its destruction.

Raining White, deputy director of plant resources for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, questionedwhy the DNR "is catering to this very small percentage of lake homeowners when it's supposed to be the public's water, the public's wild rice."

"If you lived in a state forest and you wanted better access to a hiking trail," White said, "they wouldn't let you clear-cut a path through the forest."

The DNR is required to follow state law that allows for the removal, said Michael Verhoeven, an invasive aquatic plant management consultant with the agency. But statute also says the presence of wild rice has to be considered — not protected — which allows the DNR to minimize how much is destroyed.

"Permits are often reduced, they are occasionally withdrawn, and they're rarely denied," Verhoeven said.

'Riparian rights'

The DNR's permitting system, established in 1945, legalized the limited destruction of aquatic plants for lakeshore owners to reach navigable depth via boat. Permits have been issued for decades, but it wasn't until 2016 that the DNR started compiling them in a central database.

The agency cautions owners that a shoreline void of vegetation isn't natural, and often not feasible. Permits aren't issued for aestheticsor to control undeveloped shoreline. Rather, owners have "riparian rights" to access the water next to their property and use it for recreation.

Wild rice, which favors shallow bays and inlets, is notorious for an unpredictable boom and bust cycle. In one year it may grow so thick in a bay that boat motors are ensnared; the next, the bay is bare enough for water-skiing.

The Minnesota Star Tribune requested data on permits to destroy wild rice. In the last decade, there have been more than 22,000 permits issued statewide to remove all types of aquatic plants, including bulrush, lily pads and cattails. Of those permits, 1,141 were for rice removal.

All the wild rice permits were for areas centrally located in the state's rice basket, though permits don't indicate how much was present, or removed. The DNR said that in at least 272 cases, the lakeshore owners hold a "perpetual permit," meaning they don't have to be renewed and don't expire.

See **Rice** Page **18**

CTCC Apple Fest







Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The Callaway Tribal Community Council held their Apple Fest on Oct. 3 in Callaway. There were local vendors, bouncy houses, crafts, food, and a Coloring and Apple Cook/Bake Off contest. **Top**: The CTCC council from left are Tiffany Swiers, Teresa Rojas, Ricky Smith, Steven "BJ" Smith, and Zach Jackson. **Middle**: Joseph and Karianna Stiyer own and operate Bounce and Beyond, a family-owned business serving the local community. They provided several bouncy inflatables at the event. Also pictured are their daughter Sophie and helper Justuz Swiers. **Bottom**: Judging the Apple Cook/Bake-Off contest.



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

WE enrollee Dr. Tricia Capo recently returned to White Earth for a site visit with the CONACH Committee. Dr. Capo (front row in blue skirt) is the daughter of Eugene Jr. (Beebso) and Grace Clark of Ogema.

From Ogema to Native Health Leadership: WE enrolled physician returns home with National AAP Committee

In early September the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH) made a site visit to Bemidji Area. Teams visited the Indian Heath Board of Minneapolis, Red Lake Hospital, and White Earth Health Center including Naytahwaush Clinic.

CONACH has been working for over 60 years to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native children and families. The committee brings together physicians and other experts with experience in Native health and works closely with communities, Indian Health Service, and Urban Indian health programs.

Once a year, the committee travels to one of 12 IHS areas and offers consultative visits. The committee members meet with physicians, nurses, administrators, pharmacists, tribal leaders, and others working within Native health systems. The sites have an opportunity to speak candidly about barriers patients in the area face, what resources are needed to improve care, and also share areas where they have had success.

The committee can offer solutions through experience with other sites, clinical expertise and technical assistance. Tribal and IHS health programs frequently develop creative solutions to problems other sites may face as well, geography, workforce shortages, limited resources and access to specialty care are common challenges in Indian Country. The connection between the local and national level is one of the things that makes these visits valuable beyond the walls of the local clinics.

Dr. Tricia Capo is an Obstetrician Gynecologist in Anchorage, Alaska and is the Indian Health Services Chief Clinical Consultant for ObGyn. While not a member of the AAP, Dr Capo travels with the team, in her capacity as the IHS Chief Clinical Consultant for ObGyn, on site visits to bring a maternal-health prospective. AAP understands that caring for children begins before and extends beyond their first pediatric appointment. Maternal health, pregnancy care and the health of mothers and families directly affect the health of infants and children.

For Tricia, this visit was particularly special. Tricia is an enrolled member of White Earth Nation and grew up in Ogema, the daughter of Eugene Jr. (Beebso) and Grace Clark. Tricia graduated from North Dakota State University and got her medical degree from Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.

"I love doing site visits. I love seeing the faces of the people doing the work every day and how much they pour into their work. It isn't about numbers on a page, it's about story." That connection matters in a field where Native communities have been discussed through statistics, rates of disease, shortages of physicians, distance to care and disparities in health outcomes.

For CONACH the purpose of coming to places like White Earth is to make sure national conversations about Native children and families remain connected to the communities themselves. And for one physician from Ogema, this year's visit also offered the chance to bring that work home.



WE enrollee Dr. Tricia Capo takes part in a table discussion at a site visit in White Earth.

Waatebagaa-Giizis Powwow







Photos by Sage Thompson

The Rising Sun Community Council held their Waatebagaa-Giizis Powwow on Oct. 10 in Waubun Park. The host drum was the White Earth Boys.



Stations for deer head drop offs for CWD testing

Pinehurst Resort, Rice Lake Community Center, Ice Cracking Lodge, White Earth M&W, Mahnomen Natural Resources Office

WHITE EARTH CONSTITUTION DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENT

DELEGATE ELECTION NOTICE

MCT-White Earth Constitution Reform District 1 and District 2 and At-Large Delegate Election

Date: November 7th, 2026 (Saturday)
Time: 2:00-5:00 PM
Location: Veteran's Day Powwow Shooting Star Casino

District 1 Candidates	District 2 Candidates	At-Large Candidates
Debra Waukazo	Charlotte Houle	Carol Zortman
Summer Stevens	Rachael Bunker	Jamie Gonzales
		Shannon Heisler
		Toni Vizenor

- 1 candidate from WE District 1, District 2, and At-Large to be elected.
- Voter must be 18 years of age to vote
- Voter must show Tribal ID to vote.
- Must reside within the WE District to vote for District candidate.
- All White Earth Reservation members are eligible to vote for At-Large candidate
- Please vote and support these candidates.

Iron Range Area Community Council

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

Rice from Page 16

The numbers offer a conservative estimate of permits and overall wild rice destruction. For instance, permits for lake associations and resorts cover multiple docks or lake lots. And the DNR said an unknown number of owners are illegally removing rice every year.

New permit holders are subject to a site inspection by the DNR to identify plants for removal and offer best methods.

Lakeshore owners can hire a company with floating lawn mowers or hydraulic rakes to cut and uproot plants. Many use dock-mounted weed control systems that roll in an arc along the bottom of the lake. Or they can go to the hardware store and purchase pesticides off the shelf to spray the plants or dump what looks like sidewalk salt off their dock into the water.

Clear-cut paths from docks sometimes stretch hundreds of feet through rice beds, creating distinct lanes of open water like neighborhood driveways. They are much wider than the trails of flattened stands left behind from canoes gliding through beds during harvests.

Lakeshore owners contacted by the Star Tribune declined to discuss their work to remove wild rice, with some saying they feared retribution.

Others claimed they hadn't removed any wild rice when DNR data showed their permit identified it. Experts say that wild rice can be difficult to identify to the untrained eye and may not be recognizable until it's in a soup or hotdish.

'Conflict on the water'

On a hot September afternoon, Roy navigated ajon boat across McCraney Lake in Otter Tail County and nodded at a line of homes and cabins with manicured lawns and sandy beaches.

Roy, in his work for White Earth Nation, restored rice beds on this lake inside the reservation a decade ago.

Now on McCraney, patches of golden rice sway next to sharp-edgedbulrush — except around the docks where homeowners had removed it.

Tribes and environmental advocates have not had success in limiting motorized watercraft in rice beds. So they are focusing on pesticides instead, arguing the use is concerning to rice harvesters and anglers alike.

Roy testified in April at the Capitol in support of a bill to limit pesticides where wild rice grows, including off reservations. He told lawmakers that the DNR's permitting decisions "are driven by aesthetics, rather than ecology."

"Manipulating lakeshore to gain a different view or having a swimming beach is a want," he testified. "Wild rice is a necessity."

But like past attempts at enshrining protections for wild rice, the measure did not advance.

Damaging wild rice is prohibited and harvesting is strictly regulated, but other protections are limited.

Wild rice removal permits are concentrated in Hubbard, Otter Tail and Cass counties, a region surrounded by rice and the White Earth and Leech Lake reservations. Tribal and non-tribal members harvest on these lakes, filling canoes with freshly ripened grain alongsidechannels for pontoons and boats.

The two tribes now have more of a say in the removal of wild rice. They started reviewing DNR permits on tribal land after 2021 when they became aware of permits within the reservation. The DNR said it stopped allowing pesticide permits on reservations in 2025. But tribal members are also concerned about lakes outside their reservations.

Star Lake, south of the White Earth reservation in Otter Tail County, was the second-most popular lake for rice removal permits.

The lake is an historic ricing spot, so much that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe owns a small parcel on the south end of Star after ceding millions of acres to the U.S. government.

Southern sections are still lush with rice — but boating channels, which are limited to 15 feet wide by permits, have been etched through rice beds.

Earlier this summer, Roy said his staff investigated a video of a harvester cutting extensively through rice on Star. They flew a drone to see what he described as an "overarching mechanical disaster."

The DNR confirmed the harvester was working under a permit.

Verhoeven, of the DNR, said the value of wild rice has to be "considered simultaneously" with the value of boating and other water recreation.

"There's conflict on the water about this," he said.

Asked whether the permits could be a threat to wild rice, Verhoeven said they are "100% a threat to those specific plants that are killed."

A balancing act

Wild rice has become so dense on certain lakes that property owners and dock lift companies say they can't get through.

Troy Friedrich, owner of Aquatic Weed Harvesting in Henning, said he is frequently cutting on Star.

"If the rice is not controlled to some extent, it's going to completely overtake that bay and basically make it unusable," he said.

Friedrich claimed the work does not damage the beds overall — in fact, rice has become more plentiful in the past decade, he said.

That's also the perspective of Tristan Ehlenfeldt, owner of Lake Life Dock Company in Walker. He said he's getting more calls to remove rice with his machinery because owners are being told by the DNR to stop using pesticides within the Leech Lake reservation.

Leech Lake holds the most active permits of any lake. Meanwhile, there are ongoing rice restoration efforts on bays impacted by invasive species.

Ehlenfeldt said it's a selling point for him to not use pesticides. "I think people are maybe getting more concerned about putting chemicals in."

The DNR and others acknowledged the illegal practice of "midnight dumping," or using pesticides without a permit. The telltale sign is a suddenly bare shore, without the required signage warning of human exposure to chemicals. The public can report suspected violations to the DNR.

In 2022, the most recent year in which DNR reported annual offenses, conservationofficers issued a total of 35 verbal warnings and 43 citations for permit violation across the state's roughly 11,000 lakes.

Some owners with permits apply pesticides with little to no oversight, said Patrick Selter, vice president at PLM Lake and Land Management in Brainerd.

"The permitting system is good, because at least it's something that's trackable," Selter said.

But while the DNR tracks the number of permits it issues, it has not studied their impact on wild rice.

Studying wild rice is challenging because it's different on each lake, said Annette Drewes, a former clean water specialist for the DNR and researcher who has advocated for the state grain for two decades.

One thing many lakes have in common, she said, is property owners who treat the water as their own.

"Like, it's my lake," she said. But they're everyone's, she added, "because they're public waters in Minnesota."

White said the Leech Lake tribe is not trying to stop anyone from enjoying the lakes. But of all the threats facing the state grain, permits are something that can be controlled — unlike an increasingly unstable climate that influences how much, or how little, grows.

"There is a balance that we want to see," he said.

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White Earth Food Shelf
November/December 2026 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Closed	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Rice Lake
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Nay Tah Wash
Boxes	Niijii Radio	ENP Site	Sports Complex	Elder Delivery
9	10	11	12	13
Closed	Elbow Lake	Closed	Pine Point/Elders	Elbow Lake
Making	11am-1pm	Veterans	11am-1pm	Waubun, Evergreen
Boxes	ENP Site	Day	ENP Site	Elder Delivery
16	17	18	19	20
Closed	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	White Earth
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	mahnomen, gwayko	Bimad
Boxes	ENP Site	M&W Gas Station	Elder delivery	Elder Delivery
23	24	25	26	27
Closed	Waubun	Mahnomen	Closed Thanksgiving	
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		gwayko, mahnomen
Boxes	Community Center	College parking lot		moved to 19th nov
2026	December	Delivery	Schedule	←
	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec
	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Rice Lake
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Nay Tah Wash
	Niijii Radio	ENP Site	Sports Complex	Elder Delivery
	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec
	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Elbow Lake
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Making	Waubun, Evergreen
	ENP Site	ENP Site	Boxes	Elder Delivery

- Hours are subject to change due to weather and closure for holidays
- Feel free to contact the White Earth Food Shelf at 218-935-6313 or 218-935-6314
- You may go to any of our stops to pick up a food box, you don't have to reside in that area
- White Earth Food Shelf Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- A Thank You to all the programs that help deliver food boxes. With your help we can make sure all our people get the things they need.

MAHUBE-OTWA
Open House



Come visit us at our new building location!

Celebrate arts & our creative collaboration with Manoomin Arts Initiative (MAI) and White Earth Area artists.

Event Details

DATE
Thursday, November 12
Noon–2pm

LOCATION
122 W Monroe Ave,
Mahnomen, MN 56557

ACTIVITIES
Free light lunch catered by The Good Berry.
Paint a rock to help us decorate the new space!

Come Explore

SEE LOCAL ARTISTS' WORK
Vinyl mural by collaboration with Manoomin Arts Initiative.

LEARN ABOUT OUR SERVICES
Find out how we provide support to our clients.
See our new feature:
The Community Cupboard!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES
Our new building has been renovated and we want to hear your favorite memories from the building's past life as the American Legion!

FEATURED ARTISTS

Therese Brown, Chelsea Bush, Chewie Mason, Paula Littlewolf, and Dana Trickey
See Vendors Showcase inside!
Order Directly from Wendy Roy, Sophia Beaupre, & Chelsea Bush

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Minimum guidelines for new, clear ice



Ice is never 100% safe!

- Double the thickness guidelines for white or snow-covered ice.
- Carry two large nails to use as ice picks if you fall through
- Avoid pressure ridges and areas with current.
- Warn children about the dangers of thin ice.
- Don't drive on the ice at night.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages.

mndnr.gov/icesafety

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



White Earth Energy Assistance Program accepting applications for upcoming winter heating season

The 2026-2027 White Earth Energy Assistance Program is currently accepting applications. Please call for an application to be either mailed, picked up, or it will be on the White Earth Nation website.

For those of you that applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail this month.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely, with all necessary documentation. This will help in a faster process.

Homeowners should please call when having furnace problems, we may be able to help. Please remember to change your filters for adequate maintenance. Always keep in mind to check your tanks because running out can adhere to more problems.

If you are in need of some weatherization please call Katherine Warren at 218-983-3285 in the Finance department or email her at Katherine.Warren@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

For any questions on the program or you need to fax any information, please use the numbers below. Funds are anticipated in the first week of November. Hope everyone had a great summer!

Phone: 218-473-2711
Fax: 218-473-2719
Toll Free: 1-866-885-7656
Online: www.whiteearth.com – Divisions: Energy Assistance Program
Location: 3303 US Hwy 59 in Waubun - across from the Housing Authority parking lot.

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



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Registration Days

Sign up for free courses and computer access on the above schedule or just scan the QR Code and fill out the online form to gain access to the TBCP resources.

It's that time of year to get ready for winter so this is what Elders need to do to get on the Elders Winterization Program

1. Fill out your application as soon as possible.

2. make sure to completely fill out all of it, print and sign your name.

3. November 13 is the deadline to get applications in.

4. Where appt's are located at :

- Naytahwaush ENP Center or Front Desk
- White Earth ENP Center
- RTC Front Desk
- Rice Lake ENP Center
- Mahnomen Background Building Front Desk
- DNR Building Front Desk
- The Landing Restaurant (Peggy) - Waubun
- Pine Point ENP Center

If you have any questions, call or contact Darrel Bellanger at 218-935-3702

Naytahwaush Community Charter School Federal Programs/Impact Aid/CACR Community Input Meeting

November 12 at 4:30 p.m.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

Thurs. Nov. 19

Ready for a healthier you? Take the Smoke-Free Challenge now! As we celebrate the Great American Smokeout on **Thursday, November 19th**; we would love to hear your feedback on what you did to challenge yourself to go smoke-free.



Send your success stories to **public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov.**

New QuitLogix app supports Minnesota adults in quitting
Starting this month, Minnesota adults can download the *QuitLogix® mobile app*, a new evidence-based tool designed to help people who want to quit smoking, vaping, or using other commercial tobacco products. The app is included as part of Quit Partner™, Minnesota's free statewide commercial tobacco treatment service. The QuitLogix app is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Free support also includes:

- One-on-one coaching
- Text and email support
- Quit medication like nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669), visit quitpartnermn.com, or simply text "START" to 300500.

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2nd Annual Community Bison Harvest

More than 150 attendees gather at cultural event

By Jack Heisler
Bison Foreman
Division of Natural Resources
Agriculture Department/Bison Program

It was another great day and turnout at our 2nd Annual White Earth Community Bison Harvest on Oct. 3 in Mahnomen.

It was a great success. There were about 150 people in total that attended the event. Community members jumped right into action and helped process the buffalo. The animal was processed and all of it was distributed by noon.

The attendees were able to take home some meat and other products such as hides, skulls, bones, hooves and other items used for medicines from the day's harvest, and from previous harvests throughout the summer. They were then able to enjoy a nice feast afterwards.

The morning went so well our staff was able to begin cleanup in the afternoon and address participants who showed up during the afternoon only. They were greeted, chatted with, and we were able to send them home with some frozen meat products as well. We received positive feedback and hope to plan the 3rd annual for around the same time frame.





Photos by Aleisha Fox

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Diabetic BINGO
November 4th Naytahwaush
November 5th White Earth
November 12th Rice Lake

Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
"White Earth Elder Eating Good"
White Earth Elder Wellness Program
Gashkadino-Giizis (Freezing Over Moon)- November

Elderly Nutrition Program Information
*Daily Menu includes 1% milk, and provides 1/3 of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) set by USDA guidelines, with health conscious consideration to overall well-being.
*Menu is subject to change depending on product availability and/or schedule changes.
Elders Suggested Donation $5
Guest Meals $6
Questions or comments please contact :

White Earth ENP Site 218-983-3744
Site Supervisor ~ Bill Boyer

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

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

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Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

Rice Lake ENP Site 218-694-2795
Site Supervisor ~ Russell Boswell

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Turkey gravy Mashed potatoes Capri blend veggies Hawaiian roll Apricots	3 Chicken parmesan over spaghetti Breadstick Steamed Cauliflower Mandarin oranges	4 **Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	5 Boiled dinner w/ ham Crackers Bananas & pudding w/ wafer cookies	6 Baked chicken Dinner roll Diced sweet potatoes Green beans Peach cobbler
9 Alfredo Pasta Sausage with peppers Broccoli Breadstick Fresh Fruit	10 Mac hotdish 4 way veggies Dinner roll Sliced apples	11 **Closed for Veterans Day** 	12 Beef Roast Mashed potatoes Steamed broccoli Wheat dinner roll Mangos	13 Baked fish Roasted squash Rice pilaf Berry parfait w/ granola
16 Spaghetti with meat sauce Country veggies Bread stick Mixed Fruit	17 Chicken tortilla soup Cheese quesadea Side salad Banana	18 **Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	19 Pecan crusted chicken Whipped sweet potatoes Manoomin pilaf Pineapple	20 Ravioli w/ sausage marinara Cali blend veggies Garlic toast Tropical Fruit
23 **Chefs choice** Brunch for lunch	24 Chili Cornbread Side salad Peaches	25 **Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	26 **Closed**  Happy Thanksgiving	27 **Closed**
30 Tomato tortellini Soup Hot ham&cheese Fresh veggies w/dip Fruit cocktail	Save the date Elders Christmas Party	December 9th 10am-2pm	At the Shooting Star Casino	

White Earth Food Distribution November Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

November Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education & Health Screenings w/Shirley: November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

November 6th: Naytahwaush & Bagley

November 9th: Mahnomen & Waubun

November 11th: Veterans Day, Closed

November 13th: White Earth

November 20th: Detroit Lakes & Ponsford

November 26th and 27th: Thanksgiving holiday, Closed

November 30th: Closed for Inventory

No Store hours on Fridays

Notify us ASAP if you will not be home on your scheduled route.

White Earth WIC  November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Locations and times are subject to change	*WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings*					
1	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	3 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-12:00	5 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:30	6 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	7
8	9 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	10 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	11 CLOSED	12 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	13 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	14
15	16 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	17 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	18 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	19 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	21 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	21
22	23 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	24 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	25 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28
29	30 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00					

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Obituaries

Geraldine Emily Strom

Geraldine Emily Strom was born on Feb. 17, 1943, to Jeremiah "Jerry" Sr. and Rose (Morgan) Rawley in White Earth. As a young girl, her family traveled as her father paved roads through the mountains of Wyoming and Montana with his brother-in-law and family.

Her working days started when she was just out of eighth grade due to her father's illness. She started as a nanny in Fargo, N.D., and later on when she was around 17, she worked as a carhop at the Pronto Drive-In (frequently remembered for its classic carhop service and Pronto pups) which was a beloved staple of Fargo's early fast-food scene on Main Avenue during the late 1950s. It was through her coworker, Jean Strom, that she met her husband, Lyle Strom. They were married in Moorhead, Minn., on Feb. 3, 1962.



Even though Geri and Lyle later divorced, they continued to stay close in each other's lives, and she moved in with him to take care of him until Lyle's passing in December 2010 from a rare aggressive cancer.

Geri held many jobs throughout her lifetime and she could honestly say she loved every one of them. Her two favorite places were working at the Red River Lanes in Fargo, where she met and became best friends with Diane (Berg) Rheault (aka "Lady Di") – a true friend for over 40 years. Her last place of employment was at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen, working in surveillance, which she really enjoyed.

One can only imagine how many friends one can make over 83 years and she was blessed with many! Geri had a friendly, easy-going personality that shined through her caring nature. Her face would light up as she talked with friends and family.

In her spare time, she enjoyed baking, flower gardening, her houseplants, reading, and especially visiting with family and friends. Her last six years she helped raise her great-grandchildren, Bree and Ayla Brandt.

She had a strong faith in the Lord and frequently would say, "I'm not afraid to die because I know where I'm going!" It was the Big Reunion with her loved ones that have passed that she knew she'd see again with the Lord by her side.

Left to mourn her passing include her children: Rodney (Beth) Strom of Fergus Falls, Minn., Cheryl Strom of Ada, Minn., Virginia (Kelly) Brandt of Ada, and Michael (Mindy) Strom of Sartell, Minn.; brother, Jerry (Judy) Rawley Jr. of Waubun; grandchildren: Jason (Becky) Lee of Elbow Lake, Minn., Jeremy Lee of Fergus Falls, Amanda Strom of Fergus Falls, Tarra (Matt) Peloquin of St. Michael, Minn., Trinity Grubich of Fargo, Joshua Grubich of Ada, Jessica Brandt of Ada, Courtney Strom of Sartell, Minn., and Bryce Strom of Sartell; 18 great-grandchildren; many exceptional nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and their children; and special friends, Diane Rheault and Jeannie Buschetti; and the friends of her children who lovingly called her Ma Strom or GMa.

Those to greet her on her new journey are: Our Creator, The Almighty Lord; her ex-husband, Lyle Strom; parents, Jerry and Rose Rawley; siblings: Walter Rawley, Ron Lee, and Thelma Wang; numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles; granddaughter, Nycole Joy Strom; niece, Joni Lynn Rawley; great-great granddaughter, Sutton Olson; unofficially adopted son, Dale Treichel; special friends, Geri Kesselberg and Jon Gunderson; and many other good friends. Blessed be the memory of Geri Strom as we celebrate her beautiful spirit and journey.

The obituary was lovingly written by her daughter, Virginia Brandt.

A Celebration of Life (part II) Prayer Service was held Oct. 17 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Ada. A pot-luck reception was held at the Heart of the Valley Golf Club in Ada following the prayer service.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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Nancy Bratvold

Nancy Bratvold, 74, of Mahnomen, died Sept. 30 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home under the care of HIA hospice.

Nancy was born on April 27, 1952, in Mahnomen to Bernard and Delphine (Ross) McArthur. She grew up in Mahnomen and attended Mahnomen High School. As a young woman, Nancy moved to Fergus Falls, Minn., and later made her home in the Minneapolis area. Nancy was married and later divorced. She was blessed with two sons, whom she loved dearly. She spent several years at home raising and caring for her boys, cherishing the time they shared together.



Nancy had a caring heart and a deep concern for those who were less fortunate. Much of her life was devoted to helping others through volunteer work. She spent many years volunteering with Catholic Charities and at homeless shelters, giving her time and compassion to people who needed a helping hand. Helping others was an important part of who Nancy was.

In 2017, Nancy returned to Mahnomen to be closer to her family. She made her home at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home, where she quickly became part of the community. Nancy was very happy there and made many new friends. She enjoyed visiting with the other residents and staff and was always ready for an adventure or something new to experience.

Nancy had a strong personality and a mind of her own. She could be strong-willed and, as those who knew her best might say, a little bossy, but she loved just as boldly. Nancy loved spending time visiting with family and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. She especially liked treats - Cheetos, candy bars, popcorn, and pop were among her favorites. A visit with family, a good snack, and a little conversation could make for a very good day. Nancy will be remembered for her strong spirit, her independent nature, her willingness to help others, and the many friendships she made throughout her life. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

Nancy is survived by her sons, Derek and Christopher; brothers: Steve McArthur of Mahnomen, Scott McArthur of Lengby, Minn., and Tim (Barb) McArthur of Mahnomen; sisters, Vernie Hisgun and Tammy McArthur both of Mahnomen; brother-in-law, Ron Bellefeuille of Mahnomen; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Joan "Bunky" LaFriniere, Mary Ann Keogh, Jack McArthur, Evelyn "Inka" Tangen, Lucille "Lulu" Goodwin, Clyde McArthur, and Suzie Bellefeuille.

A memorial service was held Oct. 9 at Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Devlin Harry Keezer Jr.

Delvin Keezer Jr., 51, of Akeley, Minn., died Oct. 20 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

Delvin Harry Keezer was born Sept. 3, 1975, in Park Rapids, Minn., the fourth child born to Delvin Sr. and Connie (Conklin) Keezer. He grew up and attended school in Park Rapids. Following his schooling, Delvin entered the workforce.

He met Michelle Bloom and together they were blessed with three children. They made their home in the Park Rapids area where Delvin worked as a general laborer before becoming a small business owner, owning and operating an E-Cig Shop for about five years. Above all, as a self-taught chef, Delvin enjoyed cooking and worked for a number of years as a chef at the Northern Lights Casino, before a cancer diagnosis in November 2025 forced him to retire.



Delvin had a unique sense of humor, often coming across serious but was actually just a good teaser. He enjoyed visiting with people, friends and strangers alike. He also liked to spend his time hunting, fishing, tinkering on cars and trying his luck on the slots at the casino. Delvin had quite the collection of shoes, especially tennis shoes and he liked the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. However, his true passion was his children and grandchildren, the highlight of his life. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Delvin is survived by his children: Tyson, Adam and Ariana Keezer all of Park Rapids; grandchildren: Oliver, Addison, Kylo, Cienna and Leighton; sister, Bridget (Tom) Denny of Garrison, Minn.; brothers: Shane Keezer of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Kelly (Georgette) Keezer of Nevis, Minn., and Nick (Cathy) Keezer of Park Rapids; special friend, Anna Johnson of Akeley; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousin.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

All-night wake services begin Oct. 26 and continued until the time of the service on Oct. 27, both held at the old Pine Point School.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Merlin James Stone

Merlin James Stone, of Mahnomen, passed away Aug. 14 in Detroit Lakes, Minn., at the age of 80. Merlin was born on Aug. 26, 1945 to parents John Stone Sr. and Sophia Stone in White Earth, where he was a member of the reservation and a member of the Bear Clan. He will be deeply missed by all those who love him.



Growing up, Merlin had an eventful life. At the age of 16, Merlin and his buddy Glenn joined the military where Merlin would go on to serve two tours, eventually leaving the military in 1967 with an honorable discharge. Outside of the military, Merlin pursued a number of varied interests.

In times past he was an avid bingo player and in his later years loved to frequent the casino where he developed many friendships, having been known as a very easy-going and likeable person. Merlin was also someone many would consider well-travelled having been all over the US and even into Canada where Merlin had attended powwows with his family. He had a great love of music with the classics of country music being a preferred genre, in particular the music of Conway Twitty. And while he had worked in a variety of fields, the one he may be best known for was as an artist, engaging in creative pursuits through various crafts and beading.

Unfortunately, life was not always bright as Merlin would find himself alone in his later years having already lost his parents and other siblings, including the last of his sisters just earlier this year.

Merlin is preceded in death by his parents, John Stone Sr. and Sophia Stone; significant others: Wendy "Pooh" Armstrong and Jeanetta Jones; son, Paul Stone; daughter, Melanie Stone; grandson, Randall Jones; and many other brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Merlin is survived by his daughters: Kerry Padgett, Jamie (Mark) Jones, Amanda Jack, Miranda Jack, Jolene Jack, and Becky Jack; sons: Matt Beckett, William Jones, and Philip Stone; close friend: Dave Deegan; and many more grandkids, great-grandkids, and other family.

A wake for Merlin began Aug. 20 and continued through Aug. 21, both at the Pine Point Community Center.

Interment: Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Michael Allen Magney

Michael Magney, 55, of White Earth, died Sept. 29 in Mahnomen.

Michael Allen Magney was born on Nov. 7, 1970, to Melvin Northbird and Sandra Magney in Minneapolis. His younger years were spent in the Leech Lake, Minn., area before moving back to the Twin Cities as a teenager.

In 1986, Mike met his childhood sweetheart, Tonya Jacobson. They spent many years together growing their family before parting ways. Mike moved to the Detroit Lakes, Minn., area where he worked at Team Industries and then in construction as a drywaller. The last 8 ½ years, Mike was able to be close to his children and grandchildren while living in White Earth with his significant other, Angela Bevins, and working at the Shooting Star Casino.



In his spare time, Michael could be found in the great outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, berry picking and ricing, even teaching each year at camp. He also liked working on cars, listening to music - especially classic rock, working puzzles and making Diamond Willow creations. However, his greatest pride was his family. He greatly treasured spending time with them and loved to help in any way, whenever possible. Mike was a problem solver who took life as it came to him, always smiling and never complaining. He left a genuine impression on everyone he met and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Michael is survived by his mother, Sandy Hernandez; sons: Michael (Leah Jackson) Jacobson, Derek Magney, and Jayden Magney; daughters: Alyssa Jacobson, Mia (Jake Harper) Jacobson, Star Magney, and Breanna Magney; grandchildren: Livia, Michael, Zane, and Cloud; sister, Ashley (Kris Villebrun) Thompson; brothers: Tony Magney, Dylan (Yolanda) Magney, Bernardino (Renee Tibbetts) Magney, Ricardo (Kim) Puga, Francisco Puga, Jesse (Corrina) Thompson, and Manuel (Leaha) Hernandez; significant other, Angela Bevins; one uncle; three aunts; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by father, Melvin Northbird; his grandparents; son, Joseph; and niece, Sydney.

Traditional all-night wake services began on Oct. 8 and continued until the time of the funeral on Oct. 9, both held at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: Ernest Northbird Family Cemetery in Pennington, Minn.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Dale Charles LaRoque

Dale Charles LaRoque, 89, of Grand Rapids, Minn., passed away on Oct. 14 at The Emeralds in Grand Rapids.

Dale was born Sept. 9, 1937 at White Earth to Francis and Harriet (Vraa). In 1942, the family moved to Bagley, Minn., where Dale attended school, ultimately graduating high school in 1955. Upon graduating, he joined the United State Navy, serving active duty from 1955 to 1958 as a medical corpsman. He continued his service for 30 years in the Naval Reserves, retiring in 1992 as Chief Petty Officer with the Seabees. Returning from the Navy he attended Bemidji State University graduating in 1962 with a teaching degree in history and political science. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in 1976.



On July 2, 1960, Dale was united in marriage to Mavis Johnson of Bagley until her passing in 2004. Together they had three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Dale was known for his love and fidelity to family and leaves behind a remarkable and abundant legacy. He was fully devoted to his grandchildren and displayed that love with his consistent involvement in their lives. They could count on their grandpa.

Dale and Mavis moved their family to Oklee, Minn., where he taught and coached in the school system and where he served as a police officer until 1966. It was then the LaRoque family moved to Grand Rapids where Dale accepted a teaching position. He taught for 29 years before retiring from a profession he loved. He had a passion for history and enjoyed sharing that with his students. He fondly remembered his past students and he enjoyed bumping into them to share memories. He deeply valued his relationships with coworkers and students alike.

Dale was a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Zion Lutheran Church, Jaycees, and the American Legion. He was active in DFL politics, serving as the Itasca County DFL chairman. Dale also served as the local president of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers. Dale was active for many years in the Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association and served three years as president. He also acted as a board member on the Minnesota State Amateur Hockey Association Board. In 1989, he was awarded the president award for his service to youth hockey. For over 30 years Dale had been very active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, giving many hours of volunteer work, serving on the Board of Trustees, and two terms as its president.

Dale enjoyed time at the cabin with family, hunting, fishing and telling his stories around the bonfire. He had a deep appreciation for his many friends and had a unique ability to make friends with everyone he met.

Loved by his family and friends, Dale will be missed for his willing smile, his stories and jokes he was most afraid to repeat, his laughter, and his ability to make people feel like they mattered.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mavis; son, Bruce; brother, Francis; sister, Edna McKinley; and brothers-in-law Bill McKinley and Bernie Stavig.

He is survived by his daughter, Kendolynn; son, Steven; sister, Charlotte Stavig; daughter-in-law, Lynnette; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The LaRoque family would like to acknowledge Jackie Phipps, who offered companionship and steadfast loyalty to Dale in his last sometimes difficult years. Thank you, Jackie, you are a blessing.

The LaRoque family would like to thank the staff of The Emeralds and to hospice for their dedicated care of Dale.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the Fraternal Order of Eagle, Grand Rapids. A private burial with military honors will also be conducted at a later date in Bagley.

Arrangements: Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids.

Online: www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com

Getting a Tribal ID or Renewal

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

To change your address on a Tribal ID you **MUST** have something in your name showing your new address.

White Earth DMV Licensing

Obituary

Ruth Ann Foss

Ruth Foss, 84, of Naytahwaush, died on Oct. 18 at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice.

Ruth Ann LaVoy was born Aug. 12, 1942, in White Earth, the daughter of Sidney and Gerda (Nordberg) LaVoy. She attended school in Mahnomen and graduated from Mahnomen High School.

Following high school, Ruth entered the U.S. Navy in April 1962 and was stationed at Great Lakes, Ill. She met Leonard Foss Sr., who was also stationed there, and they were later married in 1963. Ruth was honorably discharged in 1964, and she and Leonard were blessed with two children. They spent the next 10 years as a military family with duty stations in Great Lakes, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Key West, Fla. After Len retired from the Navy in 1972, they settled in Naytahwaush. They owned and operated Leonard and Ruth's Tavern for several years before it closed. In addition, Ruth worked as the Postmaster of Naytahwaush until her retirement in 2000.



After retirement, Ruth continued to keep busy. She was well organized and liked to keep a clean house. She had a vast amount of Precious Moments keepsakes and crystal that she displayed. Ruth also had numerous hobbies which she enjoyed right up to the time of her passing. She was an avid reader and an extreme crafter! She loved to sew, quilt, do cross stitch and needle point in addition to making dolls and all their clothes. She was part of a faithful crafting group that met every Tuesday to work on projects. Ruth also loved spending time with her best friend, Myrna, and the two were known to take in all the rummage sales in the area! She had a great sense of humor with her unique laugh and although she was stern in her ways and discipline, she loved her family fiercely. Ruth was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church and the Mahnomen American Legion. She will be greatly missed by many.

Ruth is survived by a son, Leonard "Noonie" (Tammy) Foss of Mahnomen; son-in-law, Rodney Linder of Princeton, Minn.; grandchildren: Hannah (Chance) Olsby, Mitchell (Taylor Smith), Megan (Nolan) Linden and Ethan (Brenna) Linder; great grandchildren, Kinsley and Carter; brothers, John (Ann) LaVoy and Sidney LaVoy of Naytahwaush; sister-in-law, Betsy LaVoy of Naytahwaush; and best friend for many years, Myrna Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Laura; brothers: Lawrence, Gerald and Roy; sisters and brothers-in-law: Jeanette (Ted) LaGue and Rita (Byron) Bjorge.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 23 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

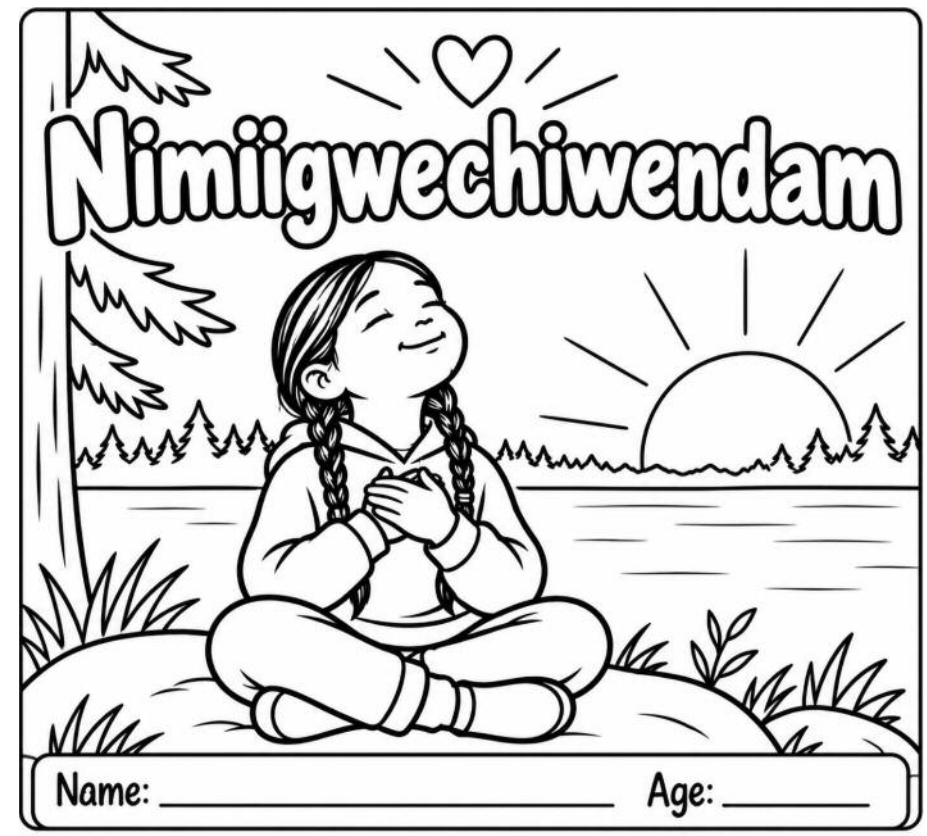
White Earth Tribal Public Health

looking for artists in Ojibwemowin coloring contest

White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health is excited to share a monthly coloring page featuring Ojibwemowin! Each month, we'll highlight an Ojibwe word and invite families to learn, talk, and create together.

Help your child color the page, practice the Ojibwe word, and celebrate our language and culture together. Once they're finished, take a picture of their artwork and email it to public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov for a chance to win a small giveaway.

In Ojibwe, Nimiigwechiwendam means "I am thankful" or "I am grateful."



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

Dave Snetsinger set to retire after 50 years with the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department



Photo by Bushel & A Peck Photography

Dave Snetsinger is retiring from the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department on Nov. 21 after 50 years of service to our community! His tireless dedication and heroism has saved countless lives. Our village and our communities are better because of his service and guidance. From left are Kim Anderson, Sarah Snetsinger, Eddie Snetsinger, Pam Snetsinger, Dave Snetsinger, Dave Snetsinger Jr., Terry Snetsinger, Daniel Snetsinger and Kael Snetsinger.

Help prevent rat infestations

Working together to keep our community clean, safe, and pest-free

Submitted by White Earth Sanitation

Rats and other rodents are attracted to garbage that is improperly stored or left sitting for extended periods. By following a few simple waste management practices, you can help protect your home, your neighborhood, and our community from rodent infestations.

What You Can Do

Put Your Trash Out Every Week

Even if your cart is only partially full, place it out for collection on your scheduled pickup day. Regular garbage removal helps eliminate food sources that attract rodents.

Do Not Store Garbage Indoors

Avoid storing accumulated trash in garages, sheds, basements, porches, or other enclosed areas. Garbage stored for long periods can attract rats and mice and create odors and sanitation concerns.

Keep Garbage Cart Lids Closed

Always keep cart lids completely closed to prevent rodents from accessing food and nesting materials.

Bag All Trash

Place garbage in sturdy, sealed bags before placing it in your cart. Loose waste attracts pests and can create unsanitary conditions.

Do Not Overfill Containers

Overflowing carts prevent lids from closing properly and make garbage accessible to rodents and wildlife.

Clean Your Garbage Cart

Periodically rinse and clean your cart to remove food residue and odors that may attract pests.

Properly Dispose of Food Waste

Wrap food scraps securely and place them inside sealed garbage bags. Never leave food waste on the ground or outside containers.

Keep Your Collection Area Clean

Remove litter, cardboard, and debris from around carts and dumpsters. Clutter provides hiding and nesting areas for rodents.

Replace Damaged Containers Promptly

Damaged garbage carts and containers should be replaced immediately. Cracks, holes, and broken lids provide easy access for rats and other pests and can lead to sanitation issues. Keeping containers in good condition is an important part of preventing rodent infestations.

Signs of Rodent Activity

Watch for:

• Droppings around garbage containers

• Burrows near foundations, buildings, or dumpsters

• Gnaw marks on carts, dumpsters, or structures

• Increased rodent sightings, especially during daylight hours

Everyone Plays a Part

Preventing rodent infestations requires cooperation from all residents and businesses. By:

- Setting trash out every week
- Avoiding the storage of garbage in garages, sheds, and basements
- Keeping carts closed and clean
- Bagging garbage properly
- Replacing damaged containers

We can reduce the food and shelter that attract rats and other rodents.

Nov. 19 is "The Great American Smokeout"

Every attempt to quit commercial tobacco use is one step closer to success. Many smokers would like to quit and have tried several times. Make this the month you practice getting better at quitting and you just might kick the habit once and for all.

Quitting smoking isn't easy. It takes time. And a plan. You don't have to stop smoking in one day. Start with day one.

You'll be joining thousands of people who smoke across the country in taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing your cancer risk. Plus, the American Cancer Society can help you access the resources and support you need to quit.

For more information on how to quit smoking visit www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html







Photo by Shanon Eck / Lens Lily Photography

"If I can overcome addiction, so can you"

My addiction began 16 years ago after shoulder surgery. The pain medication led to other things. My life spiraled downward, but I managed to pull myself back with the help of treatment. I continued to struggle occasionally over the years. However, my life completely spiraled out of control after my father's death on February 21, 2025. Durning this time I witnessed the deaths of many of my closest friends, and attending their funerals traumatized me. I realized I wanted more for myself and my loved ones.

In my sobriety, I found a supportive community that allows me to contribute to others by joining the Twin Lakes Fire Department. I've learned to love myself and my family every day, understanding that life is precious and fleeting.

If I can overcome addiction, so can you. If you're still struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Butch T. - Naytahwaush
Sober since April 23, 2025

Waubun Veterans Day Program

There will be a Veterans Day program at Waubun School on Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. The event is hosted by the VFW Post, Auxiliary 9880 and the White Earth Honor Guard.

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

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Leslie Wakemup

Court File No. **C2026-00042**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 2, 2026, an Amended Petition to Establish Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. A continued initial hearing was held on October 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at 35500 Eagleview Rd., Ogema, MN, during which the Tribal Court made a ruling that impacts the custody of your child. You are hereby given ten (10) days from the publication of this notice to contact the Tribal Court and object to this ruling before it becomes final, and the above-referenced matter is closed.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the protection of your child. Please contact court administration at (218) 935-3512.

Dated: October 5, 2026
Court Administrator

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Alan Daryll Jackson-Brown, (DOB: 10/09/1995)**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2026-00127**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 18, 2026, 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) 935-3526.

Dated: October 22, 2026

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Jordan Anderson,

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2026-00024**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 8, 2026, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2026-00024. A continued Admit/Deny Hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 1, 2026, at 9:15 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

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

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Richard Allen Thompson, (DOB: 05/05/1990)**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **CO2026-00008**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** an Initial Hearing on the conservation violation 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) 935-3526.

Dated: October 22, 2026

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Lori Ann Jackson, (DOB: 10/10/1974)**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **CO2026-00009**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m**. an Initial Hearing on the conservation violation 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) 935-3526.

Dated: October 22, 2026

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Brian Duane Arthur Jr., (DOB: 11/26/1997)**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2026-00106**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 18, 2026, 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) 935-3526.

Dated: October 22, 2026

Did You Know...

You can read the current and past issues of the Anishinaabeg Today online at www.whiteearth.com for free!

The online issues feature more color and you can read them right away when the paper comes out on the first Wednesday of each month.

Obituary

Pamela Shirley Kroulik

Pamela Shirley Kroulik, 72, passed away on Oct. 28 in Ogema, leaving behind love, faith and memories.

Pam was born to Norman and Elaine Bruneau on Feb. 25, 1954. She attended Warren and Mount St. Benedict High schools in Minnesota and later completed some college coursework.



Pam married Dean on Nov. 30, 1974, and together they had three daughters: Dana, Deanne, and Michelle. Her family meant the world to her, and caring for them was always one of the most important parts of her life. Pam worked as a teacher and caregiver and had a genuine heart for taking care of others. Her faith was also deeply important to her, and she had a passion for spreading the Word of God.

Pam is preceded in death by father, Norman Bruneau and dad, Ray Warren; mother, Rose Foster; sister, Karen Fairbanks; brother, Wayne Kalinoski; and daughter, Deanne Kroulik.

Pam is survived by her husband, Dean Kroulik; daughters, Dana (Adam) Cowing and Michelle Kroulik; siblings: Kathy (George) Lemlin, Doug Bruneau, Jonette Bruneau, David Bruneau, and Lenard Fairbanks; mother, Elaine Hall; grandchildren: Haley, Dominic, Tristan, Darius, Brooklyn, and Azaliah; and great grandchildren, Nehlani and Brynlee.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service at Christian Fellowship Church in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Any Man Coming Forward as the Father of the Child of Rachel Bunker

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2024-00038**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 18, 2026, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00038. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for November 25, 2026, at 9:15 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

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

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Randi Doxsee,

Notice of Hearing

Court File No. **CP2025-00006**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 25, 2026, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2025-00006. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 1, 2026, at 9:30 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: October 29, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Terrance Sampson,

Notice of Hearing

Court File No. **CP2024-00038**

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

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Justine Fasthorse,

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2026-00023**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 2, 2026, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2026-00023. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for November 19, 2026, at 11:00 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: October 29, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

The White Earth Nation Veterans Powwow is Nov. 7-8

White Earth Transit moves into their new home



Photo by Kenneth Bakken

The new White Earth Transit building is now open in Waubun at 1115 Pleasant Avenue, southwest of the school. This building features administrative and dispatcher offices, passenger waiting area - including an indoor drop off location, maintenance and indoor bus storage, wash bays, and a propane bus fueling station on-site. In case of emergencies, they have a natural gas back up generator to power the Transit site and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Information on an upcoming grand opening will be announced on White Earth social media.

Naytahwaush Community Charter School News

Naytahwaush Community Charter School, Full Service Community Schools (FSCS) grant, and Julie Weaver continue to hold ribbon skirt making classes every Wednesday and Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Julie guides youth to elders on how to make one ribbon skirt and/or one vest per person learning to sew them. If Naytahwaush community members haven't made them before, just show up and sign-in when you get there!

For monthly half-day Community Culture Exploration (CCE), K-2 students explored leaves by raking, playing in leaf piles, and having a leaf scavenger hunt at Roy Lake Nee Gon Nee Church Pavilion. Third-6th grade students had their choice of making corn husk dolls, making and baking cinnamon rolls, processing a deer, or playing the makazinitaagewin (moccasin) game and in doing so, learning a way to support one another or resolve conflict. Miigwech to White Earth Natural Resource Department/ Food Sovereignty and Food Security! Fun experience together was enjoyed by all!

The cafeteria was decorated with last year's FSCS decorations, the cooks' decorations and student-made bats and pumpkins to bring October atmosphere to lunch.

For Indigenous People's Day, we wore ribbon shirts and/or skirts and called it, 'Rock Your Ribbons' to join together wearing some of our beautiful cultural clothing.

On Oct. 23, FSCS sponsored a Pumpkin Carving Family Fun Hour. Staff and families joined their students carving and/or painting a pumpkin with them. Hot apple cider and cookies were also provided. We were packed in the cafeteria and hallway like sardines. NCCS families are great for showing up for their students! Respect!

On Oct. 28 our 5-6th graders enjoyed attending the Mystery Inc. Wellness Expo at the Naytahwaush sports complex visiting all the decorated booths and collecting a bag full of various freebies. Miigwech White Earth Nation (WEN) Tribal Health Division/Tribal Public Health, all the programs there and WEN Elderly Nutrition Program!

- Submitted by NCCS



Submitted photo

On Oct. 23, The Naytahwaush Community Charter School FSCS sponsored a Pumpkin Carving Family Fun Hour. Staff and families joined their students carving and/or painting a pumpkin with them. Hot apple cider and cookies were also provided.

Howah Ads

Happy Birthday Lorelei
Nov 6th
Love your Sis, Rebecca



Happy Birthday!
Toni Sue
Nov. 10
Love YOU! - your Family



"Thankful for my family"
the Madigan's, Bellanger's & Rojas'

Happy Holidays guys!

Love, Terese Madigan & littles



Happy **18th** Birthday

Brooklynn

Your siblings & family needs you.

Love Dad

Nov. 26

Happy Birthday
Cayden (16) Sept. 5
and
Kayonna (8) Sept. 17

Happy **16th** Birthday
Kaylene St. Clair
October 21

Happy Birthday
BROSEPH
Nov. 14
Love You!
Love, Melanie and Ben

Happy Birthday
Joe
Love Mom, Dad, Sabrina, your Babies and your Nieces!!



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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**

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Name:

Phone Number:

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WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Position: On Call Snow Removal Provider
Location: District II and On-Call
Closing date: Until Filled

- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
- Must have a truck and a plow.
- Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening.
- Knowledge of area highways and roads in this District
- Must be able to communicate well with elders.
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Apply at: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: 218-983-3821
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Contact Matt Smith by telephone if you have any questions.

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

Minnesota Permit To Carry Classes

- ❖ Monthly classes set upon requests
- ❖ Former Sheriff Brad Athmannn-Instructor
- ❖ 4 hour class including qualifications
- ❖ Cost: $85. Call 218-261-0266 for class
- ❖ Classes for age 18 and up for White Earth Reservation and surrounding counties



Wednesday Fall Faith Circles at Circles of Faith UCC, Waubun

6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Program
Simple devotions, fellowship, pro-community and creation themes and hands-on activities. All are welcome. Call 218-473-2966 or e-mail 1circlesucc.waubun@arvig.net for more information

Loom Beading for Healing with Wendy Roy
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6-8 p.m. at Circles of Faith UCC in Waubun (Free will offering) Refreshments provided. Alternative activities provided so please come if interested! Call 218-472-2966 to reserve a loom. Wendy Roy of White Earth Nation beads for healing, mentors artists and teaches at White Earth Tribal and Community College.

Chisholm Trail Farms local flour milling
Wedneday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m. at Circles of Faith UCC in Waubun. In time for holiday baking. A message from Chisholm Trail Farmsfamily of Gary, Minn.: "When we grow with intention you can eat with confidence." They use regenerative farming practices and allow nature to keep flour healthy and nutritious. You can learn more on their website: Chisholm Trail Farm: Heritage in Every Harvest

You can reach the AT at 218-935-3569 or today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

November 4th, Wednesday — Naytahwaush
November 5th, Thursday — White Earth
November 12th, Thursday — 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.

December 2nd, Wednesday — Pine Point
December 8th, Tuesday — Mahnomen – Senior Meals
December 10th, Thursday — Elbow Lake

- Please note date change for Elbow Lake due to Elders Christmas Party on December 9th at the Shooting Star Casino.

Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the School in the E.N.P Dinning Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at the Mahnomen County Service Center after the 11:30 Senior meals (About Noon) meal $6.00-$10.00

January 6th, Wednesday — Naytahwaush
January 20th, Wednesday — White Earth
January 27th, Wednesday — Rice Lake

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

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

Other Public Health Events that are coming up in November are…

Men's Night Out November 5th at 5-8 Shooting Star Casino (must be preregistered)
Dr. Ung (Foot Doctor) Clinic
November 16th – 17th White Earth Tribal Health Building 9:00 – 4:00
November 18th Pine Point Community Center 9:30-3:30
To make an appointment call (218) 255-2204 or email public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov
For additional information please check the Anishinaabeg Today or Facebook for detailed information.

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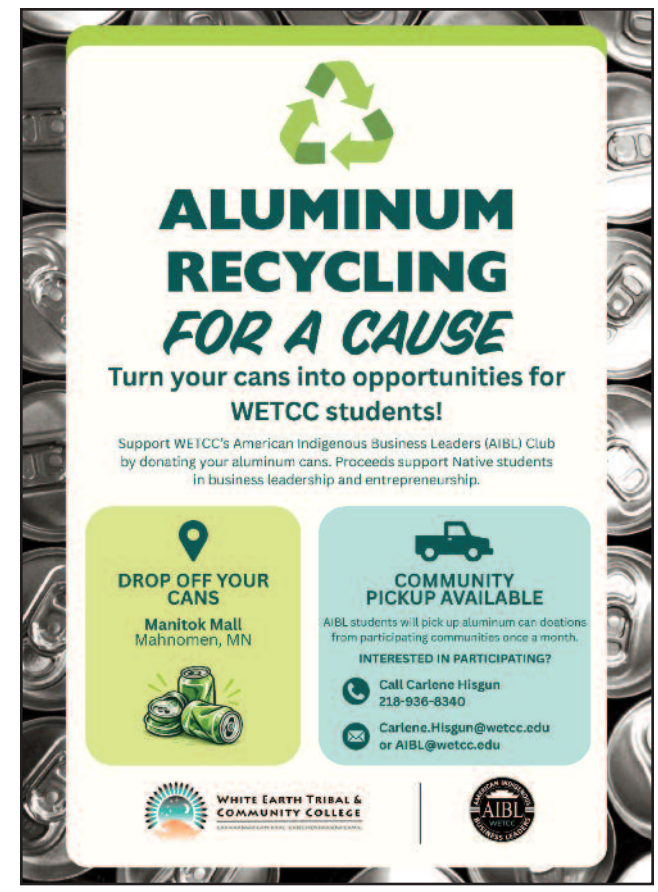



White Earth Urban Office

The White Earth Urban Office is located at
1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100 in Minneapolis.

612-813-1590

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tax 423 - 2014 Dodge Ram- Located NR Mahnomen



SOLD AS IS. Transmission Issue, Has been sitting

Located Mahnomen Natural Resources Office parking Lot

Minnimum BID $1,000.

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 November 23rd,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

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AFFORDABLE BURIAL STONES

$300

- *CUSTOMIZABLE*
- *BLACK POLISHED GRANITE*
- *SET IN CONCRETE*
- *22" x 16" 75 POUNDS*



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Public Recycling Drop Sites

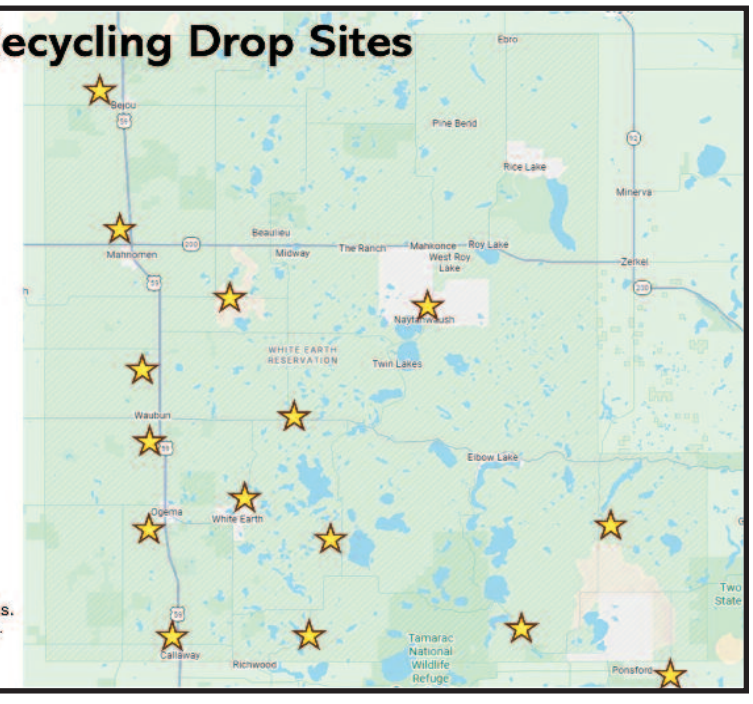
White Earth Operated Recycling:
Naytahwaush behind Complex
White Earth Sanitation

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

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

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

NO FOOD WASTE ALLOWED IN RECYCLING BINS !



Annual Wellness Expo







Photos by Sage Thompson

The annual Wellness Expo was held Oct. 28 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. The event had a Scooby Doo Mystery Theme and was open to the community and area school students. There were several vendor tables, treats, and activities for all.



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The Phase IV expansion of the White Earth Tribal and Community College.

WETCC Phase IV Grand Opening









The White Earth Tribal and Community College recently held a Phase IV Grand Opening. This expansion includes a kitchen, dining hall, wellness center, medical training unit, science labs, greenhouse and family garden.

Phase IV expands the College with new and improved spaces that support hands-on learning, student wellness, food sovereignty, workforce training, and community gathering.

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