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Naytahwaush Harvest Fest

Saturday 09/06

8 AM MEMORIAL WALK

11 AM HARVEST FEST PARADE

1 PM CRIBBAGE TOURNEY

2 PM PARTRIDGE SHOOT

3 PM HORSESHOES

4 PM MOCCASIN GAMES & HAND GAMES

5 PM PIE EATING CONTEST

6 PM CANOE RACING

Sunday 09/07

11 AM DART TOURNAMENT

11 AM VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

1 PM BEANBAG TOSS TOURNEY

2 PM FILL THE REZ RIDE CONTEST

3PM FRYBREAD CONTEST

3PM TUPPERWARE BINGO



HARVEST FEST POWWOW

SATURDAY Grand Entry 1 & 7pm

Community Feast 5pm

SUNDAY Grand Entry 1pm

TLVFD Pancake Breakfast Sat & Sun EARLY



Photo by Sage Thompson

The first baby bison was born Aug. 5 on White Earth Reservation.

WE Nation welcomes first bison calf

By Chandra Colvin
Minnesota Public Radio News

NAYTAHWAUSH, Minn. — The White Earth Nation's Bison Program welcomed its first calf to its breeding herd near Naytahwaush.

"This historic birth marks a new chapter in our ongoing efforts to restore the bison to Anishinaabe lands," the tribal nation stated in a post on Thursday, Aug. 7.

Jack Heisler, bison foreman of the program, said they weren't expecting a calf until spring 2026 at the earliest.

"Wildlife doesn't follow a script. This bison calf being born, it didn't follow a script either, because the mama is

so young," he said. Bison typically give birth during the springtime.

Heisler said there were no plans to begin breeding until this summer.

Bison, or mashkode-bizhiki in the Ojibwe language, once roamed and thrived on Minnesota's prairies in large numbers. By the 19th century, settlement and overhunting of bison had reduced the population to a small number of captive bison.

White Earth Nation partners with the InterTribal Buffalo Council — a partnership of over 80 tribes aiming to restore bison herds to tribal lands for cultural and spiritual enhancement and

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Teaming up for Outgoing Special

The annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 9-10.

There were many featured events going on throughout the weekend to include the Blayne Smith Outgoing Special.

Participating in that Special from left were Justuz Swiers, Matthew Rojas, Blayne Smith, Adrian Bloom, Gitigaan Littlewolf, and Jordan Bloom.

Photo by Tiffany Swiers

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The Next Chapter:
WETCC’s journey of growth and vision for the future

As White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) enters a new academic year, the institution reflects on a transformative journey marked by resilience, innovation, and cultural pride. Over the past three and a half years, WETCC has not only overcome the challenges of a global pandemic but has emerged stronger, setting new standards in tribal higher education.

A Legacy of Achievement

Last year, WETCC celebrated an historic milestone by earning its first-ever non-conditional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) -- an affirmation of the college’s credibility and strength. Campus modernization efforts have included upgrades to IT systems and equipment, and improved the tools that help staff and students succeed. In addition, the college made Minnesota history by being included in the State’s higher education budget, bringing in \$1 million annually for the last two years. Clean financial audits for the past three years further underscore the college’s commitment to transparency and accountability.

Academically, WETCC has broadened its offerings with new degrees, including an Associate Degree in Science, expanded trades education, and increased online and year-round course offerings. As a result, enrollment is on the rise and students are finding deeper connections through expanded student groups, success coaching, and initiatives like the AIBL (American Indian Business Leaders) consignment project and a student-led food pantry.

Investing in People and Culture

WETCC has invested in mental health and wellness for students and staff. Cultural events such as moon ceremonies, the Water Summit, and contributions from Anishinaabe artists have enriched campus life. Leadership now reflects the community it serves, with three-fifths of the President’s Cabinet being enrolled members of White Earth.

Relationships have been built and strengthened—locally, statewide, and with other campuses—because WETCC knows the value of partnership. By creating the College Senate and including the Cultural Coordinator, the college’s shared governance has been strengthened.

Facing Challenges with Confidence

Looking ahead, WETCC acknowledges the challenges of reduced Tribal and federal funding and the evolving national climate around DEI. However, level funding is expected for the coming year, and federal leaders have reaffirmed their commitment to Tribal programs. The college remains focused on sustaining its staff, with 90% of state funding supporting salaries—a critical investment in the

people who make WETCC thrive.

A Road Map for the Future

Over the coming year, WETCC will:

- Finalize and launch its strategic plan
- Continue efforts to fund and build a new trades building

- Complete the new medical mobile simulation unit
- Implement the new Associate Degree in Science

Creating the Future Together

WETCC is poised to shape its next chapter. As WETCC President Anna Sheppard expressed in a recent address to faculty and staff, “We have momentum. We have experience. And we have each other...keep bringing your ideas, your energy, and your commitment to our mission. Let’s continue to show our students, our community, and ourselves that WETCC doesn’t just adapt to the future—we create it.”



Courtesy of WETCC Staff

Top: WETCC’s first-ever chemistry class in the new science lab. **Bottom:** WETCC Wellness Center is under construction.



Courtesy of WETCC Staff

Phase IV addition of the White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen.

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TEACHINGS

Join us for biweekly teachings led by
White Earth BH Culture Division.
Feast is provided.



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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

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Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

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Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-
zookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See
You!

It is already September!

Everyone Be Safe.

Nibi, is the sacred gift that flows through our
rice beds, lands and hearts. To us, our White Earth
Nation, Nibi is much more than just H2O; it is the life
force that sustains us, connects us to our ancestors,
and reminds us of our responsibility to care for
Mother Earth. As we are the only people allowed on
our beautiful Rice Lake and forever will be.

Long ago, our ancestors taught us that Nibi is a
sacred healer and teacher. It teaches patience as it
flows steadily over stones, and resilience as it per-
sists through changing seasons. The voice of Nibi
actually whispers stories of renewal and hope,
reminding us of the importance of respecting all liv-
ing things and water that sustains all of us.

In recent times, we have seen how fragile this
gift can be. Pollution, climate change, and misuse
threaten the purity and availability of Nibi. As
Anishinaabe Gichi Manido gave us the duty and
stewards of our waters, it is our duty to honor and
protect this sacred resource. Every drop of Nibi is a
reminder of our responsibility to balance, respect,
and gratitude for the blessings of water. Especially
today in this day and age they say that over 50% of
Minnesota’s lakes and rivers waters are so polluted
that you can’t even harvest any medicines or fish
from them.

As we move forward, let us remember the words
our elders shared: “Nibi is alive, and it is our duty to
keep it sacred.” By working together to keep our
waters clean and healthy, we ensure that Nibi contin-
ues to flow for generations to come, nourishing our
land, our people, and our spirits.

Land Back is very important to our Nation. We
have a long history of land theft and loss, but we are
resilient adaptive people who have been here since
time immemorial and will continue into the infinite
future. Our journey for Land Back is a long-distance
race, not a sprint.

We are taking deliberate steps towards our goals
and setting ourselves up in the best position now and
for those who come after us, the next seven gener-
ations. We have two major projects related to Land
Back in addition to the many smaller opportunities
our land office finds whenever we can get the chance.
Those major projects for Land Back are the return of
the White Earth State Forest and the return of the
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge (the Refuge).

White Earth State Forest

Since the White Earth State Forest’s creation in
1933, the State of Minnesota has officially managed
the Forest but the White Earth Division of Natural
Resources (WEDNR) and the Minnesota Department
of Natural Resources (MNDNR) have been collec-
tively managing the Forest for many years without a
formal agreement. Recently, the WEDNR and the
MNDNR began drafting language to form a
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for coordi-
nated management of the Forest.

The MOU will memorialize the hard work from
each agency, it highlights the collaborative efforts



and projects they work on together, and illustrates
how future coordinated planning and management
efforts will go. An MOU is an important step for the
Nation in Land Back. We need to learn from each
other and coordinate together to better manage our
Forest. The MOU is almost finished and we are nego-
tiating the final touches. We hope to finalize the
agreement soon and do a public signing so our mem-
bers and the public can come out to celebrate with us.

Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

It’s been over a year since we entered the inau-
gural co-stewardship agreement with the United
States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding the
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge (the Refuge).
Things on that front are going very well! Our
WEDNR meets regularly with the FWS Refuge staff
and coordinates easily on the many aspects of Refuge
management. We’re moving full speed ahead on the
next steps in our plan for Land Back.

First, we needed a Self-Governance Compact
with Department of Interior (DOI) and that was just
approved by WERBC at our last Tribal Council
meeting on Aug. 29. Now, we wait for the DOI’s sig-
nature. We are already a self-governance tribe, but
recently the federal law changed and we needed to
enter a compact with the proper language to conform
to the new law. This compact gives us the ability to
enter into Multi-Year Funding Agreements (MYFA)
and Annual Funding Agreements (AFA) for BIA and
non-BIA programs and services such as the ones the
FWS provides at the Refuge. That means we would
carry out the programs and services that we contract
for in an AFA or MYFA instead of FWS.

Our next step is to work on an AFA for our selec-
tion of the programs and services the FWS provides
at the Refuge with the option to renegotiate for more
each year. As a Nation, water protection is one of our
top priorities, so we decided to add this program in
our first AFA. We are also planning on the assump-
tion of wild rice management, forestry, and all cultur-
al components of the Refuge’s visitor’s services pro-
gram.

Our WEDNR and the FWS staff at the Refuge
have been in many discussions on these programs
and services and are in the process of negotiating the
fine details of what it will take to assume them. Our
team is working hard to get everything in place as
soon as possible, so the WEDNR will be responsible
foras much of the management responsibilities for
these programs we can include in the AFA.

Our journey towards Land Back requires deliber-
ate steps to be successful now and for our future gen-

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of providing you with the monthly report of the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council. This monthly report will consist of Wild Rice, Land Purchase and Travel Updates.

Wild Rice Update

The 2025 Wild Rice season is underway, and the White Earth Nation started buying green wild rice at \$5 a pound. The Minnesota state lakes are open with some of the Refuge lakes within the White Earth Reservation boundaries. The Lower Rice Lake is still closed until further notice. This lake is usually ready around the first or second week of September. As of Monday, Sept. 1, the White Earth Nation has purchased more than 85,000 pounds, with a daily average of 8,500 pounds. We have paid out close to \$500,000 to membership and will continue to buy until the wild rice season ends. This is great for our community members and their families during this fall season and back to school expenses.

Land Purchase Update

Since July 1, 2021, we have made 39 land purchases for a total of 4,518 acres including four off reservation parcels totaling 381 acres, and a total of 4,137 acres on reservation. The White Earth Nation is committed to seeking out every opportunity to purchase land within the boundaries to increase our land base. As of July 1, 2025, the State Legislature passed a new law requiring counties within the reservation boundaries to give Tribes the right of first refusal on all tax forfeited lands. What this means is the counties cannot sell tax forfeited land without giving the Tribes first right at purchasing the land back. This is a great law that gives the Tribes a way to get their land base back.

State Forest Update

The White Earth Nation and the State of Minnesota continue to negotiate a MOU for co-management of the Minnesota State Forest within the Reservation boundaries. This consists of 44,000 acres that will be co-managed until future negotiations to turn it back over to the White Earth Nation.

Travel Updates

On Aug. 14, I attended the Tribal State Relations



Training in Red Lake, Minn., and participated in the Tribal Leaders Panel along with Chairman Darrell Seki from Red Lake Nation and President Robert Larson from the Lower Sioux Community.

On Aug. 25-27, I attended the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Quarterly meeting with Chairman Michael Fairbanks and Executive Director Laurie York at Grand Casino Mille Lacs in Onamia, Minn.

In August, I attended the Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow. They had a Rez Car Parade, and they are known for the home of the big spot dance.

As the fall season approaches and pow wow season winds down, we are filled with hot days and cool nights. Perfect weather for the wild rice season, and it is predicted to be another record season. I would like to say everyone stay safe and have a great fall harvest.

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

WE Forestry has wood available for Spirit Fires

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

There are a few special considerations:

- ❖ This firewood is available for a tribal member passing only.
- ❖ Firewood deliveries will be limited to **one** pickup load per Spirit Fire/passing.

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

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

We hope to continue to offer this service as much as we can in the future. Please contact the White Earth Tribal Forestry Office in Naytahwaush for this service at 218-935-5967.

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"White Earth Veterans Association and White Earth Mental Health invite veterans and active military in our community to a gathering focused on connection, support, and community. Join us for meaningful conversations and a shared meal provided by White Earth Mental Health. We hope to see you there!"

**Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 2025
from 4-5:00**

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The White Earth Nation wants to Welcome your Baby!



Baby Welcome!

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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

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

Aaniin Anishinaabe. I hope this message finds you and your families in good health. As August comes to a close and the weather begins to cool, we welcome the wild rice harvest season. At the same time our youth are preparing to head back to school embarking on a new chapter!

Events/Meetings

8-1 We re-joined the third day of the 27th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run covering approximately 39 miles from Grand Rapids, Minn., to Floodwood, Minn. Four youth from Pine Point participated in this run. I am incredibly proud of these young individuals for taking the time to be part of this powerful event. We look forward to being a part of it again next year!

8-6 I had the pleasure of attending the Shooting Star Casino Employee Appreciation Party. It was a great event where directors and managers showed their gratitude by clearing tables, allowing staff to relax and enjoy a well-deserved meal along with prize drawings and games. Miigwech to all of our dedicated employees for the hard work and service you provide each and every day. Your efforts are truly valued and appreciated!

8-7 White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks, Government Relations Coordinator Richard Hanks and I had the opportunity to join the Becker County Administrator and two County Commissioners for a lunch meeting. A key topic of discussion was the Rat Lake cell phone tower project which is now moving forward. This much needed project will significantly enhance cell service in the area addressing long-standing connectivity challenges for residents. Additional topics included potential pop-up voting sites to improve voter access and participation, as well as updates on various ongoing projects that impact both the County and the White Earth Nation. We appreciate the continued collaboration and open dialogue with Becker County leadership as we work together to support our communities.

We met with Mary Otto and Destinie Sandberg from the Minnesota Tribal State Relations Office to discuss plans for an upcoming training to be held at the Shooting Star Casino. The training focuses on strengthening government-to-government relationships and a deeper understanding of Tribal sovereignty and history. We look forward to extending



invitations to our local government partners as this training presents a valuable opportunity to build mutual respect, enhance collaboration and support meaningful government-to-government engagement.

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar visited our area and we had the opportunity to meet with her during a tour of Benson and Turner Meats in Waubun. During the visit, she provided a brief update on Medicaid and its ongoing impacts on healthcare access. We appreciate her continued commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by our communities.

8-9 & 8-10 It was a beautiful weekend in Pine Point for the powwow. On Saturday, two grand entry's were held. A highlight was several ladies sewed regalia and gifted to guest who did not have any. On Sunday, we participated in the Pine Point Rez Car Parade followed by grand entry. Miigwech to the Pine Point Community Council and community members who came together to make this a memorable weekend.

8-12 I successfully completed the Level I Indian Gaming Commissioner Certification Training, a 2.5-day program focused on key aspects of tribal gaming regulation. The training covered topics including: accounting principles, financial audit processes, gaming compacts, compact compliance and the regulatory framework including rules of the game. The curriculum emphasized practical applications to ensure effective oversight and enforcement in tribal gaming operations.

8-19 Tribal leaders and staff participated in a consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to address a range of issues including barriers to Telehealth services, challenges related to Community First Services and Supports (CFSS), the Four Walls provision, integration of Traditional Healing practices and the 1115 Waiver as it pertains to Tribal communities.

White Earth has been actively developing a plan and process for integrating Traditional Healing into services under the 1115 Waiver for several years. During the consultation, DHS also provided an update on Housing Stabilization Services, which at this time has had no direct impact on the White Earth community. Several follow-up meetings are planned to further discuss unresolved issues and ensure that Tribal concerns are adequately addressed.

8-21 Elbow Lake held its annual summer picnic, it was a great turnout from the community including food and prizes. At last year's event, several of our elders recalled the "old swimming spot."



Submitted photo

Four members from the Pine Point community participated in the 27th Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run. From left are Alexis Lerud, Carleen Arthur, Justice Butcher, and Karen Lerud.

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Museum in the Village – Pine Point Exhibit and Fall Feast

Giiwedonong Museum, in downtown Park Rapids, Minn., is growing into the community! This August, Giiwedonong Museum took a new step, and working with the village of Pine Point, supported the Pine Point History project.

The display, which went up right before the Aug. 8 powwow, includes historic materials on the Anishinaabe of the 1855 treaty territory and photos of Pine Point village over the decades. The community history project is emerging, and we hope to share the history of the Pine Point School, harvesting/way of life, ceremony, singers, athletes, and families.

The Museum has found some new software which will help archive the history, create an on line archive and hopes to bring this exhibit to the Twin Cities to share some of our historic work and to open the door for more community history projects.

Edith Smith, Project Coordinator talks about the opening: “It was just like everything came together, and the connection with the community and with people who are from here was very strong. Pine Point was really strong and people really appreciated it. Everyone that came into the building was in awe with what they were seeing. We are hoping to interview more people, collecting photos and documents to scan, and will be collecting more of our history.” Contact esuzanne477@hotmail.com

The Giiwedonong Museum also announces their fall feast – featuring Chef Lee Garmon - Executive



Photo by John Ratzloff

This photo of Margaret Norcross and Joe Bush are featured in the exhibit.

Chef at Owamni Restaurant in Minneapolis. The Fall Feast will be held on Oct. 19 at the Park Rapids Armory and will feature traditional foods, and a new art opening, of contemporary Anishinaabe artists at the gallery. <https://giiwedonong.org/store/p/event> 2025

WE member has park dedicated in her honor

A lifelong conservationist and educator who has lived in Newton, Iowa, for 59 years was recently honored when the Jasper County Conservation Department dedicated Kramer Park.

The park is named after White Earth enrollee Carol Kramer, who taught elementary biology in Newton, and has been a member of the Jasper County Conservation Board since 1987.

The Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center is being built at the site on Newton’s eastern edge, and is scheduled to be completed in November.

Ceretti was a former student of Kramer. Kramer says Ceretti, who also became a teacher and died from cystic fibrosis at the age of 30 in December 2009, was one of her favorite students. Her parents, Jeff and Jodi King, donated \$100,000 towards the construction of the Environmental Education Center through a Community Challenge Grant.

Kramer has also donated and raised money for the new Jasper County Conservation Department

Facility. She and her husband, Reverend Fritz Kramer, started dreaming about having enough money to build something like it long ago.

“And it’s now come to fruition, and I was shocked at the number of people that came. I did not think this would be this big of a celebration. I am so humbled by it. But I also want to say “we are not finished.” We still have to have funds to really develop it and the ponds, so we have not stopped.”

Kramer says anyone who would like to make a donation to the Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center or Kramer Park should contact the Jasper County Conservation Department.

Many of Kramer’s family members traveled from Minnesota for the Park Dedication.

Kramer is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe who was born on the White Earth Reservation and lived near Pine Point. She and her husband, who passed away in March 2022, moved to Newton in 1966.

White Earth enrollee Carol Kramer, a lifelong educator and conservationist, was recently honored by the Jasper County Conservation Department in Newton, Iowa,

She had a park named in her honor - Kramer Park

Kramer was born on the White Earth Reservation and lived near Pine Point.



Courtesy photo

SPRIT POLE RENEWAL 2025

AGENDA: TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM	REMEMBRECE POLE	LOCATIONS/DATES
Welcome and Introductions	• Cultural Staff welcome Relatives, and inform about the ceremony.	WE MAT - 9/16/25 WE RBC - 9/18/25
Remembrece Tree	• Attendees will remember their loved ones by writing their names on leaves, and putting them on the Remembrance Tree. Their relatives should be in spirit for 1 year.	NTW - 9/23/25 WE WESA - 9/25/25
Feast for Loved ones	• The relatives proceed to the feast and make their offering for their relatives. The food will be offered to the fire with tobacco.	DOVE - 10/7/25 MAH - 10/9/25
Clan Ties	• Everyone will proceed to the Clan table to make a tobacco tie honoring their ancestors/Clan. Instructions will be there to guide the process.	ACUTE - 10/14/25 RL - 10/16/25
Honor Song	• An honor song will sung for the loved ones being remembered.	PP - 10/21/25
Erecting the Spirit Pole	• Everyone will tie their clan tie the onto the Spirit Pole. The Spirit Pole will be prepared with water and tobacco where the pole will be grounded. Everyone helps to push the tree up!	Circle Back 10/23/25 MPLS Urban 10/28/25 OMC 10/30/25
Feast	• Wiisinadaa/everyone eat!	

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Drop in at:

Rice Lake Community Center Public Health office on
Sept. 23, Oct. 15, or Nov. 12

Or

Pine Point Community Center Public Health office on
Sept. 24, Oct. 16, or Nov. 13

Fall topics are: September - Suicide Prevention
October - Breast Cancer/Mental Health Awareness
November - Diabetes/Alzheimer's

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

White Earth ABE begins fall schedule

White Earth Adult Basic Education started fall hours on Sept. 2. When the kids go back to school it's the perfect time for adults to return as well.

Come see Melissa, Chuck, and Amy for:

- ❖ Help getting a GED or Adult High School Diploma
- ❖ Improving academic skills for college, work, or any other reason
- ❖ Tutoring and support to pass exams that stand between you and your goals - driver's written exam, nursing entrance exam, CDL written exam, paraprofessional certification, college entrance exams, etc.

Or come see us just to say hey!

Volunteers are welcome and are needed to help with intake, proctoring assessments, tutoring, and more. Minnesota Adult Basic Education volunteers are required to complete specific trainings. We will make the training fun!

WHITE EARTH ABE 2025 FALL SCHEDULE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAHOMEN MAIN ABE OFFICE	8:00-4:30 Melissa, Amy, and Chuck	8:00-4:30 Melissa and Chuck	8:00-4:30 Melissa and Chuck	8:00-4:30 Melissa and Chuck	8:00-4:30 Melissa and Chuck
MAAADIZI WORKFORCE CENTER	8:00-4:00 Workforce Tutors	8:00-4:00 Workforce Tutors	8:00-4:30 Workforce Tutors and Amy	8:00-4:00 Workforce Tutors	8:00-4:00 Workforce Tutors
WHITE EARTH	No Classes	No Classes	1:00-4:30 Melissa or Chuck	No Classes	No Classes
CREATORS PLACE	9:00-3:00 Lindsey Tutor Kay by appointment	9:00-3:00 Lindsey Tutor Kay by appointment	9:00-3:00 Lindsey Tutor Kay by appointment	9:00-3:00 Lindsey Tutor 12:00-4:30 Amy	9:00-3:00 Lindsey Tutor
PINE POINT COMMUNITY CENTER	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	8:00-12:00 Amy	No Classes
RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	No Classes	9:00-12:00 Melissa or Chuck
VIRTUAL	Mornings by appointment with Amy	Evenings by appointment with Amy	No Classes	Evenings by appointment with Amy	All day by appointment with Amy

White Earth Adult Basic EducationMelissa Widner Managermelissa.widner@whiteearth-nsn.gov(218) 935-3576

Families, players, hand drums invited to community game

Boozhoo,

You are invited to join us for Baaga'adowewin: A Community Gift Game on Friday, Sept. 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Naytahwaush Community Charter School.



Join Us

BAAGA'ADOWEWIN

A COMMUNITY GIFT GAME

A community game for families, players, hand drummers, and anyone who wants to gather in a good way before the weekend's events begin (Harvest Fest).

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 5th

NAYTAHWAUSH CHARTER SCHOOL
5:00PM - 7:30PM

Hand drummers are invited to play throughout the games.

Gift Blanket - players are encouraged to bring a small meaningful gift to offer.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

PLEASE BRING:

- A gift that means something to you. (Does not need to be new or expensive)
- Comfortable clothes to move and play in.
- Your friends and family!

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218-401-1993

WARM, RESPECTFUL ATMOSPHERE FOR FAMILIES, ELDER, AND YOUTH

This gathering is open to all ages and abilities, bringing together families, players, hand drummers, and community members in an inviting and respectful atmosphere.

Schedule:

- 5-6 p.m. - Intro to skills and how to use the sticks (all skill levels welcome!)
- 6-7:30 p.m. - Community games with breaks as needed. We'll take it easy when needed and play with energy when ready.

Event Highlights:

- ❖ Hand drummers are welcome to play in support of the games
- ❖ Gift Blanket – players are encouraged to bring a small, meaningful gift to offer
- ❖ Light snacks and beverages provided
- ❖ Sticks will be available to loan

Please bring:

- ❖ A gift that has meaning to you to offer (does not need to be new or expensive)
- ❖ Comfortable clothes/shoes to play in
- ❖ Friends and family!
- ❖ Spectators please bring a camping chair for comfort

Registration and waivers are required at entry. For more information, contact 218-401-1993 See you there! Miigwech!

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman
White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Aaniin!

August went by way too fast - makes you start to think about winter already so start getting ready by putting away those garden tools, making sure your fuel tank is full, finding that plastic for the windows, make sure your heat tape is working properly so your water pipes don't freeze up, make sure your car or truck is winterized, and keep those emergency numbers on the refrigerator for fast access.

Before the end of the season, we would like to Thank all the staff at White Earth Agriculture for all those yummy fresh vegetables that we so much enjoyed this fall and for the bison meat. You guys really got us spoiled - thanks.

Ricing is here in full swing and I hope everyone has a boat load to get them through the winter because it goes good with all the holiday meals that you will be preparing.

The Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow is on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7.

This is our remaining meeting schedule for 2025
Oct. 7 - Rice Lake ENP site
Nov. 4 - Elbow Lake ENP site
Dec. 2 - Naytahwaush ENP site

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”

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

Miigwech,
Tim Rindahl (Chairman) 218-261-0182

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OGEMA TRIBAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Are you interested in being a part of a Ogema Community Council?

Contact Laura Lee Erickson & Tiffany Swiers

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Tiffany.swiers@whiteearth-nsn.gov

 218-401-1153
218-935-6235

White Earth Nation has a Facebook page!
Visit us for the latest updates
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Heath Motivational Therapy Sessions

October 8, 2025 | Shooting Star Casino Event Center

Join us for three free motivational therapy sessions with Pam Matchie to strengthen your health and wellness.

The following sessions will be offered on Wednesday. You can attend as many sessions as you like.

Weight loss (nutrition) 2:30pm-3:30pm

Anxiety: 4:00pm-5:00pm



Cessation: 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Bring a blanket or a yoga mat to lie on if you would like to lie on the floor for better relaxation/ otherwise you can sit at the table.

REMINDER: Doors will close after the sessions start to get the best benefit with no distractions.

Please be on time. You will not be let in after doors close.

For questions about the event, call 218-401-3174.



Community Experiences

“My cravings for sugar and sweets have dropped to almost nothing. It makes it easier to choose healthy food and I notice a difference in how my clothes fit.”

“I fell asleep at the session I went to while lying on the floor, after I left I realized that it worked because I never felt the urge to light up and I have been smoke free now for 2 years.”

“I haven’t smoked since the second session I attended. I appreciate having the workshops repeated so I can reinforce the fact that I am a non-smoker.”

“I learned tools to use when I get anxious or nervous. When my brain starts to focus too much on things I think about my breathing, the waterfall and other images we learned. It works.”

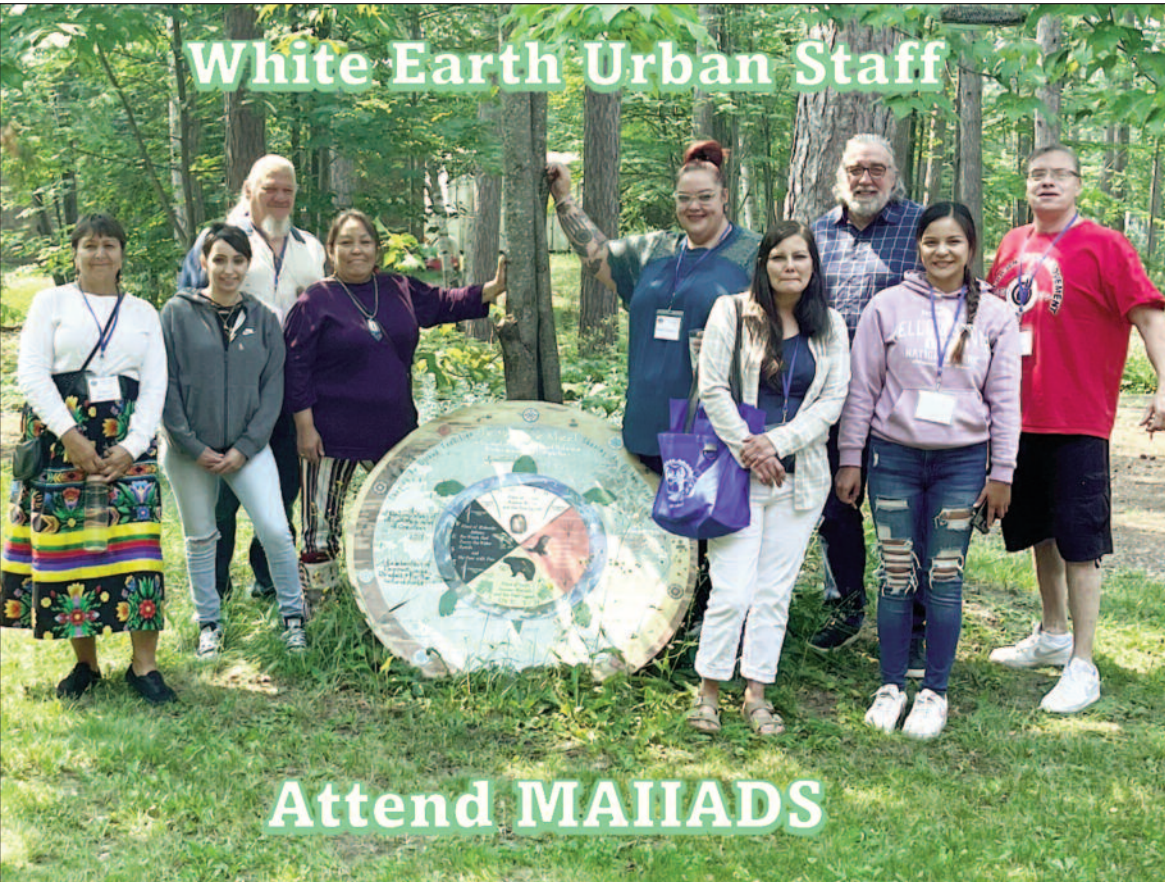
Urban staff attend MAIADS Conference at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet

From July 30 through Aug. 1, the White Earth Urban staff had the opportunity to attend the MAIADS Conference at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. The three-day event provided valuable learning and growth for staff working in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) field.

During the conference, staff participated in multiple breakout sessions designed to support SUD professionals, emphasizing the importance of self-care and resilience in this challenging work. Attendees

also received updates on legislative changes impacting SUD services and had the chance to attend a major presentation each day, offering insights and strategies to better serve the community.

The conference was a meaningful reminder of the dedication, knowledge, and self-care required to provide compassionate care. The Urban team left the event inspired and equipped with new tools to continue supporting clients on their journey toward recovery.



Submitted photo

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Why you should get an ABI test if you have diabetes

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

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

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

health.

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

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

Please call White Earth Tribal Health and ask for a nurse in Public Health. We would be happy to assist you in making an appointment near you. Four community locations are available: White Earth, Naytahwaush, Rice Lake, and Pine Point.



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Preventing dog bites: Safety tips for everyone

Submitted by Paul's Passion

Most dog bites are preventable. Whether you're a pet owner or just around dogs in your community, these tips can help keep everyone safe.

Understand dog body language. If a dog looks tense, growls, or avoids eye contact, give it space.

Teach kids to be gentle. Kids should never hug, climb on, or surprise a dog. Always supervise interactions. Children should NEVER be alone with a dog unsupervised.

Don't disturb dogs while eating or sleeping. Even friendly dogs may bite if startled or guarding food.

Always ask before petting. Not all dogs are comfortable with strangers. Always ask first.

Socialize and train your dog. A well-trained, socialized dog is less likely to bite.

Use a Leash in Public. Keep your dog leashed to prevent unexpected encounters.

Information provided to you by Paul's Passion

Paul's Passion is a nonprofit animal rescue service covering the White Earth Reservation. The organization was formed in 2019 in honor of their departed friend and fellow rescuer. You can learn more about Paul's Passion on their Facebook page.

Pine Point Demolition Derby winners announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 19th Annual Pine Point Demolition Derby held Aug. 8.

Compact

- 1st - Tim Annette
- 2nd - Robert Smith
- 3rd - Cody Bush

Truck

- 1st - Calvin Schuttes
- 2nd - Mike Buckle

MWFA

- 1st - Cody Bush
- 2nd - Harley Jackson
- 3rd - Owen Annette

Full Size

- 1st - Jake Eischens
- 2nd - Jordon Eischens
- 3rd - Nicole Bellanger

Powder Puff

- Corissa Wadena

Jr Clark Best Paint Job

- Douglas Bruguier Jr.

Bobby Adams Award (First Out)

- Blake Crowell

Mad Dog (Crazy Driver)

- Lillian Annette



Photo by Tia Parisian

The 19th Annual Pine Point Demolition Derby was held Aug. 8 during powwow weekend. Some of the winners from left are Owen Annette (3rd place - MWFA), Harley Jackson (2nd place - MWFA), Lillian Annette (Mad Dog), and Tim Annette (1st place - Compact).

2026 WHITE EARTH ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOTICE

The 2026 White Earth Energy Assistance Program will be accepting applications first part of September 2025, 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 web page. For those of you that have applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail in September 2025.

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.

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

No funds available until around first week in November 2025

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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**

Rice Lake 'Healing Feast'

September 24, 2025

5-7 pm

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BH Cultural Division

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Community Clean-Up Efforts Continue

Tribal programs dedicate time to keep local forests and trails clean by removing garbage

On Aug. 14-5, White Earth Forestry, joined by additional Natural Resources staff, dedicated their time to cleaning up local forests and trails, removing garbage to help restore and protect these areas. All collected waste was transported to White Earth Sanitation for proper disposal.

Dumping Trash in the Woods Harms Everyone

Disposing of garbage and unwanted items in the woods is illegal and harmful. Trash pollutes soil and water, attracts pests, and endangers wildlife. Household hazardous waste, electronics, furniture and plastics leach toxic chemicals into the ground water.

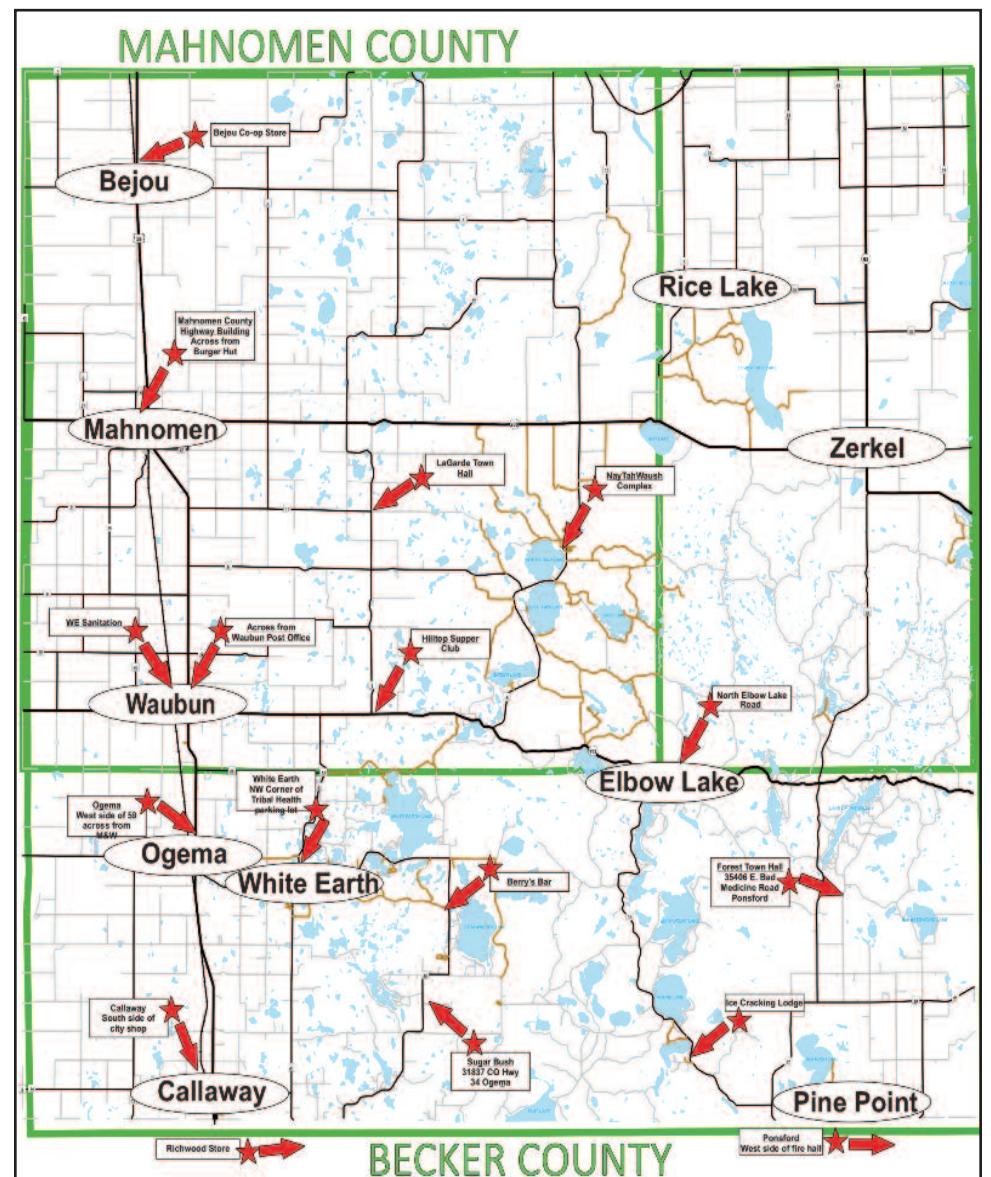
Please Dispose of Waste Responsibly

White Earth Sanitation offers satellite transfer stations in various communities. Recycling sites are located throughout the reservation for mixed recycling. (see maps)

White Earth Sanitation offers a variety of free recycling options including mixed recycling, batteries and cardboard. They also recycle other items for a small fee. This list includes metal items, fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, televisions, monitors, and other e-waste. Keep your eyes open for free collection events thought the year.

White Earth Sanitation with help from a grant from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency now offers a re-use "store" where items no longer wanted but by no means ready for the landfill can be used by other individuals. All items are FREE- come and take a look!

Our commitment to keeping our communities and forests clean is ongoing throughout the year. Please do your part and dispose wisely!



WHITE EARTH SANITATION
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Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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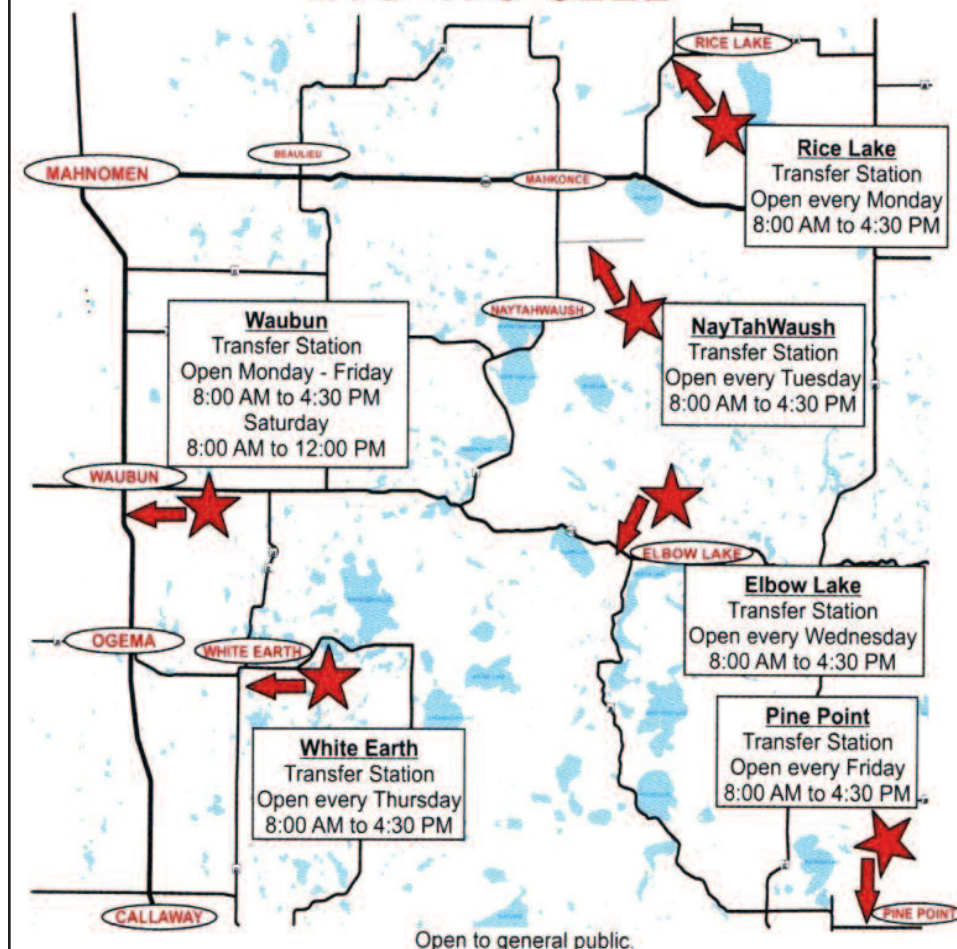


Photo by Zoe Keezer

Summer interns with White Earth Natural Resources recently helped clean up local forests and trails. All collected waste was transported to White Earth Sanitation for proper disposal. Top row from left are Hadyn Bement and Lex McDougall. Bottom row from left are Madison Fairbanks, Amber Eken (staff member), Gavin McArthur, and Hudson McArthur.

Youth learn hunter safety



Photo by Zoe Keezer

Hunter Clark, White Earth Natural Resources, teaches a student how to properly retrieve their rifle in a deer stand during a Hunter Safety Class held Aug. 20 at the Mahnomen Rifle Range. In addition to safety scenarios, students also qualified with their rifle on the range. Prior to the Hunter Safety Class, students had to take and pass a Hunter Safety Course on the Minnesota DNR website.

IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING

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

- Tribal Enrolled Elder** (55 years of age or older) - \$25
- Tribal Enrolled Member** (54 years or younger) - \$80
- White Earth Business** - \$115
- Non-enrollee** (any age) - \$185
- Businesses** - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

Notice to all tribal land lessees, assignees, and any or all others utilizing tribal lands

The White Earth Land Office will be conducting periodic inspections of all sites, assignments, leases and contracts for any compliance issues on tribal land.

Please call to update your contact information with our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding compliance inspections or need to update your information, you may contact the White Earth Land Office at 218-983-4650.

Dr. Luke Warnsholz: A journey defined by education, leadership, and quiet persistence

In 2015, Luke Warnsholz was told he didn’t belong in college. His ACT score was too low, and initially denied admission. Advisors suggest that he reconsider high education altogether. But instead of questioning, he started a long road of hard work that was always one course at a time, one job at a time, one relocation at a time, and one decision at a time.

Ten years later, Dr. Luke Warnsholz holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Walden University and serves as Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. As a band member of White Earth Nation, he always wanted to help his community in any capacity.

After earning his associate degree from Minnesota State Community and Technical College, he returned home in 2019 and joined White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC). It was there that he found momentum and a renewed sense of direction. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business management from Rasmussen University and a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from Bemidji State University.

His time at WETCC helped clarify his vision for continued education and eventually led him to Las Vegas, where he worked with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and contributed to tribal higher education efforts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

At just 25 years old, Warnsholz was informed he will be the Executive Director of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. The role brought him back to Minnesota, where he focused on strengthening tribal governance, expanding services, and building trust. It was a pivotal moment, one that tested his leadership

to tribal government.

Today, as Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Warnsholz oversees modernization efforts, new vision, and intergovernmental coordination across the six member bands. There were setbacks, moments of doubt, and some challenges along the way, but through it all, Warnsholz remained grounded.



Dr. Luke Warnsholz

“Education gave me structure, confidence, and the ability to contribute meaningfully. It didn’t happen quickly or easily, but it changed my life. Each degree marked a milestone, each leadership role reflected a deeper purpose and responsibility, and each challenge became part of a larger story, one that continues to unfold.”

To anyone who may feel uncertain about their future, Warnsholz offers this message: “Anyone can achieve their goals with hard work, resilience, humility, and a strong support network. Don’t let anyone define your limits.”

His journey is a reminder that meaningful progress doesn’t happen overnight. It’s not always celebrated in the moment, but it builds something lasting. What began as a distant dream became a reality, and he hopes others see that same possibility in themselves. All it takes is the courage to begin.

Urban Community Council hosts Back to School event



Submitted photo

The White Earth Urban Community Council hosted a Back to School Youth Event on Aug. 23 at the MCT Building in Minneapolis. More than 30 school-age kids and six littles attend with 30 adults. They were served lunch and there was a drawing for footwear gift cards. White Earth Secretary-Treasurer Mike LaRoque donated \$300 to give \$50 gift cards for footwear. The Urban Council purchased \$25 gift cards for school clothes at Kohls and TJ Max/Marshalls. Every school-aged child got a \$25 gift card. When they left, students were given a backpack with school supplies donated by Mystic Lake. WEUCC also received donations to purchase the gift cards from Rick Goodmanson, Frances Homans, Merl and Cami Goodmanson, Kim Elm at JAK, Brit Simmel, and Kathy Pizzolanti from Arizona.

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CONCERTS

Tommy James & The Shondells | Sept 19

Parmalee | Sept 26

The Orchestra | Oct 10

Hunter Hayes | Oct 24



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White Earth Food Shelf September 2025 Delivery Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Box Day	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Cleaning/Truck Day
	10am-noon	10am-noon	10am-noon	
	Nijiji Radio	ENP Site	Sports Complex	
Closed				Closed
8	9	10	11	12
Box Day	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Inventory	Cleaning/Truck Day
	10am-noon	10am-noon		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
Closed			Closed	Closed
15	16	17	18	19
Box Day	White Earth	Ogema	Inventory	Cleaning/Truck Day
	10am-noon	10am-noon		
	ENP Site	Dream Catcher Homes		
Closed			Closed	Closed
22	23	24	25	26
Box Day	Waubun	Mahnomen	Inventory	Cleaning/Truck Day
	10am-noon	10am-noon		
	Community Center	Vet's Building		
Closed			Closed	Closed
29	30			
Box Day	Box Day			
Closed	Closed			
applications are available at Community Centers, ENP Sites and Naytahwaush Sports Complex				
Hours are subject to change due to weather and closure's for Holiday's				
please feel free to contact the White Earth Food Shelf at 218-935-6313 or 218-935-6314				



Photo by Richard Hanks

Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy recently visited with Chairman Michael Fairbanks and Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque. Senator Murphy was also given a tour of the new Early Child Care building, and the Waabigwan Mashkiki building.

Sen. Klobuchar visits WE Reservation



Courtesy of U.S. Sen. Klobuchar staff

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar visited our area and the council had the opportunity to meet with her during a tour of Benson and Turner Meats in Waubun. During the visit, she provided a brief update on Medicaid and its ongoing impacts on healthcare access. White Earth appreciates her continued commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by our communities.

September 2025 BH Cultural Division Services and Activities						
						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2 WE Mat 10-12	3 NTW IOP 10-12	4 WE Wesa 10-12 Acute 1-3pm RBC 11am	5 Mpls. Urban AFT Ishkode/Fire 10-12	6
7	8 9:30 Tobacco OMC MAT Youth Sweat 1pm	9 MAH IOP 10-12 NTW Moms 10-12	10 MH AFT Staff Training 9-12 @ SSC Sweat Rebuild 1pm	11 NTW Wesa 10-12 Circle Back Culture 3-5pm NTW Community Picnic Sports Complex 5-7pm	12 Mpls. Urban Singing Session 10-12	13
14	15 9:30 Tobacco OMC Wm sweat	16 WE Mats 10-12 WE MAT Pole renewal 10-12	17 WE Wesa 10-12 NTW IOP 10-12	18 WE Wesa 10-12 Acute 1-3pm WE RBC Pole renewal 10-12	19 Mpls. Urban AFT Nibi/Water 10-12	20
21	22 9:30 Tobacco OMC Sewing 1-3	23 MAH IOP 10-12 NTW Moms 10-12 NTW Pole Renewal 10-12	24 White Earth Nation Baby Welcome - NTW BH Bldg- 10-12 Rice Lake Healing Feast 5-7	25 NTW Wesa 10-12 Circle Back Culture 3-5pm WE WESA Pole renewal 10-12	26	27
28	29 9:30 Tobacco OMC Sewing 1-3	30 All day AFT Anishinaabe Foundational Teachings Training @ SSC 9-4:00pm				

WE Nation and Mahnomen County/Becker County DWI Court Program

By Melissa J Buck
Treatment Court Coordinator
White Earth Tribal Court

The mission of the White Earth Nation and Mahnomen County/Becker County DWI Program is to provide accountability and culturally specific treatment to the high-risk/high-need DWI offender thereby enhancing public safety and creating healthier families and communities.

The goal of the programs are to increase public safety, reduce impaired driving, abstain from mood altering substances, reduce alcohol and drug related crime, reduce expensive incarceration costs, and improve quality of life for the participants.

The programs are voluntary. To be eligible for the programs prospective participants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The prospective participant must be a repeat DWI offender, have a diagnosed substance use disorder, and reside within the boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation or Becker County.

The Teams are made up of a Tribal Judge, District Court Judge, Coordinator, Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, Law Enforcement, Probation Agent, Compliance Officer, Substance Use Disorder Provider, and a Mental Health Provider.

The White Earth Nation and Mahnomen County DWI Program along with the White Earth Nation and Becker County DWI Court Program has averaged 19 participants and three referrals per quarter.



Submitted photo

Destiny Coleman, pictured with her dad Jeffrey Burnette, is a 2024 graduate of the White Earth Nation and Mahnomen County/Becker County DWI Court Program.

We honor our graduates and wish them well on the next journey in their lives.

“I learned accountability and how to accept responsibility for my own actions through the Wellness Program. This gave me the tools I needed to be successful in my own life. Honesty, integrity, and accountability are what got me where I am today,” said Destiny Coleman, a 2024 graduate.

Learning to make push poles & knocking sticks

By Maria Fatz
WE Tribal and Community College
Community Extension Coordinator

White Earth Food Sovereignty and Security (WEFSS) along with White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC), Community Extension department partnered together to host a Ricing Tool Making Workshop in Mahnomen. This gathering happened Aug. 12-13 in Biminizha'an gibawaajigan, the classroom attached to Gizhiigin Arts Incubator.

Twenty-four people, including White Earth Tribal and Community College students and other community members, participated in this event, which was funded in part by USDA/NIFA (Equity Award #2022-38460-38049) and White Earth Food Sovereignty and Security.

Over the course of the two days, participants worked hard together as a community and built beautiful push poles and knockers.

Please feel free to reach out to either Nicole LaFrinier (WEFSS Coordinator) or Maria Fatz (WETCC Community Extension Coordinator) to suggest community food sovereignty, security or agricul-

tural education requests.
Miigwech!



Courtesy photo

Community members learned to make push poles and knocking sticks at a recent two-day workshop.

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council
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ENROLLED ELDER LAWN MOWING PROGRAM

DATE APPLYING:

Name: Spouses Name:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address: Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # Cell # Work #

Email address:

Birthdate: Spouse's Birthdate:

Enrollment # Spouse's Enrollment # Attach a colored copy.

Do you own the home: Yes No if not, name your landlord?

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

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

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

***Lawn mowing will be done every two weeks; area needs to be cleared of debris.
***Dogs must be tied up, fenced in, or housed during service.
***Weed trimming, bagging of grass & mowing ditches will not be provided.
***Mowing service will end after Labor Day weekend.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
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Fax: 888-228-3650
Email address: Lisa.Donovan-Larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.tibbettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov



Submitted photos

White Earth community members traveled to TCO Stadium in Eagan, Minn., to enjoy an unforgeable lacrosse experience.

WE community attends PLL playoffs & plays Baaga'adowewin at TCO Stadium

By Ana Kircher
Community Health Educator
WE Tribal Public Health

On Aug. 23, 35 White Earth Nation community members traveled by bus to TCO Stadium in Eagan, Minn., to take part in an unforgettable lacrosse experience. The trip included watching the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) playoff games and taking the field to play a traditional game of Baaga'adowewin.

Members of all ages joined in, with both a 12-and-under and a 13-and-up game. These matches brought together players and supporters from nearly 45 tribes across five different states, fostering community connection and creating space for positive intergenerational relationships through the Medicine Game.

The event was made possible through the support of White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, in partnership with the Premier Lacrosse League, Twin Cities Native Lacrosse, and traditional carriers of the game from multiple tribal communities.

The day reflected more than sport, it was also about wellness. Baaga'adowewin promotes physical activity that helps reduce the risk of disease while strengthening cultural identity and supporting overall well-being.

See **Lacrosse** Page 28



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The 21st Annual Collaborative Brain Development Conference was held Aug. 12-14 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Key speakers included Casey Gwinn, Esq., left, and Kent Estey, right.

Conference highlights culturally relevant learning

By Sue Heisler
White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Programs

Miigwech to everyone that made the 21st Annual Collaborative Brain Development Conference "Children the Shining Stars of Hope" on Aug. 12-14 at the Shooting Star Event Center an awesome inspirational, culturally relevant learning experience.

The attendance was over 500 people. The high attendance emphasized how White Earth Nation and other Tribal Nations, including programs and communities statewide and out of state are committed to support and service children, their families, and communities.

The amazing keynote speakers were Casey Gwinn, Esq., Dr. Anton Treuer, Ph.D., Kathy Magnusson, M.Ed., Kent Estey, and Dr. Sheila Sweeny, Ph.D. Together with additional breakout ses-

sion speakers they tied in the importance of culture, relationships, knowledge of brain development, resiliency, our personal stories, and networking that were essential to focus on the conference theme and belief that "Children are the Shining Stars of Hope."

We also discussed the importance of all our roles in supporting children to achieve the best of their developmental potential in all areas of life. Besides the opportunities for attending sessions, highlights of the conference included the opening and closing with the Honor Guard, Mahanomen Singers Drum group, local Princesses and Braves, many vendors, silent auction, an evening musical entertainment, and words of support from Chairman Michael Fairbanks and Secretary/Treasurer Michael LaRoque.

We are looking forward to next year's conference on August 11-13, 2026 at the Shooting Star Event Center.

Estey painting selected to show in national exhibit

DETROIT – The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) proudly presents Contemporary Anishinaabe Art: A Continuation, a special exhibition that celebrates the enduring culture and creative achievements of the Anishinaabe, featuring more than 60 Anishinaabe artists from across the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. One of those artists selected is White Earth enrollee Kent Estey from Naytahwaush. Other White Earth artists selected for the exhibit include Star WallowingBull, David Bradley, and Frank Big Bear.

With over 90 works on view, this extensive and inspiring show is one of the largest presentations of contemporary Native American art in the Midwest, and the first major Native American art exhibition at the DIA in over 30 years.

"I am so excited to be a part of this art exhibition. It is truly an honor to share museum space with the many Native artists who will be featured in this exhibit," said Estey. "A few years ago, my dream was to have my artwork recognized on a local level. Today, my work will hang alongside renowned White Earth artists such as David Bradley, Frank Big Bear, and Star WallowingBull, just to name a few. Sometimes,



Kent Estey's painting "Debwewin" (2018) will be featured in the exhibition.

See **Estey** Page 27

Highlights of the annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 9-10. They had about 290 adult and teen dancers, around 75 tiny tots, and 11 drums. The new Pine Point Princes and Brave are Flower Buckanaga and Randy Kettle.





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A virtual focus group will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 7–8:15 p.m. Participants will receive a \$100 gift card. Please share this opportunity with youth in your community.
Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/1W7nXwu3WU>



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- Processing Sumac
- Making Tea
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Interview with photographer Shannon Eck

Come see Noojimo'iwen (Healing) photography work by White Earth member Shannon Eck which runs from Sept. 1 to Oct. 27 at Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, 701 East Jefferson Avenue in Mahanomen.

All are welcome for the Opening Reception on Sept. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meet the artist, have food, see photos, and win door prizes.

Shannon's work is part of Manoomin Arts Initiative's Emerging Artist Exhibition Series.

What does healing mean to you?

"Healing means telling your family something and they believe you. Because they know they can trust you and you have rebuilt family relationships by living an honest life."

Why photography?

"Photography is about telling my story without words. In a photograph I can highlight the important issues and hard issues through my work. It is also about honoring our people and celebrating the positive. That is what I often do as a photographer."

What is your photography work about?

"I didn't feel connected till I moved back home to White Earth. This is home. I am a big believer in community. I love to showcase our people, the land, and that we have really good things going on in our communities."

How does art or being a photographer help your sobriety?

"It is important to show everyone all the good things going on in our community. Often people can only see the negative. When you are in active addiction you can lack connection to community and family. My sobriety is tied to my photography in that it helps me grow."

Any final piece of advice that helps with healing?

"Finding an outlet for your emotions and thoughts while trying to get sober is really important for recovery. I would say to try many things until you find one medium or art that connects you and brings you peace. Then on the overwhelming days dive into your art. Relationships and new community connections. Being able to show the connections helps me every day."



Photo by Holly Erickson



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19 September 2025
6:00am – 6:00pm
Waubun High School Track



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WE hosts Collaborative Brain Development Conference



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The 21st Annual Collaborative Brain Development Conference was held Aug. 12-14 at the Shooting Star Casino. One of the keynote speakers was Raelene Ostberg, M.Ed. Raelene shared her years of experience in early childhood classrooms, and real-life stories that show the tangible strategies in action. She is the Founder of Thriving Together, an organization dedicated to supporting early childhood educators in their critical work shaping young minds. She has worked for more than 10 years to deliver transformative learning experiences that are entertaining, fun, engaging, and inspiring.

WHITE EARTH BAND OF
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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:

Ramon Lopez

Court File No. **TP2025-00004**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 4, 2025, a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. An initial hearing will commence on September 26, 2025, at 9:45 a.m. at the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at 35500 Eagleview Rd., Ogema, MN. The telephone number is (218) 935-3512. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the protection of your child. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 11, 2025
Court Administrator

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 May 7, 2025, a Petition for Transfer of Permanent Physical and Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2024-00009; and that on June 26, 2025, an Amended Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2024-00009. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 3, 2025, 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: August 26, 2025
Tammy J. Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

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

Leroy Hanks

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CP2025-00007**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 21, 2025, a Petition for Child in Need of Protection and/or Services was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2025-00007. A Pretrial Hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 26, 2025, at 9:30 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 26, 2025
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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Obituary

Germaine JoAnne (Bray) Riegert

Germaine JoAnne (Bray) Riegert, Maajii-Zikizegekwe, the daughter of Kenneth and Julia (Simon) Bray, was born on June 13, 1939, in White Earth, and raised on the family farm outside of Ogema. As the oldest child in her family, she helped care for her many siblings while attending school and graduated as valedictorian from Waubun High School in 1957.

Germaine went on to receive a degree in Accounting and Business Administration in 1964 from Moorhead State University—the first woman to receive such a degree from the University. Shortly after moving to Minneapolis, where she worked for the State of



Minnesota’s Public Examiners Office, Germaine met the love of her life, Leo Riegert, of Beaulieu. The two were married on Oct. 16, 1965, and lived for a year in Minneapolis, until returning to the White Earth Indian Reservation. The pair made their life-long home at a farmstead on County Road 3 in Mahnomen County where they raised their seven children.

In 1966, Germaine was hired to work as the first Chief Financial Officer for the White Earth tribe, a position she held until 1983. During her many years of service to the tribe, she researched and wrote grants that provided the funding to bring Head Start, WIC, youth programs, nursing programs, and elder nutrition to the reservation. She also helped develop a computerized accounting system

for the tribe and was instrumental in the revitalization of the powwow in the late 1960s.

After her time at the tribe, Germaine started her second career with the US Post Office—serving as a rural mail carrier in Mahnomen and the Postmaster in both Greenbush and Winger. Germaine formally retired from the postal service in 2001 and began her full-time, part-time work as an accountant, bookkeeper, and clerk for local organizations, including the City of Waubun, Kateri Tekakwitha Circle, White Earth Land Recovery Project, and the area’s Catholic churches.

Germaine valued education and was an enthusiastic life-long learner. After working to establish the White Earth Tribal and Community College in the late 1990’s, she eventually received an Associate of Arts degree in Indian Studies in 2020 from the college. Along the way, she also took two years of courses at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Even after her graduation, and every semester to date (asking last week that someone pick up her books), she took classes part-time from the tribal college. Beyond just learning, Germaine was generous with sharing what she knew, teaching and providing words of wisdom and stories to everyone whose path crossed hers.

She attended St. Benedict’s Church in White Earth as a devoted Catholic, and was a dedicated volunteer throughout her life. She was a passionate advocate of the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference and local Circles. Germaine served active roles on the Waubun-Ogema-White Earth School Board, the Minnesota State Arts Board – Region 2 Arts Council, the Waubun Community Council, and the Minnesota Farmers Union.

Her family and community were the most important things in her life, and along with her husband, Leo, she spent her time traveling the many backroads of the state (praying the rosary along the way) to ensure that she was a constant presence in her loved one’s lives. Rarely found without a crochet hook in her hand, Germaine loved crafting and creating gifts to share with others. She also enjoyed beadwork, gardening and canning, reading, participating in traditional ceremonies, and printing and collecting recipes (though not necessarily cooking them).

After the peaceful passing of her husband, Leo, in 2018, Germaine moved between Waubun, Mahnomen, and Ulen, before meeting her Creator on Aug. 23, under the loving care of her family and the staff at Viking Manor Nursing Home.

Germaine is survived by her children: Leo Jr. of Westerville, Ohio, Kenneth (Christie) of Sabin, Minn., JoAnne (John) of Waubun, Mary (Arnie) of Waubun, David (Amanda) of Beltrami, Minn., and Joseph (Amanda) of Mahnomen; grandchildren: Nicole, Julia, Leah (Jacob), Jacob, Maria, Keith (Chelsey), Samantha, Cole (Lydia), Austin, Brett, and Gabriel; her great-grandchildren: Theodore, Emmy, Kenna, Andie, Leo, Hadley, Carson, and Axel; her siblings: Donald (Dorothy), Merelyn (Joy), Virgil (Mary), Kathy (Dann), Carroll (Kristie), Michael, and Mark (Karen); and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leo; her son, Paul; her brothers, Kenneth Jr. and LeRoy; an infant sister, Mary; and a great-grandson, James.

“giga-waabamin”

Visitation was held Friday, Aug. 29 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. A traditional ceremony was held after a prayer service.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, Aug. 30 at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Waubun.

Interment: St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in Beaulieu.

Germaine’s family prefers memorials be given in her memory to either St. Ann’s Parish of Waubun, St. Anne’s Parish of Naytahwaush or St. Benedict’s Parish of White Earth. Checks can be given or sent to Father John Cox at the parish office, 1112 3rd St. Waubun, MN 56589.

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

Special Events

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WE- Sept 10th
RL- Sept 24th
WECO-
WE- Sept 2nd

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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Guest Meals \$6

Questions or comments please contact :
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Site Controller~ Zach Adams

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

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Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

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"White Earth Elder Eating Good"

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program

Waatebagaa (Leaves Changing Color Moon)- September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 CLOSED 	2 Shepherds pie Wheat roll Seasoned cauliflower Apricots	3 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	4 Philly Cheesesteak On a hoagie bun Peppers and onion Sweet potato fries Grape salad	5 Chicken & Rice hotdish Green beans Wheat roll Peaches
8 Turkey Tetrazzini Garlic toast Steamed peas Pear	9 Chicken fajitas Peppers and onions Spanish rice Churro Orange	10 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	11 Beef Goulash Breadstick Green Beans Pineapple	12 Hominy Soup Ham n cheese sandwich Banana w/ Pudding
15 Hamburger gravy Egg noodles Steamed Broccoli Wheat roll Plum	16 Seasoned pork chops Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Wheat bread Tropical fruit	17 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	18 Tuna Hotdish Mixed Vegetables Breadstick Fruit Crisp	19 Chef Salad w/ fixing French Roll Cookie Apple
22 Alfredo Sausage and pepper Spinach salad Breadstick Fresh Fruit	23 Lemon pepper fish Squash Wild rice pilaf Berry parfait	24 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	25 Birthday Lunch Grilled Chicken sandwich Lettuce and tomato Potato Wedge Broccoli Salad Pineapple	26 Brunch for Lunch Chefs choice
29 Beef Lo Mein Broccoli and carrot Egg Roll Mandarin Orange	30 Baked Chicken Mac n Cheese Green Bean Dinner Roll Fruit			

White Earth Food Distribution September Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

September 2025 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education & Health Screenings w/Shirley: Sept 15, 22, 29

Sept 1st: Labor Day, closed

Sept 5th: Bagley & Naytahwaush

Sept 12th: Mahnomen & Waubun

Sept 19th: White Earth

Sept 26th: Detroit Lakes & Ponsford

Sept 30th: Store closed for inventory

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLOSED	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Pine Point Community Building 9:30-3:30	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	
	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	
	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	
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WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings

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Obituaries

Dennis Kenneth Buschette

Dennis Buschette, 95, of Waubun, passed away on Aug. 13 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

Dennis Kenneth Buschette, son of John and Florence (Starkey) Buschette, was born on May 14, 1930, on the family farm in Pembina Township. When he was a young child, the family moved to Rosedale Township, where he lived until the age of 93.

Dennis attended St. Michael’s School through 8th grade, then continued living and working on the family farm. In 2014, he sold the farm to his cousins but was fortunate to remain in his home and enjoy the farmyard he loved. He spent his days mowing, tending large produce gardens and flower beds, and generously sharing the fruits of his labor. After retiring, Dennis became a regular at the Mahnomen Fitness Center, visiting daily when the weather allowed. His routine often ended with lunch at Pappy’s Café, where he gained not only a few pounds but many new friendships. In March 2023, Dennis moved to the Mahnomen Nursing Home, where he enjoyed bingo, socializing, and visits from family and friends.

He will be deeply missed by his niece, Karen Berger; great-nephews, Richard (Judy) Berger, Logan Berger, and Loque Berger; and great-niece, Lacey Gilson.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Robert; sister, Gladys Berger; and nephew, Kenneth Berger.

A funeral service was held Aug. 21 at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. Interment: St. Michael’s Catholic Cemetery in Mahnomen. Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen. Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com



LeRoy “Bud” Eugene LaFriniere

LeRoy “Bud” Eugene LaFriniere, 86, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6, at his home under the care of hospice and surrounded by family.

Bud was born April 14, 1939, at White Earth to Joseph and Mary (Chmelar) LaFriniere, the fourth of 11 children. He attended Naytahwaush School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy at age 17.

He attended the U.S. Armed Forces Institute in Madison, Wis., and then served three years aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Los Angeles. His military service would take him to Mexico, Australia, the Philippines, China, Japan, and Guam among other countries.

After his time in the Navy, Bud returned home to Mahnomen and met the love of his life, Pamela Fjeld. He gave her a lift home from school one day and fell in love at first sight. After a whirlwind courtship, Pam and Bud were married on Sept. 18, 1960, and then moved to Los Angeles. Once there, Bud’s initial plan was to enroll in a barber program since he had cut hair in the Navy, but an admissions counselor advised him that his analytical mind might be well-suited to working with emerging electrical technology. So, Bud attended night school at the Electronic Technical Institute in Inglewood and graduated with his degree in Electronics Engineering.

He began his career with the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company, traveling to Turkey, Ethiopia, Vietnam, and other locations to install satellite communication systems, often under classified status because of their military applications. While living in California, Bud and Pam welcomed Paula in 1961 and Tim in 1966. In the summer of 1973, Bud and Pam and children moved back to Minnesota to be closer to family. They bought the Pawlitschek farm near Roy Lake, began milking cows, and later raised beef cattle. While living on the farm, Bud and Pam welcomed two more children, Annie in 1979, and Andrew in 1981. They raised their family, corn, oats, alfalfa, calves, and a large garden every year. Bud gave generously of his time, serving for 22 years on the Clover Township board, acting as Chairman for 14. In addition to farming, Bud ran his business, LeRoy’s Satellite and TV Systems, installing satellite dishes for many area customers and becoming known as “The Satellite Man.” He retired from farming in 2020 at age 81.

Bud had his mother’s talent in the kitchen and had a knack for making a delicious meal out of whatever ingredients were at hand. He also specialized in breads, donuts, and his locally famous kolaches. Bud would often make his children a hot breakfast before school and then go put in a full day’s work himself. He was known for his strong work ethic and ability to live economically, making the most of every resource and opportunity. His sharp mind and business acumen fueled an enjoyment of following economic trends and the stock market. His impeccable memory enabled him to remember incredible amounts of facts and figures as well as the face and name of anyone he’d ever met. Additionally, Bud had an excellent sense of humor and was known for funny stories, witty comments, and a bright, mischievous grin. He was a dedicated family man who found immense joy in



spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. Bud was a wise and talented man who could fix anything, build any structure, untangle any knot, and solve any problem. These were skills Bud used to the good of many, leaving a legacy of kindness that touched countless lives.

Bud is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Pam; daughter, Paula Stock of Mahnomen; son, Tim (Tina) LaFriniere of Waubun; daughter, Annie (Miles) Baker of Ogema; and son, Andrew LaFriniere of Mahnomen; grandchildren: Jason (Sarah), Jill (Kevin), Chris, Eric (Samantha), Mikel (Roshell), Erin, Indy (Darryll), Tim, Abigail, Nicholas, Alivia, Hannah, and Greyson; 28 great-grandchildren; sisters: Judy Roy, Amelia Roy, and Debra Goodwin; brother, Richard (Connie) LaFriniere; sister-in-law, Gloria “Mouse” LaFriniere; grandchildren’s mothers, Jen Pawlitschek and Tricia Simon; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary; infant daughter, Brenda; son-in-law, Danny Stock; an infant granddaughter born sleeping; brothers: Ronald, Robert (Lucille), Jim, and Kenny (Bonnie); sisters: Marilyn (Dan) Goodwin, and Barbara Windecker; and brothers-in-law: John Roy, Herb Roy, and Cleve Goodwin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to HIA Health Hospice Care in appreciation of the compassionate care they provided for Bud.

A visitation and a prayer service was held Aug. 11 at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. A Memorial Mass was held Aug. 12 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne’s Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors. Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen. Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Jenelle Clare Klumb

Jenelle Clare Klumb, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, auntie, mentor, and respected community leader, passed away peacefully on July 27 at the age of 82.

Born to Wilmer and Ruby Warren on June 19, 1943, Jenelle was a tribally enrolled member of the White Earth Nation and carried her heritage with deep pride and purpose throughout her life.

She was the devoted wife of the late Kurtis Klumb and the loving mother of Shelli Kanter and Susan (Klumb) Koney, wife of Patrick Koney. She was preceded in death by her sons, Scott Kanter and Andy Kanter. Jenelle was the proud grandmother of Nicole Jacox (with her husband Jaz), Mia Hughes, Natalie Hughes, and Kurt and Ruby Koney, and the adoring great-grandmother of Jalen Jacox. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson were the center of her world, and she deeply loved and supported them throughout their lives.

Jenelle was a founding member of Indian Summer Festival, serving in leadership roles on its Board of Directors for more than 30 years. Her dedication helped bring the rich culture, traditions, and stories of Native peoples to thousands of attendees, establishing the festival as a powerful and joyful cultural tradition in Milwaukee. Jenelle was also instrumental in the establishment of the Wisconsin Inter-tribal Pink Shawl Initiative, a Native breast cancer awareness nonprofit educational organization.

From the 1990s through 2014, Jenelle served as an auntie and trusted advisor in the American Indian Student Services (AISS) office at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. As a first-generation, older UWM graduate, she became a source of guidance, comfort, and strength for Native students—offering academic support, life advice, humor, meals, hugs, and heartfelt encouragement. Her creativity and generosity enriched student life and events such as the UWM Powwow and “Honor for All,” which she helped organize with love and care.

Jenelle also served on the board of the Wisconsin Indian Education Association and worked closely with the Milwaukee Indian Education Committee. She was instrumental in leading community initiatives like the school supply drive and the “All City Graduation,” which celebrated Native student success from kindergarten through college.

She also cherished time with her up north family and made many treasured memories on the Peshtigo River—moments filled with laughter, peace, and joy that she held close to her heart.

She is survived by her brothers: Joe (Chris) Warren, Jim (Kathy) Warren, and Jeffrey Warren; many beloved nieces and nephews; and godchildren: Neal Zokan, Lisa (Warren) Kohler, and Sarah Delos Reyes. Her warmth, strength, and generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jenelle will be remembered as a modern matriarch—fearless, creative, and ahead of her time. Her graceful strength, cultural pride, advocacy for Native education, and boundless love for her family and community leave an enduring legacy that continues to inspire.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield, Wis.



Obituaries

Vera Verria Dziuk

Vera Dziuk, 94, of Mahnomen, passed away peacefully on Aug. 16 at Ecumen Emmanuel Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Vera Verria Barstow was born on Sept. 7, 1930, in Mahnomen to Ellsworth and Delia (Vivier) Barstow. She had a large, lively family with three sisters and eight brothers. The schools that she attended included Pipestone, Minn., along with her siblings.

A devoted mother, Vera took great pride in raising her children and building a home filled with love. She was active in her community throughout her life, especially through her involvement with St. Michael’s Catholic Church and the VFW. Vera also gave her time to “The Angels,” where she happily provided rides for those in need.



Family was always at the center of her life. Vera never missed a chance to remember her loved ones on special days with cards or gifts, and she especially cherished time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vera also enjoyed keeping close connections with her siblings, many nieces, nephews, and extended family, whether through visits or long conversations over the phone.

Vera had a warm and welcoming spirit. Known as a true people-person and social butterfly, she made friends wherever she went. Her generosity, kindness, and cheerful outlook touched many. In her spare time, Vera enjoyed puzzles and, in her younger years, loved to go dancing. Over the years, she also cared for many beloved pets, with Mitzie and Jodie holding an extra-special place in her heart.

Vera’s memory is celebrated by children: Dianne, Jo Ann, and John (Diane); and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Rebecca; son-in-law, Rodney; sisters: Grace, Gladys, and Viva; brothers: Ed, Clem, Earl, Leonard, Ellsworth III (Al), Vernon (Ted), Raymond and Charles; and other family members.

A graveside service was held Aug. 29 at St. Michael’s Catholic Cemetery in Mahnomen. A reception was held at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen directly following the service.

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

Ruth Ann Waukazo

Ruth Waukazo, 77, of Naytahwaush, died on July 30 at her home.

Ruth Ann was born Oct. 23, 1947, in San Bernardino County, Calif., to Virgil and Bernice (Waukazo) Hall. Her youth and school years were spent growing up in the California sunshine. After graduating high school, Ruth attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, N.M.

Ruth was united in marriage to Eliot Cook and to this union a daughter, Mary, was born. After several years they divorced, and Ruth moved to the White Earth Reservation in the mid 1980s. Ruth has made her home in Naytahwaush since that time; however, she enjoyed traveling throughout the states teaching the arts to both the youth and adults. She was a very talented artist who was generous and shared her talents with many. In 2002, Ruth received the First Peoples Fund Community Spirit Award and later in 2004, she was honored with the Textile Center Spun Gold Award.



Ruth did not only excel in beading and sewing but she was also a culinary expert. In addition to the arts and cooking, she enjoyed astronomy, teaching, and spending time with friends. Ruth had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful storyteller. She treasured conversations with friends and often shared helpful information with others. She was also very practical, frugal and independent, even being arrested in her younger years while standing up for her beliefs and protesting in California during AIM. Ruth was loved by many and her absence will definitely be felt by all who knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by a daughter, Mary (Craig) Aguilar of Moorhead, Minn.; granddaughter, Margaret (Oscar) Aguilar also of Moorhead; and extended family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Frank Hall; and sister, Denise Hall. A Time of Gathering with Words of Remembrance was held on Aug. 8, at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Per Ruth’s wishes, no formal services were held and burial took place at the Naytahwaush Traditional Burial Grounds.

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

Inez Kaylene Fineday

Inez Fineday, 30, of Ogema, died Aug. 20 in Fargo, N.D.

Inez Kaylene Fineday was born Oct. 26, 1994, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the daughter of Nancy Fineday and Mark Hansen Sr. She grew up on the White Earth Reservation and graduated from Circle of Life Academy in 2013. Following high school, Inez entered the workforce and lovingly welcomed her daughter, Rain, on Dec. 28, 2013. In addition to raising her daughter, she worked a variety of jobs in the White Earth and Detroit Lakes areas. She was currently working at Acute Care for the White Earth Nation.



Inez will be remembered as a gentle spirit who was always happy go lucky. She would lend a hand to anyone in need and was especially helpful with the upbringing of her nieces and nephews. Inez enjoyed the outdoors and the many activities it brough like camping, fishing, tapping trees for syrup, picking berries and gathering traditional medicines. She was also proud of her Native American heritage and often attended pow wows and liked beading. Above all, Inez treasured time spent with her family, especially her daughter. Although she is gone from this life too soon, she will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Inez is survived by her daughter, Rain; mom, Nancy Fineday; father, Mark Hansen Sr.; sisters, Jade Hansen and Fawn Hansen; brothers, Mark Hansen Jr. and Fox Bellanger; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, George and Laura Fineday and grandma, Judy Belsheim.

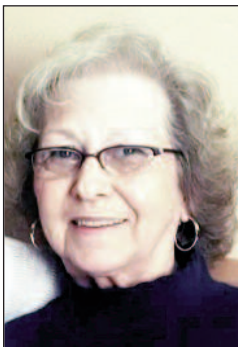
All-night wake services began Aug. 26 at the Nancy Fineday residence in Ogema and continued until the time of the service in the morning of Aug. 27.

Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Point.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Caroline Kay Gerving

Caroline Gerving, 80, of Waubun, died on Aug. 4 at her home.

Caroline Kay Pederson was born May 30, 1945, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the daughter of Charles “Chas” and Marie (Hilstad) Pederson. Growing up, she loved spending time with her dad on the farm east of Waubun. Caroline was baptized and confirmed at Lake Grove Lutheran Church, where she was an active member into adulthood.



She attended Waubun High School and many years later she earned her GED with her dear friend, Betty (Stanhope) Benson, in 1978. Following high school, Caroline was united in marriage to Allen Gerving on Oct. 12, 1963. They were blessed with two daughters, Tina and Sharice. The couple made their home east of Waubun and together with family and friends they built their family home where they lived for many years.

Over the years, Caroline worked as a paraprofessional at Waubun School, several years at the Midway Group Home and before retirement she was employed by the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

Caroline was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother and sister, who enjoyed cruising around in her little red pickup, being in nature, and playing cards with family and friends. She also spent time fishing, tending to her flower gardens and doing crafts. Caroline was an excellent baker and loved music, dancing and animals, especially her dog, Crockett. Above all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Deeply loved, Caroline’s passing is mourned by her daughter, Sharice “Sess” Andresen; grandchildren: Tonia, Samantha, Allena, Jena, Jacob, Erika, Isaiah “Izzy” and Jensen; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Linda Emerson; brother, Charles (Kari) Pederson; and extended family including, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, Allen Gerving; daughter, Tina Gerving; parents, Chas and Marie; sister, Jeri Fjelstad; and great grandson, Timothy Garcia. A Celebration of Life was held Aug. 9 at Lake Grove Lutheran Church in Waubun.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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2014 JEEP CHEROKEE



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TAX596 2022 Blue Bird 71 Passenger PROPANE Bus



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Approx 51,000 miles TAX plate-596

Minimum BID \$40,000.00

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TAX 595 2022 Blue Bird 71 Passenger PROPANE Bus



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Approx 68,000 miles TAX plate-595


Minimum BID \$38,000.00

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TAX534 2019 Blue Bird 71 Passenger BUS



SOLD AS IS. GAS ENGINE. TAX 534 Approx 70,000 miles

Minimum BID \$21,000.00

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TAX533 2019 Blue Bird 71 Passenger BUS



SOLD AS IS. GAS ENGINE. Wouldn't Start. Low Air Pressure Warning Light On. TAX 533 Approx 106,000 miles


Minimum BID \$18,500.00

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TAX 477 2017 Blue Bird 77Passenger Propane Bus



SOLD AS IS. PROPANE ENGINE.No known Issues . Approx 113,000 miles

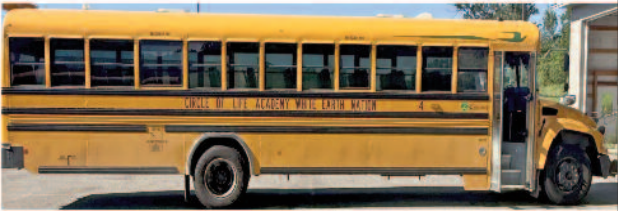
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TAX 476 2017 Blue Bird 77Passenger Propane Bus



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Minimum BID \$15,000.00

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TAX 439 2015 MICRO BIRD G5 6.0L V8 BUS



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Minimum BID \$9,000.00

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WILD RICE PROCESSING

(Wood-Fire Parched)

By

BUCK’S WILD THINGS

Brian Buck

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White Earth Reservation

Community gathers to celebrate Apple Festival

By Maria Fatz
White Earth Tribal and Community College
Community Extension Coordinator

The Naytahwaush community, along with White Earth community partners, came together on Aug. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m., to celebrate the 2025 Apple Festival. This year’s festival was hosted in Naytahwaush by the Naytahwaush Community Charter School (NCCS). Many families enjoyed this free community event.

The festival featured a variety of attractions, including a light meal provided by White Earth Food Sovereignty and Security, cooked/served by staff of NCCS. Registration was handled by Naytahwaush Community Council and NCCS, while Frank Steck of Pure Dynamite brought music and a digital photo booth enjoyed by all. The Circle Back Program offered face painting, White Earth Child Care provided educational books and merch.

The White Earth Tobacco Coalition shared educational handouts and merch. White Earth 4-H hosted an art and craft table creating pictures using paint and stamping apples, Naytahwaush Child Care brought supplies and taught the community to make their own apple pie in a cup, White Earth Care provided the community with free toothbrushes and small games for kids. White Earth Public Health Community Educator brought Baaga’adowewin, our traditional stick ball game. The University of Minnesota Ottertail County Extension Coordinator shared



Submitted photos
Nicole LaFrinier makes homemade whipped cream for the 2025 Apple Festival held at the Naytahwaush Community Charter School.



Children at the Festival could paint apples and make pictures.

education on apple pesticides and disease along with apple identification handouts. White Earth Tribal and Community College Community Extension provided the community with apple butter, apple sauce, and apple recipes.

The Life Program oversaw this year’s beloved caramel apple walk. A petting zoo was brought by local businessman Eddie Streeper. Children and adults alike were delighted by this year’s event and activities.

White Earth Food Sovereignty and Security along with White Earth Tribal and Community College, Community Extension plan to continue to host this Apple Festival in years to come. We will continue to engage community with fun activities and learning opportunities,as we celebrate the abundance of apples here at White Earth. If this event is something your community would like to host in the years to come, please contact either Nicole LaFrinier, WEFSS Coordinator or Maria Fatz, WETCC Community Extension Coordinator.

This event is funded in part by Capacity grant funding from USDA/NIFA (Award #2022- 47003-38383), and in part by White Earth Food Sovereignty and Security.

Estey from Page 16

when you live in the village of Naytahwaush, back in the woods, you can only dream of having your artistry shown at this level. But it can happen if you continue to create beautiful things and are not afraid to reach out beyond what is in front of you. It took many people believing in me and learning to trust myself to reach the point where my work is hanging in a national gallery. I am truly honored and grateful to represent my tribe, my community, and mentors in this exhibition,” said Estey

On view Sept. 28 through April 8, 2026, this survey of contemporary art will highlight and explore the history, perspectives, and continuing story of the Anishinaabe people. The DIA’s exhibition aims to challenge perceptions about what Native American art can be, how it should be seen, and how it can be interpreted, by highlighting a breadth of viewpoints artistic voices.

The exhibition will showcase a diverse range of Anishinaabe artists through more than 90 contemporary art works, including beadwork, birchbark artistry, clothing, film,

photography, graphic design, jewelry, painting, pottery, sculpture, and woodwork.

“This exhibition has been a collaborative process that could not have happened without the trust, guidance, and generous sharing of knowledge from our Anishinaabe advisory board and the artists themselves,” said Dr. Denene De Quintal, DIA Assistant Curator of Native American Art. “We have worked together to ensure that this exhibition represents the diversity and dynamism of contemporary Anishinaabe art while honoring the cultural traditions from which these works originate.”

The Detroit Institute of Arts, which is considered one of the premier art museums in the United States, houses more than 65,000 works of art that offer a multicultural survey of human creativity from ancient times to the 21st century. With a collection that features everything from the first Van Gogh painting to ever enter a U.S. Museum (Self-Portrait, 1887) to Diego Rivera’s famous Detroit Industry murals (1932–33), the DIA is renowned for its quality, range, and depth.

Howah Ads

Happy **19th** birthday
to my beautiful daughter!

Porsha Keezer

May your day be filled with
everything you love.

Love,
Mom, dad, and family

September 25

Happy Birthday
Nell and Ang

I Love You Both Tons
~Tiffany Ann



Happy **GOLDEN** Birthday!
Ayanna Dawn Zornes

September 14th
Love Mom, Dad and Family



Happy **7th** Birthday
Paisleigh Skye

We
love
you!

Mommy



Happy **14th** Birthday
Piano Prodigy
Jayme Littlewolf

September 25th

From - Jr, Jacob, Rainey,
Julisa, Dad and Mom

Howah Ads are \$5 with a
picture or \$4 without. All
payments must be made in
advance.
No exceptions

Happy Anniversary
Joe and Terri

September 12

Love,
Your Family

Happy Birthday **Deb Morris**
We Love You So Much
Love - The Family



Happy Birthday **Tanner!**
We love you so much!
Love - Mommy, Dad & Treyton

Sept.
28



Happy **17th** Birthday
Schmoo



Christy Melby Hagert
graduated on July 24 from
Mankato State University with
an associates degree. We
are very proud of her
accomplishments and wish
her all the best.

Your family and friends



Erickson from Page 5

Since then I have been working closely with our Recreation and Park staff, Jason Clark and Jeff Wark to explore the possibility of restoring it. The project bids have now been submitted. hopeful that project can begin yet this year.

8-25 I had the privilege of attending the Minnesota Housing conference at Prairie Island along with Housing staff and members of the Board. Red Lake District Representative Robert Smith and I participated in a tribal leader discussion focused on the future of Indian Housing. The last conference was held in 2019. The conference held breakout sessions including presentations on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, accessing HUD Technical Assistance, Enterprise Community Partnership initiatives, strategies to support the transition from homelessness to homeownership and identifying funding sources for affordable housing development. The conference provided a valuable platform for collaboration, resource sharing and strengthening partnerships to advance housing opportunities in Tribal communities.

Other Events/News

Please ensure your current address is up to date with the White Earth Enrollment Department. Keeping your address updated is important so that we can contact you when needed and ensure you receive important communications and benefits such as the tribal newspaper, Elder Christmas gift card, and any materials related to referendums.

There's been growing interest in forming a White Earth Community Council for the Ogema area and we'd love to hear from you. We are looking to gauge community interest and start a conversation about what this council could look like. A community council could help bring our community together from supporting programs like Toys for Tots, to hosting community events and more. Please reach out

Sculpture from Page 32

man from around 60 pounds of clay. Using a mold made from the clay sculpture, a bronze foundry in Hankinson, N.D., cast the bronze sculpture.

All of Goodwin's work depicts Indigenous subjects, he said. Goodwin is originally from White Earth, located within the White Earth Reservation.

"I'm proud of my heritage," Goodwin said.

Before installing the sculpture, Goodwin placed tobacco, cedar and sage on the sculpture's platform. The plants are sacred medicines in Anishinaabe culture.

"You're honoring the spirits with this piece," Goodwin said.

Goodwin also has sculptures in Morris and Grand Rapids, Minn. His sculpture in Morris has his artist statement in both Ojibwe and Dakota language.

Lacrosse from Page 16

Families and youth from White Earth Nation expressed great enthusiasm, with many saying they hope to do it again in the future. Memorable highlights included two youth being gifted their own Baaga'adowaanatig (lacrosse stick), community members receiving autographs from professional PLL players, Baaga'adowewin players receiving official PLL reversible jerseys to take home, and the rare opportunity to play the Medicine Game alongside

you're interested or have ideas to share.

District 3 recently held a drawing for five sets of wild rice poles and knockers with approximately 221 community members entering for a chance to win. Miigwech to Beverly, Jim Sr., and Jim Jr. Libby for their time and craftsmanship in helping to create these beautiful sets. Best of luck to all the ricers this season. Please remember to stay safe and look out for one another.

A big thank you to the Minnesota Attorney General's Office for hosting an Expungement Clinic at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Approximately 35 community members received assistance during the event. We truly appreciate the partnership and commitment to supporting our community through accessible legal resources and opportunities for second chances.

The first stages of construction are officially underway for the new White Earth Water Treatment plant/Pump House Crews are currently preparing the site where the facility will be built (where the old government garage was in the old projects)

Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward!

We welcome your thoughts and questions. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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He said he plans to have the artist statement for his Moorhead sculpture to be in both languages as well.

The sculpture will become part of a larger Moorhead Sculpture Walk, organized by The Rourke Art Gallery and Museum.

The sculpture walk launched earlier this year. Goodwin's sculpture will be the 22nd sculpture on the list, joining sculptures like the Vincent Van Gogh-inspired bison outside of The Rourke and the blue beavers of "Breaking the Surface" in W.H. Davy-Memorial Park.

More information about the Moorhead Sculpture Walk and a map of locations is available at moorheadsculpturewalk.com.

The city of Moorhead plans to hold an unveiling for Goodwin's sculpture at a later date.

members of many other Nations.

The energy, pride, and connection felt at TCO Stadium carried home with each participant, reminding all that the game continues to unite people in powerful and healthy ways. If you would like to participate in the spirit of Baaga'adowewin please join us on Friday, Sept. 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Naytahwaush Community Charter School for a community gift game.



Photo by Sage Thompson

A bison calf feeds from its mother near Naytahwaush.

Baby from Front Page

preservation.

The tribal nation received bison for its breeding herd about two years ago. Currently, White Earth Nation has 10 total between its breeding herd and harvest operation.

White Earth Nation Agriculture Manager Wade Jackson said the Bison Program requested more bison and hopes to have a total of 44 by early next year. The program intends to secure more acres of pasture at both herding locations in Mahnomen and near Naytahwaush in the future.

The calf’s birth is said to be “a sign of resilience, healing and hope for future generations.”

“They’re very resilient, just like Native peoples are,” Heisler said.

The calf’s name has not been announced.

Winners announced for Joe Bush 5K race

There were 115 registered runners at the annual Joe Bush 5K Walk/Run event during Pine Point Pow-Wow weekend.

The overall top runner was Jayson Belland with a time of 22:09.

The winners of bikes donated by Jappy and Maureen Headbird were Flower Buckanaga-Thunder, Aja Basswood, and Michael Bower

- Mens
- 1. Jayson Belland
 - 2. Adrian Bloom
 - 3. Curtis Buckanaga- Stone

- Womens
- 1. Allie Kimball
 - 2. Sandra Bower
 - 3. Lynn Just

- Women over 50
- 1. Maureen Headbird
 - 2. Alvina Fairbanks
 - 3. Tamasa Hardy

- Men over 50
- 1. John Swan
 - 2. Jeff Vizenor
 - 3. Chucky Thompson

- Kids 12 and under
- 1. Michael Bower
 - 2. Flower Buckanaga- Thunder
 - 3. Sarah Buckanaga-Thunder



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Allie Kimball finished first in the Womens division.



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Sept.18 / 8am - 3pm
Shooting Star Casino

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast & Registration
8:45 am	Opening prayer and song
9:00 am	Keynote speaker: Dr. Ung
10:15 am	Breakout Session #1
11:1 5am	Breakout Session #2
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	Keynote Speaker TBA
2:00 pm	Closing/Traveling Song

For questions, please call: 218-255-2204





WHITE EARTH Community Farmer's Market

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

 **JUNE 5TH THROUGH OCTOBER 2ND (WEATHER PERMITTING)**
THURSDAYS: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
South Main Street, Mahnomen, MN

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


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

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



The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth





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10 APR	NCC 6PM	13 NOV	NCC 6PM
08 MAY	NCC 6PM	*04* DEC	NCC 6PM
19 JUN	NCC 6PM		
10 JUL	NCC 6PM		

QUESTIONS? PLEASE MESSAGE NAYTAHWAUSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FB PAGE

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.



September 3 rd Wednesday	Naytahwaush
September 9 th Tuesday	White Earth – Congregate
September 24 th Wednesday	Rice Lake

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

October 1 st Wednesday	Pine Point
October 8 th Wednesday	Elbow Lake
October 15 th Wednesday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals

Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the School in the E.N.P. Dining Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at the Mahnomen County Service Center after the 11:30 Senior meals.

November 5 th , Wednesday	Naytahwaush
November 12 th , Wednesday	White Earth – Congregate
November 20 th , Thursday	Rice Lake

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

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

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

Dr. Ung Clinic (foot doctor):
September 15th from 9:00am-4:00pm in White Earth
September 16th & 17th from 9:00am-4:00pm in Mahnomen
September 5th LaCross Community Gift Game 5pm-7:30pm Naytahwaush Carter School
September 11th Naytahwaush Community Picnic 5:00pm to 7:00pm
September 18th Diabetic Conference 8:00am -2:00pm at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Every Thursday in September a Farmers' Market will be at the Mahnomen Pavilion from 3-6pm

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

Chairman from Page 3

erations. Our long-distance race is well underway!

So now that Giiwe-niibin or Late Summer is here we are all harvesting and gathering our plant medicines and winter supplies. So get on out there be in the company of all the outdoor spirits it helps just to sit outside for 10 minutes a day it centers our minds and spirits.

Miigwech to our White Earth Nation Natural Resource and Legal Departments for their updates this month.

Miigwech

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Chi-miigwech bizindawiyeg miinawaa anooj ninda-gikinoo’amaadiwin

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening and continuing to learn together. See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Gathering of Nations Powwow to conclude after 43 years in 2026

After 43 years, the Gathering of Nations Powwow, billed as the largest powwow in North America, will come to an end on April 24–25, 2026. The announcement was made recently, as organizers revealed the official dates and event poster for the final powwow.

The poster prominently features the words: “THE LAST DANCE.”

“There comes a time,” is the only official statement released by Gathering of Nations Limited, the organization that founded the powwow more than four decades ago.

The 43rd and final Gathering of Nations Powwow will take place at Expo New Mexico/Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Expo NM grounds offer a vibrant and welcoming setting, featuring popular attractions such as the enchanting and reverent Teepee Village, the Native American Horse/Regalia and Rider Parade on Main Street, the indoor Indian Trader’s Market, a Native food court, car show, and some of the best competitive and social dancing in North America. Native dancers and singers from across the United States and Canada are expected to participate.

In 2026, the powwow will also join in the Route 66 centennial celebrations, hosting various activities on the grounds as part of the historic tribute.

The Gathering of Nations annually attracts over 3,000 performers and more than 100,000 visitors. An additional 4.2 million people engage with the event through its live webcast, according to the Gathering of Nations website.

In April 2023, the event set an attendance record with over 105,000 attendees. Dancers and singers representing more than 500 tribes from across the U.S. and Canada regularly take part.

The Gathering of Nations also hosts the annual Miss Indian World competition, one of the most prestigious cultural pageants in Native America.

The conclusion of the Gathering of Nations Powwow will be a significant loss for Albuquerque. The city typically sees hotel rooms fully booked during powwow weekend.

According to Reilly White, a finance professor at the University of New Mexico, the event generates about \$30 million in economic impact for the city each year.

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Township Meeting

The next Twin Lakes Township meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at Pinehurst.

Did You Know...

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New Pine Point Royalty



Submitted photo

The new Pine Point Princes and Brave are Flower Buckanaga and Randy Kettle. The annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 9-10.

Pete the Cat visits Callaway



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Pete the Cat Story Walk in the Park was held July 23 in Callaway. Pete encouraged children to walk through the park and read several signs that told a story. After they finished, children could pick out a book in a bin and bring home to read. **Top:** Pete the Cat (Vicki Brun) and Arielle Belland get to know each other. **Bottom:** Kids and family were treated to a meal and door prizes. The event was hosted by White Earth ECFE and PAT Program.

Sculpture created by White Earth artist celebrating Indigenous history installed in downtown Moorhead

By Ingrid Harbo
The Forum

MOORHEAD — A newly installed piece of art honoring the history of Indigenous people in the Red River Valley is standing proudly in Moorhead's developing downtown.

On Aug. 20, artist Duane Goodwin installed a bronze sculpture in a grove of trees in downtown Moorhead, next to the former U.S. Bank building and across from the future library and community center.

Goodwin's sculpture depicts an Anishinaabe hunter-trapper, harkening back to the region's fur trade history. The bronze man is dressed in furs and carries a tall musket. Goodwin said the sculpture does not yet have a name.

As a forklift lowered the sculpture into place

Wednesday, the Bemidji-based sculptor talked about his work. The sculpture sits among four tall trees in the patch of grass.

"I like the trees," Goodwin said. "My Indian name is Four Standing."

Goodwin created the art after the city of Moorhead put out a call for a new permanent sculpture with an Indigenous connection. The city was seeking "an inspirational sculpture that embodies and celebrates the rich heritage of Indigenous People and their cultures in our region as part of Moorhead's 150th anniversary celebration."

Goodwin usually carves sculptures out of stone, but created a bronze sculpture for the commissioned piece. To create the sculpture, Goodwin carved the

[See Sculpture Page 28](#)



Photo by Chris Flynn / The Forum

The city of Moorhead installed a sculpture by artist Duane Goodwin on Aug. 20 in downtown Moorhead to celebrate Indigenous history and culture in the region. The sculpture depicts an Anishinaabe hunter-trapper.

Ribbon cutting officially opens store in Moorhead



Photo by Sage Thompson

The White Earth Tribal Council recently celebrated the official grand opening of the Waabigwan Mashkiki store in Moorhead, Minn.