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Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Harvest Fest Powwow

September 12th & 13th, 2026 | Naytahwaush, MN

SCHEDULE

Thursday	Blessing of the Grounds, 5 pm
Friday	Warm-Ups
Saturday	10 am Flag Raising 1 pm Grand Entry 5 pm Community Feast 7 pm Grand Entry
Sunday	1 pm Grand Entry

EMCEES
Frankie Graves
& Frank Stech

HOST DRUM
Battle Nation

ARENA DIRECTORS
Thomas Mason
& Lucas Hisgun

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Rob Tibbetts

COMMITTEE SPECIALS

Flowers vs. Feathers
(Men's Woodland vs.
Men's Northern Bustle)
1st \$800, 2nd \$600,
two consolation places

Old Style Jingle
1st \$800, 2nd \$600,
two consolation places

Youth Switch Dance
Committee Giveaway
SNL 2-Step

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

Drum payouts to the first 8 drums registered. Drum roll call before each grand entry. All dancers welcome. Dancers must register before each grand entry.

Vendor Contact: Lew Murray 218-261-1599

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

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

Drug and alcohol free event. Campsites available.



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

White Earth Secretary-Treasurer Jacob McArthur speaks at the Inauguration on Aug. 26 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. McArthur, District 2 Rep. Alrick "Son" Accobee and District 1 Rep. Henry Fox were all honored at the event.

Inauguration 2026

Leaders honored at community celebration

The community gathered together to honor two new council members and a third who is returning at the White Earth Nation Inauguration on Aug. 26 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

Secretary-Treasurer Jacob McArthur, District 1 Rep. Henry Fox, and District 2 Rep. Alrick "Son" Accobee were sworn in by family members, and each spoke to the

crowd about their goals and the positive future for White Earth.

The trio won the in White Earth General Election held June 9. McArthur and Accobee are new to the council and Fox was re-elected to his second term.

For those didn't get a chance to attend the event, they watch on the White Earth YouTube channel at www.whiteearth.com.

Community breaks ground for new Boys and Girls Club in Callaway



Photo by Romyn Hanks

The Boys & Girls Club of White Earth youth, community members, and tribal leaders recently broke ground for a new building in Callaway. The building is expected to open in the summer of 2027.

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Deadline	Issue Date
September 30	October 7
October 28	November 4
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Desiree Linden

Circle of Life Academy introduces new K-12 principal/superintendent

By Desiree Linden

Circle of Life Academy

Principal/Superintendent/Community Education Director

Boozhoo!

Bezhigo binesi nindizhinikaaz. Maang nindoodem. Gaawaabaabiganikaag nindoonjiba. Mahnomen nindaa.

My name is Desiree Linden, and I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new leader of Circle of Life Academy. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, families, staff, and community and to be part of the continued growth and success of our tribal school.

Most recently, I served as the American Indian Education Director for Mahnomen Public School District, where I was part of the American Indian Education program for nine years. Throughout my career, I have developed a deep passion for American Indian Education and a strong commitment to creating educational experiences that recognize, honor, and celebrate the culture, language, history, and identity of our Indigenous students. I believe our students deserve an education that not only prepares them academically, but also helps them understand who they are, where they come from, and the strength and resiliency of their people.

I am an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, and my connection to our community is at the heart of who I am as an educator and leader. I earned my Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from White Earth Tribal and Community College, my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education Leadership with emphasis in Child Development from Rasmussen University, and my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State University Moorhead. In May, I completed my Specialist Degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead, earning Minnesota administrative licensure as a PreK-12 Principal, Superintendent, and Community Education Director.

While education has been a major part of my professional journey, serving and giving back to my community has always been equally important to me. During my nine years with the American Indian Education Program, I had the opportunity to work closely with students, families, tribal leaders, and community members. This included participating in monthly American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) meetings and monthly Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) meetings, where I was able to listen to families, learn from community members, and help advocate for the needs and educational success of our American Indian students.

Some of the most meaningful parts of my work in Mahnomen were the relationships I built with students. I had the privilege of serving as the advisor for the Mahnomen Schools Opichi Drum Group for six years and as the advisor for the Indigenous Youth Council for the past three years. These student groups gave me the opportunity to spend time with our young people outside of the traditional classroom setting. Through drumming, cultural activities, leadership opportunities, college visits, community events, and simply spending time together, these students helped me learn, navigate, appreciate, and truly enjoy working alongside our Indigenous youth. They taught me just as much as I hope I taught them, and the relationships I built with these students will always be an important part of my educational journey.

I have also been deeply involved in my community. I have served on the Mahnomen Tribal Community Council for the past eight years and currently serve as Chair this year. I have also been a member of the Wild Rice Day Committee for the past four years. These experiences have



Desiree Linden

provided me with opportunities to work alongside community members, organizations, and leaders to create positive change and strengthen our community.

I have always believed that if we want to see change, we need to be willing to be part of that change. Rather than sitting back and talking about what needs to be different, I believe in stepping forward, getting involved, listening to others, and working together to find solutions. I carry that same philosophy into my work as an educator and leader.

Outside of my career and community involvement, I am a proud mom of seven children: Lilly (19), Bentley (16), Avery (14), Craig (13), Clayton (12), Tucker (11), and Clairity (10). Life is certainly busy, but I would not trade it for anything. My family keeps me grounded and reminds me every day of the importance of creating schools and communities where children feel supported, valued, and proud of who they are. In my free time, I enjoy reading, beading, spending time at our lake cabin, and, most of all, making memories with my family.

As I begin this next chapter of my educational journey, I am incredibly excited to become part of the Circle of Life Academy community. I look forward to getting to know our students and families, learning from our staff and community, and working together to build upon the strengths of our school.

I believe our children are our greatest investment, and they deserve leaders who believe in them, advocate for them, and create opportunities for them to succeed. My hope is that every student at Circle of Life Academy knows that they belong here, that their voice matters, that their culture and identity are strengths, and that they have a community behind them cheering them on.

I am looking forward to the journey ahead and to the relationships, learning, growth, and memories we will create together.

Miigwech, and I look forward to meeting you!

Tribal offices closed for holiday

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.
Modified services will still be available

WHITE EARTH
PUBLIC HEALTH

LIFESTYLE CHANGE
Class

Balance your habits, monitor your health,
and take control every day.

September 16th, 2026
Starting at 12:30pm

Rice Lake Community Center

CTCC - Family & Youth Prevention

2026 CTCC
APPLE
FEST

SATURDAY SEPT. 26TH | 4:00PM

FOOD | CRAFTS | & MORE

Location: Callaway MN - South West End

WHAT TO BRING:

- A bag for apple orchard
- A chair to relax
- A dish for the Apple Cook/Bake-Off (Prizes for top 3)

ENJOY:

- Local vendors
- Coloring Contest 1st 2nd 3rd 18 years and younger
- Activity & information booth for all ages
- Bouncy Houses By Bounce & Beyond
- FIREWORKS AT DUSK

CTCC & BH are not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or lost or stolen items.

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

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
Niminwendam Waabaminaan!
Manoominikewi-Giizis!
Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-
zookaanag.
Weweni-sago-na
Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See
You!

It is already September, the Rice Picking Moon!
Everyone Be Safe & Stay Safe,
We sometimes we need to remember who we
were as Anishinaabe people. This Haudenosaunee
story is a powerful reminder of the importance of
humility, respect, generosity, and caring for others.
Each Clan had its own longhouse, marked by a
carved symbol above the door. One evening, an old
man arrived in the village. His clothes were torn, his
hair was unkempt, and he was weak with hunger. He
asked each Clan longhouse for food and shelter, but
one by one, the Clans rejected him because of his
appearance; some even made fun of him.

At last, he reached a small, poorly kept long-
house at the edge of the village. A Bear was carved
above the door. The Bear Clan Mother welcomed
him warmly, offering him a place by the fire, her best
furs, and a bowl of corn soup.

The Old Man asked why she would share what
little she had. She replied that the Creator had
instructed them to respect their elders and care for
travelers who came to their village.

While he stayed, the Bear Clan Mother repaired
his moccasins sewing beautiful porcupine quills on
them and cared for him when he became sick. Throughout
his time there he taught her about medicines found
in the forest, including sassafras, and showed her how
different plants, roots, and leaves could be prepared
to treat illness. She carefully remembered his teachings
and promised to share them with her Clan.

After many days, the Old Man recovered and
prepared to leave. The Bear Clan Mother gathered
strawberries for his journey. When she returned, she
saw a brilliant light surrounding her longhouse. A
young man appeared and told her not to be afraid.

“I am Creator,” he said.
She realized that the Old Man had been the
Creator in disguise. He explained that he had visited
every longhouse seeking food and shelter, but the
other Clans had forgotten their responsibility to
respect elders and care for travelers. She alone had
remembered.

As a gift, the Creator had taught her the medi-
cines of the forest. He instructed her to share this
knowledge with her Clan so it could help their peo-
ple.

The Bear Clan Mother promised to keep her
word. From that time forward, the Bear Clan became
known for its knowledge of traditional medicines and
the healing plants of the forest.

The story reminds us that teachings are not only
something we remember, they are something we
practice, protect, and pass on. Respecting elders, car-
ing for others, sharing what we have, and preserving
knowledge are responsibilities that strengthen our
Gaawaabaabiganikaag Ishkoning, White Earth
Nation.



Wild Rice Update

The White Earth Wild Rice Department has been
continually monitoring the ricing lakes and water
levels since spring thaw. We are seeing lower than
average water levels across the state due to low
snowpack over last winter and lack of rainfall over
the spring and summer months. At the time of writ-
ing, the lakes on the reservation and within Tamarac
Refuge were at the flowering stage, which is slightly
later than average.

All the lakes look to have good stand density,
and some lakes are predicted to have better stand
density than last year. Early summer storms uprooted
some plants during the floating leaf and emergent
stages, resulting in some rice bed thinning compared
to an average year. Lower water levels helped the
reservation and refuge lakes to germinate but may
result in a harder harvest for ricers. Lakes seem to be
ripening slightly later than average throughout the
area, on and off reservation. Water levels being
reported across the state are favorable to low for har-
vesting.

The outlook for the 2026 harvest season looks to
be slightly later than average, and ideally dodging
any severe weather, we can have another record-
breaking year! White Earth Wild Rice has purchased
7,600 pounds of rice during the first two days of buy-
ing.

White Earth Wild Rice has also been working
with White Earth Community Councils to develop
educational programs for their communities around
harvesting wild rice. Two community councils have
begun programming to provide workshops on ricing
tools or establishing needs assessments. We look for-
ward to those partnerships to help educate our com-
munity ricers.

We wish everyone a safe and successful harvest
season!

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

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

Thank you for listening and continuing to learn
together.

Take it easy.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

The Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow is September 12-13

WE welcomes Mary Lynne-Billy Old Coyote as incoming Chief Executive Officer of White Earth Tribal Health Systems

White Earth Tribal Health Systems Interim Health Board is pleased to announce that Mary Lynne-Billy Old Coyote, MBA, PMP, PBA, SHRM-CP, PHR, has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer of White Earth Health Services. She will officially begin her new role on Sept. 28.

Mary Lynne brings extensive executive health-care leadership experience across Tribal, federal Indian Health Service, and urban Indian health systems. An enrolled member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Mont., she has dedicated much of her career to advancing healthcare for Native communities and supporting systems of care that reflect the values, traditions, and priorities of the communities they serve.

Her leadership experience includes serving as Chief Operations Officer for the Indian Health Service Uintah-Ouray Service Unit and as Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer of Rocky Boy Health Center, a tribally operated health system. She has also held leadership roles in urban Indian healthcare, state government, healthcare consulting, and national healthcare organizations.

Throughout her career, Mary Lynne has worked with Tribal Councils, Boards of Directors, community leadership, and Tribal, federal, and state partners.

Her experience includes health system operations, financial stewardship, strategic planning and organizational growth, regulatory compliance, workforce development, quality improvement, and partnership development.

Mary Lynne shared that she is particularly drawn to White Earth Nation's commitment to living a good and healthy life. She believes strongly in integrating traditional healing practices, community voice, and culturally grounded approaches into modern healthcare systems to improve outcomes and strengthen trust.

As she prepares to join White Earth Health Services, Mary Lynne looks forward to partnering with the Board, Tribal leadership, employees, and the community to build a strong, sustainable, and culturally aligned health system for future generations.

Please join us in welcoming Mary Lynne-Billy Old Coyote to White Earth. We look forward to welcoming her on Sept. 28 and to the leadership, experience, and commitment she will bring to White Earth Tribal Health Systems and the communities we serve.



Returning to what we always knew

By Ana Kircher

White Earth Tribal Public Health
Community Health Educator II

The Return to First Medicines Gathering brought community members, educators, practitioners, cultural leaders and youth together recently at the Shooting Star Casino for two days centered on medicine, wellness, culture and connection.

Organized through a collaboration between White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health and the Indigenous Peoples Task Force, the gathering carried the theme "Remembering What We Always Knew." Throughout the event, participants explored wellness through traditional knowledge, language, ceremony, movement, relationships with the natural world and intentional care for the mind, body and spirit.

Presentations explored topics ranging from Anishinaabe language and the meaning of Mino-Bimaadiziwin, to traditional foods and medicines, mindfulness, grief, recovery, movement and Indigenous food systems.

Hands-on activities gave participants opportunities to put those teachings into practice. Activities included energy healing, movement, breathing and sound, and conversations around water, tobacco and youth leadership.

Language and culture remained central throughout the gathering with elders, cultural leaders and youth sharing teachings and participating in ceremony.

The second day focused on intergenerational wellness. A Grandmothers Panel addressed the importance of creating supportive spaces for people in recovery, emphasizing that healing takes place in relationship and community. A sunrise ceremony also offered participants an opportunity to begin the day with reflection and intention.

Although the gathering covered a wide range of topics, a common message connected the two days.

Wellness is not necessarily about discovering something new, but remembering and practicing knowledge that has long existed within community.

Through ceremony, movement, language, traditional medicines, connection to the land and relationships with one another, participants were encouraged to carry those teachings beyond the gathering and into their everyday lives.

The event concluded with a gesture of gratitude to Gina Boudreau in recognition of her compassion, dedication and organizational work.

Ultimately, the Return to First Medicines Gathering served as a reminder that many of the tools for healing and living well are already present in culture, community, the natural world and the knowledge passed through generations.



Submitted photo

James Vukelich Kaagegaabaw with Lori Fairbanks. He met many attendees and ensured all had an opportunity to get a photo and autograph.

Join Our Circle of Life Academy Community

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING 2026-2027 STUDENT APPLICATIONS AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT



**NOW ACCEPTING
STUDENT ENROLLMENT
APPLICATIONS**

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open!

Returning student applications were mailed out and must be turned in by August 26, 2026

Find applications at: cola.bie.edu or whiteearth.com

SEND YOUR STUDENT APPLICATION TO:
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Naytahwaush Community Charter School

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Supper will be provided.

Backpacks & school supplies for NCCS students will be distributed.

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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!

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News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

As August wraps up, we feel the shift of season and routine. With students preparing to return to school, we extend our best wishes to all our youth for a successful and safe school year. The long summer days are shortening. Wild rice season is in full swing.

8-3 The Boys & Girls Club of White Earth and tribal leaders celebrated a milestone as they broke ground on the new facility in Callaway, scheduled to open in mid 2027. Staff, youth and community members gathered. The Callaway Boys & Girls Club youth and staff took part in the ceremony. After years without a dedicated gathering place, the groundbreaking represents the return of a community space that will support learning, culture and growth. This building will provide new opportunities for our children, our families, jobs.

8-6 It was a beautiful evening at the Pine Point Community Picnic! Miigwech to everyone who came out and helped make it a great night. The youth enjoyed playing lacrosse, staff grilled hamburgers and brats, blessing of the powwow grounds and a bean bag tournament. It was wonderful seeing our community come together.

8-8 It was beautiful powwow weekend in Pine Point. Everyone missed Mike Swan and his presence was felt throughout the weekend. Miigwech to the Pine Point Community Council and to everyone who worked so hard to make this powwow such a huge success! To the dancers, singers, vendors, volunteers, cooks, and everyone who came out to support—miigwech. Proud of Pine Point and grateful for everyone who continues to keep our community



strong

8-11 Each year the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and White Earth Nation staff and leaders convene for an annual coordination meeting to comprehensively review infrastructure projects within and adjacent to the Reservation. Over the years, these strategic consultations have served as a vital cornerstone for fostering mutual trust, streamlining communication and strengthening the collaborative relationship between both governments.

8-12 Tribal leaders welcomed Minnesota Senator Fong Hawj to the reservation for a visit focused on environmental priorities and ongoing stewardship efforts. During the visit, leaders and the Senator discussed key issues affecting the land and waters, emphasizing the importance of long-term protection for future generations. The day included time fishing on Little Elbow Lake followed by a tour of the reservation. The visit underscored a shared commitment to safeguarding natural resources and strengthening partnerships that support the wellbeing of the Nation.

8-20 It was a beautiful evening at the Elbow Lake Community Picnic. It was great to see everyone come together to enjoy the evening. Miigwech to all the programs that set up informational tables and drawings, and to everyone who helped make the picnic a success.

8-26 White Earth held its inauguration ceremony for newly elected Secretary/Treasurer Jacob McArthur, District 2 Representative Alrick “Son” Accobee and returning incumbent District 1 Representative Henry Fox. Each of us brings different experiences, ideas and perspectives but we share the same responsibility to serve our people, protect our sovereignty and work for the future of our communities. I look forward to what we can accomplish together for our people and our Nation.

8-28 RBC monthly meeting

Miigwech

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Tea Up FOR THE KIDS
1ST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Aakwade'ewin Child Advocacy Center

Saturday September 26, 2026 | **Mahnomen County Country Club**
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4 PERSON SCRAMBLE | **TEE OFF 9:00 AM** | **FUN GAMES, RAFFELS, & PRIZES**
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IN PERSON @ THE MAHNOMEN CLUB HOUSE
All proceeds directly support the survivors & families served by the Aakwade'ewin White Earth Tribal Child Advocacy Center.

WHITE EARTH Community Farmers Market
Growing Healthy Families & Communities

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

JUNE 4, 2026 TO OCTOBER 1, 2026 (WEATHER PERMITTING)
THURSDAYS: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
South Main Street, Mahnomen, MN

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

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

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact: MARKET MANAGER and CO-MARKET MANAGERS, Eva Brakefield or Maria Patz 218-401-3173 or 218-401-4037, eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov or maria.patz@wetcc.edu

The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GAANWAABAABIGANIKAA'G, GABECIKENDASOYIGAMIS

2026 MANOOMINI-GABESHIWIN (WILD RICE CAMP)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- WILD RICE FINISHING DEMONSTRATION (PARCHING, JIGGING, WINNOWING)
- WILD RICE COOKING DEMONSTRATION
- MOBILE WILD RICE HARVESTING DISPLAY
- BAGAA'ADOWEWIN
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- A LIGHT MEAL

THURSDAY SEPT 17 10AM - 6PM
FRIDAY SEPT 18 9AM - 3PM

2250 COLLEGE ROAD | MAHNOMEN, MN

Logos: White Earth Tribal & Community College, USDA NIFA, White Earth Initiative, White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, White Earth Nation Youth Education and Safety.

GETTING A TRIBAL ID OR RENEWAL

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

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

White Earth DMV Licensing

WHITE EARTH URBAN OFFICE

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

Elder Commission election results announced

The White Earth Elders Commission held a general election on Aug. 11 to select two representatives for District 1 and two representatives for District 3.

The following are the results of the election:

District 1

Robin Ankeny - 4 votes

LaVerne Hisgun - 1 vote

Valerie Yost - 3 votes

District 3

Linda Buckanaga - 27 votes

Margaret Rousu - 11 votes

John Swan - 7 votes

Dorothy Zima - 55 votes

Antonette "Tonie" Vizenor - 7 votes

Pat Moran - 15 votes

Candidates filing had to meet the following eligibility criteria per the White Earth Elders Commission By-Laws.

- Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- At least 55 years old on or before the date of the Election.
- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation.
- Must be a resident of their District for a least 12-month period immediately preceding the date established for the election.
- Must be able to pass the background check and meet background eligibility* according to the approved By-laws of the Elders Commission.

Thank you for joining us - Potato Feed coming soon!

By Eva Brakefield

White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

White Earth Tribal Public Health would like to thank everyone who joined us for our recent Farmers Market Corn Feed! We appreciate everyone who stopped by, enjoyed a meal, visited the market, and spent time with us. Your participation and support helped make the event a success!

We're excited to keep the Farmers Market fun going with a Potato Feed coming this September! The official date and additional details will be announced soon.

We hope you'll join us again for another opportunity to enjoy good food, connect with the community, and visit the Farmers Market.

Stay tuned for the Potato Feed date, we can't wait to see you there!

Community invited to Healthy Aging Conference

By Savannah Leiser

White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

White Earth Tribal Public Health invites you to the Healthy Aging Conference on Sept. 22 from 2-6 p.m. at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

Join us for an afternoon focused on healthy aging, wellness, and connecting with valuable community resources. Attendees can visit informational

booths, meet local and regional organizations, participate in activities, and learn about programs and services available to support healthy aging.

The conference will also feature special trainings on Insurance Fraud and Medicare 101, providing helpful information for older adults and families.

Come learn, connect, and discover resources to support healthy aging. We hope to see you there!

White Earth welcomes Senator Foug Hawj



Photo by Sage Thompson

Senator Foug Hawj (67, DFL) recently visited White Earth Nation to meet with tribal leadership and Natural Resources staff to hear the tribe's concerns on water issues affecting the community and to tour Waabigwan Mashkiki's outdoor grow, indoor grow, and dispensary. Senator Hawj Chairs the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee as well as sitting on the Jobs and Economic Development Committee. **Above:** Sen. Hawj (third from right), along with his staff, tribal council members District 2 Rep. Alrick "Son" Accobee and District 1 Rep. Henry Fox, and White Earth Natural Resources staff test the water in the river at the park in Mahnomen.

**WHITE EARTH
PUBLIC HEALTH**

CESSATION/ BREAKING HABITS

NEW DATE
Thursday, 17 September
6:00PM-7:00PM
Shooting Star Casino

GIFT BASKET DRAWINGS

Bring a blanket if you want to lie down for a relaxed experience

Our Guest Speaker
Pam Matchie

White Earth Nation
Tribal Public Health
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White Earth Nation
Tribal Health Division
Mnōw-Bemōochikōōm

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Monthly Gathering

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 26TH, 2026
10:00AM-2:00PM**

WETCC
Community Extension
Building
2250 College Road
Mahnomen, MN

September Focus: Harvest Fest
Seed cohort monthly meetings are ongoing. Join us inside WETCC drum hall to be immersed into the world of Seed Keeping.

Our gathering will include seed saving education, a hands-on experience and a light meal. Please bring any questions you may have and we will do our best to answer them.

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

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MOMS' WALKING CLUB

MAHNOMEN RIVER PARK • TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER • 10:00-11:00AM

Join Us for:

- Health education resources
- Water for moms and kids
- Games and activities for toddlers who need a stroller break.
- Pets are not allowed
- Participation incentives will be awarded.

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

The 2026-2027 White Earth Energy Assistance Program will be accepting applications around the first week in September. 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 with a faster process.

Homeowners should 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.

Small steps can make a big difference

By Savannah Leiser

White Earth Tribal Public Health Nurse

Diabetes is a common health condition that affects many individuals and families. American Indian and Alaska Native communities experience higher rates of diabetes than many other populations in the United States. The good news is that there are steps we can take to lower the risk of developing type 2 diabetes and prevent complications for those already living with diabetes.

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how the body uses blood sugar, also called glucose. Normally, insulin helps move glucose from the bloodstream into the cells to be used for energy. With diabetes, the body either does not make enough insulin or cannot use insulin effectively, causing too much sugar to remain in the blood.

Over time, high blood sugar can affect the heart, kidneys, eyes, nerves, and blood vessels.

There are several types of diabetes:

- **Type 1 Diabetes:** The body does not make insulin and requires daily insulin.

- **Type 2 Diabetes:** The body does not use insulin well and may not make enough insulin. This is the most common type.

- **Gestational Diabetes:** Develops during pregnancy and can increase the risk of type 2 diabetes later in life.

- **Pre-diabetes:** Blood sugar is higher than normal but not yet high enough to be type 2 diabetes.

Who Is at Risk?

Risk factors for type 2 diabetes include having prediabetes, being physically inactive, being overweight, being 35 or older, having high blood pressure, having a family history of type 2 diabetes, or having a history of gestational diabetes. American Indian and Alaska Native people are also at increased risk.

Having risk factors does not mean you will develop diabetes, but knowing your risk can help you determine when to talk with your healthcare provider about screening.

Know the Signs

Type 2 diabetes can develop slowly, and some people have no noticeable symptoms. Possible symptoms include:

toms include:

- Increased thirst, hunger, or urination
- Feeling tired
- Blurry vision
- Unexplained weight loss
- Slow-healing cuts or sores
- Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet

A blood test can determine whether your blood sugar is within a healthy range. An A1C test provides information about your average blood sugar over approximately the past two to three months.

Preventing Type 2 Diabetes

Small lifestyle changes can help lower your risk. Choose water instead of sugary drinks, eat more fruits and vegetables, choose whole grains, include healthy protein sources, and pay attention to portion sizes.

Traditional foods such as fish, wild rice, berries, beans, corn, and squash can also be part of a healthy eating pattern while supporting connections to culture and community.

Physical activity helps your body use insulin more effectively. Walking, dancing, gardening, gathering, household activities, and playing with children or grandchildren all count. Start with what feels manageable and build from there.

Living with Diabetes

If you have diabetes, daily care can help prevent complications. Take medications as prescribed, monitor your blood sugar as recommended, stay active, make nutritious food choices, and keep regular healthcare appointments.

Regular eye, dental, kidney, blood pressure, cholesterol, and foot checks are also important. Check your feet for cuts, blisters, redness, swelling, or sores that are not healing.

Small Steps Matter

Preventing or managing diabetes does not require changing everything at once. Start with one achievable goal, such as drinking more water, taking a short walk after supper, or scheduling a checkup.

Knowing your risk, getting screened, and making small healthy choices can make a difference. Taking care of our health today helps us stay strong for ourselves, our families, and our communities for years to come.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille M. Silk, Chairwoman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

It seems almost impossible that we will be entering the fall season soon and Labor Day is just around the corner. Children and youth will be going back to school for the next nine months and items need to be purchased for school sessions. Many people are harvesting wild rice to buy supplies, and supplement their incomes and pay down debts.

It's been a busy month beginning with the Return to First Medicines Conference held July 28 at Shooting Star Casino for two days. It was a great conference with good speakers and interactive break-out sessions. Food was plentiful and break-out sessions were enjoyable. I would recommend this conference if offered next year to those that did not take advantage.

The WECOE meeting was to be held on Aug. 4 at the Rice Lake Elderly Nutrition site. Unfortunately, there was not a quorum but information and discussion should have happened.

The Pine Point Pow Wow was held on Aug. 8 and 9. The WECOE Council had planned a bake and raffle fundraiser, but there was a miscommunication on the booth we were to use, and we must apologize to the Pine Point Pow Wow committee for the error.

Emily Annette and I were election judges for the District 3 candidates to the Elder Commission held Aug. 11 at White Earth Elder Nutrition site. There was a nice turn-out for the voting.

We were called and invited to a Diabetes Conference on Aug. 20 and we gathered together 10 Elders and bused them to Shooting Star for the full-day event.

On Aug. 26, 13 Elders rode the bus to the Inauguration of our two newly elected District 2 and Secretary-Treasurer positions for the Reservation Business Committee for four-year terms. We enjoyed a delicious meal with all the trimmings and speeches from the newly elected and the District 1 Representative. We were able to gather and socialize with old and new friends and had an enjoyable day.

As Elders, we try to keep busy and always are willing to go to educational workshops as we are never too old to learn and share our stories with others. We encourage Elders to be active by beginning a walk program or light fitness activity. This is what Wisdom Steps is all about in that we begin by taking baby steps and doing an annual physical with your provider.

As I turn my mind toward wholeness and well being, I heal. Streams of healing vitality are flowing in my mind, body, and spirit. The power within me is greater than any condition.

Be healthy and safe!

Lucille Silk, Chair
White Earth Council of Elders

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

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

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative Operation Round Up supports Indigenous Little Free Library in NTW & WE

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative (WREC) has donated \$500 to support the Indigenous Little Free Library, which has locations at the Naytahwaush and White Earth Clinics. The donation was made possible through WREC's Operation Round Up program.

The Indigenous Little Free Library provides free books to children and families throughout the area. Children can choose a book to take home and read at no cost and are encouraged to return the books so others can enjoy them.

"Access to books is a great way to encourage children to read and learn," said Jill Kettner, Operations & Safety Coordinator at Wild Rice Electric Cooperative. "We're proud that Operation Round Up funds can support a program that puts

books directly into the hands of children and families in our communities."

Miranda Otto, Library Steward for the Naytahwaush location, and Linda Otto, Steward for the White Earth location, were grateful for WREC's donation.

WREC's Operation Round Up program allows participating members to round up their monthly electric bills to the next dollar. The funds are then used to support organizations, projects and programs that benefit communities within WREC's service area.

WREC thanks the members who participate in Operation Round Up and help make donations like this possible.



Submitted photo

From left are Henry Burrack - Wild Rice Electric Electrical Engineer, Jill Kettner - Wild Rice Electric Operations & Safety Coordinator, and Miranda Otto - Indigenous Little Free Library Steward.

White Earth Membership Meeting

Moorhead Casino Project: Understanding the Fee-to-Trust Process

White Earth members are strongly encouraged to attend an informational Membership Meeting regarding the proposed Moorhead Casino project and the federal Fee-to-Trust process.

Tuesday, September 15 / Shooting Star Casino

5:30 p.m. - Appetizers / 6 p.m. - Presentation & Membership Discussion

Elected White Earth leadership and the Moorhead Casino project management team will present 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.

The presentation will also review information from the project's Socio-Economic Impact Analysis, a required component of the federal trust application process that examines the potential impacts associated with the proposed development.

This is 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.

White Earth members are strongly encouraged to attend, become informed and take part in this important membership discussion. Miigwech!

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WHITE EARTH NATION WORKFORCE TRAINING

Training sessions are a combination of online learning and hands-on experience at White Earth Nation.

- IT-Cisco Networking (begins September 2026)
- IT-Cisco Cybersecurity (begins January 2027)
- Welding Certificate (begins September 2026)
- Light Construction Certificate (begins January 2027)

You can earn college credit through these certificate programs, which can be directly applied toward an Associate of Applied Science degree if you choose.

NO COST to students. Training includes:

- Tuition & Fees
- Books & materials
- Training equipment, PPE
- Fuel support
- Work readiness
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- Tutoring & support

Training coordinated by Alexandria Technical & Community College in partnership with White Earth Nation, Maadadzi Workforce Center, and White Earth Tribal & Community College



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GET STARTED

If you're ready to start building your future, fill out a short online form to get started.



- alextech.edu/whiteearth

If you have questions about this training program please contact:

Linda Muchow
Alexandria Technical & Community College
lindac@alextech.edu
320-762-4539



WE'RE HIRING

The Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is hiring child care provider consultants for the upcoming cohort 5 classes.



Job Type: Part-Time, Temporary (consultant)/ 4 hours per week.

Schedule: Weekdays, occasional evenings or weekends

Compensation: \$20/Hour

TENTATIVELY OCTOBER 2026- MAY 2027.

SCOPE OF WORK AND CONSULTANT JOB DESCRIPTION ARE IN THE APPLICATION BELOW.



Any questions please email marlenahanson@allnationsrise.com



Your job search ends here
www.whiteearth.com



Out of pet food? Here are easy ways to improvise

Paul's Passion
White Earth Animal Rescue

We've all been there—you go to feed your dog or cat, open the bag, and... surprise, it's basically empty. Before panic sets in, take a breath. Your pantry probably has a few safe stand-ins that can get your furry buddy through mealtime until you can restock.

For Dogs

Dogs are pretty flexible eaters, which is great when you're in a pinch. Here are simple things you might already have:

- Cooked rice or pasta: super gentle and fills them up.
 - Plain veggies: green beans, carrots, or pumpkin work well.
 - Simple proteins: cooked chicken, eggs, or lean ground beef—just keep it plain with no spices or oils.
- Mix a couple of these together and boom, you've got a temporary doggy dinner.

For Cats

Cats can be a little pickier and need mostly protein, but you still have options:

- Cooked chicken, turkey, or lean beef are ideal—eggs can also be added.
- Less of the grain or leave it out. Plain veggies are fine to add.
- Canned tuna or salmon (in water) is fine once in a while, just not a long-term fix.

Again—no spices, no butter, no fancy stuff

Things to Skip

Some foods just aren't pet-friendly. Avoid



onions, garlic, chocolate, grapes, raisins, salty foods, or anything with artificial sweeteners. They can be dangerous, even in small amounts.

Get Back to Regular Food Soon

These pantry options are just temporary. Once you can pick up real pet food, switch back to their normal diet so they stay balanced and healthy. And if your pet has any medical conditions, a quick check-in with your vet never hurts.

White Earth Nation Child Support Program

White Earth Nation Child Support Program is committed to helping families receive fair, effective and culturally appropriate child support services. The program serves families in Becker, Mahnomon, and Clearwater County, both on and near the White Earth Reservation. Our mission is to advocate for children by helping parents establish and maintain regular child support to promote children's health and future success. We encourage clients to communicate with WENCSP workers to keep their information updated to ensure that their case(s) are fully maintained

Services provided by White Earth Nation Child Support:

- Establishing paternity through voluntary acknowledgment, court orders or genetic testing
- Locating parties
- Enforce child support orders
- Establishing child support orders through the appropriate legal process.
- Reviewing and modifying child support orders when there has been a substantial change in circumstances
- Collection and Distribution of Child Support Payments via electronic payment methods for greater convenience and security.
- Assist with applications, forms, payment history requests, and explaining the child support process.
- No fee for applying for services

WHY CHILD SUPPORT MATTERS

Child Support plays an important role in ensuring that children have financial support they need to grow, learn, and thrive. Child Support is not about one parent helping the other- it is about supporting the well-being and future of the child. When both parents contribute to a child's upbringing, it helps provide stability and meet essential needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
WHITE EARTH NATION CHILD SUPPORT
218-935-3512

Community gathers for annual National Night out



Photo by Sage Thompson

National Night Out was recently held at the Waubun football field. The annual event strengthens relationships between residents, local organizations, and law enforcement. There were fire trucks, police cars, ambulance, Lifelight helicopter, bouncy inflatables, food, and more. Above: Ed Snetsinger, a member of the Twin Lakes Fire Department, shows a family how to use a fire extinguisher.

Valley View Manor

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

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

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

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SEPT 12 2ND ANNUAL

Naytahwaush Harvest Fest DART Tournament

\$30 Entry Fee
\$500 Added

12-1:30 PM Sign-ups
Darts fly at 2 PM

BOARDS ON FREE PLAY - MODIFY PLAY - SCORE HOLIO APP

Sign In @ Pinehurst Resort & Lodge



SOUTH TWIN CABIN UP FOR BID

Single family, two-story home, 5BR/1.5BA, sold in AS-IS condition. Lakeshore lease will be available for White Earth enrolled members for an annual fee; the land itself is tribally owned and is not for sale.
 Location: 29558 293rd Street, Waubun, 56566

Open house for viewing and inspection will be held on Tuesday September 22, 2026, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Detailed information, viewing arrangements, and/or full terms and conditions will be made available upon request. Contact White Earth Land Office for information: 218-983-4650

Minimum Bid: No minimum bid
Use this flyer to submit your bid.

Bidding will close Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 4:00 PM

*Bids can be mailed, dropped off, or e-mailed and must be received or postmarked by the deadline

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

WHITE EARTH ENROLLMENT NUMBER: _____
 (ENROLLMENT REQUIRED)

SOUTH TWIN CABIN BID AMOUNT: _____
Minimum bid: No Minimum Bid

If financing, you must attach your lender preapproval letter to bid

Send Sealed bid to: White Earth Tribal Finance,
 Attn: Cassandra Hoban (Cabin Bid), P.O. Box 270, White Earth, MN 56591
 Email bid to: Cassandra.Hoban@whiteearth-nsn.gov – subject: South Twin Cabin bid

AFTER HOURS & WEEKEND COVERAGE White Earth Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Directory
 (218) 935-6320

MAT/MOUD Nurse Line

White Earth MAT: (218) 401-0769
 OMC Residential: (218) 850-9018
 OMC Outpatient: (218) 401-0882

Naytahwaush MAT: (218) 401-0772
 Urban: (218) 401-3871

Oshkaabewiswag - “Helpers”

Mahnomen	Naytahwaush	White Earth
CSO: (218) 570-9836 CHOW: (218) 401-1216 Overdose Response: (218) 401-4668	CSO: (218) 401-0576 CHOW: (218) 401-4693 Overdose Response: (218) 401-2824	CSO: (218) 401-0415 CHOW: (218) 401-1173 Overdose Response: (218) 401-3091
Rice Lake	Pine Point	
CSO: (218) 401-4357 CHOW: (218) 401-3828 Overdose Response: (218) 401-4739	CSO: (218) 570-9526 Overdose Response: (218) 401-0561	

Overdose Response Coordinator: (218) 401-3091
 Diversion & Recovery Coordinator: (218) 401-4070
 Civil Commitment & SUD Crisis On-Call: (218) 850-4226

Mental Health Crisis Resources

- Becker County/White Earth Mobile Crisis: (218) 850-4357 or (877) 380-3621
- Crisis Text Line: Text MN to 741741
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988
- Willow Tree Crisis Beds: (218) 847-4357
- Lakes Crisis & Resource Center: (218) 847-8572

For life threatening situations call 911

Home Stretch

Homebuyer Education Class

Attend **ONE** all-day session to receive a Homebuyer Education certificate

August 19
 September 16
 October 21
 November 18
 December 16

All classes are 9am to 5pm at
Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen MN

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20th annual Pine Point Demolition Derby winners

The 20th annual Pine Point Demolition Derby was held Aug. 7. The Derby was of several events celebrating the Pine Point Tradition Pow Wow weekend. The following is a list of winners.

- Full-size Chain**
1st - Chad Eischens, 2nd - Riley Deitchler, 3rd - Jake Eischens
- Bob Adams Oh Shi award** - Andrew Dahl.
- Bob Adams Bonestock Class**
1st - Harley Boosh (also overall MADDOG), 2nd - Tim Annette, 3rd - Nate SB Norcross
- Unified Compact**
1st - Robert Kansas Smith, 2nd - Dougie Bruguier, 3rd - Steven Bowman
- Powder Puff winner:** Lilian Annette
- JR Clark Best Paint:** Kinny Sam (Bat Mobile)
- Power Wheels**
Lil Kansas Smith, Micah, and Aiyanha

Greenfeather.

Event organizers would like to thank the following people and organizations:

Carsonville Fire Department for keeping everyone safe and cool! Willie Jensen trucking for bringing their skid steers and helping everyone load their cars after the show made run so smoothly. Andrew Dahl for bringing his skid and doing track maintenance to help make track loosen up and safe for our fans and drivers. Frank Stech for bringing his sounds out and Ricky Smith for announcing. Derrick, Justusts, Big and Lil Dougie for helping flagging. Nicole Bellanger, Cataleya and Cruz, and Squid for taking care of doors. Pine Point Community Council for their continued support, and the Creators Place for t-shirts and all the great stands they set up at the derby. It took everyone's help to have our best show in some years. It was great and we couldn't have asked for a better day!



Photos by Tiffany Swiers

The 20th annual Pine Point Demolition Derby was held Aug. 7 during pow wow weekend. **Top:** Derby winners. **Bottom:** Cars line up to begin the battle.

HEALTHY AGING HEALTH FAIR

September 22nd | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
at Shooting Star Casino

RESOURCE BOOTHS AVAILABLE!
Connect with local and regional organizations offering information, services, and support for healthy aging, wellness, and community resources.

TRAININGS AVAILABLE:

INSURANCE FRAUD
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

MEDICARE 101
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

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218-401-2641

HOW TO SUBMIT A DEER HEAD

Follow these steps!

1

Remove the deer head with at least 4 inches of neck. Be sure to also remove the antlers!

2

TAG!
Grab one of the tags provided and place it in the deer's ear.

3

SCAN!
Scan the QR code and complete the survey.

4

BAG!
Place head inside red bag & secure with zip tie. Do this again with the black bag.

5

FREEZE!
Place deer head in the provided freezer & you're done!

Stations for deer head drop offs for CWD testing

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

877-410-8550

anonymous crime and elder abuse tip line

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

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Jodi Lunde
WEII Community
Services Coordinator
218.844.7029

VITA
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

*Volunteer
with us!*



Sue Trnka
WEII Community
Services Coordinator
218.844.7029

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2027 TAX SEASON!

Volunteer tax preparers are needed for White Earth Investment Initiative's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for next tax season. Training starting this fall! Call Jodi or Sue to talk about this great opportunity to help your community!

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BARGAINS OF THE MONTH

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Oil: 5W-20, 10W-30, 5W-30 or
10W-40 114 773, 777, 780, 784



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Tie-Down 548 414

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SAVE OVER 40%
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Stop by the Mahnomen True Value store and see Ryan and Paige or give them a call at 218-935-5148.

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

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SHOOTING STAR BAGLEY 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
11:30AM-11:30PM

\$10 Star Cash*

\$12,500 total Hot Seats drawings

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Cornhole tournament - 1:30PM

**Guests 18 years+*

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Community participates in Breastfeeding Walk

WIC and Tribal Home Visiting Program (LIFE) hosted a Breastfeeding Support Walk for Indigenous Milk Medicine Week held Aug 14 in the Waubun City Park. We had 16 moms attend, with a total of 38 people in attendance including family members.

The WIC program supports the nutritional well-being of pregnant and postpartum individuals, infants and children under the age of 5. WIC supports families by encouraging them to access healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to services. WIC staff can be reached at 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247.

The Tribal Home Visiting Program supports self-sufficiency while enhancing the health and well-being of participating families. We utilize two evidence-based models: Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents as Teachers (PAT).

NFP focuses on serving pregnant individuals and families with children up to age two. Nurse home visitors offer in-home preventive care, build supportive relationships, deliver the NFP educational curriculum, and provide assessments, instruction, and referrals tailored to each family’s needs.

PAT serves families with children ages two through five. Parent educators offer personalized guidance, model educational activities, use a researched-based curriculum to support child development, and connect families with appropriate resources. To learn more about the program or make a referral please call/text 218-401-2799.



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There were prize drawings, family photos, learning stations, local resources and lunch.

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Photos by Gary W. Padrta



HIRING

JAMBOREE 09/10/2026

White Earth Tribal Health Systems
(Formerly known as I.H.S.)

• Review Job Descriptions for Open Positions
• Fill out an application
• Interview with Hiring Mangers

WHEN
Thursday, Sept 10th
• 9-11 AM Naytahwaush
• 1-3 PM White Earth

WHERE

- Naytahwaush Service Unit located at 2471 310th Ave Mahnomon, MN
- White Earth Service Unit located at 40520 Co. Hwy 34 Ogema, MN

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

- Job Application
- Updated Resume or CV
- Valid ID's
- A winning attitude!

Visit whiteearth.com to download our application.

Email completed application to the Health Board at: healthboard@whiteearth-nsn.gov

HIRING

JAMBOREE 09/10/2026

White Earth Tribal Health Systems
(Formerly known as I.H.S.)

DEPARTMENT **POSITION** **WAGE RANGE**

Health Information Management	Medical Record Technicians (Coding)	\$45,409 - \$65,599
	Medical Record Technicians (Scanning)	\$45,409 - \$65,599
Business Office	Billing Specialist	\$50,460 - \$65,599
	Medical Support Assistants (Registration/Appointments)	\$36,409 - \$65,599
Lab	Clinical Lab Scientist (CLS)	\$72,849 - \$140,165
	Medical Technician (MLT) or Phlebotomist	\$50,460 - \$65,599
Environmental Services	Custodial Worker	\$21.48/hr - \$25.07/hr
Nursing	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)/Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)	\$56,635 - \$80,136
	Healthcare Technician	\$45,409 - \$59,031
Purchase Referred Care	Patient Benefit Coordinator / Contact Representative	\$55,882 - \$72,644
Information Technology	Information Technology Specialist	\$45,409 - \$65,599
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Dental	Dental Hygienist	\$76,376 - \$90,695
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	Medical Support Assistants	\$36,409 - \$65,599
	Medical Instrument Technician	\$54,307-\$84,398
Physical/Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapist	\$74,678 - \$116,362
	Administrative Support Assistant	\$40,736 - \$65,599
Medical Staff Office	Administrative Assistant (External relations)	\$40,736 - \$65,599
	Administrative Support Assistant	\$40,736 - \$65,599
Sterilization	Medical Instrument Technician / (Supply Technician)	\$54,307 - \$70,599
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Must pass Criminal Background Check
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Winners of the recent Joe Bush Memorial 5K in Pine Point.

Community gathers for Joe Bush Memorial 5K

The Joe Bush Memorial 5K Walk/Run held Aug. 8 during the annual Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow weekend. They had 178 participants.

The event was sponsored by the Pine Point Committee and the names on the shirts were community members who passed from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. It was a beautiful day for a run/walk and everyone who passed the finish line was smiling and having fun.

The overall top finisher was Jason Belland with a time of 22:40 in the **Adult Men** division, 2nd - Curtis Stone, 3rd - Peyton Leroy.

Adult Women: 1st place - Ava Mart, 2nd -

Mercedez Bellanger, 3rd - Carleen Arthur

0-12 Boys and Girls: 1st place - Scott Arthur, 2nd - Jada Quinn, 3rd - Kataleyah Greenfeather.

Senior Men: 1st place - Joseph Vizenor, 2nd - Ron Buckanaga, 3rd - Mike Smith

Senior Women: 1st place - Angie Bellanger, 2nd - Emily Annette, 3rd - Bonnie Fairbanks.

Some finishers left before medals were given so officials went with the next person in line.

The bikes were graciously donated by Bob and Maureen Headbird. Winners of the Bikes were Zayden Leigland-Robbins, Athena, Jada Quinn and Randy Kettle Jr.



The Joe Bush Memorial 5K Walk/Run had 178 participants during the annual Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow weekend.

Top: Community members line up to start the event.

Right: Winners of the bikes donated by Bob and Maureen Headbird.



Submitted photos



Photo by Shannon Eck / Lens Lily Photography

Amy has been sober since July 15, 2018.

“Finding my way to heaven”

A little over eight years ago, I finally got sober. Today, I can look back on the darkest chapters of my life and see not only how far I have come, but how many people helped me find my way back.

I grew up in a family where drinking was simply what we did. We drank when we were happy, sad, angry, celebrating or hurting. We gathered often, and we drank a lot. I never thought I had a drinking problem. I just thought I drank “like a guy,” and I thought that was cool.

After my third child was born, I began suffering from headaches and was prescribed large amounts of pain medication. Those pills did far more for me than alcohol ever had, and I quickly became obsessed. At first, they felt like magic. I became very good at convincing doctors that I needed them. Eventually, though, I needed more and more, and my life began falling apart.

I went to rehab, but instead of finding recovery, I found new people who could help me get drugs. I switched between uppers and downers—whatever I could get from doctors or other people. Nothing was ever enough. I was living in hell.

My greatest fear was losing my children. Then, one night, everything came crashing down. I was with people I should never have been with. I had been experiencing seizures because of my pill abuse, and that night I faked another one. When the ambulance arrived, I was taken to the police station to wait for someone to pick me up.

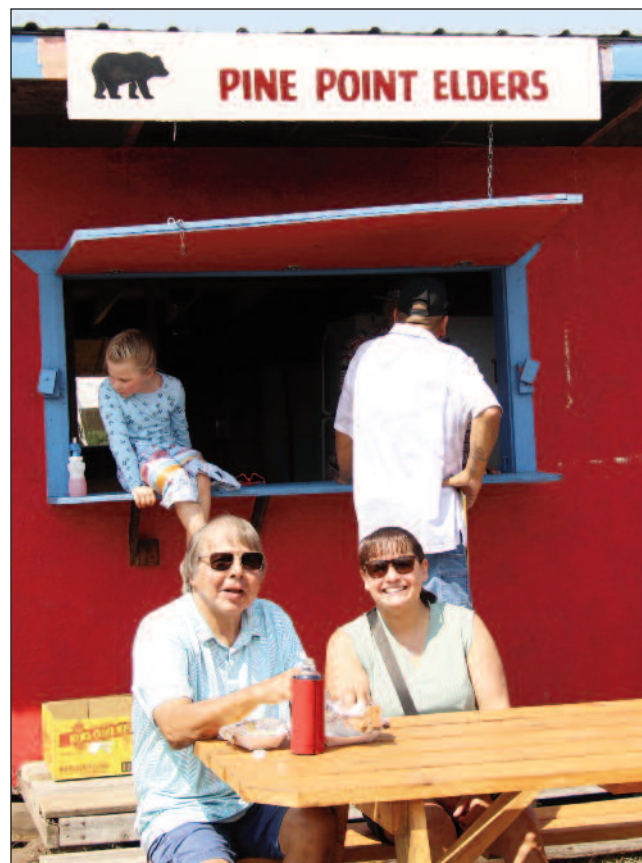
While I was sitting there, I took all the pills I had. At that point, I didn’t care whether I lived or died. I will never forget the look on the police officer’s face when he returned to the room.

After being hospitalized for the seventh or eighth time, something finally changed. The hospital would no longer give me the medications I demanded. My parents told me I could not come home or see my children. We had been living with them because my children deserved stability, and I could no longer provide it.

Someone at the hospital told me about the Salvation Army in Chicago. I lived in the suburbs, and I knew this was my last chance.

See Amy Page 29

Highlights of the annual Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 8-9. They had 344 dancers and nine drums. The new Pine Point Princess and Brave are Daynalea Clark and Jameson Bellrock.



Enaadiziyang Forest

New parcel designated a tribal youth recreation area

White Earth youth face numerous challenges, which underscores the urgent need for safe access to outdoor cultural learning. Consistent outdoor education with trusted mentors not only alleviates stress and builds accountability but also helps bridge the generational gap between Elders and youth, ensuring the transmission of our Anishinaabe history and traditions.

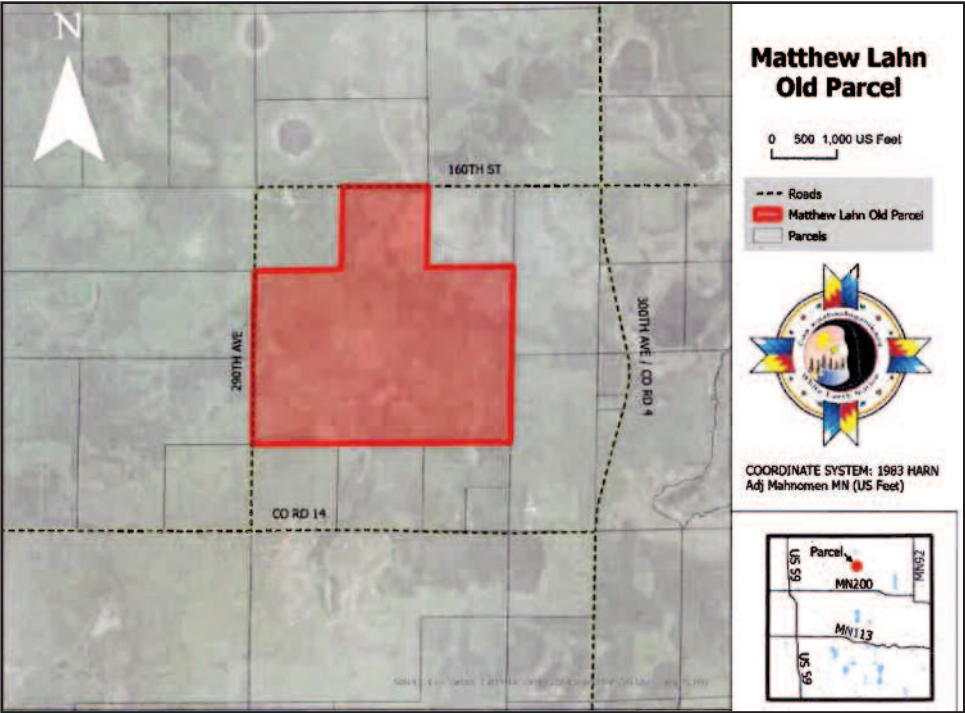
White Earth Natural Resources has designated a recently acquired 282-acre parcel in Mahnomen County as a Tribal Youth Recreation Area. This land will be known as the White Earth Enaadiziyang (Our Way of Living) Forest. This land is located six miles north of Mahkonce on County Road 4.

Currently, tribal youth event coordinators rely on outside entities and fluctuating permissions for private lands, leading to instability in organized youth involvement. By establishing a dedicated nature area for youth, White Earth Natural Resources can provide a stable environment where cultural and traditional activities can flourish, safeguarding our ancestral ways for future generations.

This land will ensure a permanent, safe environment for culturally grounded youth activities facilitated by Natural Resources and will become the cornerstone of youth wellness, prevention and culture identity programs. There is a clear need for a designated youth space that:

- Supports our Tribal Nation’s goals of youth development and revitalization.
- Promotes physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and well-being.
- Teaches protection of culturally significant resources.
- Provides consistent, all-season programming access.

- Increases safe instruction education opportunities
 - Strengthens our youth intergenerational learning.
- Program Objectives**
- Promote substance use prevention and mental health wellness initiatives in collaboration with appropriate White Earth Divisions.
 - Create sustainable hunting grounds to teach and utilize and for traditional deer and bird hunting education.
 - Host youth safety certification courses.
 - Study and promote responsible stewardship of culturally significant medicines and plants
 - Educate on forest health, protection and management
 - Promote spiritual wellness and education
- Implementation**
- To ensure the proposed land area and environment is suitable for the intended programming, team members conducted early site assessments and initiated light habitat stewardship activities, such as mowing and selective panting. These actions were undertaken to evaluate land conditions, support habitat health, and confirm that the space can effectively meet the long-term goals of the program.
- Phase 1:** White Earth Enaadiziyang Forest has assigned a 10-year lease to the Park and Recreation Program from the Land Office. Start the maintenance of the land, so we can prepare for youth programming within the boundaries of the property. Site preparation: rebuild and fix entry gates and purchase signage to block off and mark the boundaries at all the entries. Install nec-
- See Forest Page 26



Map courtesy of Logan Stech / White Earth Land Department

Parcel lines of the Enaadiziyang Forest.



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Raelene Ostberg was the opening keynote speaker at the 22nd Annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference on Aug. 12 at Shooting Star Casino.

United for Children

22nd Annual Brain Development Conference

On behalf of the Communities Collaborative Brain Development Planning Committee, we would like to say “Miigwech” to all who attended, supported, and made the 22nd annual conference happen – “United for Children.”

Approximately 500 participants attended. They included parents, teachers, health professionals, educators, social workers, grandparents, policy makers, vendors, speakers, drummers, Veterans, Native Braves and Princesses, and community members.

Special recognition goes to our event host Shooting Star Casino, Hotel & Event Center and their staff. The atmosphere and speakers provided strategies and encouragement to fuel everyone’s passion with knowledge to feel competent in day-to-day endeavors as they continue to support children, families, communities, our state, and our nation.

We look forward to seeing you at next year’s conference on Aug. 10-12, 2027.



Native author and publisher Elizabeth Albert-Peacock speaks during a breakout session on Aug. 12. She and her husband run a Native-owned publishing company.



INDIGENOUS PARENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE COHORT 5 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

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	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	11am-1pm	
	Nijiji Radio	ENP Site	Sports Complex	
7	8	9	10	11
Closed	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
14	15	16	17	18
Closed	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
21	22	23	24	25
Closed	Waubun	Mahnomen	Closed	Closed
	11am-1pm	11am-1pm		
	Community Center	College parking lot		
28	29	30		
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Applications are available at Community Centers, ENP sites and Naytahwaush Complex
Hours are subject to change due to weather and closure for holidays
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White Earth Food Shelf Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Reservation youth compete in Fond du Lac



The 4th Annual Gichigami-Baaga'adowewin Aazaabandaagewin was hosted in Fond du Lac.

Youth from the Naytahwaush community participated in youth and community games and were immersed in ceremony, Anishinaabemowin and Baaga'adowewin on Aug. 1.

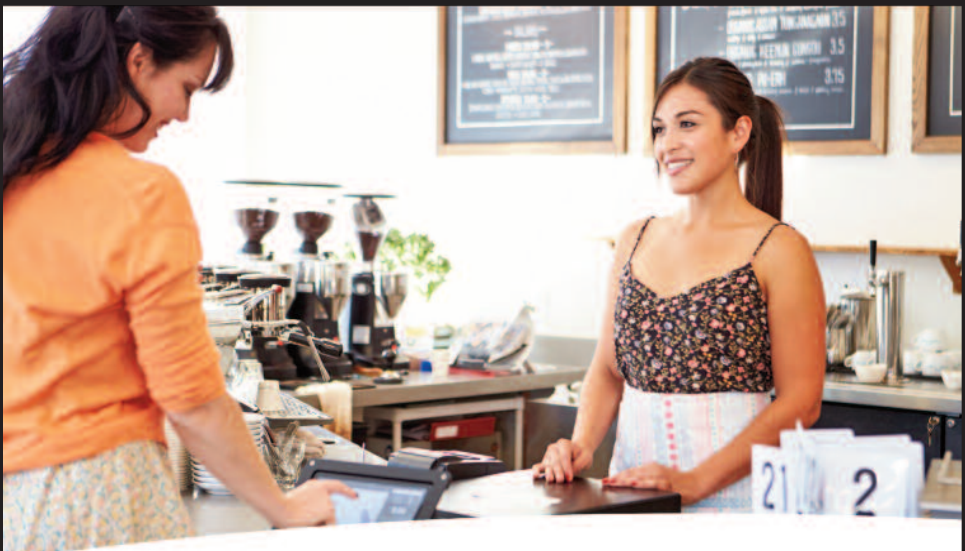
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Community gathers for Diabetes Conference



Photo by Sage Thompson

The White Earth Nation Diabetes Conference was held Aug. 20 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. The theme was “Stronger Every Day.” The event offered a day of learning, support and empowerment. **Above:** Jeff Olson, an EMT and education coordinator with the White Earth Ambulance Service, speaks on “How to Support Your Health While Living With Chronic Illness.” The conference was hosted by White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health and White Earth Behavioral Health.



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Monday's- Rice Lake Community Center
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6pm

Tuesday's- Pine Point Community Center
48580 Pow Wow Highway
218-570-8926
6pm

Wednesday's- Naytahwaush BH Building
2468 310th Ave (Mahanomen Address)
218-401-4693
6pm

Thursday's- Pine Point Community Center
48580 Pow Wow Highway
218-401-0561
6pm

Friday's- White Earth WESA
35707 County Highway 21
218-401-3081
2pm

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Dr. Noorie Brantmeier, from left, Cyndy Rastedt, RN, PHN, Gina Boudreau, and White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks take time out for a photo at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) National Tribal Health Conference in Chandler, Ariz. They were there to share White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health's journey toward achieving public health accreditation. The presentation highlighted the dedication, collaboration, and commitment that continue to strengthen the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health system and advance the accreditation process.

Walking the Path of Accreditation: Sharing White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health's Story at the National Indian Health Board Tribal Health Conference

White Earth Tribal Public Health staffers Gina Boudreau, Cyndy Rastedt, RN, PHN, and Dr. Noorie Brantmeier had the honor of presenting at the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) National Tribal Health Conference in Chandler, Ariz., where they shared White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health's journey toward achieving public health accreditation.

The presentation highlighted the dedication, collaboration, and commitment that continue to strengthen the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health system and advance the accreditation process. This work goes beyond meeting standards. It provides an opportunity to evaluate how services are delivered, identify opportunities for improvement, and build a stronger foundation for the health and well-being of our community.

Strong partnerships have been essential to this journey. White Earth Tribal Public Health is grateful for the collaboration and support of our partners, as well as the many individuals who have shared their knowledge, guidance, and expertise. We are equally grateful for the leadership and continued support that help move this important work forward.

Public health accreditation represents an important step for our Tribe. It reflects our commitment to

quality, accountability, continuous improvement, and culturally responsive public health services. The accreditation process also strengthens the systems and processes that support our ability to respond effectively to the needs of our community.

Sharing our experience with Tribal health professionals from across the country was especially meaningful. Each Tribe brings its own strengths, experiences, and priorities, creating valuable opportunities to learn from one another and highlight the innovative work taking place in Tribal communities.

Accreditation is not simply a destination; it is part of an ongoing commitment to excellence and improvement. The process strengthens how we deliver public health services today while helping build capacity for the future. White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health was the first in Minnesota and the ninth in the Nation to receive Public Health Accreditation.

Presenting at the National Indian Health Board conference reinforced the importance of this work and the collective impact of strengthening Tribal public health. Our journey toward accreditation reflects White Earth Nation's commitment to a healthier, stronger, and more resilient community for generations to come.

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Praise for *An Ojibwe Home in the City*

“*An Ojibwe Home in the City* is a powerful story of survivance. Reaching back in time to examine the ways that White Earth Ojibwe women first started making Minneapolis a place that could be home, Sasha Maria Suarez champions their critical organizing and community building and reveals how the foundation they created continues to grow, now holding up a new generation.” — Jill Doerfler, author of *Those Who Belong: Identity, Family, Blood, and Citizenship among the White Earth Anishinaabeg*

About the Author

Sasha Maria Suarez, direct descendant of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, is assistant professor of history and American Indian and Indigenous studies at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

For more information, visit the book’s webpage: www.upress.umn.edu/9781517917913/an-ojibwe-home-in-the-city/

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22nd Annual Brain Development Conference



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The 22nd Annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference was held Aug. 11-13 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Participants enjoyed keynote speakers and several breakout sessions. Almost 500 people attended the three-day event. **Above:** Brenda Lowe speaks at her breakout session - “A Conversation About Expulsion in Early Childhood Education.”

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2026

8 AM Memorial Walk

11 AM Harvest Fest Parade

1:30 PM BINGO under the Big Tent

2 PM Partridge Shoot

3 PM Cribbage Tourney

4 PM Tug of War

5 PM Pie Eating Contest

6 PM Canoe Racing

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2 PM Dart Tourney

3 PM Horseshoes

6 PM Looney Races

11 AM Volleyball Tournament

1:30 PM BINGO under the Big Tent

2 PM Beanbag Toss Tourney

3 PM Fill the Rez Ride Contest

4 PM Frybread Contest

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Iron Range Area Community Council

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

Anishinaabe Law Conference planned for Oct. 25-27

By Amy Myszko
Niibi Center

Niibi Center is excited to announce official dates for the 3rd Anishinaabe Law Conference, which will take place Oct. 25-27 at the Shooting Star Casino.

After a year off due to organizational changes, we are hopeful to reconnect with the local White Earth Community in a good way around discussions relating to Natural Law. The conference will once again be free for all Tribal members, students, veterans and those who cannot pay due to financial hardship.

On Sunday, Oct. 25th, we will begin the conference in the mid-afternoon with a feast and have an evening Elders panel, along with a keynote featuring land-based teachings from Lindsay Barrows. Other potential speakers for the conference include Leanne Simpson, Sharon Day, Renee Gunneau, and Aimee Craft, who will be returning for a second conference.

One new aspect of this year's conference will be

a youth component, with land-based activities, as well as an art exhibit at the finale of the conference. We will also facilitate working groups and breakout discussions to make plans to continue the work of adapting natural law and indigenous wisdom into existing legal systems.

The 3rd Anishinaabe Law Conference will be funded in part by the Earl and Kathy Hoaglund Sacred Manoomin Fund and Carleton College, along with support from the White Earth Tribal Council and the Shooting Star Casino.

The Sacred Manoomin Fund has general scholarships available for Tribal members and descendants, learn more about applying here: <https://catholicrurallife.org/earl-and-kathy-hoaglund-sacred-manoomin-fund-native-american-scholarship-application/>

Miigwech for the ongoing community support we have received to continue hosting these important conversations and watch for next month's AT for information regarding registration.

White Earth Elders win golf championship



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White Earth Elders John Fairbanks, left, and John Buckanaga won the Senior League Golf championship at Forest Hills-Black Diamond Golf Resort on Aug. 26 in Detroit Lakes.



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 morning of each month.

Diabetic Bingo

September 2nd Naytahwaush

September 9th White Earth

September 23rd Rice Lake

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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

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

Elders Suggested Donation \$4

Guest Meals \$6

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"White Earth Elder Eating Good"

White Earth Elder Wellness Program

Waatebagaa (Leaves Changing Color Moon)- September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Mac hotdish Breadstick Peas Pears	2 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	3 Sloppy Joes Potato wedges Broccoli Salad Sliced apples	4 Au Gratin potato Sliced ham Green beans Hawaiian roll Fruit cocktail
7 	8 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Garden Salad Mixed Veggies Grapes	9 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	10 Crispy Fish Sandwich French Fries Pickle Spear Mandarin Oranges Cookie	11 Beef Roast Mashed potatoes Steamed broccoli Banana
14 Seasoned pork chops Stuffing Corn Cranberry sauce	15 Beef stew Biscuit Garden salad Orange	16 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	17 Baked chicken Mashed potatoes Mixed veggies Dinner roll Apricots	18 Pulled pork Sandwich Baked beans Coleslaw Tropical fruit
21 Vegetable wild rice soup Turkey sandwich Pineapple Cookie	22 Beef tips w/gravy Egg noodles Country veggies Wheat bread Peaches	23 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	24 Birthday Lunch BBQ Ribs Mac n Cheese Broccoli Angel food cake w/berries	25 Scrambled eggs Hash brown Sausage links Berry parfait Muffin
28 Chili Corn bread Side salad Apple crisp	29 Meatballs and gravy over mashed potatoes Steamed broccoli Peaches & roll	30 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread		

White Earth Food Distribution

September Store Hours

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

Nutrition Education with Shirley: Monday, Sept. 14, 21, 28

Sept 4: Bagley, Naytahwaush home deliveries, no distribution at store

Sept 7: Closed for Labor Day

Sept 11: Mahnomen, Waubun, no distribution at store

Sept 18: White Earth, Biimaadiiziwiin Home deliveries, no distribution at store

Sept 25: Detroit Lakes, Ponsford home deliveries, no distribution at store

Sept 30: Closed for inventory, no distribution at store

No distribution at store on Fridays

White Earth WIC



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	3 Pine Point Community Building 9:30-1:30	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	5
6	7 CLOSED	8 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	9 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	10 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	11 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	12
13	14 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	15 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	16 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	17 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	18 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	19
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Obituaries

Kaylee Marie (Lefebvre) Smith

Kaylee Marie (Lefebvre) Smith, 36, of Mahnomen, passed away on July 29 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Kaylee was born on Aug. 17, 1989, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Scott and Deanna (Doty) Lefebvre. She graduated elementary school from St. Michael’s Catholic School and then graduated high school from Mahnomen with the class of 2008. Kaylee then went on to attend Rasmussen College to study accounting.



Kaylee had an incredible work ethic, starting with babysitting as a young girl, then, from working at Thrifty White Drug Store during her high school years, to eventually finding her life career with the Human Resources Department at the White Earth RBC.

With her big heart, kindness, patience and grace, she would go above and beyond to help anyone who needed it, never putting herself first.

Kaylee was blessed with three children: Stephen (19), Karidee (17), and Emma (14). Although becoming a mother at a young age, she was naturally amazing at being a mom. She did whatever it took to provide for them, and with her crazy and bubbly personality she has left them with so many wonderful memories of laughter and “Oh my God Mom” moments.

As the first child of Scott and Deanna, the first grandchild on both sides of the family, the first great-grandchild and great-great grandchild on her dad’s side, Kaylee brought us all a whole other level of love that none of us could have imagined, and paved the way for all the others who followed her.

Kaylee loved being a country girl, riding horse and camping, and hanging out in a lawn chair visiting with family and friends. But being a country girl didn’t stop her from liking a good pampering pedicure and manicure whenever she could squeeze it in. With that crazy and bubbly personality, she would take the most unexpected moment and turn it into a big belly laugh.

With broken hearts, Kaylee leaves behind her children: Stephen Lefebvre-Dahl, Karidee Lefebvre, and Emma Smith; parents, Scott and Deanna Lefebvre; brothers, Kole and Kody Lefebvre; grandparents: David and Florence Doty, Karen Lefebvre, Ron and Deb Lefebvre; significant other, Frank White, and her “babies” her Pitbull, Jax, and Great Dane, Casper; and many, many, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Greeting Kaylee in Heaven include her great-grandparents: Russell and Ramona Kent, Arla Kent, Vince and Nydia Lefebvre, Henry and Susan Geray, Edward Doty, and Mary Doty; cousins: Seth Kent, Jason Lindsay, and Brandon Kent; four great-uncles, and one great-aunt.

A Funeral Mass was held Aug. 4 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Mahnomen.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

James W. (Jug) Beaupre

James W. Beaupre passed away on March 3. He was born in March 1939 to Allen Beaupre and Margeret Vanoss.

At 17, Jug enlisted in the U.S. Army. Once he was discharged he moved to Minneapolis and started to work with his brother and many cousins as a welder. In 1969, he married Marlene Roy and they later divorced.

He worked many years in Minneapolis and then moved to Waubun and lived with his daughter, Morgan.

While in Waubun, Jug worked as a car dealer and snowplow driver. He made many friends in Waubun and at EZ One Stop where he would eat breakfast, lunch and dinner sometimes. When his health was failing, he was moved to a care facility in Frazee, Minn.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Rediscovery Center on White Earth Lake.



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Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell

Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell (White Earth), Native American academic scholar, historian, feminist, and author, died peacefully on Nov. 26, 2025, in Owasso, Okla, at the age of 84 years.

She was born in Tahlequah, Okla., to Hardin Milton and Martha Evelyn Kidwell. A graduate of Muskogee Central High School in 1959, she continued her education at the University of Oklahoma earning her Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees. She was proud of her Choctaw and Chippewa Indian blood which inspired her to become a proponent of Native American studies at universities across the nation. Her extensive academic career began at the Kansas City Art Institute followed by the University of Washington, Haskell Indian Junior College, the University of Minnesota, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Oklahoma, Dartmouth, and Bacone College.

Dr. Kidwell established the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina and also served as an associate director of Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. She assumed an interim operation director role with the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee before retiring full-time to Owasso.

Dr. Kidwell has written a multitude of books on Native American studies, particularly about her Choctaw tribe. On Sept. 10, 2022, the American Society of Ethnohistory awarded Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell, PhD, a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her pivotal role in the development of Native American studies programs and her contributions to the organization’s mission.

Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include: brother, John Kidwell (Barbara) of Owasso; sister Mona Hatfield (Bill) of Cypress, Texas; nephew, Chris Kidwell (Laura) and their son Micah, of Louisville, Colo.; nephew, William Hatfield (Robin) and their sons, Will and Ben, of Cypress; niece, Vicki Sharma (Sumit) and their twins Arjun and Clara, of Overland Park, Kansas; and niece, Brandi Fiedler (Zach) and their son, Viktor of Overland Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nephew, Steven Hatfield.

The family requests memorial gifts be made in memory of Clara to the Native American Student Association, 1501 Ash Street, Owasso, OK 74055.
Arrangements: Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.
Online: www.moweryfs.com



Nancy Anna Fineday

Nancy Fineday, 60, of Ogema, died on Aug. 7 at her home under the loving care of her family and HIA Hospice.

Nancy Anna Fineday was born Aug. 10, 1965, in Park Rapids, Minn., the daughter of George and Laura (Butcher) Fineday. Growing up, she spent her time in the Round Lake/Strawberry Lake areas and attended school in White Earth. Nancy graduated from Circle of Life Academy in White Earth.

Following graduation, she took culinary classes at the vo-tech in Detroit Lakes, Minn. Nancy drove bus for Circle of Life Academy for a number of years in addition to working as a cook. She worked for the White Earth Elderly Nutrition Program for many years until recently when her health began to decline.

Nancy will be remembered as the fun-loving auntie and grandma with the good sense of humor. She loved spending time with her grandkids doing things together that she too enjoyed. She liked fishing, camping, listening to country music and taking road trips. Nancy also spent time trying her luck at the slot machines at the casino and playing bingo. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Larissa Fineday of Ponsford, and Sheila Fineday of Ogema; grandchildren: Cayden St. Clair, Kaylene St. Clair, Rain Fineday, Cody St. Clair Jr. and Kayonna St. Clair; sister, Judith Goodman of Ogema; brother, Herbert (Mary) Fineday Sr. of Cloquet, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Inez Fineday; significant other, Don Peerman; brothers: Lester “Spud,” Douglas, George “Koon” Jr., Gordon, Dennis and Jaycee Fineday; and sisters, Everyl Fineday and Laurie Hvezda.

Traditional Funeral Services were held Aug. 12 at the Nancy Fineday residence.
Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Point.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com



Obituaries

Linda Marie Emerson

Linda M. Emerson, 80, of Waubun, passed away on Aug. 3 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

Linda Marie Pederson was born on May 20, 1946, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Charlie and Marie (Hilstad) Pederson. She grew up in the Waubun area and graduated from Waubun High School with the Class of 1964. During her school years, Linda lived with Lloyd and



Betty Benson, helping care for their children, a relationship that blossomed into a lifelong friendship between the two families.

Following graduation, Linda was united in marriage to Vincent Sura. Although they later separated, they were blessed with a son, Vincent Edward. Linda went on to attend Global Business College in St. Paul, Minn., before beginning a career as a machinist in Delano, Minn., where she dedicated more than 20 years to her work. In the early 1970s, she married Robert Emerson, and together they made their home in New Brighton, Minn., until later separating.

In the late 1990s, Linda owned and operated the Vergas Café before passing it on to her sister, Caroline. She later returned to the Waubun area and worked in the warehouse at Shooting Star Casino until retiring in 2007. Linda was known for her incredible work ethic and determination, you could often find her hauling a keg alongside her oxygen tank, never letting anything slow her down. In December 2025, she moved to Golden Manor in Detroit Lakes before later making her home at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

One of Linda’s favorite memories was from her childhood, walking with her grandfather, Sigvold Hilstad, to a grove of birch trees where they would lie on the ground, watching the ants, leaves, and birds while enjoying the quiet beauty of nature. That love of the outdoors stayed with her throughout her life, and she especially enjoyed walking in the woods and hunting.

Linda also loved crocheting, creating treasured baby blankets for her family and teaching younger generations how to crochet. She enjoyed playing cards, listening to Elvis, and spending time with her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was endlessly patient with them, at least until the wooden spoon made an appearance. She also had a playful sense of humor, and at family gatherings everyone knew to keep an eye on their boyfriends because Linda just might try to charm them away. She was one of the toughest women you could ever meet, with an even bigger heart. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Linda is survived by her son, Vincent Edward Sura; grandchildren: Nathan “Boo” Sura, Rebeca Sura, Johnathan Rodrigez, and Chaz Sura; great-grandchildren: Chance, Hope, Abel, and Will Johnson, Nicholas Vargas, and Tyler Rodrigez; brother, Charles (Kari) Pederson; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Gene-Sura; and sisters, Caroline Gerving and Jeri “Toots” Fjelstad.

A memorial service was held Aug. 7 at Lake Grove Lutheran Church, rural Waubun.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Dennis Wayne Stevens

Dennis Wayne Stevens, 62, of Bagley, Minn., died on Aug. 20 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center in Fargo, N.D.

Dennis loved playing cards and games, spending time outdoors, and riding his bike wherever he needed to go. He enjoyed spending time at the casino and gambling, and he especially enjoyed going for rides with Tommy in his car. His dog, Bro, was also very special to him and brought him much happiness and companionship.



Dennis was a quiet, soft-spoken guy with a big heart. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He had a good sense of humor and was known for his quick comebacks.

Family was important to Dennis. He enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews and being around his family. He also cherished the time he spent with the Dahlke family and the many memories they made together.

Dennis is survived by his brother, Roger Stevens (Cindy Boyer); sister, Carol Bunker; numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews; three great-great-nieces; and special friend, Dennis Dahlke and his family.

Dennis was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; one nephew and one niece; and one great-nephew and one great-niece.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 27 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

Elizabeth “Betsy” Laverdure-McDougall

Elizabeth “Betsy” Antoinette Laverdure-McDougall, Waabadoseikwe (Walks Far Woman), 64, of Waubun, began her journey to the other side camp on Aug. 5 in Spokane, Wash. Born Sept. 5, 1961, in Rolette, N.D., Betsy grew up in Belcourt and shared a deep bond with her grandmother, Betsy Davis. A boarding school survivor, she became a strong-hearted educator, advocate, mentor, and helper throughout her life.



Betsy graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in 1979 and later earned her PhD in Education from the University of North Dakota, followed by a BA in Early Childhood Education in 2021. In 1994, she married James “Jim” McDougall, and together they built a beloved family gathering place at Strawberry Lake on the White Earth Reservation.

A member of the Bear Clan, pipe carrier, and Midewiwin, Betsy lived her teachings through service and helping others. She cherished her godchildren and we’eh’s and requested a Midewiwin ceremony for her journey.

Her career in American Indian education and early childhood development spanned decades and countless Tribal communities. Beginning as one of the first Head Start children in 1965, she went on to serve as a Tribal College President, Academic Dean, Head Start Director, and Program Specialist. Her mentorship, leadership, and dedication strengthened programs and touched generations of Native children, families, and educators across Indian Country.

Betsy’s footprints remain in the many communities she served. She believed in the Anishinaabe Seven Teachings and encouraged her family to live good lives rooted in learning, courage, and respect. She wished for those who loved her to celebrate her life and remember that she lived it fully.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, siblings, and many loved ones.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew “Sonny” Laverdure and Betty Migizikwe-iban Laverdure; husband, James McDougall; and Xavier Laverdure.

Traditional services began Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. at the White Earth Community Center, with a service at dusk and continuing until the final service on Aug. 11.

Pallbearers were Neegonee Burnett, Douglas Gourneau, Kyle Hill, Kiinew LeDoux, Brett McDougall, and Farrell Morin.

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

Diane Kathleen (Turner) Johnstone

Diane Kathleen Johnstone, age 79, passed away peacefully on Aug. 16 in her Coon Rapids, Minn., home surrounded by her loving family. She has been reunited and is resting peacefully with her beloved parents, Orval and Alice Turner, son in-law Chanthara “La” Ritthirak and all her other relatives and loved ones who preceded her in death.



Born on May 16, 1947, in Naytahwaush. She was around the age of 10 when her parents moved her and her three siblings via train to Minneapolis. She was a caring woman with immense strength and took pride in not only her Native roots but also her family and beautiful home she built through years of hard work as a Wells Fargo (Norwest) administrative assistant in downtown Minneapolis at the Wells Fargo Tower.

She had an appreciation and found peace in God's creation. Outside, she enjoyed watching and feeding wild animals. She surrounded her home with all types of gardens she planted and maintained with great care. She would take the time to notice all the beauty of nature from the changing seasons to sunrise and sunsets.

Inside her family home was filled with her love of gatherings with family and friends, dolls, music boxes, music (especially Elvis at Christmas time) and her many fur babies throughout the years.

Her love lives on in her surviving family members. Children: Brenda (La) Johnstone Ritthirak, Jeremy (Nancie), Jennifer and Mark Johnstone; grandsons: Brendan (Tiffani), Nick, Raine and Cash; great grandson, Kyler; sisters, Katie and Theresa Turner, brother, Dale (Jeanne) Turner, cousins, and many other relatives.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to American Heart Association, St. Jude’s or American Cancer Society.

Services will held on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Washburn McReavy and Seman Coon Rapids Chapel at 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids. Visitation starts at 1 p.m. the service begins at 2.

Arrangements: Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home
Online: www.washburn-mcreavy.com

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essary equipment.

Phase 2: Utilize the land for youth education to grow our safety program starting this fall. Host events, camps, and projects that support youth stewardship, leadership development, hands-on learning, and opportunities to build confidence and connection to our natural environment.

Advocate the land with youth specific priorities to the public. Advertise these activities to our local youth and begin signups within each community. Coordinate events with local student organizations, schools, and programs to participate in the activities within the land.

Phase 3: Enroll 20 plus acres of tillable land to enroll in environmental quality incentives programs for payment. Issued through NRCS, to be serviced by the wildlife program to help build habitats for pollinators.

Environmental Benefits

- Preserve culturally significant plant species and traditional medicines.
- Maintain healthy ecological conditions through land stewardship.
- Supports sustainable harvesting and food security education.
- Protection of wildlife habitats and native plant communities.
- Reduce risk of improper and threatening usage of the land.

Youth involvement fosters long-term respect for the land and responsible environmental practices. Proper youth education of the land ensures that future generations understand and respect our natural environment. Working to protect and preserve the land for the future.

Location and Map Description

This parcel is located in District 1, which would benefit from additional recre-

ational activity options. The land encompasses a very diverse terrain and ecosystems, like forested hardwoods, open field breaks, swamps/ponds/creeks, established trails, established food plots and natural plant habitats. This complex terrain is desired for cultural harvesting, ceremonies, and youth outdoor skills training. There is one large parking lot and an existing hunting cabin to be utilized as a meeting location for youth participants.

The 282-acre parcel is located in:

- Section: 5
- Township: Clover
- Position: Northeast of Mahnomen, off Highway 4 and County Road 14

Designating this land as a tribal youth recreation area allows us to be as informed as possible about who is utilizing the land so we can keep the kids safe while exercising treaty rights within the boundaries of this land. Parks and Recreation will manage youth education, and wildlife will manage the land conservation practices. Three entrances will be blocked off, allowing us to collaborate with White Earth Conservation to enforce trespassing, and allows us to keep the youth involved without having to worry about private parties creating unsafe circumstances.

Enaadiziyang Forest represents an important opportunity to strengthen cultural knowledge, support youth development, and continue the traditions that define us as a people. Designating this parcel as a Tribal Youth Recreation Area will protect it for the next generations while ensuring our youth receive the cultural, spiritual, and educational experiences they deserve.

Properly maintaining this property allows the tribe to grow youth education and safety program with real world experi-

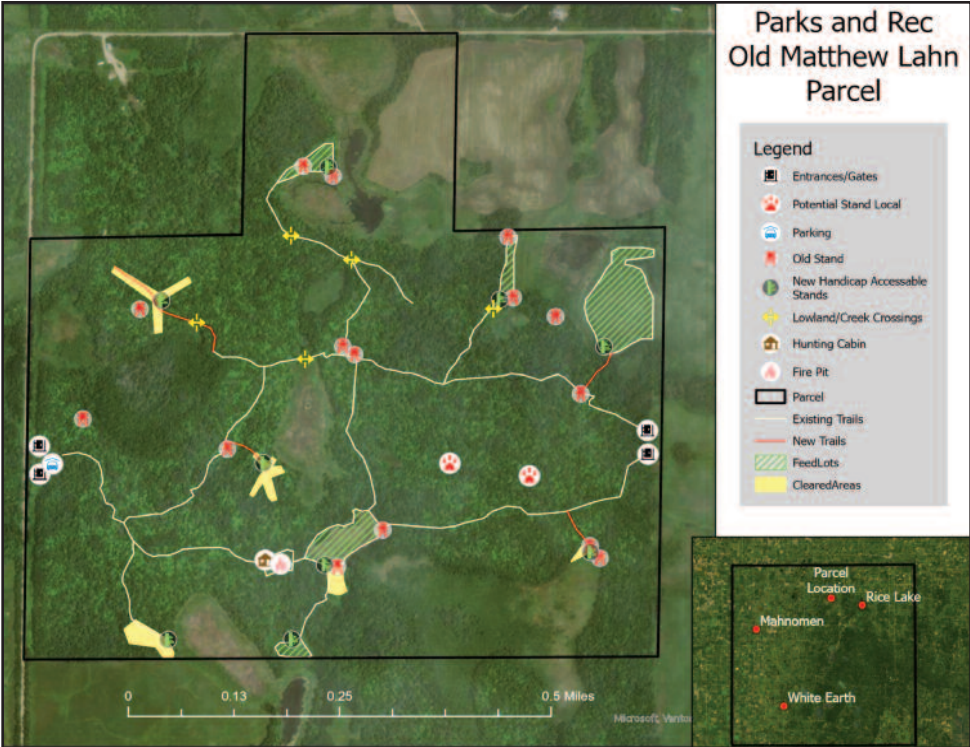
ence. We can utilize the land, increase the knowledge of traditional resource practices, and allow them to be practiced safely. Natural Resources prioritizes safety above all, and we will work to make this location as safe and efficient as possible for youth education.

The Enaadiziyang Forest is the place of youth education, spiritual learning, and cultural connection. White Earth Parks and Recreation aims to keep and maintain this land for our future generations. Keeping the resources available for our children to continue practicing the Anishinaabe ways and traditions, officials ask that you please consider the youth, and help us keep this

forest as a youth only designated property. Do not trespass, do not take advantage of what we are growing for our youth.

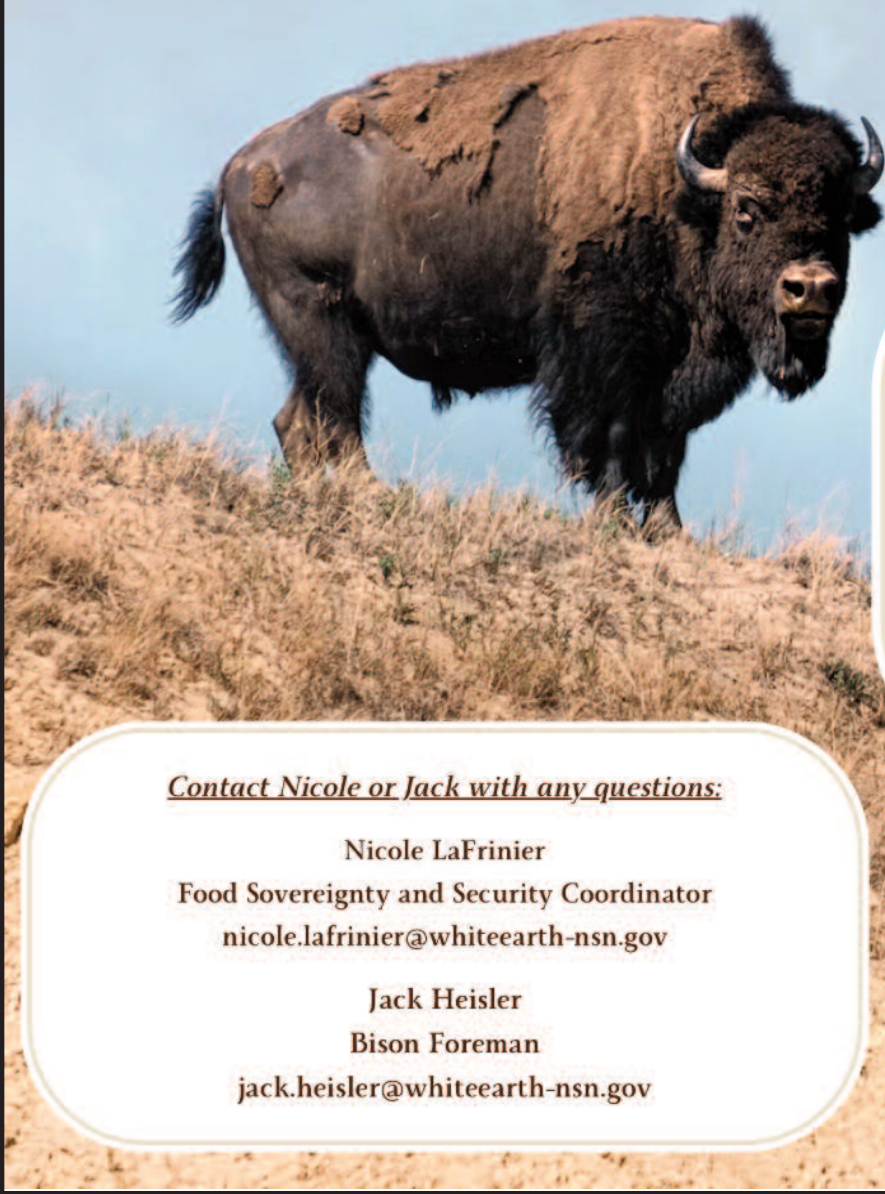
We are currently working on the rules and regulations to keep all the youth safe, and set procedures for the most efficient education. We are working with the local schools to get kids out, and events planned! These will be school or club sanctioned events, and we will have all the professionals required to participate in these events!

If you have any questions in regards to the Enaadiziyang Forest, contact Zoe Keezer at 218-935-3652 or Jason Clark at 218-935-3654.



Map courtesy of Logan Stech / White Earth Land Department

The trail system of the the Enaadiziyang Forest.



White Earth Nation

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY BISON HARVEST

OCTOBER 3RD 2026

1482 HWY 200
MAHNOMEN, MN 56557
9AM-4PM

Please join us for a hands-on experience brought to you by the White Earth Natural Resources Ag. Dept/Bison Program and Food Sovereignty and Security Program to learn about traditional buffalo harvest.

Prepare to learn how to harvest in the field! Special invited guests Lisa Mni & Arlo Iron Cloud Sr. will be in attendance to lead us in traditional knowledge and teachings of harvesting the buffalo.

All White Earth Community Members are welcome to attend!
Please wear clothes you can get dirty and bring a cooler for meat distribution! A light lunch will be provided.

Contact Nicole or Jack with any questions:

Nicole LaFrinier
Food Sovereignty and Security Coordinator
nicole.lafrinier@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Jack Heisler
Bison Foreman
jack.heisler@whiteearth-nsn.gov



White Earth ABE Weekly Schedule - Fall 2026



218-935-3576

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mahnomen ABE	8:00-4:30 Staff	8:00-4:30 Staff	8:00-4:30 Staff	8:00-4:30 Staff	8:00-4:30 Staff
Maadaadizi	9:00-3:00 Tutors	8:00-4:00 Amy 9:00-3:00 Tutors	8:00-4:00 Amy 2 nd & 4 th Wed 9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors
Pine Point Old School			8:00-4:00 Amy 1 st & 3 rd Wed	8:00-4:00 Amy	
Creston's Place	9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors	9:00-3:00 Tutors
WE Congregate			1:00-4:30 Chuck		
Rice Lake CC					11:00-1:00 Melissa
Zoom		Evenings by appointment with Amy	All day by appointment with Amy 5 th Wed	Evenings by appointment with Amy	All day by appointment with Amy



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WE BAND OF OJIBWE
TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Gayle Rogers**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 2700 State Highway 200, Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557

Legal Description of Tribal Land: N330' of the S440' of the E165' of the W265' in Section 36, Township 145 North, Range 40 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, White Earth Reservation, Mahnomen County, 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: August 21, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE
TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Randy Scott**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 3037 Bass Lake Road, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The W½ of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of the SW 1/4 in Section 33, Township 144 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, White Earth Reservation, Mahnomen County, 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: August 21, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE
TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Ruth Waukazo**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 109 Center Street, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The S½ of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of the NE¼ and the SW¼ of the NE¼ of the NE¼ of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of the NE¼ in Section 28, Township 144 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Mahnomen County, White Earth Reservation, Minnesota, containing .31 acres, more or less.

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: August 28, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE
TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Georgina aka Jean Accobee**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 130 Center Street, Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The North 130' of the South 310' of the West 187' of the East 355' of the S½ of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 28, Township 144 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Mahnomen County, White Earth Reservation, Minnesota, containing .56 acres, more or less.

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Dated: August 28, 2026

WE BAND OF OJIBWE
TRIBAL LAND OFFICE

Notice of Abandonment (of personal Property) on Tribal Land

In the Matter of the Estate of **Debra Kier**, deceased Assignee.

Located at: 3080 County Road 4, Waubun, Minnesota 56589

Legal Description of Tribal Land: The W270' of the E700' of the N250' of Government Lot 4 in Section 19, Township 141 North, Range 39 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, White Earth Reservation, Mahnomen County, 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: August 24, 2026

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT
CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Monica Crowell

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2024-00035, -00036**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 12, 2025, a Transfer of Permanent Physical and Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00035, -00036. A Pretrial Hearing on the matters is scheduled for October 5, 2026, at 9:45 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: August 26, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT
CHILDREN'S COURT

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

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

Notice of Petition and Hearing

Court File No. **CP2024-00038**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 18, 2026, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CP2024-00038. A 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: August 25, 2026
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

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 - ❖ ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
 - ❖ BUSINESS PLANNING & ADVERTISEMENT
 - ❖ HEALTH & SAFETY TRAININGS
 - ❖ CHILDREN'S PLAY-SCAPES

and much more.



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Contact Child Care Licensing Kim L. at (218) 935-6272 or email Kim.Lage@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Tribal Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

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Sign up for your spot -- <https://bit.ly/45QWJdU>

Recycling Bins in Naytahwaush



Recycling Bins are now available for public use located behind the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. There are 2 bins. The plastics, metals & glass can go in the same bin (no separation needed). Paperboard, mailings and office paper go in the flat slot of the second bin. For cardboard, please use the designated cardboard bins

Acceptable Items

Plastics 1 & 2

Tin Steel

Aluminum

Paper

Glass

Un-Acceptable Items

Plastics NOT labled 1 or 2

Large Items

Soiled Containers

ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE!!



Protecting Our Resources for Future Generations
White Earth
Natural Resources
218-935-2488

Amy from Page 15

When I called, a woman asked me many questions and said she would call me back. The next day, she told me I could come.

I later learned she was the main director. If the person who was supposed to answer the phone had picked up, she would have said no. But that woman happened to walk by and answer the phone. That moment changed my life.

I stayed there for more than two months. It was a lifesaver.

I committed myself to a 12-step program, and I still work that program today. I raised my children. They are grown and living lives of their own. And eventually, I realized I could move to the place I had loved my entire life—a place I had visited as a child and as an adult. I have always called it heaven.

I moved here in July 2025, and it feels like the universe gave me the greatest gift of all: a life I never believed I deserved.

I have wonderful friends, the best neighbors, a home I love and a job that brings me joy. Most importantly, I get to spend my days surrounded by people I truly believe are some of the best people in

the world.

I don't believe there is one right way to recover or one right way to build a life. Whatever helps you make your life better is what matters.

For me, it is people helping people. I try every day to give back the love that has been given to me. Helping others, caring for people and being of service has become the best life this girl could ever ask for.

Every day, I thank the universe for letting me into heaven.

Amy R
Waubun

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

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Happy Birthday
Nell & Ang
Love yous tons



Caylee Basswood

9-2-11

Dad loves you with all of his heart.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday
"Twindians"
Love Family
September 13th



Sept 8th
Happy Birthday Jordan
Love mom



Happy Birthday
Aunty Deb
Love So Much



Happy Birthday Beautiful
Nicole
Love Tiff



Happy Anniversary
Joe and Terri

Love,
Joe, Melanie and all your grandkids

Sept. 12

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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.

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Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

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

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

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

Contact us at 218-935-6276



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CUSTOMIZED EDUCATION



SPECIAL BOILER OPERATOR LICENSE COURSE

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 26, 2026
4:00 - 8:00 PM

WETCC CUSTOMIZED ED CLASSROOM & VIRTUALLY



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

CLASS OBJECTIVES

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

MUST TAKE ACCUPLACER EXAM TO DETERMINE READINESS

COST ASSISTANCE

Pathways to Prosperity Grant Requirements

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

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

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Twin Lakes Fire Hall

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday Sept. 12 - 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Sept. 13 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Includes:
Pancakes
Sausage
Coffee, Juice

\$10.00 per person
\$5.00 8yrs and under

Wild Rice Pancakes

Sausage from B&T Meats
(Honoring Doyle Turner - former member of TLUFD)

All you can eat pancakes!

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AFFORDABLE BURIAL STONES

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- BLACK POLISHED GRANITE
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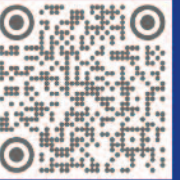
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THE 3RD ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER PICNIC



September 16
Veterans Park
6335 Portland Ave., Richfield, MN



Testing Appointments Available!

Monday	Aug 24	Mahnomen	9:00-3:00
Tuesday	Sept 8	Naytahwaush	9:00-3:00
Wednesday	Sept 9	Naytahwaush	9:00-3:00
Wednesday	Sept 16	Pine Point	9:00-3:00
Thursday	Sept 17	Pine Point	9:00-3:00
Monday	Sept 21	Mahnomen	9:00-3:00

Testing dates can be scheduled in other communities as needed.

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



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

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LET'S PROTECT OUR WATERS

Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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

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

Community Center Computer Courses September

rem **W.E. Congregate Tues 15th**
Pine Point Weds 16th

Rice Lake Thurs 17th
Workforce Center Tues 22nd
Naytahwaush Complex Weds 23rd
RBC Cafe' Thurs 24th

218-935-3059

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program



Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

September 2 nd , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
September 9 th , Wednesday	White Earth
September 23 rd , Wednesday	Rice Lake

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

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

• Please note date changes.

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

November 4 th , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
November 5 th , Thursday	White Earth
November 12 th , Thursday	Rice Lake

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December 2 nd , Wednesday	Pine Point
December 8 th , Tuesday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals
December 9 th , Wednesday	Elbow Lake

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Bingo in Elbow Lake Village at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
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Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the RBC or the E.N.P. site is closed, Bingo will be rebokked to another date, if possible.

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

Farmers Market every Thursday from 3-6pm at the Mahnomen Pavilion

Dr. Ung (Foot Doctor) Clinic

September 14th & 17th White Earth Tribal Health Building

September 15th & 16th Shooting Star Casino 2nd floor Event Center

To make an appointment call (218) 255-2204 or email public.health@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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

Updated 8/27/26







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



218-736-5673

NEED MORE ENERGY?

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

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PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting Monday, July 6, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m. Pine Point School Staff Room

- 1. Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:40 p.m.
Members present – Gerald Roberts, Allison Jones, John Swan, Anthony Buckanaga
Members absent – Betty Robbins, Marva Aitken
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal
- 2. Recognition of Visitors** – Bonnie Meeks, Erin Dayl, Sandra Kwak
- 3. Approval/Amendment of Agenda** – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval/Amendment of Minutes** – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the June 8, 2026 minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance**
 - a. Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Gerald Roberts to approve Treasurer’s Report for June 2026 as presented, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the payment of bills for the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$83,300.12 for check #35026 through check #35109 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Solar Panel Update. No action needed.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. 2026-2027 Staff Assignments – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the 2026-2027 Staff Assignments as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. 2026-2027 Student Handbook – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Expenditures/Revenue/Plan – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the LTFM expenditures/revenues/plan as presented, seconded by Anthony Buckanaga. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. Principal’s Report** – Discussion on Drama Camp; Teacher Inservice; School Board Elections. No action needed.
- 9. Public Participation** – July 4th picnic/fireworks; August Pow Wow
- 10. Adjournment** – Motion by Anthony Buckanaga to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

ServSafe Food Protection Manager Class

Wednesday September 30 AND Friday October 2, 2026
9:00 - 3:00
Maadaadizi Workforce Center



Instructors Diane Shaugabay and Amy Fish
email for details and registration
diane.shaugabay@whiteearth-nsn.gov
amy.fish@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Thank You

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the following programs and people for the donations for my vendor event.

Housing Stabilization program, White Earth Donations Committee, White Earth Housing, Behavioral Health, White Earth Enterprises, Shooting Star Casino, Kent, Trinity, Jake, and Shannon. my volunteers, Robin, Tony, and old timers music. I couldn’t have done it without you all.

Watch for upcoming events.

Shane’s Public Events, LLC



Naytahwaush Harvest Fest 2026

PARADE

SATURDAY, SEPT 12

Parade Line-up starts at 10:30 am
Parade begins at 11 am

Judging Categories:

ROYALTY	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25
REZ CAR	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25
FAMILIES	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25
BUSINESS/PROGRAMS	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25



New Pine Point Royalty



Photo by Tiffany Swiers

The Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 8-9. They had 344 dancers and nine drums. The new Pine Point Princess and Brave are Daynalea Clark and Jameson Bellrock. Congratulations Daynalea and Jameson!

New South Projects playground



Photo by Laura Lee Erickson

Community members in the South Projects in White Earth Village welcome a new playground. It replaces an outdated and hazardous playground. The new digs includes a giant slide, and swings. A basketball court is still in the works.

White Earth Inauguration 2026



The White Earth Inauguration was held Aug. 26 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

The community was invited to honor Secretary-Treasurer Jacob McArthur, District 1 Rep. Henry Fox and District 2 Rep. Alrick "Son" Accobee as they begin their four-year terms on the tribal council.

The event can be view on the White Earth YouTube channel at www.whiteearth.com

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