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Honoring Our Warriors

NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025

White Earth Nation
**VETERANS DAY
POW WOW**

GRAND ENTRIES: SAT, NOV 8: 1PM & 7PM | SUN, NOV 9: 1PM

Shooting Star Event Center
SHOOTING STAR CASINO, 777 CASINO ROAD, MAHNOMEN, MN 56557

HOST DRUM | FT. PECK SIOUX CO-HOST | Smokey Hill
DRUM SPLIT | \$10,000.00 (No Drum Hopping)

EMCEES
Dave Northbird and Wes Jourdain

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
Mike Bunker

All dancers must be in regalia to register

CONTESTS
Veterans: Men's Contest & Women's Contest (\$300, \$200, \$100)
Men's Traditional (\$500, \$300, \$200)
Singing Special (\$1,000, \$600, \$400)

ARENA DIRECTORS
Tom Mason & Jeremy Clark

VENDOR CONTACT:
Autumn Auginaush (218) 368 - 3320 and Gene Keezer (218) 401-1532

This is an Alcohol & Drug Free Event
Sponsored By: White Earth RBC & SHOOTING STAR
Not responsible for short-funded travelers.

Another record year for purchasing wild rice!



Photo courtesy of White Earth Natural Resources

Big Bear Landing: The 2025 manoomin harvest season has been a remarkable year for our community. White Earth purchased a total of 320,699 pounds of manoomin from ricers, making this the largest year for rice purchasing in our history. The buying season began on Aug. 22 and concluded after 32 days on Sept. 22.

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WE welcomes DHS officials

White Earth Nation leadership and key RBC staff recently met with senior officials from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The session focused on critical issues affecting tribal citizens and WEN staff and their ability to serve the community effectively as well as the need for stronger consultation practices. Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque presents a gift to DHS Commissioner Shireen Gandhi.

Photo by Richard Hanks

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Tamarac programs demonstrate traditions central to Anishinaabe culture

By Abby Fostveit
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Park ranger Kelly Blackledge lit up when she spotted a small garter snake sunbathing in the mowed, yellowing grass at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

She cradled it in her hands as volunteers-in-training — some with decades of experience and others brand new — gathered around with childlike wonder. Blackledge pointed out its smooth white belly and cloudy eyes, a sign the snake was growing.

More than a dozen people spent Sept. 9, learning how to lead environmental education programs this fall. The training was designed to prepare volunteers to guide students through hands-on lessons in nature. The snake was an unplanned teaching moment.

“Kids are welcome to pick up frogs and snakes,” Blackledge said. “That’s why we carry sanitizer — some of them are really great frog and snake handlers. It’s certainly better than stepping on it or screaming.”

Throughout the year, the refuge encourages children to explore the land and learn by observing it. This fall, volunteers will host local students, with a growing emphasis on incorporating Indigenous knowledge.

That’s where Jason Clark and Jimmy Uran Jr. of White Earth Natural Resources came in. With a canoe and stalks of big bluestem prairie grass to represent wild rice, they demonstrated traditions central to Anishinaabe culture and identity.

Clark, the department’s parks and recreation manager, told volunteers how his work has shifted over time. When he started, the focus was mostly on parks before he realized recreation could be a bridge to cultural traditions.

“My kids, I raised them outdoors hunting, fishing, gathering, as soon as they could walk,” Clark said. “I felt like our kids nowadays weren’t receiving that portion from their parents. Their uncles and aunties were busy, and their grandparents were too old to pass that tradition back down. So we started developing small outings around wild rice harvesting.”

For younger students, Clark created a traveling wild rice demonstration. Using harvested bluestem stalks, he props them beside a canoe to mimic a rice bed. He brings the setup to schools, Head Start programs and festivals for those who have never seen wild rice harvesting firsthand.



Photo by Abby Fostveit

Jason Clark, left, parks and recreation manager for White Earth Natural Resources, and Jimmy Uran Jr., cultural coordinator with White Earth Natural Resources, demonstrate how to harvest wild rice recently at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

He showed volunteers a pair of wooden knockers, tools used to bend stalks and gently rake rice into a canoe while allowing the plants to spring back unharmed. A partner, the poler, steers the canoe with a long push pole tipped with a “duck bill” for navigating muddy bottoms.

“We really promote this with young kids,” Clark said. “If Jimmy and I are going through a rice bed, I, as the knocker, I’m not beating it up or breaking the stems. You’ve got to take care of it. Don’t be greedy and try to get everything.”

The process has its own rhythm. Uran, cultural coordinator for White Earth Natural Resources, said it’s natural for some rice to spill into the water, reseeding the beds and sometimes even feeding sunfish that follow the canoe. He also described how people dance on the rice to loosen the husks, supported by songs.

“Traditionally, they’ll have one dedicated person, usually someone older or younger who can’t physically help as much, sing to keep the others moving,” Uran said. “Songs help a lot, actually.”

For Clark, sharing those practices at Tamarac and in schools is about ensuring the next generation stays connected to the outdoors.

“We take things for granted,” he said. “I grew up in canoes and boats out on the water, fishing, hunting, gathering. But you’ve got high school kids born and raised here in Minnesota who’ve never been in a canoe. It’s never been offered to them. The more kids who experience this, the more they understand what wild rice means — to our people and to the state of Minnesota.”

Other new activities encourage students from kindergarten to fifth grade to explore Ojibwe traditions, natural cycles and human relationships with the land, focusing on reciprocity, seasonal calendars and close observation of nature.

After releasing the snake back into the field, Blackledge introduced the book “Walking Together,” which will be shared with students this fall. The story connects everyone to Indigenous teachings through lessons from creatures such as the frog, turtle and hummingbird.



Photo by Abby Fostveit

Volunteers review a lesson incorporating Ojibwe language and the concept of how people and the environment are interconnected at Tamarac Refuge.

The White Earth Nation Veterans Day Pow Wow is Nov. 8 - 9

White Earth Tribal ID Event

Oct. 20th
9:00am-4:30pm
*last intake at 3:45pm
-No Service either day from 1:00-1:30pm-

Oct. 21st
9:00am-3:00pm
*last intake at 2:30pm

Mpls. American Indian Center
1530 E. Franklin Ave,
Mpls.
...
Call the W.E. Nation Urban office with questions @ 612.813.1590

Picture ID Card Fees
Juvenile (12-15 yr) - \$6
Adult (16-54) - \$12
Elder (55+) - FREE
**Descendant - \$35
-Cash or Check ONLY-
Please have correct change.

Wild rice will be sold while supplies last:

W.E. Elder - \$6.50
W.E. Members - \$8
Non-Members - \$18

Other merch. available

****Attention Descendants****
A White Earth request for verification of descendency form must be completed and submitted to WE Enrollments at least 2 weeks prior to this event. There is a \$50 fee (money order is best as a check will be held for 14-30 days before application is processed). Must bring certificate of descendency received from WE to ID event. Call 800.710.4092 for info.



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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

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Weweni-sago-na
Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!
It is already October!
Everyone Be Safe.
Our Ojibwe people are among the largest groups of Native or First Nations people in North America. We live in the cold climates of Canada and the Great Lakes area of the United States, the second largest tribal nation in the US second to the Dine' people or Navajo people.
Our Anishinaabe trickster Nana*****- is the first part of his name as we can't mention his whole name of our most famous teacher of all, as it is only until Mother Earth is blanketed by snow we can say his name out loud. Ojibwe way he considered the great-uncle of the Ojibwe people. He is part man, part manido (spirit) and so is capable of silly and mischievous as well as great deeds. This is an excerpt of the larger story of when Nana- you know who- was a boy and the earth was new, his grandmother, Nookomis, made him some paints as in our Ojibwe traditions it was the customary way to let the grandparents raise the children so they in turn would get to know all of the teachings as the parents also got.
So ol' Grandmother Moon mixed dyes out of moonlight and shadows, snowflakes and sand. She made silky blues from night and soft greens from reindeer moss. She squeezed the sparkle out of shooting stars. Then she put all the colors into pots and put the pots into a pouch for her grandson. "Make beauty, Nana*****," she said. "Paint the leaves today." (Story retold by Margi Preus).
With the Manoomin harvest season drawing to a close, our hearts are full as we witness our people united in harvesting this sacred plant, a gift from the Creator. Families and community members have come together to honor this tradition, celebrating and sustaining our cultural heritage. Harvesting Manoomin is an ancestral practice passed down through generations. The tools and methods we use are immersed in respect for the plant, ensuring that we leave seeds for future harvests and maintain a sustainable approach.
The White Earth Natural Resources (WENR) Parks and Recreation Department, Food Sovereignty program, and Cultural program have been pivotal in educating the community on sustainable harvesting practices. Over the past few months, they have diligently shared their knowledge, reinforcing the importance of this practice in our culture.
A notable initiative by WENR Parks and Rec is the mobile ricing demonstration display. This interactive setup allows participants to sit in a canoe and use knockers on Big Bluestem grass, simulating the actual harvesting process. Staff and the Cultural Coordinator guide each individual, teaching them the proper techniques while also taking groups out into the rice beds for hands-on learning. These efforts have involved local schools, White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC), and the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.
The WENR Food Sovereignty program has prioritized accessibility to Manoomin harvesting. Our program coordinator has led classes on crafting push poles and knockers, the essential tools needed for the harvest. Collaborative efforts with local schools, WETCC, and the Naytahwaush Community Council have bolstered these initiatives. Other efforts include:



- The purchase of six canoes for day use by tribal members, ensuring everyone can partake in this sacred tradition.
- The purchase of four docks to compliment the improvements made to the four landings on Lower Rice Lake.

2025 Manoomin Harvest Numbers

The 2025 Manoomin harvest season has been a remarkable year for our community. White Earth purchased a total of 320,699 pounds of Manoomin from ricers, marking this the largest year for rice purchasing in our history. The buying season began on Aug. 22 and concluded after 32 days on Sept. 22. Ricers reported substantial yields from Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, and on and off Reservation lakes. Lower Rice Lake opened on Sept. 10, with over 200 teams participating. Throughout the season, the finishing rates remained consistent, reflecting the dedication and effort of all involved.

This year, White Earth compensated ricers with a total payout of \$1,747,299. WENR purchased 176,895 pounds of rice at \$5 per pound, amounting to \$884,475, and 143,804 pounds at \$6 per pound, totaling \$862,824. These figures not only highlight the economic significance of the Manoomin harvest but also underscore the importance of making sure this valuable food source is accessible to our tribal membership.

The White Earth leadership extends a heartfelt miigwech to our Wild Rice Committee, composed of lifelong ricers whose profound connection to Manoomin is rooted in generations of knowledge. Their invaluable insights into the historical and contemporary challenges facing Manoomin ensure a successful and sustainable harvest for the tribal community. Working quietly behind the scenes, they uphold our traditions and protect this sacred resource for future generations.

It is important to remember that Manoomin is more than just a plant; it is a sacred part of our identity. Preserving our traditional methods of harvest are vital to making sure this precious gift endures for future generations. Through education, collaboration, and respect for our traditions, we are safeguarding a cornerstone of our culture, ensuring that the legacy of Manoomin continues to thrive for years to come.

Ganawenimidizog
Chi-miigwech bizindawiyeg miinawaa anooj
ninda-gikinoo'amaadiwin,
Gigawaabaminimim naagaj.
Take it easy.
Thank you for listening to me and learning together.
See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

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 has ended and the White Earth RBC has purchased 320,699 pounds from local ricers. The purchase started on Aug. 22 and went for 32 days, concluding on Sept. 22. Ricers seen good pounds from the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, on-reservation, and off reservation lakes. Lower Rice Lake opened on Sept. 10 with over 200 teams taking to the lake. Finishing rates were consistent throughout the season. This is White Earth's largest year for rice purchasing, surpassing the previous record high of 281,824 set in 2024.

The season paid out \$1,747,299 in cash to local ricers. The RBC started the season paying \$5 a pound and purchased 176,895 pounds at that price. When Lower Rice Lake opened, we raised the price up to \$6 a pound - purchasing 143,804 pounds for \$862,824. This makes it \$1,747,299 for a record year.

The White Earth RBC would like to say a Chi-Miigwech to all the staff that worked this wild rice season. These employees all worked 32 straight days. The White Earth Department of Resources Division provided all the support staff every year and they all do an excellent job providing a great successful season.

I also had the privilege of harvesting wild rice this season, along with my youngest daughter. It was another wonderful year, and one that connects me to my culture, our land, and the teaching of our ancestors. I am grateful for this opportunity to honor a tradition that has sustained our people for generations. Chi-miigwech to everyone who shared this amazing wild rice harvesting season.

Wild Rice Price Update

I am proud to announce that White Earth RBC will continue to leave the wild rice price at \$6.50 a pound for Elders and \$8 a pound for all other Tribal



members. We can keep these prices due to the USDA contract that we secure every year, and this allows us to sustain these lower prices for our membership.

2026 Fiscal Year budget updates

I have been working with the White Earth Finance staff on the 2026 Fiscal years budgets. We met with all divisions that were over budget from last years 2025 Fiscal Year budgets. The 2026 Fiscal year budgets were passed at our monthly on Monday, Sept. 29.

Travel and Meeting Updates

On Sept. 5, Chairmen Michael Fairbanks and District I Representative Henry Fox attended the Tribal Governors Summit and Flag Raising Ceremony at the Minnesota Capital. All 11 Nation flags were displayed at the Minnesota State Capital for the first time in history. Minnesota is the second state to have all Tribal Nation flags displayed. This was a historic ceremony.

On Sept. 17, we attended the State-Tribal Partnership with Co-Chair/State ICWA Court judges.

On Sept. 24, we met with the Minnesota State Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
of White Earth



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Attention Fur Trappers!

White Earth Natural Resources and Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting the trapping drawing for designated zones within the refuge.

Tribal members must bring their drivers license, Tribal ID card, and current harvest permit.

Details:

WE Natural Resources Office
102 3rd ST NE, Mahnomon, MN 56557
Thursday October 9th, 2025
6:00pm.

Contact:

For any questions please contact Taylor Anderson:
taylor.anderson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 218-935-3806

Baaga'adowewin Community Gift Game



Photo by Ana Kircher

More than 20 people gathered to participate in a recent Baaga'adowewin Community Gift Game held at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Gifts of swamp tea, blankets and books were dispersed to participants. The evening was full of community, care, and laughter. The event was hosted by White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health to promote communal wellbeing, sense of belonging, and promoting Anishinaabe traditional games.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

NOVEMBER 6, 2025 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM
SHOOTING STAR CASINO & EVENT CENTER

JOIN US FOR:

- Men's Health & Wellness Speaker, Dr. Ung
- Flu shots will be available
- An excellent meal
- Door prizes!

Must be 18+ to attend.

Registration on the day of event opens at 4:00pm

Pre-registration ends on 10/31.



Text or call, 218-255-2204. Please leave the name and number of each participant.



SHREKFEST

Annual Naytahwaush Health Fair

WEDNESDAY OCT. 29

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sports Complex

Join us!

• Program booths

• Interactive displays

• No registration required

Contact: 218-255-2204

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2025

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QUESTIONS/INQUIRES CONTACT CULTURAL COORDINATOR (218)-401-4345

News From District 1 Rep. Henry George Fox

Boo-zhoo,
Hope all is well with our people of the White Earth Nation

Elder Homeless Tiny Homes - All 10 tiny homes are filled!

Land Tamarack and State Forest
Tamarack Refuge is still moving forward as is the White Earth State Forest. Working with the State of Minnesota on the MOU is our first step to manage our land that makes up the State Forest.

Housing
Working with Housing and getting the land cleared for four new homes being set up on Community Loop.

Chemical Health
If anyone is feeling down and can't control their addiction weather it is personal our court ordered, please call 218-983-3286.

Pow-wow Grounds
Working with the Rice Lake Community Council in getting more black dirt for the dancing arena and fill some holes around the grounds.

Water and Sewer
Water and Sewer in Rice Lake has a project to hook up the houses from County Road 7 all the way down to the sewer system by the community center. Everyone will have the opportunity to get hooked into the city system. The project is getting close to go live. Gordon Construction is doing the work and White Earth member Vance Stevens is the Project Manager. He and his crew are doing a great job!

Education
School has started everywhere - elementary, high school and colleges. Have fun and be safe all.

Day Labor and TERO
We have day labor in Naytahwaush so get down to the Workforce Center and get signed up or go to the Mahnomen or Bagley Casino - they have day labor also.

Boys and Girls Club
Kids get off the bus from school and they are so happy that we have a Club here in the Rice Lake Village.

Forestry
Our fire fighters have been going out of state to help fight forest fires. All these brave men and women take time away from their families to go help other people and my hat is off to these people - you are strong fighters.

Urban Communities
Went to the Tribal Flag Plaza at the Capital in St. Paul, Minn., to raise the White Earth Flag. It was a great and historic day for all Minnesota tribes. If you are down in the Metro area, get over and check it out, even if it's to pray or give your asemma. Mii-gwech

Elder Advocates, Elder Commission, Elder Council, and Elder Repair
Our advocates are out in the communities helping with Elder needs.

CSO Program
Currently, the tribe is looking to fill the Community Service Officer positions in a few of the communities.

Henry G. Fox
District 1 Representative
White Earth Nation
218-407-2729 or 218-850-0753

Paul's Passion: Caring for community cats

Submitted by Paul's Passion

Feral and free-roaming cats are a common sight in many communities. Left unmanaged, these populations grow rapidly, leading to suffering for the animals and challenges for the people who live nearby. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a proven, humane, and effective method for controlling and caring for these cat colonies.

Trap-Neuter-Return involves three key steps:

- 1. Trap:** Humanely capture feral or free-roaming cats using safe, live traps.
- 2. Neuter/Spay:** Transport the cats to a veterinary clinic where they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and often ear-tipped (a universal sign that a cat has been fixed).
- 3. Return:** After recovery, the cats are returned to their original outdoor home—where they can live out their lives without reproducing.

Why TNR Works

- Stops the Reproduction Cycle: One unspayed female cat can produce dozens of kittens in her lifetime. TNR halts this cycle.
- Improves Cat Health: Fixed cats are less likely

to fight, roam, or spread disease.

- Reduces Nuisance Behaviors: Mating behaviors like yowling, spraying, and fighting decrease significantly.
- Protects Wildlife: Stabilized colonies are less likely to grow and impact local bird and small mammal populations.

TNR respects the lives of feral cats while addressing the root of the problem: uncontrolled breeding.

How You Can Help

- Volunteer to trap, transport or set up
- Donate to cover surgery and supply costs
- Spread the word about how TNR works

We believe every cat deserves compassion. Through our TNR efforts, we're working to reduce suffering, protect wildlife, and create healthier communities—one cat at a time.

Paul's Passion in 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

Attention AT Readers

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

Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

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Email: today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

News From District 2 Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe,

Road and Sidewalk Improvements

Clark Road improvements are underway, with the gravel portion on track for completion this fall and paving planned for spring 2026. Tribal DOT also secured Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) grant funding for three major shared-use path and sidewalk projects designed to improve safety and accessibility:

- A shared-use path from Naytahwaush Clinic to the Sports Complex

- A shared-use path from College Road to Highway 59 in Mahanomen

- Sidewalks (and potential lighting upgrades) on Tower Street and New Circle Drive in Naytahwaush

Surveying and design work will take place this fall and winter. Once complete, the Tribal Finance Contracting Department will oversee the bidding process for construction. These improvements are funded through MnDOT's Safe Routes for All and Safe Routes to School grants.

Naytahwaush Fiber Internet Project Moving Forward

The Arvig fiber internet project in Naytahwaush is now in its full buildout phase. Materials are already on-site, and construction crews began underground work in mid-September.

Construction progress: Arvig began drilling duct Wednesday, Sept. 17, continued Thursday, Sept. 18, and was only delayed by rain on Friday, Sept. 19. To date, 2,990 feet of duct have been placed in the ground.

Next steps: With no weather or unplanned interruptions, all duct installation should be complete within 23 working days. The project includes 3.86 miles of fiber cable to plow and pull into the duct system. Cable placement and pulling are estimated to take an additional 12 working days after duct installation.

Target completion: The mainline portion of the buildout is planned for completion the week of Nov. 10, weather permitting.

Once finished, the project will deliver faster, more reliable internet service to the Naytahwaush community. Supporting education, healthcare, small businesses, and future economic development opportunities on the reservation.

Back-to-School Events

As the school year kicked off, back-to-school



events were hosted at Circle of Life Academy and Naytahwaush Charter School. Students received supplies, participated in fun activities, and even enjoyed free haircuts to start the year feeling confident and supported.

Wild Rice Season Sets a Record

This year's wild rice season yielded a record-breaking 320,699 pounds of manoomin. Despite patchy growth on Lower Rice Lake and varying ripening times across reservation lakes, the harvest stands as a historic high for the White Earth Nation. Miigwech to all the traditional harvesters whose dedication keeps this vital cultural practice alive for future generations.

Harvest Fest Powwow

This year's Harvest Fest Powwow was a vibrant celebration of culture, community, and the changing seasons. Despite the rain, the powwow went on with strong attendance and lively spirit. Miigwech to the Powwow Committee, Community Council, and all the volunteers whose hard work and dedication made this year's event a success.

ICWA Courts

White Earth leadership continues to meet with ICWA court judges, and State-Tribal partners to develop a comprehensive blueprint to improve Minnesota's child protection system and prevent unnecessary entry of children and families into the system. Final recommendations are due January 2026.

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship applications due Nov. 1

The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Fellowship will provide unfettered funding for one artist, culture bearer or creative individual, who is an enrolled tribal member or descendant, to fuel their creative and/or cultural work in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahanomen, Lake of the Woods, Becker, Cass, Itasca, and Roseau counties in Minnesota. Only one \$5,000 award will be granted.

The funds can be used for, but not limited to:

- Exploring new directions or continuing work in progress
- Production costs, materials, or equipment
- Marketing your work
- Travel, research, or study to further your creative and/or cultural work
- Collaborative or community projects

The goal of the annual Region 2 Arts Council's AAI Fellowship Program is to assist the region's most talented indigenous artists, musicians, writers,

culture bearers, filmmakers, dancers, theater artists, and crafts people in furthering and innovating their work by awarding substantial financial support to fund creative time and/or arts experiences that facilitate depth and advancement in their creative work.

Through such support, the Region 2 Arts Council aims to raise the profile of Indigenous creative and cultural work in the region and create a strong community of Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellows.

Application Deadline: Nov. 1, 2025

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Details and application information are available online at r2arts.org

Questions? Need more information?

We are here to help!

Call: 218-751-5447 / 800-275-5447

Text: 218-407-2507

Email: staff@r2arts.org

Tribal offices closed for holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be **closed on Monday, Oct. 13 for Indigenous People's Day** and reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 8 a.m. Modified services will still be available.

Women's Night Out

Oct. 30 5-7pm SHOOTING STAR CASINO

Get an extra door prize ticket when you bring your hip scarf from last year! Get a 3rd door prize ticket if you wear pink!

Join us for an evening of connection, inspiration, and delicious food! We'll provide a meal and host amazing guest speakers to make this a truly special night. Flu vaccines will also be available.

Must be 18+ to attend.

REGISTER NOW

- Please pre-register for the event by texting your full name to (218) 401-3196 by October 17th 2025.
- To ensure all available seats can be filled, please check in between 4:00- 5:00pm or contact us in advance. Otherwise, your seat may be offered to someone on the wait list.

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White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health

invites you to stop by for

a free wellness check—no appointment needed!

Services include:

- Vital signs checks
- Blood sugar and cholesterol checks
- ABI (Ankle-Brachial Index) appointment scheduling
- Podiatry appointment scheduling
- Health information on the topic of the month

Fall Hours are 12 to 3:30 p.m.

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

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

Aaniin Anishinaabe. I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As September draws to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on the successful completion of the wild rice harvest season. The harvest is more than just a gathering of our sacred food, it is a time of gratitude and reaffirmation of our connection to the land, water and each other.

Good luck to all of our school sports teams competing this season. May your efforts be rewarded with success, teamwork and pride. Remember to have fun! We are proud of our youth and look forward to celebrating your achievements both on and off the field.

Events/Meetings

9-10 Lower Rice Lake Opening. It was a beautiful day at Lower Rice Lake as the season officially opened. The weather was perfect and the lake was bustling with activity, lots of ricers and canoes making their way across the water marking the start of our harvest season.

We are proud to share that the Tribe has purchased approximately 320,699 pounds of green wild rice this year, reflecting the dedication and hard work of our harvesters and the importance of this cultural tradition. We thank everyone who participated in making this season a memorable one.

9-11 The White Earth Community Council, Matt Smith from Public Works, and I met with a vendor to discuss the development of a splashpad for the White Earth Community located near the playground and basketball courts. This exciting addition would provide a fun space for families to gather and stay cool during the warmer months. The Tribe has submitted a grant application to support this project demonstrating our commitment to enhancing community amenities and creating more opportunities for family recreation and connection. We look forward to the possibility of bringing this splashpad to life.

9-17 Tribal leaders convened with the State-Tribal Partnership Co-Chairs, ICWA Court Judges and other key stakeholders to engage in important collaborative discussions. This meeting served as a platform for ongoing consultation between the White Earth Nation, the State-Tribal Partnership, ICWA Courts and the Supreme Court Council for Child Protection and Maltreatment Prevention. During these discussions, tribal leaders and staff shared their recommendations on how to improve communication and notification processes to better serve our communities.

They addressed both what is currently working well and areas where improvements are needed. The goal of this collaborative effort is to strengthen partnerships, enhance understanding and ensure that tribal voices are effectively included in child protection and maltreatment prevention initiatives. We remain committed to working together to create a more responsive and respectful system that honors tribal sovereignty and prioritizes the well-being of our children and families.

9-18 I met with another splashpad vendor to discuss options and ideas for White Earth Community. These discussions are an important step toward bringing this exciting project to life and enhancing our community amenities for everyone to enjoy.

9-24 Tribal leaders and staff engaged in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Commissioner Arnold and her staff to discuss various topics including Consumer Alerts, Insurance: Property and Causality-a listening session for tribal



members will be set up, Energy Assistance Funding and an overview of the Department of Commerce's programs and initiatives. These discussions aim to enhance our understanding of available resources and explore opportunities for collaboration to better serve our community's needs.

I attended first Callaway Community Council Grow and Gather event. A shout out to the Callaway Community Council and volunteers for hosting their first event that was a huge success. A variety of vendors from burgers/fries, lemonade, mini pancakes, clothing, baked goods, salves, purses, beadwork, slime station, bouncy houses for the kids, pumpkins for the kids to paint, apple cooks off and fireworks! Something for everyone. Your hard work created an event that brought people together to have fun, laughter and make memories! We are excited to see the positive impact you'll continue to make in the community. Miigwech!!

Callaway Boys and Girls Club

We are actively recruiting qualified staff including a Unit Lead and Youth Development Professionals to meet the needs of Callaway Club. If your youth are interested in joining, please encourage them to complete their applications as soon as possible. Applications can be submitted online through My Club Hub at: <https://bgcwhiteearth.my.site.com/portal/s/login/>.

We will keep the community updated on our progress throughout the hiring process and are excited to announce that once all preparations are complete, we will host a Grand Opening Event. A huge Thank you to City of Callaway for their valuable partnership in helping us bring the Boys and Girls Club back to the community. We truly appreciate your dedication to strengthening our community and investing in the future of our children.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 White Earth Youth of the Year event in early January at the new Callaway site. We encourage all club teens to begin preparing by speaking with their Unit Leads, starting their applications and developing their speeches.

For teens who are not yet part of the club, this is a great opportunity to get involved! Please reach out to our New Teen Coordinator to learn more about how to join and become an active participant in the club community. We look forward to seeing our youth showcase their talents and leadership at this special event!

Construction Progress on Transit Facility

Work continues at the site of the new Transit Facility in Waubun. Currently, crews are completing

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White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Aaniin,

The Harvest Fest Pow Wow in Naytahwaush was a good turnout! Everyone had lots of fun, but the parade got rained on and everyone was wet and looking for a place to dry out, but it was still a blast.

We had a group recently go to the Twin Cities for the 2nd Annual Elders Day that took place at the Veterans Park. I have heard it was a really nice time with the exception of a little problem on the bus on the way down. Please remember that these trips are planned to have fun and there should be no using of alcohol or drugs while attending these events.

Men's Night Out is going to be on Nov. 6 at the Shooting Star Casino. They are having a Mexican buffet and turtle cheesecake for dessert. Registration is 4-5 p.m. and Dr. Kham Ung will be the guest speaker for the event.

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Conference will take place this year in Durant, Okla., at the Choctaw Casino and Resort. This event will bring together Native Elders, caregivers, advocates and professionals for a week of learning, connection and celebration. The event runs from Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 and takes place every two years at various places. A bus load of Elders both from the Elder's Council and Elders Commission is attending this event and will bring back information to share with us.

A quick reminder that the White Earth Council of Elders will be having elections in December so get out and vote and please get involved with planning on what you want in the future. There is so much more that this group could do so if you are tired of a small group making all the decisions for you then you need to get involved and start having fun.

I want to thank all the Elders that I have had the pleasure to meet with and get to know - everyone has made a big impact in my life and made me a better person.

This is our remaining meeting schedule for this year:

Oct. 7 - Rice Lake ENP site

Nov. 4 - Elbow Lake ENP site

Dec. 2 - Naytahwaush ENP site

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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Zebra mussel larvae confirmed in White Earth Lake

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources confirmed the presence of zebra mussel larvae in White Earth Lake, near the town of White Earth in Becker County.

White Earth Nation invasive species staff contacted the Minnesota DNR after lab analysis showed microscopic zebra mussel larvae, called veligers, in White Earth Lake water samples.

Although adult zebra mussels have not been found during follow-up searches of White Earth Lake, the presence of veligers suggests reproducing zebra mussel populations. For that reason, White Earth Lake will be listed for zebra mussels.

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law also requires people to:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

- Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.

- Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one waterbody to another.

These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

- Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free stations on the courtesy decontamination page of the DNR website.

- Spray watercraft and equipment with high-pressure water or rinse with water if high-pressure water is not available.

- Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another waterbody.

People should contact a Minnesota DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that was not already known to be in the waterbody.

More information is available on the aquatic invasive species page of the DNR website.

Cohort 4 applications for the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative are open

What is the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI)?

IPLI is a FREE 22-week program on the White Earth Reservation that integrates child development, leadership, democracy skills, and Ojibwe culture into a parent leader curriculum to empower the parent voice.

IPLI sessions are held in a positive, empowered space, where healing and well-being within their family structure and their community can occur. Parents, grandparents, foster parents, and caregivers learn skills and strategies to promote positive outcomes for children and increase racial equity through civic empowerment. Delivered through an evidence-based parent leadership curriculum, this strategy gives parents a stronger connection to their community, as well as empowering them with the knowledge that they can make positive changes in their lives, their children's lives, and the health of the community.

IPLI weaves two curriculum models: the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) and Indigenous Foundations (IF).

Parent Leadership Training Institute

Designed in two phases. A 10-week course on parent leadership and self-perception with a focus on voice, differences, values, and family and community strength; and a 10-week study of how change occurs within educational, Tribal, State, federal, and local governments and systems.

Indigenous Foundations

Created by Dr. Anton Treuer and Elders from the White Earth Nation and Red Lake Nation, the Indigenous Foundations curriculum is designed in four sections, each comprised of a season in the Ojibwe calendar. There are five classes for each season. Participants will receive a broad exposure to Ojibwe culture and an opportunity to incorporate that culture and its practices into their daily lives.

The "hands-on" part of the Indigenous Foundations curriculum is designed to equip participants with a relatable and practical introduction to their cultural toolbox. The goal is to provide participants with the knowledge to be comfortable about incorporating cultural activities in their daily lives and into their children's daily lives, and to carry on

the traditions for future generations to come.

Both curricula are built on interactive adult learning practices. A self-selected community project will engage the participants in practicing their civic and cultural teachings along with an Alumni Program, after graduation, to help strengthen parents' leadership skills and learning.

This FREE 22-week program provides a meal and a weekly (mileage/CC) stipend to participants who attend all phases of the initiative. Participants must apply and go through an interview process and commit to all 22 classes. Absences are limited to three days. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Classes are held four hours a week at Circle of Life Academy in the village of White Earth and are tentatively set to begin in November. Applicants will be interviewed virtually or by phone in October.

For any questions, please email marlenahanson@allnationsrise.com

The Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is brought to you by All Nations Rise, an Indigenous women-led non-profit. Funding provided by Minnesota Department of Health Community Solutions Grant Fund



QR Code to Apply

Health Motivational Therapy Sessions

October 8, 2025 | White Earth Tribal and Community College, Room 204

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 6:30pm

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."

Firearm Safety Class

October 5th, 2025 (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Mahnomen Rifle Range
Google Maps: 2115 190th Ave Mahnomen, MN 56557
FOLLOW THE SIGNS - East On 200 from Cenex to Highway 2
Apple Maps wont work with this address!

Limited to 25 participants, first come first serve

If you register your child and need to cancel please notify us ASAP as there is a waiting list. Reminder texts will be sent out one day prior!

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Please visit MN DNR website: Education Safety for more information & link to online safety course.

To Register Contact:
Jason.Clark@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Zoe.Keezer@whiteearth-nsn.gov
218-935-3654

When Registering your child please provide:

- Name of Child
- Birthdate
- Age
- Guardian Name, Contact #, and address

Day of course:

- Bring required Field day Voucher (printed after completion of online course)
- Birth certificate or Tribal ID

DO NOT BRING FIREARMS TO THIS CLASS! THEY WILL BE PROVIDED!

White Earth Natural Resources is hosting a firearm safety course on Sunday Oct. 5 at the Mahnomen Rifle Range. Complete your online course and bring in the field day voucher. The online course can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/firearms/index.html>. Open to the first 25 participants. Youth participants must be 11 years old and up! (Safety Certificate is not valid until they are 12 years old!) To Register contact Jason.Clark@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Zoe.Keezer@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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

2025 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO

Fall Back
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2
2AM

Set your clocks back one hour.
You GAIN an hour.



Photos by Maria Fatz

Wild Rice Camp participants talking with knowledge keeper, Stan Alexander.

WETCC hosts annual Manoomin Gabeshiwin

By Maria Fatz
WETCC Community Extension Coordinator

White Earth Tribal & Community College (WETCC), Community Extension Department hosted the annual Manoomin Gabeshiwin (Wild Rice Camp) on Sept. 18-19 on the WETCC campus in Mahanomen.

At this community event, 170 participants of all ages enjoyed many activities. Local community knowledge keepers, Stanton (Stan) Alexander and Dawn Kier shared their knowledge of Manoomin Gabeshiwin. Zach Mitteness sang traditional songs around the rice processing. Naythan Keezer passed on his gift of how to make rice knockers.

Collaborative partners, White Earth Natural Resource Department, demonstrated the process of knocking Manoomin with a visual display of a canoe

surrounded by sheaves of grass and the Food Sovereignty Program represented as well.

Other activities offered were jigging, winnowing, and popping wild rice. The process of making of sumac lemonade was shared and samples given.

The White Earth Tribal Public Health partnership was instrumental in carrying out this event. Traditional games were led by Ana Kircher, White Earth Public Health Educator and the WETCC Culture and Language team. Gina Boudreau, Tobacco Coalition Coordinator led sessions on heart healthy teas and keeping tobacco sacred.

The 2025 Manoomin Gabeshiwin (Wild Rice Camp) was funded in part from USDA/NIFA (Award #2022-47003-38383) and was made possible because of our program’s local partners and the support of our community. Miigwech!



Manoomin ready for jigging.



Camp’s collaborative partners.



Participant filing knocker handle.

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

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

Phone#: 218/473-2711 Fax#: 218/473-2719 Toll Free#: 1-866-885-7656
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- QUILLWORK

EXAMPLES OF STORIES:

- CULTURE AND LANGUAGE
- HISTORICAL EVENTS
- A SKILL OR ART
- SOMETHING SPECIAL TO YOU
- NATURE WALK AND TALK
- GROWING UP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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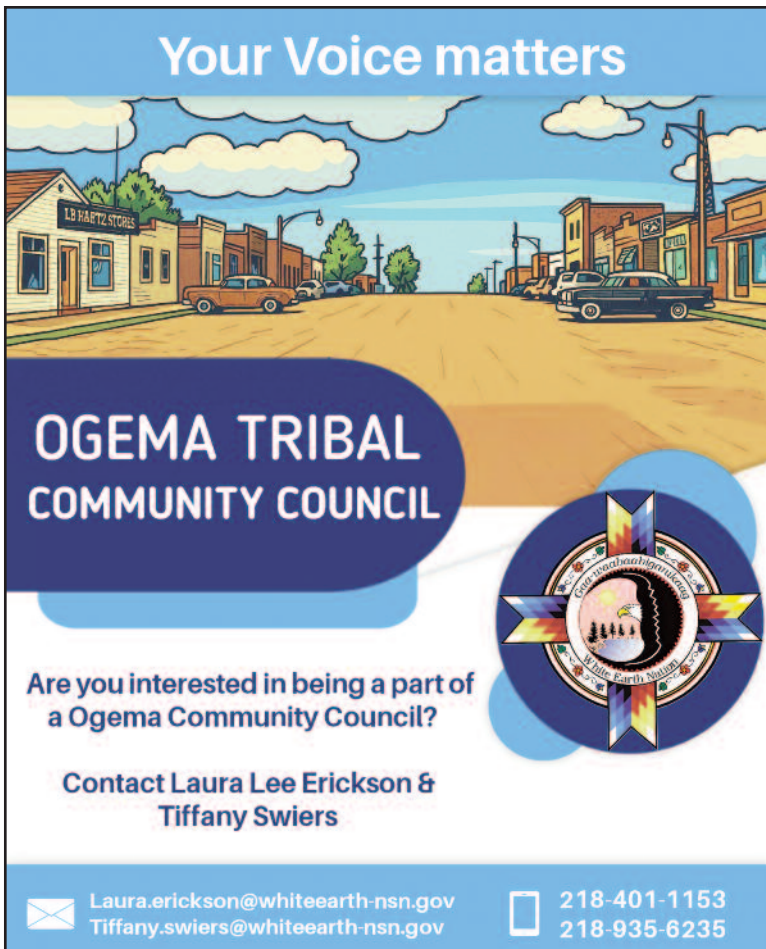
To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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

It’s **unlawful** to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels

Your Voice matters



OGEMA TRIBAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Contact Laura Lee Erickson & Tiffany Swiers

Laura.erickson@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Tiffany.swiers@whiteearth-nsn.gov

218-401-1153
218-935-6235

Do you have goals to lose weight, eat healthier?

By Jackie Haugo

White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health

Check out the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health **Lifestyle Change Program**. We are currently looking for people who are interested in taking steps to change their lifestyle. These steps will result in improved physical and mental health, weight loss, better nutrition and being more physically active--while learning and sharing with others.

A huge benefit to losing weight, eating healthier and moving more is that you can avoid chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes. One in three Minnesota adults has prediabetes. Prediabetes is when blood sugar (glucose) levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diabetic. Most people with prediabetes don't know they have it. Finding out if you are at risk for prediabetes is easy. Take the Risk Test at www.DoIHavePrediabetes.org. Prediabetes can be confirmed with a simple finger-poke blood test.

Many people with prediabetes who do not lose weight or do moderate physical activity can develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years. They are also at higher risk for heart disease, stroke, and other chronic health conditions.

This **Lifestyle Change Program** will be offered by White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health and it can help people make lasting changes to live healthier lives. Trained program leaders, called lifestyle coaches, help cohorts of people make lasting lifestyle changes in all aspects of life.

"So many people in our community have prediabetes or are living with type 2 diabetes," said Lisa Braun, RN for White Earth Tribal Public Health. "The Lifestyle Change Program offers the opportunity to get support for preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes by making healthy, sustainable changes to your lifestyle." White Earth adults who already have diabetes are also encouraged to join the program and improve their quality of life.

The **Lifestyle Change Program** will be kicking off this fall, with the times and locations to be determined by community member interest. Classes will be

held in-person and there is no cost for the program.

The **Lifestyle Change program** will meet for 16 weekly sessions, with monthly follow-ups. The program is based on research that found people with prediabetes can cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes in half by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight. That is about 10 to 14 pounds for a person weighing 200 pounds.

You may have prediabetes and be at risk for Type 2 diabetes if You:

- Are 45 years of age or older
- Are overweight
- Have a family history of type 2 diabetes
- Are physically active less than 3 times per week
- If you had diabetes while pregnant (gestational diabetes) or gave birth to a baby that weighed more than 9 pounds

Take the 1-minute Risk Test at www.DoIHavePrediabetes.org to find out if you're at risk for prediabetes.

To learn more about the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health Lifestyle Change program or to enroll, reach out today by calling 218-401-3079. For more information, please go to <http://www.wen-trib-publichealth.com>.

Message from B&G Club

The Boys & Girls Club(s) of White Earth will be participating in the Native Services' Native Day of Advocacy on Nov. 6 by engaging in activities that introduce key decision makers (such as tribal leaders and local representatives) to your Club, build new partnerships, and empowering youth to share their voice.

We will be hosting a workshop for youth to learn how to engage respectfully and effectively with local officials and tribal leaders and hosting tribal leaders or local representatives at a place TBD on Nov. 6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to meet with interested Club youth.

Please join us for a

Community Baby Shower



Hosted by White Earth WIC and LIFE Programs

November 5, 2025 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Shooting Star Casino
777 S Casino Rd, Mahanomen, MN 56557

Are you expecting or know someone who is? Spread the word and come enjoy this FREE event for expectant moms. Families are welcome!

There will be a meal provided, multiple prize drawings, resource booths, and a short educational presentation

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White Earth 2025 Fall Netting Season

Gill netting period:

1. Gill nets may be set beginning October 18 to December 31, 2025.

Lakes open to gill netting:

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

Gill net dimensions:

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

General:

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

Location:

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

Markings:

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

Limits:

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

Early Elder Netting Season and Permits

1. Early Elder Netting Season: October 4 to October 17, 2025.
2. An elder special use permit may be filed with the Natural Resources Department for elders 55 years of age or older for early season netting.
3. Elder’s may have a helper(s) present under the age of 55 while setting and checking. However, the helper(s) may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens on October 18, 2025.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours during the early Elder’s season.
5. The permitted parties must submit the request to Natural Resources prior to net placement.
6. The permitted parties must be enrolled members of White Earth and provide enrollment information at the time of application.
7. Information regarding dates and lakes to be netted will be filled out at the time of application.
8. The permitted elder(s) and helper(s) must present be in the boat while setting and checking and each elder may not have more than 200 feet of net fishing at any given time.
9. The remaining netting regulations for the 2025 netting season apply.
10. Early Season Elder Use Permits can be acquired by contacting will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov or at the Mahnomen Natural Resources office.
11. Elder Season Permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boat and Watercraft).
13. Lakes with AIS classification(s) will have to follow special regulation seasons.

Lakes open to gill netting under Special Seasons

Many Point, Round and White Earth (**note:** White Earth Lake carries an AIS designation)

Special Season gill netting period

Gill nets may be set beginning November 1 to December 31, 2025 on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.

Special Seasons netting restrictions for Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes

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

Note: Efforts to restore Lake Sturgeon in White Earth Lake and Round Lake have included dam alterations to allow fish passage and the stocking of fingerlings. Please contact the Natural Resources Department and report any Sturgeon mortality.

South/North Twin, McCraney, and White Earth Lake Special Regulation Gill Net Use and Permitting within AIS Waters

Gill nets may be set beginning November 1 to December 31, 2025 on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth, and McCraney Lake.

Special Regulation netting restrictions

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



White Earth descendant earns Ph.D.

The White Earth Nation proudly recognizes Dr. Asha Leigh Cogger Bradley, a White Earth descendant who continues to honor her cultural heritage through academic achievement. She recently earned her Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Brain and Behavior/Experimental, from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also holds a Master of Public Health, specializing in Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health, from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.

Dr. Bradley has accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Morehead State University in Kentucky. As a cultural psychologist, her research and teaching are deeply rooted in honoring Indigenous perspectives and advancing culturally informed practices in mental health and education.

Asha is the daughter of Terri and Ron Bradley, and the granddaughter of White Earth members Darwin and Janet Cogger. She remains deeply proud of her White Earth roots and has carried her cultural identity with her in every step of her academic journey.

White Earth Elders travel to Twin Cities



Photos by Shannon Eck / Lens Lily Photography

A group of White Earth Elders attended the 2nd Annual Native American Elder Day on Sept. 17 at Veterans Park in Richfield, Minn. The day was filled with fun, food and resources that Elders could visit.



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		1	2	3
			NTW	Closed
			10am-2pm	
			Sports Complex	
6	7	8	9	10
	Callaway	Rice Lake	Closed	Closed
	10am-2pm	10am-2pm		
	Nijii Radio	ENP Site		
Closed				
13	14	15	16	17
	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	Closed	Closed
	10am-2pm	10am-2pm		
	ENP Site	ENP Site		
Closed				
20	21	22	23	24
	White Earth	Ogema	Closed	Closed
	10am-2pm	10am-2pm		
	ENP Site	M&W Gas Station		
Closed				
27	28	29	30	31
	Waubun	Mahnomen	Mahnomen	Closed
	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am	
	Community Center	College parking lot	Homeless Shelter	
Closed			ONLY	
			No Pickups	
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				

WEN hosts 2025 Tribal Climate Camp

Photo by Zoe Keezer

The 2025 Tribal Climate Camp was recently hosted by the White Earth Nation at the Hoot Owl Resort in rural Waubun. This culturally grounded, weeklong training and workshop brought together more than 40 participants from 12 Tribal Nations across North America. Tribal Climate Camps are designed as culturally appropriate, immersive training opportunities for delegates from Tribal Nations. These gatherings support Tribal leaders, environmental staff, and planners in developing and advancing climate resilience strategies. Participants engaged in hands-on sessions, peer learning, and collaborative planning—empowering them on their journeys toward Tribal Climate Resilience.



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Alena Crandell shines in Tribal Health Experiential Internship Seminar (THESIS)

Alena Crandell, a descendant of the White Earth Nation, Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, and Mountain Maidu, is a senior at Haskell University majoring in American Indian Studies with a minor in Social Work and Psychology. She made a significant impact during the eight-week Tribal Health Experiential Internship Seminar (THESIS) program. THESIS is a virtual internship focused on promoting Tribal public health and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of Minority Health and Health Equity through its Lewis Scholars Program.

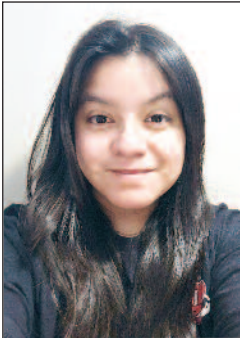
As one of seven organizations in the Lewis Scholars Program, THESIS operates under the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board in Oklahoma City. Interns delve into Native American culture, resilience, and various aspects of public health, including epidemiology and research. Their intensive eight-week journey culminates in the creation of research posters, which they presented at the THESIS Showcase in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Alena’s research topic was Integrated Recovery Framework: From seeking help to sustaining healing. Reflecting on her THESIS experience, she shared, “I have never had an internship experience like THESIS

before. Everyone cared about their projects and the staff wanted to do everything in their power to make sure the students were getting the most out of the internship as possible. It’s an intense program but you learn so much and it makes me wish that opportunities like this were available at all tribal reservations even in Alaska and Hawaii. It would really open eyes and inspire so many students. Tribes are stuck in bad cycles and THESIS gives you a foundation to public health through an indigenous lens, something that all tribal nations need in healthcare.

I got an insight into what grad school will be like and it’s a lot of work, and the supportive team at THESIS made me feel like I could not only apply to grad school but be successful too especially with this experience.”

For more information about THESIS and the Lewis Scholars Program, visit <https://thesis.spthb.org>



Alena Crandell

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Name

Address

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White Earth enrolled? Yes or No

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Party time: circle one

12:00 - 1:00

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Saturday, November 15, 2025

Noon to 3 PM-choose seating time of noon or 1:30

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Name

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Or Descendant? Y or N

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Email

How many are attending? Adults

Children through age 17

Choose your meal time Noon or 1:30 pm

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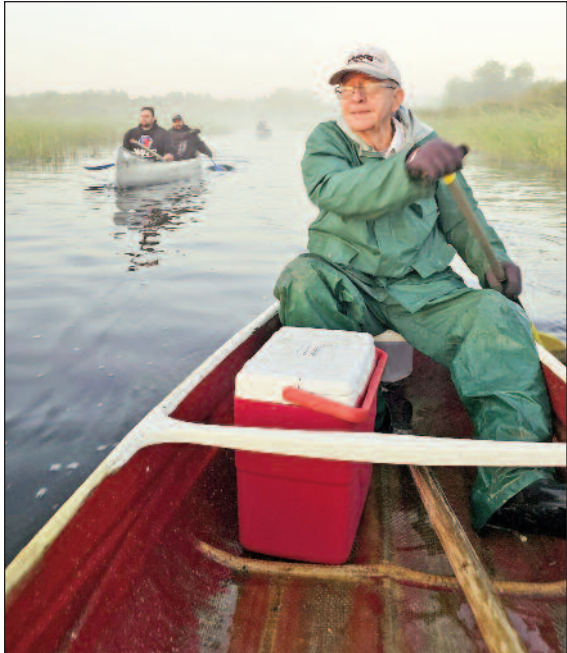
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MIIGWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, knowledge, resources, how you learn, and help others!

White Earth enjoys record-breaking ricing season



Courtesy photos

It was a record-breaking year for ricers on White Earth Reservation. The White Earth RBC bought 320,699 pounds of green wild rice. The buying season began on Aug. 22 and concluded on Sept. 22.



New Harvest Fest Royalty



Courtesy photos

The new Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Princess and Brave are Leenah Hanks and Frank Auginaush. The annual event was held Sept. 6-7.

Taking selfie with Mpls mayor



Courtesy photo

White Earth Elder Colleen Blattenbauer took a selfie with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Sept. 17 at the 2nd Annual Native American Elder Day in Richfield, Minn. A group of White Earth Elders attended the event.

Honoring Darwin Shaugabay



Courtesy photo

The White Earth TERO staff recently attended a National TERO meeting in Tulsa, Okla. The National TERO held a memorial for the late Darwin Shaugabay. White Earth TERO flew his family to Tulsa to attend this honoring ceremony for all the dedication he did for White Earth TERO. We were honored to have his eagle feather be part of the eagle staff in honor of all the TERO workers that have passed on.



Photo by Tim Evans / MPR News

Tribal leaders from 11 Minnesota tribes gathered on Capitol grounds to witness their flags fly permanently at the new Tribal Flag Plaza.

Tribal flags raised at Minnesota State Capitol

By Chandra Colvin
Minnesota Public Radio News

A crowd of approximately 300 gathered Sept. 5 in the Lower Mall of the Capitol grounds to honor what is said to be a historic moment in Minnesota. Flags of the 11 federally recognized tribes in the state were raised for the first time at the Capitol grounds and will fly permanently at the new Tribal Flag Plaza.

State leaders such as Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan (White Earth) spoke alongside tribal leaders at the opening ceremony. Prayers from both Dakota and Ojibwe nations opened the gathering, followed by drums and singing as tribal representatives raised the flags.

Construction on the Tribal Flag Plaza began earlier this year as a part of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board’s first phase of the Capitol Mall Design Framework.

“This new plaza is more than a physical space. It’s a place of recognition, respect and partnership,”

said Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, the executive secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

The framework aims to develop the mall into a welcoming space for more Minnesotans and to represent the state’s diversity better. According to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, chaired by Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, a request for the plaza was initially raised during the Governor’s Tribal Leaders Summit four years ago.

The request came after Montana unveiled its own Tribal Flag Plaza in 2020, the first in the country to showcase flags of tribal nations on Capitol grounds. Minnesota is said to be the second state to honor tribal nations by flying flags on Capitol grounds.

“The Capitol should tell the full story of the history of Minnesota, one that honors all 11 federally recognized tribal nations, acknowledges complex histories and builds a future rooted in inclusion, beauty and truth,” Flanagan said.

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White Earth softball team wins coed championship

The White Earth Nation softball team won the Coed Championship in the United Tribes Technical College Legends Softball Tournament - Battle of the Nations Division. The event was recently held in Bismarck, N.D. The team represented the tribe with pride, heart, and great sportsmanship.

Submitted photo



White Earth welcomes Sen. Hawj



Photos by Sage Thompson

White Earth Nation was honored to welcome Minnesota State Senator Fong Hawj to experience our Anishinaabe culture and our sacred tradition of harvesting manoomin (wild rice). He took the time to learn about our traditions, the significance of manoomin, and the deep connection between our people and the land.





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Big news for our community - the White Earth Fitness Center inside the Tribal Health building has officially reopened after a major remodel, and it's better than ever!

The project began July 31 and wrapped up on Sept. 11, bringing fresh new flooring, bright updated paint, and a welcoming new look to the space. To top it off, two brand-new treadmills are on the way to complete our upgraded fitness lineup.

The best part? The center is open 24/7! That means you can work out on your schedule - day or night.

Getting started is easy: call 218-401-3079 to complete your paperwork and receive your key fob (\$10) for unlimited access.

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Photos by Gail Borgrud

The White Earth Fitness Center, located in the Tribal Public Health building, recently opened after a major remodel. In addition to the remodel, the Center is open 24/7.

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The parchers of White Earth are a proud bunch that come from generations of ricers

By Winona LaDuke

Giiwewag. They are coming home. I came off ricing Height of Land and the Ottetail River, places well frequented by my ancestors and ricers today. A couple of younger people followed my grandson Aandegoons Neeland, and I out on the lake. It was their first time ricing ever, and they were happy. They had come up from the Twin Cities, and it was a homecoming.

A bit later, I met a trio at the gas station. Old Family names, Villibrun and Boswell- now from the Twin Cities. "I was used to rice as a child," Boswell says, "I used to sit by the side of the lake and watch my parents rice. I was three then. The first time I actually riced was this year- and I'm 53."

I ask him, "How did it make you feel?", he nods, "happy." For the Anishinaabeg the wild rice season is one of the most important for food, for income and for connection to our essence. And, this year, with the tribes buying hundreds of thousands of pounds of green rice at a good price, there are lots of ricers.

This is the only place in the world where wild rice grows. Wisconsin has about 5,000 acres of wild rice, and the lakes were closed down early this year. The strongholds of Nature's Lake up on Leech Lake reservation, the Sandy Lake Flowage, Dean Lake, Rice Lake Refuge, Minnewawa are all big lakes for the wild rice harvest. Minnesota has 64,000 acres of wild rice, Manitoba and Ontario also are rich with manoomin. White Earth Reservation itself, with 47 lakes and 500 bodies of water includes Shell Lake, Mitchell Dam, Flat Lake, which always provide, Basswood Lake, and then the mother lode - Lower Rice Lake had 200 or more boats on it, on opening day.

Wild rice is the mark of wealth and happiness, and independence. The Anishinaabe food security was tied to wild



Courtesy photo

Ernie Bloom processes wild rice by Pine Point Village. Using equipment which came from Dave Annette originally and Sunfish Oppegard, he's been parching for a couple of years, but comes, like most of the community from generations of ricers.

rice, and that has not been stolen. There's a lot of joy, dust, and jokes at the rice mills. Some families still hand parch in kettles in the yard, but most are taking the manoomin to get parched because it's not simple- equipment, heat, river rice versus lake rice, and more.

Gaapizigewag: They are Parching Wild Rice

The parchers of White Earth are a proud bunch. They are the descendants or students of some of the Great Parchers who are now in the Spirit World - Sunfish Oppegard, Donavon Vizenor, Russel Warren, Dave Annette, Dale

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Oct.7-Rice Lake

Diabetic Bingo

Oct.1-Pine Point

Oct.8-Elbow Lake

Oct.9-Mahnomen Senior Meals

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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

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Site Controller ~ Zach Adams

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"White Earth Elder Eating Good"

White Earth Elder Wellness Program

Binaakwii-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)- October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		<div>1 Chefs Choice</div> <div>Main Entrée</div> <div>Vegetable and/or salad</div> <div>Fruit</div> <div>Bread</div> <div>1% milk</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Beef Stroganoff</div> <div>Egg noodles</div> <div>Glazed Carrot</div> <div>Wheat roll</div> <div>Apricots</div>	<div>3</div> <div>White Chicken Chili</div> <div>Spinach salad</div> <div>Cornbread</div> <div>Pineapple</div> <div>Pumpkin bar</div>
<div>6</div> <div>Chicken parm</div> <div>Spaghetti and sauce</div> <div>Green beans</div> <div>Dinner roll</div> <div>Banana</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Hot beef sandwich</div> <div>Mashed potato</div> <div>Corn</div> <div>Baked cinnamon apples</div>	<div>8 Chefs Choice</div> <div>Main Entrée</div> <div>Vegetable and/or salad</div> <div>Fruit</div> <div>Bread</div> <div>1% milk</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Turkey & swiss sandwich on croissant</div> <div>Broccoli Cheddar soup w/w crackers</div> <div>Peaches</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Glazed baked ham</div> <div>Scalloped potato</div> <div>Brussel sprouts</div> <div>Wheat Bread</div> <div>Grape</div>
<div>13 Indigenous Peoples Day</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Pork fritter</div> <div>German potato salad</div> <div>Sauerkraut</div> <div>Wheat bread</div> <div>Orange</div>	<div>15 Chefs Choice</div> <div>Main Entrée</div> <div>Vegetable and/or salad</div> <div>Fruit</div> <div>Bread</div> <div>1% milk</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Sloppy joe</div> <div>Mac & cheese</div> <div>Beets</div> <div>Peaches</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Liver and Onion</div> <div>Boiled potato</div> <div>Green Bean</div> <div>Wheat roll</div> <div>Pears</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Bison cheese burger</div> <div>Lettuce tomato onion</div> <div>Seasoned fries</div> <div>Strawberries</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Sweet & sour chicken</div> <div>Brown rice</div> <div>Japanese Vegetables</div> <div>Egg roll</div> <div>Mangoes</div>	<div>22 Chefs Choice</div> <div>Main Entrée</div> <div>Vegetable and/or salad</div> <div>Fruit</div> <div>Bread</div> <div>1% milk</div>	<div>23 Birthday Lunch</div> <div>Meatloaf</div> <div>Potato and gravy</div> <div>Capri Blend Vegetable</div> <div>Wheat roll</div> <div>Fruit cocktail</div> <div>Cookie</div>	<div>24 Bunch for Lunch</div> <div>Biscuits and gravy</div> <div>Sausage</div> <div>Root vegetable blend</div> <div>Boiled egg</div> <div>Fresh fruit</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Salisbury Steak</div> <div>Garlic baby potato</div> <div>Green beans</div> <div>Dinner roll</div> <div>Fruit</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Beef Barley soup</div> <div>French roll</div> <div>Garden salad</div> <div>Fresh cut fruit</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Main Entrée</div> <div>Vegetable and/or salad</div> <div>Fruit</div> <div>Bread</div> <div>1% milk</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Turkey pot pie</div> <div>Biscuit</div> <div>Pea & carrot</div> <div>Tropical Fruit</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Spaghetti w/ meat sauce</div> <div>Mixed Vegetable</div> <div>Breadstick</div>

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October Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

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Oct 3rd: Bagley & Naytahwaush

Oct 10th: Mahnomen & Waubun

Oct 13th: Closed – Indigenous Peoples Day

Oct 17th: White Earth

Oct 24th: Detroit Lakes & Ponsford

Oct 31st: 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



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	
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26	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	
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- Meet the White Earth Nation Leadership and project team
- Explore the project's origins and motivations
- Learn about the key components of Monitoring and Modeling and how it relates to the projects goals
- Understand the project progression and future opportunities for engagement



The White Earth Nation received funding from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) to assess the impacts of irrigation on water resources in the Pineland Sands Region.



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.

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For tribal nation leaders, the inclusion of the Tribal Flag Plaza means having recognition as sovereign nations within the state.

Bruce Savage is the chairman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. He says the plaza serves as a reminder to future governing bodies that tribes have been here long before the state was established.

"The Capitol Mall area gets visited by people from all around the world, and it's a good way to remind them of the land they're standing on and the people who have been here for a thousand years," Savage said.

Kevin Jensvold, chairman of the Upper Sioux Community, shared he had mixed feelings regarding the plaza.

"In order for these flags to fly today — with the exception of four of them, even those ones over there and those ones on that building — in this sacred place of my mother's people, something had to be given up. Sacrifices had to be made. Things had to be lost," Jensvold said as he pointed out other flags already flying on Capitol grounds, such as the Minnesota state flag and the United States flag.

Other tribal leaders said the plaza also serves as a reminder to future generations of Native and non-Native Minnesotans that Native nations are still

thriving. The overall reaction from tribal nation leaders, such as Robert Larsen, former president of the Lower Sioux Indian Community, carried feelings of hope and resilience.

"I know a lot of people don't know that Dakota people have a different history with the state of Minnesota. Legally, we're not even supposed to be here right now, but that's changing," Larsen said.

Both state and tribal leaders say there is still work that needs to be done in meeting tribal nations' needs, particularly in areas such as education and healthcare. State Rep. Liish Kozlowski, DFL-Duluth, member of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, says Native leadership has helped to strengthen tribal-state relations in a time where the federal government has pulled back funding.

"Here at the state legislature, that we're going to do everything we can to make sure that we continue to move forward as a state and that we make progress," Kozlowski said.

The State Capitol will not be the only state entity flying tribal nation's flags. Ain Dah Yung Center will host a tribal flag installation ceremony at the Landmark Center in St. Paul at the end of September. The flags will then be installed in the central lobby of the Ramsey County Juvenile and Family Justice Center.

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underground plumbing and electrical installations in preparation for the next major phase, pouring the concrete foundation. Once the concrete is in place, steel framing will begin. Although the project is currently behind schedule, contractors remain optimistic. They anticipate regaining lost time during the framing phase and expect construction to be back on track shortly thereafter. If progress continues as planned, the transit facility is projected to be completed by July 2026.

White Earth Water Treatment Plant

Groundwork is officially underway for the new White Earth Water Treatment Plant in White Earth, marking the start of a two-year construction project aimed at improving the community's water infrastructure. As part of the initial phase, the remnants of the old Government Garage were removed to clear the site for development. The first construction coordination meeting took place on Sept. 9 and the contractor is preparing to pour concrete. The goal is to have the building structure in place by the end of the year.

As part of the project, new piping will be installed to connect the treatment facility to the community's source water wells. This will require excavation along the curb of Marten Drive and residents may notice some temporary disturbances in the area. The construction team asks for the community's patience and understanding as this important work gets underway. The contractor plans to begin installing the new piping to the existing treatment plant before the end of September.

Pine Point

Discussions continue about pedestrian and bicycle safety sidewalk in Pine Point. White Earth Public Works submitted a grant application, if awarded, will cover the costs associated with completing the Pine Point project design (project plans) and the required

environmental work. The proposed sidewalks are identified as priorities in both our Long-Range Transportation Plan and our White Earth Tribal Roads Safety Plan. These documents serve as key planning tools and support our efforts when applying for transportation-related funding. If we are successful in receiving the planning grant, we will be able to complete both the design and environmental phases of the project. This will position us to be "shovel ready" and competitive when additional funding opportunities arise to support the construction phase, based on the estimated costs outlined below.

We want to extend our continued thoughts and prayers to all members of our community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We recognize that recent times have brought an increase in grief, affecting individuals of all ages within our tribal community. During this difficult period, please know that you are not alone, our community stands together in support.

If anyone would like to reach out, visit or discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to listen and offer support in any way we can. Remember, supporting one another is essential as we navigate these challenging times together.

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The White Earth Nation Veterans Day Pow Wow is Nov. 8-9

Obituaries

Rachel Marie Jepson

Rachel Marie Jepson, 77, of Fergus Falls, Minn., died Sept. 2 at her home. Rachel was born April 2, 1948, to Milton and Jane (Foster) Johnson in Barnesville, Minn., and she attended school in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Rachel worked at many jobs throughout her life. She developed lasting friendships with many of her former employers and coworkers. Those jobs included picking eggs at Mickelson’s Turkey Farm in Wolf Lake, Minn., waitressing at the Cactus Garden in Perham, Minn., and working for many years at Hardee’s in Detroit Lakes, Minn. When she moved to Fergus Falls, she worked in housekeeping at the Holiday Inn. When Walmart opened in Fergus Falls, she worked in the snack bar where she initiated the Thursday morning Senior Bingo Activity. Walmart donated items for the Bingo prizes. When the snack bar closed, she transferred to the Target in Fergus Falls and worked in the snack bar there until her retirement in 2007.

Rachel was a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She was also a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, LDS, in Detroit Lakes. She embraced her spirituality through Christianity while also acknowledging Native American beliefs.

She loved BINGO...BINGO...and more BINGO! Rachel also loved everything and anything that involved her family and visiting with friends.

Rachel was survived by her children: Jesse (Willow) Jepson, Wyatt Jepson, Bonita Jepson, Eric Andersen, Travis (Ann) Jepson, Anita (Joel) Volker, Christopher Johnson, Lisa Jepson and Stacy Riddle; grandchildren: Natasha (Pete) Brand, Jessy Lee Jepson (Bryan), Amanda Johnson, Charish (Seth) Amundson, Wyatt Lee (LaRisa) Jepson, Dayton Andersen, Heather (Aaron) Peterson, Mark Adams III, Noah Volker, Annette (Paul) Malikowski, Ross Illg, Garrett (Hayley) Illg, Jeffery Gilbertson, Justina Gilbertson, Stephanie Johnson, Shelbylyn Johnson and Sonja Johnson; great-grandchildren: Zane (Talyn) Foix, Quinn Setnosky, Mekiah Johnson, Skylic Johnson, William Peterson, Henry Peterson, Jocelyn Jepson, Oliver Jepson, Dylan Mekola, Jojo Illg, Hunter Illg, Autumn Illg, Gibbson Illg, Grayley Illg, Ida Jo Illg, Abdullahi Hassan, Amira Patterson, Olivia Brooks, Sean Gilbertson, Kristyn Gilbertson, Alana Gilbertson, Jaxxon Gilbertson, Theo and Rylee (twins) Gilbertson, Liam Gilbertson, and many more; great-great grandchildren, William Foix; siblings, Linda (Alan) Olson and Jerry (Annette) Johnson; and numerous and much loved nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Milton and Jane Johnson; brothers, Charles Johnson Sr. and Raymond Johnson; sisters, MaryAnn Krieger and Carol Anderson; sister-in-law, Carol Johnson; mother- and father-in-law, Floretta and Ray Jepson; nephews, Charles Johnson Jr. and Allan Button; nieces, Corrine Johnson and Pamela Button-Nozdrachev; granddaughters, Victoria Andersen and Kimberlee Illg; and great-grandson, Austin Hofer.

A memorial service was held Sept. 19 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls with Reverend Eliza Johnson officiating.

Interment: Pickett Family Cemetery in Evergreen, Minn.
Arrangements: Olson Funeral and Cremation in Fergus Falls.
Online: www.olsonfuneralhome.com

Dennis (Beebs) Frank St. Clair Sr.

Dennis (Beebs) St. Clair Sr. suddenly passed away on Sept. 15. Dennis was born on May 9, 1965, to Peter (Denny) St. Clair and Joyce Arlene Bellanger in Minneapolis. In his younger years he attended Putman school then moved to White Earth and completed his education, graduation from the Circle of Life school in White Earth.



He loved playing horseshoes, leeching, netting, and the outdoors. Later, Dennis met Patty Lynn Basswood and had a son, Dennis St. Clair Jr., together.

Dennis is survived by his children, Dennis St. Clair Jr., and Melissa Soyring; and brother, Tim St. Clair Sr.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Luanne St. Clair; father, Peter (Denny) St. Clair; mother, Joyce Arlene Bellanger; and nieces, Corrine St. Clair (Tim) and Donna Mae St. Clair (Luanne).

A visitation was held Sept. 22 at the White Earth Community Center with an all-night wake.

Interment was at the Tim St. Clair Sr. residence on Sept. 23 with Mike Swan officiating.

Pallbearers were Dennis St. Clair, Paul Jourdain, Tim St. Clair Jr. Kenny Rogers and Todd Bellanger. Honorary pallbearers were all his friends and relatives.

Arrangement: Cease Funeral Home in Bagley, Minn.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Cash Elmer Tibbetts

Cash Tibbetts, 17, of Waubun, died unexpectedly on Sept. 16, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Cash Elmer Tibbetts, first born son of Eugene “Tuff” Jr. and Lori (Simon) Tibbetts was born Nov. 8, 2007, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He attended Waubun-Ogema Elementary School and was currently a senior at Waubun High School.



Cash was the kind of young man everyone liked to be around—an easygoing, carefree individual with a beautiful smile that came quick and a laugh that was contagious. He loved the freedom of riding his dirt bike and perfecting the wheelie, the thrill of hunting and fishing, both summer and winter, along with the satisfaction of tinkering with old junk until he could bring it back to life. Cash was extremely proud of his grandpa Simon’s old 1959 International truck he was able to get running and chauffeur his grandma, RoseMary, in the Waubun Days parade this past summer. His favorite fishing spot was from the bridge on Leech Lake and his list of accomplishments included his big buck he shot last fall.

Cash was partial to loud trucks, had a playlist that stretched across every music genre, and was known for his know-it-all smart-ass attitude that kept everyone on their toes. Outgoing and full of energy, he was always up for a little mischief and shenanigans, living life wide open. Cash worked and played hard but at his core he loved his family and friends deeply. Love and friendships that were felt by everyone lucky enough to be close to him. Even though he was young, he carried himself like an old soul—wise beyond his years, grounded in what mattered most, and able to see life in a way that left others inspired. He will be missed by many and live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Cash leaves behind his parents, Tuff and Lori Tibbetts; brother, Reed and a brother from another mother, Landen Zima; grandparents: RoseMary Simon, Eugene “Umsy” (Rosella) Tibbetts Sr. and Jackie (Oliver) Blue; aunts and uncles: Randy (Zita) Simon, Stephanie (Ralph) Scherrer, Sharon Simon, Debbie (Joel) Dilley, Michelle Dahl, Dean (Anne) Simon, Maria (Bill) Brower, Kristie Simon, Pat Simon, Brittany Tibbetts and Natalie Tibbetts; several cousins; and many special friends including, Ella Wagner.

Cash was preceded in death by his grandpa, Louis “Buddy” Simon; uncles, Michael Tibbetts and Kelly Dahl; aunt, Christina Simon; and cousin, Conner Simon.

Blessed be the memory of Cash Elmer Tibbetts.
A Celebration of Life was held Sept. 20 at the Gordon Construction Shop in rural Mahnomen.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Gauis “Guy” Arthur Downey

Gauis “Guy” Arthur Downey left us on Sept. 11 after bravely fighting prostate cancer. Guy was born to Monica VanWert and Frances Downey on July 20, 1951, in St. Paul, Minn. He spent most of his adult life in the Twin Cities metro area, with his more recent home being in Roseville, Minn. Guy was cherished by many, affectionately referred to as ‘that grumpy Guy’ by his children. He was always available to help his children out in any way possible.

His passing has come as a profound shock to all who knew him. He took great pride in his Native American heritage, belonging to the White Earth Nation. Guy served in the Army from 1971 to 1973 and was honorably discharged. He worked as a carpenter by trade, but he retired early because of injuries he incurred while working. Later in life, he earned his Nursing Assistant Certificate in 1997.

With his wife and the love of his life, Nan Downey, they raised seven children together and experienced the joys of grandparenting.

Guy is survived by his wife of 29 years, Nan; children: Monica Downey, Charlotte Downey, and Nicole Hunger (Downey); stepchildren: Eddie Albrecht, Justin Albrecht, and Alyssa Reiff (Albrecht); many grandchildren and step grandchildren; sister, Nancy Oman; brother, Donald “Cheech” VanWert; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Monica VanWert and Frances Downey; brother, Roger Downey; sister, Jennifer Clark; sons, Anthony King and Jacob Downey; mother of his children, Karen Fairbanks; along with many family and friends.

Guy will be interred at Fort Snelling Cemetery. This will be a private, family gathering.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Our Lady of Peace in St. Paul.

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Viola “Mary” Whitten

Viola “Mary” Whitten, a proud veteran, loving mother and grandmother, and dedicated servant to her country and community, passed away Sept. 5 at the age of 94 in Fargo, N.D.

Viola was born on May 7, 1931, in White Earth to Frank and Mary Rose (Fairbanks) Hopfner. She was raised in Mahnomen and graduated from Mahnomen High School in 1949. Shortly after graduation, she answered the call to serve her country by enlisting in the United States Army and served in the Korean War.



She was first stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, where she worked as a secretary to a colonel involved in the early field of astro medicine. During this time, she frequently witnessed history in motion, watching Wernher von Braun launch V-2 rockets at White Sands Missile Range.

Viola was later stationed in Naha, Okinawa, where she served on air ambulance missions, caring for wounded American soldiers flown in from the front lines of Korea. It was in Okinawa where she married the love of her life, Reginald Whitten, on Sept. 10, 1952. Together, they began their family overseas, and Viola embraced the life of a military wife with strength, adaptability, and grace.

Throughout Reginald’s military career, the couple moved often, building a life in many places including Monterey, Calif; Seattle and Yakima, Wash.; various locations in Texas including Vernon, Dallas, and San Antonio (Lackland AFB); and in Ohio at Columbus, Reynoldsburg, and Wright-Patterson AFB. They also spent two tours lasting eight years in total in Germany, living in Karlsruhe and Frankfurt. After her husband’s retirement, they resided in Barnesville, Minn.

In addition to supporting her family and community, Viola pursued full-time careers of her own. She worked at Ohio University Hospital in Columbus, Davis Travel Agency in Frankfurt, Germany, and later at MeritCare in Fargo. Her dedication, work ethic, and warmth were evident in every role she held.

A devoted veteran, Viola also served as VFW Commander in Barnesville for several years, continuing to advocate for fellow veterans and honor the legacy of military service.

Viola was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Reginald Whitten; parents, Frank and Mary Rose Hopfner; son-in-law, Carlos Pfannenstein; special friend, Joe Spaeth; and many beloved brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Pfannenstein of Fergus Falls, Minn.; sons: Michael Whitten of Ogema, Jeffrey (Sharon) Whitten of Barnesville, and Robert (Lori) Whitten of Moorhead, Minn.; grandchildren: Kadie (Justin) Nelson of Pelican Rapids, Minn., Blair Whitten of Barnesville, Chloe Whitten of Minneapolis, and grandsons: Colton (Maura) Zabel of Alexandria, Va., and Justus (Laura) Zabel of Moorhead. Viola was a proud great-grandmother to Zane, Zoey, Kellan, Tyson, Zenna, Kurtis, and Finn.

Viola leaves behind a legacy of service, strength, and love. She will be remembered for her fearless spirit, her devotion to her country and family, and the lives she touched.

An open house celebrating Viola’s life was held Sept. 19 at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo, with interment and military honors at Fort Snelling on Sept. 26.

“Her service was her legacy. Her love was our blessing.”

Nancy Jo (Thompson) Reed

Nancy Jo (Thompson) Reed, 84, of Belle Plaine Minn., made her journey to the Spirit World on June 28 at Ridgeview Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Ridgeview Hospice.

Nancy was born in White Earth to the late Enoch Elias Thompson and Julia (Beaupre) Hagen.

Nancy’s wisdom, generosity, caring gentle presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved her. She touched everyone she came across and everyone felt special to have known her. We honor her spirit, no one will ever fill her moccasins.



Mom’s love was unconditional, unbreakable, and forever. Some of Mom’s favorite pastimes were traveling, reading, sewing, puzzles, country music, and bingo with her sister Susie. Nancy had an enthusiastic sense of humor said, “Only death will keep me from bingo.”

She is survived by children: Howard (Anne) Reed, Dan (Consuelo) Reed, Pamela (Peter) Marshall, Laura (Monte) Reed, and Raquel (Richard) Reed; sisters: Patricia Carson, Jean Knight, Susie Hagen, and Cinder Warthen; brother, Robert “Mutt” Hagen Jr; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Welcoming Nancy to the Spirit World are her parents, step-father William Antell, step-father Robert Hagen Sr.; beloved soulmate, Vincent (Vinnie) Arndt; daughters, Deborah Alkahtani, and Kathy Reed; sisters: Yvonne Stech, Wanda “Quig” Jones, and Lorna; and brother, Renee.

Betty Elizabeth Red Horse

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, auntie, and friend who departed from this world on Aug 31, and is mourned by her devoted family and friends.

Betty was born on Oct. 5, 1945, to Rev. William Hanks and Mary Ellen (Roy) Hanks in Red Lake, Minn. She was raised and educated in Ponsford, (Pine Point). Because her



father was an Episcopal Priest the family was brought up in that faith. It was in Ponsford that he led the congregation at Breck Memorial in Ponsford for many years. In 1957, the Rev. Hanks accepted a new role within the Episcopal church on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. They made home in a town called Fort Yates. Rev Hanks would serve the many Episcopal churches throughout Standing Rock.

Betty would eventually meet her husband, Courtney and wed in 1965 and begin a family. Over the years, her siblings and mother would move back to Minnesota making their homes in White Earth. She too eventually moved back to Minnesota to be with family in leaving her sister, Judy with her family in Ft. Yates.

Over the years Betty made a career as administrative assistant for many different places, but one place she would hold dear to her heart would be White Earth Head Start working with kids. She absolutely loved those kids!

A straightforward woman with an amazing sense of humor, who valued everything she had. She had a strong love for her kids and her grandkids even more. She even loved and treated her nieces and nephews as her own. Her life was a testament to her values of compassion, forgiveness and a deep love she held for her family. She was a true original. She believed that life was too short to be too serious, a philosophy she lived by in every aspect of her life. She taught everyone it was ok to laugh at yourself, to find joy in ordinary things, and to never turn down a chance for a good time. Whether it was a spontaneous road trip, late-night phone call filled with gossip, she made every moment feel brilliant. She was known for her amazing and killer homemade baked beans. Her sense of humor was legendary, and she had a gift for delivering advice wrapped in a little warmth and a lot of wit.

She is survived by her children: Tyler Red Horse, William Red Horse, Judy Red Horse-Dominguez, and Jess Red Horse; grandchildren: Aubrey, Anthony, Krista, Estevon, Mariah, Precious, Jose, Tyler Jr., Alana, and Alaina; and brother, Sherald J. Hanks.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Frances “Jonesy” Hanks, Wilma “Bobbie” McGregor, Bill “Beeker” Hanks, Mildred “Judy” Thomas, and Tom Hanks; daughter Donna “Niche” Redhorse; and grandson, Eric Redhorse. She also leaves behind her dog and her best friend, “Chewy.”

Funeral services were held Sept. 3 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth.

Interment: St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery (at a later date).

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

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Elerine M. Garland

Elerine M. Garland, 90, passed away on Aug. 29 at The Gardens of Foley in Foley, Minn.

Elerine was born July 23, 1935, in Mahnomen to Raymond and Evelyn (Neubert) Perra. She married Donald Garland on Jan. 23, 1954, in Minneapolis, and in 1967 they moved to Becker, Minn.



Elerine was a homemaker who also worked at Montgomery Wards and an antique shop, and she drove truck for 10 years. She was a member of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Becker. Elerine enjoyed collecting antiques, reading a good book, playing card games, cooking, sewing, and belonged to a cribbage league.

Elerine is survived by her children: Debbie (Larry) Stay of Palisade, Minn., Sandy (Terry) Hansen of Royalton, Minn., Richard (Rhonda) Garland of Becker, Michael (Peggy) Garland of Becker, and Lynn (Randy) Hamacher of Becker; 21 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren and 21 great-great grandchildren; siblings, Dean (Karen) Perra of Seguin, Texas, and Gail (David) Smith of Avon, Minn.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald (Jan. 22, 1998); sisters, Doris Partridge and Janice Perra; grandson, Chad Hansen; and great grandson, Aaron Garland.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 4 at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Kellogg officiating.

Interment: Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Becker

Arrangements: Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker.

Online: www.williamsdingmann.com

Obituaries

Terrance Lee Bloom

Terrance Bloom, 50, of Ponsford, passed away Aug. 30 at the Mahnomen Health Center Hospital.

Terrance Lee Bloom was born in Park Rapids, Minn., on Jan. 30, 1975, the son of Arlys Bloom and Albert Neeland. Terry grew up in the Pine Point area where he attended grade school. He then attended high school at Circle of Life Academy in White Earth. Following his schooling, Terry entered the workforce. He worked at the Shooting Star Casino as a security guard and also for Honor the Earth working in construction for several years. Most recently he kept busy with ricing and leeching to provide for himself.



Hobbies that Terry enjoyed were woodworking, fishing and stopping in at Ice Cracking Lodge for food and slots. In his younger years, he was a Golden Glove boxer and frequented the races held at Buffalo River Speedway. Terry held membership with the Redrum MC and liked the thrill of the open road on his Harley motorcycle. Above all, the most important things were spending time with family and friends, especially his children and his grandson, Jalen, the light of his life. Although Terrance is gone from this life too soon, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Terry is survived by a son, Treyton Bloom and daughter, Ashley Bloom both of Mahnomen; grandson, Jalen; mother, Arlys Bloom of Ponsford; brothers, Bradley Bloom of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Timothy Bloom of Pine Point; sister, Angela (Glenn) Clark of Detroit Lakes; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tyler; father, Albert; grandparents; and a special uncle, “Spooky.” Blessed be the memory of Terrance Lee Bloom.

Traditional funeral services were held Sept. 4 at the old Pine Point School. Visitation and a ceremony was held Sept. 3 and continued until the time of the funeral.

Interment: St. Theodores Catholic Cemetery in Pine Point.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Kylia A. Jackson

Kylia A. Jackson passed away on Sept. 18 in White Earth.

Kylia was born Feb. 11, 2007 in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Trista Fairbanks and Kenny Jackson. She was raised by her great-grandma Grace and her grandpa Craig. Kylia was a girly little girl, liking to fix her hair and look pretty in her jewelry. She attended elementary school at Circle of Life Academy and during her high school years she attended Waubun High School, graduating in 2025.



Kylia loved her three siblings so much and took so much joy in getting to be an aunt. She loved spending time with her nephew, Jameson and niece, Graciela. Kylia worked through high school, getting to do this alongside her best friend Raylyn. Kylia and Raylyn spent every waking minute together. She then met her boyfriend, Owen the winter of 2025. Kylia and Owen quickly developed a loving relationship. She loved her family and spending time having fun. She enjoyed listening to her “boom booms” in her car and riding around. Kylia loved her grandma Grace more than anything.

Kylia is survived by her mother, Trista; father, Kenny; great-grandmother, Grace; grandparents: Craig, Gary and Bonnie; siblings: Katrina, Kaylynn, and Steven; nephew, Jameson; niece, Graciela; special friend, Owen; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Kylia is proceeded in death by her grandmothers, Susanna Jackson and Debra Jackson; uncles, Pete Jackson and Craig “Moose” Jackson; aunt, Tiffany Jackson; cousin, SeQuoyah Keezer; along with other aunts and uncles and family members

All-night Wake Services were held Sept. 24 at the White Earth Community Center and continued until the time of the funeral on Sept. 25 at St. Columba Episcopal Church.

Interment: St. Columba Cemetery in White Earth.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Joseph Michael Azure

For a brief moment, we were graced with the dream of a future with baby Joseph Michael Azure. On Sept. 2, that dream became a memory that will always be cherished. He will remain in the hearts of his mom, Arianna Azure; brother, Jacob Martinezs Jr.; sister, Maizey Martinez; grandpa, Michael Azure Sr.; grandma, Jamie Day; and many extended family.

A private family graveside service was held at Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Roy Allan LaVoy

Roy LaVoy, 75, of Naytahwaush, died on Sept. 5 at his home.

Roy Allan LaVoy, the youngest child of Sidney and Gerda (Nordberg) LaVoy, was born on Sept. 29, 1949, in White Earth. He grew up in Naytahwaush alongside his brothers and sisters and attended school in Mahnomen, where he was active in sports, especially wrestling and football, graduating with the Class of 1967.



On May 7, 1969, Roy proudly enlisted in the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and continued his education at Detroit Lakes Vo-Tech, earning a degree in construction with a focus on carpentry.

On Aug. 18, 1979, Roy was united in marriage to Lizabeth Kennedy in Montana, near her family home. They returned to live in Naytahwaush where they later built, with hand prepared logs, their dream home together.

Roy began his career with MCT Construction, working his way up from a concrete finisher to Leadman Carpenter. From 1980 to 1982, he worked with Al Goodwin Construction before spending two years self-employed. He then joined Con’s Masonry Inc., contributing to the construction of the Public Health field clinic in Naytahwaush, and later sub-contracted for White Earth Housing until 1989. Roy was then hired as Project Manager for Gordon Construction, where he played a key role in developing many reservation projects, including the health center, housing developments, library, school, and the Shooting Star Casino. In 2001, he became Project Manager for the White Earth Nation, overseeing continued growth and expansion on the reservation. Roy’s construction knowledge and expert craftsmanship touched nearly every public building in Naytahwaush and throughout the surrounding communities. He officially retired in 2019 but continued to share his wisdom and teach others for years after.

Roy was proud of his Ojibwe heritage and embraced the traditions of his culture. He looked forward to sugarbush and wild ricing each season. He also spent hours skillfully tanning deer hides and crafting with gourds. He also loved fishing, ice fishing, and hunting with the LaVoy family. At home, he tended to a large vegetable garden and preserved his harvest through canning, a tradition passed down from his mother. Roy was well known for building beautiful martin birdhouses, which he gave away generously to others. Above all, Roy cherished his family. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and community member who touched many lives with his generosity and quiet strength.

Roy is survived by his wife, Lizabeth “Betsy” LaVoy; brothers, John (Ann) LaVoy, and Sid LaVoy; sister, Ruth Foss; dear cousin, MaryAnn Snobl; siblings-in-law: Eileen (Earl) McDougall, Helen Stiner, Ed Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, and Nora (Clinton) Kennedy; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by their sons, Lawrence in 2021 and infant, Joseph in 1981; parents, Sid and Gerda; sisters, Jeanette (Ted) LaGue and Rita (Byron) Bjorge; two infant brothers; brother-in-law, Leonard Foss Sr.; sisters-in-law, Ida Shield and Alvina Firstrider; brother-in-law, Alvin Leslie Kennedy; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was held Sept. 12 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.
Interment: St. Anne’s Cemetery in Naytahwaush with Military Honors
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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We as a Nation have been going through a lot of family losses in our communities and we have grieving for and with these families. I have attended Healing Ceremonies in each community that have them scheduled. These ceremonies are key to our membership for healing. I would like to let all families that have experienced these tragic events that we are praying for each and everyone of these families.

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!

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Michael J. LaRoque
Secretary-Treasurer

Obituaries

Gregory “Gordy” Thompson Sr.

Gregory “Gordy” Thompson Sr., of Bagley, Minn., passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sept. 21 at the age of 71.

Gordy was born on March 21, 1954, in Bagley to Bernice Redboy and Frank “Bud” Thompson Sr.

Gordy proudly served his country in the United States Air Force in 1973-1974; he returned home and carried with him a lifelong love of working with his hands. Gordy especially enjoyed “wrenching” on cars, a passion that reflected his hardworking spirit and knack for fixing just about anything. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, who meant the world to him. Whether it was sharing stories, working on projects, or simply being together, those moments brought him the greatest joy. Gordy always had a sense of humor and always liked joking around with people.

He will be deeply missed by his sons, Brandon (Jessica) Goodwin and Dustin (Kasandra) Anderson both of Bagley; beloved grandchildren, great grandson and great granddaughter; brothers, William “Bill” Thompson, and Eddie Randberg; sisters: Sandy (Duffy) Norlander, Bev (Earl) Randberg, Linda Patch, and Ramona Maguet; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family who cherished him dearly.

He was welcomed into eternal rest by his parents, Bernice Redboy-Randberg and Frank “Bud” Thompson Sr.; son Greg Thompson Jr.; sisters: Charlene Thompson, Deborah Tollefson, and Judith Thompson; and brothers, Frank Thompson Jr. and Michael Randberg.

Family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate Gordy’s life on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2-5 p.m. at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Gordy will be remembered for his service, his love of family, and his gift for working on cars. Above all, he leaves a legacy of love and strength in the hearts of all who knew him.



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Ray “Hop” Daniel Connor

Ray “Hop” Connor, Anishinaabeg name of “Miskokamig,” 48, of Naytahwaush, died Sept. 22 at his home under the loving care of his family and HIA Hospice.

Ray Daniel Connor, the son of Esther Connor and Ray Londo, was born on June 11, 1977, in Bemidji Minn. As an infant, he moved with his family to the Minneapolis area, before returning a few years later to northern Minnesota. Hop spent much of his childhood in the Bemidji community, where he attended elementary school, and later moved to Grand Portage. He attended Cook County High School, proudly graduating with the class of 1995.

Throughout his life, Hop worked as a Blackjack dealer and CD Counselor, but he always knew that firefighting was his true calling. In the late 1990s, he began his career as a wildland firefighter with the BIA and DNR. Over the years, he honed his skills, earned advanced qualifications, and found deep purpose in the work he loved.

Above all, Hop’s greatest pride and joy were his children. Becoming a father inspired him to live with intention and give his best every day. He was baptized and humbly gave his heart to the Lord proudly living as a Christian. He enjoyed the daily tasks of being a dad and fiercely adored his granddaughter. He had a brilliant mind and a gift for remembering details, particularly when it came to weather and countless other subjects. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, ricing, and leeching. Even as he faced health challenges in recent years, Hop never lost his smile or his positive outlook.



Hop will be remembered for his strength, intelligence, and devotion to his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ray is survived by his wife, Stephanie Turner; children: Raeanna Connor, Ray Connor Jr., and Lynnea Turner; granddaughter, Giizhibaa; parents, Ray Londo and Esther Connor; brothers: Greg Connor, Michael Connor, and Emiliano Rodriguez; sisters, Dawn Kier and Serena (Jesse) Bommersbach; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Hop was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard Bunker and Aaron Turner; special aunt, Lorriane “Itchy” Connor; grandparents; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26 at the St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne’s Catholic Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Dustin James Johnson, DOB: 08/28/1993**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **CO2025-00014**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. an Initial Hearing on the conservation citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-3285.

Dated: September 16, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Dustin James Johnson, DOB: 08/28/1993**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00145**

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Dated: September 16, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Jameson Lee Jackson Sr., DOB: 05/24/1985**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00144**

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Dated: September 11, 2025

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Nakoa Neeland, DOB: 09/16/1978**

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2025-00021**

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Dated: September 11, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS - 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels of land described in the list of tax-forfeited lands sale, that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be held online at www.publicsurplus.com. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statute 282.005. Said sale to commence at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 20, 2025 and end at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 20, 2025 on the www.publicsurplus.com website.

TERMS FOR THE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND IN MAHOMEN COUNTY

Public Sales: Initial Sale Price
All parcels are offered at public auction and sold to the highest bidder. The minimum bid acceptable is the initial sale price that is shown on the list of tax-forfeited land.

Extra Fees and Costs: In addition to the sale price
A 5% buyer's premium will be collected and paid to Public Surplus.
A 3% surcharge for the state assurance account will be collected at the time of the sale.
The following extra fees will be collected when the purchase price is paid: a state deed fee of \$25, a deed recording fee of \$46.00, a deed tax of \$.0033 (minimum \$1.65) of the sale price and a well certificate fee of \$54.00 per well, where applicable.

Payment Terms: Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order.

Special Assessments: Levied Before Forfeiture
The balance of any special assessments that were levied before forfeiture and canceled at forfeiture and which exceed the amount of the initial sale price may be reassessed by the municipality. It is the purchaser's responsibility to do the due diligence on determining if there are special assessments prior to forfeiture.

Conditions: Restrictions on the Use of the Properties: Sales are subject to the following restrictions on the use of the properties: (1) existing leases, (2) easements obtained by a governmental subdivision or state agency for a public purpose, (3) building codes and zoning laws, (4) all sales are final with no refunds or exchanges allowed, and (5) the appraised value does not represent a basis for future taxes.

Subsequent Sales: Parcels not sold at the initial public auction. Any parcel not sold at the initial public sale may be offered at a minimum bid auction. The minimum bid auction price is the sum of delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest and costs assigned to the parcel. This may be more than or less than, the initial sale price. The minimum bid auction if needed, will commence at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2025 and end at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Liens: Most mortgages and liens except Federal and State Tax liens are cancelled at forfeiture.

Code Compliance: If any tax forfeited parcel, on which there is a substandard structure, is offered at an auction, the purchaser, as a condition of sale, shall remove the structure or structures or make the necessary repairs consistent with existing city and state building codes within one year from the date of purchase.

Title: Proof of Ownership. The buyer will receive a receipt at the time of the sale. The Department of Revenue will issue a state deed after full payment is made. Tax forfeiture will create a break in the chain of title and services of an attorney may be necessary to make the title marketable.

The deed will contain a restrictive covenant, in a form prescribed by the board of water and soil resources that precludes enrollment of the land in a state-funded program providing compensation for conservation of marginal land or wetlands.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to determine the boundary lines and marketability of the property.

Former Owners: Must pay the purchase price or the amount of delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest and costs assigned to the parcel, whichever is more.

This list of Terms is not all inclusive, for a complete list of terms see Terms on the www.co.mahnomen.mn.us or the www.publicsurplus.com websites.

LIST OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND FOR PUBLIC SALE

<i>Item #1</i> Parcel Number: 10-006-0110 Lot Size (more or less): 5.03 Acres Sec/Twp/Range: Sec 6 Twp 143 Rng 39 (Little Elbow Township) Legal Description: Th Prt of NE4 SE4 Desc as: Com @ Iron Monu wh desig E4 cor of sec 6; then N 90 deg 00 min 00 sec W 1,348.20' on asstd brg along N Linc of NE4 SE4 to Iron Monu @ NW cor of NE4 SE4; then S 09 deg 39 min 19 sec E 902.83' to Iron Monu, said pt is POB; then N 61 deg 47 Min 55 Sec E 485.23' to Iron Monu; then S 28 deg 29 min 43 sec E 447.38' to Iron Monu; then S 61 deg 31 min 17 sec W 295.15' to a pt referred to as pt A; then cont S 61 deg 31 min 17 Sec W 195.92' to Iron Monu; then N 27 deg 45 min 3 sec W 449.77' to POB. Tract cont 5.03 Ac. With an easement for driveway purposes over part of NE4 SE4 Sec 6. Initial Sales Price: \$82,000.00	<i>Item #2</i> Parcel Number: 18-100-2180 (408 Monroe Ave W) Lot Size (more or less): 75' X 164' City: Mahnomen Legal Description: W ½ of Lot 3 Block 26 Original Townsite of City of Mahnomen Initial Sales Price: \$7,100.00
<i>Item #3</i> Parcel Number 18-450-0170 (516 Minnesota Ave W) Lot Size (more or less): 100' X 140' City: Mahnomen Legal Description: Lot 1 and 2 Block 4 Johnson's First Addition to Mahnomen Initial Sales Price: \$43,200.00	

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Mahnomen County can be obtained at the Office of the County Auditor, Mahnomen County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, PO Box 379, Mahnomen, Minnesota, 56557. Telephone: (218) 935-5669.

ELDER WINTERIZATION
2025-2026

To Apply:

Fill out the application/release form to update your address and phone number at your ENP sites/delivery drivers or RBC front desk or fax to 218-935-0480.

Call 218-936-2444 Workforce Center Front Desk,

Darrel Bellanger, Day Labor Supervisor 218-935-3702

Must reside with the White Earth Reservation Boundaries.

Must be an enrolled Tribal elder, or disabled, and Own your home.

Not live in White Earth Housing properties/residences.

Supplies provided

Inside or outside plastic for windows

Weatherstripping for doors

Outside Plastic will be installed by Day Laborers


Day Labor workers can not enter homes, or accept money or gifts.

Shoveling of roofs/walkways depending upon snow fall amounts

Accepting Bids

The White Earth LTCC program is accepting bids for a ramp to be done at an individual home located on the White Earth Reservation. Construction must be performed by a Minnesota licensed contractor and per MN State Code. All contractors must pass both White Earth RTC background and drug testing. Construction must follow State guidelines, including cost effectiveness. Payment will be made in full after final inspection, review of receipts, and approval of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at the White Earth Tribal Health Building, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591. All BIDS submitted MUST include a diagram/blue print of the proposed project and a list of materials, labor, equipment, etc. or they will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Due to client confidentiality, the bid description must be picked up in person at the White Earth Tribal Health Building. We are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. **Bids will be accepted until 4:30 pm on 10/31/25.**

Car#11 TAX 372 2007 DODGE CHARGER



SOLD AS IS. Does Not Run, Possible Rodent Damage, Needs Repairs.

UNKNOWN Miles RED in color

NO Minimum BID

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Cassandra Hoban, White Earth Finance,

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White Earth, MN 56591

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Bidding will close on October 27th, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Name:

Phone Number:

BID Amount:

SENIOR
FALL SOCIAL
-TIPS & TREATS-
ESTATE PLANNING INFO.
DESSERT BAR & BEVERAGES

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 23RD, 2 P.M.
AT CIRCLES OF FAITH UCC
HWY 59, WAUBUN
(NEXT TO E-Z ONE-STOP)

Presentation by:
Hanson & Liebl Law Office P.C.

Door Prizes: \$60.00 Value to The Landing Café
Sponsored by the Waubun Senior Nutrition Board
RSVP to 218-473-2966 (Circles of Faith UCC)
or Marge Fabre at 218-473-2591
or e-mail 1c1rdesucc.waubun@arvig.net

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL
& COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMUNITY EXTENSION

Planting Seeds
of Resilience

Growing Food Sovereignty
through Community Seed Keeping

**Qigitigaadaamin
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"We are planting seeds of inner strength."

**Kick off a two-year
journey of community,
culture, & seed keeping.**

We are inviting 50 residents of the White Earth Reservation to join a two-year seed keeping program focused on growing, saving, and sharing seeds to strengthen community food sovereignty.

This event will include:

- Program Registration & Planning
- Hands-on Seed Saving Demos
- Seeds to Take Home

Event Details:

- Saturday
October 18, 2025
- 10 AM - 2 PM
- WETCC Campus
2250 College Road
Mahnomon, MN
- maria.fatz@wetcc.edu
218-936-8649

Scan QR
Code to
Register

Let's grow together
and seed the future!

Presented by WETCC with these partners:


Car#12 TAX 514 2013 FORD EXPLORER



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White Earth
Indigenous Education for All
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT

Applicants wanted!

ADVISORY GROUP

POSITION	DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS	TERM
ELDER ADVISOR	• Representation for White Earth Elders • Guide from an Elder perspective	Elder	1 Year
YOUTH ADVISOR	• Representation for White Earth Youth • Guide from a Youth perspective	11" or 12" Grade High School Student	1 Year
CULTURAL ADVISOR	• Guidance on Ojibwe Culture integration	Knowledgeable in Anishinaabe Culture	1 Year
LANGUAGE ADVISOR	• Guidance on Ojibwemowin revitalization and incorporation	Proficient in Ojibwemowin	1 Year
EDUCATION ADVISOR	• Guidance from Education perspective	3+ Years in the Education Field	1 Year

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

- Must be able to attend meetings monthly
- Must complete the Indigenous Education for All Advisory Group Application Packet

MEETING AND GROUP INFORMATION

- The Advisory Group will meet each month
- The meeting locations will be determined after all advisory group members have been elected
- Stipends will be provided for participation
- Meals may be provided during meetings

To be sent an application, or if you want additional information, call (218) 935-3570

Applications due October 31st 2025

ANISHINAABE
FOUNDATIONAL
TEACHINGS

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

10AM-12PM
232 W FRANKLIN AVE,
MINNEAPOLIS MN

AUG 8TH

ASEMAA / TOBACCO

SEP 5TH

ISHKODE / FIRE

SEP 19TH

NIBI / WATER

OCT 3RD

AADIZOKAAN / CREATION STORY

OCT 17TH

MIIGWEWIN / SACRED GIFTS

OCT 31ST

WIIKONGE / FEAST

NOV 14TH

BIRTH / RETURNING TO SPIRIT

DEC 12TH


NAABE / IKWE ROLES

JAN 9TH

LIFEWAYS & CEREMONIES

CONTACT CULTURAL COORDINATOR KENNETH YANEZ FOR QUESTIONS (218) 401-4345

Car#10 TAX 388 2009 CHEVY TRAVERSE



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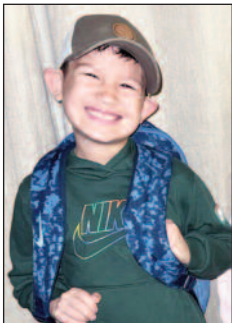
Howah Ads

Happy Birthday
to my Big Brother
**Kevin "Langford"
Madigan**
Make it a memorable one!
Love,
Your sister Terese
and Siblings

Happy **9th** Birthday
Sebastian Ortiz

Love,
Dad &
Siblings
&
Mariah

**October
15th**



Mino Dibiishkaan!
Donovan Burnette Jr.

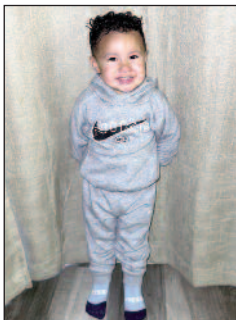


**We love you so much!!!
Happy 10th Birthday!**

Happy **2nd** Birthday
Elliot Ortiz

Love,
Mommy
&
Daddy

**October
21st**



Mino Dibiishkaan!

Christopher McDougall
Eleanor Willow
Lynn Beaulieu
Donovan Burnette Jr.
Rosalie Armstrong
Alby Openshaw
Michael Openshaw

Best Wishes On Your Special Day!
Happy Birthday, We love you all!
With love from your family!

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past issues of the newspaper
at www.whiteearth.com

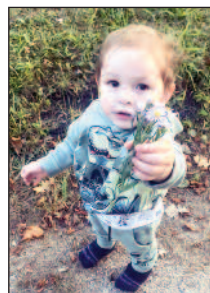
Happy Birthday
Uncle Allen
We Love you so much
♥Tiff & Family



Happy Birthday
Treyton!
We love you so much!

Love,
mommy,
daddy
and
brother!

**October
6**



Happy **1st** Birthday
Kaia Deegan

We all love
you so
much!

From
Mom, Dad,
Shy,
Ceeds,
Markie,
and Aunt
Heo's crew



Happy **24th** Birthday
Chris McDougall
Oct. 13th

Happy **12th** Birthday
Alby & Michael Openshaw
Oct. 18th

Love Mom

Howah Ads are \$5 with a
picture or \$4 without. All
payments must be made in
advance.

No exceptions

Parching from Page 20

Greene and more. This is a fine art.

Jon Martin may be the youngest of the parchers on White Earth. He's headed towards 38 and is parching at the Akiing rice mill on Round Lake. He was taught by Ron Chilton and is using equipment purchased from some of the old guard - Sanborn from McGregor and Gregwaire from MaKoonce. Jon has been parching for about 10 years, but it's in his lineage: Jon is the grandson of Darwin and Dorothy Stevens of Rice Lake, when we had the Rice Chiefs, Darwin was one. (www.folkstreams.net/films/the-good-life) This year, Jon processed about 6,000 pounds of manoomin, along with his nephew, Aandegoons Neeland. That had to make those ancestors proud.

Brian Buck parches over by Mahnomen. Brian's grandfather, Donavon Vizenor worked with Louis DeWandler at the mill on the Ponsford Prairie. "My grandpa was the one who taught Louis DeWandler how to parch. They parched together for 20 some years..." That's where Brian learned to parch. "I have two 500-pound parchers and this year, we did 22,000 pounds of green rice," he tells me.

He continues, "I parched about 7,000 pounds from the tribe, and the rest was private or custom wild rice for individuals." Some of those folks came from as far away as Rochester and Pine River to get their rice parched. "I'm glad to keep parching rice, something my grandpa started years ago." Brian fashioned his own parchers and a thrasher, illustrating some of the local mechanical genius. It's custom equipment, and every mill has specifics. And vintage is classic: "One of the scales we used to weight the rice on was my great grandfather's Delmas Vizenor. And it's still on the money..."

Ernie Bloom processes wild rice by Pine Point Village. Using equipment which came from Dave Annette originally and Sunfish Oppegard, he's been parching for a couple of years, but comes, like most of the community from generations of ricers.

The largest rice mill on the reservation today is the DeWandler Mill on the Ponsford Prairie. "It's time when the first acorns fall on the roof. That's the time of wild rice. The time when the plums are ripe," Rich DeWandler tells me. I spent an hour or so sitting in the DeWandler wild rice mill. Aaron Dewandler is throwing big logs into the huge parchers. Rice parching is not for the lazy, that's for sure. Over 40 years, DeWandlers, along with Donavon Vizenor, built the mill, expanded it and made it better.

There's a lot of nuances in rice parching, sounds, smells, fire, tinkering with machines, endlessly. Rice parches out at 30-50% usually (green to finish) and there are a lot of variables. The mill is the place where ricers meet parchers, stories are told and tens of thousands of pounds of freshly harvested Ojibwe gold turns into something we can eat and cherish - manoomin.

In 2024, the White Earth tribe purchased about 240,000 pounds of rice. Some small Native businesses and community members also sell wild rice throughout the year. This year the tribe will purchase maybe 300,000 pounds. There's no question that the ricers and local businesses will be happy with the sales, and the community will have access to the plant which has sustained us for a thousand years.

The Anishinaabe fought hard to keep our wild rice. Pollution from agribusiness, mines, and pipelines, as well as the University of Minnesota's genetic engineering trials of wild rice, have met with resistance from people who continue a way of life. Indeed, it's not only the rice itself it's also the name- manoomin or wild rice. In the 1980s Mike Swan and Frank Bibeau, two White Earth enrollees, filed a lawsuit against Anheuser Busch which was repping something called Onamia Wild Rice. The label had two Indians and a canoe on it, and it was pure paddy rice from California.

Waabizi v. Anheuser Busch, challenging the misrepresentation in the label. The rice and the Anishinaabe won - now there's a labeling law that must acknowledge lake rice over paddy wild rice. That law, however, is only in Minnesota, and still 75% of the wild rice that's sold on US markets comes from diked rice paddies, mostly in California. In 2020, White Earth and the 1855 Treaty Authority declared the Rights of Wild Rice, putting tribal regulations to enforce and protect the ability of wild rice to continue to exist and flourish.

Today, wild rice faces challenges from big foreign mining corporations who want to mine in wild rice lake areas. In 2024, the MPCA listed 55 wild rice waters impaired due to sulfate. The key question now is whether sulfate will be reduced.

Back here on White Earth, there are no mining corporations - there is agribusiness taking our water, forest clearcutting and more... but the rice is still here- it has been for centuries. So long as the Anishinaabe people respect and protect our wild rice, our manoomin, we will be able to care for our people. And so long as we remember how to parch, we will eat.

All Nations Rise looking for Civic Design Team

All Nations Rise's Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is looking to recruit Civic Design Team Members for Cohort 4 in the White Earth Community!

What is the Civic Design Team?

The Civic Design Team (CDT) should be thought of as a board of directors or a board of operations. They become the web that connects the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI) to the community and uses individual connections to make sure the "IPLI web" is a success! To better serve the IPLI/PLTI, committees are created to help carry out tasks and various functions. The CDT committees are principally responsible for:

- Defining and building community
- Informing the public of the IPLI
- Seeking out/selecting participants for each class
- Ensuring the classes run smoothly
- Introducing continuous leadership training opportunities to the IPLI participants

The CDT should be composed of people who can help embed the IPLI in the greater community. As in a PLTI class itself, the membership of the CDT should

be reflective of the community in all its facets.

Design team members should be willing to give of their time, resources, and expertise. Remember to think diversity and discussion among those participating in the classes and CDT members as well.

The following is a sample listing of possible CDT members: parents, members of the Board of Education, child care centers, businesses-including hospitals, enterprise zones, politicians/legislative representatives, community organizers, coalitions of churches and places of worship, civic associations and institutions like libraries and museums, family resource centers, the IPLI alumni, media, business or private industry, institutions of higher learning – adult education, community colleges, and universities.

Meetings are held virtually once a month with a stipend of \$25 – 6 members x 12 months. Any questions email marlenahanson@allnationsrise.com



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Car #1 TAX 584 2014 DODGE CHARGER



SOLD AS IS. Possibly needs FAB battery replaced to run,Needs Repairs.

Mileage UNKNOWN TAX plate-584 Black in color

Minimum BID \$1,000.00

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Car #2 TAX 463 2011 DODGE CHARGER



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Car #3 TAX 583 2016 FORD EXPLORER



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Mileage Approx 145,000 TAX plate-583 Black in color

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Name:
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Car #4 TAX 585 2013 FORD EXPLORER



SOLD AS IS. Starts with a jump , Needs Minor Repairs.

Mileage 137,212 TAX plate-585 Black in color

Minimum BID \$1,000.00

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Car #5 NO Plate 2017 DODGE CHARGER



SOLD AS IS. Starts with a jump , Needs Minor Repairs.

Mileage 101,860 Black in color

Minimum BID \$1,000.00

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Car #6 TAX 410 2010 CHEVY TAHOE



SOLD AS IS. NO KEYS, Unsure if it will start , Needs Repairs.

Unknown Mileage Black in color

Minimum BID \$500.00

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Car#7 TAX 515 2014 FORD EXPLORER



SOLD AS IS. Starts up with a jump, Needs minor Repairs.

Approx. 212,000 Miles Sterling Gray color


Minimum BID \$1,000.00

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Car#8 TAX 614 2008 CHEVY IMPALA



SOLD AS IS. NO KEYS, Needs Repairs.

UNKNOWN Miles White in color

NO Minimum BID

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Car#9 NO Plate 2009 CHEVY TAHOE



SOLD AS IS. Does Not Run, Possible Rodent Damage, Needs Repairs.

UNKNOWN Miles Black in color

NO Minimum BID

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WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council

Save the Date

WEUCC 3rd Annual

Pow Wow

May 16th, 2026



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Fall Fundraiser

DINNER, GUN RAFFLES, GAMES, AND SILENT AUCTION!

October 18, 2025

Events begin at 4pm

Carsonville Station 2
24770 County Hwy 48
Osage, MN 56570

All proceeds benefit the Carsonville Firefighters Relief Association.

MN Gambling Permit
#X-03660-25-008

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

October 1 st Wednesday	Pine Point
October 8 th Wednesday	Elbow Lake
October 9 th Thursday	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 12 th , Wednesday	White Earth – Congregate
November 13 th , Thursday	Naytahwaush
November 20 th , Thursday	Rice Lake

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

December 3 rd Wednesday	Pine Point
December 10 th Wednesday	Elbow Lake
December 18 th Thursday	Mahnomen – Senior Meals

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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.

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

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

Dr. Ung (foot Doctor) Clinic

October 20th & 21st in White Earth Health Building

October 22nd in Naytahwaush I.H.S. Clinic


October 23rd in Rice Lake Community Center

October 28th RBC Blood Drive in the lower level 9-2pm

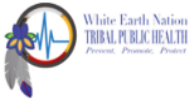
October 29th Naytahwaush Health Fair 9-Noon


October 30th Women's Night Out pre-registration is required.

For additional information please check the Anishinaabeg Today or Facebook.




Updated 9/17/2025





SPIRIT POLE RENEWAL 2025



AGENDA:	REMEMBRANCE POLE	LOCATIONS/DATES
TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM		
Welcome and Introductions	• Cultural Staff welcome Relatives, and inform about the ceremony.	WE MAT - 9/16/25 WE RBC - 9/18/25
Remembrance 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 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	• Wiisnadaa/everyone eat!	

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Job Opportunities

The Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is hiring child care providers (consultants) for the IPLI Cohort 4 classes. Classes are held at the Circle of Life Academy in White Earth starting November (approximately) to May 2026. Apply today!

Job Title: IPLI Child Care Provider (independent consultant)

Job Summary: We are seeking a nurturing, reliable, and experienced Child Care Provider to care for and support the development of children in a safe and engaging environment, while parents are in IPLI classes. The ideal candidate will foster a warm, educational, and fun atmosphere that supports children's physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise and monitor the safety of children in care at all times
- Plan and implement age-appropriate activities to stimulate development in language, motor, and social skills
- Maintain a clean, organized, and child-friendly environment
- Communicate regularly with parents or guardians about their child's activities
- Manage behavioral issues using positive guidance techniques

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED (early childhood education certification preferred)
- CPR and First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain upon hiring)
- Previous experience in child care or early childhood education preferred
- Knowledge of basic child development stages and practices
- Patience, creativity, and a genuine love for working with children
- Ability to lift and carry children, bend, sit on the floor, and move quickly when needed

Work Environment:


- Will work in community setting
- Requires constant interaction with children and occasional communication with parents or supervisors
- May include outdoor play

Job Type: Part-Time (independent consultant)

Schedule: Weekday (evenings) temporary at 4 hours per week for 22 weeks

Compensation: \$20/Hour

Any Questions, please contact marlenahanson@allnationsrise.com or 218-508-4337.



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Job Opportunities

Mahnomen School District

Mahnomen Public School District is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Positions are open until filled. Starting pay is \$22.00 per hour.

Special Education Paraprofessionals: (Full-time during school year and Substitutes) Applicants need to be able to meet Minnesota Paraprofessional requirements by having either (1) an associate or higher degree or (2) by having successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours (credits) of instruction from an institute of higher learning or (3) passing the Para-Pro Test, which may be taken at the Mahnomen School.

Mahnomen Schools offers an extremely competitive employee compensation package with insurance and retirement benefit package. To submit an online application go to the District's website at www.mahnomen.k12.mn.us select Menu then Job Openings and then select Application for Employment Submitted here or visit the School District Office to pick up a print application.

Mahnomen Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants must pass a favorable criminal background check.



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

- Position:** On Call Snow Removal Provider
Location: District III
Closing date: Until Filled
- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
 - Must have a truck and a plow.
 - Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
 - Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
 - Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening.
 - Knowledge of area highways and roads in this District
 - Must be able to communicate well with elders.
 - Must sign a contract and liability form upon hire.

Apply at: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: 218-935-6411
Fax: 1-888-228-3650
E-mail address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.TibbettsIII@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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

Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

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

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

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

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



Thank You

I would like to THANK all of you that extended your kindness during the illness and loss of Roy LaVoy. Trevor Ashing, Nathan McArthur and Sid LaVoy for coming to our aid whenever needed, it was truly appreciated.

Friends and family that came immediately to offer condolences and support. I will never forget. Those of you that brought food and refreshments to our home or sat with Roy during his last days.

Kelly at Anderson Family Funeral Home for all the assistance in the planning and bringing him home to Naytahwaush after his passing.

Cliff Garbow for sharing stories from your many trips to and from doctor appointments.

Father John Cox for his help in planning the services to celebrate Roy's life here on earth.

Earl McDougall, Vernon Prestegord and Dorothy Vincent for providing such beautiful music during the services; Lori Handyside for assisting Father with music.

The White Earth Honor Guard for the very moving Last Call.

To the St. Anne's ladies aide for organizing the food donations and serving at the service and dinner. Bob Bjorge for preparing the meat just the way Uncle liked it.

To those that called, sent cards, text messages, fb acknowledgements and flowers including cash donations for the services.

Those that came from great distances to pay their respect. Once again THANK YOU ALL.

Betsy LaVoy

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PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
Pine Point School Staff Room

- 1. Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:36 p.m.
Members present – Michael Swan, Gerald Roberts, Marva Aitken, Allison Jones, John Swan
Members absent – Sara Hunt
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal
- 2. Recognition of Visitors** – Bonnie Meeks, Erin Dayl
- 3. Approval/Amendment of Agenda** – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval/Amendment of Minutes** – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the July 7, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance**
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2025 as submitted, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$31,447.92 for check #34399 through check #34445 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/PERA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Solar Panel Joint Venture – Motion by Michael Swan to approve letter to White Earth Nation stating that the Operating Agreement satisfies the ownership by the Pine Point School and the Pine Point School JV LLC is just a vehicle to develop the project, the capital stack, manage the finances and maintain the O&M and equipment financing, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Classroom Lighting – Motion by Allison Jones to approve quote to change the classroom lighting to LED during the break, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. Principal's Report** – Discussion on 1st day of school; Open House; Solar Panel Groundbreaking; Vision/Hearing/Immunizations schedule, Family Fun Day. No action needed.
- 9. Public Participation** – Discussion on Community Picnic, Elder's Project, Demo Derby, Pow Wow, 5K, Rez Parade
- 10. Adjournment** – Motion by Allison Jones to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

4 Year Memorial

Jim McDougall

Friday, November 21st 2025 | 12pm - 3pm

White Earth RBC | Cafeteria
35500 Eagle View Rd, Ogema, MN 56569

Food | Refreshments | Giveaway

Questions, Contact Betsy McDougall @ 218-590-2156

Highlights of the NTW Harvest Fest Powwow & Parade



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow was held Sept. 6-7. There were more than 200 dancers and 14 drums. The 2025/26 Harvest Fest Princess and Brave are Leenah Hanks and Frank Auginaush.

