

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

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White Earth Nation prays for healing

WHITE EARTH, MINN. – The White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC) is mourning recent losses these past few days. We are praying for the families of our tribal leader and for the tragic loss of our community members. Our hearts are heavy.

To assist those who need help coping with these losses, ceremonies, spiritual counseling and mental health counseling will be offered today at 10 a.m. for staff and community members at the following locations:

Rice Lake Community Center – led by Mary Gagnon and Lew Murray

Naytahwaush Sports Complex – led by Heidi Gagnon

Pine Point Elderly Nutrition Center – led by Mike Swan

White Earth Community Center – led by Merlin Deegan

In addition, a healing circle and cedar wiping will be today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Earth Community Center. All staff and community members are welcome.

Staff from the White Earth MAT program will be onsite at the MAT group room in the Tribal Health Building in White Earth tonight and tomorrow evening until 11 p.m. along with mental health and cultural support. If you are in need of support and can't make it, please call the crisis line at 218-850-4357.

Thank you to all staff, community members and volunteers for what you have done and continue to do for our nation. We will move forward as a people; we will heal together and we will unify. Remembering our Chairman and our loved ones is essential to our healing. We ask for the continuation of prayers for our people.

We shall move forward as one.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will be releasing a statement in the near future in regards to the loss of our community members.