Community enjoys annual Health Fair in Naytahwaush

The annual Halloween Community Health Fair was held Oct. 30 at the Sports Complex in Naytahwaush. Reservation programs manned 33 informational booths and more than 225 adults and 160 students enjoyed treats and a chili lunch.

Health nurses were also available to offer blood pressure and blood sugar tests and flu shots.

Photos by Candace Rastedt

Chairman attends march

White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks poses for a photo with Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth). Fairbanks and Flanagan were both attending the “Not Your Mascot” march and rally on Oct. 24 at Peavy Field Park and The Commons in Minneapolis. The “Not Your Mascot” march and rally were created to urge the Washington NFL team, the Redskins, to retire their team name and mascot which historically refers to the bloody scalps of deceased Native Americans.

In 2014, another event asking to retire the Washington Redskins name and mascot occurred with more than 4,000 people in attendance. Continued efforts for “Not Your Mascot” have surged as Native American tribes and coalitions are speaking out about using their heritage for sporting names and mascots.

The “Not Your Mascot” rally and march were hosted by the National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media (NCARSM), a variety of Minnesota tribal governments and other Native American organizations.

Submitted photo

RBC meets with Minnesota Ag Commissioner

White Earth recently welcomed the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner at the RBC building. From left are District 1 Representative Raymond Auginaush, Commissioner Thom Petersen, Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey and Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy.

Photo by Gary W. Padrrta

ATTENTION READERS

❖ The White Earth Nation Annual Veterans’ Powwow is Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Grand entries are at 1 and 7 p.m., and the feast is at 5 p.m. See more information on Page 14.

❖ A reader asked if we could print the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. See Pages 20-22.

❖ If you move or have moved in the past, please tell us so we can forward your newspaper or cancel your old address. We still have papers going to old addresses!

❖ Just a reminder you can read the current and past issues of the Anishinaabeg Today online at www.whiteearth.com.
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**Is it ok to ask questions? Maybe, but maybe not**

By Carson Gardner, MD
White Earth Health Division

“Well, you know, those guys come on the reservation a lot, those people from (fill in name of university, college, or nonprofit agency).” “Emn.” “They’re asking a bunch of questions again. I guess it’s ok for them to do that, right?” “Maybe, but maybe not.”

Recently some people from a prestigious off-reservation university, and some other people from a very, very big national energy business just showed up on White Earth lands to ask questions, and to do a bunch of stuff — without permission. Maybe the university guys were ok; maybe the big-business guys were not ok. But they didn’t ask permission; so nobody really knows if they were ok or not ok. What’s done is done. But, done that way is not good for the White Earth Nation.

Back in 2017, our Gaa-wabaabiganikaag Tribal Council (that’s what it was called back then) wrote a new law called the White Earth Nation Research Code. That law was written to require all researchers to ask permission before coming onto our White Earth Nation homeland to ask research questions and to do research stuff. The White Earth Research Code law says those researchers have to explain, in advance, what research they want to do, why, and how, and what good it could do for Gaa-wabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg and for human knowledge in general.

They also have to show that they are responsible, respectful, honorable researchers. And they have to provide the White Earth Nation with copies of all their research data. Since 2017, more than 20 responsible, respectful, honorable research teams have asked permission, explained themselves, and gotten permits to do research on White Earth Nation lands. Wow! Did you ever think that many researchers would want to do research here? Well, they do.

Back in 2017, the Tribal Council established the White Earth Nation Research Review Board and turned over regulation of all research on White Earth Nation lands to the RRB. They did that to stay “at arm’s length” from any potential complaints of Tribal Council favoritism. The new Research Code applies to all researchers; those from off-reservation, those from on reservation, Tribal employees or not, enrolled members or not, university or nonprofit organization or business. Things have gone pretty well, except… Except that the Research Review Board is a group of only five people: Monica Hedstrom from Natural Resources Division, Merlin Deegan from Cultural Division, Clinton Alexander from Public Health/Harm Reduction Integration, Roni Newcomer, J.D., from Tribal Legal, and myself from the Tribal Health Department.

They aren’t police or parole officers, and they don’t have any inspectors to check what’s going on in our Gaa-wabaabiganikaag communities. So, it’s up to all White Earth citizens to say something if they see or hear somebody asking research questions and doing research stuff without obvious permission. If the researchers have permission, they will have a permission letter from the White Earth RRB. It’s both ok and a good thing for you to ask them to show you the letter.

Why does it even matter? Well, do you know the story about the Havasupai Sovereign Native Nation in Arizona? Those sovereign Native Nation citizens probably said something like, “Those research people from the Arizona State U, they come around a lot and ask questions. I guess it’s ok for them to take some blood samples, too.” So, the questions were asked and the blood samples were taken. It looked like everything was ok; but about a decade later the whole thing blew up in the faces of the Havasupai people, hurt them a lot, and ended up in a U.S. Federal Court lawsuit. Look it up.

Our Tribal Council, in 2017, decided to write the White Earth Nation Research Code, and to start the White Earth Research Review Board, to make sure there is never a disaster on White Earth Nation lands like the one on Havasupai lands. So, it’s really up to us guys, White Earth Nation citizens, to report anybody we think might be a “research cheater.” That’s not snitching. Just ask the Havasupai people.

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**Zigwam (Spring) 2020 Course Schedule**

**Course ID** | **Dept** | **Course Title** | **Instructor** | **Room** | **Delivery** | **Start Time** | **End Time** | **Credits** | **Status** | **Class Max**
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AA 101-1 | SC | First Year Experience | Carolene Rigon | 4 | Online | 1:00-2:00 | 1 | Open | 25
AA 101-2 | SC | First Year Experience | Patricia Garden | Online | 1 | Open | 25
AA 205-1 | SC | English 100-HONORS 7 week 2 hr class. | Alena Schloefman | 8 | Online | 9:00-7:00 | 1 | Open | 25
AA 205-2 | SC | Capstone | Patricia Gordon | Online | 1 | Open | 25
AART 211 | TC | Arikara/arikara Socializing | Wendy Ray | 1 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 1 | Open | 30
AART 211 | TC | Contemporary for Toxicology | Beverly St. John | 8 | Day | 10:00-12:00 | 4 | Open | 30
BIO 120-1 | SC | Microbiology - Lab (Must take w/BIO 120-1) | Ines Skit | 1 | Day | 10:00-12:00 | 4 | Open | 30
BIO 120-2 | SC | Microbiology - Lab (Must take w/BIO 1201EC) | Ines Skit | 8 | Day | 10:00-12:00 | 4 | Open | 30
COMM 110 | SC | Public Speaking | English Faculty | 1 | & Th | 1:00-2:00 | 3 | Open | 25
CIT 100 | SC | Computer Literacy - Keyboarding | Carolene Rigon | 1 | & Th | 11:00-12:00 | 3 | Open | 25
CIT 140 | SC | Computer Literacy - College Literacy | Carolene Rigon | 8 | Day | 10:00-12:00 | 2 | Open | 25
ENG 260 | SC | English Literature - Intro College | Alice Schloefman | 8 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
ENG 100 | SC | Creative Storytelling | English Faculty | Th | 2:00-4:00 | 3 | Open | 25
ENG 155 | SC | College Writing | English Faculty | 3 | & W | 2:00-4:00 | 3 | Open | 25
ENG 110 | SC | College Writing | English Faculty | Th | 3:00-4:00 | 3 | Open | 25
ENT | SC | Entrepreneurship | Business Faculty | 1 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
GIS 110 | TC | Orientation To Career/Labor (Must take w/GEOS 1904) | Ines Skit | Online | 1 | Open | 25
GIS 110-1A | SC | Lab Only (Must take w/DIS 1100-100EC) | Ines Skit | Social Skit | 2:00-4:00 | 3 | Open | 25
GIS 110-2A | SC | Lab Only (Must take w/DIS 1100-100EC) | Ines Skit | Social Skit | 5:00-7:00 | 3 | Open | 25
HIST 104 | SC | History of White Earth | David DeGroat | Online | 1 | Open | 25
HIST 210 | SC | Native American Culture - Overview | Ava Steamer | 4 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
HIST 315 | SC | Ethics & Leadership in Native Communities | David DeGroat | 4 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
HIST 316 | SC | Tribal Government & Economic Issues | David DeGroat | 4 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
MATH 105 | SC | Contemporary Math | David Steamer | 4 | Evening | 5:00-8:00 | 3 | Open | 25
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OBST 1101 | SC | Beginning Ob&women I | Jan Urban | M & W | 2:00-4:00 | 3 | Open | 25
OBST 1102 | SC | Beginning Ob&women II | Ines Skit | Monday | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
OBST 205 | SC | Beginning Ob&women III | Jan Urban | Thursday | 5:00-8:00 | 2 | Open | 25
PHI 101 | SC | Ethics | Patricia Gordon | Online | 1 | Open | 25
SPS 270 | SC | Introduction To Sociology | Patricia Gordon | Online | 1 | Open | 25

**Registration is now open!**

**Future Issues**

**Deadline** | **Issue Date**
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November 27 | December 4
December 23 | January TBA
January 29 | February 5
February 26 | March 4
March 25 | April 1

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The WE Council of Elders is accepting nominations for an upcoming election

NOTICE OF AN UPCOMING ELECTION IN DECEMBER FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

NOMINATIONS FOR THESE POSITIONS CAN BE MADE AT OUR WECOE MEETINGS OR YOU CAN CALL 218-401-2419. OR MAIL A NOMINATION TO: ANTONETTE VIZENOR PO BOX 476 WHITE EARTH, MN 56591

CRITERIA TO HOLD THESE POSITIONS
1. ATTEND THREE OR MORE MONTHLY MEETINGS
2. DONATE AND HELP OUT AT EVERY FUND RAISER

WE Tribal and Community College awarded grant

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded more than $350,000 to three Bemidji area tribal colleges for infrastructure improvements.

“These rural development investments for Red Lake Nation College, White Earth Nation College, and Leech Lake Tribal College will help students gain access to the best possible options to advance their education,” U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn, said in a release. “Minnesotans have a long tradition of honoring our tribal communities, yet we still have work to do to create an environment in which tribal culture can continue to flourish, hand-in-hand with new opportunities and economic growth.”

The Red Lake Nation College grant will be used to purchase snow plow equipment and computers, the release said. It will also help install Braille compatible door signs and materials for sight impaired.

White Earth Tribal and Community College will use its funding to purchase equipment for two learning facilities, including the Binimizh’an Gibawaajigan Building (Traditional Native Arts classroom). It will also help replace outdated computers, tables and chairs and install interactive display boards.

The Leech Lake Tribal College grant will be used to purchase new technology, library and security equipment.

Funding is provided by the USDA Tribal College Initiative Grants Program.

Parent Support Outreach Program provides support

Parenting can sometimes be a demanding job, especially for families with young children. If you are feeling overwhelmed and are pregnant or parenting a child age 10 or under, and finding it difficult to be the kind of parent you would like to be, this program may be right for you.

The Parent Support Outreach Program is an early intervention program that provides short-term voluntary support for at risk children and families identified through screened out child maltreatment reports, community or self-referrals.

This voluntary services program can connect you to support and assistance for many types of issues, which may include:

- Basic needs (food, clothing and housing)
- Family health concerns (medical care, mental and chemical health services)
- Parenting
- Transportation
- Child care
- Financial needs (budgeting and financial assistance)
- Overall support.

The Parent Support Outreach Program focuses on a family’s strengths and needs, and helps parents who want to do what is best for their children. This program can connect families with community resources that provide the specific kind of help families may want or need.

Participation is voluntary. Getting help to meet your family’s needs, even for a short period of time, can make a difference to you and your family.

For more information, call Intake at 218-983-4647.

Why the 2020 Census is important to Indian Country

Did you know...

- Census data is the basis for the allocation of more than $675 billion annually, of which $1 billion is dedicated to Indian Country. These funds are used to build tribal housing and make improvements, maintain and construct roads, and provide employment and training programs.
- American Indian were not counted in the first six censuses from 1790 through 1850. Since that time, they have been at risk for undercounts for various reasons, including: miscategorizing mixed race American Indians, language barriers, resistance to federal government activities, and lack of culturally knowledgeable Census takers.
- Census answers are private and confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual’s or a household’s answers with any person or agency, e.g. not the IRS, not law enforcement entities, nor tribal housing authorities.
- In recent censuses, American Indians and Alaska Natives living on reservations have experienced some of the highest estimated net undercounts of any demographic group in the U.S., such as 4.88 percent in the 2010 Census.
- Why should you be counted in the Census? Power: In the same way that Native people have begun to flex our muscles at the polls through Native Vote, it is time for tribal citizens to be fully counted in the 2020 Census. An accurate count of American Indians is necessary for the upcoming state redistricting processes. The same skills and tools that tribes used in recent Native Vote campaigns are valuable to general census outreach and formal Indian Country Counts efforts.

Funding and Community Resources: Being counted as Native will directly benefit you, your family, and your tribal community.

The Census taken every 10 years is the only uniform count of the U.S. population, producing figures for the nation as a whole and for every geographic area within it — down to the smallest American Indian reservation. The Census is the only source of this kind of data, with thousands of uses that benefit all American Indians. Below are just a few of the potential uses of Census data:

- Analyzing the need for Head Start services in each area of a reservation. The Census provides counts of American Indian children for every community within an American Indian area.
- Planning the development of facilities for tribal elders. By showing the distribution of American Indian people by age, Census figures can help to determine appropriate locations for community facilities in tribal areas.
- Strengthening programs for tribal citizens living in the big cities. Census numbers provide the only detailed profiles available of off-reservation American Indian people, profiles used by the urban Native centers that serve them.
- Helping tribal government agencies and tribally based non-profits, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, to
News From Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy

My Fellow Anishinaabeg,

As the leaves continue to blanket our homeland, it is another reminder of our harvest coming to an end and the beginning of snowfall (and sticking around this time). Since my last report, the RBC and I have been busy working on various projects that will have an impact on our members: establishing an Elder Affairs Commission (EAC), revising blood quantum/enrollment and supporting sustainable energy.

The EAC will be enacted to improve elder services and to assist in wraparound program care for elders. The purpose of the EAC is to advocate, advise and make recommendations regarding the needs of elders on the White Earth Reservation. The EAC serves as a bridge to tribal programming in order to help the elders of White Earth achieve mino-bimaadiziyin (the good life) independently and with pride.

Furthermore, the EAC will greatly improve the services provided to elders and their families and will cover a variety of topics like emergency services, health care and overall elder safety. The EAC will be authorized via resolution with authority delegated to it by the RBC on specific matters. Similar to the ICW Commission, the EAC will be a functioning part of the RBC. The EAC will be distinct from the Council of Elders (COE), as the COE is a community organization.

As we make changes to the level of care our elders are receiving, we must also look at our reservation as a whole. Blood quantum has been a very serious issue debated between the last few Reservation Business Committees. The TEC and White Earth have initiated a formal assessment to possibly reform enrollment per a request in July 2019 with a report due Oct. 30. We must investigate this matter in order to make the best decision for our people. Change can be achieved, but it must be done with respect and cooperation.

Should the TEC fail to act on enrollment or address the Land Transfer, the people may initiate a petition to express their concerns. The TEC is coming to White Earth in January. The people have a right to vote on these matters.

While we continue to make changes regarding issues affecting our people, we must pursue sustainable energy. We must look at all energy affecting our Nation. I feel very strongly about this matter and it is my personal position that sustainable energy must be addressed on White Earth.

Thank you everyone for continuing to show your support and for your dedication to White Earth Reservation! The next Regular Meeting will be Nov. 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please stay tuned for more details regarding the meeting.

Migwetch,

Alan Roy
Secretary-Treasurer
White Earth Nation

Advocating for what we believe

Last night [Oct. 30], the Tribal Executive Committee chose not to allow the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Land Transfer to be placed on the agenda and be decided by Referendum. Over the course of several months, myself and other White Earth Representatives attempted to move this issue to a Referendum vote. While the referendum request was not fully accomplished, the Tribal Executive Committee cooperated with White Earth Representatives to allow for each Band to individually ratify associated legislation—for Bands this may mean we could choose to participate in the land transfer or not participate in the land transfer. And as a matter of clarification, we advocated for a Referendum as we believed that it’s what’s best for all 40,000 Tribal members and not just our individual Band. The same could be said for the Resolution.

The associated legislation with the Land Transfer Resolution moving through Congress has yet to be submitted and approved. Should Tribal members continue their disagreement or support for the issue, they may contact their Representative and/or Senator to express their individual position on the issue. For the White Earth RBC, we will discuss the effects—pros and cons—of this Resolution and legislation with Band members. The MCT Land Transfer shall remain a priority for White Earth and we will explore every option available.

On another note, I want to thank the other TEC officials for listening to our shared concerns over the past few months. Too often our differences are magnified, but I’d like to think that on this issue we worked productively towards reasonable solutions for all Tribal members. Our advocacy on the Land Transfer was productive and that goes for those for and those against it. Always remember, we do this work for the People. I also thank Tribal members for sharing our vision and beliefs: giving the People a voice in their government; protecting our heritage and advocating for environmental justice; standing for the People; always advocating for what we believe. This is spiritual, traditional, and very much practical. Because at the end of the day, I know that we will rise to the next challenge. Eyes forward, always looking ahead.

For the White Earth Band members able to attend on short notice, I am extremely thankful for your participation. We will do our best to provide our members the opportunity to attend these meetings in the future because it’s very important. This is why I authorized a budget (rooms, meals, transportation) to directly support our members to attend this meeting as the location was changed. In the future, we will broadcast these opportunities with more time for members to make travel arrangements.

Let’s stay focused and move forward. As a People, we have many unique opportunities to address. I believe that we are stronger together. With your continued support, our future looks promising.

Alan Roy
Secretary-Treasurer
White Earth Nation

Rez Briefs

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

Caring for Kids Store
The Caring for Kids Store is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4:30 p.m. We are located next to the old Circle of Life school building in White Earth.

Ogema VFW Auxiliary sets meeting date
Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Ogema. All members are encouraged to attend. Items on the agenda include the Annual Membership Banquet scheduled for Nov. 22.

VA seeks to house Native veterans
The Fargo VA and the White Earth Housing Authority are collaborating to house qualifying Native American veterans. Veterans who are homeless, or living with family or friends and have no home of their own may be eligible. For more information contact Tribal HUD VASH worker, Joe Robillard, at 701-200-7688 or call the White Earth Housing Authority at 218-473-4663.

VFW Membership Banquet is Nov. 22
The Membership Banquet for VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary is scheduled for Nov. 22 at the Ogema Community Center. Social hour will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m. There will be a short program including the POW/MIA ceremony and a presentation on Patriotic Assistance Dogs by Richard Vanden-Eykel, a Vietnam veteran and his service dog, Knight. A free-will offering chicken dinner will be served. Guests are welcome but must be accompanied by either a post or auxiliary member. For more information please contact Doug Fabre, Quartermaster, at 218-983-3443 or Carol Fabre, Auxiliary President, at 218-983-3443.

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Cost of descendant certificate increasing
As of Oct. 1, descendant certificates (non-enrollee CDIB) increased from $25 to $35 for 1st and 2nd generations. If you have questions, please contact Tony Villebrun at 218-983-4643 Ext. 5251 or Tony.Villebrun@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

WE Urban Council meeting dates
The White Earth Urban Community Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe building at 1308 E. Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis.
White Earth tribal offices closed for the holidays

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White Earth Congregate Housing has immediate openings for 1 bedroom units. Must be 62 years of age or 18 years of age with a disability.

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For complete information call DW Jones Management, Inc. 218-547-3307 or www.dwjonesmanagement.com

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Joint Venture Project

is a collaborative effort to build a clinic in Naytahwaush

The Joint Venture Project is a collaborative opportunity for tribes and the federal government’s Indian Health Services (IHS) to work together on building healthcare facility infrastructure and providing staffing for a new clinic to serve individuals in need of medical care. Joint Venture (JV) project opportunities are limited and awarded through a competitive process across all eligible tribes in the USA.

Discussions on JV started in 2012 with the local IHS CEO, Bemidji Area Office leadership staff, and White Earth Tribal Council. The first availability to apply was in 2014. All entities worked together collaboratively to gather data related to each health service site currently in operation. Space and staffing numbers necessary were determined by the information gathered, a consulting company provided the feedback and projections of need.

White Earth was awarded the JV project for a new clinic build in Naytahwaush in January 2015 as the first tribe in Bemidji Area (MN, MI, WI) to receive a Joint Venture opportunity. White Earth was viewed as a favorable JV candidate because of the long history of successfully assuming, managing, and growing, the programs assumed by the federal government. Programs include Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Community Health Representatives (CHR’s), Nursing, and Health Education.

Concerns:
The current IHS clinic in Naytahwaush is the oldest building on the IHS building inventory list. The facility is not adequate to meet the demands of a population in need of care. The distance of travel to the White Earth site creates access to care issues that frequently discourages treatment and follow-up. The Joint Venture project is an opportunity for the tribe to work collaboratively with IHS and doesn’t require a tribal financial commitment for staffing.

The Naytahwaush facility is a satellite clinic of the main White Earth clinic site. The opportunity to maintain White Earth JV priority is dependent on a yearly renewal of the JV contract until construction is started. If the opportunity is declined by White Earth it would be highly improbable to be chosen as a site candidate in the future.

IHS federal headquarters has the responsibility to do the congressional ask for staffing dollars. If White Earth does at some point decide to build the facility, it is essential to notify the Bemidji Area Office staff to ensure the staffing funding request can be submitted during the next legislative session.

Positives:
Joint Venture would provide a state of the art clinic to provide services matching the White Earth site.

Personnel for these positions are part of the JV federal funding request and dollars are allocated for the new positions from the federal office. New positions will create employment opportunities locally both during the construction phase and after the clinic opens.

The staffing expansion dollars for services already assumed under tribal programming would be entitled to a funding increase.

Increased capacity and availability of services in Naytahwaush would be more readily accessible for tribal members. Prospect to nearly double health care opportunities for the people of White Earth.

Tribal health divisions have been in the planning phase for space in the new facility to lend not only clinic services for Mental Health, Substance, and Public Health programming, but also Cultural innovative approaches and space developed by the White Earth Cultural division for those services to be most appropriate and integrated into a care model at one site.

Services that are contracted by IHS from outside vendors and arrive on mobile trucks would also be available at the Naytahwaush site, creating convenient access to specialty care.
SECTION I – FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2019 – Quarter 4
For governmental activities, overall from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019—the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2019—our combined revenue was $155.2 million and our expenditures were $108.6 million. On September 30, 2019, our cash on hand was $59.2 million. However, $57.2 million is considered Other Governmental Funds, $39.5 million of these funds belonged to Behavioral Health, and our General Fund was $2.0 million.

Collectively, our expenditures during this period was $108.6 million. Other Governmental Funds were $90.2 million, and the General Fund was $18.4 million.

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

Behavioral Health Department
The preliminary numbers through September 30, 2019 show revenue of $51.8 million and Expenditures of $39.9 million. The net income from the program was $11.9 million, which resulted in $39.5 million cash in bank. The difference between cash and net income relates to cash carryover from prior years operation and current outstanding bills as there are accounts payable.

Gaming
Consolidated revenue for Mahnomen, Bagley and all other gaming revenue for quarter four, ending September 30, 2019 was $118.5 million. The consolidated expenses through Quarter 4 was $106.7 million. Consolidated net income was $11.8 million. With a majority coming from Mahnomen, which was $10.1 million and Bagley earned $1.7 million.

We budgeted $122 million of revenue and $111.3 in expenses for a budgeted net income of $10.7 million for Fiscal Year 2019. Actual numbers for Fiscal Year 2019 were $118.5 million in revenue, $106.7 million in expenses, resulting in a net profit of $11.8 million. Revenue was $3.5 million lower than budget while expenses were $4.6 million lower than budget resulting in net income being $1.1 million higher than budget.

Shooting Star Casino cash on September 30, 2019 is $23 million. The cash on hand at the close of the last fiscal year, September 31, 2018 was $19.5 million. After Shooting Star Casino capital improvement projects and transfers to White Earth RBC cash has grown $3.5 million.

The Bagley Casino continues to experience increased revenues and net income. For Fiscal Year 2019, the property earned $10.5 million in revenue with expenditures of $8.8 million. Bagley Casino has a net income of $1.7 million.

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SECTION II – FISCAL VIOLATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Fiscal Violations
Behavioral Health Funds
- The Minnesota Senate has scheduled an October 30, 2019 Hearing for the related Office of Legislative Auditor’s report. The Band has been requested to provide comment.
- The Behavioral Health Department will provide a draft of a proposed business plan with recommendations for departmental changes no later than November 29, 2019.

Audits
- The continued and approved September 5, 2019 audits will be consolidated and reported to the RBC with recommendations no later than December 27, 2019.
- Check #748137
- No significant changes to report.

Recommendations
1. Behavioral Health
   a. The Behavioral Health Director and staff attend the hearing and issue an approved response from the Tribal Attorney.
   b. The Behavioral Health Department discusses departmental changes with RBC.

2. Audits
   b. Check #748137
   c. No significant changes to report.
WHITE EARTH SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM 2019-2020

W.E. ENROLLED PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS, MEDAL OF HONOR, OR SPECIAL DISABLED VETERAN APPLICATION

Date: ________________________________

Name: ___________________  Spouses Name: ____________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

Physical Address: ____________________________________________

Permanent residency is required

Home #_________  Cell #_________  Work #_________

Birthday:____________________  Spouse’s birthday:____________________

Enrollment #:___________  Spouse’s Enrollment #:___________

Must be a White Earth Tribal Enrolled member. Attach a copy of your letter of Purple Heart, Medal of Honor or disability memo (30 % or more) from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Do you own the home: Yes _____ No _____ if not, landlord name: __________________________

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

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

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

________________________________________

Estimated length of your driveway (only for new applicants):

________________________________________

* Snowplowing will be done “only” when accumulation exceeds four inches or more.

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

* Please attach log sheet” each time from the Snow Plower, as this shows us it was completed for us to pay the Provider. Sorry for the inconvenience.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591
Phone #: 218-983-3202 - Fax #: 218-983-4350
E-mail address: Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Cindy.Weber@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

White Earth Site is now open to the public 10-1-2019

White Earth Nation Financial Services
Wiidookodaadwiwin “We Assist Each Other”

New White Earth office site: 36500 County HWY 21 N. White Earth, MN 56591

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Phone: (218) 935-2350 Toll free: (866) 282-6580

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100, Naytahwaush, MN 56568

***We now have 5 convenient locations to serve clients***

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White Earth, MN 56591

Fax: (218) 935-3104
Fax: (218) 935-2598
Fax: (218) 644-5611
Fax: (218) 604-6507
Fax: (218) 983-4294

IMPORTANT – DO NOT DELAY

The day that we receive the first page of the Combined Application Form with at least your name, address and signature is the first day that you may be eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

COMPLETE PAGE 1 – AND LEAVE WITH THE AGENCY

You will still need to complete the rest of the application. You may mail it or bring it with you to your scheduled interview.

If you are applying for SNAP, phone interviews are available. Your completed application must be returned prior to your scheduled interview for eligibility to be determined. If you have any questions regarding public assistance programs and the application process, please let us know, Wispwach

WALK-IN INTERVIEWS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

You can reach the A7 at 218-983-3289 Ext. 5903 or today@whiteearth-nsn.gov
What’s new with WELRP and Niijii Radio?

By Margaret Rouso
White Earth Land Recovery Project

White Earth Land Recovery Project is a 30-year-old non-profit organization whose mission is to facilitate the recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation while preserving and restoring traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency, community development, and strengthening our spiritual and cultural heritage.

Beyond our mission we have a vision. That vision is what we would like to see come 2030. White Earth Land Recovery Project held a 2½ day strategic planning session lead by Indigenous Collaborations, Inc. During the time we developed our vision statements.

- Towards preservation and control of our well-being and future; we are Indigenous Leaders in Modeling the Substainability of renewable energy and we control and share assets and infrastructure that intentionally reflect our values and meaningfully link our people together.
- Towards unified Ojibwe identity and practice; support systems revitalizes and awakens traditional values and approaches to address trauma and restore wellness in our society and work towards reservations-wide commitment to reindigenize and revitalize cultural identity, spiritual practice and Ojibwe thinking.
- Towards building and strengthening relationships with the earth in a good way; Collective community economic system provides the wellbeing of one another and future generations and healthy, holistic and sustainable relationships with Aking – the land to the which the people belong.

Last year in August, I stepped into the role of Interim Executive Director at White Earth Land Recovery Project, and it was evident that WELRP needed a plan. WELRP staff, community members, and board members gathered together to build our strategic plan. Twenty-two people attended and we had good community representation. If anyone would like a copy of this plan you can email rouso20@gmail.com or call 218-375-2600 and make the request.

Now a year later and with a plan in hand we are excited to move forward with being a service and an asset to our community of White Earth.

In the August Anishinaabeg Today, there was an article printed about WELRP and one of its’ past directors asking WELRP to explain why no land was ever returned over the years. Here is a little history. When WELRP was established there was an intent to return land to the tribe, for years and still today putting land back into trust status has been a challenge.

Robert Shimek attempted to return two parcels of land in 2017. This was never completed because of the laws around trust land. We have continued to look for solutions that will allow us to return land to our reservation.

Some of the things WELRP has done in the past are being rejuvenated. One example is during this racing season we put over $15,000 into the hands of our people for wild rice. WELRP owns a rice mill at its farm on Round Lake. This farm is meant for growing our foods and educating. WELRP also has a sugar-bush, which we will be reviving to use as a cultural teaching tool sometime soon. White Earth Land Recovery Project is being renewed, revitalized and revived! We look forward to working in our community for the best of our people, the Ojibwe of White Earth. We are looking forward to building strong alliances and collaborations across our community.

KKWE 89.9 Niijii News

Niijii Radio has been growing and developing more local programming. Currently we are seeking two to three individuals to learn interview and production skills from professionally educated producers through AMPERS, the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations. This would be a short internship program and would be paid. We feel this is a great way to invest in our people. If interested call 218-375-2012, ask for Maggie or Faith. There is a short application process.

News from Reviving with Grace: Mino-Dagwaugarin  Gakina Awiiyaa (Good- Fall to you all)


Hello! Hi! I am an Anishinabe woman, Northern Lights Woman and Fawn is what I am called in Ojibwe, Grace Roberts is my English name. Loom is my clan, Minneaplis is where I was born and raised. However, now I live on the White Earth Reservation near the Manoomin River. I graduated from the White Earth Tribal College, and was a student at Bemidji State. I hope to go back there soon so I can graduate. I have volunteered here for almost eight winters. Last spring, I started working at Niijii Radio. I have three children. At Mille Lacs, is where I’m enrolled. I am happy when i bead, quill, dance, raise my children, study, observe, visiting the spirits and speak Ojibwe. I speak only a little Ojibwe. However, I seek to learn much more Ojibwe. I share Ojibwe language through Niijii Radio.

Ojibwemowin (Let’s Speak Ojibwe)

Bezhigimojiggii—( vai s/he is happy Nizhi) gimojiggii ( vai you are happy Niswi) noojiggii ( vai I am happy Niwin) Gi-mojojiggii in? Are you happy? Bezhigii Ojibwemowin ( vai s/he speaks Ojibwe Nizhi) Gidoojibwemowin ( vai you speak Ojibwe Niswi) Nindoojibwemowin ( vai I speak Ojibwe Niwin) Niswi gihigwii gishpin wiizhaaganaashimoyan, gidaa-ojibwemowin dace. (It’s up to you if you want to speak English, but, you should speak Ojibwe.)

Aaniiin ezhi-webak agawajijiiw ommaa Gaa-waabigankaag-ishkonganing noongom?: (How is the weather here at White Earth Reservation now?)

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THE DOCTOR’S CORNER

Vision and Learning

By David J. Bellware, OD
White Earth Health Center

It has been estimated from vision and education experts who site past studies on learning that as much as 90 percent of the material that people learn passes through the visual pathway. Now that kids are back in school, it is timely to discuss how the visual system works with reading and learning. I will also discuss some other near vision problems that can affect “older kids” as well.

First, a quick review of the visual system will be helpful. While reading this column, it may be helpful to refer to Figure 1; which illustrates the anatomy of the retina. The light rays are further focused by an adjustable (focusable) crystalline lens and ideally a focused image appears on the retina at the back of the eye. The retina converts light energy into electrical, nerve impulses that are sent to the brain for processing via the optic nerve. This is a highly summarized explanation of how we see. It is important to note that there are many factors that determine how well we see.

One of the most important factors that can affect our vision and visual learning is a focused image on the retina. Therefore, we will concentrate this article on the focusing or “accommodation” system of the eye and some related eye problems that may be encountered. Accommodation is the process of focusing the visual system from a distance point to a near object. This is a critical task that students must be able to accomplish accurately and quickly in the classroom in order to maximize learning.

Accommodation occurs when the ciliary muscle contracts and changes the tension on the zonular fibers, which are attached to the crystalline lens. This causes the lens to change shape or focus as a near object. This is how a student is able to see the chalkboard at a distance, and also see to take notes or read up close. Sometimes children have visual conditions that can exert additional strain that can prevent the focusing system from functioning efficiently and accurately. An eye care provider can assess the visual system to help ensure that it is functioning at its highest capacity. It is important for school aged children to have an eye exam at least annually.

Not only can “school aged kids” have difficulty with focusing and reading, but “older kids” can also have near vision problems. Many adults work at jobs that involve the use of computers and other tasks that place high demands on near vision. In general around the age of 42, adults will begin to experience a decrease in accommodation called presbyopia. These factors have led to an increase in the development of Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS). Computer Vision Syndrome according to the American Optometric Association, describes a group of eye and vision-related problems that result from prolonged computer use. It can cause eye discomfort (strain and headaches) ,and difficulty seeing due to
**Attention Homeowners**

Please remember to plug in your heat tape/heating needle which is wrapped around your pipes before winter. This will prevent freeze up or a repair call for us to do it.

You may contact White Earth Water & Sewer at 218-983-3202 if you have any questions.

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**White Earth Veterans News**

**By Tom Spry**

White Earth Tribal Veteran Service Officer

The White Earth Veteran Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mahnomen Center. The White Earth Veterans Association meets the first Tuesday of each month. Please contact the White Earth Veterans Association if interested in being involved with the Honor Guard. The White Earth Veteran's Honor Guard is available for funerals.

Did you know the Shooting Star Casino now has Player Club Cards for Veterans! Present proof of Veteran status to the Players Club and they will place a Veteran stamp on your Player Club Card. This can be used for discounts at this time and more features in the future. This is available only for enrolled White Earth Veterans.

The White Earth Motor Vehicle Department issues White Earth license plates to enrolled White Earth Veterans living on the reservation. The license fee is less than what the State of Minnesota charges. Those Veterans who have a VA Service-Connected disability of 30 percent or more will get their White Earth license plates for free. Show your VA Award Letter to the Motor Vehicle Department.

Make sure to have a copy of your Military Discharge Papers (DD214). When a Veteran dies it is up to his or her family to retrieve the appropriate documents. Don’t let this painful experience happen to your loved ones. Have a copy of your discharge with your will, estate papers or other medical and legal documents. The Tribal Veteran Service Officer can get a copy of your Discharge papers. The Veteran’s spouse and/or dependents may be able to file for Death Pension or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

If the family would like a headstone or grave marker, we will need the Discharge papers. For a White Earth Veterans Honor Guard burial service, we will need the Discharge papers. So please think of your loved ones before it’s too late.

White Earth Housing has HUD VASH vouchers available to assist homeless Veterans and family. The Veterans will receive case management services and a Housing Choice voucher, which provides support for their long-term housing needs. Please contact Joseph Robillard, White Earth HUD VASH Social Worker, at White Earth Housing at 701-200-7688.

Homeless Veterans or those who may become homeless please contact the Veterans office to get on the Veterans Homeless Registry.

The White Earth Tribal Veteran Service Officer is located at the White Earth Veterans Association building, 2219 College Road in Mahnomen.

You can reach me at 218-936-5650, email tom.spry@state.mn.us, or fax 218-936-5651. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan and the first two Native women elected to the Congress, Representatives Deb Haaland (New Mexico) and Sharice Davids (Kansas).

Beaulieu says he was pleased to have the honor of introducing Lt. Governor Flanagan also a White Earth tribal member at the event and points to the significance of having these Native women in leadership roles. “That fact that significant numbers of Indian people are now in state offices and congress and venues like that is at least one indication of the success of Indian education efforts over the past 50 years.”

A version of this article was originally published by the University of Minnesota Duluth’s College of Education and Human Service Professions.

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(At this time, its warmed up outside this week. This Sunday, the wind will be cold. This Tuesday it will snow)

(Gimigwechii’iin gaa-onji-widooskawiyiyan Bagwajinini)
November Food Distribution Calendar

- **November 1**: NAPS Drop-Off
- **November 2**: No Distribution
- **November 8**: Home Deliveries, Rice Lake
- **November 15**: Home Deliveries, Mahnomen, Waubun
- **November 22**: Home Deliveries, White Earth
- **November 29**: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November White Earth WIC Clinic Calendar

- **November 1**: Closed
- **November 2**: Closed
- **November 8**: Closed
- **November 15**: Closed
- **November 22**: Closed
- **November 29**: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
blurred vision, dry eyes, and neck and shoulder pain when using a visual display terminal (VDT) or computer for extended periods of time.

Presbyopia can add to the near vision problems that a person will experience during a normal average life span. Presbyopia is a decrease in the focusing ability or accommodation of the eye. This condition typically becomes apparent at about 42 years of age. At this age, the crystalline lens inside the eye has grown in thickness and it has lost some of its flexibility. This causes the ciliary muscle to work about 2.5 to 3 times harder than it did at 18 years of age to do the same amount of focusing. This will cause fatigue—especially later in the day. A presbyopic person may notice eye strain, headaches, blurred near vision, or even blurred distance vision after extensive near work. The blurred distance vision will occur as a result of a spasm of the ciliary muscle, which can occur after the muscle strains to focus during a near vision task and then “locks” at a near focal point until the spasm passes.

There are things that can be done to minimize or eliminate the problems that can occur from the visual demands associated with near vision tasks. It is important to start with adequate lighting that minimizes glare. Next, good posture will also help reduce eye, neck and shoulder strain, which can help reduce overall discomfort and fatigue. It may be necessary to make adjustments to a work station to maximize lighting and good posture, while reducing glare. The work station should also allow for optimal working distances with reference materials and computer screens located at the same distance, adjacent to one another. Finally, remembering to take little breaks and consciously make an effort to blink while reading can reduce eye strain and improve comfort.

One of the most important things that a person can do to maximize their vision potential is to have an annual eye exam. An eye care provider will perform both near and far vision tests to make sure that any refractive errors are corrected to maximize comfort and minimize fatigue. In addition to receiving a prescription for any refractive error or near vision problems; a patient can discuss their specific vision needs with the eye doctor, who will make recommendations that are customized for an individual’s specific needs or visual demands. This may include work station or environmental recommendations, bifocals, trifocals, progressive lenses, reading or computer glasses, contact lenses, eye drops, or even vision exercises.
Ojibwemodaa.2! Let's all speak Ojibwe! Aaniin, Boozhoo; Greetings.
Ojibwemowin can involve 4 communication skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing. This is the Double Vowel writing system. Refer to The Concise Dictionary of MN Ojibwe, by John Nichols & Earl Nyholm. Respectfully ask an elder, family and friends to speak Ojibwe within your circle.

Abinoojiwin*Infancy Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism! Pronounce by syllables: Boo choo! Aa niin e zhi-a yaa yan? - Greetings! How are you? Nima nin-aya, giin dash. I am well, you also?
*“Niwin-agidaanoomong noongom. Bezhig Niizh Niwiw Niwin, Naanan”
“| want to count/read today/now. One, Two, Three, 4, 5.”
“Gidaagindamawaa ginijaa ninis endaso-gizihik.”
You read to h/your child everyday!
*“Agidamaw noongom omawal”
“Read/count to h/h now here!”
*“Odaminon endaso-gizihik gaiyew”
“Play with h/h everyday also!”
*“Ga-gikendaasowag ingwi abinoomoojiiyensag.”
“They shall be smart those babies.”
*“Bamoozheya!” - “Take care of the child!”
Zhooshkwaanda’aagan(aq) Skat (s)

Oshki-nitaawigwiwin*Young Adult*Teen
Noongom Noah stepped up to share Ojibwemowin he is speaking around gikinoo’amadawigamigong (in the school bldg.). Try a few words: 1) Aaniin 2) Anini 3) Nooding 4) Ikwe 5) Boozhoo 6) Miinan 7) Makwa 8) Anik 9) Ooog 10) Magiiz. Noah added: Ojibwe is fun to learn, speak and to study. I always want to learn how to say it and read it and my grandpa knows how to speak it. Chi-Miigwech.
Students are interested in learning. Adults and school can them opportunities to learn by gathering new reliable resources, supporting Indian Education Programs, & offering Ojibwe classes to all students. Help organize student-led language tables. Enlist local college resources.
*“Longer voiced vowels: AA (bag), E (eave), I (in), OO (oo).”
*“Short voiced vowels A (about), I (in), O (only).”
A glottal stop is a voiceless nasal hesitation in: oh-on

Nitaawigwiwin*Grownup
Noongom mazina Igingan. Today/in the paper...
* Daywaagin- It is fall.
Did you the Ojibwe words shared by Noah?
Look them up in the People’s Dictionary Link: 
Aaniin-
Anini-
Nooding-
Ikwe-
Boozhoo-
Miinan-
Makwa-
Anik-
Ooog-
Magiiz-

Use that following to create a full statement:
Ningii-waabamada........ I did see saw him/her a Agwaajing-------- Outside

Students can be great learners & teachers!

---NOUNS are Beings, Places, Things.
In Ojibwe we have Nouns-Animate - Living animate-NA, or Inanimate-Non-living inanimate-NI. Spoken each with different verbs. Verbs, Transitive, Inanimate - VTA's.
Waanbandan! - Command root: See him/her! 
Waanbandan! - VTA, Inanimate - See it
>>Practice command Root Verbs, & use language patterns to speak about action of me, us, all of us, you, you all, he/she/them with varied NA & NI’s.
NA’s all pluralize ending in -G, NI’s all pluralize ending in -N.

Zhiishihag-Ducks
Weba’aagonaan
Snow shovels
Snowshoes

IG MAI
ON ZAGN
JDIEAI
OO GNBNN
NIA ODSI DI
AAGIMAAHAA
NMWEY WA IIMD
ZHY SKINGGS A H
DA KIBI ISA A Z W
GA MM E I OOMYM
OO YI KNIGNEI
E AD W K N NOOD IN

Gichi-aya’aa*Elder
Aaniin ezhinikhaaz noongom gizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? Ezhinikhaaz.
Gashkido-Gizis waa gizis. She is named Freezing up-Moon (Noo) this moon. Gissooheewi.
Idash bawkwezhiganaan, idash bawkwezhigan gidaayaa-aanigan.
Baashkiminisiganikaa gan gaiyewiting.
Baked Goods-Seller! Come here!
All welcome/ Come in! Apple pies, and cookies, and breads we have them. Home-made jams, also. All eat!
1. Ingoding nimiijian wiyahaan. Sometimes I eat meats.
2. Indamwag zaasagokwanaan. I eat them fry breads.
5. Verb type: actions are transitive to inanimate things. One verb group, action transfers to nonliving nouns... use the initials.

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Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is an “indigenous language”; meaning it is native to a region, is spoken by the region’s original groups and has minority language status. “Dialect” is region-specific unique speech patterns or word use within the same language. “Orthography” is a standardized way of writing the language. The Double Vowel orthography is commonly used in teaching Ojibwe in MN & WI circles.
M11GWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, resource needs, how you learn, or any feedback to share! Daga e-mail nijn712@gmail.com
Amy Nelson won first place for women during the 6th Annual White Earth DOVE 5K Color Walk/Run held Oct. 5 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

DOVE 5K Color Walk/Run winners

The 6th Annual White Earth DOVE 5K Color Walk/Run was held Oct. 5 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. The event raised domestic and sexual violence awareness. Runners competed for prizes, trophies and T-shirts. Winners were:

Women: 1st place - Amy Nelson, 2nd place - Amanda Jaeger, 3rd place - Sonia Wadena.
Men: 1st place - Mike Christensen, 2nd place - Jon Krulich.
Teen: 1st place - Hunter Jaeger, 2nd place - Isaac Beaupre, 3rd place - Sam Nelson.
Youth: 1st place - Isaac Nelson, 2nd place - Janessa Krulich, 3rd place - Bella Thompson.

Conducting sturgeon surveys

White Earth Fisheries and the USFWS recently conducted Lake Sturgeon surveys on Round and White Earth Lakes. This survey has been ongoing since the early 2000s and has been very successful. Sturgeon were collected and the staff utilized mark and recapture techniques for the survey by placing dangler tags along with passive integrated transponder tags on the fish. Each sturgeon collected was identified by existing tag or tagged for the first time. Recaptured fish were weighed, measured and identified by encoded wire. The information collected is used to monitor sturgeon stock, population, migration, age, behavior, angler catch, stocking success, spawning adults and monitoring for natural reproduction.

Bagley students hit the stage at NIEA Conference

Several Bagley students and staff attended the 50th National Indian Education Association Conference recently held in Minneapolis. Four of the students participated in opening ceremonies. From left (holding the Youth Staff) are Ayden Hall, Desirae Auginaush, Aiden Thompson and KariAnn Auginaush.
Teamwork builds new sweat lodge in Mahnomen

Students and community leaders recently gathered to build a sweat lodge behind the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension building in Mahnomen. Kelly Phillips - Mahnomen School, Lew Murray - community leader and WETCC have talked about a community sweat lodge for quite some time. Phillips brought several volunteer seniors and Murray provided the knowledge on how to build the structure. Murray is in charge of the sweat lodge. For more information contact the college.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

COLA Homecoming Royalty

Circle of Life Academy seniors Tyrone Barrett and Landris Thompson were chosen homecoming king and queen during a pep rally in October.

Positive Lifeways winner

White Earth Mental Health recently conducted a “Positive Lifeways” poster contest. The contest was for school age children in grades K-12 and was funded and sponsored by MSPI and SAMHSA mental health grants. The contest taught children the importance of living a healthy and sober life through positive activities, hobbies, culture, family, etc. Students were asked to create a poster with a positive message to increase community awareness of suicide prevention and substance abuse. Holding her design, Angel Beckett was chosen as the first-place winner for the contest. Leroy Fairbanks placed second and Michael Mason placed third. Congratulations to these contestants! Be on the lookout for the winning posters as they are on display at a variety of public settings throughout White Earth Reservation.
WE 2019 Fall Netting Season

Gill netting period:
1. Gill nets may be set from October 26 to December 31, 2019.

Lakes open to gill netting:
Bad Medicine, Big Bass (Mahnomen County), Big Elbow, Gull, Green Water, Ice Cracking, Island (Mahnomen County), Little Bearskin, Lone, M Craney, Net, North Twin*, Pike, Roy, Big Rush, Snider, Strawberry, South Twin* and Tulaby. *North and South Twin Lakes will have special regulations due to cebra mussel infestation.

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

Elder Use Permits
1. Early season netting October 12 to October 25, 2019.
2. An elder 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 26, 2019.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours due to high water temperatures.
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 2019 netting season apply.
10. Please contact the Natural Resources Offices at 218-935-2488 or in person at 102 3rd Street East, Mahnomen MN 56557.
11. Special use permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boats and Watercraft).

Lakes open to gill netting under Special Regulation
Many Point, Round, and White Earth.

Special Regulation gill netting period
Gill nets may be set beginning November 2 to December 31, 2019

Special Regulation netting restrictions
1. Gill nets must be checked at least once every 24 hours.
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 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.

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 measure and report the total length of any live Lake Sturgeon caught in your net and return them to the lake.

South / North Twin Special Regulations

Special Regulation gill netting Period
Gill nets may be set from November 9 to November 17, 2019.

Special Regulation netting restrictions
1. A special regulation permit must be filed with the Natural Resources Department prior to setting net in North and South Twin lakes.
2. Nets used in North and South Twin may be reset within North and South Twin only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
3. Watercraft launched and used for day use on North and South Twin may not be used on another water body until they have been removed from the water and dried for a minimum of five days.
4. Watercraft which has been kept on a dock or lift on North or South Twin may not be used outside of these two lakes until they have been cleaned and dried a minimum of 21 days.
5. All applicable clean, drain, and dry AIS preventions must be in place.
6. All other general netting regulations apply.
7. Please contact the Natural Resources Offices at 218 935-2488 or in person at 102 3rd Street East, Mahnomen MN 56557 to acquire a permit.
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MCT Land Transfer Letter

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION**

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October 25, 2019

Catherine Chavers, President
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee
P O Box 217
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Ms. Chavers,

At the September 12, 2019 meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee, Resolution 96-19, which addresses the transfer of (MCT) lands located on or near each of our respective reservations, was passed. Resolution 96-19, with an opt out provision, introduced beneficial changes which help our individual bonds and membership.

Because this issue has many facets, we believe this matter is one that is best decided by a referendum vote, specifically addressing the lands outside the recognized boundaries of each individual band. We request that this be set for referendum on the April 2020 ballot, with notice of the referendum going out as soon as reasonably possible. This will provide the most amount of due process to our tribal members and will better inform the discussions made by the TEC on this issue.

We are requesting that the request for a referendum vote be placed on the agenda at the next regular TEC meeting for a decision.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Behrens
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Robert Duane Beaulieu Jr.

Robert Duane Beaulieu Jr., 45, of Red Lake, Minn., died Sept. 30 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

He was born June 30, 1974, in Red Lake to Robert Sr. and Marilyn (Head) Beaulieu. He attended Red Lake Head Start, Red Lake Elementary, St. Mary’s Mission, Wahpeton Indian School, St. John’s Prep School where he played high school football, and Red Lake High School. At the young age of 14, Rob set out to work. He spent his summers in St. Louis Park, Minn., where he worked at Rainbow Foods. He received his GED, and graduated from Red Lake Nation College in 2012.

He enjoyed following Warriors basketball, golfing, watching movies, experimenting in his kitchen with barbecues and homemade sauces, listening to his music on vinyl and cassette, collecting shoes, and mowing on his riding lawn mower. He was a very loving man who always put his family first. He enjoyed helping others, and loved to play and joke with his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his children: Cher Beaulieu, Patrick Thompson, Amayah Jo Littlewolf; Robert Beaulieu III and Linden Beaulieu; grandson, Cash Thompson: sisters, Bobbi Jo Beaulieu Cobenas, Julie Beaulieu, Linda Beaulieu and Katrina Beaulieu; brothers, John Boyd and Ed Boyd; brother-in-law, John Cobenas Sr.; and goddaughters, Clara and Jo Cobenas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Beaulieu Sr. and Marilyn Beaulieu; maternal grandparents, Clem and Roberta McKenzie; paternal grandparents, Robert and Agnes Beaulieu; and niece, Brittany Cobenas.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at the Little Rock Community Center in Red Lake. Active casketbearers were John Boyd, Ed Boyd, Harvey Roy, Rob Blake, Chris Jourdain, Brian Seki, Patrick Thompson, Selam Spears, Rob McClain Sr. and John Cobenas Jr.

Honorary casketbearers were Kim Schoenborn, Lisa Beaulieu, Rob McClain Jr., Peter Ybara, Dan King, Ange Charnoski, Cherilyn Spears, Nellie Charnoski, Nate Hurlbert, Brianna Hurlbert and Anthony Beaulieu.

Interment: St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Red Lake.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Condolences: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Caryn Jean Casebeer

Cheryl J. Casebeer, 75, of Detroit Lakes, passed away Sept. 27 at Bethany on the Lake in Alexandria, Minn.

Cheryl Jean Casebeer was born May 2, 1944, to Harold and Mabel (Cogger) Casebeer in Detroit Lakes. Cheryl and her six siblings grew up on the family farm north east of White Earth, by Casebeer Lake.

She attended school in Waubun and received her GED with the help of Rural Minnesota CEP where she worked. Cheryl furthered her education at the Detroit Lakes Vocational-Tech School and graduated with a clerical degree. In 1971, she took a job at the Food Nutrition Department of Fergus Falls, Minn., then started working at the Detroit Lakes Minnesota CEP. In 1972, she started working for Becker County Financial Services in Detroit Lakes as a clerk/typist. She continued to work for Becker County and became a receptionist and eventually a financial worker. Cheryl worked for Becker County for over 35 years, retiring in 2007.

Cheryl was an enrolled member of the White Earth Ojibwe Tribe and a member if the Detroit Lakes Eagles Club. She enjoyed making blankets, and crafts like her mother, casino time with her sisters, and loved spending time with her son, grandkids and great grand children, and dog sitting for her sons dog, Cuda. Family was sacred and meant everything to her.

Preceding Cheryl in death were her parents Harold and Mabel; sisters, Ilene Schoenhardt and Ruth (Henry) Looch; her only brother, Harold W. Casebeer; and one grandson.

Cheryl is survived by her son, Lonnny (Maria) Casebeer; grandchildren, Crystal (Matthew) Knihinicki and Wayne (Jess Janson) Casebeer; great grandchildren: Mila and Abel Knihinicki, and Kahlann Casebeer; sisters: Lorraine Oschner, Carol Thieme and Betty Schoenhardt; numerous nieces, nephews; and goddaughter Tina Benson.

Arrangements: David-Donehower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Francis (Frank) Leon Sargent

Francis (Frank) Leon Sargent, 79, of Bemidji, Minn., joined the Spirit World on Oct. 13 at Neilson Place in Bemidji. He was born Nov. 28, 1939, in Naytahwaush to George and Sophia (Bellanger) Sargent.

Frank was a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Nation. He attended elementary school in Naytahwaush, junior high at Pipestone (Minn.) Indian School, and graduated from Warroad (Minn.) High School. Frank joined the United States Navy after high school and proudly served on three tours of duty. After his military service, Frank worked on tugboats on the Mississippi as a jack-of-all-trades, as a handy man around Red Lake and Bemidji, and spent 10 years at the Nymore Ice Arena in charge of running the arena with his brother, Jerry.

Family that Frank joins are his parents, George and Sophia; and siblings: Donna, Annette, Bermdine, Marlys, Donald, William, Earl, Ervin and Jerry.

Frank leaves behind his son, Richard Wainwright; and sister, Jean Smith.

A memorial service for Frank was held Oct. 23 at the White Earth Community Center in Cass Lake, Minn., with Father George Ross officiating.

Interment: St. Anne’s Catholic Cemetery at Naytahwaush at a later date.

A special thank you to the caring staff at Autumn Hills and Neilson Place, and Frank’s doctors and nurses at Sanford Hospital.

Arrangements: Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minn.

Online condolences: www.northernpeace.com

William “Jim” Giard

William “Jim” Giard, 61, of New London, Ohio, formerly of Roy Lake, died unexpectedly Sept. 27 at his home.

Jim was born April 19, 1958, in White Earth to William Henry and Helena “Dode” Delphine (Beaulieu) Giard. He spent many years traveling and working throughout the United States, making friends everywhere with his contagious smile and unique laugh. Some of his favorite places included Florida, Alaska and Minnesota. Jim settled in Ohio and worked many years for RR Donnelley and Sons in Willard, Ohio. Following a disability retirement, Jim moved back to Minnesota for seven years. He lived with different friends and family up until the last six months of living in Minnesota when he made his home at the Men’s Acute Center in Mahnomen.

For the first time, he was able to reach sobriety and put his lifelong struggles with alcohol to rest. Jim then moved to New London where he lived his final four years of his life, sober and near family and friends.

Jim had many long-term companions and even a short-term wife, but never had any children of his own. He spent his life loving and cherishing all his nieces and nephews. He would always take their picture, bring them sussys (surprises!), teach them to cuss and quite frequently aggravate the heck out of them. Regardless, every niece and nephew knew their uncle loved them and he had a special place in his heart for all of them.

Jim is survived by his sisters: Mary (Dale) Bunker of North Pole, Alaska, Michelle (Jim) Ruggles of New London and Rebecca Giard of Cartersville, Ga.; aunts: Maxine Skunes and Doris Vleck both of Bemidji, Minn., Cecelia Gross and Kathleen Burdick both of St. Cloud, Minn., and Ruth Walz of Battle Ground, Wash. He is also survived by a “son,” Kevin Bruce Hamilton; dear friend and neighbor, Lynn; special sister-in-law, Shannon Hall; his furry companion, Gizzi; nieces and nephews: Grace (Alex), Emma (Alan), Seth (Courtney) Joey, Priscilla (Jacob), Alice (Kevin), Thomas Jr., Mavis, Iris, Mariah, Claire, Hanna (Derek), Jenna (Harley), Keaton (Chelsea), Connor (Sierra), and Macy; great nieces and nephews: Melissa, Kristi, Isabel, Sage, Scarlett, Olive, Hudson, Willow, Ava, Emmett, Abigail, Isaac, Aiden, Thomas John Jr., Jesse, Joseph, Julian, Vince, Aubrey, DruAnn, Keyriah, Nakoa, Davian, Delphine, Leo, Myles, Vera, Jaelynn, Kya, Emma and two additional coming in February 2020.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Christine and Priscilla; brother, Thomas; nephews, Jesse and William “Chili,” as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Island Lake Cemetery in rural Lengby.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh@arvig.net

Online condolences: www.northernpeace.com
Robin Lee Davis

Robin Lee Davis, 35, of Ogemaw, passed away Oct. 19 at her neighbors’ home. Robin “Bird” Davis was born Nov. 23, 1983 in Duluth, Minn., to Eugene Davis Sr. and Everlyn Fineday. The family moved to White Earth when Robin was about 8 years old. She grew up and attended Circle of Life School and graduated in 2001. She then attended M State in Detroit Lakes and graduated with a degree in carpentry. Over the years she worked in various businesses in the area including Herzog Roofing, being a PCA, and most recently installing solar panels. In October 2012, Robin had a daughter Rosalia Jean (Waabaanang) Whiting.

Robin enjoyed hunting, fishing and going to the casino. Cooking was her specialty but her very favorite thing to do was to make people laugh while hanging out with her family and friends. Robin will always be remembered for having a smile on her face.

Deeply loved, Robin’s passing is mourned by her daughter Rosalia; mother, Evelyn (Tony Warren) Fineday; brother, Robbie Fineday and Eugene Davis Jr.; sister, Georgia Davis; half-brother, Greg Davis; half-sisters, Kim Davis and Michelle Morrison; favorite dog, Mack; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Eugene Davis Sr.; grandparents, George Fineday and Laura Butler Fineday; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held Oct. 24-25 at her mother’s home in Ogemaw.

Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Point.

Arrangements: David-Donehower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Norman “Cool” Fox

Norman “Cool” Fox, 66, passed away Sept. 30 in Oakland, Calif. He was known to many as “Fox” or “Cool Fox.” From Naytahwaush, Fox had moved to Oakland at a young age with his mother, Lloyda Bellille Fox, father, Ernest B. Fox and siblings, Nina, Michael and Judy. In Oakland, he attended grade school, followed by high school at Oakland Technical. At age 15, Fox received his first guitar (of which he nicknamed “Sammy D”) and found his passion for music and never looked back. Along with music, Fox loved to fish. If he wasn’t up on the stage playing the blues guitar he was probably on the water, “busting the bass” - or at least, planning the next fishing trip.

He started and played in several bands such as “The Fox, the Rat & the Rogues,” “The Jack London Blues Band” and “Fox’s Blues Band” (which tore up blues clubs from the late 1980s to his dying day). Fox was famous for playing lead guitar while dancing on tables and chairs.

In 1980, Fox married his first wife, Katarina, who gave birth to his son, Joseph “Joe” Fox. They lived in Berkeley, Calif., along with his stepdaughter, Sophie and then in Covelo, Calif., before separating in 1987. On Oct. 30, 2018, he married Cynthia “Tia” Claassen after 30+ years of living together in Oakland along with their beloved pets: Jenny (dog), Teddy (turtle) and several birds.

Fox was an incredibly kind person with a great sense of humor. He could always make you laugh with his quick wit. He was also an accomplished martial artist. In his younger days you could find him flying through the air doing a jump spinning back kick.

In 2016, Fox was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. As a true lover of life, music and his family, he didn’t let this slow him down at all. He continued to play music, fish, laugh and love his family until the end. Even just three days before his passing, he was at the blues club playing his guitar.

Fox was preceded in death by his father, Ernest (1967); mother, Lloyda (2007); sister, Nina Lorraine Shea (1994); and his brother, Michael (1997).

Fox is survived by his wife, Cynthia Claassen Fox of Oakland; son, Joe Fox of Vallejo, Calif.; step-daughter, Sophie Clark of Lagunitas, Calif.; sister, Judy Cabral of Crystal, Minn.; nieces: Dawnmichele “Morningstar” Fox of Carson City, Nevada, Rhonda Jacoby-Kessinger of Trout Lake, Wash., Elyana Cabral of Crystal, Malia Fox of Eugene, Ore., Cat Dancing Fox of Bapchule, Ariz., and Tahiti Marton of Los Angeles; nephews: Ernest “EJ” Shea Jacoby of Newport, Ore., Robert “RJ” Jacoby of Vancouver, Wash., Mathew Shea of Happy Valley, Ore., Dylan Cabral of Minneapolis, and James Fox of New York City; and many musical brothers and sisters.

A memorial was held Oct. 17 in Crockett, Calif. Interment: Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

Obituaries

Dominic Alex Buehner

Dominic Buehner, 26, Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Oct. 24. Dominic Alex was born in Everett, Wash., on July 13, 1993, the oldest son of Celeste Peltier and Gary Buehner Jr. As an infant, Dom’s family moved back to the White Earth Reservation, where he grew up and attended school. He was a member of the Eagle Clan.

Following his schooling, Dominic worked construction with his dad for a time before going to the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen to work as a buffet server.

Dominic will be remembered as a fun loving and laid-back young man who could be very generous. He was always available and ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. He had a great sense of humor and loved to terrorize his younger cousins with pranks. Dominic loved to tell stories and sometimes you couldn’t tell if his stories were real or he was just story telling. He also enjoyed hanging out with his cousins and friends, shooting hoops and listening to music. Dominic had a special bond with his cousin, Bear. As a young boy, he was given the nickname, “Pickles,” but only his auntie Michelle was allowed to use it.

Although gone from this life to soon, Dominic will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Dominic is survived by his children, Davien Alexander and Devyn Alexis; parents, Celeste Guinn and Gary “Toney” Buehner Jr. of Naytahwaush; grandparents, Ruby Buehner of Naytahwaush and Betty (Gerald) Nadeau of Belcourt, N.D.; brothers: Christian Buehner of Naytahwaush, Michael (Lillian) Buehner of Grafton, N.D., Anthony Buehner of Fargo, and Donovan Murray of Naytahwaush; sisters: Maya Buehner of Fargo and Misty Murray of Naytahwaush; uncles: Myl Gjestrum and Marc (Angela) Gjestrum of Yakima, Wash., Lawrence (Christy Davis) Peltier and Clarence Peltier of Belcourt; aunts: Michelle (Smoky) Wadena of Naytahwaush, Tonya Peltier and Felisha Peltier of Belcourt; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandma, Gary Buehner Sr.; great grandma, Mary Peltier; and aunts: Misty Peltier, Cynthia Gjestrum and Cyrlene Foster.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30 at the old Community Center in Naytahwaush.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen

Online Guestbook: www.andersonfamilybh.com

NOTICE

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION ELDERS

In order to provide information and possible services to White Earth Reservation enrolled elders (age 55 and up) living on or near the reservation - your assistance is needed. Please complete the following data form and return to my office by December 5 if information is different from previously submitted. The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be used to identify services and events from which you may benefit.

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

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

White Earth Reservation Elder Data Form

Name: _______________________________________________________________
City:__________________________________________________Zip:_____________
Phone:____________________Tribal Enrollment No.:____________________
Date of birth: __________________________

Please complete form and return to: Hailie Brunner
Health Department
PO Box 327
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Phone: 218-983-3286 Ext. 1382
Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

PREAmBLE
We, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, consisting of the Chippewa Indians of the White Earth, Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, Bois Forte (Nett Lake), and Grand Portage Settlements and the Nonremoval Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, in order to form a representative Chippewa tribal organization, maintain and establish justice for our Tribe, and to conserve and develop our tribal resources and common property; to promote the general welfare of ourselves and descendants, do establish and adopt this constitution for the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota in accordance with such privilege granted the Indians by the United States under existing law.

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is hereby organized under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.

Sec. 2. The name of this tribal organization shall be the "Minnesota Chippewa Tribe."

Sec. 3. The purpose and function of this organization shall be to conserve and develop tribal resources and to promote the conservation and development of individual Indian trust property; to promote the general welfare of the members of the Tribe; to preserve and maintain justice for its members and otherwise exercise all powers granted and provided the Indians, and take advantage of the privileges afforded by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, and all the purposes expressed in the preamble hereof.

Sec. 4. The Tribe shall cooperate with the United States in its program of economic and social development of the Tribe or in any matters tending to promote the welfare of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe of Indians.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall consist of the following:

(a) Basic Membership Roll. All persons of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood whose names appear on the annuity roll of April 14, 1941, prepared pursuant to the Treaty with said Indians as enacted by Congress in the Act of January 14, 1889 (25 Stat. 642) and Acts amendatory thereof, and as corrected by the Tribal Executive Committee and ratified by the Tribal Delegates, which roll shall be known as the basic membership roll of the Tribe.

(b) All children of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood born between April 14, 1941, the date of the annuity roll, and July 3, 1961, the date of approval of the membership ordinance by the Area Director, to a parent or parents, either or both of whose names appear on the basic membership roll, provided an application for enrollment was filed with the Secretary of the Tribal Delegates by July 4, 1962, one year after the date of approval of the ordinance by the Area Director.

(c) All children of at least one quarter (1/4) degree Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood born after July 3, 1961, to a member, provided that an application for enrollment was or is filed with the Secretary of the Tribal Delegates or the Tribal Executive Committee within one year after the date of birth of such children.

Sec. 2. No person born after July 3, 1961, shall be eligible for enrollment if enrolled as a member of another tribe, or if not an American citizen.

Sec. 3. Any person of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood who meets the membership requirements of the Tribe, but who because of an error has not been enrolled, may be admitted to membership in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by adoption, if such adoption is approved by the Tribal Executive Committee, and shall have full membership privileges from the date the adoption is approved.

Sec. 4. Any person who has been rejected for enrollment as a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall have the right of appeal within sixty days from the date of written notice of rejection to the Secretary of the Interior from the decision of the Tribal Executive Committee and the decision of the Secretary of Interior shall be final.

Sec. 5. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to deprive any descendant of a Minnesota Chippewa Indian of the right to participate in any benefits derived from claims against the U.S. Government when awards are made for and on behalf and for the benefit of descendants of members of said tribe.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY

The governing bodies of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be the Tribal Executive Committee and the Reservation Business Committees of the White Earth, Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, Bois Forte (Nett Lake), and Grand Portage Reservations.

ARTICLE IV - TRIBAL ELECTIONS

Section 1. Right to Vote. All elections shall be held in accordance with a uniform election ordinance to be adopted by the Tribal Executive Committee which shall provide that:

(a) All members of the tribe, eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall have the right to vote at all elections.

(b) All elections shall provide for absentee ballots and secret ballot voting.

(c) Each Reservation Business Committee shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its voters.

(d) The precincts, polling places, election boards, time for opening and closing the polls, canvassing the vote and all pertinent details shall be clearly described in the ordinance.

Sec. 2. Candidates. A candidate for Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Committee member must be an enrolled member of the Tribe and reside on the reservation of his or her enrollment for one year before the date of election. No member of the Tribe shall be eligible to hold office, either as a Committee member or officer, until he or she has reached the age of twenty-first (21) birthday on or before the date of election.

Sec. 3. Term of Office.

(a) The first election of the Reservation Business Committee for the six (6) Reservations shall be called and held within ninety (90) days after the date on which these amendments became effective in accordance with Section 1, of this Article.

(b) For the purpose of the first election, the Chairman and one (1) Committee member shall be elected for a four-year term. The Secretary-Treasurer and any remaining Committee members shall be elected for a two-year term. Thereafter, the term of office for officers and committee members shall be four (4) years. For the purpose of the first election, the Committee member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term.

Sec. 4. No member of the Tribe shall be eligible to hold office, either as a Committee member or officer, if he or she has ever been convicted of a felony of any kind; or of a lesser crime involving theft, misappropriation, or embezzlement of money, funds, assets, or property of an Indian tribe or a tribal organization.

ARTICLE V - AUTHORITIES OF THE TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Tribal Executive Committee shall, in accordance with applicable laws or regulations of the Department of the Interior, have the following powers:

(a) To employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative.

(b) To prevent any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interest in lands, or other assets including minerals, gas and oil.

(c) To advise with the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, except where such appropriation estimates or projects are for the benefit of individual reservations.

(d) To administer any funds within the control of the Tribe; to make expenditures from tribal funds for salaries, expenses of tribal officials, employment or other tribal purposes. The Tribal Executive Committee shall apportion all funds within its control to the various Reservations excepting funds necessary to support the authorized costs of the Tribal Executive Committee. All expenditures of tribal funds, under the control of the Tribal Executive Committee, shall be in accordance with a budget, duly approved by resolution in legal session, and the amounts so expended shall be a matter of public record at all reasonable times. The Tribal Executive Committee shall prepare annual budgets, requesting advancements to the control of the Tribe of any money deposited to the credit of the Tribe in the United States Treasury, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative.

(e) To consult, negotiate, contract and conclude agreements on behalf of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe with Federal, State and local governments or private persons or organizations on all matters within the powers of the Tribal Executive Committee, except as provided in the powers of the Reservation Business Committee.

(f) Except for those powers hereinafter granted to the Reservation Business Committees, the Tribal Executive Committee shall be authorized to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets; to engage in any business that will further the economic well-being of members of the Tribe; to borrow money from the Federal Government or other sources and to direct the use of such funds for productive purposes, or to loan the money thus borrowed to Business Committees of the Reservations and to pledge or assign chattel or income, due or to become due, subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, when required by Federal law or regulations.

(g) The Tribal Executive Committee may by ordinance, subject to the review of the Secretary of the Interior, levy licenses or fees on non-members or non-tribal organizations doing business on two or more Reservations.

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(h) To recognize any community organizations, associations or committees open to members of the several Reservations and to approve such organizations, subject to the provision that no such organizations, associations, or committees may assume any authority granted to the Tribal Executive Committee or to the Reservation Business Committees.

(i) To delegate to committees, officers, employees or cooperative associations any of the foregoing authorities, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated authorities.

**ARTICLE VI - AUTHORITIES OF THE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Each of the Reservation Business Committees shall, in accordance with applicable laws or regulations of the Department of the Interior, have the following powers:

(a) To advise with the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates on Federal projects for the benefit of its Reservation.

(b) To administer any funds within the control of the Reservation; to make expenditures from Reservation funds for salaries, expenses of Reservation officials, employment or other Reservation purposes. All expenditures of Reservations funds under the control of the Reservation Business Committees shall be in accordance with a budget, duly approved by resolution in legal session, and the amount so expended shall be a matter of public record at all reasonable times. The Business Committees shall prepare annual budgets requesting advancements to the control of the Reservation of tribal funds under the control of the Tribal Executive Committee.

(c) To consult, negotiate and contract and conclude agreements on behalf of its respective Reservation with Federal, State and local governments or private persons or organizations on all matters within the power of the Reservation Business Committee, provided that no such agreements or contracts shall directly affect any other Reservation or the Tribal Executive Committee without their consent. The Business Committees shall be authorized to manage, lease, permit or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets, when authorized to do so by the Tribal Executive Committee but no such authorization shall be necessary in the case of lands or assets owned exclusively by the Reservation. To engage in any business that will further the economic well being of members of the Reservation; to borrow money from the Federal Government or other sources and to direct the use of such funds for productive purposes or to loan the money thus borrowed to members of the Reservation and to pledge or assign Reservation chattel or income due or to become due, subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative when required by Federal law and regulations. The Reservation Business Committee may also, with the consent of the Tribal Executive Committee, pledge or assign tribal chattel or income.

(d) The Reservation Business Committee may by ordinance, subject to the review of the Secretary of the Interior, levy licenses or fees on non-members or non-tribal organizations doing business solely within their respective Reservations. A Reservation Business Committee may recognize any community organization, association or committee open to members of the Reservation or located within the Reservation and approve such organization, subject to the provision that no such organization, association or committee may assume any authority granted to the Reservation Business Committee or to the Tribal Executive Committee.

(e) To delegate to committees, officers, employees or cooperative associations any of the foregoing authorities, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated authorities.

(f) The powers heretofore granted to the bands by the charters issued by the Tribal Executive Committee are hereby superseded by this Article and said charters will no longer be recognized for any purposes.

**ARTICLE VII - DURATION OF TRIBAL CONSTITUTION**

Section 1. The period of duration of this tribal constitution shall be perpetual or until revoked by lawful means as provided in the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.

**ARTICLE VIII - MAJORITY VOTE**

Section 1. At all elections held under this constitution, the majority of eligible votes cast shall rule, unless otherwise provided by an Act of Congress.

**ARTICLE IX - BONDING OF TRIBAL OFFICIALS**

Section 1. The Tribal Executive Committee and the Reservation Business Committees, respectively, shall require all persons, charged by the Tribe or Reservation with responsibility for the custody of any of its funds or property, to give bond for the faithful performance of his official duties. Such bond shall be furnished by a responsible bonding company and shall be acceptable to the beneficiary thereof and the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, and the cost thereof shall be paid by the beneficiary.

**ARTICLE X - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL**

Section 1. Any vacancy in the Tribal Executive Committee shall be filled by the Indians from the Reservation on which the vacancy occurs by election under rules prescribed by the Tribal Executive Committee. During the interim, the Reservation Business Committee shall be empowered to select a temporary Tribal Executive Committee member to represent the Reservation until such time as the election herein provided for has been held and the successful candidate elected and seated.

Sec. 2. The Reservation Business Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members shall remove any officer or member of the Committee for the following causes:

(a) Malfeasance in the handling of tribal affairs.

(b) Dereliction or neglect of duty.

(c) Unexcused failure to attend two regular meetings in succession.

(d) Conviction of a felony in any county, State or Federal court while serving on the Reservation Business Committee.

(e) Refusal to comply with any provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe.

The removal shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 3 of this Article.

Sec. 3. Any member of the Reservation from which the Reservation Business Committee member is elected may prefer charges by written notice supported by the signatures of no less than 20 percent of the resident eligible voters of said Reservation, stating any of the causes for removal set forth in Section 2 of this Article, against any member or members of the respective Reservation Business Committee. The notice must be submitted to the Business Committee. The Reservation Business Committee shall consider such notice and take the following action:

(a) The Reservation Business Committee within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice or charges shall in writing notify the accused of the charges brought against him and set a date for a hearing. If the Reservation Business Committee deems the accused has failed to answer charges to its satisfaction or fails to appear at the appointed time, the Reservation Business Committee may remove as provided in Section 2 or it may schedule a recall election which shall be held within thirty (30) days after the date set for the hearing. In either event, the action of the Reservation Business Committee or the outcome of the recall election shall be final.

(b) All such hearings of the Reservation Business Committee shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Article and shall be open to the members of the Reservation. Notices of such hearings shall be duly posted at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

(c) The accused shall be given opportunity to call witnesses and present evidence in his behalf.

Sec. 4. When the Tribal Executive Committee finds any of its members guilty of any of the causes for removal from office as listed in Section 2 of this Article, it shall in writing censure the Tribal Executive Committee member. The Tribal Executive Committee shall present its written censure to the Reservation Business Committee from which the Tribal Executive Committee member is elected. The Reservation Business Committee shall thereupon consider such censure in the manner prescribed in Section 3 of this Article.

Sec. 5. In the event the Reservation Business Committee fails to act as provided in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article, the Reservation membership may, by petition supported by the signatures of no less than 20 percent of the eligible resident voters, appeal to the Secretary of the Interior. If the Secretary deems the charges substantial, he shall call an election for the purpose of placing the matter before the Reservation electorate for their final decision.

**ARTICLE XI - RATIFICATION**

Section 1. This constitution and the bylaws shall not become a part of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe until a special election by a majority vote of the adult members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, voting at a special election called by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote. No amendment shall be effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to call an election when requested by the membership.

**ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT**

Section 1. This constitution may be revoked by Act of Congress or amended or revoked by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior if at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote. No amendment shall be effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to call an election when requested by the membership.

**ARTICLE XIII - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

All members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be accorded the governing body equal rights, equal protection, and equal opportunities to participate in the economic resources and activities of the Tribe, and no member shall be denied any of the constitutional rights or guarantees enjoyed by other citizens of the United States, including but not limited to freedom of religion and conscience, freedom of speech, the right to orderly association or assembly, the right to petition for action or the redress of grievances, and due process of law.

**ARTICLE XIV – REFERENDUM**

Section 1. The Tribal Executive Committee, upon receipt of a petition signed by 20 percent of the resident voters of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, or by an affirmative vote of eight (8) members of the Tribal Executive Committee, shall submit any enacted or proposed resolution or ordinance of the Tribal Executive Committee to a referendum of the eligible voters of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The majority of the votes cast in such referendum shall be conclusive and binding on the Tribal Executive Committee. The Tribal Executive Committee shall call such referendum and prescribe the manner of conducting the vote.

Sec. 2. The Reservation Business Committee, upon receipt of a petition signed by 20 percent of the resident voters of the Reservation, or by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Reservation Business Committee, shall submit any enacted or proposed resolution or ordinance of the Reservation Business Committee to a referendum of the eligible voters of the Reservation. The majority of the votes cast in such referendum shall be conclusive and binding on the Reservation Business Committee. The Reservation Business Committee shall call such referendum and prescribe the manner of conducting the vote.
ARTICLE XV - MANNER OF REVIEW
Section 1. Any resolution or ordinance enacted by the Tribal Executive Committee, which by the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, shall be presented to the Superintendent or officer in charge of the Reservation who shall within ten (10) days after its receipt by him approve or disapprove the resolution or ordinance.

If the Superintendent or officer in charge shall approve any ordinance or resolution it shall thenceupon become effective, but the Superintendent or officer in charge shall transmit a copy of the same, bearing his endorsement, to the Secretary of the Interior, who may within ninety (90) days from the date of approval, rescind the ordinance or resolution for any cause by notifying the Tribal Executive Committee.

If the Superintendent or officer in charge shall refuse to approve any resolution or ordinance subject to review within ten (10) days after its receipt by him he shall advise the Tribal Executive Committee of his reasons therefor in writing. If these reasons are deemed by the Tribal Executive Committee to be insufficient, it may, by a majority vote, refer the ordinance or resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, who may, within ninety (90) days from the date of its referral, approve or reject the same in writing, whereupon the said ordinance or resolution shall be in effect or rejected accordingly.

Sec. 2. Any resolution or ordinance enacted by the Reservation Business Committee, which by the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, shall be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

Sec. 3. Any resolution or ordinance enacted by the Reservation Business Committee, which by the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws is subject to approval by the Tribal Executive Committee, shall within ten (10) days of its enactment be presented to the Tribal Executive Committee. The Tribal Executive Committee shall at its next regular or special meeting, approve or disapprove such resolution or ordinance.

Upon approval or disapproval by the Tribal Executive Committee of any resolution or ordinance submitted by a Reservation Business Committee, it shall advise the Reservation Business Committee within ten (10) days, in writing, of the action taken. In the event of disapproval the Tribal Executive Committee shall advise the Reservation Business Committee, at that time, of its reasons therefore.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Section 1. The President of the Tribal Executive Committee shall:
(a) Preside at all regular and special meetings of the Tribal Executive Committee and at any meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in general council.
(b) Assume responsibility for the implementation of all resolutions and ordinances of the Tribal Executive Committee.
(c) Sign, with the Secretary of the Tribal Executive Committee, on behalf of the Tribe all official papers when authorized to do so.
(d) Assume general supervision of all officers, employees and committees of the Tribal Executive Committee and, as delegat ed, take direct responsibility for the satisfactory performance of such officers, employees and committees.
(e) Prepare a report of negotiations, important communications and other activities of the Tribal Executive Committee and shall make this report at each regular meeting of the Tribal Executive Committee. He shall include in this report all matters of importance to the Tribe, and in no way shall he act for the Tribe unless specifically authorized to do so.
(f) Have general management of the business activities of the Tribal Executive Committee. He shall not act on matters binding the Tribe until the Tribal Executive Committee has deliberated and enacted appropriate resolution, or unless written delegation of authority has been granted.
(g) Not vote in meetings of the Tribal Executive Committee except in the case of a tie.
Sec. 2. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. When so presiding, he shall have all rights, privileges and duties as set forth under duties of the President, as well as the responsibility of the President.
Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Tribal Executive Committee shall:
(a) Keep a complete record of the meetings of the Tribal Executive Committee and shall maintain such records at the headquarters of the Tribe.
(b) Sign, with the President of the Tribal Executive Committee, all official papers as provided in Section 1 (c) of this Article.
(c) Be the custodian of all property of the Tribe.
(d) Keep a complete record of all business of the Tribal Executive Committee. Make and submit a complete and detailed report of the current year’s business and shall submit such other reports as shall be required by the Tribal Executive Committee.
(e) Serve all notices required for meetings and elections.
(f) Perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Tribal Executive Committee.
Sec. 4. The Treasurer of the Tribal Executive Committee shall:
(a) Receive all funds of the Tribe entrusted to it, deposit same in a depository selected by the Tribal Executive Committee, and disburse such tribal funds only on vouchers signed by the President and Secretary.
(b) Keep and maintain, open to inspection by members of the Tribe or representatives of the Secretary of the Interior, at all reasonable times, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Tribe.
(c) Make a monthly report and account for all transactions involving the disbursement, collection or obligation of tribal funds. He shall present such financial reports to the Tribal Executive Committee at each of its regular meetings.
Sec. 5. Duties and functions of all appointive committees, officers, and employees of the Tribal Executive Committee shall be clearly defined by resolution of the Tribal Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II - TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Section 1. Regular meetings of the Tribal Executive Committee shall be held once in every 3 months beginning on the second Monday in July of each year and on such other days of any month as may be designated for that purpose.
Sec. 2. Notice shall be given by the Secretary of the Tribal Executive Committee of the date and place of all meetings by mailing a notice thereof to the members of the Tribal Executive Committee not less than 15 days preceding the date of the meeting.
Sec. 3. The President shall call a special meeting of the Tribal Executive Committee upon a written request of at least one-third of the Tribal Executive Committee. The President shall also call a special meeting of the Tribal Executive Committee when matters of special importance pertaining to the Tribe arise for which he deems advisable the said committee should meet.
Sec. 4. In case of special meetings designated for emergency matters pertaining to the Tribe, or those of special importance warranting immediate action of said Tribe, the President of the Tribal Executive Committee may waive the 15-day clause provided in Section 2 of this Article.
Sec. 5. Seven members of the Tribal Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and Robert’s Rules shall govern its meetings. Except as provided in said Rules, no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
Sec. 6. The order of business at any meeting so far as possible shall be:
(a) Call to order by the presiding officer.
(b) Invocation.
(c) Roll call.
(d) Reading and disposal of the minutes of the last meeting.
(e) Reports of committees and officers.
(f) Unfinished business.
(g) New business.
(h) Adjournment.

ARTICLE III – INSTALLATION OF TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Section 1. New members of the Tribal Executive Committee who have been duly elected by the respective Reservations shall be installed at the first regular meeting of the Tribal Executive Committee following election of the committee members, upon subscribing to the following oath:
“I, __________, do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall preserve, support and protect the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and execute my duties as a member of the Tribal Executive Committee to the best of my ability, so help me God.”

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS
Section 1. These bylaws may be amended in the same manner as the Constitution.

ARTICLE V – MISCELLANEOUS
Section 1. The fiscal year of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall begin on July 1 of each year.
Section 2. The books and records of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be audited at least once each year by a competent auditor employed by the Tribal Executive Committee, and at such times as the Tribal Executive Committee or the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative may direct. Copies of audit reports shall be furnished the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ARTICLE VI - RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE BYLAWS
Section 1. The Reservation Business Committee shall by ordinance adopt bylaws to govern the duties of its officers and Committee members and its meetings.
Section 2. Duties and functions of all appointive committees, officers, and employees of the Reservation Business Committee shall be clearly defined by resolution of the Reservation Business Committee.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION
Pursuant to an order approved September 12, 1963, by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the reservations, and was on November 23, 1963, duly adopted by a vote of 1,761 for and 1,295 against, in an election in which at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

(sgd) Allen Wilson, President Tribal Executive Committee
(sgd) Peter DuFault, Secretary Tribal Executive Committee
(sgd) H.P. Mittelholz, Superintendent Minnesota Agency

APPROVAL
1, John A. Carver, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, do hereby approved the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

John A. Carver, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior Washington, D.C.
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Howah Ads are $5 with a picture or $4 without.
All payments must be made in advance.
No exceptions

Happy Birthday

**Happy Birthday**

**Karissa Thompson**

November 7th

Love you, Mom, Dad, Dez

**Happy 16th Birthday**

**Justin Littlewolf Jr.**

November 24th

Love Dad, Mom, Jacob, Jayme, Julisa

**Happy Birthday**

**Tony Littlewolf**

November 15th

Love Mom, Justin Sr., Amy, Jr, Jacob, Jayme, Julisa

**Happy Birthday**

**Dorothy Ann Smith**

November 12th, 1939

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Any Man Coming Forward as the Father of the Child of Amber Basswood  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File Nos. CC18-0355  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 1, 2019, a CORRECTED Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights and Transfer of Permanent Legal/Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0355. A pre-trial hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.  

**Summons to Appear**  

**Court File No. H19-0707**  
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 17th, 2019, a Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court. A pretrial hearing on the complaint is scheduled for November 6th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogemaw, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5774 to receive a copy of the complaint in unlawful detainer. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you, and/or you may be found in contempt of Court and fined civilly.  

**Dated:** October 16, 2019  
Veronica Newcomer  
Attorney for White Earth Housing Authority  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Isis Tibbetts  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File No. TP18-0031  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 11, 2018 a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. A Trial will commence on December 9, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at 35500 Eaglevew Rd., Ogemaw, MN. The telephone number is (218) 983-4648. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the protection of your child. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.  

**Dated:** October 2, 2019  
Court Administrator  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CONSERVATION COURT**

In the Matter of:  
George L. Warren;  
DOB: 08/20/1958  
Summons for Appear in Court  
Court File No. CO19-0087  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. An Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogemaw, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.  

**Dated:** October 15, 2019  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CONSERVATION COURT**

In the Matter of:  
Jocelyn A. Norcross;  
DOB: 08/12/1965  
Summons for Appear in Court  
Court File No. CO19-0089  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. An Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogemaw, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.  

**Dated:** October 15, 2019  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Shannon Wibbel  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File Nos. CC15-0573, -0574  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 1, 2019, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in file CC15-0573-0574. A admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 20, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.  

**Dated:** October 29, 2018  
Veronica Newcomer  
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Jesse Alvarado  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File Nos. CC17-1593, ETC.  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 16, 2019, a Petition for Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in file(s) CC17-1592, etc. A continued admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.  

**Dated:** October 29, 2018  
Veronica Newcomer  
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Amber Basswood  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File Nos. CC18-0355  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 1, 2019, a CORRECTED Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights and Transfer of Permanent Legal/Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0355. A pre-trial hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 20, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.  

**N OTICE: VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER VI OF THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHEROKEE JUDICIAL CODE. THE COURT MAY FIND THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IN CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.**  
A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN PARTY TO THIS PROCEEDING HAS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE YOUR OWN ATTORNEY YOU MAY APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU.  

**Dated:** October 18, 2019  
Rebecca McConey-Greene,  
Attorney for the White Earth Band of Chippewa  
Indian Child Welfare Department  
MN I.D. 0388656  

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**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN’S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
Edward Moran  
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
Court File Nos. CC17-0382, -0383, -0384  

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 11, 2019, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights and Transfer of Permanent Legal/Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children’s files CC17-0382-0383; CC17-0384. A review hearing and admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.  

**Dated:** October 29, 2018  
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raise money. Census data is used in countless proposals to federal, state and local agencies, as well as to private foundations, to secure funding to create and expand programs for Native people.

- Building political clout. Census numbers are used not only to determine how many seats each state gets in Congress, but to draw boundary lines for Congressional, state, and local legislative districts.
- Supporting reservation economic development. Tribal entrepreneurs and prospective investors use statistics about the size of the potential market for local services, along with the size of the potential labor force needed to produce the goods and services a business might offer.
- Denies your community money to which it is entitled on the basis of its population size.
- Reduces the political representation of your community in Congress, as well as state and local legislative bodies.
- Leads to poor judgments in planning community services and facilities and in locating new business enterprises.

Participating in the Census by completing your household’s questionnaire is easy. The form is short and simple, asking only basic questions about each person’s sex, age, and race, and whether the house, apartment, or mobile home is owned or rented. It should take the average household only about 10 minutes to complete the form.

Being counted means standing up for yourself, your family, and your tribal community as an American Indian.
Chili & Bread Cook-Off
Nov. 8th
Pine Point school
4:30-6pm
If you think your chili is all that and then some, give me a call to register. 1st – 3rd prizes in chili and also in bread. You don’t need to bring anything just come and eat.
Contact Bonnie Meeks to register
218 573-4100

STAR FITNESS
Manitok Mall, Mahnomen MN
218-935-0808
HOURS:
Monday-Friday 6am-10pm
(staffed 8am-4:30pm)
Saturday-Sunday 6am-6pm

FEES:
Enrolled W.E. Tribal members—free
Community member:
$5/ day
$20/month
$55/3 month
$165/year
Elder: (age 55+)
$5/month
$15/3 month
$45/year
Family (up to 4 people):
$35/month $95/3 month $315/year

In Need of Septic Pumping?
If you need your septic system pumped call the White Earth Public Works Department at 218-983-3202.

Enrolled elder (55 years & older) - $25
Enrolled member (54 years & younger) - $80
Non-enrollee (any age) - $115
Non-White Earth Businesses - $120
(Must live on White Earth Reservation)

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
Position: Snow Removal Provider
Location: District I – III
Closing date: 11/6/19
• Must be a White Earth Tribal Enrollee
• Must have a truck and plow
• Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
• Proof of insurance (liability-coverage) for personal snow truck
• Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening
• Knowledge of area highways and roads in each District
• Must be able to communicate 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: 218-983-3302
Fax: 218-983-3350
Contact Matt Smith or Betsy if you have any questions

Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners
If you are in need of a Well and Sewer System for your house/ trailer home you can contact White Earth Water & Sewer for an application as we receive grants.

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:
* Tribal Enrolled member
* Reside on the White Earth Reservation
* Show proof of land (Land Deed/Tribal Land agreement) and proof of homeownership
* 18 years of age or older
* Must have electricity, heat source, and interior plumbing to the home
* Income verification (some existing home owners grants require)

Contact us at 218-983-3202

Ganawendanda Nibiikaangi
Let’s Protect Our Waters
Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers
To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:
BEFORE launching and BEFORE leaving:
• Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals
• Drain lake/river water from the landing
• Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash
It’s unlawful to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels.

A-SE-MA
TOBACCO AND PIPE SHOP
218-204-0809
105 Railway St Mahnomen MN 56557 Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm
-Tobacco - E cigs
-Pipes-Glass pipes
-Water pipes-Stash cans
-Cigarette rollers -System cleaner
-Home drug test-Cigarillos
-Rolling papers-Wraps
-Chillum -And Much More!!!
Keenie’s Korner

Fall Comfort Foods

Quick Potato Soup
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1 small onion, chopped
2 cups of diced celery
6 cups water
4 cans of sliced potatoes (drain and rinsed)
Salt and pepper to taste
3 cups of diced ham
4 - 6 cups of milk

Cook in the water onions, celery, potatoes, butter, diced ham, salt and pepper in a soup kettle. I add the dumplings after the broth starts to pick up the flavor of the ham and the potatoes had some time to cook. Drop your dumplings in the water and cook until done. You may need to add more water depending on how large of a batch of dumplings you make. Add the milk slowly to the soup and heat until hot. This should make around 12 (1-cup) servings.

Dumplings
1 cup of flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1/8 tsp. baking powder (for lighter dumplings)
1/4 cup margarine or butter

Mix the above together and add a little at a time of about 1/3 cups of cold milk. Mix until stiff and the dumplings are gone. These dumplings can be used in any soup you like.

Colleen Blattenbauer / Nutrition Educator
White Earth Food Distribution
Phone: 218-935-2233
E-mail: colleen.blattenbauer@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Home Health
Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinics

Food Distribution (East of Mahnomen)
November 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White Earth RBC Headquarters
November 8, 10 a.m. to noon

Elbow Lake Center
November 12, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

Pappy’s Cafe (Waubun)
November 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Biiimaadiziwiin (White Earth)
November 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

White Earth Tribal & Community College
November 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Congregate Housing (White Earth)
November 15, 10 a.m. to noon

Shooting Star Casino (Mahnomen)
November 18, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Naytahwaush Sports Complex
November 18, 10 a.m. to noon

Rice Lake Center
November 26, 10 a.m. noon

Pine Point Elder’s Center
November 27, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free Yoga classes at
4:00 on Tuesdays
at COLA School in White Earth
& Thursdays at 3:30 at WETCC
in Mahnomen

October 17 through November 26, 2019
Limited mats available. Bring your own mat if you have one.
Sponsored by White Earth Public Health.
Questions? Call Jackie Haps @ Star Fitness 915-0868

Lake Grove Township
Monthly Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Lake Grove Township, County of Mahnomen, State of Minnesota, that the monthly Township meeting will be held Nov. 19, 2019. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

Lori Tibbetts
Clerk, Town of Lake Grove

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the POW/MIA Recognition event held Sept. 19-20 at the Waubun School. The POW/MIA flag was in motion for 24 hours as volunteers carried the flag around the high school track. The event was held to honor military members who suffered as prisoners of war and to remember those who never returned home and to create awareness of not only veterans, but also of MIAs and POWs. The response was overwhelming with plans to make this an annual event.

Sincerely,
Ogema VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary

I want to thank everyone that worked so hard and showed so much love in the success of my benefit. I am so blessed and so humbled. There is nothing like a small town and community and the love of friends and family. I want to thank Nathan, Denise, Jim, Toni, Erin and Brandi to start and personal thank you with love and gratitude will be forthcoming. Thank you to the legion, the worker bees, Naytahwaush Sports Complex staff, the ones who baked, contributed baskets, monetary donations and gifts for the benefit. The kitchen and helpers, and business that were so generous. From the bottom of my heart, I am humbled and thankful, and this is going to help me so much in my upcoming journey.

Love you all,
Chelsey Lynn Martine

Seeking Family

I am seeking information about my family, Mary Staples Kaugoonce (1867-1897), Herbert Hutchinson Wanabozhance (1858-1911), Sadie Hutchinson Pe Tow An Ah Quod O Quay 1839-1843, and Alma Susan Hutchinson 1895-1926. If you have information about any of them, we might be cousins. I have a few pictures and some information to share, please contact juliebrown1575@gmail.com

Classified Ads


Stump grinding: Call Gary Borgrud at 218-473-2563.

Storage units for rent: 8’-12’ storage units for rent; cost is $100 for 3 months, or $40 per month. Location: 2 miles west of Mahnomen on Hwy 200, Fire #1235. For more information call Dan at 218-261-0674.

Happy Birthday

Together They Are 100 - Happy 50th Birthday
November 5th

Love ya girls

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leslie Bellanger on earning a 4.0 GPA for your first semester at Bemidji State University. Leslie recently graduated from Waubun High School in May.

Proud of you!
The family of Sandy Revier

Chad’s Auto Repair
For all your Automotive Repairs
CONTACT CHAD AT 218-261-8179
2238 310th Avenue, Mahnomen, Mn 56657
1/4 mile south of Mahnomen

Chelsey Lynn Martine

Happy Birthday

Together They Are 100 - Happy 50th Birthday
November 5th

Love ya girls
David Beaulieu honored for dedication to American Indian education

University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Professor David Beaulieu was recently recognized at a national event recently for his career-long commitment to improving educational opportunities for American Indians.

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) awarded David Beaulieu a Lifetime Achievement Award on Oct. 9 at its 50th Annual Convention and Trade Show in Minneapolis: “Celebrating 50 Years of Building Education Nations: Strengthening and Advancing Native Control of Native Education.”

An NIEA press release states that Beaulieu is being honored for his “lifelong of work, service, and dedication for Native education.” As part of this recognition of his work, NIEA also launched the Dr. David Beaulieu Legacy Scholarship.

Beaulieu says he first became interested in American Indian education while a student at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities beginning in 1966. “I became involved in my work associated with Indian affairs and education when I first learned I could take charge of my own education while a student at the University of Minnesota,” says Beaulieu, noting that the curriculum at the time did not resonate with his identity and was often tainted by prejudice and racism.

During Beaulieu’s time at UMN, he received undergraduate and graduate degrees. While completing his graduate studies and research, he was part of a unique cohort of American Indian graduate students from across the country funded by Office of Economic Opportunity and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“The relationships formed in the Minnesota program as well as with the Harvard, Penn State, and Arizona State program students and the connections to the history that had established these programs formed the foundation of the future of Indian education that emerged with great energy at the time and the work I would do for the rest of my life,” says Beaulieu.

At UMD, Beaulieu says he is continuing to work on behalf of Ruth Myers’ legacy. The Ojibwe woman is known as the “grandmother of Indian education in Minnesota.” She was the first American Indian elected to a Minnesota school district board of education. She was later appointed to the Minnesota State Board of Education by two different Governors.

Myers and other Minnesota Indian educators organized the first national conference on American Indian education in Minnesota in 1969. Beaulieu worked closely Myers in the 1980s to implement important changes to state Indian education policy while he was Director of Indian Education with the Minnesota Department of Education. This included state legislation to equalize state funding to tribal schools and the passage of the Comprehensive Indian Education Act of 1988.

Earlier from 1979, Beaulieu had worked as Vice President at Sinte Gleska University in Rosebud SD where he facilitated the development of Sinte Gleska and its self-study to become the first tribal college accredited at the baccalaureate degree level.

Among Beaulieu’s proudest career accomplishments occurred while serving as Minnesota’s commissioner of Human rights under Governor Arne Carlson in the 1990s. Through a series of complaints against school districts for failure to protect victims, he brought national attention to the issue of student-to-student sexual harassment in public schools. On behalf of Governor Carlson, he lobbied successfully for the addition of the sexual orientation provision to the Minnesota Human Rights Act and settled the discrimination case against the city of St. Paul for failure to hire woman as firefighters.

In early 1997, Beaulieu moved to Washington, D.C., to direct the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Indian Education. Outside of managing federal Indian education programs he facilitated the development and implementation of President Clinton’s Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education. He later served on the NIEA board of directors and as its board president in 2005. During this period Beaulieu focused on a response the “No Child Left Behind” legislation, developing the Native Children’s Agenda and Native languages’ preservation.

The Dr. David Beaulieu Legacy Scholarship is earmarked for Native college students in the final two years of undergraduate degrees in education, policy, political science, or public administration with an interest in Indian affairs, Indian education policy and public administration. It’s a fitting tribute to a man who devoted his career to making change in these areas.

“I believe that the best of our ideas in Indian education come by way of placing Indian students at the center of their own education,” says Beaulieu. “Education self-determination and control and the reform of curricular and instructional programs for Indian students can be summarized by this central idea.”

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community made a lead gift of $10,000 to establish the scholarship fund. Donations are still being accepted, with an initial scholarship fundraising goal of $50,000.

The NIEA convention featured several American Indian women leaders as keynote speakers, including

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