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Tribe buys over 204,000 pounds of rice





This year started off good with the highest participation at the Wild Rice Informational meeting with more than 140 attendees.

The season was slow to start as rice was later than normal in most places.

Buying started on Aug. 24 and concluded Sept. 18 for a 26-day buying season.

This year White Earth purchased 204,702 pounds of green rice and paid out more than $1.2 million to ricers.

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5K Color Run/Walk

The 5K Color Run/Walk was recently held behind the Shooting Star Casino.

The annual event focused on healing, hope and awareness.

In addition to the run/walk, community members listened to speakers who shared stories of hope and recovery.

Participants also received a swag bag and took part in healing activities to honor loved ones.

There was a community meal after the event.

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Niibi Center
announce speakers for conference at Shooting Star

By Amy Myszko
Nibi Center Program Coordinator

The Niibi Center is excited to announce our confirmed speaker list for the upcoming Third Anishinaabe Law Conference on Oct 25-27 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Our lineup this year promises to provide a deep and nuanced look into Indigenous legal systems and teachings, especially as it relates to protecting nibi – water.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. we plan to kick off the conference with a Water Ceremony led by Red Lake elder Renee Gurneau. That afternoon will feature a session on land-based teachings with Dr. Heidi Kiiwetinepinesiik Stark (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe), Professor of Indigenous Governance at the University of Victoria, as well as a panel with local Tribal Judges from White Earth (David DeGroat), Bois Fort (Megan Treuer), Leech Lake (Paul Day) and Red Lake (Mary Ringhand). Our Keynote speaker Sunday evening will be Leanne Betasamosake Simpson (Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg) who is author of 9 books, most recently Theory of Water (2025) and including the novel Noopiming (2020). Simpson holds a Ph.D. from the University of Manitoba and serves on the faculty of the Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning.

Monday is packed full of featured speakers including Ponca elder Casey Camp-Horinek on her national and International work to protect the Rights of Water, an Elder's panel featuring Sherry Copenace (Midéwewin from Onigaming), returning speaker Aimée Craft, who is a Full Professor at the Faculty of Common law, University of Ottawa and an award-winning teacher and researcher, recognized internationally as a leader in the area of Indigenous laws, treaties and water. We will also hear from Judge Megan Treuer (Bois Fort) on her Bush Fellowship work around Anishinaaabe Law and Renee Gurneau on her work with Red Lake to protect the Rights of Nibi. We also hope to include the White Earth Secretary-Treasurer, Jacob MacArthur, with some updates on Rights of Nature work on White Earth.

Following dinner on Monday, we will have a special Zoom Keynote from Matthew L.M. Fletcher (Grand Traverse Band) who teaches and writes in the areas of federal Indian law, American Indian tribal law, Anishinaabe legal and political philosophy, constitutional law, federal courts, and legal ethics. He sits as the chief justice of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. He also sits as an appellate judge for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, and the Tulalip Tribes.

On **Tuesday** morning we will focus on creating action plans moving forward with working groups in session before our traditional closing. You can find a full agenda to download at the event page: https://niibicenter.com/event/third-anishinaabe-law-conference/ You can also link to the registration page from there or directly at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-anishinaabe-law-conference-tickets-1998557581526?aff=oddtdtcreator As always, Tribal members, descendants and students are free.

For information on case-by-case online participation or with any other questions, reach out to Amy Myszko at info@niibicenter.com

WETCC Community Extension hosts wild rice camp

By Maria Fatz
WETCC Community Extension Coordinator

White Earth Tribal & Community College (WETCC), Community Extension (CE) Department hosted the annual Manoomini-Gabeshiwin (Wild Rice Camp) on Sept. 17-18 on the WETCC campus

More than 150 participants of all ages enjoyed many activities at this community event. Local community knowledge keepers, Stanton (Maang) Alexander and Naythan Keezer shared their knowledge of Manoomini-Gabeshiwin. Activities offered included parching, jigging, winnowing, and a cooking demonstration of wild rice. Loose leaf herbs with descriptions made by Sativa Warren (WETCC, CE Garden Educator) were available for individuals to make their own tea blends.

Collaborative partnerships were instrumental in carrying out this event: White Earth Natural Resource Department (WENRD), Zoe Keezer, Youth Coordinator, demonstrated the process of knocking Manoomin (wild rice) with a visual display of a canoe surrounded by sheaves of grass; Nicole Lafrinier, WENRD-Food Sovereignty and Food Security Program Coordinator, demonstrated mechanical winnowing; Ana Kircher, White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health (WENTPH) Educator, led the traditional game of Bagaa'adowewin (lacrosse); and Gina Boudreau, WENTPH-Tobacco Coalition Coordinator, led sessions and shared videos on keeping tobacco sacred.

The 2026 Manoomini-Gabeshiwin (Wild Rice Camp) was funded in part by USDA/NIFA (Award #2022-47003-38383) and made possible with the support of local partners and community.

For information about WETCC, Community Extension Department and upcoming events, check out our webpage at https://www.wetcc.edu/community/ or email us at extension@wetcc.edu. Miigwech!

Community members welcome to join Sanford Bemidji's Indigenous Peoples' Day event on Oct. 12

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Community members are welcome to join Sanford Bemidji's Indigenous Peoples' Day events on Oct. 12 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, 1300 Anne. St. NW.

Darryl Kingbird will give a blessing at 10 a.m. in the East Lobby as an artist vendor show begins that will feature Brian Dow and Rob Fineday. The vendor show will be open until 4 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. a traditional meal of bison roast with mushroom sauce, mashed rutabaga, wild rice salad and berries will be available in the cafeteria. The meal will be free for Sanford staff and $7 for visitors.

In the afternoon, Riley Roy will present a jingle dress teaching at 1 p.m. in Education A/B at the medical center. Staff and visitors are also welcome to represent their tribal nation attire during the day.

For more information or questions, please contact Rebekah Fineday at rebekah.fineday@sanfordhealth.org.

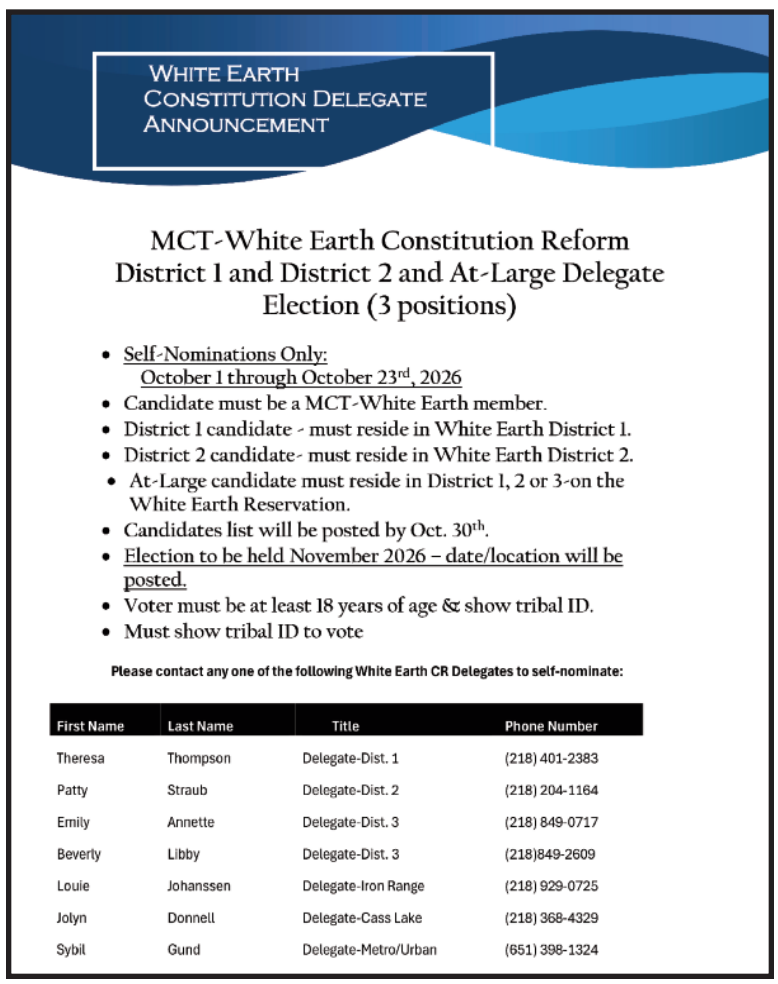
For more information about Sanford Health, please visit sanfordhealth.org.

Tribal offices closed for holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be **closed on Monday, Oct. 12 for Indigenous People's Day** and reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. They will be also be **closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day** and reopen on Thursday, Nov. 12

Modified services will still be available





WHITE EARTH CONSTITUTION DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENT

MCT-White Earth Constitution Reform
District 1 and District 2 and At-Large Delegate
Election (3 positions)

- Self-Nominations Only:
  October 1 through October 23rd, 2026
- Candidate must be a MCT-White Earth member.
- District 1 candidate - must reside in White Earth District 1.
- District 2 candidate- must reside in White Earth District 2.
- At-Large candidate must reside in District 1, 2 or 3-on the White Earth Reservation.
- Candidates list will be posted by Oct. 30th.
- Election to be held November 2026 – date/location will be posted.
- Voter must be at least 18 years of age & show tribal ID.
- Must show tribal ID to vote

Please contact any one of the following White Earth CR Delegates to self-nominate:

First Name	Last Name	Title	Phone Number
Theresa	Thompson	Delegate-Dist. 1	(218) 401-2383
Patty	Straub	Delegate-Dist. 2	(218) 204-1164
Emily	Annette	Delegate-Dist. 3	(218) 849-0717
Beverly	Libby	Delegate-Dist. 3	(218)849-2609
Louie	Johanssen	Delegate-Iron Range	(218) 929-0725
Jolyn	Donnell	Delegate-Cass Lake	(218) 368-4329
Sybil	Gund	Delegate-Metro/Urban	(651) 398-1324

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks



Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Binaakwe-giizis

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadizookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

October, is Falling Leaves Moon!

Everyone Be Safe and Stay Safe,

Hope everyone got all of their September harvesting in and is enjoying our beautiful October fall colors outside today!

Today, we honor the survivors of the boarding school era, the children who were taken from their families, their homes, and their communities and forced into institutions that sought to strip away their language, culture, identity, and connection to who they were.

To every survivor of our White Earth Nation and Anishinaabe Nations everywhere: we see you, we hear you, and we honor you.

Many carried these experiences quietly for years, sometimes without being able to speak about the pain they endured. Yet you carried forward. You survived. You kept your stories, your teachings, your languages, and your cultures alive. Because of your strength, our children and grandchildren can continue to know who they are and where they come from.

We also remember those who never came home and hold their families and descendants in our hearts.

Healing does not erase what happened. Remembering does not change the past. But by listening to survivors, speaking their truths, and teaching our young people the history of our communities, we can ensure these stories are never forgotten.

Please remember we have the most amazing Behavioral Health Program that offers many modalities of Anishinaabe and Holistic Healing Programming and don't be indionish, too shy and check them out. Call 218-935-6320 or visit www.whiteearth.com/divisions/behavioral-health

Today, and every day, we stand with the survivors. We honor your strength. We honor your stories. We honor your resilience. And we will continue to remember.

We have an update on White Earth Tribal Health Systems this month.

After years of planning and preparation, the White Earth Nation is preparing to assume responsibility for health care services at the Indian Health Service (IHS) clinics in White Earth, Naytahwaush and Pine Point.

The transition has been in the works since 2016, when initial planning began in response to the communicated health care needs of White Earth community members. While the process experienced delays during the COVID-19 pandemic, planning resumed with renewed focus in recent years.

In 2024, a dedicated planning team and Health Board were established to guide the assumption process and prepare for the transition of services. The original target date for assumption was June 2026. As planning continued, that date was moved to Oct. 1, allowing additional time to prepare staff, systems and operations for the transition.

Over the past year, the Health Board has worked closely with staff from the area office and the White Earth Service Unit. The Board has been meeting with area office staff on a weekly basis and attending monthly staff meetings at the White Earth Service Unit.

More recently, Health Board members have held one-on-one meetings with clinic staff. Those meetings have provided an opportunity for staff to ask questions, share concerns and participate directly in the transition planning. According to the Health Board, the response from staff has been very positive and collaborative.

As part of the transition, the White Earth and Naytahwaush clinics temporarily closed on Oct. 1-2. The closures allowed the teams to complete the necessary system switch-over and finalize the transition to the new health care system.

The goal was to have White Earth and Naytahwaush clinics operational by Monday, Oct. 5.

The assumption of health services represents more than an administrative change. For White Earth, it is also an important step in the Tribe's continued movement toward self-governance and greater control over the delivery of health care services to our communities.

"This assumption is an intricate step in White Earth's self-governance," the Health Board said, emphasizing the importance of the transition and the work that has gone into preparing for it.

After years of planning, the Oct. 1 assumption date marks an important milestone for White Earth. The temporary clinic closures will provide the final opportunity to complete the system transition, with the goal of welcoming our patients back and resuming operations on Oct. 5.

Aho' mi'iiw.

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

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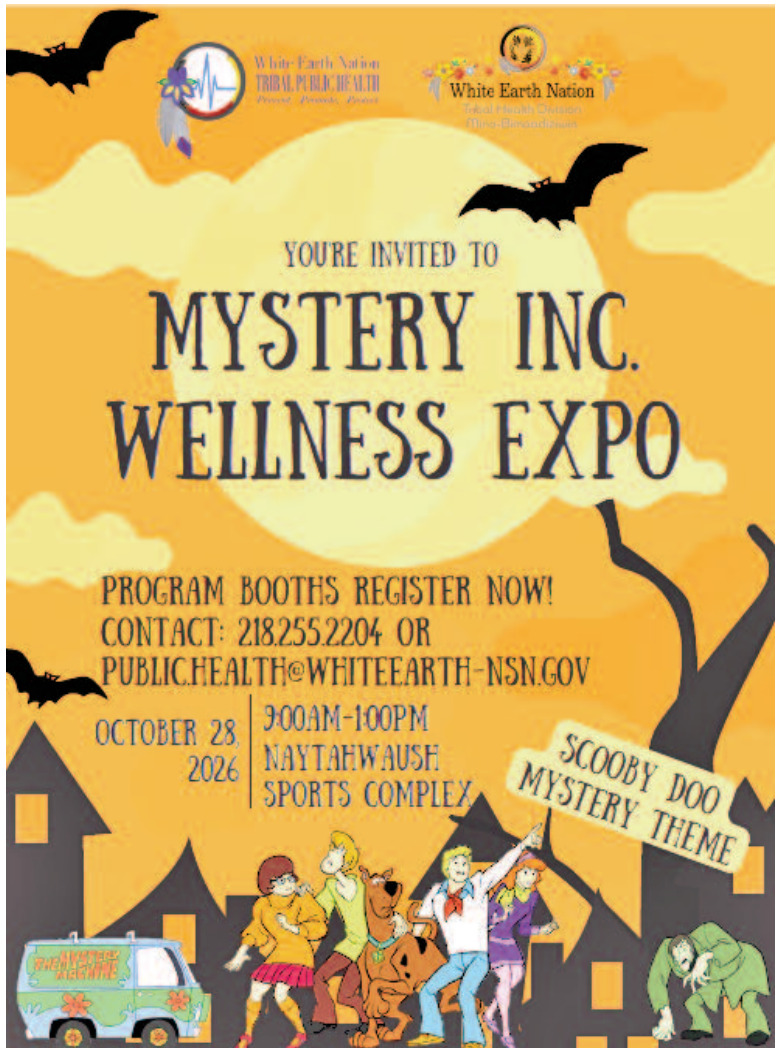
Thank you for listening and continuing to learn together.

Take it easy.

See you all later.

Chairman
Michael Fairbanks

The White Earth Nation Veterans Powwow is November 7-8





News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson



September flew by quickly. The leaves started turning, days are getting shorter. We concluded a successful and safe wild rice harvest this year. Together, our community brought in 204,702 pounds of green rice. A huge Miigwech to all the harvesters who spent long hours on the water and to our employees that work extra hours during the season. Throughout September, program staff and leadership worked to draft and refine the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year 2027.

Project Updates

The new playground in White Earth South Project is complete. A cement slab for the new basketball court has been poured and hoops will be installed next. While visiting with community members, I heard that the playground equipment was in need of an update. I'm happy to see new playground equipment being added for our children and families! We continue to seek funding to improve other areas throughout White Earth.

We know everyone is eager for the new White Earth Splashpad. The project is facing some delays but is still actively moving forward. We missed our goal of opening before the cold weather arrived but we are rolling with it and look forward to celebrating its completion soon.

Site preparation work has been completed for two new elder tiny homes in White Earth. This housing initiative continues to make progress toward completion. If you or an elder you know is currently in need of housing, please reach out to us so we can assist you with the application process.

Dreamcatcher Homes in Ogema, a contractor installed a fence around the playground area. The fence was partial around the play area. Replacing the previous partial fencing, this upgrade creates a secure boundary that will enhance the safety of the youth while on the playground.

The old basketball court in Pine Point has been removed and a brand-new concrete slab has been successfully poured. With the foundational work complete, the next phase of the project will be the installation of the basketball hoops. We continue to look at different areas in the village to make improvements also.

The Elbow Lake Community building is nearing completion with a tentative move-in date set for November. We are entering the final phases and will continue to share updates with the public as we approach our official opening. Miigwech for being patient.

Congratulations to the White Earth Nation Coed and Men's Softball Teams at the United Tribes 2026 Tournament in Bismarck, N.D. The Coed team defended their title from last year and both teams came home as CHAMPIONS! Both teams are all White Earth tribal members! Our White Earth ladies also played finishing 1–2. Lots of great competition and a lot to be proud of. Congratulations, ladies!

Miigwech to our players for representing White Earth, way to go! Getting out on the field and staying active in sports like softball is a great way to keep your body healthy and strong! Regular physical activity is one of our best tools to combat diabetes and other health issues.

The Elder Home Weatherization program has released its application form. Elders are asked to complete and submit these forms to secure plastic insulation for windows and doors. Please remember to check propane/fuel oil tanks to ensure you do not run out. If an elder lacks transportation, please reach out to us so we can arrange to bring the forms and assistance directly to them.

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

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Forestry has wood available for Spirit Fires

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

There are a few special considerations:

❖ This firewood is available for a tribal member passing only.

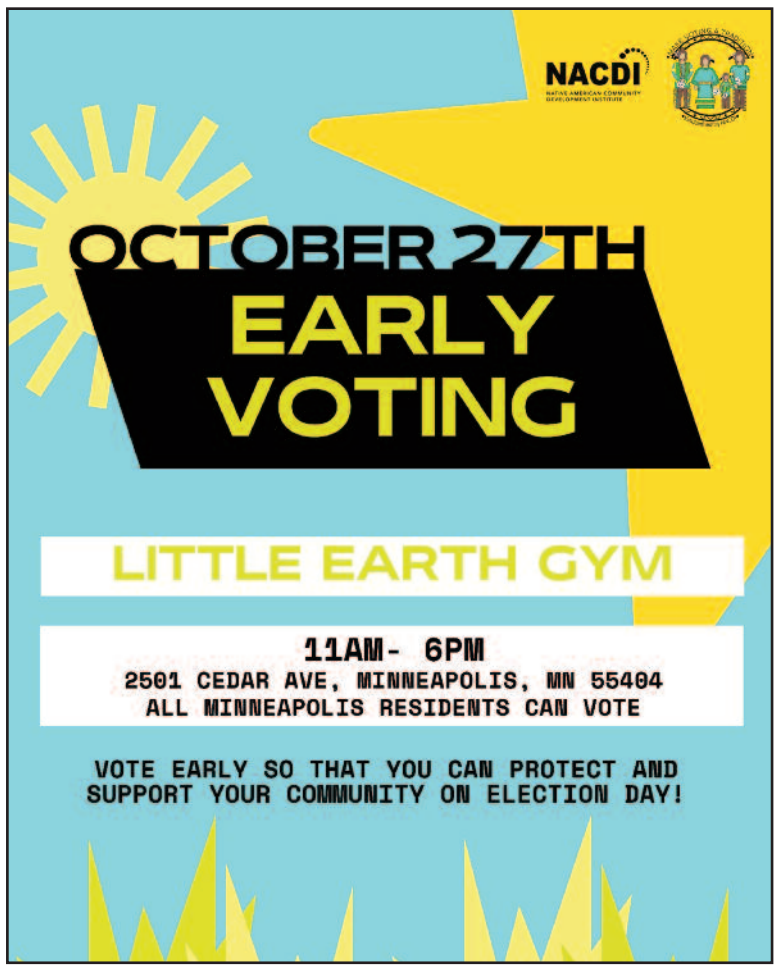
❖ Firewood deliveries will be limited to **one** pickup load per Spirit Fire/passing.

❖ The firewood will be delivered to families within the reservation boundary.

❖ This firewood may be used only for Spirit Fire purposes.

We hope to continue to offer this service as much as we can in the future. Please contact the White Earth Tribal Forestry Office in Naytahwaush for this service at 218-935-5967. After business hours and during weekends, call White Earth Police Dispatch at 218-983-3281.

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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.

Circle of Life Academy welcomes new staff

The Circle of Life Academy would like to welcome the following staff to the school.

Morrissa Fanning

Boozhoo! I am Morrissa Fanning, the new 9th-12th social studies teacher and the elementary art teacher at Circle of Life Academy. My family and I are from Naytahwaush. I graduated from Mahnomen High School and would go on to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead where I graduateed with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Art Education. Prior to joining the COLA team I worked at Mahnomen High School for the last seven years as the high school art teacher. I have been blessed with one silly goose of a daughter. She takes up most of my spare time but when I do get a minute to myself I love beading, being outside, and hanging out with my friends.

Alayna Gary

Boozhoo! I am Alayna Gary, the new K-12 School Counselor at Circle of Life Academy. I have grown up around this area my whole life, I graduated high school from Waubun then went on to get my bachelors in Psychology with a minor in Special Education at Minnesota State University Moorhead. I just graduated in May 2026 with a masters in School Counseling from Minnesota State University Moorhead! I own a silly Golden Retriever, Larry, who is 7 years old.

Some things I do as a School Counselor:

1. School and Academic Support (credit recovery, picking class schedules, etc.)

2. Social and Emotional Support (feelings, conflicts, self-confidence, etc.)

3. College and Career Support (career exploration, post-graduation planning, Pre ACT/ACT etc,)

I am excited to be here at COLA.


Morrissa Fanning


Alayna Gary

Nicole (Nikki) Dewey

Nindinawemaaganidok boozhoo nindakid

Bimise Waawaatesi indigoo, Nicole Dewey (Nikki) indizhinikaaz Makwa indoodem Gaawaabaabiganikaag indoonjii-ibaa Nezhigwakokaan indaa.

Hello, my name is Nicole Dewey (Nikki), I am born and raised on the White Earth reserve, I live in Pine Point. I am COLA's new Food Service Manager. I have an AA in Arts from White Earth Tribal Community College, Class of 2022.

I started and opened my own business in 2022 called Nikki's Pretties. I like to bead, sew, and teach. I provide some schools and programs services and products in the last 4-5 years. I hope to continue to build that. I love to learn new things everyday, seeing everyone smile, and being kind to one another.


Nicole Dewey

I am so Happy to be part of the COLA Family!

Educating tribal members in learning/understanding the White Earth Constitutional Reform process

By Beverly Libby
White Earth District 3 Delegate

The projected goal for our White Earth members will be for the White Earth Delegation being instrumental in teaching the importance of the White Earth Constitutional Reform process. The delegation is working on a comprehensive plan with goals and objectives, hence providing learning opportunities for the members.

The White Earth Delegation is optimistic in composing an effective plan. This will educate, build a solid foundation with increased White Earth Constitutional Reform knowledge and protocol. We hope to create cohesiveness, harmony, and unity essential in growing the White Earth Nation as a strong people.

When the plans are completed there will be flyers, notifications, also researching the feasibility of utilizing radio stations to inform White Earth communities of meetings, locations, dates, and times.

The White Earth Delegation welcomes and encourages members to consider attending upcoming reform meetings. The Delegation is #Moving Forward in completing the education plans.

Miigwech.

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.

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Why you should get an ABI test if you have diabetes

By Lisa K. Braun, RN
White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health
Public Health Registered Nurse

If you have diabetes, it is important to take good care of your feet and legs. One way to do this is by getting an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test. The ABI test is a simple, painless test that compares the blood pressure in your ankle to the blood pressure in your arm. This helps doctors see how well blood flows in your legs.

Diabetes can damage blood vessels over time, which makes it harder for blood to move through your body. Poor circulation in the legs and feet can lead to pain, slow-healing sores, or infections. The ABI test can help find circulation problems early, even before you notice any symptoms. This means doctors can take steps right away to protect your health.

Getting an ABI test is quick and safe. It does not involve needles or surgery, and it only takes a few minutes. A blood pressure cuff is placed on your arms and ankles, and then the results are compared. Because it is so simple, many people are surprised by how much important information it gives about their health.

The ABI test is also an important tool for preventing serious complications. If circulation problems are found, your doctor may recommend lifestyle changes, medications, or treatments to improve blood flow. This can lower your risk of serious issues like infections, ulcers, or even amputations, which people with diabetes are at higher risk for.

In the end, the ABI test is a small step that can make a big difference in your health. If you have diabetes, talk to your doctor about getting this test. It can help keep your legs and feet healthy, give you peace of mind, and prevent problems before they start. This is also a service that White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health offers.

Please call or text 218-255-2204. We would be happy to assist you in making an appointment near you. Four community locations are available in White Earth, Naytahwaush, Rice Lake, and Pine Point.

Use natural strategies to help repel Asian beetles

Every fall in Minnesota, Asian beetles—often called Asian lady beetles—show up in large numbers as temperatures drop. They begin searching for warm places to overwinter, which is why people often notice them gathering on sunny sides of homes or slipping indoors. Although they resemble native lady beetles, they can be more aggressive and may crowd out beneficial species.

During this time of year, many residents reach for insect sprays, but it's important to know that some common pesticides can harm pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and native beetles. Products containing broad-spectrum insecticides often drift from the target area or linger on plants, creating unintended risks for the insects we rely on for healthy ecosystems.

Fortunately, there are effective natural strategies to help repel Asian beetles without harming pollinators. Sealing cracks, installing door sweeps, and repairing window screens can dramatically reduce indoor invasions.

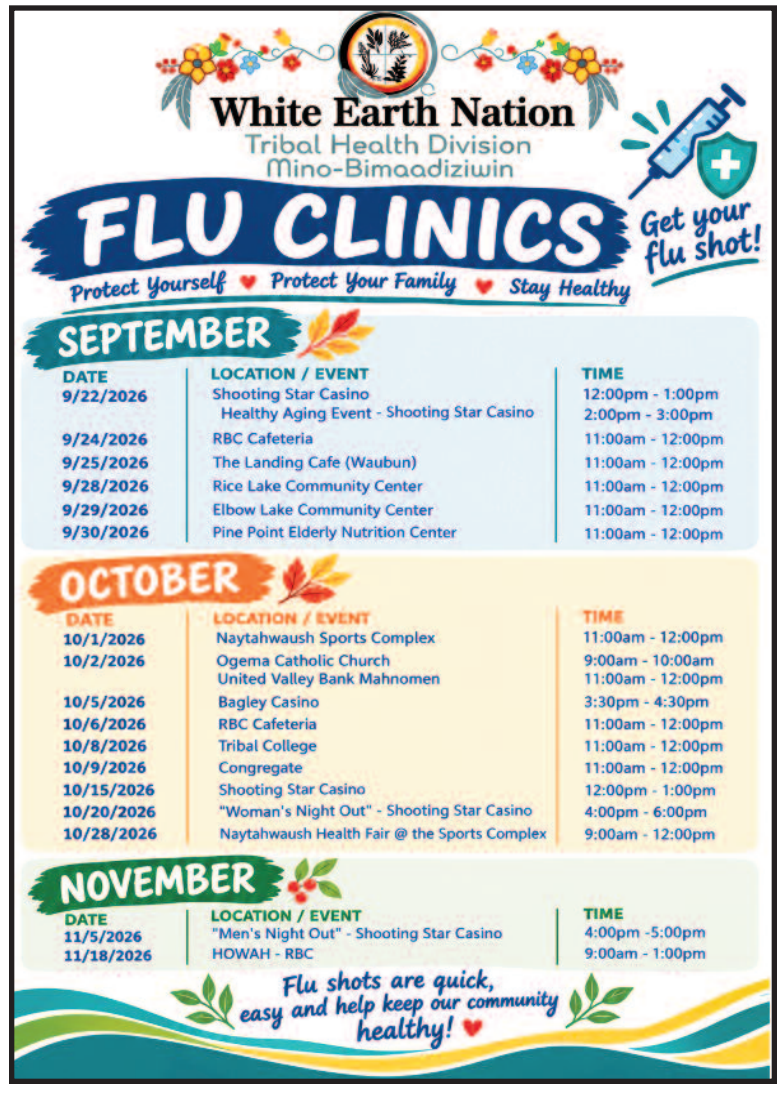
Outdoors, using essential-oil-based repellents—like those made with citronella, clove, or lemongrass—can discourage beetles without posing threats to beneficial insects. Vacuuming indoor beetles (instead of spraying) and placing bright lights or UV traps away from buildings can also help redirect them. Combining these non-chemical approaches allows White Earth members to manage fall beetle activity responsibly while protecting native pollinators and the environment. **- Submitted by White Earth Natural Resources**

Meet your White Earth Elders Commission



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Elders Commission recently gathered for a meeting at the RBC Headquarters. From left are Lorelei Morales (D2), Stella Devine (D2/At Large/Treasurer), Missy Fairbanks (D2/Vice), Robin Ankeny (D1/Chair), Dorothy Zima (D3), Linda Buckanaga (D3), and Valerie Yost (D1/Secretary).





Update your address

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

Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

Today@whiteearth-nsn.gov / 218-935-3569

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.

Fall and Halloween safety: Keep our little ones safe

Submitted by WE Nation Tribal Public Health

Fall and Halloween is a special time for our families to have fun, dress up, and make memories together. As our children head out for Fall adventures and trick-or-treating, a few simple precautions can help keep everyone safe.

Stay together. Young children should always be accompanied by a trusted adult. Older children should stay with a group and have a planned route and check-in time.

Be seen. Choose costumes that allow children to see and move safely. Add reflective tape, glow sticks, or flashlights so children are visible to drivers.

Watch the roads. Use sidewalks when available, cross at designated areas, and remind children to look both ways before crossing.

Check treats. Examine candy and treats before children eat them. Make sure packages are sealed and discard anything that looks opened or damaged.

Keep pets safe. Costumes, visitors, and noise can be stressful for animals. Keep pets in a safe, quiet place during trick-or-treating.

It's hunting season. Teach children about hunting season and the importance of avoiding the woods and being visible if they need to be in the woods. Blaze orange is recommended for anyone that may be participating in outdoor activities near hunting areas.

Most importantly, look out for one another. Check on neighbors, watch for children in the community, and help make Fall and Halloween a safe and happy time for everyone.

Have fun, stay safe, and Miigwech for looking out for our families and community!

WE staff share manoomin harvesting knowledge



Photo courtesy of Minnesota DNR

Jason Clark (background) and Chris McDougall of White Earth Natural Resources Parks and Recreation share manoomin harvesting knowledge with 75 Cass Lake-Bena 4th grade students during an educational program at Itasca State Park. Their hands-on mobile rice lab demonstration gave students a meaningful opportunity to learn about traditional practices and the cultural importance of manoomin.

White Earth Council of Elders

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

The Sept. 1 monthly meeting was held at the Mahnomen Fire Station and our special guest was Jacob McArthur, newly elected Secretary/Treasurer for our White Earth Nation. There were 22 members and two guests in attendance and a quorum was established. Minutes and the financial reports were approved by all members.

Many Elders expressed their concerns regarding needs, such as housing repairs, transportation, and communication as the greatest areas that needed attention. Some Elder Commission members that were there agreed to hear the concerns of Elders and bring them to the appropriate resources for compliance. There was a misunderstanding of the role of the Commissioners and their duties and we hope that this was corrected. It was agreed that we all would attempt to work together for the greater good of our Elders.

Many events were happening in September. The Wisdom Steps Program held their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Sept. 4 at Black Bear Golf Course on the Fond du Lac Reservation. The Shooting Star Casino and White Earth Business Committee were one of the corporate sponsors for this event. It is always pleasing to see golfers from all reservations and urban areas support the program by either golfing or working to make it a success.

Ogema Days was held from Sept. 4-6 with a parade and numerous events for all ages. The Harvest Fest Pow Wow was on Sept. 12-13 at Naytahwaush.

A special meeting was held Sept. 15 at Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahnomen to discuss the Moorhead Casino Project. Many attendees expressed their concerns and what and how this would benefit members, especially in these turbulent times.

On Sept. 16 we escorted 13 Elders by bus to the Minneapolis Urban Picnic, with an overnight stay and return the following day. It was a fun trip and the booths, food, and entertainment were appreciated. We want to give a special thank you to Shooting Star Casino for the use of their bus and driver. This freed up the Elder bus for those not signed up with WECOE.

The White Earth Farmers Market has been held every Thursday this summer from 3-6 p.m. at South Main Street in Mahnomen. Their last day was Oct. 1. This is a local grown program that has fresh vegetables and baked goods for sale. If you have not been there, you are missing out!

Another event that we were able to gather Elders and take to was the Healthy Aging Health Fair on Sept. 22 from 2-6 p.m. at Shooting Star Casino. Education was on Medicare and insurance fraud and scams.

Please watch your Anishinabe paper for events that will be held next month, as we often do not get them in time to inform everyone. We do know that the Women's Night Out will be Oct. 20 so watch for that as it requires registration. Also, there will be other programs that should be in the next paper.

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee will be responsible for our health care under Public Law 638 beginning on Oct. 1. We need to allow adjustments for this new phase to occur, like time and a little patience.

We look forward to continuing our advocacy for the Elders of White Earth Nation and try to secure as much information to share as possible. I want to thank all the volunteer seven Board members of WECOE for their commitment to serving Elders.

See **Elders** Page **9**

White Earth 2026 Fall Netting Season

Gill netting period:
1. Gill nets may be set beginning October 17 to December 31, 2026.

Lakes open to gill netting:
Bad Medicine, Big Bass (Mahnomen County), Big Elbow, Green Water, Ice Cracking, Island (Mahnomen County), Little Bemidji, Lone, **McCraney***, Net, **North Twin***, Pike, Roy, Big Rush, Snider, Strawberry, **South Twin*** and Tulaby. Additional lakes (Many Point, Round and **White Earth***) can be found under special seasons. *North Twin, South Twin, McCraney, and White Earth Lake will have special regulation permit requirement due to zebra mussel and faucet snail infestations.

Gill net dimensions:
1. Gill nets cannot exceed 200 feet in length.
2. Gill nets cannot exceed 6 feet in depth.
3. Mesh size cannot be less than four inch stretched, two inch bar.

General:
1. The sale of game fish is prohibited.
2. No more than 200 feet of gill net per tribal member fishing at any given time.
3. It is prohibited to disturb, move, obstruct or interfere with any gill net of any tribal member, unless that tribal member is present.
4. Tribal members must have in their possession a White Earth Tribal Identification Card and Harvest Permit.
5. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 1800.01 Boats and Watercraft).
6. **Gill nets must be checked every 48 hours.**
7. **Note: Please reference special regulation lakes below for additional checking times.**

Location:
1. Gill nets must be set such that one end is in water less than 10 feet deep, as measured from the lake bottom to surface of water or ice.
2. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within 300 feet of a river channel, stream, inlet, or outlet of a lake.
3. Gill nets shall not be set within 50 feet of a previously set net.

Markings:
1. Gill nets must be clearly visible from the surface of the water or ice and marked with a float, buoy, pole or flag at both ends.
2. The enrollment number and or harvest permit number of the tribal member must appear or be attached to both ends of the gill net.

Limits:
1. No limit on the amount of tullibee, whitefish or rough fish.
2. Incidental game fish may be kept.
   a. Musky caught in gill nets do not need to follow length limits and may be kept.
   b. Live Lake Sturgeon must be released.
   c. Lake Sturgeon that have expired can be kept.

Early Elder Netting Season and Permits
1. Early Elder Netting Season: October 3 to October 16, 2026.
2. An elder special use permit must be filed with the Natural Resources Department for elders 55 years of age or older for early season netting.
3. Elder's may have a helper(s) present under the age of 55 while setting and checking. However, the helper(s) may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens on October 17, 2026.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours during the early Elder's season.
5. The permitted parties must submit the request to Natural Resources prior to net placement.
6. The permitted parties must be enrolled members of White Earth and provide enrollment information at the time of application.
7. Information regarding dates and lakes to be netted will be filled out at the time of application.
8. The permitted elder(s) must present be in the boat while setting and checking when helpers are used. Each elder may not have more than 200 feet of net fishing at any given time.
9. The remaining netting regulations for the 2025 netting season apply.
10. Early Season Elder Use Permits can be acquired by contacting will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov or at the Mahnomen Natural Resources office.
11. Elder Season Permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boat and Watercraft).
13. Lakes with AIS classification(s) will have to follow special regulation seasons.

Lakes open to gill netting under Special Seasons
Many Point, Round and White Earth (**note**: White Earth Lake carries an AIS designation)

Special Season gill netting period
Gill nets may be set beginning November 1 to December 31, 2026 on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.

Special Seasons netting restrictions for Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes
1. Gill nets must be checked at least once every 24 hours on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lake.
2. Gill nets must be set such that both ends are in water less than 10 feet deep as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within 300 feet of a river channel, stream, inlet, or outlet of a lake. Gill nets shall not be set within 50 feet of a previously set net.
3. Gill net dimensions, markings, and limits are the same as listed above.
4. General rules are the same as the regular season with the exception that nets must be checked every 24 hours.
5. Live sturgeon must be returned to the water immediately after removal from nets.
6. Lake Sturgeon that have expired can be kept.

Note: Efforts to restore Lake Sturgeon in White Earth Lake and Round Lake have included dam alterations to allow fish passage and the stocking of fingerlings.

South/North Twin, McCraney, and White Earth Lake

Special Regulation Gill Net Use and Permitting Within AIS Waters to Prevent Spread of AIS Species

Gill nets may be set beginning November 1 to December 31, 2026 on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth, and McCraney Lake.

Special Regulation netting restrictions

1. A Special Regulation Permit must be filed with the Natural Resources Department prior to setting net in North Twin, South Twin, White Earth, and McCraney Lake.
2. Nets used in North Twin, South Twin, and White Earth may be reset within North Twin, South Twin and White Earth Lake only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days. Net placement is nontransferable. Nets used in one AIS designated lake may not be moved to another AIS designated lake without required drying and cleaning.
3. Nets used in McCraney Lake may be reset within McCraney only. They may not be placed in another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
4. Watercraft launched and used for day use on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth and McCraney Lake may not be used on another waterbody until they have been removed from the water and dried for a minimum of five days.
5. Watercraft which have been moored to a dock or lift on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth or McCraney may not be used outside of these lakes until they have been cleaned and dried a minimum of 21 days.
6. All applicable clean, drain, and dry AIS preventions must be in place.
7. All other general netting regulations apply.
8. Special Regulation Permits can be acquired by contacting will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov or at the Mahnomen Natural Resources office.
9. Special Regulation Permits are non-transferable.

Naytahwaush Community Charter School News

Naytahwaush Community Charter School held an Open House/ Back to School on Sept. 3. The event started out with Waubun's Jessica McArthur, Mahnomen's Hair by Connie; Connie Thomforde, and Detroit Lakes' A Court of Manes; Maisie Lund and Sandy Stall providing 28 styling haircuts.

Frank Stech Jr. had his open air photo booth giving fun pictures to all the families. Enrollments promoted parents enrolling their children to receive a monetary incentive for doing so. Heather Murray from District I and Julie Weaver from District II were elected as JOM Parent Members. NCCS served tacos in a bag and students spent time visiting their classrooms and teachers.



From left are Beth Zeitz, Brent Gish and Gayle Gish.

At the Naytahwaush Community Harvest Fest on Sept. 12, NCCS Beth Zeitz, Director, presented Brent and Gayle Gish with a star quilt honorarium for their long standing active involvement in making NCCS from the beginning through the years a strong school positively impacting our students' lives. The NCCS float took first place! NCCS also brought back an hour of several carnival games after the parade!

NCCS and Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club partnered together on Sept. 16 for an FSCS Apple Fest. Continuous light rain didn't hinder the people of Naytahwaush from enjoying Steven Schussman's horse drawn wagon rides and 4H mom Kelli Senske's farm animal petting zoo!

On Sept. 26. NCCS filled two charter buses traveling to the Minnesota Twins Game at the Target Field for students achieving excellent attendance. NCC and White Earth Behavioral Health were instrumental in receiving tickets to the game. Our students and adults were pictured on the Jumbotron before the start of the game. Due to rain delay, they attended the Minnesota Science museum as well. It's been a busy start to the new school year and we love seeing all the smiles! Miigwech to everyone for your involvement in making these events successful!

WE Public Health inviting women to special event

There is something powerful about women coming together.

Across generations, women have gathered to share stories, pass down knowledge, care for their families, support one another through difficult times and celebrate the good moments. It is through these connections that we are reminded that we do not have to walk through life alone.

This White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health (WENTPH) is hosting an evening centered around that spirit of connection on Oct. 20, from 5-8 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. WENTPH invites all women ages 18 and older to join us for an evening of togetherness, health, wellness, culture and empowerment.

This gathering is an opportunity to pause from the business of everyday life and make time for something that is often easy to put last—ourselves.

The evening will include special presenters, a health and wellness testimony, cultural immersion and unique opportunities to win great prizes. More importantly, it will provide an opportunity to sit together, listen, learn, laugh, share experiences and build connections with other women in our community.

Taking care of our health is about more than appointments and screenings. Wellness also comes from feeling connected, knowing where we come from, having people who support us, and having the strength to ask for help when we need it. Our stories, our culture, our families and our relationships all play a part in our well-being.

WENTPH hopes this evening will remind every woman who attends that her health matters, her story matters and she matters to this community.

Come as you are. Come to learn something new. Come to hear another woman's story. Come to experience culture. Come to reconnect with friends and relatives. Or simply come to spend an evening surrounded by other women.

We invite you to make time for yourself and for one another. Join us as we gather to celebrate the strength, wisdom, resilience and spirit of the women in our community.

All women ages 18 and older are welcome!

Please call 218-401-3196 or email public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov to get registered for this event.

Preparing for winter: Caring for our community

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

As we move into another winter here in northern Minnesota, it is time to begin preparing our homes, our vehicles and our families for the cold months ahead. For our communities, winter preparation is also about something deeper: looking after one another.

Our communities have always understood the importance of being prepared and making sure our relatives are safe and cared for. We know that when we take the time to check on an elder, help a family member prepare their home or make sure a neighbor has what they need, we are strengthening the community as a whole.

Preparing Our Homes - Before the cold weather arrives, take time to winterize your home and check windows and doors for drafts. Check propane and fuel tanks and arrange for deliveries before supplies become low. If you may need help with heating costs, look into energy assistance programs and apply early.

Have furnaces, woodstoves, fireplaces, and other heating appliances checked to make sure they are working properly and safely. Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, replace batteries when needed, and make sure everyone in the household knows what to do in an emergency.

Prepare Before the Storm - Winter weather can change quickly. Put together a winter survival kit for your vehicle with warm blankets, extra clothing, hats, gloves, food, water, a flashlight, batteries, a first-aid kit and other emergency supplies.

Locate your snow shovel before the first major snowfall. Keep de-icer nearby and ready to use on steps, sidewalks and other areas where ice can create a fall hazard.

If you live alone, choose a family member, friend or neighbor who can check in with you regularly, especially during extreme cold, heavy snow or power outages. Likewise, take the time to check on relatives and neighbors who may need extra support during the winter.

A phone call can go a long way.

Caring for Our Animals - Our responsibility to care for those around us includes the animals in our care. Prepare warm, insulated shelters for outdoor animals, using straw for bedding to help keep them warm and dry. It is best if the entrance to the space has a way to block the wind and cold from coming in. Make sure they have access to fresh, thawed water and check on them regularly during extreme cold; bring them in from the elements when able.

Looking Out for One Another - Preparing for winter is an opportunity to practice something our communities know well: we are stronger when we look out for one another.

Check in with our elders. Help a relative who may have difficulty preparing their home. Make sure someone living alone has a winter plan and a person they can call. Share resources and information with those who may need assistance.

Our health and safety are connected to the well-being of our families and our community. By preparing ahead, sharing what we know and making sure our relatives are not facing difficult times alone, we carry forward the spirit of caring for one another.

As winter approaches, let us prepare together, check on one another, and make sure our relatives, homes, and animals are ready for the season ahead.

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Also a special thank you to Pauline Vizenor for filling in as Secretary for this program. There are many others that give of their time and expense to fulfill these roles. We are deeply indebted to all of you!

Abundant blessings flow to me and through me. I am alive with creative energy, awake to prospering ideas, and open to unlimited goodness. Mii Gwetch.

Lucille Silk,
Chairperson WECOE

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
❖ Shelter/utility expense - Households that incur the cost up to $769 -or- A deduction of actual shelter/utility expenses up to 50 percent of net monthly income, with verification of expenses.

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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!!**

WE hosts National Native Harm Reduction Summit

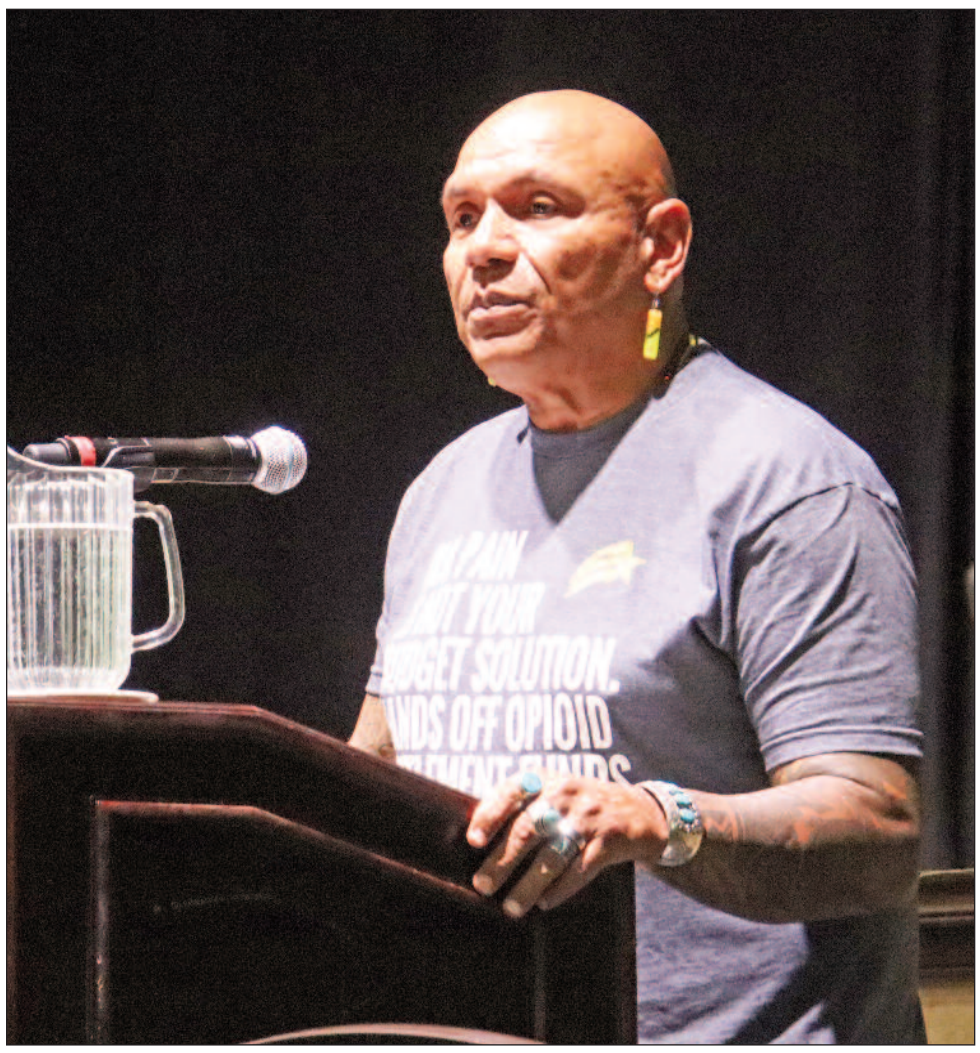


Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Sam Rivera speaks at the 14th Annual National Native Harm Reduction Summit on Sept. 1-3 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Rivera was one of several guest speakers and breakout session leaders participating in the Summit. More than 400 attendees throughout the country came to White Earth to share their experiences and to form partnerships.





WHITE EARTH RESERVATION
2026 CHRISTMAS TOY PROGRAM

Parent or Child must be an enrolled member of the White Earth Resrvation
Registration is at ONE Community Only
DEADLINE: Friday, November 6th , 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
Ages: Newborn to 17 Years Old

Please contact your local Community Council Member

NEWE Cass Lake
Jolyn Donnell (218) 368-4329
Rick Haaland (218) 760-6618

Mahnomen
Please reach out to MTCC Member via Facebook

Rice Lake
Autumn Auginaush (218) 368-3320
Rita Swenson (218) 358-0910

Callaway
Tiffany Smith (218) 234-4471
Zach Jackson (218) 849-1647

Pine Point
Gerald "Jeep" Roberts
(218) 204-0891

White Earth
Paula Smith (218) 204-1400
Josey Keezer (218) 401-0439

Elbow Lake
Pauline "Tyne" Keezer (218) 401-0502

Naytahwaush
NTWcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
(218) 401-4303 - Text Only
Dustin Keezer (218 401-0576
Brian Clark Sr (218) 902-0336

Waubun
Bonnie Badboy (218) 204-1614

(ONLY WUECC TEENS RECEIVE GIFT CARDS)
White Earth Urban
Sherri Loken (612) 423-6760
or Email: sloken70@gmail.com

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION 2026 CHRISTMAS TOY PROGRAM INTAKE FORM

****PRINT CLEARLY****

REGISTRATION IS AT ONE COMMUNITY ONLY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

PARENT OR CHILD MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE WHITE EARTH RESERVATION, ENROLLMENT NUMBERS MUST BE ON THE APPLICATION

AGES: NEWBORN TO 17 YEARS OLD

Head of Household Information
Name:_____
Address:_____
_____
City:_____
WE Enrolled Y \ N
Enrollment #_____
Total # of Children:_____

Dependents
First Name:_____ Last Name:_____
M \ F Birthday:______ Age:_____
WE Enrolled Y \ N
Enrollment #:_____

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____
M \ F Birthday:______ Age:_____
WE Enrolled Y \ N
Enrollment #:_____

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____
M \ F Birthday:______ Age:_____
WE Enrolled: Y\ N
Enrollment #:_____

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____
M \ F Birthday:______ Age:_____
WE Enrolled: Y\ N
Enrollment #:_____

Members meet to discuss proposed Moorhead casino



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

A White Earth membership meeting on the proposed Moorhead Casino Project was held Sept. 15 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Elected White Earth leadership and the Moorhead Casino project management team presented information to membership regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fee-to-Trust application process and the steps involved as White Earth continues to consider and advance the proposed development in Moorhead. This was an important opportunity for White Earth members to hear information firsthand from tribal leadership and the project team, better understand the federal process, review information related to the proposed development, and ask questions. A copy of the presentation can be view on www.whiteearth.com. **Above**: From left are Nathan Matthews - Executive Director of the White Earth Tribal Utility Commission, Henry Fox - District 1 Rep., Alrick "Son" Accobee - District 2 Rep., and Jacob McArthur - Secretary-Treasurer.



Stations for deer head drop offs for CWD testing

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

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CONCERTS

The Band Perry | *October 9*
Little River Band | *October 23*
The Marshall Tucker Band | *November 13*
Craig Morgan | *November 20*
Rodney Atkins | *December 11*
Gretchen Wilson | *December 18*

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MANY REASONS FOR YOU TO SHARE.

Every three years, Sanford Health conducts the Community Health Needs Assessment to learn more about the health and well-being of everyone we serve. Answer simple, confidential questions to help improve care in your community.

Complete the survey by November 30.

Community Health Needs Assessment
◄ Scan to take the survey

SANFORD HEALTH

436-811-432 9/26

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

Annual Oshki Manidoo Fall Feast



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The Oshki Manidoo Center in Bemidji, Minn., held their annual Fall Feast on Sept. 16. The all-day event included a scavenger hunt, kick ball games, and a community meal. Counselors from the youth and women sides also handed out Wellbriety Coins.

WE Tribal & Community College Student Spotlight

White Earth Tribal & Community College honors a student each month who exemplifies academic excellence, resilience, and personal growth. Students are nominated by staff and their peers who recognize the unique and exceptional qualities of our student body. Tony Magney encompasses all these traits.

Tony Magney chose to attend White Earth Tribal & Community College because it is close to home and provides a supportive learning environment where he can remain connected to his community and culture. The smaller class sizes and caring instructors have given him the encouragement and support he needs to work toward his educational and career goals.

Throughout his college journey, one of the most important lessons he has learned is to believe in himself while staying connected to who he is as an Ojibwe person.

"College has taught me that my culture, language, and community are strengths that help me succeed," he shared.

His time in college has also taught him the importance of perseverance. When classes or life become challenging, he has learned that continuing to work hard and asking for support can help him move forward. His education has helped him grow as a student while strengthening his pride in his Ojibwe identity.

As the first among his siblings to attend college, his family is an important source of motivation. He hopes to set a positive example for his younger siblings and demonstrate that higher education is possible.

"I want to set a positive example for my family and show my younger siblings that higher education is possible," he said.

He also draws motivation from the support and values of his family and community. For him, earning an education means building a stronger future while gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a professional career.



One of his favorite aspects of WETCC is being surrounded by other Native students who are working to better themselves. He finds inspiration in seeing fellow students pursue their goals, overcome challenges, and strive for personal and professional growth.

Being part of a community where students encourage and support one another has made his experience especially meaningful. He believes that students can also serve as positive role models for future generations.

His advice to new students, particularly those considering returning to college later in life, is to believe in themselves and not allow age to become a

See **Tony** Page **27**

Farmers Market has another successful season

By Eva Brakefield, LPN
White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health

As the 2026 Farmers Market season comes to a close, White Earth Tribal Public Health would like to offer a heartfelt Miigwech—thank you—to everyone who helped make this season so meaningful.

Our Farmers Market is about much more than fresh produce, baked goods, and locally made products. It is about community. It is about sharing what we have, supporting one another, gathering together, and creating opportunities for our families and neighbors to connect.

To our wonderful vendors and market providers, Miigwech for sharing your time, knowledge, talents, and hard work with our community. Whether you grew something, baked something, created something, or simply showed up to share your gifts, you helped make the market a place where our community could come together. Your commitment to local food and local commerce helps strengthen our community and supports the well-being of generations to come.

To our local consumers and community members, Miigwech for continuing to show up and support our vendors. Every purchase made, every conversation shared, and every visit to the market helped keep our local food system strong. Your participation demonstrates the importance of supporting one another and keeping resources, knowledge, and opportunities within our communities.

We were honored to welcome 282 hungry participants at our famous Baked Potato Feed on Sept. 10! It was a wonderful gathering filled with good food, laughter, conversation, and community. Seeing so many people come together was a beautiful reminder of the strength that comes from gathering around the table and sharing with one another.

In many ways, that is what the Farmers Market represents: coming together, sharing what we have, supporting our neighbors, and caring for the health and future of our communities.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to another successful season—our vendors, shoppers, volunteers, families, supporters, and all those who helped make each market day possible.

As we look toward a new season, we welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming a market provider for 2027. If you are interested in sharing your products, foods, crafts, or other locally produced goods, please contact Eva at White Earth Public Health for more information.

From all of us at White Earth Tribal Public Health, Miigwech for being part of our 2026 Farmers Market season. Thank you for supporting local, sharing with one another, and helping us build a healthier and stronger community together.

We look forward to gathering with you again when the Farmers Market returns in June 2027!



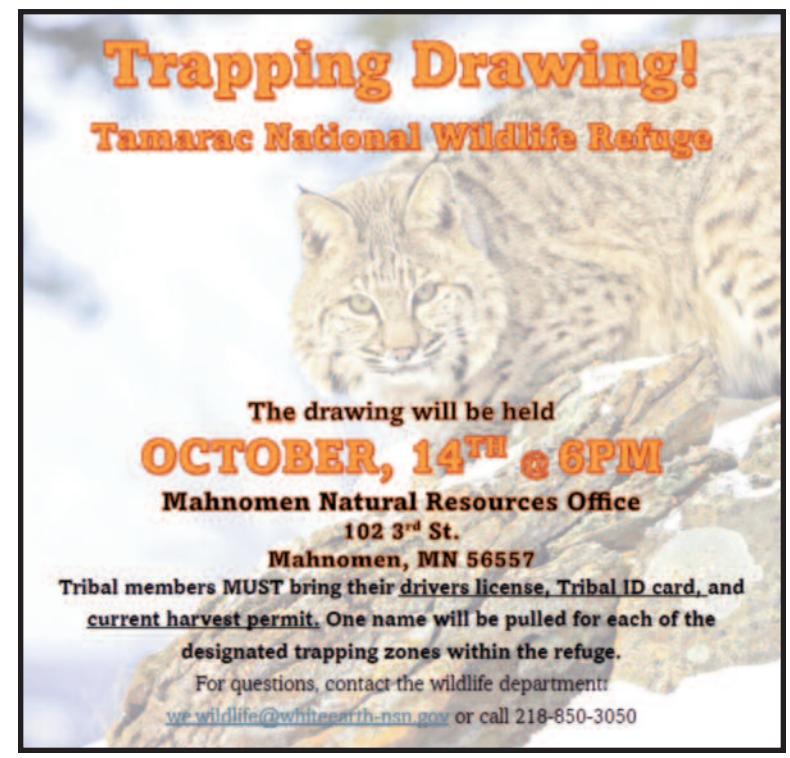
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Makazinitaagewin - Ojibwe Moccasin games

By Jenelle Mooney
Kinship Life Pathway Navigator
White Earth Public Health

The game that was gifted to Anishinaabe to teach our young men how to support one another and how to resolve conflict. You may have noticed the game being played more frequently in our communities like at the WENPH Youth Events in Waubun, at the Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Pow Wow, the White Earth Pow Wows, and most consistently at the Pine Point Youth Nights.

Community members, with assistance from White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health and Pine Point Community Council, have been working on opportunities for the Moccasin game to grow.

The Pine Point Community Council hosts Teen Cultural Night every Wednesday.

"We play Moccasin games each week, it is a ceremonial game that was given to help Anishinaabe with grief. Our hope is that by teaching our young men this game and it's teachings, they will carry them forward and pass them on to other youth. This is what cultural connection is about, giving our youth the opportunity to learn, participate and carry our teachings forward," said Karen Jones, a member of the Pine Point Community Council.

"It has been really amazing to see how our youth are quickly taking to the game, there's lots of young ones who have become really great players! I am so proud of how well they have listened and learned the game, I know that these guys are going to become really great teachers in carrying on the game," said Ian Anderson a staff member with the Naytahwaush Community Charter School. "Makazinitaagewin is making its comeback in bits here and there, we would really like to see it grow back to once again become a natural part of our social events."

A total of five sets have been hand made by Anderson (wood working), Beverly St. John (sewing) and other supplies provided by White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health. These sets will be brought to their new home communities by the players of the Pine Point Community where they will then be presented with a feast and community games.



Submitted photo

Karen Jones, left, Pine Point Community Council, Jenelle Mooney - Public Health, and Ian Anderson - Naytahwaush Community Charter School standing with the set for the Pine Point community.

Our hope is that we find individuals from each community who are willing to take care of the game/sets and hold community lessons regularly, if you are interested, please reach out. We look forward to seeing you all there.

At White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health we focus on building protective factors for our people, a way in which we have been able to do that is by supporting our community members, community councils and programs in any efforts to nurture and expand our traditional ways. We are happy to help-

For questions or more information email: Public.Health@whiteearth-nsn.gov

WE staff teaches Senator Smith how to harvest wild rice



Photo by Sage Thompson

Minnesota Senator Tina Smith was recently invited to hand harvest manoomin (wild rice). The importance of manoomin to the Ojibwe tribes of Minnesota is a main reason Sen. Smith has fought hard to protect the waters of Minnesota. From left are Richard Hanks, Sen. Tina Smith, and Dustin Roy.

Bagley JOM Homecoming Float



Submitted photo

Bagley School recently held their homecoming and the JOM students made a float for the school parade. They made a Bagley Flyer nest with an Eagle and the school they were playing - Red Lake County Central Rebels. The parade also featured seven royalty within the district.

Students learn how to harvest rice





Submitted photos

Circle of Life Academy middle and high school students recently travelled to Tamarack Lake for a lesson on wild rice harvesting. This immersive experience allowed them to engage firsthand in the traditional practice of wild rice harvesting. The day fostered a profound connection to indigenous traditions and principles of environmental stewardship, with students showing remarkable enthusiasm and respect throughout.

People share their photos from the 2026 Wild Rice Harvest

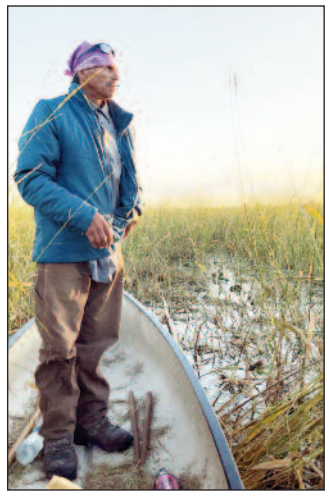
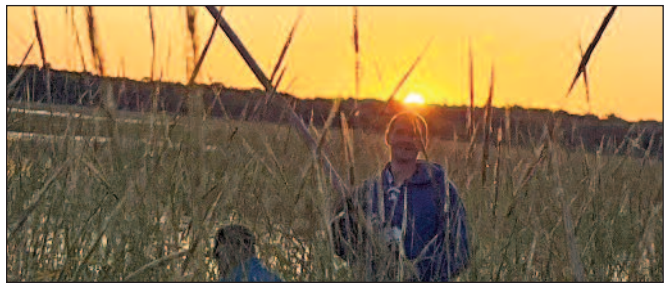














Submitted photos

It was a slow to start as rice was later than normal in most places. Buying started on Aug. 24 and concluded Sept. 18 for a 26-day buying season. This year White Earth purchased 204,702 pounds of green rice and paid out more than $1.2 million to ricers. Thanks to everyone that shared their wild rice harvest photos for us to enjoy. Everyone is already looking forward to a good harvest in 2027.

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Please check

Inside _____

Outside _____

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Both _____

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24th Annual Wild Rice Round-Up

"Lose your Winter Blues"

January 29-31 2027
Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center

Contact Information:
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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.

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

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.

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Use back side for other registrations →

Name_____
Address_____
City, State, Zip_____
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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

Healthy Aging Health Fair



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

A Healthy Aging Health Fair was held Sept. 22 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. The community was invited to visit several information booths that featured local and regional organizers offering information, services, and support for aging, wellness, and community resources. In addition to information booths, attendees could sit in on two training sessions - Insurance Fraud and Medicare 101. The event was sponsored by White Earth Tribal Health and White Earth Behavioral Health.



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White Earth Food Shelf October 2026 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			NTW	Closed
			11am-1pm	Cleaning
			Sports Complex	Warehouse
5	6	7	8	9
Closed	Callaway	Rice Lake	Closed	Closed
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Making	Cleaning
Boxes	Niijii Radio	ENP Site	Boxes	Warehouse
12	13	14	15	16
Closed	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Closed
Indigenous	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Making	Cleaning
Day	ENP Site	ENP Site	Boxes	Warehouse
19	20	21	22	23
Closed	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	Closed
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Making	Cleaning
Boxes	ENP Site	M&W Gas Station	Boxes	Warehouse
26	27	28	29	30
Closed	Waubun	Mahnomen	Closed	Closed
Making	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	Making	Cleaning
Boxes	Community Center	College parking lot	Boxes	Warehouse

- 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.
- The growing season is over and we want to hear if you enjoyed the vegetables? Please let us know what you liked and what you think can be added to the fresh vegetables next year. We also want to hear about any items that you think we should add to the food box. Let us know how we are doing. What do you think would work better? We are always open to any suggestions or new ideas. Thank you for supporting the White Earth Food Shelf.

Creating a Home Base for White Earth Nation Artists

By Frankie Felegy
Arts Midwest

Everyone helps each other, however they can. And they do it creatively.

That's the mission of the Manoomin Arts Initiative. The small collective grew from a partnership between the City of Mahnomen and White Earth Nation. That cooperation remains at its center.

"The biggest thing that we're trying to do is collaborative, community work," says Manoomin Arts executive director Joe Allen. "We really do just want to work together."

What that looks like varies. Since 2021, Manoomin Arts has offered artist workshops, studio space, creative clubs, and pop-up sales.

There's a coworking and classroom space, photographer and print studio, and gallery in the town of just over 1,000. It runs an arts incubator mentorship program and is starting a publication. And it's even got an artist-majority board of directors to help organize and inform it all.

Manoomin Arts started with a public mural project downtown, Allen says. But city residents—half of whom are Native—needed more than that. White Earth Nation, where the city of Mahnomen sits, stretches 36 by 36 miles and can take an hour to drive across. Manoomin Arts is growing the creative landscape.

"This space here is the only space dedicated solely to art, other than a few classrooms," Allen says. "Usually, the only way you're going to learn (traditional art forms) is from a community member in a community space."

Creative support has traditionally been limited here: People couldn't publicly show work in the reservation. Going to—or hosting—art classes was piecemeal.

"(Manoomin is) holding space and helping artists activate more spaces," says Allen, a Lakota and Ojibwe photographer. "We show the model and the collective . . . How do we empower everybody else, our whole community, to be able to do what they need to do?"

In Ojibwe, White Earth translates to "an abundance of white clay." The organization's name comes from the Ojibwe origin story: moving from the East Coast to where food grows on the water, or wild rice, Allen says. History is important to Manoomin Arts' mission.

"One of the reasons why we're trying to do what we do is as Native people, it's hard to have collateral," Allen says. Housing laws and discrimination make developing capital difficult, he says.

With the right model, art offers an alternative. Manoomin Arts is helping people figure it out, together.

"How do I get this young beadwork person that's doing gorgeous stuff to raise her prices a little more, and get her into some other markets?" operations director Rebecca Dallinger says. "And have her connect up with other beadwork folks, and they start a class and they get hosted here. How do we do that?"

To Dallinger, the answer lies in reciprocity: Art advocacy becomes collective mentoring, which develops community.

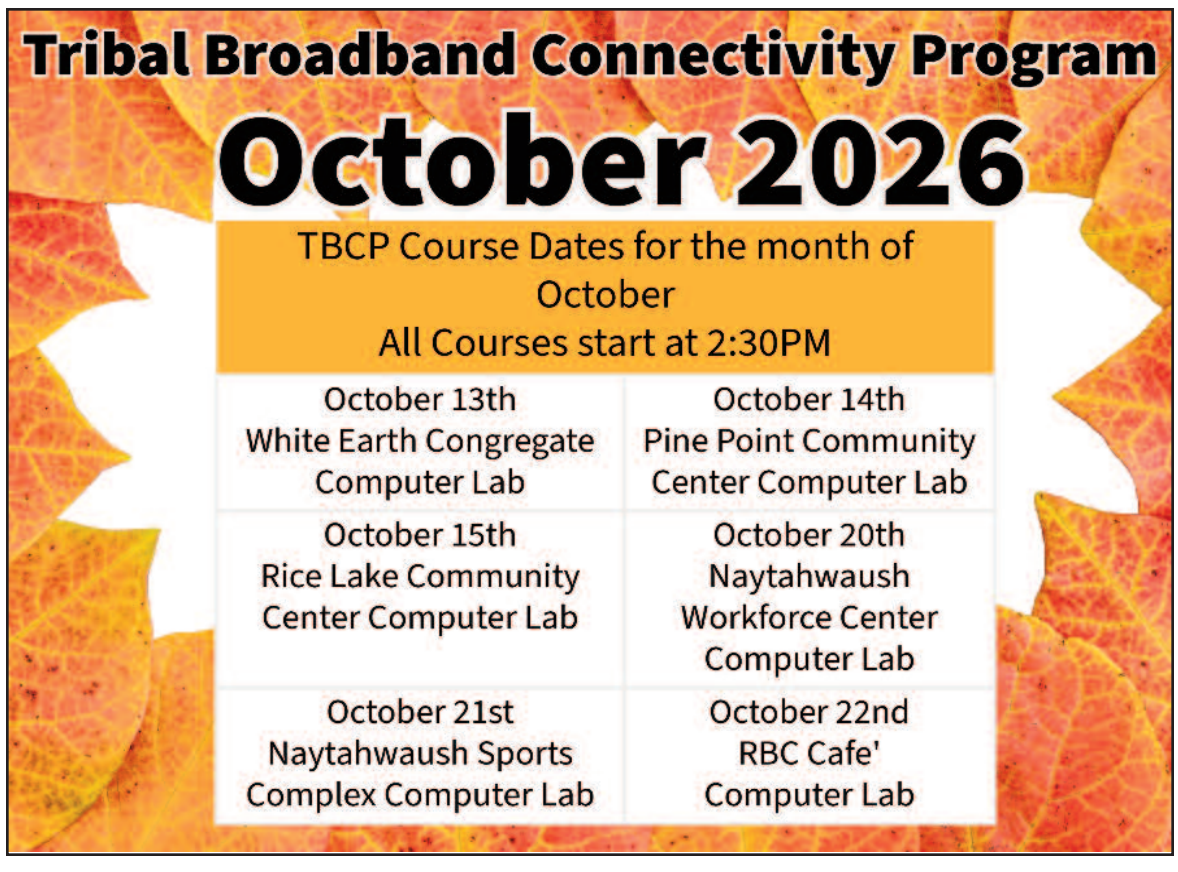
"We look at things in circles. We look at evaluating ripples. We look at how we go forward as cooperatives. We just keep trying to find ways to just kind of rage against the nonprofit form," Dallinger says.

Intergenerational artistry is key to this, she says. Many Native families have overflowing skills and talents in the arts. "It's such a depth of traditions," Dallinger says. Manoomin Arts helps connect them to creative futures—with regard to the past.


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Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
October 2026
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All Courses start at 2:30PM
October 13th
White Earth Congregate Computer Lab
October 14th
Pine Point Community Center Computer Lab
October 15th
Rice Lake Community Center Computer Lab
October 20th
Naytahwaush Workforce Center Computer Lab
October 21st
Naytahwaush Sports Complex Computer Lab
October 22nd
RBC Cafe' Computer Lab


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Protecting your dog from canine distemper

Canine distemper is a serious and highly contagious viral disease that can affect dogs of all ages. The disease can cause severe illness and, in some cases, can be life-threatening. One of the most effective ways to protect dogs from canine distemper is through routine vaccination.

The canine distemper vaccine is typically included in a core combination vaccine, commonly known as DHPP, DAPP, or DA2PP. These combination vaccines protect dogs against several important diseases and are an important part of maintaining the health of individual pets and the overall health of the community.

For puppies, vaccination generally begins between 6 and 8 weeks of age. Additional doses are given every 3 to 4 weeks until the puppy is at least 16 weeks old. This series is important because young puppies may still have maternal antibodies that can interfere with early vaccination, making repeated doses necessary.

Adult dogs that have never been vaccinated or whose vaccination history is unknown may need a series of two doses given 3 to 4 weeks apart. After completing the initial vaccination series, a booster is generally recommended one year later, followed by additional boosters every three years, depending on the vaccine used and the veterinarian's recommendations.

Keeping dogs vaccinated not only helps protect individual pets but also helps reduce the spread of preventable diseases. Pet owners should talk with their veterinarian about the appropriate vaccination schedule for their dog, based on the dog's age, health, lifestyle, and vaccination history.

Healthy pets help build healthy families and stronger communities. Regular veterinary care and keeping vaccinations up to date are important steps every pet owner can take to give their dog the best chance for a healthy life.

- Submitted by Paul's Passion

Community invited to annual Men's Night Out

There is strength in coming together.

For generations, our men have gathered to share knowledge, tell stories, teach our young people, support their families and carry forward the traditions and teachings that connect us to our community. There is something powerful about creating a space where men can come together, talk, listen, learn and simply spend time with one another.

On Nov. 5, White Earth Tribal Public Health invites the men of our community to join us for Men's Night Out at the Shooting Star Casino, beginning at 5 p.m.

We will begin the evening with our Men's Drum Group, bringing us together through the sound and spirit of the drum. From there, the evening will focus on men's health, wellness, resources and connection.

Men's health is about more than doctor visits. It is about taking care of ourselves so we can continue to be there for our families, our relatives, our communities and the generations that come after us. Sometimes taking that first step toward better health means simply having a conversation, asking a question or knowing where to find the right resources.

Men's Night Out will provide an opportunity to explore men's health, learn about available health resources, and connect with other men from our community in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

There will also be many opportunities to participate in giveaways, making it a night to come together, have some fun and maybe even take something home with you.

Most importantly, this is a night to remember that we don't have to carry everything alone. Our strength comes from our relationships, our teachings, our families, our culture and from one another.

So, bring your stories. Bring your questions. Bring a friend, relative or someone who could use a night out with the men of the community.

Come sit with us. Come listen. Come share. Come learn.

Our health matters. Our stories matter. We matter to our community.

Join us Nov. 5, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino for the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health's Men's Night Out.

All men 18+ are welcome. **Registration is required**, please call 218-255-2204 or email public.health@whiteearth-nsn.com.

White Earth Public Health Moms Walking Club



Photo by Jackie Haugo

Thank you to everyone in our community who met Tuesdays at 10 a.m. during the months of August and September for the White Earth Public Health Moms Walking Club. We plan to start up again in the spring. Watch our website or Facebook page for details.





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White Earth DMV Licensing

Diabetic BINGO

October 7th Pine Point
October 13th Mahnomen
October 21stt Elbow Lake

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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"White Earth Elder Eating Good"
White Earth Elder Wellness Program
Binaakwii-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon) October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Au gratin potatoes Ham Capri blend vegies Dinner roll Mandarin oranges	**2** Chicken Fajitas Spanish rice Fire roasted corn Cinnamon baked apples
5 Tuna noodle hotdish Steamed peas Breadstick Orange cookie salad	**6** Chefs salad Artisan roll Granola bar Grape salad	**7 Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	**8** BBQ Chicken Baked potato Cornbread Cole slaw Sliced apples	**9** Split pea soup Ham & cheese sandwich Crackers Banana pudding w/wafers and a banana
12 Indigenous Peoples Day	**13** Chicken a la king biscuit Roasted Brussel sprouts Fruit cocktail	**14 Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	**15** Potato soup BLT sandwich Cookie Fresh pineapple	**16** Stuffed peppers Mac and cheese Beets Artesian roll Pears
19 Green bean casserole Sliced ham Hawaiian roll Apple crisp	**20** Chicken noodle soup Garden salad Crackers Peaches&Cottage cheese	**21 Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	**22** Taco salad w/fixings Chips Churros Fruit salad	**23** Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Green beans Dinner roll Apple sauce
26 Tator tot hotdish Broccoli and cheese Dinner roll Tropical fruit	**27** California burger Sweet potato fries Cold mac salad Oranges	**28 Chefs Choice** Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	**29 Birthday Lunch** Pork filet bacon wrapped Baby bakers potatoes Sweet corn Hawaiian roll Pumpkin bars	**30 Brunch for Lunch** Chefs choice

White Earth Food Distribution October Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education & Health Screenings w/Shirley: October 5, 19 & 26

October 9: Naytahwaush & Bagley

October 12: Closed – Indigenous Peoples Day

October 16: Mahnomen & Waubun, WE Biimaad

October 23: Detroit Lakes, Ponsford & White Earth

October 30: Closed for Inventory

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings	*Locations and times are subject to change*			1 White Earth Health Center : Available by Phone	2 White Earth Health Center : Available by Phone	3
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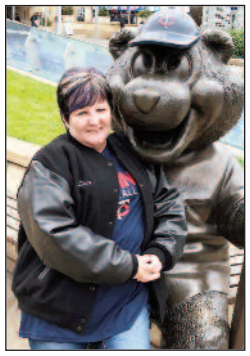
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Obituaries

Sara Josephine Hunt

Sara Hunt, 54, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., formerly of Ponsford, died Sept. 10 at her home surrounded by family.

Sara Josephine Kinsey, the oldest daughter of Jerry and Debra (Erb) Kinsey, was born Oct. 1, 1971, in Prineville, Ore. She grew up and attended school in Portland, Ore. When she was a teenager, they moved to Prineville, where Sara met Bill Hunt. The two would unite in marriage on Oct. 14, 1989, and were blessed with a daughter, Susan, and later a son, Will.



The young couple made their home in Burns, Ore., for a few years before moving to Minnesota. They lived in Felton, Twin Valley and Flom before they divorced and Sara made the move to Ponsford in 2015. While in Ponsford, she was quickly embraced by the community and, there, she found her soulmate, Jerry Adams. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, family and a deep sense of community. Together they served on the Carsonville Fire Department, the Pine Point Community Council, and the school board, giving their time and energy to support the community they loved. Sara worked as a Registered Nurse in various capacities and most recently for White Earth Nation. Her last position was with the Harm Reduction program and true to her nature, she dedicated herself to making a meaningful difference in clients she served before her cancer diagnosis forced her to retire this past March.

Sara was a unique individual with a big personality and great sense of humor. She was down to earth and a little bit sassy, but she was also the most honest, loving, understanding and forgiving person you will ever know. Sara loved fiercely and her family and friends meant the world to her. When she wasn't hanging out with them, you could find her crocheting, reading, traveling, playing games on her I-pad or listening to music and the genre often depended on her mood. Sara was also a very talented artist with her specialty being paintings, however she enjoyed crafts of all kinds and beading. Although gone from this life too soon, she will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know and love her.

Sara leaves behind her children, Susan (Josh) Jorschumb of Moorhead, Minn., and Will (Kelsey) Hunt of Ada, Minn.; grandchildren: Colton, Ryker, Raylyn, Rylee, Dasan, WillyAnn, Aaron and Daden; sister, Amanda Kinsey of Lebanon, Ore., niece, Leah Paige Kinsey of Lebanon; and many special family friends including bonus sisters, Missy Moran of Ponsford and Rachel LaFrinier of Detroit Lakes; her Clark family of Ponsford and Joe (Christi Boit) Diaz of Flom, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents; and nephew, Holden Kinsey.

Blessed be the memory of Sara Josephine Hunt.

All-night wake services began Sept. 15, and a Celebration of Life was held Sept. 16, both at the old Pine Point School.

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

Michael "Mike" Charles Neeland

Michael "Mike" Charles Neeland, 51, of Bagley, Minn., began his spiritual journey on Sept. 8.

Mike was born June 5, 1975, in Bagley to Kim Neeland. He continued to live with his grandma Freanette while he attended Bagley High School and graduated high school at the Circle of Life Academy in White Earth. Mike enjoyed his days spending time in the woods, carving and making diamond willows. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and cooking was his love language.



He is survived by his daughters: Taneisha, Morgan and Jordan Neeland; wife, Becky Neeland; brother, Armando Neeland (Daccari Busse); special friend, Danielle Dressler; along with other numerous family members.

Family members welcoming him into the spirit world are his mother, Kim Neeland; brother, Carlos Neeland; grandma, Freanette Neeland; uncles, Frankie and Charlie Neeland; auntie, Mary Neeland; cousins, Henry and Raina Neeland; and good friends, Russell Auginaush and Josette Thunder.

A wake began Sept. 15 and continued until his funeral service on Sept. 16, both at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Interment: St. Philip's Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.
Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Kenneth "Ken" Lee Aspinwall

Kenneth "Ken" Aspinwall, 55, of Mahnomen, died Aug. 29 at Vibra Hospital in Fargo, N.D.

Kenneth Lee Aspinwall, the son of Terry VanOsdel and George Aspinwall, was born on Feb. 19, 1971, in Robbinsdale, Minn. He was raised in the Twin Cities, where he attended school and built many lifelong friendships. As a young man, Ken furthered his education at Minnesota Community College in carpentry.



He met Sabrina Young, and the couple was blessed with a daughter, Raya, and spent many wonderful years together before later going their separate ways. Ken worked numerous jobs while living in the Twin Cities, never shying away from hard work to provide for his family. In July 2001, Ken married his longtime friend, Virgina Briggs in Minneapolis. Together their blended family grew and became complete when they added a daughter, Anabella. In 2006, they moved to Mahnomen where he has resided ever since. While living in Mahnomen, Ken worked in the maintenance department at the Mahnomen Health Center until his health declined.

In his spare time, he could be found playing pool, watching the Minnesota Vikings, playing his guitar, woodworking, golfing, and listening to various types of music. By nature, Ken was more reserved and quiet, but he also had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. What he treasured most was spending time with the people he loved - his family.

Ken leaves behind his father, George (Janell Soyring) of Mahnomen; daughters: Raya (Erik) Thomas of Cook, Minn., Anabella Aspinwall, Cara Briggs, and Nina Briggs all of Mahnomen; son, Craig Briggs of Mahnomen; grandchildren: Avia, Odin and Radian; sisters, Donna Aspinwall of Minneapolis, and Kelly (Josh) Torgerson of Rochester, Minn.; brothers: Scott Aspinwall of Minneapolis, Henry Aspinwall of Arizona and Mitchell (Sarah) Johnson of Maple Grove, Minn.; along with many extended family members and friends who loved him deeply.

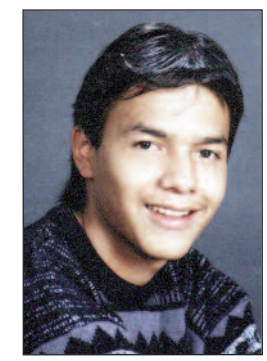
He was preceded in death by his mom, Terry Johnson and his grandparents.

A Memorial Mass was held Sept. 11 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Mahnomen.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

George Louis French

George French, 53, of St. Paul, Minn., formerly Park Rapids, Minn., died on Sept. 24, at Fairview Health in Minneapolis.

George Louis French was born April 9, 1973, in Park Rapids, the only son of John French and Debra Warren. He was raised in Park Rapids by his parents, John and Kathy French and attended school.



Following his graduation with the Class of 1991, George remained in Park Rapids and entered the workforce. He worked as a machinist in Osage, Minn., at Schluters and later in Park Rapids at Straight River Engineering, which is now Team Industries. In June 1999, George married Olivia O'Bannon. He welcomed with open arms, her daughter, Samantha, and together George and Olivia were blessed with a son and three additional daughters to complete their family.

George also worked in construction and together with his brother-in-law, they formed French-Ayers Construction, working in the Park Rapids area. Over the years, George and Olivia made their home in several communities including Ponsford, Park Rapids, Minneapolis, then to Arizona, Colorado and settled in North Dakota. Following Olivia's death in 2015, George made the move to St. Paul, where he remained until his passing.

In his younger years, George enjoyed being in the outdoors, shooting guns, and trapping gophers for the bounty and fishing. As he aged, he liked to play video games, travel and socialize. George loved to be around friends and have a good time. He was kind and caring, yet always joking around showing his great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by many.

George is survived by his parents, John and Kathy French of Ponsford; children: Severin (Aysia) French, Javlyn French, Savannah French, Jordyn French and Samantha O'Bannon; sisters: Carolyn French of Park Rapids, Christina (Tim) Middendorf of Dahlgren, Ill., Trista (Chris) Ayers of Ponsford, and Gabriela (Matt) Hanebuth of Detroit Lakes, Minn.; grandma, Linda Palmer of Clark, S.D.; and several extended family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and wife, Olivia.

Blessed be the memory of George Louis French.

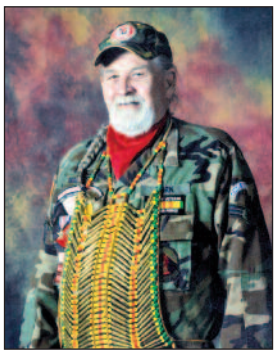
Service details are currently pending.
Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Obituaries

Donald Thomas York

Donald Thomas York, 80, was a Vietnam Veteran and Air Force sergeant. Surrounded by his loving family, he passed away on Aug. 27. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to service and the warmth he shared with everyone around him.

Airman Second Class Donald T. York, the son of Mrs. and Mr. Donald W. York, served at Pleiku Air Base in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. He was a member of the "Red Horse" Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers. This specialized unit was deployed to Vietnam to complete a wide range of construction projects essential to supporting military operations.



During his time with the "Red Horse" Squadron, Airman York and his fellow unit members built several important facilities. Their projects included the construction of a post office, a vehicle maintenance building, and a transient receiver's site, among other structures. These contributions played a vital role in the daily operations and infrastructure of Pleiku Air Base, providing necessary support for personnel and equipment throughout their deployment.

Don York built a distinguished career as a Regional Sales Manager for Napa Filters/Dana Corporation, a role he held from the 1980s until his retirement in 2006. His dedication to his profession was matched by his commitment to community service. Don devoted significant time as a volunteer, contributing to organizations such as the Sons of Tradition, the Boys and Girls Club, the White Earth Honor Guard, and Veterans organizations. He also made a positive impact on the community by employing local youth, teaching them valuable skills in carpentry and entrepreneurship.

Beyond his corporate career, Don was a private business owner in partnership with Laureen Vilas. Together, they operated several businesses, including Rough Fish Company, Anishinaabe Wild Rice, a T-Shirt Company, a powwow vendor, and a gift shop. Through these ventures, Don demonstrated his entrepreneurial spirit and his commitment to supporting local culture and commerce.

Don was an avid outdoorsman, duck hunter, fisherman, trapper, and storyteller. He dedicated his life to his family, cherishing moments spent at family gatherings and one-on-one time with his children and grandchildren. Grandpa Don shared many adventures with his grandson Jimmy, attending gun shows together and teaching him important life skills, especially how to live off the land. Don enjoyed dining out and traveling with his family, and he was known for his spontaneous, last-minute trips that always turned into memorable adventures.

Don is survived by his children: Jeff York, Scott York, Laurie York, and Daniel York; grandchildren: Josie Walz, Hailey Lovgren, Jimmy Uran, Waabishki Ma'iingan Bower, and Waaseyaaban Bower; wife, Priscilla Johnson; and bonus children: Allen Hamm Jr., Mike Hamm, Jason McCarthy, Jon Guenther, Laura Lee Erickson, and Bree Johnson.

Don is now reunited with his dad, Donald W. York; mom, Alma York; brother, Robert York; and grandson, Frederick York.

A family-led Celebration of Life Ceremony was held Sept. 19 at the White Earth Community Center. The White Earth Honor Guard and Air Force provided military honors.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

John W. "Jack" Pannell

John W. "Jack" Pannell passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 22 . John was born on Feb. 26, 1943, in Bremerton, Wash., to John D. and Dorothy Walz Pannell (Thielen). After his father's death in 1946, he moved to Mahnomen with his mother and brother Paul where they resided with his Grandma Walz until Dorothy remarried.



John joined the Army in 1960 where he completed two tours in Germany, one tour in Korea, and two tours in Vietnam in Special Forces. He earned numerous medals and citations while serving his country. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1972.

John married Sandra (Jappe) on March 17, 1973, in First Lutheran Church in Mahnomen. John's work as a Turbine and Measurement Technician at Viking Gas brought them to Chippewa Falls, Wis., in 1979. Prior to this, the couple lived in Red Lake Falls and Frazee, Minn.

John was known as an expert "Mr. Fix it" and was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends, neighbors, and family. When he wasn't tinkering around in the garage, he could be found in the yard with a dog by his side. He enjoyed gardening, visiting with neighbors, golfing, and camping. John was an avid outdoorsman and spent many hours hunting, fishing, and annual hiking trips. John and Sandra enjoyed traveling together, along with their grandson Sebastian. They went to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Las Vegas, and Laughlin. John and Sandra took many trips to local casinos and loved traveling during the Fall to see the leaves changing. John especially enjoyed taking Sebastian on rollercoasters everywhere they traveled.

John dedicated many hours to strengthening the community through the Chippewa School's mentoring program and as a Sunday School Teacher at Central Lutheran, which led to mission trips in Nevada. He was very involved in his son's sports and traveled to Danny's hockey games. He enjoyed watching his son's and grandsons' sporting events and coached Sebastian's soccer team.

After his retirement in 2006, John enjoyed meeting his buddies at McDonald's almost every morning until he was no longer able to. He loved to read, especially the Chicken Soup for the Soul collection. John enjoyed a good game of cribbage and playing cards. His beloved dog, Samantha, kept him company until she passed over the rainbow bridge. His newest dog, Nova, stayed by his side until the end.

John is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sandy" of 53 years; son, Daniel (Kristy); grandsons: Sebastian, Dartagnan (Rudy), Payne, and Mikey Jr.; brothers, G.G. (Greg) Thielen and Marcus "Butchy" (Kim) Thielen; sisters: Mary Kay Jappe, Margaret Larson, and Joanie (Rick) Bruggeman; sister-in-law, Carol Bauer; and brother-in-law, Frank Thompson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Pannell Thielen; father, John "Jonnie" Pannell; stepfather, Greg Thielen; son, Mike Pannell; brother, Paul Pannell; sister, Jayne Thompson; and an infant sister at birth; in-laws, Chester and Murriel Jappe; brothers-in-law, Abe Jappe and Dan Larson; sisters-in-law, Joanne Thielen and Claire LaFriniere; nephew, Gabe Thompson; daughter-in-law, Sonya Pannell; beloved companions, Snoopy and Samantha.

The funeral service was held Aug. 3 at Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, with Pastor Aaron Sturgis officiating.

Interment: Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Mahnomen.

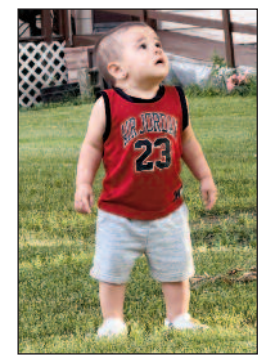
Arrangements: Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel of Chippewa Falls.

Online: www.pedersonvolker.com

Javari Reeves Mendez-Gonzales

Javari Reeves Mendez-Gonzales, beloved son of Austin Mendez and Savanna Charette-Gonzales, passed away as the result of a tragic accident on Aug. 31 at his home.

Javari came into the world just after noon on May 1, 2025, in Fargo, N.D., weighing 7 lbs 9 oz. From the moment he arrived, he was deeply loved. He came home to Twin Valley, Minn., where he spent his days surrounded by a family who adored him and found so much joy in watching him grow.



In his short one year, three months, and 30 days on earth, Javari gave his family more love, laughter, and memories than could ever be measured by time. He was a strong, sweet, big boy with a personality all his own. Strong-willed from the start, Javari had plenty of attitude and wasn't afraid to show it. He brought smiles with his expressions, his determination, and the little ways he was beginning to show everyone exactly who he was.

Javari loved anything fast, especially the sound of fast cars, and was a big Lightning McQueen fan. A true mama's boy, he loved his mama dearly and was happiest in her arms. Javari adored playing with his brother, Jalen, and watching the two of them together was a gift his family will forever carry in their hearts.

Javari was treasured by his grandparents and surrounded by the love of his many aunties and uncles. He shared an especially sweet bond with his great-grandpa Roger. Javari became such an important part of so many lives. He was a son, a brother, a grandson, a great-grandson, a nephew, and a little boy who was loved beyond words.

Though his family would have given anything for more time, Javari's life will never be measured only by the number of days he was here. It will be measured by the love he gave and received, the laughter he brought into their home, the memories he created, and the countless ways he forever changed the hearts of those who loved him.

Javari was welcomed in the heavens with open arms by his grandma, Reva Lynn Beaulieu and great grandma Kathy Charette.

He is deeply missed here by his parents: Austin and Savanna; brother: Jalen; grandparents: Reuben and Roberta Mastin; great grandparents: Roger Charette and Lorraine Chaboyea; and his aunts and uncles: Tiyric, Mateo, Ayden, Jonah, Chelsey, Sadie, Tierra, Lovelyn, Gaberiel, and Sage.

A wake ceremony was held Sept. 3 and Traditional Funeral Services were held Sept. 4, both at Red Lake Community Center in Red Lake, Minn.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Twin Valley.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituary

Gary Allan LaGue Sr.

Gary Allan LaGue Sr., 73, of Waubun, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sept. 15.

Gary Allan LaGue Sr. was born on March 10, 1953, in White Earth, the son of Alvin and Freida (Keezer) LaGue. A member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, Gary carried a deep connection to his family, community, and the people who surrounded him throughout his life.



Gary attended Minnesota State Vocational Technical College, where he earned a degree in mechanics. A man of many talents, he was also an excellent cook and something of a culinary guru to those who knew him best. Over the years, Gary served his community as a member of the Elbow Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was also well known for his work as a self-employed leech harvester.

More than anything, Gary wanted to be remembered for laughing, having fun, and giving the people around him a hard time. His sense of humor was unmistakable, and those closest to him often received the worst of it. As his family puts it, the better the friend, the more Gary would "terrorize" you. His teasing was his way of showing affection, and laughter seemed to follow wherever he went.

Music was another constant in Gary's life. He especially enjoyed Tupac, Smokey Robinson, and DMX, and he loved cruising around with friends and family with the music turned up loud enough for the surrounding communities to enjoy right along with him. Gary also loved loud motorcycles, fast cars, fishing, playing cribbage and Yahtzee, and simply spending time with the people he cared about. One memory he was especially proud of was traveling with his son Shane and seeing the ocean.

In his later years, Gary found himself increasingly drawn to the Christian faith. While he did not attend church on a regular basis, his faith became a more meaningful part of his life, and he held a special connection to Elbow Lake Lutheran Church, located just across the street from his home.

Above all else, Gary loved his family and friends. His door was always open, and he had a way of making people feel welcomed, cared for, and loved. Those who knew him understood just how much he had already given through his friendship, generosity, humor, and presence in their lives. Wherever Gary was, there was almost certainly laughter involved.

And, in keeping with the humor Gary himself would have appreciated, his family says he was a real "Willie Nelson" - exactly what that means is best left to the imagination of the reader.

Those left to honor Gary's memory include his children, Shane LaGgue Sr. of Detroit Lakes, Minn., Beth LaGue of Elbow Lake Village, and Gary LaGue Jr. of Detroit Lakes; grandchildren: Sean, Faith, Shane Jr., Justys, Jarred, Shaynna, Tyler, Matraccia, Tevohn, Lashay, Tabatha, Ambrose, Orion, Holly, and Destiny; and an abundance of great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Judy Conklin and Carol LaGue; nephews, Donny LaGue, Anthony LaGue Jr.; nieces, Sarah Spencer, Ann LaGue; as well as many friends, extended family members, and others whose lives were made a little brighter by knowing Gary.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Freida LaGue; brothers, Dale LaGue and Anthony "Tony" LaGue Sr.; and his granddaughter, Sharon.

Gary will be remembered for his laughter, his music, his generosity, his faith, and the unmistakable way he made people feel at home in his presence. In the spirit of the way Gary lived his life, his family asks that those who knew and loved him "remember the good memories and not sorrow."

A funral service was held Sept. 21 at Elbow Lake Lutheran Church in Waubun.

Arrangements: David-Donnehower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Do your need X-country boots or skis?

The Waubun School Forest has changed all of our boots and skis to the NNN type binding. Now we need to find new homes for our SNS boots and skis.

The ski hut is located at 2541 State Hwy 113 will be open to pick boots and skis on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. We will be asking for a small donation. For more information call 218-473-2575.

Come and hike a trail too. The trails are always open for walking. You can bring a pruner for roots if you want to help clean the new sections of Budda and Bunny trail. There are usually branches to throw off all of the trails too.

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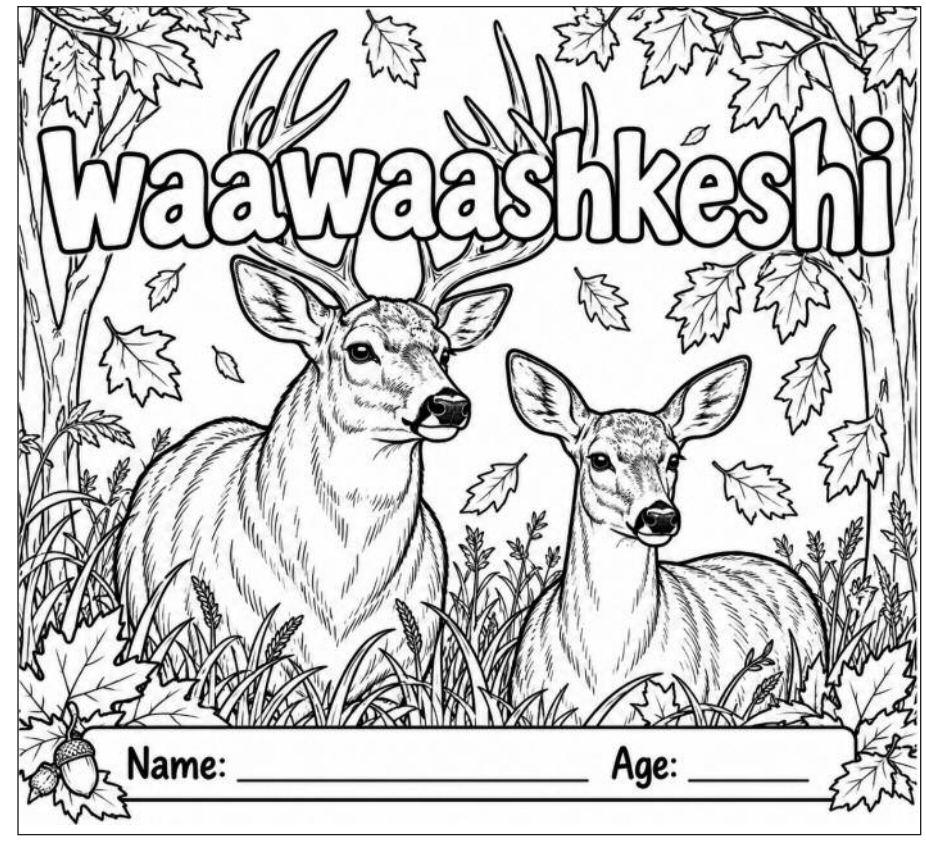
looking for artists in Ojibwemowin coloring contest

White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health is excited to share a coloring page featuring Ojibwemowin! We will highlight an Ojibwe word in future issues of the Anishinaabeg Today 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 in a random giveaway.

We look forward to seeing the creativity of our young artists and celebrating our language together. Miigwech for helping keep Ojibwemowin strong!

Waawaashkeshi – Whitetail deer (describes the white flash of their tail)





White Earth teams shine at softball tournament





Submitted photos

Congratulations to the White Earth Nation Coed and Men's Softball Teams at the United Tribes 2026 Tournament in Bismarck, N.D. The Coed team defended their title from last year and both teams came home as champions. Both teams are all White Earth tribal members. The White Earth women's team also played, finishing 1–2. In addition, White Earth, teaming up with Red Lake and Leech Lake, placed third in the Legends 40 & over women's tournament.

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barrier.

"As an older student, I have learned that the life experience, knowledge, and perspective you bring to the classroom are valuable strengths," he said.

He encourages students to ask questions, seek support, and take advantage of the resources available to them. He also believes it is important for Ojibwe students to remain grounded in who they are and carry their values with them throughout their educational journey.

His own educational journey will continue after WETCC. Following the completion of his AA in Liberal Arts, he plans to return to California and attend Santa Monica College to pursue a degree in UI/UX Design.

He is excited to continue developing his skills in design and technology while learning how to create user-friendly digital experiences. His long-term goal is to build a career with Oracle in Santa Monica, where he hopes to combine his creativity, problem-solving abilities, and technical knowledge.

As he looks toward the future, he hopes his journey will inspire others to pursue their own goals regardless of where they are in life.

His experience at WETCC demonstrates that education can be a pathway not only to career opportunities, but also to personal growth, cultural pride, and a stronger future for oneself, one's family, and one's community.

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

Vote for Taylor (O'Bryan) Engelstad for Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer

My name is Taylor Engelstad & I am a hopeful candidate to fill the open seat of County Auditor/Treasurer in Clearwater County!

- Currently employed by Clearwater County as a Deputy Assessor & licensed as a Certified Minnesota Assessor.

- Prior experience in the offices of Auditor/Treasurer & Recorder.

- Varied background in roles such as: Supply Chain Analyst, Assigned Sales Representative, Local Store Marketing, In-Store Trainer, Server/ Bartender, School Bus Driver.

- Not afraid to learn new things.

- Raised in Clearwater County & returned here with my husband to raise our family.



"I would be honored if you would vote for me in the general election on November 3rd, 2026."

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School Board Meeting and Public Hearing --- Indian Education Programs and Budgets, Technology Policy, and World's Best Workforce Plan

NOTICE

Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools

There will be a public hearing regarding the proposals for the 2025-2026 American Indian Education Program and Budgets, Technology Policy, and the World's Best Workforce Plan

The Public Hearing will take place at
5:30 p.m.
Waubun Media Center
The School Board Meeting will follow the Public Hearing
Wednesday, October 21, 2026

The hearing will include the following:

1. Presentation of Annual Needs Assessment and Indian Policies and Procedures.
2. Overview of Title I, II, & VI, RLIS, Johnson O'Malley, American Indian Education Aid, and Impact Aid.
3. Seek comments and recommendations regarding the programs.
4. Technology Policy/ Internet Acceptable Use and Safety review, feedback, and approval
5. World's Best Workforce Plan review, feedback, and approval

PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING WAUBUN-OGEMA-WHITE EARTH SCHOOL DISTRICT #435 ARE URGED TO ATTEND PARENT/GUARDIAN AND TEACHER FEEDBACK ARE WELCOME ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE SHARE FEEDBACK PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Laurie Johnson, Superintendent lauriej@waubun.k12.mn.us **218-473-6171**
Patti DeGroat, Indian Education Coordinator pattid@waubun.k12.mn.us **218-473-6173**



WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Henrietta Bedeau**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 15328 County Highway 39, Bagley, Minnesota 56621

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The S½ of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 4, Township 143 North, Range 37 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Mahnomen County, White Earth Reservation, Minnesota.

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

Dated: September 30, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Thelma VanValkenburgh**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 132 Center Street, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The W½ of the N½ of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 28, Township 144 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Mahnomen County, White Earth Reservation, Minnesota.

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

Dated: September 30, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the personal property of the Assignee, **Darcy Belland**, whose last known address is P.O. Box 6, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566.

Located at: 137 Center Street, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566

Legal Description of Tribal Land: That part of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 in Section 28, Township 144 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Mahnomen County, Minnesota, White Earth Reservation, (Metes and Bounds).

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

Dated: September 30, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the personal property of the Assignee, **Lenora Jones**, whose last known address is 303 Main Avenue S., Park Rapids, Minnesota 56470.

Located at: 29486 County Road 129, Ponsford, Minnesota 56575.

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 141 North, Range 37 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Becker County, Minnesota, White Earth Reservation.

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

Dated: September 30, 2026

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Jill Ann Thompson

Court File No. **C2026-00043**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 28, 2026 a Petition to Establish Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. A Pre-Trial hearing will commence on November 5, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. at the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at 35500 Eagleview Rd., Ogema, MN.
Please contact court administration at (218) 935-3527 to arrange to appear by Zoom. 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 custody of your child. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: September 28, 2026
Court Administrator

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

Affidavit of Publication

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE)
WHITE EARTH RESERVATION) ss.
STATE OF MINNESOTA)

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Christine Alvarado, DOB: 07/13/1971,
Petitioner,
and
Wesley Warren, DOB: 08/24/1980
Respondent.

SUMMONS **File No. OP2026-00030**

THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

An Order for Protection has been issued on August 14, 2026, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection.

If you fail to respond to this petition, judgment by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

(1)RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
(2)RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER OR ANY OTHER WAY

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Affidavit of Publication

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE)
WHITE EARTH RESERVATION) ss.
STATE OF MINNESOTA)

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Barbara Northington, DOB: 03/08/1966,
Petitioner,
and
Dalton Beyer, DOB: 07/12/1990
Respondent.

SUMMONS **File No. OP2026-00031**

THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

An Order for Protection has been issued on August 28, 2026, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection.

If you fail to respond to this petition, judgment by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Terrance Sampson

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 child in file CP2024-00038. A continued Admit-Deny Hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 29, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: September 30, 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. **CP2026-00015**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 19, 2026, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2026-00015. A continued Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 29, 2026, at 10:45 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: September 30, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

Thank You

Chi miigwech Naytahwaush! It is with great humility and immense gratitude that Gayle and I wish to thank the Board of Education of the Naytahwaush Community Charter School, Director Beth Zietz and the school's dedicated staff, students and community for being honored with a beautiful star quilt during the Harvest Fest. As we reflect on our careers that spans over 40 years, what comes to mind are the amazing students…each one unique, bringing her/his talents and so much potential to school. Thank you, chi miigwech to all of the families that shared their precious children with us making teaching them a 'labor of love.' We truly treasure the star quilt and the significance of this honor.

With respect and love,
Gayle and Brent Gish

New Water Treatment Plant









Photos by Gary W. Padrta

A tour was held Sept. 10 at the new White Earth Water Treatment plant located near the White Earth Powwow Grounds. The group then walked over to the present water treatment plant that was built in 1989 to compare the two facilities. The new building is expected to be completed in early 2027.

Howah Ads

Happy Birthday

Zach Jackson

From the CTCC Crew



Happy 10th Birthday

Vayda Louise Ann

Love You!

Your Family

October 18



Happy October

Megan

I love you Lots!

- Chuck



Happy 1-Year Anniversary

Mr. Smith / Oct. 11th

I Love You



Happy Birthday!

Jenna Oshie - Oct. 6

Love - Your Family

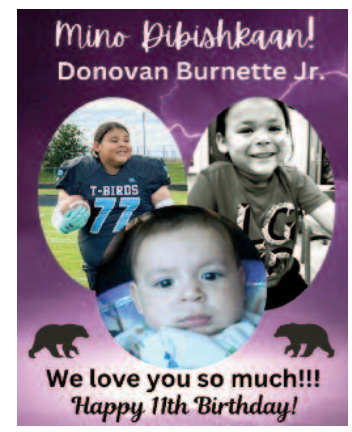


Happy Birthday

Tracy Cogger

-Love Baby Sis





Happy 25th Birthday

Chris - Oct. 13th

Happy 13th Birthday

Alby & Mikey - Oct. 18th

Love, MOM



Happy Birthday Atasha

Oct. 13th

Love momma Becky



Did You Know...

You can read 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 morning of each month.

Happy Birthday

Uncle Allen



Happy Heavenly Birthday

BonBon



Cabin for Sale

Year-around, two bedroom cabin on South Twin Lake. Tribal lease lot #5, fire number 29490.

Selling “as is.”

Asking price $92,000.

Contact Bruce at 320-493-5727

Thank You

A huge Thank You to our wonderful kids, our wonderful son-in-laws and daughter-in-law, all eight of our precious grandchildren, bonus ones included too, also our bonus families - you know who you are, Jerome and Kami, Lisa Mac, Vick and Dave and all others I may have missed. Jerome you should be on Grill Masters - a winner for sure. We love you all! Also B&T Meats, Keith our wonderful photo guy - friends and family far and wide. So many great people and lots of love and kindness. Because of each and every one of you, Beebso’s 80th birthday was a wonderful celebration.

Love, Beebe and Grace Clark

Polaris 4 wheeler – NR Ice Cracking



SOLD AS IS DOES NOT RUN, HAS BEEN SITTING

NO MINIMUM BID

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

Cassandra Hoban, White Earth Finance,

P.O Box 270

White Earth, MN 56591

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

Bidding will close on October 28th,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

Polaris 6 Wheeler – Located NR Ice Cracking



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2013 Chevrolet Tahoe – Located WE Fleet



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PLANTING SEEDS OF RESILIENCE
GIGITIGAADAAMIN MASHKAW'WIZIIMINAM

Monthly Gathering



WEDNESDAY
OCT. 21ST ,2026
3:00PM-6:00PM

WETCC
Community Extension
Building
2250 College Road
Mahnomen, MN

October Focus: Planting Garlic
Seed cohort monthly meetings are ongoing. Join us in the acre garden located behind the Community Extension Building.

Our gathering will include garlic planting education, a hands-on experience and a light meal. Bring any questions you may have, and we will do our best to answer them.

Please dress for the weather.

For more info, call or email
Maria Fatz: 218-936-8349
maria.fatz@wetcc.edu

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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.
- Must sign a contract and liability form upon hire.

Apply at: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: 218-983-3821
Fax: 1-888-228-3650
E-mail address: Matt.smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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

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 info.

Wednesday, Oct. 7:
Biblical Essential Oils with Sue Baker

Wednesday, Oct. 14:
Technology in Schools with Jeff Bisek, former Superintendent of Mahnomen Schools

Wednesday, Oct. 21:
Art Reception: Steve Larson, watercolor painter with Phyllis Tilton's ceramics and paintings

Wednesday, Oct. 28:
Happy Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, Nov. 4 and 11:
Loom Beading with Wendy Roy. For all ages – coloring pages available if we go over 20 max. for looms. RSVP for loom beading: 218-401-0957 or e-mail: 1circlesucc.waubun@arvig.net\

Wednesday, Nov. 18:
Ancient & Heirloom Grains, Flour, Tastes & Stories - Local Flour Milling with the Chisholm Family of Gary, Minn. - Just in time for Holiday baking!

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

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

October 7th, Wednesday	Pine Point
October 13th, Tuesday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals
October 21st, Wednesday	Elbow Lake

- Please note date changes.

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

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 9th, Wednesday	Elbow Lake

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
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 October are…

October 1st Last Farmers Market from 3-6pm Mahnomen Pavilion
October 20th Women's Night Out (preregistration required) Shooting Star Casino
October 28th Naytahwaush Health Fair 9:00-Noon Naytahwaush Complex
Dr. Ung (Foot Doctor) Clinic
- October 26th in White Earth from 9:00 – 4:00
- October 27th Naytahwaush I.H.S. Clinic 9:00-3:30
- October 28th Naytahwaush I.H.S. Clinic 9:00-Noon
- October 28th Rice Lake Community Center 1:00-3:30
- October 29th Rice Lake Community Center 9:00-Noon

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.

VULCAN Double OVEN – LOCATED AT COLA



SOLD AS IS. OVENS WORK- UPGRADED

This item will need to be hauled to new location at the new owner's expense. Will not be repsonsible instalation.

NO MINIMUM BID

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Bidding will close on October 28th,2026 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

GREEN HOUSE – LOCATED AT AG BARN

HWY 200 EAST, MAHNOMEN MN



SOLD AS IS. NEEDS TO BE DISMANTLED & REMOVED

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

Minnimum BID $2,000

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

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:



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Personal Injury, Work Comp., Wrongful Death, Car Accidents, Medical Malpractice, Construction Accidents, Slip & Falls, and Dog Bites

Nycklemoe & Ellig P.A.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

218-736-5673

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JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY!

Located in the Manitok Mall, Mahnomen

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

UPDATED KEY CARD HOURS:

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

White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Prevent. Promote. Protect

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.

Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:45 p.m.
Members present – Betty Robbins, Marva Aitken, Anthony Buckanaga, Gerald Roberts, Allison Jones, John Swan
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks

3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Anthony Bucking to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the June 6, 2026 minutes as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer's Report – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve Treasurer's Report for July 2026 as presented, seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2026 in the amount of $80,090.27 for check #35111 through check #35172 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 No unfinished business

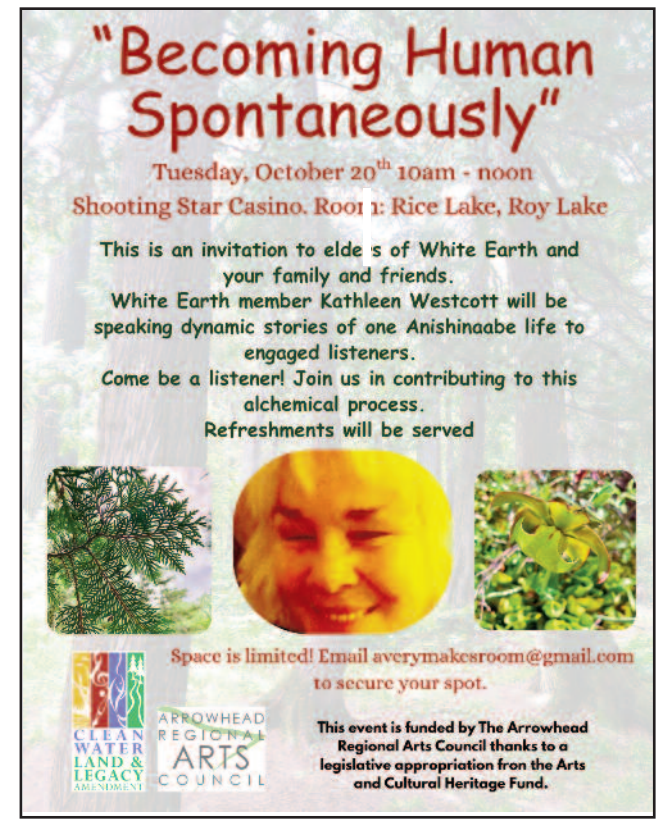
7.0 New Business

7.1 No new business

8.0 Principal's Report – Discussion on Teacher Inservice Days; First Day of School/Open House; Early out on Friday for Pow Wow; Vision/Hearing/Immunization schedule; Head checks; Planning field trip events.

9.0 Public Participation – Pine Point Pow Wow; Graduation event; Meal for Pow Wow

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Betty Robbins. All in favor. Motion carried.



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.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and get involved

Highlights of the NTW Harvest Fest Powwow









Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow was held Sept. 12-13. There were more than 250 dancers and 10 drums. The 2026/27 Harvest Fest Princess and Brave are Ayanna Zornes and Colt Roy.







