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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Rock yer Mocs
Round Dance
Saturday ~ November 16, 2024

Feast 4pm ~ Pipe Ceremony 5pm ~ Round Dance 6pm - 2am

<p>MC Bud Daywayigan Day Bois Forte</p> <p>Keveon Kingbird Red Lake</p> <p>Stickman Joe Syrette Batchwana, Ont.</p> <p>Whipman Waabinoo Littlewolf Naytahwaush</p>	<p>Invited Singers Harvey Dreaver - Whitefish Jrs. Nelson Baker - The Decendents Valentino "Spazz" Dewitt - Indian Hill Tyron Tafoya - Indian Hill Frank Stech - Waboos Point Alex Cobenais - Battle Nation Jason Kingbird - Eyabay Desmond Madera - Young Enemy Anthony Buckanaga Jr. - Hochunk Station Jerritte Caldwell Jr. - Old Crossing</p> <p>*Singers will be Acknowledged, Stickman determines travel distance</p>	<p>Contests Best Mocs and Shirt Best Mocs and Skirt Family Mocs Best Dressed Singer War Cry ~ Lililili Side Step Special Vera Kingbird Memorial Side Step sponsored by Sons and Family Spot dances all night long</p> <p>Doors Open 3:30pm Free Admission Everyone Welcome Vendors inside the Venue</p>
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Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen, MN.

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Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Chairman Michael Fairbanks and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Regional Director Will Meeks congratulate each other after the signing the agreement on Oct. 1.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife signs Tamarac co-stewardship agreement with White Earth

By Dan Gunderson
MPR News

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the White Earth Nation will collaborate in several areas on management of the nearly 43,000 acre Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge north of Detroit Lakes.

The northern half of the refuge is within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation.

A few months ago, federal and tribal officials signed a memorandum of agreement, setting the stage for the co-stewardship agreement signed on Oct. 1.

The co-stewardship agreement lays out

specific areas where tribal and federal resource managers will collaborate.

"Things like natural resource management as well as natural resource planning," said Refuge Manager Kent Sundseth. "Trying to incorporate indigenous knowledge into our interpretive themes and materials and also volunteer opportunities for tribal members to volunteer on the refuge."

Federal and tribal resource managers will also share data and meet regularly to discuss various management processes and decisions.

One area of shared interest is managing

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White Earth RBC honors Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbirds football team



Courtesy photo

The White Earth RBC honored the Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbirds football team with a dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. The team is undefeated and beat Red Lake County, 36-8 on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Fargodome. Their next game is against Deer River on Friday, Nov. 8 in Becker, Minn.

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White Earth Veterans who sacrificed their lives for our country are not forgotten

By Budd Parker

Each Veteran's Day we honor all veterans. This year is the same, however we especially want to recall several additional servicemen from the White Earth Reservation that came to light since the June 2024 article in the *Anishinaabeg Today* honoring those Killed in Action (KIA) or who Died in Service. Most likely, there are more that have also been missed. We have tried to locate more information and photographs of each of them, but have had little luck and very little feedback. Should anyone have names of service women or men to be added, information about female veterans from White Earth Reservation, further information about any of the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam era veterans, photographs of them, etc., please send an email to: whiteearth-history@gmail.com.

Additionally, photographs and information about all White Earth veterans who died in service during wartime, female veterans, and POWs, are being sought for creating shadow boxes for each of these veterans for the Wall of Honor in the newly renovated IHS Clinic in White Earth. If anyone has information or photographs of these please send an email to: faircox@arvig.net.

These seven servicemen were unintentionally missed in the June 4 article honoring those who sacrificed their lives for our country and each one of us. May they never be forgotten, for each of us are eternally indebted to them:

World War I

- **Louis Aloysius LeQuier**, Pvt., U.S. Army, Co. C, 10th U.S. Inf. Louis' early family life was spent in the Beaulieu and Lengby vicinity until his family removed to Ball Club and Deer River area. Louis enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 1918 and was serving at Camp Custer, Mich., where he contracted and succumbed to the Spanish Flu pandemic dying on Oct. 5, 1918, at the age of 20. His body was brought home and the funeral Mass held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Deer River followed by his burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Ball Club. Louis LeQuier American Legion Post #122 in Deer River is named in his honor. [No photo of Louis could be located.]

World War II

Paul Orland Charbonneau, Seaman 1st Class, USN, World War II, KIA/MIA on March 1, 1942 of Waubun.

Orland Charbonneau was born in 1920 in White Earth and lived at Waubun until moving with his family to Grand Forks, N.D by 1930. Orland enlisted in the U.S. Navy on April 30, 1940, at the age of 19. Attached to several other duty stations, Orland was eventually assigned to the USS Pecos (AO-6), a Kanawha-class replenishment oiler.

"When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the Pecos was in the Philippines supporting the ships of the United States Asiatic Fleet. She departed Cavite Navy Yard there on Dec. 8, 1941, for Balikpapan, Borneo arriving there on Dec. 14. After replenishing her cargo tanks with fuel oil and gasoline, the tanker continued on to Makassar in Celebes, Netherlands East Indies where she refueled American warships fighting to slow the rapid advance of Japanese forces. She departed Makassar for Darwin, Australia on Dec. 22, 1941.

The Pecos departed Darwin on Jan. 23, 1942, headed for Soerabaja, Java where she fueled Allied ships until departing on Feb. 3 after a Japanese air raid made that port untenable. Tjilatjap, Java then became the oiler's base until her cargo fuel tanks were empty. She then got underway in

late February 1942 toward Ceylon to refill, embarking the surviving crew of the USS Stewart (DD-224).

On Feb. 27, off the coast of Christmas Island, the Pecos was about to receive the 700 survivors of the USS Langley (AV-3) (which had been totally disabled by nine twin-engine Japanese bombers) from the destroyers USS Whipple (DD-217) and USS Edsall (DD-219), when land-based enemy bombers attacked the three ships. After fighting them off, the U.S. ships steamed south out of enemy land-based aircraft range and completed the transfer of the Langley survivors at sea in the early morning of March 1, 1942. Pecos, now carrying about 700 survivors from the Langley and Stewart was ordered to Australia.

At noon that day, planes from the Japanese aircraft carrier Sōryū located and attacked the Pecos and struck again an hour later. For some time, Pecos sent out distress calls to any Allied ships in the area, as it was assumed the ship would probably be lost. Finally at midafternoon, a third strike sank the Pecos. According to pilot Shinsaku Yamakawa of the Imperial Japanese Navy, this final attack on the Pecos was conducted by dive bombers from the aircraft carrier Kaga.

After Pecos was sunk, Whipple raced to the scene and rescued 232 survivors. Many of the survivors, although visible by crew members of Whipple, were unable to be picked up and were abandoned at sea, due to the detection of what was thought to be two enemy submarines in the area at extremely close range. Though there were over 630 total crewmen and Langley survivors from Pecos, more than 400 were left behind and died. Exact casualty numbers for the doomed ships of the United States Asiatic Fleet and American-British-Dutch-Australian Command are impossible to gather because so many Allied warships were sunk in the Dutch East Indies campaign (at least 24 total) and many of those ships had already picked up survivors of other sunken ships only to be sunk themselves by the Japanese hours or days later.

The Pecos sank at approximately 15:48 hours after being attacked for several hours by four waves. Just about two minutes later and approximately 24-34 miles away, the destroyer Edsall that Pecos had just rendezvoused with, was spotted by a Japanese task force - probably heading back towards Pecos' location to rescue her stricken comrades. At 16:08 hours a Japanese heavy cruiser opened fire on Edsall and was soon joined in their attack by two Japanese battleships, and another cruiser, as well as 26 dive bombers from three aircraft carriers. The four ships fired 1,335 shells without sinking Edsall but resumed their attack once more at 17:22 hours and within 9 minutes, the Edsall rolled onto her side and sank. A "handful" of survivors were taken by the Japanese, interrogated for 10 days before being taken to the Japanese force's advance base.

After Japan's surrender, on Sept. 21, 1946 several mass graves were opened in a remote locale in the East Indies, over 1,000 miles (1,600 km) from where the USS Edsall had gone down. Two graves contained 34 decapitated bodies, among which were the remains of six USS Edsall crewmen and what are thought to be five USAAF personnel from the USS Langley."

[Source: Wikipedia - USS Pecos and USS Edsall.]

Orland was most likely Killed in Action on March 1, 1942, at the age of 21, but was not officially declared "Presumed Dead" by the Secretary of the Navy until Dec. 15, 1945. He is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines. His cenotaph is in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Paul O. Charbonneau

ELDER WINTERIZATION 2024-2025

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 - Darrel Bellanger, Day Labor Supervisor 218-935-3702
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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Gashkadino-Giizis!

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already November!

Everyone be safe.

We have a great story of Gashkadino-Giizis and the voice of the ancestors.

In a village nestled among the tall pines, the Ojibwe people prepared for the arrival of Gashkadino-Giizis, November. The leaves had fallen, and the first signs of winter were upon them. As the cold winds whispered through the trees, the elders gathered the children to share stories of their ancestors and the beauty of their language.

One elder, Nookomis, called the children close and began to speak. “Long ago, our language was alive, vibrant, and spoken by all. It carried our stories, our teachings, and our connection to the land. But as the world changed by contact with western society, so did our language. Our language was taken away and lost to many along the way, and the voices of our ancestors grew quiet.”

The children listened intently, their eyes wide with curiosity. Nookomis continued, “But just as the leaves fall in November, making way for new growth, we too can revive our language. It is vital for our identity, our culture, and our future. Without our language we will not have an Anishinaabe Nation so we must bring it back to our Ojibwe Anishinaabeg.”

Inspired by Nookomis’s words, a young girl named Aki, Earth began to think about what she could do. “Nookomis, how can we bring our language back? I want to hear the songs of our people again!”

Nookomis smiled warmly. “It starts with you, Aki. Each word you learn is a seed planted in our Mama Aki, Mother Earth of our culture. We can gather together, share what we know, and learn from one another.”

As the days passed in Gashkadino-Giizis, the children organized gatherings where they would practice speaking Ojibwe. They sang songs, told stories, and created art, all in their language. They reached out to the elders in the community, asking them to share the words they remembered. Then they used what they remembered everyday to keep it going, no matter how little they knew they used it every day.

The village began to transform. Baapi, laughter filled the air as the children played games in Ojibwe, and the sounds of their language echoed through the



woods. The elders watched proudly, knowing that their teachings were being revived and used.

One evening, as the snow began to fall, the community gathered around a fire. Nookomis spoke again, her voice filled with joy. “You have breathed life back into our language. It is not just words; it is our connection to each other and to our ancestors. Every time you speak Ojibwe, you honor those who came before you and ensure that their stories live on.”

The children felt a sense of belonging and identity as they spoke their language, realizing its a super-power. They understood that learning Ojibwe was not just about words; it was about reclaiming our identity, our history, and our place in the world.

So as Gashkadino-Giizis’s days went by and bibeon, winter started the villages knew that their efforts would continue. They had planted the seeds of revitalization, and with each passing year, their language would grow stronger, like the mighty trees that stood watch over their villages.

This story highlights the significance of language revitalization for us as Ojibwe people, emphasizing how learning and using our language fosters connection to culture, identity, and community. The more you use it no matter how big or little you know use it. Our language is a living sentient being it is alive. We all need to realize that then we can move forward to revitalization in every aspect.

Chi-miigwech to my niiji Rob Tibbetts for the update this month on our White Earth Culture and Language Department. He is doing amazing work as our fluent Ojibwemowin gekinoo’amaaged teacher and mentor. Our future in Ojibwe Language Revitalization looks very promising with Rob’s work so far and future endeavors for our

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Rob Tibbetts, White Earth Culture and Language Department, prepares to swear in White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks at the Inauguration on Aug. 3 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

Photo by Becky Howard

News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of serving as the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council and this is my 4th Quarter report ending Sept. 30, 2024. Our Fiscal year runs from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2024.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Due to the fiscal year dates, the RBC must have a general fund budget in place by Sept. 30, 2023. This budget was approved by the Tribal Council and adopted by resolution on Sept. 30, 2023. The budget adopted accounts for revenues in the amount of \$15.96 million which consists of State of Minnesota Tax revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$22.46 million.

These expenditures are incurred for departments that operate more for the good of the band members than to make a profit. These include education, public safety, general government, human services, public works, economic development, and culture among others. This allows for a budget deficit of \$6.34 million which will be funded by distributions from the Shooting Star Casino. This deficit includes all capital expenses.

Fiscal Year 2024 4th Quarter

General Fund

This quarter FY24 budget for governmental activities ending June 30, 2023, is at \$22.4 million with expenses at \$18.8 million with a balance of \$3.6 million.

Gaming

Consolidated revenue for Mahnom, Bagley, and all other gaming revenue for the 4th Fiscal Quarter of FY2024, ending Sept. 30, 2024, was \$32.5 million. The consolidated expenses for the Quarter were \$26.9 million. Consolidated net income for the quarter was \$5.6 million; Mahnom is at \$4.7 million, and Bagley is at \$882,000.

The budget through the 3rd Fiscal Quarter was \$110.8 million of revenue and \$98.1 million in expenses for a budgeted net income of \$12.7 million for the first nine months of FY2024. YTD Revenue was \$9.2 million higher than the budget while expenses were \$2.6 million lower than budget resulting in net income being \$11.8 million higher than budget.

The Bagley Casino for the 3rd quarter ending Sept. 30, 2023, earned \$3.3 million in revenue with expenditures of \$2.4 million. Bagley Casino has a net income for the quarter of \$882,000.

Shooting Star Casino cash on hand on Sept. 30, 2024, was \$75.2 million. The cash on hand at the close of the last fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2023, was \$77.2 million. After Shooting Star Casino capital improvement spending and over \$22 million distributions to the White Earth RBC, cash has increased by \$2 million during the first three quarters of the fiscal 2024.

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

ARPA (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund)

This quarter FY24 ARPA funds a cash balance of \$16.3 million with \$18 million in expenses with revenues balance of \$33 million.

Other Grant Funds

In this quarter of FY2024, we have recorded \$60.9 million in other grant funding while recording \$80.57 million in expenditures. The other grant funds consist of grants from Federal, State, and local funding agencies. The funds are meant for a specific program, service, or activity and must be budgeted as such.



Behavioral Health

In this quarter of FY2024, we have accounted for \$40.2 million in revenue while recording \$39.18 million in expenditures. This leaves us with \$1.2 million. The ending cash balance in Behavioral Health funds is \$51.1 million, in addition, there is an investment account of 15 million.

Youth and Elder Funds

The casino purchased 12 AGS machines, one-sixth of the gaming revenue from those machines provide the funding for the Youth and Elder Fund. Six of those machines are in the casino on the back wall near the Smoke Restaurant. The remaining six machines are in the middle of the northern portion of the floor.

All AGS machines on the casino gaming floor earn guest rewards points when playing with their player card. (This is not the case with AGS machines offsites.) The funding in this program is designed to help assist with costs associated with group activities supporting enrolled youth and elder members of White Earth Nation. These donations are authorized by the Tribal Council.

In this quarter of FY24, we have \$556,514 in revenue while recording \$181,788 in expenditures. This leaves us with a cash balance of \$384,726.

I would also like to say that I have been holding all divisions in line to stay within their approved budgets or come in under these approved budgets. The last two years we have been under budget with no budget amendments.

I am at the two-year mark of my term as Secretary/Treasurer, and I have always said that we need to continue to move forward and secure our future for our next generations to come. I look forward to continued success for the next two years of my term.

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

Michael J. LaRoque
Secretary-Treasurer

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WHITE EARTH ELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hosted by White Earth ENP

Tuesday, Dec 10th 2024

10am-2pm

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am

Shooting Star Event Center, Mahnom, Mn.

Elders, ages 55+ & their spouse/caregiver

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Ogema: 9:30-9:35

Evergreen Appts: 9:45-9:50

Bus #2

Rice Lake 8:50-9:00

Naytahwaush: 9:20-9:30

Reach out to the Elder Advocates

Program for additional

transportation requests

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NTW School Public Hearing

There will be a Naytahwaush Community Charter School Public Hearing and Community Input Session Pertaining to Federal Programs & World's Best Workforce

Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m.

242 Church Street Naytahwaush, MN 56566

White Earth Enrolled Elders/Veterans/Disabled Snow Removal Program **Request for updates **

To provide better Snow Removal Services for our White Earth Tribal Enrolled Elders (55 years & older), Veterans and Handicap/Disabled, we would like you to call and inform us of any changes you may have, such as an address or telephone number.

If you have turned 55 years old after January 2024 and have not previously applied, please contact us ASAP so we may send you an application and assign you to a snowplow provider.

Apply: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
35674 Co Hwy 21
White Earth, MN 56591

Phone: 218-935-6411/218-983-3202

Fax: 218-983-4350

Contact: Elder/Veteran's Service Provider-Lisa Donovan-Larson or Manager-Burnham Tibbetts III
Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or
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News From District 2 Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe,

This month has been a busy and meaningful one. We signed a co-stewardship agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the management of the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge and continued coordinating efforts to encourage voter turnout. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and White Earth RBC also held their quarterly meetings, where an important discussion took place on the potential acceptance of Red Lake Nation blood for enrollment criteria. Following this, the RBC directed our enrollment departments to research the impacts of including Red Lake Nation blood into our enrollment requirements.

MCT Education & Human Services Committee

On Oct. 22, the MCT Education/Health & Human Services Committee convened at Northern Lights Casino on the Leech Lake Reservation. I was honored to be elected as Chairman and will be overseeing the committee's activities moving forward.

Committee Reports

Education Report:

JOM Funding has been expanded to support both first- and second-generation descendants, increasing the student count from 2,809 to 4,674.

Human Services Report: Updates on the latest training schedules were discussed.

District 2 Quarterly Update (Infrastructure Projects)

- Naytahwaush Cell Tower installation **(Completed)**
- Repaving of Naytahwaush Drum Hall, 2nd and 3rd Avenues **(Completed)**
- Paving on BIA Road 29 **(Completed)**
- Repaving of Riverland Road **(Completed)**
- D2 Elder Village **(In Progress)**

Mahnomen B&G Club Grand Opening

On Oct. 11, we celebrated the grand opening of the Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club. Over the past two years, we transformed a vacant warehouse across from the casino into a vibrant new space for the community. This facility fills a longstanding need, as our Mahnomen site has often struggled to find a space large enough to serve everyone. The new club features an indoor basketball court, a computer lab, a full kitchen and cafeteria, and plenty of room for various activities.

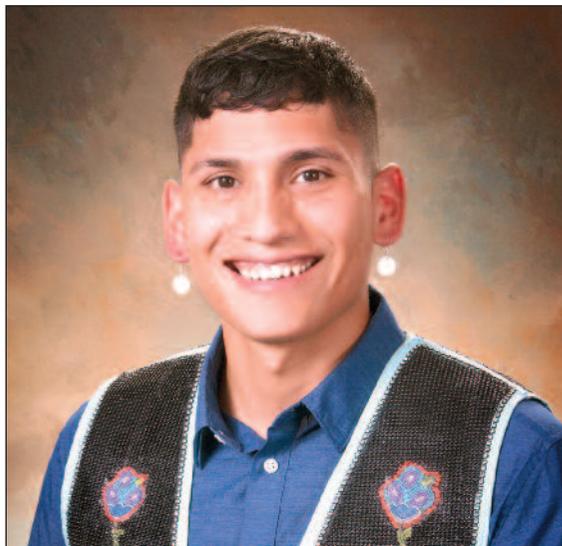
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

On Oct. 1, the RBC formalized a Co-Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, affirming White Earth Nation's sovereign right to care for and coexist with our ancestral lands. This agreement is an important step in reconnecting with these lands and fulfilling our role as their stewards. White Earth Nation is dedicated to addressing essential issues such as water management and culvert design, which directly impact wild rice in the refuge. With over 30 years of partnership and deep expertise in wild rice stewardship, this collaboration reinforces our commitment to sustainable management and Tribal Sovereignty.

Minnesota Chippewa Indian

Blood vs Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Blood

Discussions at both the TEC and RBC meetings within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) have centered on the inclusion of Red Lake Nation blood in enrollment eligibility requirements. A resolution from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe points out that the term "Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood" used in the MCT Constitution is distinct from "Minnesota Chippewa Tribe," suggesting that Red Lake Nation blood can technically qualify as Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood.



During this month's White Earth RBC Meeting, the following directive was issued to the Enrollments Department:

Recognition of Red Lake Nation blood for White Earth Nation enrollment eligibility criteria *The White Earth Reservation Business*

Committee hereby directs the above-named governmental departments to research White Earth Nation recognition of Red Lake blood for addition to the White Earth Nation's enrollment eligibility criteria.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution, Article 2, describes the requirement for membership as a person having a certain degree of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood. The MCT Ordinance limits eligibility to a person having a certain degree of blood from any of the six constituent Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Recently another MCT Band determined the MCT Enrollment Ordinance is in conflict with the intent of the MCT Constitution. Additionally, the Red Lake Nation Enrollment Office has worked cooperatively with this Band to certify Indian Blood.

Based upon this information, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee approves its Enrollment and Legal Departments to seek further information including information from the MCT and Red Lake Nation and report back to the RBC with findings and recommendations."

This marks a significant advancement in addressing long-standing issues related to MCT Tribal Enrollments, helping to protect a generation that might otherwise be excluded from enrollment. Many individuals, myself included, have Ojibwe ancestry from multiple Nations and have faced years of denial until historical corrections were finally made. The slow pace of this process can discourage people from seeking enrollment, making these recent discussions even more crucial.

At the August RBC Meeting, I requested data and statistics from the Enrollment Office, revealing that 5,348 members of the White Earth Nation currently fall below the 25% blood quantum requirement. This finding makes the consideration of accepting Red Lake Nation blood more feasible. However, a vital question persists: if we accept blood from other Ojibwe Nations, how will this impact the integrity of our enrollment process and the currently enrolled members who still do not meet the 25% Ojibwe blood requirement?

If we do not address these issues, the future of our Nation could be defined by blood quantum rather than by language, culture, and our connection to the land.

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Rez Briefs

RBC offices closed for holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m., and close Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving and will reopen on Dec. 2 at 8 a.m.

Waubun School Forest Information

The hiking trails at the Waubun School Forest are always open to everyone for hiking. Pay attention to deer hunting season dates. It's advisable to wear some orange but there is "no hunting" in the school forest itself. It is located at 2541 State Hwy 113 (9.2 miles east of Waubun).

AA meeting times and locations

Thursday night - Shooting Star AA meeting, Mahnomen - 7 p.m. (The room will be listed on the event center teleprompter.)

Friday night - Rising Sun AA meeting, Circles of Faith Church, Waubun - 7 p.m., **also the last Friday of the month.** Features a potluck at 6 p.m. followed by a speaker meeting.

White Earth Urban Office

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

Iron Range Area Community Council

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

Valleyview Commons

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

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If you need your sewer system pumped call the White Earth Water and Sewer Department at 218-983-3202.

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

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

White Earth Business - \$115

Non-enrollee (any age) - \$185

Businesses - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

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News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson



Aaniin Anishinaabe. I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. As November arrives, we begin our preparations for winter and the deer hunting season. Let's embrace this time of transition together, cherishing our traditions and supporting one another as we move forward into the colder months.

Congratulations to the Mahnomen/Waubun Thunderbird Football team on winning their fourth consecutive Section 8A Championship!

October 2024 Update

10-2 Tribal leaders and staff held a follow up meeting with Minnesota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health staff. Discussions included: withdrawal management, housing stabilization, mental health peer support, traditional healing and 1115 waiver, community health aid and behavioral health aid.

10-3 Tribal leaders and staff held yearly Consultation with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Kessler. Discussions: CAFO laws, upcoming legislation, PFAS regulations air quality

10-8 I met with White Earth Public Works, and I'm pleased to share that White Earth will be getting a new biological water treatment system. The goal is to have it installed and operational by the end of 2026, with funding from the Indian Health Service and the EPA. In the Pine Point Community, a water pilot project is currently underway. Once this project is completed, an engineering study will be conducted to determine the best system for the community.

10-11 Representative Sommers and I attended the grand opening for the Mahnomen Boys and Girls Club. The renovated building looks fantastic, providing our youth with a safe and enjoyable place to gather. Additionally, the club will be receiving more computers in December.

10-22/23 MCT Tribal Executive/Subcommittee meetings at Northern Lights Casino in Walker, Minn. Tribal leaders attended the Subcommittee and TEC meetings. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation offer different loans: renovation housing loans, construction loans, home loans and business loans. At the TEC meeting, Constitutional Delegates from each reservation gave updates about Constitution Reform work they continue to do in the communities and continue to do outreach with tribal members.

10-24 WOVE Indian Education sponsored a field trip for the 9th grade Civics class and the ALC students to the White Earth Tribal Office. Students toured the building and listened to department directors speak about their job duties, education, and experience. Several tribal programs and the Tribal Council spoke to the students. The session wrapped up with the importance of voting and then some pizza. Tribal leaders were in attendance to speak about tribal government and the important duties we have. It was a great way for students to see in person how government works and how each department works while all be connected to the people of White Earth.

10-25 White Earth RBC held the monthly meeting. These meetings are live on YouTube: Here is the link from the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/live/T6ZRYp4wCPw?si=nz3F0wmKjCljDGPV>

During the meeting, tribal leaders discussed Christmas gift cards for elders and voted to increase the amount from \$20 to \$100 this year. There will be a sign-up form in this months paper with the information.

10-26 Temporary Absentee Polling site for State election was available at the White Earth Fire Hall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for Becker County residents

10-28 I joined the White Earth Tribal College Board of Trustees and a review team meeting at the

White Earth Tribal College for an interview. WETCC is in the process of reaffirming their accreditation.

Natural Resource Update

Our Natural Resource staff recently traveled to Theodore Roosevelt Park to bring back four full-grown buffalo. They are now secured, with access to water and food at the agriculture campus. We plan to acquire an additional 12 to 14 buffalo.

White Earth Natural Resources is upgrading the hatchery by expanding and improving the work area, renovating the office space, and enhancing the functionality of other areas.

Our Natural Resource Department is actively collaborating with local schools to educate our students. This month, they hosted a netting demonstration and a fish-cleaning session and a Youth Deer Informational session including deer hunting safety, Chronic Waste awareness, how to properly process a deer.

ELDERS

ENP sites are re-opening. Anytime there's a change, it takes time to adjust, so we appreciate your patience with our staff. A big thank you to our team as well.

Weatherization Applications. If you require plastic for your windows, please fill out the application. If you'd like one mailed or delivered to you, just let us know. White Earth Day labor has begun to install plastic on elder homes.

Energy Assistance funding will start being distributed in the second week of November.

WHITE EARTH

White Earth Child Care Building

On Oct. 8 a walk-through of the building was complete. Staff plan to move in starting mid-November. A tentative grand opening will be held in February 2025.

We have four elder tiny homes in White Earth. The work is still ongoing, and we are gathering names of elders who are in need of housing.

Some roads are undergoing renovations and finishing up in White Earth.

White Earth Community Council hosted a Halloween Walk Event at the community center. Thank you to all the volunteers and community council for this event for our community.

The White Earth Community Council has purchased eight new picnic tables: six for the new playground and two for the Community Center. Additionally, a new 16x20 canopy will be set up at the playground.

The White Earth Community Council will be distributing forms for families to enter a drawing for five complete Thanksgiving dinners. They will also be gathering information for Toys for Tots to share with

See Erickson Page 29

NOTICE

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION ELDERS

In order to provide information and possible services to White Earth Reservation enrolled elders (age 55 & up) living on or near the reservation your assistance is needed. Please complete the following data form and return. If information is different from previously submitted form, please resubmit with updated information. The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be used to identify services and events from which you may benefit. (Example: Elder Christmas Cards).

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

Signature _____ Date _____

White Earth Reservation Elder Data Form

Name: _____

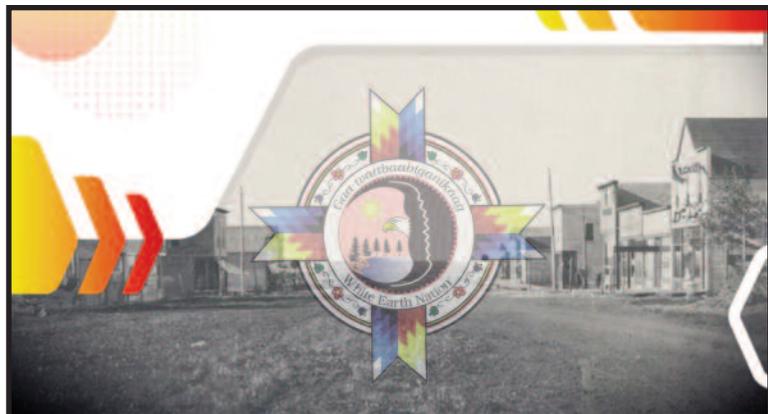
Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Tribal Enrollment No. _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please contact Nicole Kent at 218-401-1551 for an application. If you have been on in the past, you do not have to re-apply. If you have moved, you will need to reapply with your new address. **I will be taking applications through December 6.**



WHITE EARTH CALLAWAY Community Council

Join the White Earth Callaway Community Council.
Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? We are excited to announce the formation of the White Earth Callaway Community Council and we need your voice!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING
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tiffany.swiers@whiteearth-nsn.gov
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Must Live
2 Miles From City Limits
Within the Reservation Boundaries

White Earth tribal offices closed for the holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 for **Veterans Day** and will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. They will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2 at 8 a.m.

WE Bison Program continues to move forward

We have completed the outer perimeter fencing of the Bison (Bison and Buffalo used as the same) pasture between Naytahwaush and Mahkonce, also known locally as the Spence Farm. As we continue to move forward with our Bison Program you will notice more activity and more animals.

We are awaiting the completion of our watering system and electricity (completion date in the coming couple weeks). As we address other unanticipated issues, you may see a few Bison on the Spence pasture by late fall.

As White Earth Nation Division of Natural Resources moves forward with more surplus Bison on our lands received from other Federal herds and The Nature Conservancy, we would like to offer some safety tips, educational information, and what to do in the event of Bison getting out of their respective units.

To date we have seven buffalo at our site just outside of Mahnomen. We anticipate receiving 14 more on approximately Nov. 15. There are several factors to consider on where we will put these 14; either in Mahnomen or at the Spence pasture.

In the event of any animals getting out of their respective units, please call White Earth Dispatch at 218-983-3281 and they will notify management and on duty Conservation officers. White Earth Nation Division of Natural Resources has an internal Buffalo Escape Action Plan that we will implement. Often, they are simply foraging for more food. They typically do not pose a threat to humans and will likely avoid you unless they feel you are endangering them. Please keep your distance.

If life and/or safety is of concern, such as Bison

versus traffic collisions, PLEASE CALL 911.

To date, all our units are 6-foot-tall high tensile electric wire. Do not touch the wire and do not approach the fence. Enjoy watching and observing them from a distance.

The Spence Bison pasture is a “native prairie” reclamation. Not to be confused with a restoration, as no prairies existed on this site needing to be restored after natural forestation replaced the prairie more than 5,000 years ago and farming cleared the forest about a century ago. This reclaimed agriculture field was replanted several years ago into a mix of prairie plants and has received annual burning to prevent wildfires. Therefore, the previous agriculture field was reclaimed in favor of a prairie ecosystem, where now the primary vegetation is native Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem and Indian grass, along with a few other sparsely dispersed species of prairie grasses and forbs throughout.

Bison are a known and essential keystone species of a healthy prairie ecosystem. Prairie ecosystems are dependent on natural disturbance regimes of heavy grazing and occasional fires, just like the real prairies of yesterday that supported 60,000,000 Bison.

Introducing bison, the keystone species onto this replicated prairie ecosystem is necessary to achieve the full ecological restoration desired. The proven benefits of this are increased plant species diversity and improved soil health; reduced dependence on fire disturbance and to bring in a healthier protein source to the people of White Earth.

- Submitted by the White Earth Agricultural Department

WE Natural Resources reach out to reservation youth



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Jason Clark, White Earth Natural Resources, teaches students at Ogema Elementary School how to harvest wild rice. White Earth DNR staff spent the summer and fall traveling around the reservation teaching youth how to rice, net fish, process a deer, and much more.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Boozhoo.

All the ENP sites are open and this is a good thing because we need somewhere to hang out and to socialize. With winter upon us it's nice to just sit around and visit after a good meal. Thanks to the Great ENP staff for all they do to make us comfortable and the delicious lunch so at night we can snack knowing that we have met all our nutritional needs. A lot goes into this menu and I have talked with Dani Sutherland many times - she puts a lot of effort into making sure that we get what's healthy for us. Thanks Dani and all that help you.

Darrell Bellanger with TERO is going to be out and about doing plastic for Elders windows. If you haven't had this done and own your house, please contact him at 218-935-3702. If you are in a housing house then contact the White Earth Housing at 218-473-4663.

Make sure that your furnace is running smoothly and that you have enough fuel. We should have more information next month about cleaning around the propane tanks and the roofs as the tribe takes pretty good care of us with the driveway plowing so we can make it to our appointments.

I would like to thank the tribal council for upping our casino money to \$50 and meal to \$25. Now they are going to up the Christmas gift card to \$100 - that's right! Way to go council.

We are looking into a storage container so that we may put all our stuff in for the parades and pow wows, donations and all that cool stuff because right now we have to bring things from everyone's house so this will make it easier for all.

We are also looking into getting some bulletin boards for the ENP sites and community centers for more information to get out because we know not everyone does social media. We still do word of mouth and the paper thanks to Gary Padrta who happens to do a very good job and from what I hear is never going to retire LOL. Just kidding Gary, I know that at some point your going to pass the pen.

We have word that the Elders Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino. Make sure that you wear an ugly sweater for the contest, I'm so looking forward to seeing you all there. Kat Thompson and her staff put a lot of work into this I know because I have helped in the past so a Big Thank you to Kat and all her staff. I can't wait to see what they have planned for us this year, it's always a fun time.

Elders wild rice will remain at \$6.50 a pound with a 60-pound limit so that's really nice to hear.

We've have had a lot of input on the bus trips. We are no longer asking for a deposit to insure a spot on the bus and we will now take down names. When we are full and someone does not show up we will have a list to start calling until the bus is full again. If need be, maybe we will have a second bus on standby.

Everyone had fun at the TEC meeting on Oct. 23. Anyone that wants to attend future TEC meetings will not be turned away even if we have to get a bigger bus.

We as a council have a lot of work a head of us to make sure that everything runs smoothly and that we are doing the best that we can. Our last meeting of the year will take place On Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Naytahwaush ENP site right after lunch. If you can attend the meeting please do so, and maybe have a couple of suggestions written down on paper that you would like to see us working on. If you would like to be more involved in the planning of any events, remember this is your council and you have input on what takes place and a voice to carry out that message. Miigwech for taking the time to read this article.

Sincerely,

Tim Rindahl (Chairman)

Sam Crowell (Vice chair)

Colleen Blattenbauer (Treasurer)

Monica Perrault (Secretary)



Submitted photo

Lauri Zupan, center, is a student at White Earth Tribal and Community College. She is pictured with her son Michael and daughter Meranda.

Lauri Zupan

is the WE Tribal College September Student Spotlight

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) has many wonderful students. Each month we plan to honor a student that exemplifies academic excellence, resilience, and personal growth. September Student Spotlight would like to honor Lauri Zupan. Here is Lauri's story.

"In my younger years, I navigated life straight out of foster care as a single mom of two. Another great obstacle has been learning to balance work and family responsibilities while working on my degree.

The happiest and most proud moments of my life have been watching my daughter and son grow into strong, kindhearted, and respectful adults, giving back to others, starting their own families, and becoming a memaw. I am also proud of returning to college and making the honor roll.

The secret to my college success is working hard, submitting assignments on time, and asking for help when needed. I've also utilized the opportunities the college offers outside the classroom, which has broadened my knowledge and opened doors to reach my dreams and beyond.

I define success as finding happiness and peace while helping others along my journey of reaching my dreams. Success, to me, is not just about personal

achievements, but also about positively impacting the lives of others and contributing to the well-being of others around me. It's about finding fulfillment in every step of the journey and spreading that sense of fulfillment to those around me.

I am glad that I chose to attend White Earth Tribal and Community College because the relationships that I have built here feel like a family, and for the first time in my life, I feel comfortable about being proud to be an Indigenous Dakota woman. The college has gone over and above in preparing me for college and for my career. The instructors are thorough in their teachings, making it relatable to real-life interactions of my career path, while keeping us grounded in our core values as Indigenous people.

After graduating from White Earth Tribal and Community College, I plan to further my education in the field of social work and licensed addiction counseling while working on starting non-profits for the community. At this point, the possibilities are endless with all the newfound opportunities and doors that have opened through my experiences at WETCC."

Congratulations, Lauri, on your success!

Be respectful with cutting boughs this season

By Dave Snetsinger Jr.

White Earth Natural Resources Forestry

As bough harvesting season is currently on going and the White Earth Natural Resources Forestry Department would like to remind the public of how to properly harvest boughs from trees.

Here are some rules to follow to keep these trees healthy when harvesting tree boughs:

- It is prohibited for bough harvesters to cut down the entire tree to obtain the boughs
- It is prohibited to harvest boughs from the upper half of any tree
- Harvested branches must have ends no larger than the diameter of a pencil.

- Boughs may not be harvested from trees smaller than five feet in height

- Harvested boughs must be less than 30 inches in length

Please respect our natural resources while doing this commercial activity.

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The Veterans Day Pow Wow is Nov. 9-10

WE Natural Resources looking for help with CWD testing

By Doug McArthur

White Earth Natural Resources

Fall hunting and gathering season is upon us and it is time to get ready for winter. Once again, the White Earth Natural Resources Department will be asking everyone to drop off deer heads for CWD sampling. Last year there were 117 heads submitted for sampling and thankfully all came back negative for CWD. We would like to thank everyone who submitted heads last year again it was a great effort.

Head drop-off: Freezers will be located at the RBC Headquarters at the entrance door to the Land Office. It's the first door/sidewalk north of the main entrance. The other location will be at the White Earth Natural Resources Office in Mahnomen on Highway 59. Hunters will only be able to drop off heads Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hunters will fill out registration online and staff at each location will be on-sight to assist and give out bags and tags needed for the deer head. Deer heads must be antler free and cut just a few inches behind the skull. More specific directions will be posted at each site and on social media for better viewing. There will be bags and numbered ear tags to be attached to the head. This ear tag and number will be used for online registration portion.

Recording requirements: There will be the same recording requirements for this year that will hopefully help streamline and make it easier for drop offs. There is a hyperlink: <https://arcg.is/1qrW90> that will be used to register deer heads. Drop off stations will also have a barcode that can be scanned by your smartphone and opened directly for data input. Each location will have staff that can also help with registration as needed. Deer must be harvested within the reservation boundaries and **please record the**

most accurate location as possible.

Deer head incentives: There will be new and exciting incentives for CWD submissions this year. We will be conducting three separate raffles for individuals submitting samples:

- Fully enclosed, custom deer stand (top prize)
- Two-person ladder stand
- Yeti cooler
- Each person will have an equal chance to win, i.e. one entry per person regardless of how many samples they registered.
- There will also be drawing for a \$500 gift cards to Reed's, for Tribal member's submitting samples and a \$500 gift card for non-Tribal members.

- Hunters will have their name in the drawing for the number of heads that were registered, so if you register five deer heads, you will have five chances in the raffle.

Tribal members will need to show your ID card and non-Tribal members will have to show their Minnesota nine-digit license number to register for the \$500 gift card at the end of the season. Please provide accurate contact information so that we can get test results to each of you in a timely manner, email address is encouraged! **You can register as many deer as you like provided there is accurate harvest location for each deer.**

If anyone has questions, please contact Doug McArthur at 218-935-3655 or doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Good luck, happy hunting and be safe!



THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

Cholesterol: Understanding Its Role in Our Health

By David Johnson, MD
White Earth Health Center

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in animals, including humans. It is important because it makes up cell walls and is used in the body to make hormone (like testosterone and estrogen), vitamins (such as vitamin D) and bile acids (which aid in digestion). Cholesterol is vital to our health, but in excess can lead to serious cardiovascular problems, such as heart disease and stroke.

What is Cholesterol?

Cholesterol is found in animal products we eat, such as meat and dairy products, which are absorbed in the gut. Most of the cholesterol in our body is produced by our own liver though. Since cholesterol is a fat, it does not mix well with water or blood, so has to be carried in special particles called lipoproteins. These particles allow the cholesterol to be transported from the liver or the gut to the cells where they are needed. The two main types of lipoprotein particles in our blood are:

Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) - LDL is often referred to as "bad" cholesterol because high levels of it can lead to the buildup of plaque in the arteries, a condition known as atherosclerosis, or "hardening of the arteries." Over time, this buildup narrows the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Ideally, LDL levels should be kept low to maintain heart health.

High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) - HDL is often referred to as "good" cholesterol because it helps remove extra cholesterol from the bloodstream. HDL transports cholesterol back to the liver, where it can be either recycled or broken down and excreted in the stool. In general, high levels of HDL are associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease.

Triglycerides are another type of fat in our body. They come from the food we eat. When we eat more calories than we need, including dietary fats, carbohydrates and sugars, those excess calories are converted to triglycerides that are stored in fat cells. Because they travel through our blood vessels, they can also contribute to atherosclerosis.

Cholesterol and Health

Maintaining healthy cholesterol levels is crucial for cardiovascular health. When cholesterol levels become imbalanced, particularly with high LDL and triglycerides and low HDL levels, the risk of atherosclerosis increases. Atherosclerosis causes buildup of fatty deposits, or plaque, inside the arteries. Over time, this can restrict blood flow and can lead to:

- **Heart Attacks:** When a plaque ruptures, a blood clot can form and block the flow of oxygen-rich blood to the heart, causing a heart attack.
- **Strokes:** If a blood clot forms in an artery leading to the brain, it can block blood flow, resulting in a stroke.
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease:** Plaque builds up in other

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Students experience opportunities in health and science



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Dr. Laura Lhotka (White Earth descendant) teaches Mahnomen High School student Ethan Sargent how to suture a cut on a pig foot during the Mashkiki Maaginigan event on Oct. 11 at the White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen. The event gave students the opportunity to explore health and science careers. There were several other breakout sessions that students could attend. The University of Minnesota Medical School's Center of American Indian and Minority Health sponsored the event.

Types of Cholesterol



Diabetic Health Fair

@ The Rice Lake Community Center Gym

November 13, 2024 | 2:00-6:00pm

Learn more about Diabetes and how to live a healthier life!

Lifestyle changes are the best way to prevent or delay onset of type 2 Diabetes.

Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how your body turns food into energy.

Food will be available from 4:00-6:00pm

- Pumpkin chili
- Wild rice parfaits
- Sumac tea
- Coffee

There will be interactive booths and activities for all!

Call (218) 401-3241 to preregister for a booth.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control (2024), "About 38 million people have diabetes, and 1 in 5 don't know they have it."

White Earth Nation

Tribal Health Division
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DATE & TIMES:

- 11/6 - Pine Point Elderly Nutrition Center 11-1:00
- 11/8 - Landing Cafe in Waubun from 11-1:00
- 11/8 - Evergreen Apartments in Waubun from 1-2:00
- 11/12 - Naytahwaush Sports Complex from 11-1:00
- 11/13 - Rice Lake Community Center from 2-3:00
- 11/15 - Shooting Star Casino from 11-1:00
- 11/18 - Bagley Casino from 11-1:00
- 11/22 - RBC from 9:00 - 2:00 during the HOWAH Event

WE Water & Sewer offers cold-weather tips

1. The most likely spot for water lines to freeze is where it enters the house/trailer home/building. Make sure warmer air can reach pipes where water enters the house/trailer home/building. If you have heat tape wrapped around your pipes, make sure it is plugged in.

2. Check around your home for areas where water supply lines are in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Common locations include: basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

3. Determine where your water shut-off valve is in your house and learn how to use it. For most homes the shut-off valve is located near the water meter at the point where the water line comes into your home, which is usually in your basement. If a pipe freezes and breaks it will be important to know where the shut-off valve is located.

4. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures,

you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

5. **Do not plow or drive over the area where your water and sewer lines are buried.** Doing so pushes the frost further into the ground, increasing the risk of freeze ups.

6. **Make sure the roof vent is not covered** with snow or blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house and keeping the line above from freezing.

7. **Make sure any sewer cleanouts or riser (white pipes in the yard) are capped** so none of the cold air can enter the sewer system causing a freeze up.

Please contact the White Earth Water and Sewer department in the event of your water or sewer system freezing at 218-983-3202. The community water systems will monitor water temperature to prevent community freeze ups.

WE receives grant to assist with public safety

Four tribal nations in Minnesota received \$4.6 million in federal grants for various public safety initiatives, from opioid abuse to child welfare.

U.S. Sen. Tina Smith announced Oct. 9 that the grants are being awarded to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and White Earth Nation.

"Tribal leaders have been consistently clear that they need more support from the federal government to combat the opioid epidemic and prosecute crimes on their lands, and we have a trust responsibility to assist Tribal governments to keep their people safe," Smith said in a news release.

Native Americans in Minnesota are seven times more likely to die of a drug overdose than white Minnesotans, according to the state's Department of

Health. The ripple effect of addiction impacts families and strains Tribal courts and agencies that have historically had inequitable access to resources.

White Earth Nation

A \$895,556 grant is directed to the White Earth Tribal Court to a reduce drug abuse, recidivism and associated criminal activity through modern and traditional support options.

"The funding will help the program to continue improving the quality of life of the participants in leading clean, sober, independent and productive lives; with the option of participating in the best-practices principles of an Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life) traditional/cultural model of living life," said court administrator Lori Thompson.

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Energy Assistance Program Notice

The 2025 Energy Assistance Program will be accepting applications the first part of September, please call for an application at that time. You can also pick one up at the office in Waubun or watch and they will be on the White Earth webpage. For those of you that have applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail in September.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely with all necessary documentation, this will make for a faster process. Homeowners, please call if you are having furnace problems, we may be able to help you. Please remember to change your filters once a month for adequate maintenance.

Always keep in mind to check your tanks, running out will adhere to more problems. Summer prices are at low this time of year, call your company to set up payment plans or arrangements if suitable.

No funds available until around the first week in November.

Any questions on the program or need to fax any information, please call the number or fax below. Hope everyone had a great summer!

Physical address: 3303 US Hwy 59, Waubun, MN 56589
Mailing Address: PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591

Phone#: 218/473-2711 **Fax#:** 218/473-2719 **Toll Free#:** 1-866-885-7656
Visit us at www.whiteearth.com **Energy Assistance Program**

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION AND WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WEUCC)
 Registration form for BUS TRIP TO ELDER CHRISTMAS PARTY December 10th, 2024
 Elders are 55+ (there was a question in the past)
 2 Night Bus Trip leave 12/9/24 and back 12/11 /24

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
 DECEMBER 4TH, 2024**

****PRINT CLEARLY****

Name _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: _____
 White Earth Enrollment Number _____
 Emergency Contact: Name _____ and Phone _____

Spouse/Significant Other or Other Roommate Information:
 Name _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: _____
 White Earth Enrollment Number _____
 Emergency Contact: Name _____ and Phone _____

SEND BACK TO: WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council
 1308 East Franklin Ave, Suite 201
 Minneapolis, MN 55404

OR weurbancommunitycouncil@gmail.com

White Earth

INVESTMENT INITIATIVE



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Sue Trnka
 WEI Community
 Services Coordinator

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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 218-983-3202

November 2024

gashkadino-giizis Cultural Calendar

White Earth Cultural Activities Monthly Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 9am Tobacco OMC Youth Sweat 12pm	5 Mahnomon 10-12 Culture group RL&NTW women sweat 5:30pm	6 WESA 10-12 AFT 2	7 Acute Care sweat 1-3 RL&NTW Men's sweat 5:30pm	8	9
10 HOLIDAY	11	12 NTW Moms ceremony 10-12 WE Men's sweat 5:30pm	13 WE MAT 10-12 Gwayako AFT 4	14 Youth Circle Back Ojibwe PP Men's sweat 5:30pm	15	16 Rock yer Mocs Round Dance @ SSC
17	18 9am Tobacco OMC/Mat	19 Mahnomon 10-12 Culture group PP Women's sweat 5:30pm	20 WESA 10-12 AFT 3 Rice Lake Healing Feast 5-7pm	21 Acute Care sweat 1-3	22	23
24	25 9am Tobacco OMC Women's Sweat 12pm	26 NTW Moms ceremony 10-12 WE Women's sweat 5:30pm	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



**SAVE THE DATE .
 Friday January 24th**

White Earth Tribal and Community College



1.24.2025 9:30am-2pm

A Second event held for White Earth Nation youth interested in a Health or Science Career. A partnership with The White Earth Tribal Community College, Medica Foundation, The University Of Minnesota Medical School and the Center of American Indian and Minority Health.



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anonymous crime and elder abuse tip line

White Earth Band of Ojibwe

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AND COLLATERAL SUPPORT

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Homebuyer Education Class

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

December 11
January 8
February 12

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

Register online at weii.website or call 218-844-7057

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THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT NOVEMBER 21ST, 2024

By quitting – even for one day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk. Every Attempt brings you one step closer to success. Why not try and see what you can learn about what it takes to quit.

Benefits of Quitting Smoking Over Time

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- 5 years after quitting**  Your risk of cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half. Cervical cancer risk falls to that of a non-smoker. Your stroke risk can fall to that of a non-smoker after 2 to 5 years.
- 10 years after quitting**  Your risk of dying from lung cancer is about half that of a person who is still smoking. Your risk of cancer of the larynx (voice box) and pancreas decreases.
- 15 years after quitting**  Your risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker's.

Support is also available through the state of Minnesota. For more information on the MN Quit Partner and to obtain a **FREE** "medications" texts or emails, call 1-800-784-8669.

For more information about the White Earth IHS Tobacco Cessation Program, please call 983-6383.



White Earth Reservation

Tribal Enrollment Elder Snow Removal Application

Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Permanent residency is required.

Mailing Address/P.O. Box: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Alt Contact: _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

Enrollment ID # _____ Spouses Enrollment ID # _____

Attach a color copy of ID.

Do you own the home: Yes No if no, landlords name: _____

Do you live in a Housing home? _____, as they plow for their own Residents/units.

Which district do you reside in: District I District II District III

Detailed directions to your residence (new applicants only): _____

Estimated length of driveway (new applicants only): _____

*** Snow plowing will be done **only when snowfall accumulation exceeds 4" inches** or more.

*** Driveway needs to be cleared of vehicles and debris prior to plowing.

*** Snow shoveling of driveway or sidewalk **will not** be done.

*** Signatures from elder's will be required on Snowplow Provider's timesheets.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418 White Earth, MN 56591 Phone: 218-983-3202 Fax: 218-983-4350
Email Address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.tibbettsIII@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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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

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council

NOTICE of DATABASE

We are creating a database of the members in the Twin Cities (Counties listed below) so we have more ways to improve our communication and notify you of our WEUCC activities other than our business page on Facebook.

Please complete this form and return to:

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council
 1308 East Franklin Ave Suite 201
 Minneapolis, MN 55404

Enrolled Tribal Members that live in Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey, Washington, Wright, Carver, Scott or Dakota counties are in the WEUCC area for participation. Please also have your descendants fill out these forms as we include them in a lot of our activities. **PLEASE PRINT SO WE GET IT RIGHT=ESPECIALLY FOR MAILINGS**

Name _____ Enrollment Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ MN Zip Code _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ (Text? Y or N)

Email _____

If not enrolled, who are your parents (name and enrollment number)

Minor Children that live in your household:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Enrollment number (if enrolled) _____

Grandchildren that you are raising and therefore living with you:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Enrollment number (if enrolled) _____

Reminder to contact your ADULT Children OR children not living with you, to have them fill out their own form with address, etc. If they are not enrolled, they can fill in the descendant information.

Howah - that's a big pumpkin!



Photo by Katie Hoban

Diane McArthur won the HOWAH Pumpkin Weigh-in Challenge with her 34-pound pumpkin. This contest was sponsored by the RBC's HOWAH Employee Wellness Program – each month employees are challenged to be healthier – whether physically, mentally, culturally or nutritionally. Pumpkin seeds were passed out at the HOWAH Spring Wellness event.



Pumpkin Party

These little mummies had a blast playing games during the Pumpkin Party in Rice Lake Community Center

We ate pumpkin seeds and enjoyed warm chicken noodle soup.

Look out for these mummies

Winners Gussed how pumpkin seeds

WHITE EARTH NATION COMMUNITY WELLNESS & RECOVERY NAVIGATORS & Community Health Outreach Workers "OSHKABEWISAG" (HELPERS)

Mahnomen Navigator & C.H.O.W

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C.H.O.W- Dawn Basswood (218) 401-1216

N.T.W. Navigator & C.H.O.W

CSO-Dustin Keezer (218) 401-0576

C.H.O.W-Heidi Goodwin (218) 401-4693

White Earth Navigator & C.H.O.W

CSO-Sue Hanks (218)401-0415

C.H.O.W- Cassandra Hanks (218)401-1173

Community Service Manager

CSO- Sue Hanks (218) 401-0415

Rice Lake Navigator&

C.H.O.W

CSO-Shawn Goodman (218) 401-1989

C.H.O.W-Indy LaFriniere (218) 401-3828

Pine Point Navigator& C.H.O.W

CSO-Isaiah Smith (218) 401-3593

C.H.O.W-Tricia Jones (218) 401-4695

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-Housing Resources

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-Host Community Events

Overdose Response Officer

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Rice Lake: Darrel Fox (218)-401-4739

Pine Point: Allison Jones (218)-401-0561

ATR Manager

Ralph Goodman (218) 401-3198

Behavioral Health Administrator

Jordan McArthur (218)-401-1071



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



**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION
2024 CHRISTMAS TOY PROGRAM**

Parent or Child must be an enrolled member of the
White Earth Reservation

Registration is at ONE Community Only

DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

Ages: Newborn to 17 Years Old

Please contact your local Community Council Member

<p>White Earth Paula Smith (218) 204-1400 Shannon Heisler (218) 368-2311</p> <p>Mahnomen Josh Zornes (218) 261-0345 Desiree Linden (701) 429-7445</p> <p>Callaway Margaret Rousu (218) 401-0115 or (218) 375-2600</p> <p>Rice Lake Autumn Auginaush (218) 368-3320 Rita Swenson (218) 358-0910</p> <p>NEWE Cass Lake Jolyn Donnell (218) 368-4329 Rick Haaland (218) 760-6618</p>	<p>Naytahwaush Tara Mason (218) 849-3277 Dustin Keezer (218) 401-0576</p> <p>Elbow Lake Carla Soyering (218) 401-3235 or (320) 248-4920</p> <p>Pine Point Sara Hunt (218) 902-0204 Neegonee Brunner (218) 573-3954</p> <p>Waubun Bonnie Badboy (218) 204-1614</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY WEUCC TEENS RECEIVE GIFT CARDS White Earth Urban Sherry Loken (612) 423-6760 or Email: Sloken70@gmail.com</p>
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**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION 2024 CHRISTMAS
TOY PROGRAM INTAKE FORM**

****PRINT CLEARLY****

REGISTRATION IS AT ONE COMMUNITY ONLY

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024 AT
12:00 P.M.**

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

AGES: NEWBORN TO 17 YEARS OLD

<p>Head of Household Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>WE Enrolled Y \ N Enrollment # _____</p> <p>Total # of Children: _____</p>	<p>Dependents</p> <p>First Name: _____ Last Name: _____</p> <p>M \ F Birthday: ___ \ ___ \ ___ Age: _____ WE Enrolled Y \ N</p> <p>Enrollment #: _____</p> <p>First Name: _____ Last Name: _____</p> <p>M \ F Birthday: ___ \ ___ \ ___ Age: _____ WE Enrolled Y \ N</p> <p>Enrollment #: _____</p> <p>First Name: _____ Last Name: _____</p> <p>M \ F Birthday: ___ \ ___ \ ___ Age: _____ WE Enrolled: Y \ N</p> <p>Enrollment #: _____</p> <p>First Name: _____ Last Name: _____</p> <p>M \ F Birthday: ___ \ ___ \ ___ Age: _____ WE Enrolled: Y \ N</p> <p>Enrollment #: _____</p>
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Community Help

needed for free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site at SSC

Since 2006, White Earth Investment Initiative has hosted a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at the Shooting Star Casino where taxpayers can have their returns prepared for free by trained community volunteers and White Earth Investment Initiative tax staff.

In 2024, WEII's VITA sites filed more than 650 federal returns and facilitated the return of nearly \$800,000 to the community by way of federal tax refunds while also saving taxpayers more than \$133,000 in tax preparation fees. In addition to operating its site at the Shooting Star Casino, WEII also operated tax sites in Detroit Lakes.

"The community volunteers who help at our sites make a big difference," said Sue Trnka, one of WEII's VITA site coordinators. "When a taxpayer is greeted and helped by someone they know, they feel more at ease. Income tax filing is stressful for many, so getting help from someone you know and trust can be a real game-changer."

White Earth Investment Initiative is seeking six to eight new volunteers to help with the 2025 tax filing season, primarily at its location at the Shooting Star Casino from late January through mid-April. Volunteers can help with greeting, intake, and tax return preparation. WEII's biggest need is for volunteers willing to prepare tax returns.

"When COVID-19 happened and we couldn't operate with a full staff for a couple of years, we lost some really great long-time volunteers. Like many

programs that rely on volunteers, we are still rebuilding that vital volunteer base," said Trnka.

All volunteers receive in-person training and guidance from WEII tax site staff both prior to and throughout the tax season. A WEII tax site coordinator is always present at the tax site, so volunteers are always fully supported.

"No special knowledge is needed to be a tax volunteer – only a desire to help others in the community. The majority of returns prepared at our sites are very simple. Volunteers are fully trained on simple tax law and have to pass a certification before they can prepare returns, but we help with that process every step of the way," said Trnka. "Our main goals are to help taxpayers understand their tax returns and navigate the filing process with as little stress as possible."

Training dates have not been finalized, but WEII anticipates offering in-person training in mid-December and early January. Anyone interested in volunteering at WEII's tax sites should contact Sue Trnka at 218-844-7029 or strnka@mmdc.com.

The tax site is a service of the White Earth Investment Initiative and is made possible by the Internal Revenue Service, Minnesota Department of Revenue, Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Wells Fargo Foundation, Oweesta Corporation, Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation and the Shooting Star Casino, Hotel & Event Center. WEII is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Youth compete at b-ball tourney



Submitted photo

These athletics recently traveled to the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) in Mesa, Arizona. They represented White Earth and Leech Lake Nations. From left are Nelly Weaver, Joe Sudar, Michael Weaver Jr., Bradan Melina, coach Shelly Weaver. This tournament represented many tribal nations across the united states playing basketball and attending college expos.

Having Halloween fun



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

White Earth Public Health recently hosted a Welloween Health Fair on Oct. 23 at the Naytahwaush Complex. The community and area students could visit vendors, play games, win prizes, get a flu shot, and sit down to a meal of chili and corn bread. **Above:** A little girl in costume enjoys playing a game.

Announcing relocation



Submitted photo

The White Earth Child Care Early Childhood Program will be relocating the Early Childhood classrooms, infants, toddlers, preschoolers and program staff to their newly constructed building. The new Child Care site is located south on Eagle View Road next door to the RBC headquarters. An announcement will be made at a later date for an open house event. Miigwech to our families as we make this move and transition for our children.

3rd Annual Round Dance



Photo by Desiree Linden

The 3rd Annual Indigenous People's Day Round Dance was held Oct. 14 for students, staff and community members at Mahnomen High School.



Submitted photo

The Minwanjige co-op steering committee attended the Up&Coming Food Co-op conference in Kalamazoo Mich., which focused on start-up co-ops. Front row from left are Danielle Uran, Karissa Thompson, Diane McArthur, and Tara Mason. Back row from left are Zach Paige, Stuart Reed (Cooperative Development Services), and Nicole Lafrinier.

Committee looking to start food co-op on WE

By Karissa Thompson
Minwanjige Food Co-op Steering Committee

An up-and-coming food co-op is in the works for the White Earth Reservation! We would like to thank White Earth RBC, White Earth Natural Resources, Food Sovereignty, SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education, and all other programs that have assisted in the project.

What is a food co-op? A food co-op is a grocery store owned by members of the community (and by you if you choose). Unlike corporate chains, food co-ops are independent and owned by the community members who shop there. Instead of focusing on investors, food co-ops focus on their community, nourishing everyone according to their budget and cooking style.

Co-op grocery stores are the place to find the best local foods because they know their local farmers and family-owned businesses around the area. Food co-ops are passionate about giving back to their communities.

The committee is seeking members with experi-

ence in accounting, marketing, business, nutrition, and determined community members. The committee meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. The current committee consists of local community members and is assisted by two members of Cooperative Development Services.

The cooperative development services actively support the growth of cooperative businesses at all stages, including long-established co-ops, startups, and co-op conversions in urban and rural communities.

Minwanjige is currently in the first stage of planning which includes, incorporation, developing boards and sub-committees, marketing, logos, website, market studies, and much more.

Big news, Minwanjige is now incorporated! What does that mean? The state of Minnesota now recognizes Minwanjige as a corporation.

Minwanjige now has a Facebook page. Check us out on Facebook. If you are interested in joining our steering committee or being on the board email (minwanjigefoodcoop@gmail.com) or Facebook message us!

Attention WE Elders living in Mahnomen

We are forming a messaging group for White Earth Enrolled Elders living in Mahnomen.

In the past, our group has missed important messages or have been omitted from fun gatherings, simply because our contact information was not readily available.

Our idea is to have a phone list, email addresses, or FB messaging, some way to reach out to each other as WE Elders in Mahnomen.

If you would like to have your name on this list, please provide a valid phone number for us to contact you. That way we can share the activities or special events happening on the reservation. Remember, we are just getting started and want feedback and ideas. Miigwech!

Please contact Pam Aspinwall at 612-250-1171 or email pamroseasp@hotmail.com or Pauline Vizenor 218-261-0814 or email paulav3754@gmail.com

Challenge accepted!



Submitted photo

The White Earth Dove Program Wear Purple Challenge was held Oct. 17. The event was held to show support for domestic violence survivors. The White Earth Judicial Team accepted the challenge!

Alice and the gang visit RBC



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Enrollments staff dressed up as Alice in Wonderland characters and handed out candy to reservation children on Oct. 31. From left are Shelley Scheler, Barbara Brown, Shannon Heisler, Heather Murray and Nakomis Stech.

Elder visits COLA students



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

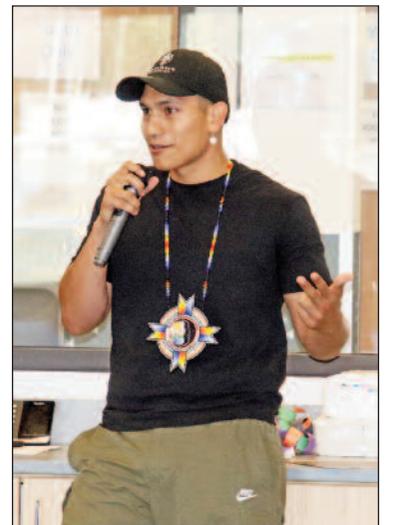
Phyllis Bunker, 94, of Naytahwaush recently visited students at the Circle of Life Academy. She shared her stories of living at the Mission School (pictured behind her) from 1st through 8th grade. She also answered questions from the students.

B&G Club officially opens new home in Mahnomen



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Boys and Girls Club officially opened their new home at the old Shopko building in Mahnomen with a public grand opening. The building features a basketball court, gaming systems, computer room, kitchen and dining area, state-of-the-art security, and an area just for teens. Taking part in the ribbon cutting from left are Monte Bower - Mahnomen Character, Leadership, Service Coordinator, Eugene Sommers - District 2 Rep., Audrea Walz - Mahnomen Unit Lead, Laura Erickson, District 3 Rep., and James Hvezda - Assistant Chief Professional Officer.





White Earth Payment Assistance Request Application

White Earth RBC has set aside an Assistance fund for financial support for enrolled White Earth Members that will be turning 18 years old.

The following information will determine eligibility for payment:

- Must be an enrolled member of White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.
- Must be turning **18** on or after **October 1, 2024**.
- Must have **been** enrolled with White Earth by **07/2024**.
- Individuals must sign and return this form to the RBC Tribal Headquarters to the Enrollment Department, or the application can be mailed to the following address:

WHITE EARTH ENROLLMENTS
PO BOX 506
WHITE EARTH, MN 56591

FIRST NAME:	MI:	LAST NAME:	SUFFIX:
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:		DATE OF BIRTH: / /	
ENROLLMENT NUMBER:			
You <u>MUST</u> be able to receive mail at the address you list.			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

*Information submitted on this form will be used to update the Tribal Enrollment Databases.

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Received by: _____ Received date: _____ Payment completed: _____

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION AND WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WEUCC)

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY INTAKE FORM

AND TOYS FOR TOTS

****PRINT CLEARLY****

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Return to WEUCC at 1308 East Franklin Ave, Suite 201, Mpls 55404

PARENT AND OR CHILD MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

LIVING IN THE TWIN CITIES AREA

AGES: NEWBORN TO 17 YEARS OLD

Office use only:

Date Received by WEUCC _____

Date Submitted to RBC _____

Date Submitted to Marines Toys for Tots _____

Head of Household Information: Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ MN Zip code: _____ Cell Phone: _____ text Y / N

White Earth Enrollment Number _____ Total number of children: _____

Dependents:

First Name : _____ Last Name: _____ M or F Child or Grandchild

Birthdate : _____ Age: _____ WE Enrollment # _____

First Name : _____ Last Name: _____ M or F Child or Grandchild

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Weurbancommunitycouncil@gmail.com

White Earth RBC hosts visit with Waubun students



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

WOWE Indian Education sponsored a field trip for the 9th grade Civics class and the ALC students to the White Earth Tribal Office. Students toured the building and listened to department directors speak about their job duties, education, and experience. Several tribal programs and the Tribal Council spoke to the students. The session wrapped up with the importance of voting and then some pizza. Tribal leaders were in attendance to speak about tribal government and the important duties we have. It was a great way for students to see in person how government works and how each department works while all be connected to the people of White Earth.

Keeping the community healthy



Submitted photo

Tribal Health-Home Health administered COVID and Flu shots at the annual Women's Night Out held Oct. 29 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen. From left are Mina Spalla, Grace Stevens, Joan "Sally" Simonson, and Lindsi Darco.



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Women's Night Out



Photo by Candace Rastedt

Around 215 people gathered for Women's Night Out on Oct. 29 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. The event featured speakers, dinner, prizes and activities. The annual event was sponsored by the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health Department. **Above:** Karri Bigboy, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, was a speaker at the event. She is a Cancer Programs Specialist for the American Indian Cancer Foundation.



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blood vessels such as in the legs, leading to pain or non-healing ulcers in the feet.

Factors That Influence Cholesterol Levels and Risk for Cardiovascular Disease

There are a number of factors that impact our cholesterol levels and our risk for develop heart disease or stroke. These include:

- **Diet:** Foods high in saturated fats and cholesterol can raise LDL levels. Conversely, a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats can help reduce LDL and increase HDL. Overconsumption of calories, especially sugars and refined carbohydrates, can lead to high triglycerides and obesity.
- **Physical Activity:** Regular exercise can boost HDL levels while lowering LDL and triglyceride levels. It also helps maintain strong blood flow in your blood vessels to your heart and brain.
- **Smoking:** Smoking can cause damage the lining of blood vessels, making it easier for cholesterol to “stick” to the blood vessel wall and plaque to build up.
- **Blood pressure:** Like smoking, high blood pressure causes stress and damage to blood vessel walls increasing the chance of plaque formation.
- **Weight:** Being overweight or obese can raise LDL and triglyceride levels, while losing weight can help lower these levels.
- **Genetics:** Family history can play a significant role in determining cholesterol levels, as some individuals inherit a predisposition to high cholesterol.

Managing Cholesterol Levels

Normal cholesterol levels depend on your age and other health issues. For adults, the cholesterol levels should be:

- Total cholesterol < 200
- LDL cholesterol < 100
- Triglycerides < 150
- HDL cholesterol > 40 (for men), > 50 (for women)

For patients with diabetes or heart disease the recommended levels are usually lower. Check with your health-care provider to be sure.

For many people, lifestyle changes can significantly improve cholesterol levels and lower the risk of cardiovascular disease. Here are some strategies to manage cholesterol effectively:

1. **Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet:**
 - Limit foods high in saturated fat, such as red meat, fried foods, and processed snacks.
 - Increase your intake of fiber-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
 - Incorporate heart-healthy fats found in nuts, seeds, avocados, and oily fish (like salmon) into your diet.
 - Limit excess calories and avoid added sugars (like soda and sweets) and refined carbohydrates (like pastries or donuts).
 - Use healthier fats from plants: corn, canola, olive, soybean, peanut, sunflower and avocado oil.
 - Choose healthy proteins: lean cuts of meat and poultry, buffalo, elk, wild-caught fish and game.
2. **Exercise Regularly:**
 - Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic

exercise per week (e.g., brisk walking, cycling).

- Add strength or resistance exercises (like weight lifting or yoga) in 2-3 times a week to keep muscles strong and healthy.

3. Quit Smoking:

- Stopping regular use of tobacco products can raise HDL levels and improve overall heart health.

4. Maintain a Healthy Weight:

- Losing excess weight can lower LDL and triglyceride levels while increasing HDL.

5. Get your Cholesterol Checked

- When and how often depends on your age and family history. Check with your provider.

6. Consider Medication:

- In cases where lifestyle changes aren't enough, your provider might recommend a cholesterol-lowering medications, such as statins, to help control LDL levels and lower your risk of heart attack and stroke.

Conclusion

Cholesterol plays an important role in maintaining overall health, but too much of the wrong kind—particularly LDL cholesterol—can have serious consequences for cardiovascular health. By maintaining a balanced diet, staying active, and making other healthy lifestyle choices, most people can keep their cholesterol levels in check and reduce the risk of heart disease. Regular cholesterol screenings are also essential for early detection and management of high cholesterol. Don't hesitate to ask you provider if you have questions.

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Gaawaabaabiganikaag Ishkoning - White Earth Nation are looking phenomenal!

The White Earth Language and Culture Department has had a fulfilling and vibrant fall season, marked by significant activities and community engagement. A major focus this season has been the momentous task of revitalizing the Ceremonial Drums in Naytahwaush and Pine Point. The sound of these sacred drums, echoing through the air, signifies a historic moment—the first time they have been sounded in over a century.

We partnered with the Tribal Historic Preservation Program (THPO) to conduct heartfelt ceremonial traditional Anishinaabe way return home and send-offs for the remains of three young boys who passed away after being taken to Boarding School at St. John's Industrial School near St. Cloud, Minn. Each ceremony was handled spiritually with care and respect, honoring the wishes of the boys' closest relatives and ensuring their return home to our Gaawaabaabiganikaag Ishkoning, White Earth Nation within our own community.

Moreover, we are excited to announce our ongoing efforts in planning and exploring enriching “adult” immersion programming. This initiative aims to build a strong foundation and enhance our capacity for immersion education, representing a

crucial step towards preserving and continuing our cherished cultural traditions.

As bibeon - winter approaches, we invite community members to partake in unique learning opportunities, such as brain tanning and storytelling coming up very soon. These sessions, unlike any other, will not only impart valuable skills but also help preserve and pass on the sacred legends and teachings that have been handed down for centuries. In doing so it is making sure our children and their grandchildren learn Ojibwe culture in every aspect, ensuring their knowledge is be passed on to current and future generations to come.

There has been a bit of a COVID outbreak to the east of us so I want everyone who is at risk to be super careful. Take a little extra precaution if you are working with or around our elderly or people at risk.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks



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White Earth Housing Authority will be auctioning off multiple vehicles. All vehicles will be sold **AS IS**. Vehicles can be seen **DURING BUSINESS HOURS** at the WEHA offices. Vehicles up for auction will be clearly marked. Sealed bids will be accepted Tuesday November 12th through Thursday November 14th at 12:00pm. **No bids will be accepted after 12:00pm 11/14/2024.** Bid opening will take place Thursday 11/14 at 1:00pm, winners will be notified by phone after completion. All property must be paid for in full and removed from WEHA property by Tuesday November 19th or the option to purchase will go to the next highest bidder.



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Special Events

Diabetic Bingo

- ~November 7th~Naytahwaush
- ~November 14th~White Earth
- ~November 21st~Rice Lake

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program
Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
Gashkadino-Giizis (Freezing Over Moon)- November

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

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

Guest Meals \$6
 Elders Suggested Donation \$4

Questions or comments please contact :

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

Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
 Site Controller ~ Thor Smith

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

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

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 Danielle Sutherland Uran, Nutrition Coord.
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 Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Save the Date: Elders Christmas Party	Tuesday, December 10th 10am-2pm	At the Shooting Star Event Center		1 Baked fish Roasted squash Manoomin pilaf Berry parfait w/ granola
4 Baked chicken Pesto pasta Steamed veggies Spinach salad Apricots	5 Bison meatballs Mashed red potatoes Maple glazed carrots Wheat bread Mangos	6 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	7 Tator tot hotdish Beets Breadstick Grape salad	8 BLT sandwich Butternut squash soup Wheat crackers Apple crisp
11 Closed for Veterans Day 	12 Chicken parmesan over spaghetti Breadstick Steamed Cauliflower Mandarin oranges	13 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	14 Birthday Lunch Liver and onions Mashed potatoes Steamed veggies Wheat roll Birthday treat	15 Hominy soup Frybread Garden salad Fresh fruit
18 Fish tacos Seasoned rice Fiesta corn Coleslaw	19 Manoomin hotdish Italian blend veggies Wheat roll Pumpkin mousse	20 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	21 Ravioli w/ sausage marinara Cali blend veggies Garlic toast	22 Boiled dinner w/ ham Crackers Bananas & pudding w/ wafer cookies
25 Brunch for lunch Chefs choice	26 Pecan crusted chicken Whipped sweet potatoes Manoomin pilaf Spinach salad Pineapple	27 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	28 Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	29 Closed

White Earth Food Distribution November Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

November 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education w/Shirley: Nov 6th, 13th, and 20th.

November 8th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

November 11th: Veterans Day, closed

November 15th: Mahnomen, Waubun and Biimaad

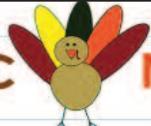
November 22nd: White Earth and Detroit Lakes

November 27th: Store closed for inventory

November 28th & 29th: Thanksgiving holiday closed

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC  **November 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Locations and times are subject to change	*WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings*				1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2
3	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	5 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:30	6 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	7 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:30	8 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	9
10	11 CLOSED	12 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	13 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	14 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	15 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	16
17	18 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	19 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	20 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	21 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	22 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	23
24	25 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	26 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	27 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30

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Obituaries

James Douglas Cain Jr.

James Douglas Cain Jr., best known as “Jim” passed away on Sept. 11 at the age of 78. Jim fought a courageous three-year battle with Parkinson’s disease and cancer. He was born July 4, 1946, in Oakland, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father James Douglas Cain, who was born in Waxahachie, Texas; mother, Daisy Doris DeBerry Cain, born on the White Earth Reservation (member of the White Earth Tribe); and sister, Barbara Jean Lanchester.



Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce M. Dilworth Cain of West Jefferson, N.C.; nephew, Donald “Rick” Kent and family of Pennsylvania; niece, Erika McCurley and family of Georgia; adopted niece, Jenny Husmo of Houston, Texas; godchildren, Wendy (Finch) of Harsha, MD of Washington state and William T. Finch of Colorado.

Jim’s education included a BA in History (Cum Laude) from the University of Maryland, University College European Campus; BS in General Studies, University of New York, Albany, MS degree in International Studies, Troy State University, Troy Alabama, European campus; and as the only civilian at the time graduating from the National War College, Class of 1990, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. Jim was educated by the military in German, and Vietnamese languages. He took French and Russian in high school and was self-educated in some Thai and Chinese. He was an honor graduate from the Central Intelligence Agency’s school in Virginia and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) school, although not a member of the FBI.

Jim wanted to enlist in the Navy in the footsteps of his father but was too tall to be in submarines and the Marines wouldn’t accept him due to his poor eyesight. Jim spent six months in the Honor Guard prior to going to Infantry Officer Candidate School to receive his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Intelligence Service as a research officer. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served four tours in Vietnam, two with the US Army Military Intelligence Agency, the third as a civilian with the Department of State and the fourth as a civilian with the Department of the Army as a civilian. Jim was withdrawn from Vietnam as he had a “bounty on his head” by the North Vietnamese (Viet Cong) under the name of “Four Eyes” as he wore glasses. Prior to the fall of Vietnam to the Viet Cong Jim was instrumental in rescuing and saving the lives of his personal Vietnamese contacts which included the Montagnard from the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Jim also served military assignments in Taiwan and Thailand and in Germany as a civilian counter intelligence officer for the University of Maryland, Global Division, in a course about Vietnam due to his expertise on the subject.

Jim’s military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal First Class, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, the National Defense Service Medal and three overseas Bars. He was also rewarded with an army of Vietnam Medal as well as classified civilian rewards from other U.S. federal agencies. Jim was honorably discharged from the military after Vietnam prior to starting his notable 25 plus years of civilian service to our nation.

Jim was past President of the United States Sidecar Association; where he was instrumental bring the sidecar to Virginia; member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); member of the National Active and retired Federal Employees (NARF); Lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Jim was included in seven biographies some of which included Who’s Who in American and Personalities of America. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda – National Political Honor Society. Jim had over four publications, one which was in Ashe County Public Library Veterans History Project and numerous classified articles and papers on a variety of intelligence subjects from 1968-1991. Jim’s nickname in professional civilian circles was “encyclopedia”. He was in the Masonic Lodge of China. Jim was also an aficionado of classic cars and was an official judge at numerous national car shows.

Jim’s final three positions prior to retirement were Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Administration (1991-1992); Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of the Interior as Director, Office of Management and Administration (1992-1994) and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Director of Information Resources Management/Chief Information Officer (1994-1997). He retired as a Senior Executive Services SES-4 which is equivalent to a two to three star general in the U.S. Armed Services. These three positions were especially important to Jim due to his “Ojibwe” Indian heritage, White Earth Tribe.

A Celebration of Life service was held Oct. 19 at Boone Family Funeral Home Chapel of West Jefferson, N.C. He will be entombed at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a future date.

Arrangements: Boone Family Funeral Home
Online: www.boonefuneralhome.com

Lori Ann Thompson

Lori Ann Thompson, 60, died on Sept. 12 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Lori was born on May 28, 1964, at St. Louis Park, Minn., the daughter of Clifford and Mary (Koerner) LaDuke. Lori grew up in the Cities until she was 16, when they moved to Bagley, Minn. After receiving her GED, she attended the American Indian College. Lori had two children, Michelle and Henry. She married Melvin Thompson, and soon after the marriage, Lucy was born. They lived in Bagley and were later divorced. She met Kenneth Auginaush Sr. and moved to the Cities where she worked as a receptionist at family services and Kenneth Jr. Came along. After Kenneth Sr. passed away in 2005, she moved back to Bagley and has lived there ever since.



Lori enjoyed going to the casino, playing bingo and loved to go for walks. She was an awesome cook, and her fry bread was the best. She was also known for her wild rice egg rolls and her hamburgers in fry bread. Her grandchildren were truly her pride and joy.

Lori is survived by her daughter, Michelle Thompson-Koerner of Minneapolis; son, Henry Thompson of Bagley; daughter, Lucy (Doug) Uran of Rice Lake; son, Kenneth Auginaush Jr. of Minneapolis; grandsons: James, Dryden, Austin and Darius; granddaughters: Kendra, Graci and Mia; brothers: Mike, Craig, and Dave (Connie); sisters, Debbie, Jodi, Cindy (Mike) and Sarah; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends

Lori was preceded in death by her parents; significant other, Kenneth Auginaush Sr.; aunts, uncles; and many in-laws.

A wake began on Sept. 17 and continued until the time of the funeral service on Sept. 18 at the Rice Lake Community Center with the Reverend Jacki Bernacchi officiating.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Sandra Levy

Sandra Levy, 66, of White Earth, died at home on Oct. 11, under the loving care of her family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Sandra was the third child born to Edwin and Merceline (Warren) Levy on June 5, 1958, in Fort Hood, Texas. With two military parents, her early years were spent in many different places as the family was stationed in various cities. When Sandra was 7 years old, they moved back to the White Earth Reservation and made their home near Strawberry Lake. She attended school in Waubun, and when her mom became ill, Sandra helped with her siblings.



As a young woman, she met the love of her life, David “Goose” Axdahl. The couple made their home together in White Earth where they raised their family. Sandra worked at Golden Eagle Bingo Hall from 1991 until 1998 when she began working for the Elderly Nutrition Program in White Earth. Her declining health forced her into early retirement in 2015. After 34 years of commitment, her partner, Goose, died in October 2014 and she remained in their home.

In her younger years, Sandra enjoyed going to the lake and camping with her family. She loved to play bingo whenever she could and in later years she liked going for drives and taking in the sights. She was also a great cook and would often cook for family get-togethers and pow wows. Sandra had a great big heart and was very caring and generous. She had an open-door policy at her home and would take in anyone needing a hand and housed many children over the years, treating them as her own. Her family was her pride and joy, and she was very proud of all her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by many.

Sandra is survived by her sons: George (Alaina) Axdahl, Francis (Jessica) Axdahl, Duane (Brandi) Axdahl, and Sammuell Axdahl; 13 grandchildren: Cassandra (Sam), Austin (Yvonne), Dylan (Mataya), Chelsea, Natasha, Anna, Brianna, Deyana, Daven, Kyra, Ayanna, Leondra, and Brody; six great-grandchildren: Shaylin, Lila, Chevy, Sam Jr., Austin Jr., and Naquoia; brother, Mike (Denise) Levy; sister, Judith Frigen; sister-in-law, Diane Levy; special goddaughter, Angel VanWert; and many nieces, nephews and numerous kids she took in over the years.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, David Axdahl, daughter, Anna Levy, parents, Edwin and Merceline; bonus mom, Clara Levy, and brother, Edward Levy.

Blessed be the Memory of Sandra Levy.

A visitation and wake services began Oct. 17 at the White Earth Community Center and continued until the time of the funeral on Oct. 18 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth.

Interment: A private family service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Melvin Eugene Buckanaga

Melvin Buckanaga, 66, of Mahnomen, died Oct. 11 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, Minn.

Melvin Eugene Buckanaga (Gidagaa bizhiw) was born in White Earth, the eldest child born to Melvin J. and Bernice (Clark) Buckanaga. His youth was spent growing up in the Minneapolis area where he attended Hall School, Franklin Public School and then North High.

As a young man, Melvin entered the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the Minneapolis metro for a short time before making the move up north. Mel made his home on the White Earth Reservation living in Pine Point and later Mahnomen. Over the years, Melvin worked at the Swift Turkey Plant and more recently the Shooting Star Casino in the maintenance department where his recently declining health forced him into retirement.



Melvin had a great personality and was always sporting a huge smile. He will be remembered as a friendly and kind person with a big generous heart and infectious laugh. Mel was always willing to help people, often putting them before himself. Family was a very important part of his life, and he absolutely loved family get-togethers and backyard BBQ's.

In his spare time, he enjoyed going to the casino, playing poker and recently, watching westerns and American Pickers on television. Although gone from this life too soon, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Melvin is survived by his sons, Melvin "Bucky" Boyd and Jerome Boyd; brother, Michael (Patti V.) Buckanaga; sisters, Diane Buckanaga and Evelyn Buckanaga; special friend, Celeste Neeland; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; siblings: Wanda Blaine, Patrick Buckanaga Sr., Roxanne Flammond, Renee Gripp, Poncho Rock; and nephew, Travis Buckanaga.

Visitation with a wake service began Oct. 16 and continue until the time of the funeral on Oct. 17, both at the Pine Point School Community Center.

Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Point with Military Honors.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Remington "Remi" Roy Thompson

Remington "Remi" Roy Thompson, one and a half months, of Rice Lake, passed away on Oct. 16 at his home in Rice Lake.

Remington was born on Aug. 23 in Bemidji, Minn., to Alanna Thompson and Joshua Walker. He came into the world smiling, already with two front teeth. He was a big, happy boy with a big appetite. He had beautiful eyes, chubby, cute cheeks, and adorable dimple on his chin, and big feet like his daddy. He loved cuddles and snuggles. He was already laughing and loved to giggle with his sister. He would coo to the TV when he watched Puss and Boots. He was a precious baby and will be tremendously missed.



Remington is survived by his parents, Alanna Thompson and Josh Walker; sister, Braylyne; great aunt and uncle, Lynette and Mike Thompson; aunts and uncles: Thomas Guinn, Donovan Guinn, Dylan Guinn, Louise Thompson, Katie Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Dominic Walker, JD Walker, Sheila Thompson, Darlene and Robin Baldwin, Lucy Bush and Brad Olson, and Alan and Alyson Dodd; grandparents, Jill Walker and Jake Walker Jr., and Denille Thompson; special cousin, Yolanda Dahlke; and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents and great grandparents: Ervin Thompson, Joyce and Roy Guinn, Isabelle and Theodore Thompson, Joan Wilson/DeGroat, Harvey Larson, and Maria and JR Guinn.

A wake began on Oct. 24 and continued until the time of the funeral service on Oct. 25, both at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Josephine "Lou" Randberg

Josephine "Lou" Randberg, 79, of Rice Lake, gained her wings on Oct. 5 at the Essentia Health First Care Living in Fosston, Minn.

Lou was born on May 24, 1945, in White Earth, the daughter of Peter and Katy (Durant) Thompson. She attended school in both the White Earth and the Bagley school districts. Lou moved to Bagley, Minn., where she met and married Jesse Randberg on Feb. 22, 1962, in Bagley. Together, they raised their three daughters until Jesse entered into Eternal rest in 1974.



Lou worked as a Home Health Care Aid in Bemidji, Minn., at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen, and at the Bagley Hardwoods Lumberyard in Bagley.

She met Leonard Pawlitschek and raised two sons with him. Family was very important to Lou, she helped raise all her grandchildren. The door to Lou's home was always open for anyone who needed a place to stay or food to eat. She always had someone over at her house.

Lou was a member of the St. Philips Episcopal Church in Rice Lake. Lou loved to go to the casino, playing cards, dice, puzzles and playing bingo. She was known at the nursing home as the "Queen of Bingo." She enjoyed going for rides in the Buck Boards and going to rummage sales. The most important thing in her life was spending time with her grandkids. Everyone in the community called her Grandma or Auntie.

Lou is survived by her daughters, Francine "Fran" (Charles) Day, and Lori Randberg both of Bagley; sons, Jamie Randberg of Mahkonce, and Joe (Tiffany) Randberg of Fargo, N.D.; and brother, Jack (Laura) Thompson of Minneapolis,

Lou was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Kelly Randberg; granddaughter, Sue Ann Thompson; brothers: Peter, Edward and Theodore Thompson; and sisters: Doris Goodwin, Dolly Hammond and Kathy Anderson.

A wake began Oct. 10 and continued until the time of the funeral service on Oct. 11, both at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Interment: St. Philips Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Harriet Hazel Londo

Harriet Londo, 40, of Naytahwaush, passed away on Oct. 27, surrounded by the love of her family and the compassionate care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Born Harriet Hazel Londo on April 13, 1984, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., she was the daughter of Corvin Londo and Bernadine "Gidget" Sargent. Harriet spent her childhood in Naytahwaush and received her education in Mahnomen. After completing her studies, she entered the workforce, initially serving as a wildlife firefighter before taking a position at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Most recently, she worked as an Administrative Intake Coordinator for White Earth Behavioral Health under the White Earth Nation.



Harriet was known for her kindness, generous spirit, and sense of humor. She had a passion for cooking and enjoyed playing Cribbage with her father. Her interests included traveling, singing, dancing, and attending concerts, particularly those featuring Kevin Gates. Above all, her greatest joy came from her children and her role as a protector to all the young ones in her life, each holding a unique place in her heart. Though her time with us was cut short, her memory will endure in the hearts of those who loved her.

She is survived by her children: Mikey Bruguier Jr., Corvin Bruguier, Jayceon Quinby, Acen Londo, and Ericka Keezer; father of her children, Michael Bruguier Sr.; father, Corvin (Arlene) Londo; brother, Dillon Londo Sr.; sister, Brooke Londo; stepsister, Wanez Desjarlait; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gidget Sargent; grandparents; brother, Adam Burnette; and sister, Lorraine "Rainy" Londo.

A visitation and prayer service was held Oct. 30 and the funeral service was held Oct. 31, both at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

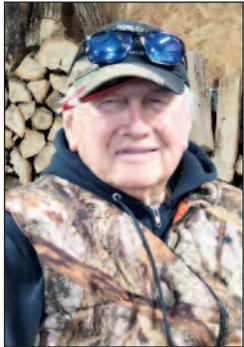
THE WHITE EARTH VETERANS DAY POW WOW IS NOV. 9-10 AT THE SHOOTING STAR CASINO

Obituaries

Orville Ivan Turner

Orville Turner, 84, of Waubun, died on Oct. 31 at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Orville Ivan Turner was born on June 28, 1940, to Robert and Blanche (Antell) Turner in White Earth. He attended grade school at Naytahwaush Elementary and High School at Mahnomen High School, graduating in 1958. He was proud of his football and baseball teams, often bragging about the undefeated football season his senior year.



After high school, he was offered a tryout with the Cleveland Indian baseball team, but chose to serve his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He spent three years in the active Navy, but served in the Naval Reserves until 1974.

In December 1959, while home on leave after boot camp, Orville began dating the love of his life, Doreen McCollum. They were united in marriage on May 12, 1962. Orv and Doreen made their home in the Bemidji and Cass Lake, Minn., areas for the next several years while he was employed at the IHS Hospital in Cass Lake. In the late 1960s, he then worked for the BIA in Bemidji, Minn. In 1970, he began working as the manager of the Highway Host Restaurant in Bemidji. While in Bemidji, Orville was very active in the Jaycees and the Elks Lodge, where they met many lifelong friends.

In 1974, they moved the family to Baudette, Minn., where they purchased the Lighthouse Restaurant and operated it until they sold it in 1980. During this time, Orville was an avid golfer and curler and enjoyed all that Lake of the Woods offered to avid sportsmen. Here, as well, Orv and Doreen met and still maintain many dear friends.

In 1981, they once again relocated the family, this time to Port Charlotte, Fla. While in Florida, Orv continued working in hospitality, including managing the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge. After several years, he began bartending at the Englewood Elks Lodge until 2002. During his time in Florida, he met many more friends that were near and dear to his heart from many parts of the country.

In 2002, Orv and Doreen returned to Minnesota to make their home on South Twin Lake. He began working as the Buffet Manager, and later the Food and Beverage Director for the Shooting Star Casino until his retirement in 2010.

Orville was a lifelong avid hunter and fisherman, and especially enjoyed deer season with his close friends and family. Those he hunted with can still recite the stories that were retold each year around the lunch fire.

Family and friends were very important to Orville. You could see his eyes light up when family, especially grandchildren and great grandchildren came to visit. He especially loved any and all family gatherings and the many games of pinochle and cribbage that often occurred.

Orville is survived by his wife, Doreen; their children: Todd (Laurie) Turner, Terri (Danny) Mulinix, Trent (Sherry) Turner, and Tara Turner; foreign exchange son, Sören Faerik; grandchildren: Kevin (Jennifer) Mulinix, Kristyn (Chris) Neuhofer, Katelyn Mulinix, Tj (Kate) Turner, Travis Turner, Chynna Blackwood, Lavontaye Graham, Amara Graham, Floyd Turner, Don Turner, Kaiann Turner, Maya Turner, Jacy (Freddie) Ulmer, Jason (Nikki Hartzog) Futch, and Kelly (Josh) Wall; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Colleen (Dwight) Johnson; sister-in-law, Mary Turner; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family of Doreen's.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Shelly; brothers: William "Bill" (Barb), Robert "Bob" (Sharon) and Irvin "Doyle."

Memorial services will be held on Friday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bejou, followed by Military Honors. A Time of Gathering will take place on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 5 until 7 p.m., with a Prayer Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Carol Ann (Boldt) Haro

Carol Ann (Boldt) Haro, 81, of Laporte, Minn., died March 15 at her home following a short battle with cancer. Carol was born April 27, 1942, the daughter of Roosevelt and Ida (Smith) Boldt of Ponsford.

Margaret "Susie" (Boldt) Wolfe

Margaret "Susie" (Boldt) Wolfe, 74, of Lac du Flambeau, Wis., died Sept. 3 at her home under the care of Hospice. Susie was born Nov. 11, 1949, the daughter of Roosevelt and Ida (Smith) Boldt of Ponsford.

Shirley Ruth Askelson

Shirley Ruth Glover was born March 5, 1923, in Callaway. Her parents were the late James "Doc" and Alice (Miller) Glover. Shirley was raised near Tamarac Lake which later became Tamarac Refuge. She attended district #113 Country School in Becker County and then attended Frazee High School.



On Aug. 26, 1940, Shirley was united in marriage to Harold "Bud" Askelson in Detroit Lakes, Minn. Their marriage was blessed with four children. Together Shirley and Bud raised their family and resided in Detroit Lakes. They moved to Vancouver, Wash., from 1940 to 1942. In 1952, they moved to Buffalo, N.D., then moved to Perham, Minn., in 1967.

On April 25, 2005, Bud passed away. Shirley continued to make her home in Perham. Shirley passed away on Oct. 14 at 101 years of age. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Doc and Alice; husband, Bud; daughter-in-law, Rita (Doll) Askelson; granddaughter, Sheila Kasowski Lindseth; and sisters, Pearl Stall and Mae Wheelright.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Alice McDonald of Detroit Lakes; Harold (Geri) Askelson of Detroit Lakes; Roger Askelson of Detroit Lakes; and Todd (Brenda) Askelson of Perham; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren; other relatives and a host of friends.

Arrangements: Karvonen Funeral Home of New York Mills, Minn.

Online: www.karvonenfuneralhome.com

Richard "Ducky" Heisler

Richard "Ducky" Heisler, 92, of White Earth, passed away on Oct. 14.

Ducky was born to William J. Heisler and Stella (Warren) Heisler on Jan. 10, 1932. He grew up in White Earth, attended the White Earth Mission school, and graduated from Waubun High school. After graduation he went on to attend college at Moorhead State and Valley City State.



Ducky held a vast array of jobs before enlisting in the Navy from 1951-1955, he was a Signalman and sailed around the world on the aircraft carrier USS Saipan. He was very proud of his service and experiences and always had a good story to go along with those memories, and of course his infectious laugh that you could not help but giggle with. After getting out of the Navy, he moved to Pierre, S.D., to be a Boys Dorm Supervisor at the Pierre Indian school. This was a job he loved and spoke often of the experiences with the boys there. He then moved to Aberdeen, S.D., where he was a Classification Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs until his retirement in 1985.

Ducky met the love of his life Mary Whitsitt while in South Dakota and they married on July 19, 1974. They lived in Pierre and Aberdeen and then decided to move back home to the White Earth Indian Reservation, where Ducky was born and raised. He was a proud member of the White Earth Tribe; it was also where they would build their beautiful home on Dan Brown Lake.

He thoroughly enjoyed life with his wife Mary, brothers and sisters and their families that he treated like his own. Ducky's kind, caring nature, infectious laugh and zest for life and those amazing stories of days gone by were felt by all those that knew him. He loved those fishing trips to Alaska and Canada, hunting pheasants, going on casino adventures and many more with his family and friends.

Above anything else, Ducky cherished his family and the precious time he got to spend with them. His wife Mary was his best friend, and it would often be heard ringing through their home "hello my love." And his daughter, Lisa and her daughters were a special joy in his life.

Surviving Ducky is his wife of 50 years, Mary; daughter Lisa Heisler of Moorhead, Minn.; granddaughters Jenna and Brittany; brothers, Stanley "Rob" Heisler (Cleone), and James Heisler (Laverne); sister-in-law Dorothy Heisler; a treasure trove of nieces and nephews and greats, who were all special to him in their own way.

He joins his parents; brothers: Jiggs, John, Bud and Vernon Heisler; sisters: Pearl Fabre, Doris Drinkwine, Harriet Stech and Jane Christofferson for a heavenly reunion.

We will always treasure the precious memories he shared. We wish there was one more day, one more story, one more hug, one more belly laugh, one more kiss on the lips, and one more "Mighty Fine". God bless the memory of our precious uncle Ducky. He Lived a wonderful life full of contagious Laughter and unconditional Love. .

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

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www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation

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Sylvester Frank Sharbono - Seaman 2nd Class, USNR, World War II, KIA/MIA on Nov. 2, 1942, of Popple Grove Twp.

Sharbono was born at the White Earth Hospital in 1914 and grew up in Pembina Township where he attended school through the 8th grade at a country school called Longfellow. He mostly did farm work for his family and cut wood in the winter to haul into Mahnomen to sell. Syl loved music and learned to play piano, later forming a band with some friends to make a little money playing at barn dances and various dance halls. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he signed up for the Navy and enlisted on Feb. 19, 1942. After boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill., and further training, he was assigned as a member of the U.S. Naval Armed Guards aboard the merchant ship US Examelia, a Hog Island freighter.



Sylvester F. Sharbono

On Sept. 4, 1942, the Mahnomen Pioneer published a letter from Syl to his parents. It was post marked and censored Union of South Africa. U.S. Navy July 9:

Dear Folks:

Well it's about time I wrote you a letter! ...We have been at sea for some time and I like it very well, much better than I did staying at the base armories in Chicago and Brooklyn...I am sorry I can't tell you where I am going, but I will cover many miles before I get back...We've seen many things strange to most of us such as whales shooting water about 50 feet in the air. We've had rough and calm seas - waves 20 feet high and then again the sea is as quiet as a looking glass.

A ship is like a home after one gets used to it...it seems strange for a farmer like me not to be doing any heavy work...We never hear a radio or read a newspaper any more so we have to make our own amusement. We have a fine octete onboard - I sing tenor. The boys often gather around to sing a few of the old songs...

We are treated very well by the regular crew of the merchant ship though they and the navy boys do not generally mix... We get the biggest kick out of the Captain's mess boy who is an old but witty Englishman. With his gray hair and spectacles he looks more like a professor than a sailor.

On the 21st of June we crossed the equator. As is the custom, the regulars initiated the ones who had never crossed before. After bending over a table and being wholeheartedly paddled, we were dubbed all over with oil. It took me three days to get the oil off my body and by that time I gave up and threw my underwear overboard! We had a lot of fun tho and to top the occasion, we each had a cup of rum.

I'm glad I'm here now. I weigh 168 pounds and feel fine. I will write as soon as we dock again, but will close now as I haven't a hell of a lot more to say. Until then I'll remember you in my prayers and as always, send my love to you all.

Sylvester F. Sharbono

Four months later on Oct. 9, 1942, Syl was possibly preparing to assume his 0400 - 0800 watch when at 03:44, about 20 miles south of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, the unescorted Examelia was struck by a torpedo from the German U-boat U-68. It hit the bulkhead between the engine room and fire room immediately stopping the engines and Examelia sank within seven minutes. Eleven men were killed and the remaining 40 survivors, including Sylvester, were later rescued from the waters by the American merchant ship SS John Lykes. Syl and the other men were taken to Port Elizabeth, South Africa and then by train to Cape Town where they joined survivors of four other American ships that had also been sunk.

On Oct. 21, 1942, Syl, along with all of the other American servicemen from the five sunken ships, boarded

the Dutch cargo-passenger liner MV Zaandam and departed Cape Town enroute to New York. On Nov. 2, 1942, while sailing in the waters about 334 nautical miles north-northeast of Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil, the German U-boat U-174 was lying in wait. U-174 fired a torpedo that slammed into the Zaandam near the engine room. Ten minutes later a second torpedo struck Zaandam's port side sinking her in less than two minutes. Of the 299 persons aboard, a total of 134 men lost their lives. Two lifeboats containing 106 survivors were rescued on Nov. 7, but two of them later died from their injuries and one boat with 60 survivors made it to land near Barreirinhas, Brazil where two of them died from exposure. Three men who were among the unaccounted for and presumed lost, astonishingly, were spotted and picked up by USS PC-576 after floating in an open raft for 84 days after the sinking of Zaandam.

Although Sylvester's family and his community over the ensuing 12 months held onto hope that Syl would also surface as a survivor or POW, he was officially declared "Presumed Dead" by the Secretary of the Navy on Nov. 3, 1943. Syl most likely died on Nov. 2, 1942, the day the Zaandam went down, at the age of 28.

He is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial in Battery Park, Manhattan, N.Y. He also has a veteran's marker in his honor in his family's lot at St. Michael's Cemetery in Mahnomen.

[Source: Wikipedia; Mahnomen County Historical Society]

Raymond Everett Severson, GM3, USN, World War II, KIA on Dec. 2, 1943, of Beaulieu.

Born in 1925, Raymond was the eldest child of Margaret DePuis Haug of Beaulieu. Along with his five siblings, he was taken into foster care by his aunt and uncle Angeline (Depuis) and Thomas Rice Sr. of Beaulieu. Raymond attended school at Flandreau Government Indian School and Mahnomen High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1942. Following boot camp at Great Lakes, Raymond went for training in New York and was able to come home in January 1943 to visit his family before shipping out to sea. He was Killed in Action on Dec. 2, 1943, at the age of 18, possibly in Italy. He was survived by his orphaned siblings Clara Haug McKinzie, sister Mary Rosewitha Haug, Florence Haug Horkey, Joyce D. Haug Wanek, and Arnold Earl Haug. His remains were later brought home and laid to rest in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. [No photo of Raymond could be located.]

Jack Wilfred Ostrom - PFC, USMC; World War II, KIA Iwo Jima on March 15, 1945.

Jack was the grandson of B. L. Fairbanks and 1st cousin of Clyde Fairbanks who was killed earlier at Guadalcanal in 1942. Jack joined the Marine Corps on June 12, 1943, and was sent to California for seven weeks of boot camp. He was then sent to Camp Gillespie to Para Marine school where he learned to jump out of airplanes. They discontinued the Para Marines in January 1944. Following this he went to mortar school at Camp Pendleton. Jack was home on leave for the last time in June 1944. He was an assistant squad leader with the 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division when he was hit by sniper fire while on patrol. He was Killed in Action at Iwo Jima on March 15, 1945. Jack was 19 years old. His body was brought back to the States and is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Jack Wilfred Ostrom

Charles Vincent Wadena, Pvt., USA, World War II, Killed in Service on June 18, 1945, of Naytahwaush.

Charles was born in Naytahwaush, attended school there and at St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake. He volunteered for service, was inducted in August 1942, and served nearly

three years in the Army. He did his training in California and served 20 months at Attu in the Aleutians, Alaska with Battery F, 78th Coast Artillery. According to Charles' obituary, he received a citation that reads in part:

"During...May 1943, the 3rd Battalion, 32nd Infantry reinforced, conducted offensive operations in the high mountainous region between East Arm Holtz Bay and Chichagof Harbor, Attu, Aleutian Islands. The terrain was exceedingly difficult. Enemy forces were well dug in and skillfully placed, utilizing to the full the natural defensive qualities of the area. It soon became apparent that close support of the heaviest available accompanying weapons was necessary and decision was reached to move two 75mm pack howitzers from positions in the low hills between the two arms of Holtz Bay to a new position in direct support of the battalion. The route to these positions was steep at times almost precipitous, wet, and slippery, partly across snow filled ravines. Manpower was the only solution to the problem. Battery F, 78th Coast Artillery...was the only unit available for the job. After two nights of superhuman effort, the howitzers were moved into place, ammunition was supplied and the necessary preliminary to the taking of the pass was accomplished."

Charles returned home on leave from the Aleutians in December 1944 in time to be with his family in Naytahwaush for the holidays. In the following months he was based at North Camp Hood, Texas and Fort Riley, Kansas before being reassigned to Camp Gruber, Okla. It was near there on the morning of June 18, 1945, that Charles was killed when he lost control of the jeep he was driving. It overturned and he was thrown into a nearby creek. He was 22. His body was brought home and was buried with full military honors in St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery in Naytahwaush. He was survived by his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Roy, sister Elizabeth "Chick" Wadena (later married Alvaredo), and brothers Donald and Richard Roy, all of Naytahwaush. [No photo of Charles could be located.]

Korean War

Richard Keith Bunker, Airman 3rd Class, USAF, Korean War Era, Died in Service on May 5, 1953, of Naytahwaush.

Richard "Dicky" Bunker was born in 1933 in White Earth and grew up in Naytahwaush where he attended school in addition to attending Flandreau Government Indian School. According to his obituary, he entered the military service on Dec. 20, 1950. Following boot camp, he graduated from the Surgical Technician Procedure Course at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas in March 1951. He was serving with the 7355 Air Base Sq. stationed at Sembach Air Base (now Sembach Kaserne Army Barracks), Donnersbergkreis, Germany, near Kaiserslautern, approximately 19 miles east of present day Ramstein Air Base. On May 5, 1953, at the age of 20 years, he was accidentally killed when he fell from a moving vehicle near the base. His body was brought home in June and laid to rest with full military honors at the Christian Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.



Richard "Dicky" Bunker

We are looking for photographs of these, as well as other female veterans to honor:

- Theodora "Dode" Davis Nurse, WWI
- Marguerite "Peg" McCarthy (Sparrow) USN, WWII
- Melba Buckanaga (Hodges), USN, WWII
- Myrn Estelle Hamlin; USN; WW II;
- Cecelia St. Clair (Chichester) US Army WWII
- Margaret Vizenor (Stearns), US Army, WWII
- Gail Estelle Trotterchaud (Greig), US Army, WWII
- Wilma Brown, USMC, Vietnam

WE 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 Latoya Auginaush**

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CP2024-00009**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 9, 2024, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2024-00009. A Pretrial on the matter is scheduled for December 13, 2024, at 9:15 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: October 29, 2024

Tammy J. Swanson

Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

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Dated: October 29, 2024

Tammy J. Swanson

Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

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Dated: October 29, 2024

Tammy J. Swanson

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WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Debra Kaye Weaver, DOB:
10/17/1966**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00109**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** An Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: October 1, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Keenen Joseph Kier-Anderson, DOB: 01/24/2002**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00117**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** An Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648 ext. 5757.

Dated: October 18, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Dylan Francis Smith, DOB:
04/21/1982**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00099**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** A Continued Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: October 24, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Craige Joe Simon Brown, DOB: 07/09/2000**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00066**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **November 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** An Order To Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: October 24, 2024

Affidavit of Publication

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

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Nevaeh Gray, DOB: 12/15/2004,
Petitioner,

and
Marus Washington., DOB: 07/26/2003;
Respondent.

SUMMONS **File No. OP2024-00027**

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

A Permanent Order for Protection has been issued on August 28, 2024, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection.

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

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

(1)RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT
ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST
THE PETITIONER.

(2)RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY
CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER
IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER
PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER OR
ANY OTHER WAY

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVI-
SIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTI-
ONS BY THE COURT.

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Oscar John Oppegard Jr.,
DOB: 05/05/2004**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00115**

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Dated: October 18, 2024

Anishinaabeg Today Readers

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

**Many papers are still being
sent to old addresses!**

Call **Anishinaabeg Today**
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or email
today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Circles of Faith sponsoring artist reception

You have probably seen her photos on facebook, or seen her taking pictures at pow-wows and round dances, fashion shows, proms and senior photos.

Shannon Eck has had an SLR camera in her hands since she was 12. Having lived on the Iron Range, and in California she brings a special focus to her cultural roots as an enrolled White Earth member.

Shannon's heart for community shows up through her lens in a variety of community subjects. In that spirit of community, hand-drummers, Jedediah Desjarlait and Frank Stech have been invited to be a part of her first public exhibition and artist reception.

This fall's Artist Reception was inspired by Mary Turner of Naytahwaush, who has sent ripples of support to young and old alike throughout our White Earth communities including a special appreciation for Shannon's photography.

In April, following a concert with then 12 year-old prodigy Jayme Littlewolf and artist talk with Jessica Smith of Eleven-Eleven Studio Eclectics, Mary asked, "when are you doing this again? It should be soon!" Unbeknownst to her, she was an obvious choice to celebrate as an artist in her own right in the spirit of champions for community.

The familiarity of her pickles, jams and bread, dishtowels, shirts and ribbon skirts gives people a feeling of home. Mary had

never thought of herself as an artist but artist Kent Estey has helped her to recognize the artist in herself.

These artists give credit to the Creator whose gifts flow through the people, in all manner of skills and beauty, forging bridges between different cultural worlds. We entrust this event to the Creator who lovingly feeds our hearts and spirits for the wellbeing of our diverse communities.

Circles of Faith United Church of Christ (UCC) has had the honor of hosting Kent Estey of Naytahwaush as their first featured artist in November 2022.

His contemporary paintings brought the vibrant colors of earth and sky to the interior church walls, companioning a sampling of prints related to White Earth by the late Gene Lysaker of Twin Valley, Minn. Then 12 year-old pianist, Jayme Littlewolf of Naytahwaush, and photographer Jessica Smith of Eleven-Eleven Studio Eclectics of Waubun shared their talents in April 2024.

We hope you will join us to appreciate their art and meet and greet the artists: photographer, Shannon Eck and textile artist Mary Turner along with Jedediah Desjarlait and Frank Stech on hand drums.

Mark your calendars for this fall's Artists Reception on Nov. 12 from 5-7 p.m., at Circles of Faith UCC on Hwy 59 in Waubun. Social hour with refreshments will be 5-6 with artists' showcase from 6-7 p.m.

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President Biden Apology

On Oct. 25, I had the honor of attending an event hosted by the White House at the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona. During this gathering, the President of the United States issued an apology for the assimilation policies enforced by the U.S. government, which resulted in the mass displacement of Indian children into boarding schools.

In these institutions, children were stripped of their language and culture and forced to assimilate into American society. Tragically, many faced physical and sexual abuse from staff, significantly contributing to the intergenerational trauma that Native communities still endure today.

During the event, two Native women interrupted the President, holding protest signs that read, "There are still babies in mass graves; your apology means nothing," in reference to the ongoing genocide in

Palestine. This stark contrast highlights the troubling reality of the U.S. government: while it funds acts of genocide, it simultaneously offers apologies to Indian Country, especially in the critical weeks leading up to an election.

While the apology is far from perfect, it marks a starting point. I want to commend Secretary Deb Haaland for her efforts in getting us to this point and initiating this path toward healing.

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families

Circle of Life Academy hosted a powwow from 12:30-3 p.m.

PINE POINT

We have two elder tiny homes in Pine Point, and the decks have been added to both. We are gathering names of elders who are in need of housing.

Playground installation is complete in front of the old Community Center.

The Pine Point Community Council hosted one of three culture camps, with 81 attendees. This event was funded by an \$18,000 grant from Johns Hopkins University's Indigenous Health Group. A total of six camps will be held in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

The Pine Point Community Council has removed the old sod from the Powwow arena, added black dirt, and hydro-seeded and watered the arena.

Upcoming events hosted by the Community Council include Turkey Bingo on Nov. 23 and a Christmas Dinner and Party on Dec. 21.

Creators Place is doing well. The headstone engraving project is a well-used service that helps many families. Also, setting up new online businesses for their participants.

Childcare is an important need in our community. If any community members are interested in starting a childcare service, please contact Kim Lage with any questions to help get this initiative underway.

ELBOW LAKE

The Boys and Girls Club remodel bids have been completed, but the costs exceeded our budget. We are currently exploring our options, which include reevaluating the project scope to reduce expenses, potentially demolishing the building, or rebidding the project. I am also looking for alternative funding sources to help cover the shortfall.

The final summer community picnic took place in Elbow Lake Village, where the Community Service Officers prepared a wonderful meal. Once again, a heartfelt miigwech to all the staff and programs that contributed to setting up the information tables at the picnics. The playground equipment has been successfully installed throughout the Village. Due to space limitations, the equipment could not be installed in a single location

Elbow Lake Halloween Party was held on Oct. 26 at noon at the ENP site.

CALLAWAY

Playground installation is complete. At present, there is no Boys and Girls Club. I have been collaborating with our planning department to explore funding options. Since we do not have an existing building,

we are seeking funding for new construction.

Our Public Works completed some re-paving road projects on the southeast end of town.

New Callaway Community Council. We are excited to announce that we are gathering names of individuals interested in joining the Callaway Community Council. This council will play a vital role in working with our community members and ensuring that every voice is heard. For more information or to express your interest, please reach out to me directly or contact my assistant, Tiffany Swiers.

Arvig has completed the ACAM Fiber Project, laying a total of 53.02 miles of fiber in the area. This will enhance internet connectivity significantly.

OGEMA

We attended Ogema Days, and both the parade and park events were wonderful!

Iron Range

MCT Constitutional Reform Information meeting Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. at Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids, Minn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

White Earth Veterans Day Powwow is Nov. 9-10 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. Thank you to all of the veterans that served our country, those that continue to serve and their families. Your service will never be forgotten

Drug Task Force meetings continue monthly

Suspicious activity

I want to remind everyone about the importance of staying vigilant and reporting any suspicious activity. If you notice anything unusual or potentially illegal, please report it immediately to our White Earth Tribal Police Department, Becker County Sheriff Office or the Paul Bunyan Task force. We are all in this together, and by looking out for one another, we can help keep our community safe. Your awareness and prompt action can make a significant difference.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or have questions. Miigwech for allowing me to work for you all.

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Manoomin Arts Initiative in partnership with MAHNOMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS American Indian Education Program are hosting an

American Indian Heritage Month Fall Feast FEATURING AUTHOR *Marcie Rendon*

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Mahnomen Public School Cafeteria Use Door #2 on the North side of the school

6:00-6:45 pm - Opening speaker, Opichi Drum, and Community Feast & gift drawing, where you could win the latest book by Marcie Rendon!

6:45-7:45 pm - For 9th grade & older, Author Marcie Rendon will read from her compelling novel *Where They Last Saw Her*, the story of a Native American woman who learns of the disappearance of one of her own and decides enough is enough.

Craft booths available for children 8th grade & under. Call Desiree to reserve booth space.



Marcie Rendon is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, playwright, poet, freelance writer and the author of the Cash Blackbear series. She is a community arts activist who supports other Native artists / writers / creators to pursue their art. Rendon was recognized as a 50 over 50 Change-maker by MN AARP and POLLEN in 2018.

Questions: Desiree Linden 218-935-2211 Ext. 248

Community invited to Heritage Month feast

You are invited to our Annual American Indian Heritage Month Fall Feast on Wednesday, Nov. 13, starting at 6 p.m. in the Mahnomen School cafeteria! Please use door #2 on the north side of the school. We are partnering with the Manoomin Arts Initiative for this event!

We have a special guest, Marcie Rendon, joining us this year! Marcie is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, playwright, poet, freelance writer, and the author of the Cash Blackbear series.

For 9th graders and older, Marcie will read from her latest compelling novel, *Where They Last Saw Her*. The story is about a Native American woman who learns of the disappearance of one of her own and decides enough is enough.

Craft booths will be available for children in 8th grade and under. To set up a booth, call Desiree Linden at 218-935-2211 Ext. 248.

We will have an opening speaker, the Opichi Drum Group, and a community feast where you can win the latest book by Marcie Rendon! Please reach out to AIE Coordinator, Desiree Linden with questions.

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Happy **26th** Birthday

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November 2nd

From Lyssa and Candace

Happy Birthday to our daughter **Karissa Gayle**

Love you Mom, Dad, Dez **Nov. 7th**

Happy **20th** Birthday

Joseph Potter Jr.

November 3rd

Love mom and dad and your siblings

Happy Birthday to our daughter **Krystal Marie**

love Mom, Dad, Dez **Nov. 27th**

Anishinaabeg Today Readers

Please let us know if you recently moved, have moved in the past few years, or plan on moving in the future so we can cancel your old address and update your current location. Call the *Anishinaabeg Today* at 218-935-3569 or email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.
 Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:31 p.m.

Members present – Michael Swan, Sara Hunt, Marva Aitken, John Swan, Allison Jones

Members absent – Gerald Roberts

Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks

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

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the August 5 & 7, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Michael Swan. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer's Report – Motion by Michael Swan to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2024 as submitted, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$57,413.99 for check #33666 through check #33736 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 No unfinished business

7.0 New Business

7.1 No new business

8.0 Principal's Report - Discussion on 4-8 grade field trip on 9/12; Parent/Teacher Conferences on 9/13; Afternoon Culture Day on 10/4; Snowsnakes; Halloween party; upcoming school board meetings. No action needed.

9.0 Public Participation – NLOKids grant application (Drama camp) submitted for summer 2025.

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Sara Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Thank You

On behalf of the family of Chief James (Jim) A. Loud we would like to thank all those involved in Jim's care. In addition, we would like to thank the DEBWE Motorcycle Club, Red Lake 3 Star Warrior Society, and the Navy Honor Guard, along with the motor vehicle procession and all who participated.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Mahnomen County Sheriff's office, Naytahwaush Ambulance Service, Myron Yost, and Christina Olsen for their quick response and helping in our time of need.

The Family of
 James (Jim) & Theresa Loud

We want to thank everyone for the kindness, condolences and support we received during Melvin Buckanaga's funeral.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to Mike Swan - Spiritual Advisor, Smokey Hill Singers, Eugene Sommers, Laura Lee Erickson, Giiwedini Buckanaga and Horse Nation, his brother-in-law and nephews for being his pallbearers, Paige from Anderson Funeral Home, his niece Angela Blaine, cousin Linda Buckanaga, and friend Hannah Buck for preparing and serving the food.

We also thank everyone that brought food, cards and flowers. If we missed anyone it was not intentional.

Buckanaga Family

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WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Position: Snowplow Provider
Location: District II & On-Call position
Closing date: Until Filled

- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
- Must have a truck and a plow.
- Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening.
- Knowledge of area highways and roads in this District
- Must be able to communicate well with elders.
- Must sign a contract and liability form upon hire.

Apply at: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 35674 County Road 21
 White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone: 218-983-3202 / 218-935-6411
 Fax: 218-983-4350

E-mail address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.TibbettsIII@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Contact Lisa Donovan-Larson or Buck Tibbetts III by telephone if you have any questions.

SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS

Warning Signs of Suicide:

- The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

TALKING ABOUT:	FEELING:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanting to die • Great guilt or shame • Being a "burden" to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live • Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage • Unbearable emotional or physical pain

CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:

- Making a plan or researching ways to die
- Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items, or making a will
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Eating or sleeping more or less
- Using drugs or alcohol more often

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NEW KEY CARD HOURS:

Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10:00p.m. (age 15-17)

Saturday &-Sunday 6 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (age 15-17)

Adults (18 & older) get 24 hour access 7 days a week.



Accepting Bids

The White Earth LTCC program is accepting bids for a HANDICAPPED RAMP INSTALLATION to be done at an individual home located on the White Earth Reservation. Modifications must be performed by a Minnesota licensed contractor and per MN State Code. All contractors must pass both White Earth RTC background and drug testing. Modifications must follow State guidelines, including cost effectiveness. Payment will be made in full after final inspection, review of receipts and approval of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at the White Earth Tribal Health Building, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591. All BIDS submitted MUST include a diagram/blueprint of the proposed project and a list of materials, labor, equipment, etc. or they will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Due to client confidentiality the bid description must be picked up in person at the White Earth Tribal Health Building. We are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 pm on 11/30/24. For more information contact Hillary Kujanson at 218-983-3286 Ext. 1262.

Agreement from Front Page

water levels to protect wild rice that grows on the refuge. The rice is harvested by tribal members while also serving as an important food source for migrating waterfowl.

At the June memorandum of agreement signing ceremony, White Earth Tribal chair Michael Fairbanks said his ultimate goal is to have the refuge lands returned to the White Earth Nation sometime in the future.

"We know it's a tedious process," Fairbanks said. "We know we have to work with them. These are the steps we have to follow and we're taking them. We have

patience. We're moving forward."

Sundseth called the co-stewardship agreement the next step in a long history of cooperation.

"It's a great way to formalize it and just have a great understanding of exactly what we're going to work together on," he said. "And identify some goals and some timelines and some commitments related to communication that are really important."

The next step will be discussions about a possible annual funding agreement to provide federal funding to White Earth for natural resource management.

Obituary

Roger Smith

Roger Smith, 81, of Bagley, Minn., died Oct. 19 at the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley.

Roger was born on April 6, 1943, in Bagley. He was the son of Leonard and Loise (Fredenburg) Smith. He grew up in Shevlin, Minn., and graduated from Bagley High School in 1961.

He worked at the sawmill in Shevlin for many years. Roger lived in Shevlin and never had to drive to work since his work was across the highway. After the mill shut down, he worked for Nelson Eggs and then he worked for Jim LaFriniere as a laborer. Roger worked for the Shooting Star Casino for 23 years in maintenance, retiring twice.

He married Louise Gagnon on Sept. 14, 2016 in Bagley. Louise died on Dec. 19, 2018. Roger enjoyed the outdoors and going to the casino. One of Roger's pastimes was watching television, and his favorite show was

Gunsmoke.

Roger is survived by his step-son, Kelly Rice of Bagley; stepdaughters: Jodie Britt of Moorhead, Minn.; Joleen Gagnon and Jessie Gagnon both of Roy Lake; sister-in-law, Leslie Gagnon of Roy Lake; brother-in-law, John Gagnon Sr. of Bagley; nephew, John Malmo of Bagley; sister, Evelyn Gorze of Little Fork, Minn.; niece, Shari Gorze of International Falls, Minn.; nephew, Kim Gorze of International Falls; cousin, Janell Fredenburg of Bemidji, Minn.; and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, and step-son, William "Billy" Rice.

Funeral services were held Oct. 28 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley.

Interment: St. Philip's Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Public Notice to Acquire Land in Trust

ACTION: Notice of Decision to acquire land into trust under 25 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minnesota Agency, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, made a determination to acquire real property in trust for the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota.

The land referred to as former "Azure" property, herein and is described as:

Lot 6, Block 10, White Earth Townsite, Section 23, Township 142N, Range 41W, 5th P.M., Becker County, Minnesota. Containing 1.023 acres, more or less.

DATE: This determination was made on October 22, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minnesota Agency, 2225 Cooperative Court N.W., #300, Real Estate Services, Bemidji, MN 56601, telephone (218) 751-2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 C.F.R. 151.12(d)(2)(iii) that notice be given to the public of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust.

A copy of the determination is available from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of the Superintendent's decision must first exhaust administrative remedies under 25 C.F.R. Part 2. This decision may be appealed to the Midwest Region Regional Director in accordance with the regulations in 25 C.F.R. Part 2. Your notice of appeal must be filed in the Superintendent's office at 2225 Cooperative Court NW #300, Bemidji, MN 56601 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. The date of filing your notice of appeal is the date it is postmarked or the date it is personally delivered to the Superintendent's office. Your notice of appeal must include your name, address and telephone number and it should clearly identify the decision being appealed. If possible, attach a copy of the decision. The notice and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled "Notice of Appeal." Your notice of appeal must list the names and addresses of the interested parties known to you and certify that you have sent them copies of the notice. You must also send a copy of your notice of appeal to the Regional Director at Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 W. American Boulevard W., Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55437. If you are an Indian or Indian Tribe and are not represented by an attorney, you may request assistance from this office in the preparation of your appeal.

You may include a statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, explaining why you believe the decision being appealed is in error. If you do not include your statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, you must mail or deliver it to the Superintendent's office within 30 days after you file your notice of appeal. The statement of reasons and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled "Statement of Reasons". It must be accompanied by or otherwise incorporate all supporting documents. You must send copies of your statement of reasons to all interested parties and the Regional Director.

If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of Interior at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal.



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MRRA Meeting for Minnesota Tribal Members

What:
Join Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Paul Schnell to learn more about the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA).

The Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA) will shift our focus from how much time people spend in prison to how people spend that time. The MRRA creates incentives for people in the custody of the Department of Corrections to participate in and make progress toward individualized goals that they aid in setting when they start their time in prison. Policy development is underway and is expected to be published January 2025.

When:
September 16, 2024, 6:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

How to Register:
Please register in advance for this meeting by scanning the QR code below or by typing in the following website into your browser: <https://doc-mn-us.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/611c-6r9dK1HMNqV6xj0J0JDA6eG4X0I>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Email: mr.ra.doc@state.mn.us

Phone: (651) 361-7200

(This QR code will bring you to the Zoomgov Meeting registration website.)

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November 12th, 2024

Join us for an

ARTIST RECEPTION

Social event with refreshments

FEATURING

Shannon Eck: Photographer
Jedediah Desjarlait & Frank Stech: Hand drums
Mary Turner: Textile Artist

5-7 PM

Open House
@ 5pm - 6pm
Artist showcase
@ 6pm - 7pm

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Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play. We have chips for 20 players only.



<p>November 7th, Thursday</p> <p>November 14th, Thursday</p> <p>November 21st, Thursday</p> <p><small>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.</small></p> <p>December 4th, Wednesday</p> <p>December 11th, Wednesday</p> <p>December 19th, Thursday</p> <p>January 8th, Wednesday</p> <p>January 22nd, Wednesday</p> <p>January 29th, Wednesday</p> <p><small>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.</small></p> <p><small>Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the RBC or the E.N.P. site is closed, Bingo will be rebooked to another date, if possible.</small></p>	<p>Naytahwaush</p> <p>White Earth – Congregate</p> <p>Rice Lake</p> <p>Pine Point</p> <p>Elbow Lake</p> <p>Mahnomen – Valley Veiv</p> <p>Naytahwaush</p> <p>White Earth – Congregate</p> <p>Rice Lake</p> <p>Other Events that are coming up in November:</p> <p>Diabetic Health Fair At the Rice Lake Community Center Gym from 2:00pm-6:00pm Learn more about Diabetes and how to live a healthier life! Pumpkin Chili will be available from 4:00-6:00pm</p> <p>Dr. Ung Clinic November 18th will be in White Earth November 19th will be in White Earth November 20th will be in Rice Lake from 9:00am – 11:00am November 20th will be in Pine Point from 1:00pm – 3:00pm</p>
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Introducing! Rez Star

First-Ever!

Indigenous Performing Arts Competition for Minnesota American Indian residents.

Here's your chance to shine! Rez Star is looking for top performers in dance, song, comedy, magic, acting, acrobatics, and more.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an enrolled member or descendant of a U.S. recognized Tribe
- Must be a resident of Minnesota
- Must be at least 10 years of age
- Performances can be done individually or as a group
- Note: All acts must be original, or aspects of folklore can be used to inspire performance

AUDITIONS

- Submit/upload a video audition of your performance at www.anishinaabeartfestival.com/RezStar
- All submissions due no later than December 1, 2024
- Video must be under 2 minutes in length and less than 100MB in size
- Video will be selected by judges
- Auditions selected will advance to the Live Shows

LIVE SHOWS

- Live Shows will be performed after audition selections are made
- 1st Live Show: Dec 12, 2024 Grand Casino Winbury
- Final Live Show at the 2025 Anishinaabe Art Festival
- Performances will be judged by the audience to determine who advances to the next Live Show
- Audience tickets available soon
- Donations to sponsor tickets for each Live Show

PRIZES

A maximum of **\$10,000 PRIZE MONEY!**
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LSS offering Pearls training

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LSS Caregiver Support & Respite services offers PEARLS (Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives) training for people, age 60 or older, to help identify and resolve concerns that lead to unpleasant feelings.

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GVT has been awarded a broadband grant to provide Internet access in Mahnomen County

Garden Valley Technologies has been awarded a Low-Density Population Broadband Development Grant from the State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development (OBD). This grant is within the borders of the White Earth Reservation in Mahnomen County and is one of only 26 grants being funded in the State of Minnesota in round 10 grant awards.

Residents and businesses in this area expressed support for GVT's grant application, which gives GVT the opportunity to offer rural Mahnomen Internet access, allowing employees to work from home and their children improved access to homework and educational resources. The grant area covers parts of two counties and seven townships and will consist of over 142 miles of fiber.

The grant provides the assistance needed to plow state-of-the-art fiber optic cable to the homes in this area allowing access to Internet speeds up to 6 Gbps, local phone service and digital video services, which includes over 200 channels.

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

The border-to-border broadband project for rural Mahnomen County will bring service to reach 287 unserved and underserved locations which include

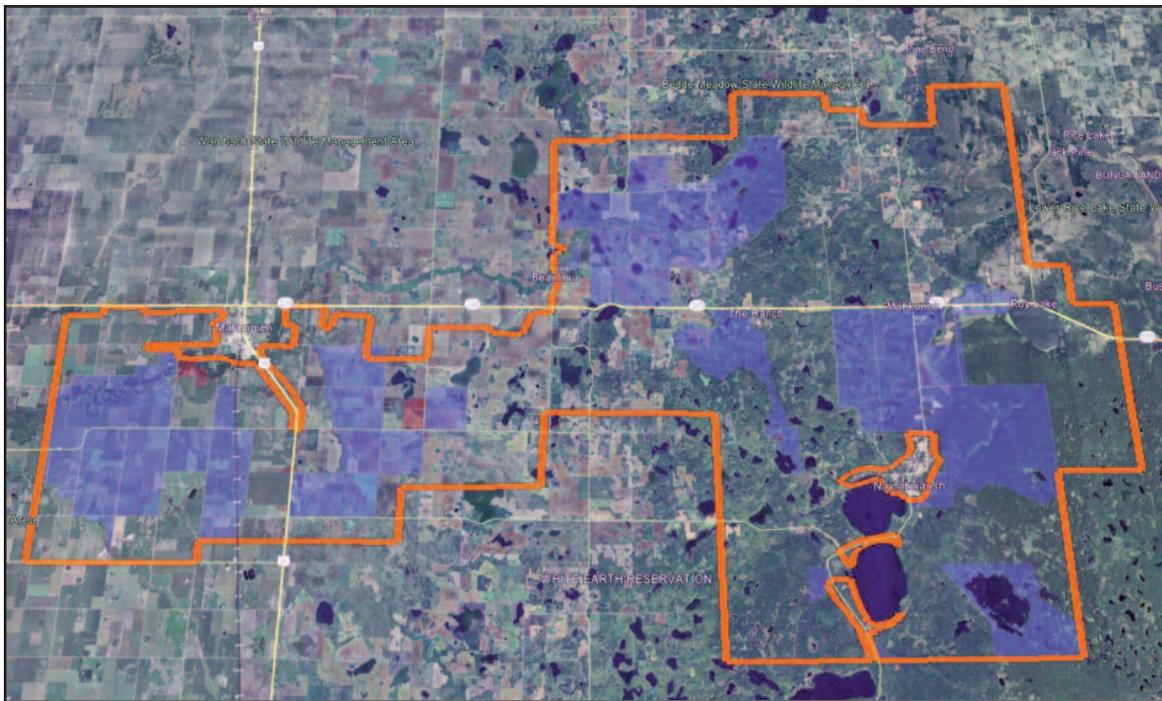
221 residences, six businesses, 56 farms and four community institutions. The total project cost of \$6,471,341 million will be partially financed by the \$4.6 million Minnesota broadband grant.

Next Steps

GVT's outside plant engineering team is working on the most efficient method to extend fiber optics to the residents and businesses in this grant area. The company has started collaborating with tribal and county officials to map the fiber route. Once they receive approval, GVT's construction team will partner with local contractors to begin the construction process and have a groundbreaking ceremony, which will be held next spring.

The grant area map outlines the zones that will be served as part of the Border-to-Border grant. In addition to this grant, there are also some shaded areas inside the outline that will be built out with funding from other federal programs. It is important to note that the City of Naytahwaush and areas around Twin Lake are not part of this grant program.

Garden Valley Technologies has committed to a project completion date of 2027. However, many residents in this area can expect to start receiving service in late 2025 and 2026. To see if your address falls in this grant area or to express interest in receiving GVT services, please visit join.gvtel.net. GVT will continue sending updates as this project progresses.



Mahnomen Library schedules paranormal expert and author

Embark on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in Minnesota with a presentation by author and paranormal researcher Chad Lewis.

Lewis will venture across the state, sharing about wandering ghosts in the North Woods, to a haunted Bed & Breakfast in Wabasha, to phantom creatures prowling the woods, to graveyard apparitions spotted in your own backyard. Lewis' stories are compiled from first-hand accounts of Minnesotans and include the possible origins of the apparitions he discusses.

The tour is sponsored by Lake Agassiz Regional Library and will include visits to the following locations:

Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the **Detroit Lakes Public Library**, 1000 Washington Ave.

Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the **Mahnomen Public Library**, 203 Main St. S.

Admission is free thanks in part to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund. More information is available at larl.org/legacy.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, contact the Lake Agassiz Regional Library office at 218-233-3757 or online at www.larl.org.

Circle of Life Academy Powwow



Photos by Gary W. Padra

The Circle of Life Academy held their Powwow on Oct. 25 at the school. The new royalty for 2024/25 are: Senior Princess Kaylene Dewey, Junior Princess Honey Dewey, Senior Brave Glen Hagen, and Junior Brave Gregory Hagen.

Orange Shirt Day



Photo by Desiree Linden

Mahnomen High School participated in the national Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 30. The theme was Every Child Matters. Pictured are Native American Youth Council Secretary Waabino Littlewolf and Co-President Lilly Linden.