



Providing a helping hand



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Members of the Church of Epiphany in Plymouth, Minn., recently replaced the roof of a house in White Earth village. The group was lead by Rev. Lisa White Smith who ministered on White Earth Reservation for many years. In addition to repairing homes, the group also held a Bible camp in Naytahwaush.



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Top: Michael Fairbanks, third from left, was inaugurated as the new White Earth Tribal Chairman on Aug. 16 at the Shooting Star Casino. Joining Fairbanks were District II Representative Kathy Goodwin, left, District III Representative Umsy Tibbetts, and Winona LaDuke, executive director of Honor the Earth. **Bottom:** Fairbanks delivers his inaugural speech.

Inauguration 2019

Michael Fairbanks sworn in as new Chairman

More than 650 people attended the White Earth Inauguration ceremony welcoming a new Chairmen on Aug. 16 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center

Michael Fairbanks defeated Brent Gish, 1,352 to 679, in a special general election on Aug. 6. The election was held to fill the unexpired four-year term of former Chairman Terry Tibbetts who was elected in 2016 and passed away in March after a lengthy illness.

Master of Ceremonies Winona LaDuke welcomed everyone to the event and the

Smokey Hill drum group sang the Grand Entry Song while the White Earth Honor Guard and Ogichidag Warrior Society brought in the flags and staffs as members of the RBC and royalty followed. Merlin Deegan and Allen Hardy performed the pipe ceremony and invocation.

Fairbanks selected Rob Tibbetts to administer the Oath Office, which was done in Ojibwe.

You can read Fairbanks' speech on **Page 28**. The entire event can also be viewed on the White Earth Facebook page.

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September 6-8, 2019

Friday - Sept. 6
Warm Ups

Saturday - Sept. 7
Walk - 8 a.m.
Flag Raising - 10 a.m.
Parade - 11 a.m.
Grand Entry - 1 & 7 p.m.
Feast 5 p.m.

Sunday - Sept. 8
Grand Entry - 1 p.m.

Specials:
Men's Woodland
Women's Old Style Jingle Dress
Switch Dance

Princess/Brave Contest

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16 signs of emotional abuse in a relationship

By Mallory Black (Diné)
StrongHearts Native Helpline

No one expects to find themselves in an abusive relationship. Most relationships begin in a good way with kind words and compliments, but they can turn harmful and emotionally abusive at any time.

Emotional abuse is a type of domestic violence that often flies under the radar, but it should always be taken seriously as a form of abuse. When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, a partner will criticize, threaten or isolate their partner as a way to manipulate and control them. Emotional abuse can be degrading, humiliating and terrifying, often leaving long-lasting scars on one's spirit and self-esteem.

So, how do you know if you're in an abusive relationship? What can you do when a loved one is being emotionally abused? Let's start with recognizing the tactics of emotional abuse.

Signs of Emotional Abuse

In an intimate relationship, emotional abuse can look like when a partner:

- Constantly calls you hurtful or degrading names, insults you or criticizes you
- Acts extremely jealous or possessive of you
- Humiliates you in any way, or shames you
- Isolates you from your family, friends or community
- Blocks you from making new friends or joining social groups
- Ignores your presence for several hours, days or weeks
- Refuses to listen, speak or respond to you (ex. silent treatment)
- Explodes in anger toward you or is constantly angry at everything you do
- Pressures you to commit and becomes angry or sulks when you don't commit
- Threatens to hurt you or themselves, or uses weapons to scare you
- Threatens to hurt your children, family members or pets
- Threatens to take your children away from you or call child protective services (CPS) on you
- Repeatedly lies about where they are, what they're doing or who they're with
- Calls you "crazy," "too sensitive," or denies abuse is happening when confronted (ex. gaslighting)
- Cheats on you or flirts with other people to intentionally hurt you
- Accuses you of cheating in the relationship

When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, you may feel off-balance, like you're walking on eggshells, or question your judgment more than usual. This is because an abusive partner uses harmful behaviors like the tactics above to manipulate and control their partner so they feel powerless. That's why it is so important to trust your instincts when your partner does or says something that doesn't feel right to you.

Emotional abuse is extremely dangerous and detrimental to a person's wellbeing and often has lifelong psychological effects. An abusive partner's behavior is likely to escalate as time goes on, and they will often use emotional abuse in combination with other abuse types and tactics to obtain and maintain power in the relationship.

People in abusive relationships tend to blame themselves for the abuse or believe they must have done something to deserve the criticism or attacks. No one ever deserves to be abused. And no matter the abusive partner's reasoning for the abuse, domestic violence goes against our traditional ways as Native people. It is never acceptable to hurt a partner or spouse in any way.

Is Arguing Abusive?

In every relationship, partners can expect to disagree from time to time. Arguments are a normal part of any relationship, but abusive behavior is not.

In a healthy relationship, each partner must commit to being honest, communicating, and trusting the other person. Each partner must work to maintain healthy communication and avoid hurting the other person emotionally, spiritually and physically. Above all, each partner must show respect in the relationship, especially when disagreements arise.

In an abusive relationship, any disagreement can escalate into emotionally or physically abusive behavior. Remember, there is never an excuse for abuse.

Getting Help

Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse is the first step to getting help. If you or someone you know is being hurt in your relationship, know that you are not alone. There are people who want to support you, including advocates at the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

By calling **1-844-7NATIVE** (762-8483), you can connect anonymously with a Native advocate who can offer a listening ear and support with whatever is happening in your relationship. You can share as much as you feel comfortable, and our advocates will listen without judgment or blame.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST. Advocates also offer crisis intervention, assistance with finding ways to stay safe, and a connection to Tribal and Native domestic violence resources, if needed. We can also assist concerned friends or family members with ways to help a loved one who is being abused, as well as people who are worried they might be abusing their partner.

It can also be incredibly helpful to lean on family members and your cultural roots for support. Never forget that you have the strength and courage of your ancestors, too, who dreamed of a world where every one of their relatives would live in safety, happiness and in harmony. You deserve to feel safe in your relationship, no matter what.

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White Earth Child Care Assistance Program~ may help

The Child Care assistance program helps parents who are working or attending school and who do not qualify for any other child care assistance programs such as county or school funded sources, and who are having difficulties in paying for child care costs. Eligibility based on the following guidelines:

- ◆ Household income and family size
- ◆ Verification of Native American descent children, parents or grandparents)
- ◆ Verification of work or school (Min of 20hrs a week)
- ◆ Must reside in our service area (Becker, Mahanomen and a portion of Clearwater counties)

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy

My Fellow Anishinaabeg,
As our days grow shorter, I hope you have enjoyed summer and all of the wonderful things it brings. Since my last report, the RBC has been diligent in serving our people, while also welcoming our new Chairman Michael Fairbanks. I look forward to working with Mike and creating positive change for all of White Earth.

As seasons are changing, our children are returning to school. Being a parent myself, I look forward to the school year and the excitement it brings. If you are looking for assistance while receiving education (high school or postsecondary), please contact our Education Division for information on scholarships or the Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM) at 218-983-3285. I want to ensure everyone knows their options regarding education as it is so important.

While our RBC fiscal year is coming to a close, I want to remind veterans of two major benefits passed in resolution number 001-19-006:

1. Beginning October 1, 2019 and every subsequent fiscal year, the RBC will provide an annual contribution of \$20,000 to the White Earth Constituent Program solely for eligible veterans and their dependents to access and utilize for purposes established by the program's guidelines.

2. Effective October 1, 2019, and in coordination with the White Earth Constituent Program, the spouse, Power of Attorney designee, or designated caretaker of a deceased veteran are entitled up to a \$400 funeral benefit that may be combined with other funeral benefits provided by the tribe.

In addition to veteran benefits, a \$1 million increase will be added to the funeral fund for White Earth members beginning October 1st. This decision



was made during a meeting held on July 31. Program eligibility and funding availability will be published by the White Earth Constituents Program.

Please be aware of our next Quarterly Meeting on Sept. 5 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. I will post the financials from the upcoming Quarterly Meeting in the October newspaper. After September, our next Quarterly Meeting will be Dec. 5; more information will be given when available.

As changes are occurring for the RBC, audits continue. A report is pending.

Miigwech,

Alan Roy
Secretary-Treasurer
White Earth Nation

Call For Move-In Specials!

WHITE EARTH CONGREGATE HOUSING

WAUBUN, MINNESOTA

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.

Rent includes water, sewer, garbage and heat. Rent is based on income. Certain restrictions apply

For complete information call DW Jones Management, Inc. 218-547-3307 or www.dwjonesmanagement.com
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WETCC thanks Kim Anderson for dedicated work



Submitted photo

The White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) thanks Kim Anderson for her hard work and dedication as an Extension Director and Ojibwa Instructor. The staff would like to congratulate Kim on her new job and wish her the best of luck! Lorna LaGue / WETCC President, left, and Becca Dallinger / WETCC Extension, present Kim with a Pendleton blanket.



Building pathways at MnDOT

WHEN: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
10:30 am to 3 pm

WHERE: White Earth Tribal & Community College
2250 College Road, Mahanomen, MN

This career event is free and designed to learn about jobs and careers at the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Lunch will be provided. Small prizes.

WHAT TO EXPECT




- Learn about new jobs at MnDOT
- Connect with fellow participants and MnDOT employees
- Learn about openings, benefits and how to apply
- Career tables and workshops
- Including IT pathways

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This event is open to all who want to learn.

REGISTRATION - Space is limited

Register with Rachel Cukla from Customized Education at 218-935-0417 or rachel.cukla@WETCC.EDU


White Earth Reservation Business Committee Quarterly Meeting

When: Thursday, September 5

When: 9 a.m.

Where: Naytahwaush Sports Complex

Energy Assistance Program Notice

Applications for the 2020 Energy Assistance Program have been sent out for those individuals that applied last winter and were approved. For those of you that did not apply last winter, applications will be available at the end of August.

Please complete application neatly and completely with all questions answered.

Funding usually comes in first part of November. If you have any questions or concerns please call us at 218-473-2711. The fax number is 218-473-2719.

Wiikwajiitooon Meeting



Hosts 3rd Annual



Fall Sobriety Celebration

* School Supply Giveaway's

* Meal Provided

* Door Prizes

* Medallion Ceremony

* Bounce House

* Any questions call:
Cherish Murray @
218-983-3286 ext.
1453 or Andrea
Bellanger @ ext.
3233*



Where:
Naytahwaush
Sports
Complex

When:
September 14th,
2019

Time:
11:00am-
3:00pm

Talking Circle held every Wednesday at the sports complex from 6-8pm.

Need Tires!?

We have a variety of tires for sale! Many discontinued sizes and tire brands will be sold at discount prices. If you are interested, call us at 218-983-3296 for more details.

Our business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

White Earth Fleet Garage
Located at 36671 Martin Drive in White Earth

White Earth Farmers' Market Community invited to annual Baked Potato Feed

The White Earth Community Farmers' Market in Mahanomen would like to thank all our loyal customers for a VERY successful turnout of our annual Customer Appreciation Sweet Corn Feed on Aug. 22. We served more than 300 customers wonderful sweet corn grown locally by our vendors, many coming back for seconds!

The White Earth Community Farmers' Market on Main Street in Mahanomen is hosting our Annual Baked Potato Feed with butter, sour cream, and cheese from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5. This will be a great time for tasting an awesome product that our vendors work hard to grow here for our community

Our Farmers' Market is in full swing with endless produce to include sweet corn, tomatoes, potatoes, green beans, radishes, onions, garlic, zucchini, leeks, cucumbers, carrots, kale, summer and winter squash, herbs, and a variety of peppers, etc.

Come see all the different products homemade for you like jellies, jams, pickles, salsa, syrups, honey, wild rice, dried dips, sauerkraut, and fresh baked goodies!

There is beautiful woodworking and handmade aprons to purchase as a gift for someone or yourself. We are Lucky to have the band "Hank and Friends" playing every Thursday for your listening enjoyment.

Remember, our Market accepts: SNAP/EBT,



Eva Brakefield, left, Gail Borgrud and Bill Stech from White Earth Public Health hand out corn during a recent customer appreciation day at the White Earth Farmers' Market in Mahanomen.

WIC, Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), and Hunger Solutions Certificates.

Every Thursday we give away a wonderful food basket in appreciation of our customers. Come and sign up for your chance win!

See you at the White Earth Community Farmers' Market on Main Street Mahanomen.



Photos by Candace Rastedt

The White Earth Farmers Market is hosting their annual Baked Potato Feed on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 3-6 p.m. They are located on Main Street in Mahanomen.

RBC blood drive brings in more than 50 volunteers

The White Earth RBC recently hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, which helped collect a total of 40 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 51 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 38 individuals were able to donate. A total of two donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. There were nine people

who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Lisa McArthur, who coordinated the drive, as well as others who assisted the day of the drive: Sarah Lefebvre, Tracy Lhotka, and Nicole Hoban.

Vitalant is the only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

Housing Authority seeking tribal members who own their own home on White Earth Reservation

The White Earth Reservation Housing Authority is looking for White Earth tribal members that own and occupy their homes year-round. They are applying for funds to help assist homeowners with rehab and they want to create an applicant pool in case they are granted funding.

Homeowners must meet eligibility requirements which include:

- 1) Income, which includes income from all sources, must provide proof of all income.
- 2) Must be able to provide proof of homeownership including land. Land that is private owned by the applicant must provide a deed showing ownership of the land.
- 3) Must not have received assistance from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the past 10 years.
- 4) Must be able to provide White Earth tribal

membership enrollment documentation.

5) If any person is handicapped or disabled in the home – must be able to provide medical documentation that attests to that.

6) Homes on tribal land must be able to provide a copy of their homesite lease with the White Earth Nation.

7) Homeowners that have an application on file for homeowner assistance must update their application.

8) Must reside within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation.

To get more information about the project, please contact Gary Stevens, Mike Heisler or Monte Farley at the White Earth Housing Authority office at 218-473-4663.

Shriners offer free pediatric orthopedic screenings

Know a child with signs of an orthopaedic condition or need a second opinion? Families are invited to a complimentary screening clinic in Bemidji, hosted by Sanford Bemidji Orthopedic and Sports Medicine. Children will be evaluated to see if their bone, muscle, or joint problem is a treatable condition at Shriners Healthcare for Children- Twin Cities.

Shriners Healthcare for Children provides comprehensive medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care for children with orthopaedic conditions **regardless of their ability to pay**. If a child requires follow-up care at the clinic, complimentary transportation may be available through the local Shrine Center upon request.

What: Pediatric Orthopedic Screening

When: Friday, Sept. 27, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Sanford Bemidji Orthopedic and Sports

Medicine, 1300 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, Minn.

Appointments: 612-596-6105

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 locations dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the ability to pay. Learn more at www.twincitiesshrinershealthcare.org.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Rez Briefs

Lake Grove Lutheran Church hosts Fall Dinner

The Lake Grove Lutheran Church Fall Dinner will be held Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Waubun Community Center. The menu is chicken dinner with salad bar and pie. \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 6-11, and \$2 for preschool. There will also be a country store.

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Cost of descendant certificate increasing

As of Oct. 1, descendant certificates (non-enrollee CDIB) will be going 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.

White Earth Health Center One-Stop check-in

The White Earth Service Unit, Indian Health Service, started a new "One-Stop" registration and check-in process. Once you register with Patient Registration, you are checked in and directed to your designated area. This will help alleviate wait time.

Waubun trails are available for walking

The Waubun School Forest trails are available for walking. Take a walk on Maple Ridge trail and see the new outdoor classroom. The forest is located at 2541 Hwy 113 (9.2 miles east of Waubun).

White Earth Car Seat Prevention Program

- Is your child in need of a car seat?
- Are you wondering if your child needs the next stage car seat?
- Let us help to secure your child's future in the correct car seat!
- We are available for car seat education Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please call Danielle Darco at 218-936-3285 Ext. 1324 or Bryanna Chilton Ext. 1259 to help answer any question you may have or to schedule an appointment.

Tents will require a rental fee

There is a \$200 rental fee for the 30 x 30 tent from White Earth Maintenance. It includes set up and tear down. Payment in full will be required before set up.

Looking for a job?

The White Earth Human Resources Department has a Job Hotline. Call 218-983-3285 and ask for Ext. 1000, or look online at www.whiteearth.com.

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 Urban Liaison Office

The White Earth Urban Liaison Office address is 214 West Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis at the Carriage House behind the brick mansion. Thier phone number is 612-813-1590 Ext. 6634.

Iron Range Area Community Council

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


Booking White Earth Community Center

To book an event at the White Earth Community Center call Mike Bevins at 218-204-0128. **Please call after 4:30 p.m.**

WE Public Works offers septic pumping

If you need your septic system pumped call White Earth Public Works at 218-983-3202. Enrolled elder (age 55 and older) - \$25, enrolled tribal member (age 54 and younger) - \$80, non enrollee (any age) - \$115. *Must live on White Earth Reservation.*

Sponsored by: Behavioral Health



September 27 / 5-8 pm

White Earth Urban Programs

Traditional Men's Gathering


Dinner

212 W Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55403

- 5 PM Invocation
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:00 Traditional Men's Roles and Teaching
- 7:00 Keynote Speaker
- Door Prizes

Questions: David Goodman 612-813-1586
dave.goodman@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Registration is free
Open to males 12+



You can reach the AT at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation

First-Time Homebuyer Education Class

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Time: 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
15542 State Hwy 371 NW, Cass Lake, MN



First-Time Homebuyer Education....

is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for qualified buyers.

Reserve your spot in this FREE class with Cyndi Cwikla at (218) 335-8582, extension 150 or ccwikla@mncchippewatribe.org

No childcare is provided so please make other arrangements.

Naytahwaush Harvest Fest 2019

September 6th, 7th, & 8th

Co-Host Drums:

TC Boys and Ojibwe Nation

MC's:

Murphy Thomas and Frank Stech

Arena Directors:

Thomas Mason and Lucas Hisgun

Thursday, Sept. 5 / 5:30 p.m.

Blessing of the Powwow Grounds

Friday, Sept. 6

Warm ups

Saturday, Sept. 7

Memorial Walk - 8 a.m.

Flag Raising - 10 a.m.

Parade with games to follow - 11 a.m.

Grand Entry - 1 p.m.

Dinner Break - 5 p.m.

Grand Entry - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Grand Entry - 1 p.m.

Committee Give Away

Community Feast

Princess/Brave Contest

Committee Men's Woodland Special

Committee Women's Old Style Jingle Dress Special

Switch Dance Special

❖ Committee not responsible for lost/stolen property or short-funded travelers.

❖ No drugs or alcohol allowed.

❖ Campsite and shower place provided

Vendor Contact:

Frank Stech at 218-308-4160

Powwow Contact:

Greg Blue at 218-261-1048

White Earth leaders and staff discuss housing issues with Senator Tina Smith at conference

Minnesota Senator Tina Smith held a listening session with tribal leaders from many Ojibwe and Dakota Nations at the 15th bi-annual Minnesota Indian Housing Conference held Aug. 21-23 on the lands of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

White Earth enrolled member Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan was a keynote speaker at the conference and met privately with tribal council representative Umsy Tibbetts discussing issues of joint interest between the state and our nation.

White Earth was well represented at the conference with two councilmen, a number of housing board members, staff of the housing office and repre-

sentatives from health and human services.

Supportive housing developments, in Ogema (Dream Catcher) and Naytahwaush (Giiwaanaamiikiin) were highlighted at the conference as successful models in supportive affordable housing partnerships between White Earth and Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. White Earth housing staff joined councilman Tibbetts in consultations with Minnesota Housing commissioner Jennifer Ho and members of her staff discussing current and future housing development proposals, two of which are currently under consideration for funding this fall.



Submitted photo

Tribal leaders attending the recent Minnesota Indian Housing Conference from left were Leech Lake District Representative Steve White, White Earth District III Representative Umsy Tibbetts, Bois Forte District Representative Travis Morrison, Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson Sr., Minnesota Senator Tina Smith, White Earth District I Representative Raymond Auginaush, Leech Lake Secretary-Treasurer Arthur LaRose and Fond-du-Lac Chairman Kevin Dupuis.



Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation

Home Loan Program: Regular, Moderate, Construction & Renovation Loans

Home loan applicants must be American Indian enrolled in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and must be owner occupied. Applicants must also meet other requirements such as; reasonable credit risk, have a stable employment history, and meet State and FHA credit underwriting guidelines.

Business Loan Program: Micro Loans \$500-\$5000, Business Loans \$5000-\$150,000 and Commercial Real Estate Loans \$5,000 - \$150,000

All loans will require security/collateral and personal guarantees for principals and /or third parties. The owner/borrower must have a minimum 10% equity in total business capitalization. Interest is based on risk rating of applications, rates will be between 4% - 7%. Borrowers are required to have a reasonable credit history and a written plan for repayment. All applicants with any type of loan must have a business plan detailing how the business will operate and perform. Technical assistance is available.

Applications:

Applications are taken at our home office located at 15542 State Hwy 371 NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Or call for an appointment at 218.335.8582. You may visit our website at www.mctfc.org to download application and requirements. We also provide home-buyer training, assist clients with home inspections and construction counseling.

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Why are so many Native Americans missing from the last census? Why it matters and what's being done now

By **Natasha Rausch**
The Forum (Fargo)

Jamie Azure said the numbers were off.

When he saw the results from the 2010 census, he said they didn't look right for his tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in northern North Dakota.

"I hold our own tribe responsible, along with the Census (Bureau)," he said. "There was no communication."

That's why this time around, Chairman Azure is working to create a committee and appoint a tribal liaison to make sure "there are no blurred numbers."

But getting the numbers right won't be a simple task. Indigenous people are the most undercounted and one of the hardest to count populations in the U.S. The threat of an undercount puts North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota at risk of missing out on federal funding for health care, roads and schools, and tribal nations within the states at risk of missing out on dollars for housing and employment programs.

To boot, the upcoming census is considered "at risk," according to the Government Accountability Office, as it faces a lack of funding and preparedness. Now with the official count less than a year away, tribes across the Dakotas and Minnesota have started organizing efforts in the hopes of being tallied.

"This is hugely important for the state to make sure we get the tribes counted," said North Dakota Census Office Manager Kevin Iverson. "You will live or die with the results of this for an entire decade."

"We've got to get this right."

In the last decennial census, the Indigenous population on reservations was the most undercounted of any group in the U.S., with 4.9% not being tallied, according to the Census Bureau.

Part of that is a result of a third of the 5.3 million Indigenous people in the U.S. being in the "hard-to-count" category because of characteristics such as high poverty rates, a younger-than-average population and largely rural reservations. The Dakotas are above the curve, though, as about half of South Dakota's Native American population and 41% of North Dakota's live in hard-to-count areas. For Minnesota, it's 10%.

A Census Bureau spokeswoman said a tribal

affairs team is dedicated to addressing hard-to-count issues and noted that more than half of households on tribal lands have unmailable addresses and about a quarter don't have internet access.

"In these circumstances, we work with tribes to determine the best way to count people living on their lands," the spokeswoman said, adding that the bureau has requested each tribe appoint a census liaison and has conducted a series of tribal consultations, among other measures. Though the census is aiming to do most of the survey online, those without internet access "have the option of responding by mail, by phone, or when a census taker comes to their door."

Census numbers are used to apportion the seats of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to distribute more than \$800 billion in federal dollars for about 300 programs, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, according to a 2018 George Washington University report.

"The more accurate a state's census count, the more equitable its share of federal funds," the report said. "A substantial undercount in any one state could lead to the diversion of funds away from that state to other states and uses."

For Indigenous communities alone, "Census data is the basis for over \$1 billion that annually flows into Indian Country to build tribal housing, and make improvements, maintain and construct roads, and provide employment and training programs," according to a report by the Census Bureau and the National Congress on American Indians.

For tribal communities, being hard-to-count also stems from a more complicated issue.

"It's just the general distrust and history with the U.S. government," said Shelly Diaz, the urban liaison and project coordinator for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota.

But her message to those wary of the census is that being counted is an act of exercising tribal sovereignty.

"If they're not counting us, how are they going to live up to their treaty obligations?" she said. "If we're undercounted, our numbers go down, and their obligation goes down."

Scott Davis, executive director of the North

See Census Page 18

White Earth Council of Elders

By **Lucille Silk, Chairperson**
White Earth Council of Elders

I want to thank all the loyal readers of our column and apologize for not getting my article in ontime. Due to miscommunication, the article did not get to our Editor and it was not submitted.

The meeting for July was held at the Pine Point Elder Nutrition site and we are always happy to identify with another communities of our Nation. Thanks to the cooks and those that serve our Elders at each rotating community. Minutes and financial reports are always provided at these meetings. Remember that this Council of Elders has a purpose that is to try to improve the economic, physical, and spiritual lifestyles of our Tribal Elders of our White Earth Nation. It is the intent of this Council to restore our traditional position as respected advisors and leaders. We try to coordinate with other programs to enhance the lives of our Elders and promote communication with all agencies that serve our Elders. This Council is made up of volunteers, so that no compensation exchanges hands.

The Waubun Harvest Fest was held July 13 and we entered the parade on behalf of our Elder Council. To all who donated stuffed animals, we are truly grateful as the young children loved catching one as we tossed them out. We will try to enter as many parades as possible this year and do not fret as we have saved some for each.

The Elder fishing day began with rain on July 18, but ended with a nice day. We understand there was not much fish caught, but a good time was had by all those that attended.

The Constitutional Convention was held July 19 at Shooting Star Casino. Some of us were unable to attend as we had other commitments.

On July 25 there were 15 Elders that attended the Red Lake Health Fair. Some of the Elders were able to walk with the Red Lake Elders on the Diabetic 1-mile hike. We registered for a t-shirt and all wore them as we walked. Then we went around to all the booths and received another shirt. After that we enjoyed a wonderful meal which was served to us. Still not done with the day, we went to the Fishery and were able to purchase our fish of choice and received a Nation to Nation discount. We always enjoy the trip to Red Lake and are always treated with respect.

The Elder Picnic was July 26 and it was held at the Waubun Park with lots of mingling with others and drawings for some very nice prizes. The food was excellent and more than enough. Some of the Elders continued the day with going to the Shooting Star Casino for a concert. Elders receive tickets from Alan Roy for the concerts and we try to distribute them to those that call first or those that have not been to a concert are given priority.

Stephanie Williams held her Wild Food Summit July 26 - 28 at her home.

We have been in the process of holding an Elders Summit in September and many meetings have gone into the planning process. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot afford to proceed.

It was decided that an Elder one-day roundtable discussion would not be held as indicated and that we would instead plan for a 2-3 day summit next year. This all came about with the recent disclosure of funds that are questionable and that may need to be repaid. Instead we are working on a survey to be sent to all our Elders and request them to complete, so that a better conference can be provided to meet those needs. Also, an Elder planning group is working on a temporary format to present to our Council for future funding. Thank you to all the staff that are willing to assist and work with our Elders for this project.

See Elders Page 18

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

- Urban Addiction Counselor I, II or III or LADC – Duluth
- Character, Leadership and Services Coordinator – White Earth
- Character, Leadership and Services Coordinator – Mahnomen
- Child Care Lead Teacher – Mahnomen
- Child Care Teacher Assistant – White Earth
- Child Care Teacher Assistant – Mahnomen
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Child Protection Social Worker
- CHR Medical Transportation Aide
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- COLA Substitute Teacher
- Economic Development Director
- ECSE Assistant Teacher/Paraprofessional
- Head Start Family Service Advocate
- Head Start Home Visitor
- Head Start Substitute
- Head Start Teacher Assistant
- Paramedic
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White Earth Reservation
Special General Election

AUGUST 6, 2019

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

RICE LAKE	BEJOU	BEAULIEU	PINE BEND	WAUBUN	NAYTAWAUS H	MAHNOMEN	OGEMA	WHITE EARTH	PINE POINT	ELBOW LAKE	CALLAWAY	MINNEAPOLIS	CASS LAKE	ABSENTEE	IN PERSON	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
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CHAIRMAN																		TOTAL	%	
CANDIDATES																				
BRENT DAVID GISH	53	5	8	11	28	89	61	20	86	15	6	34	40	30	141	52	679	33.43%		
MICHAEL ALLEN FAIRBANKS	100	5	6	14	33	194	119	38	246	94	15	49	89	103	124	123	1352	66.57%		
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	153	10	14	25	61	283	180	58	332	109	21	83	129	133	265	175	2031			

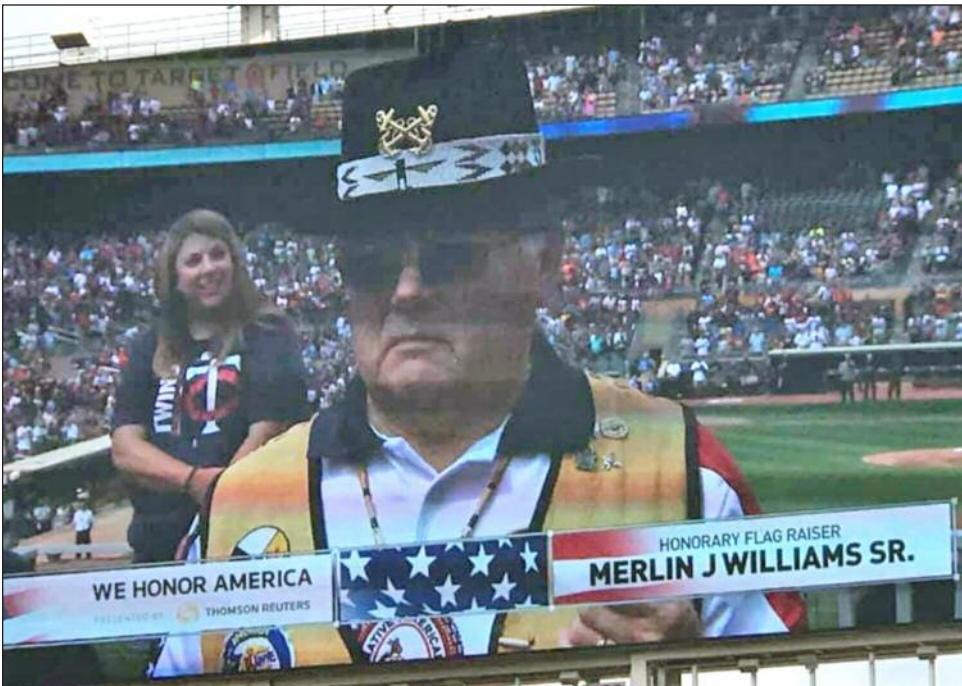
ELECTION CERTIFICATION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE WHITE EARTH RESERVATION DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE ABSTRACT OF THE VOTES SHOWN HEREIN FOR THE ELECTION HELD ON THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019. WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELECTION ORDINANCE #10 OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBES.

CHAIRPERSON Antonette Unger
Member Beverly Smith

Member Vernie Higson
Member Mindy L Woodbert

Merlin Williams raises flag at Twins game



White Earth veteran Merlin Williams was the Honorary Flag Raiser at a recent Minnesota Twins game at Target Field in Minneapolis.

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Submitted photos



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Rising Sun Community Council thanks community members for successful pow-wow/kittenball tourney

On July 14, the Rising Sun Community Council held its Chief Bender Pow-Wow and Kittenball Tournament in Waubun.

The "Rising Sun Community Council," also known as Waubun Community Council, part of the White Earth Housing Authority Community Council Initiative, would like to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Chief Bender Pow-Wow and Kittenball Tournament. More than 125 children and families were in attendance. Rising Sun Community Council members are: Germaine Riegert, Judith Murray, Mina Spalla, Jim McDougall, and Mary Riegert.

First, we would like to thank the dancers and ballplayers which made it so special. Thank you to the master of ceremonies Ricky Smith, the kittenball manager Mina Spalla, and the arena director Jim McDougall. Thank you to the Veterans who carried in the United States and White Earth Nation flags - Ron HighElk and Richard Hanks Jr. Also, thank you to Farrell Morin from Belcourt, N.D., for carrying in the Rising Sun Community Council Eagle Staff. Thank you to the drums who were also in attendance: Cedar Island, Smokey Hill, and Naytahwaush Young Bucks.

The family of Chief Al Bender - Robert Cloud North Sr. and his daughter Erica Dietz, traveled from Hollywood, Calif., the Seminole Nation, to deliver the opening remarks this year along with Chief Bender's Ten Commandments. The family also gave the two community leadership speech breaks focused on Chief Bender's life that are given during the pow-wow each year focused on strength and resiliency which were inspiring and received with applause. The family brought traditional gifts from the Seminole Nation for the women which were hand sewn and quilted to honor their work with the event. The Rising Sun Community Council honored the family with eagle feathers, wild rice, and the History of the Ojibwe by William Warren an honor dance followed. Miigwech!

There were three trophies that were handed out which were chosen by Ricky Smith based on categories determined by him including best manicure, best arm, and the first-place team promising to come back! The Kittenball Tournament was always meant to be a community event based upon family and fun. The Rising Sun Community Council is excited to see the first-place traveling trophy back next year! Chief Al Bender's relatives awarded the trophies to the recipients with an honor dance that followed.

We would like to extend a special thank you for the financial support for this event to the following organizations, businesses, and individuals: White Earth Reservation Tribal Council (Kathy Goodwin, Representative and Alan Roy Secretary/Treasurer), White Earth Housing Authority, Mii-gii-way-win Advisory Board, Chief Bender's Family/Robert Cloud North Sr., DSGW Architects - Mike Laverdure, Architect, Community Development



Submitted photo

This young man won \$120 during a spot dance at the Chief Bender Pow-Wow on July 14 in Waubun.

Bank, EZ One Gas Station, Arvig Communications, Otter Tail Power Company and Pappy's Café.

Thank you again to Pappy's Café for the great catering service. To the crew from White Earth Housing who came out to put up the large tent and then come back and take it down, Megwitch! For helping us get the word out, thank you to Anishinaabeg Today.

Finally, to the individual volunteers. We could not have done this without you: Germaine Riegert, Mary Riegert, Merceline Frigen and Roni, Wyatt, and Hunter Keezer, Joyce High Elk, Richard Hanks, Jr., Mina Spalla and family, Dara McDougall, Ozaawaa Burnett, Neegonee Burnett, Farrell Morin and Terri Jo Jeanotte and family, Jim and Betsy McDougall, Dan and Judith Murray and family, Sam Axdahl, Father Jon Cox, Anna Larson, Julie Steichen and Tricia Tibbetts. For anyone we might have missed, thank you.

There was a special spot dance that raised up to \$120 dollars that had too many people to mention but we would like to thank everyone who donated due to the fact that a young man won the spot dance.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Pappy's Cafe in Waubun. We are looking for new council members and also all Waubun Community members are welcome.

Miigwetch!
Rising Sun Community Council

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

H. Pylori Infection

By Tamara Smith, FNP
White Earth Health Center

H. pylori or Helicobacter pylori is a type of bacteria. These germs can enter your body and live in your digestive tract. H.pylori can cause chronic inflammation in the walls of the stomach (gastritis) or duodenum (duodenitis), and open sores ("ulcers") on the lining of a person's stomach or duodenum. The understanding that H. pylori can cause those diseases was one of the most important medical discoveries of the late 20th century. In fact, Dr. Barry Marshall and Dr. J. Robin Warren were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize in Medicine for this discovery.

H.pylori bacteria is present in approximately one-half of the world's population and vast majority of people have no symptoms. You can get H. pylori from food, water, or utensils. After H. pylori enters your body, it attacks the lining of your stomach, which usually protects you from the acid that your body uses to digest food. Once the bacteria have done enough damage, acid can get through the lining, which leads to gastritis and ulcers. The germs can live in the body for years before symptoms start, but most people who have it will never get ulcers. Doctors are not sure why only some people get ulcers after an infection. It is not common, but H. pylori infection can cause stomach cancer.

Typical symptoms of stomach ulcers include heartburns, pain or discomfort in the upper belly, nausea or vomiting, feeling full after eating a small amount of food, decreased appetite, bloating, burping, or having dark or black-colored bowel movements. Most likely, you will feel pain when your stomach is empty, such as between meals or in the middle of the night. It can last for a few minutes or for hours.

Not everybody who has the listed above symptoms needs to be tested for the H. pylori infection. If you do not have symptoms of an ulcer, your doctor probably will not test you for H. pylori. We can do different tests to diagnose H. pylori infection such as blood tests, breath tests, stool tests, or stomach biopsy. For the biopsy, a doctor takes a small piece of the lining of the stomach during an endoscopy procedure to look at the tissue under a microscope.

People who are diagnosed with H. pylori infection should get treated, because treatment can help ulcers heal. Treatment also helps to prevent reoccurrence of the ulcers, and to reduce the chance of an ulcer to lead to cancer. Usually, you will need to take two different types of antibiotics and some medicine to reduce the amount of acid that the stomach makes. It is important to follow all your doctors' instructions about taking your medicines. If you do not take antibiotics the right way, bacteria in your body can become resistant to them, which makes infections harder to treat. Let your doctor or nurse know if you have any side effects or problems with your medicines. About 1-2 weeks after you finish your treatment, your doctor may re-test your breath or stool again to make sure the infection is gone.

You can protect yourself from getting the H. pylori infection with the same steps you take to keep other germs away. Wash your hands after you use the bathroom and before you prepare or eat food. Teach your children to do the same. Avoid food or water that is not clean. Do not eat anything that is not cooked thoroughly. Avoid food served by people who have not washed their hands. Talk to your doctor about ways to manage your stress, improve your diet, and, if you smoke, how you can get help to quit. Although stress, spicy foods, alcohol, and smoking do not cause ulcers, they can keep ulcers from healing quickly and they can make your pain worse.

Attention WE Members!

You **MUST** update your address with White Earth Enrollments even if you updated your address with White Earth Licensing (IDs), White Earth Election Board, or the *Anishinaabeg Today!*

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MnDOT begins collecting information along Hwy 200

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation recently began collecting survey information along Highway 200, from the Wild Rice River to just east of the Mahnomen/Clearwater County line.

The survey information is being collected within 100 feet of the existing shoulder on Highway 200. Survey crews will take multiple shots within this area, and the work is expected to take up to eight weeks to complete. The collected information is necessary for the final design of MnDOT's 2022 construction project, which includes adding and widening shoulders on Highway 200.

The survey work should not affect traffic flow or speeds; however, MnDOT urges motorists to always drive with caution, slow down and watch for crews working near the shoulder.

Public open houses pertaining to the project will be scheduled at a later date.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.

Historical Wild Rice Day revived in Mahnomen

MAHNOMEN— The City of Mahnomen, Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, and the Mahnomen Area Boosters are pleased to announce the historic festival Wild Rice Day is being revived Sept. 21 in Mahnomen.

The festival originally began in the early 1900s and has been held on and off ever since. Wild Rice Day has been a historically important event to the Mahnomen community by bringing together local people and visitors.

The day will start off with a golf tournament, a parade at noon, a wild rice recipe contest beginning at 3 p.m., and conclude in the evening with a concert and street dance.

Beginning at 10 a.m. there will be an arts and crafts fair. This year's vendors include leatherwork, beading, jewelry, live demonstrations of drum and dance groups, rice parching, and live painting.

Any artists interested in presenting or selling their art at the festival can contact Ryan Zemek at rzemek@hrdc.org.

Wild Rice Day will held in on Main Street in downtown Mahnomen. For more information check out www.facebook.com/WildRiceDay/ or www.mahnomen.info/wild-rice-day/

The Headwaters Regional Development Commission directs the Mahnomen Economic Development Authority for Mahnomen. Its purpose is to encourage growth of the communities within Mahnomen through business assistance, planning, and job creation.

WE Urban Office

The White Earth Urban Office is located at 214 West Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis.

612-813-1590 Ext. 6634

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

White Earth Veterans News

By Tom Spry

White Earth Tribal Veteran Service Officer

The White Earth Veteran Association will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 1 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.

Events:

Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Pow Wow

September 7-8

Saturday, (Sept. 7) Flag Raising-10 a.m.,

Grand Entry: 1 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, (Sept. 8th)

Grand Entry: 1p.m.

The White Earth Honor Guard attended two funerals, the Brain Conference, Pine Point Pow Wow, White Earth Nation Inauguration for Chairman Michael Fairbanks, and the Bemidji Sanford Medical Center Pow Wow this past month.

Attention Veterans

Vietnam Blue Water Navy Veterans are entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. This extension of the presumption is a result of Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect **January 1, 2020**.

The law states that Veterans aboard a vessel oper-

ating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in Public Law 116-23, between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure.

Those on an Aircraft Carrier outside of the 12 mile demarcation line will not be eligible. Please contact this office as soon as you can.

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 Gravestone 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.

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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Members of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members that gave of their time and energy in support of my campaign for Chairman of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation. I can't tell you how grateful and proud I am of each of you. As I reflect on the campaign, I continue to believe that building safe drug free communities, implementing Constitutional reform, creating a business climate to attract and retain new employment and providing quality Pre k-14 education opportunities for life-long learning will lead to a better tomorrow for the White Earth Nation.

I also want to offer congratulations to Chairman Michael Fairbanks and wish him and the entire Council much success.

Respectfully,
Brent Gish

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Closed for Labor Day	3 Nutrition with Colleen B.	4 Nutrition with Colleen B.	5 Diabetic Screening w/Sally S.	6 Home Deliveries Bagley, RL, Ponsford, NTW, No Distribution
9 Nutrition with Colleen B.	10 Nutrition with Colleen B.	11 Nutrition with Colleen B.	12 Nutrition with Colleen B.	13 Home Deliveries Mahnomen, Waubun NAPS-Drop off No Distribution
16 Nutrition with Colleen B.	17 Nutrition with Colleen B.	18 Diabetic Screening w/Sally S.	19 Nutrition with Colleen B.	20 Home Deliveries White Earth No Distribution
23 Nutrition with Colleen B.	24 Nutrition with Colleen B.	25 Nutrition with Colleen B.	26 Home Deliveries Detroit Lakes	27 No Distribution
30 Inventory No Distribution	Office hours: 8 to 4:30 Distro hours: 9 to 3:30 Lunch: 12 to 12:30 Phone: 218-935-2233 Fax: 218-935-2235			

September White Earth WIC Clinic Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Closed for Labor Day	3 Bagley Elementary School 10-3	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4	5 Pine Point CHR Building 9:30-3	6 Closed
9 Mahnomen Environmental Building 11-5:30	10 Mahnomen Environmental Building 9:30-3	11 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4	12 By Appointment Only	13 Closed
16 By Appointment Only	17 Bagley Elementary School 10-3	18 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4	19 Naytahwaush Supportive Housing 9:30-3	20 Closed
23 Mahnomen Environmental Building 9:30-3	24 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3	25 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4	26 Naytahwaush Supportive Housing 9:30-3	27 Closed
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Attention White Earth Urban Members!

What: White Earth Tribal ID's, Wild Rice Program, Enrollment Department will be on site.

When: September 26-27
Thursday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Friday 9 to 11:45 a.m.

Where: White Earth Urban Office
214 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis

FMI: White Earth Facebook or Call 612-813-1590

Justin Littlewolf Jr. participates in Blue-Grey National All-American Super Combine at Las Vegas

Justin Littlewolf Jr. was recently invited to one of five Blue-Grey National All-American Super Combines. His choice was to attend the combine on June 26-27 at the McCarran Field Complex in Las Vegas, Nev. He is the son of Justin and Amy Littlewolf of Naytahwaush.

Justin was selected based on his outstanding performance in the 2018 football season, and his attendance/performance at the University of Northwestern Regional Blue-Grey Combine on May 4 in St. Paul, Minn.

At this Super Combine in Las Vegas Justin had the opportunity to show his football skills to college recruiters. His attendance at this combine was important to help fulfill his dreams of playing professional football and create an opportunity to sign a college football scholarship in his senior year.

Justin recently found out that based on his outstanding performance and game footage at the Combine, he was selected to play in the December 2020 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl at AT&T Stadium home of the Dallas Cowboys, in Arlington, Texas.

Justin has attended Mahnomen school throughout his elementary years and just completed his freshman year at Mahnomen High School with a current GPA of 3.0. He started his football path as a Mahnomen Indian in the 4th grade and has played on the varsity football team since 7th grade.

Justin ambitiously and whole-heartedly became a Mahnomen/Waubun Thunderbird when the two school districts decided to co-op. The Thunderbirds became State Champions in 2018 playing at the US Bank Stadium on his 15th birthday. It was a memory of a lifetime having the community sing happy birth-



Submitted photo

Justin Littlewolf Jr., and his dad Justin Sr., in their hotel room at the Golden Nugget right before the Blue-Grey Banquet.

day Justin Jr. in the stadium, a birthday present he will never forget.

You can check out Justin's freshman season highlights at <http://www.hudl.com/v/2B2KmB>.

When asked what he thought about the trip to the combine in Las Vegas, Justin responded, "I had a great time and it was an exciting opportunity. I want to thank the community for all their support."

WE Harm Reduction staff recognized at conference



Submitted photo

Melissa Widner was one of three White Earth Harm Reduction staff members recognized at the Minnesota American Indian Institute on Alcohol and Drug Studies (MAIADS) Conference held July 29-30 at Fond du Lac Community College. The conference was designed to provide participants an opportunity to network and learn about substance abuse prevention. Widner received the Service to Community award, Dave Hoagland was named Counselor of the Year and Aryls Bloom was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award.

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Waubun High School Track

Please join us as we remember those military members who suffered as a Prisoner of War and those who never returned home. Sign up to carry the POW/MIA flag as we keep it in constant motion for 24-hours. Come by yourself, with a partner or a group! Walk, jog, or roll! Everyone is welcome!

This event will culminate with a special presentation by the Ogema VFW to Waubun, Ogema, and White Earth school representatives at halftime of the Thunderbirds Football game.

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The MCT Constitution Delegation for White Earth

will be hosting a community input event to gather thoughts, ideas and opinions from the membership during this reform process.

Please join us
**Monday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at the
White Earth Community Center**

Food will be provided

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Ojibwemodaa.2! Lets 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 zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan? - Greetings! How are you? Nimino-ayaa, giin dash?. I am well, you also?

••“Giwaabamaa na ma'iingan? Niwaabamaa a'aw zhigaag.”

“Do you see him/her ? the wolf? I see that skunk.”

••“Gidikidog “Boozhoo.” i'iw gwiiwizens.

“He says to you “Hello.” that boy.

••“Dakonaawaso Nimaamaa.”

“She holds a baby my Mother.”

••“Niwiitakonaawas gaye!”

“I want to hold a baby also!”

••“Niwaabamaag niizho-

esibanag iwidi’.(there)

“I see them 2-raccoons.”

••“Goshkokaawag ingiw awesiiyag.”

“They are surprised those wild animals.”

Nagamo ikwe.

S/he sings the woman.



Find the ten(10) underlined words in the word-find.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Ingii-aaji-bimaadiz Ojibwemoyan.-I've changed my life speaking Ojibwe. HS & college classes, online writing and teaching. Think historical times, before the forests were clearcut. Zhingwaakwag, white pines forests, clear lakes, bountiful wildlife, and communities of Ojibwe who lived the circle of seasons, Mino-bimaadiziwin-The Good Life. Language was common and shared as people traveled by water and traded. Visit the “Lost 40” E of Blackduck, MN to see the zhingwaakwag that survived. Wiiba!-Soon!

If you are a teen, or know a teen, my message today is Ojibwemodaa! “Let’s all speak Ojibwe!”

Ikidog! Giinitam! - Say it! Your turn! Introduction as you start school:

Aaniin! (name) indizhinikaaz. Gidojibwem ina? Indojibwem bangi. Ojibwemo gaye. (Hi! ...I am called. You speak Ojibwe? I speak little bit. S/he speaks also.

Phrase a day! 365 days/phrases

*Longer voiced vowels:
AA (baa), E (cafe'),
II (teen), OO (moo)
*Short voiced vowels
A (about), I (tin), O (only)
A glottal stop ' is a voiceless nasal hesitation as in: oh-oh

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P A Y M I H
I ' Y E I N I
M I N E Z K B G
M I W G S G I ' A
H N J I E I Z K A A
I G W B D O B N I D G
M A ' I A I O A K D W K
C N C B J S H G N A O W
Z H I N G W A A K W A G
O I N A N M O M I S H I
W E N I I Z H O A N K E

Nitaawigiwin •Grownup

Noongom mazina'iganing. Today/now in the paper...

• Color Verbs

Related ikidowinan (words)

Ozaawaa.-It is brown/yellow.

Ozaawizi.-S/he is brown/yellow.

Ozaawi'o.-S/he wears brown/yellow.

Miskwaa. -It is red. (VII)

Miskozi.- S/he is red. (VAI)

Misko'o.-S/he wears red.

Makadewaa.-It is black/dark.

Makadewizi.-S/he is black/dark.

Makadew'o.-S/he wears black.

Waabishkaa.-It is white.

Waabishkizi.-S/he is white.

Waabishki'o.-S/he wears white.

Ozhaawashkwaa.-

It is blue/green.

Ozhaawashkozi.-

S/he's blue/green

Ozhaawashko'o.-

S/he wears blue/green.

Minwaande.-It's a good

color. Minwaande apabiwin.

Minwaanzo.-S/he's a good color.

Minwaanzo bineshi.

Ozaawizii. S/he's a good

colored bird. S/he is yellow.

—What color is it? - Aaniin enaandeg?

Inaande-It is colored so. Inaanzo-S/he's colored so.

Aaniin enaandeg ikwe wiinizisan?

What way/how is it colored girl's hair?

Ikwe wiinizisan ozaawaawan.

Girls hair is brown/yellow.

—Aaniin enaanzod a'aw bineshiinh?

What color is him/her that bird?

(-nh- ending on bird is a nasal sound)

Ozhaawashkozi.-S/he is blue.

One who is blue/green:

Wezhaawashkozid

Those who are blue/green:

Wezhaawashkoziwaad

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VAI -Verb, Animate/S/he, Intransitive
VII-Verb, Inanimate/It, Intransitive
Intransitive- verb doesn't take an object.

•WE lessons & mobile app resource

www.anishinaabemodaa.com/resources

•Ojibwe People's Dictionary:

<http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>

•Online Comm Ed: Ojibwemowin Classes. '19-20

<https://www.northeastrangeschool.net/page/3077>

•Clipart: wpcipart.com

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod noongom giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? *Izhinikaazo*

Manoominike-Giizis wa'aw giizis. - S/he is named Ricing-Moon this moon (Sep). From a late 1980's college list.

Names & spelling will vary. The descriptive historic Native maps were replaced. Gaamiskwaawaakokaag-Cass Lake,

Mashkimodang-Bagley, Bemijigamaag-Bemidji, Ga'azhawaawaangaag-Detroit Lks. Manomining-

Mahnomin, Mishiimini'oodenaang-Mnpls. Bagidaabaaning-Park Rapids, Madaabiimong-

Redby, Obaashing-Ponemah, Ogaakaaning-Red Lake (town), Onigaminsing- Duluth,

Gaginwaajiiwanang- Grand Rapids, Ningiidomoog-St. Cloud, Zhigaagong-

Chicago, Zhaaganaashiwakiing-Canada, Waashtanong-

Washington, Misaabewajiwing- Iron Range

1. Aaniin ____naanzo__ apabiwin.

What color is it the chair?

2. Aaniin ____naanzo__ manidoons?

What color is s/he that bug?

3. Gichi-animosh niwaabamaag. _____. Giiyosewisim.

Big-dog I see him/her. **S/he is red.** A hunting dog.

4. Niminwendaan o'ow zenibaanh-babagiwayaan. _____

I like it this ribbon-shirt. **It is yellow/brown.**

5. Aaniin ezhiwebak iwidi i'iw oodenaang _____?

What's happening over there in that town **Nation's capital?**

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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. MIIGWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, resource needs, how you learn, or any feedback to share! Daga e-mail nij712@gmail.com

Ponsford Navy leader will be honored with Becker County memorial road

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lakes Newspapers

James D. Fairbanks of Ponsford was the first Native American to serve as force master chief, according to the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum -- the highest ranking enlisted Navy Seabee. He served with honor and had a distinguished career, earning 42 awards and ribbons, including the Bronze Star.

So it's only fitting that Jimmy Fairbanks (as he was called in the Seabees), who grew up with eight siblings in a small house just south of the White Earth Reservation line, should be the first person honored under Becker County's memorial roadway program.

An eight-and-a-half-mile stretch of Becker County Road 26 -- formerly State Highway 225 -- that runs like a set of steps from Ponsford down to Osage will have signs honoring Fairbanks.

Fairbanks surely traveled that stretch of road a lot, since he went to school in Pine Point, Osage and Park Rapids, where he graduated from high school in 1970.

He served in the Marine Corps and Navy for more than 28 years, and earned a chestful of medals. He served during three war eras: Vietnam, the Gulf War and the Iraq War, where he served two tours and earned the Bronze Star.

"He was a very smart guy," said his younger brother, Tim Fairbanks of Ogema. "He was a born leader, he got the most out of his people ... and they loved him -- he was a good people person."

James Fairbanks joined the Marines right after he graduated from high school, served two years, and left as a corporal. A welder and steelworker by trade, he worked as a civilian for several years, did a two-year stint in the Navy, went to work at American Iron and Supply Company in Minneapolis for several years, and then found his true passion when he re-



James Fairbanks

enlisted in the Navy Seabees in 1986.

"Seabee" is the nickname for the U.S. Naval Construction Battalions (C and B making "Seabee").

"He was promoted from an E-1 all the way to force master chief petty officer on the first attempt, which is unheard of," Tim Fairbanks said. Fewer than 1% of Navy personnel make master chief petty officer E-9, he added.

There were about 20,000 Seabees in the Naval Construction Battalions when Fairbanks became force master chief in 2005, his brother said.

James Fairbanks loved a challenge and excelled wherever he was sent. During a 30-month tour at Keflavik, Iceland, for example, he implemented operational changes and efficiencies that saved the Navy \$1.1 million, according to a commendation letter from Rear Admiral S.W. Bryant.

James Fairbanks will be the first in Becker County honored with a memorial highway designation. Submitted photo

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In the Iraq War, "the Seabees were basically

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Photo by Nathan Bowe / Tribune

Tim Fairbanks shows a photo of his older brother, James Fairbanks, at right, at his Bronze Star ceremony.

19th Annual Brain Conference



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The 19th Annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference was held Aug. 7-8 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahanomen. The theme this year was "Be the Change."

Top: Keynote speaker Ron Shuali, M.Ed., talks about "The Empowered Educator."

Middle: Julie Williams, program manager of the White Earth MOMS program, left, and Mina Spalla, nurse manager of MOMS and manager of the MATS program, facilitate a breakout session titled "Loving Without Judgement."

Bottom: Julia Cook leads the breakout session "Unlearning Helplessness - Motivating the Underachiever."

Highlights of the annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 10-11. They had 421 dancers and 24 drums. The new Pine Point Princess and Brave are Indra Miller and Cameron Dewey.



Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
Sept. 4th—Rice Lake
- **Diabetes Bingo**
Sept. 3rd—White Earth
Sept. 4th—Pine Point
Sept 5th—Shooting Star

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

*Daily Menu includes bread of chefs choice, 1% milk, coffee, tea and provides 1/3 of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) with health conscious consideration to overall well-being.

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

Elders Suggested Donation \$3
Non-Elder Guest Meals: \$6

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“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
White Earth Elder Wellness Program
Waatebagaa (Leaves Changing Color Moon)- September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Closed for Labor Day 	3 Cheesy chicken and wildrice hotdish Steamed broccoli Wheat roll Plums	4 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	5 Meatballs and gravy over mashed potatoes Croissant roll Green beans Peaches	6 Tuna Sandwich w/ tomato & lettuce Vegetable barley soup Wheat crackers Banana
9 Sloppy Joe Sweet potato fries Pickles Fruit salad	10 Turkey Tetrizzini Garlic toast Roasted zucchini Garden salad Mandarin oranges	11 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	12 Seasoned pork chops Mashed potatoes Dinner roll Creamed spinach Tropical fruit	13 Chili Cornbread Banana pudding w/ wafer cookies
16 Lemon pepper fish Squash Wild rice pilaf Apple crisp	17 Chicken fajita Peppers and onions Spanish rice Refried beans Grape salad	18 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	19 Birthday Lunch Meatloaf Au gratin potatoes Cali blend veggies Wheat bread Birthday treat	20 Chef salad w/ fixings Wild rice soup Wheat crackers Fresh fruit
23 Shepherds pie Wheat roll Seasoned cauliflower Peaches and cream	24 BLT sandwich Broccoli cheese soup Pear Cookie	25 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	26 Pulled Pork Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Fresh fruit	27 Brunch for Lunch Chefs choice

Cass Lake casino sets world record with huge fry bread taco

CASS LAKE, Minn. — Cass Lake was the center of the taco world on Aug. 10.

Weighing 350 pounds and measuring 8 feet in diameter, an Indian taco made in Cass Lake set a world record over the weekend — and hundreds of people got to taste it.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s new Cedar Lakes Casino-Hotel set the Guinness world record on Aug. 10, for the largest fry bread taco as part of its grand opening celebration. Official Mike Marcotte announced that the fry bread, which weighed 150.2 pounds without toppings, set the record, according to a news release. The chili, lettuce and cheese toppings added another 200 pounds to the scale.

The more than 500 people in attendance split the fry bread taco, which

has traditionally been a staple at Indigenous powwows across the country.

The specialty is like fried dough, fluffy and soft. It was born in the late 1800s from government rations of flour, lard, salt and baking powder, according to Indian Country today. The toppings came about later.

For the record-setting fry bread, Rick and Jeff Baird, owners of Cass Metal Craft in Cass Lake, provided the cooker. Tana Robinson created the recipe, and chef William Erickson organized the event.

He said “it took a lot of teamwork and community effort to pull this feat off.” If you missed out on a share of the taco, the casino and tribe are already making plans to break the record again at the anniversary next year.



Submitted photo

A record-setting 350-pound Indian taco was split among more than 500 attendees at the grand opening of the Cedar Lakes Casino-Hotel on Aug. 10 in Cass Lake, Minn.



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**Hours subject to change.*

George “Joe Bush” 5k winners



Photo by Angie Bellanger

The Pine Point Pow-Wow hosted the Annual “Joe Bush” Memorial 5K walk/run and had 138 participants. The Pine Point Pow-wow Committee would like to honor Carol Kramer who is 82 years old and continues to walk 3.10 miles and like tradition goes on, she is awarded a first place medal every year. The overall winner of the 5K was Blayne Smith with a time of 26:43. The Pine Point Pow-wow Committee would like to thank White Earth Mental Health and White Earth Home Health for their time and donations.

Kids 0-12

1. Blayne Smith
2. Kyah Smith
3. Payton Lerud

Women

1. Julie Smith
2. Kim Crowell
3. Alondra Miller

Men

1. Tristan Smith
2. Willis Jackson
3. Isiah Smith

Women over 50

1. Kate Lee

2. Bonnie Fairbanks
3. Margaret Eischens

Men over 50

1. John Swan
2. Pete Fairbanks
3. Larry Molin

Bike Winners

(Donated by Jappie and family)

Girls

- Jorge Boswell
Carol Kramer

Boys

- Logan Skinaway
Vince White

Census from Page 7

Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, said some of the hesitance among Indigenous nations to reply to the census also stems from a fear of being removed from government-subsidized housing, which often restricts the number of people who can live in a unit. For many reservation families, multiple generations may be in one household, he said.

Much of the focus for tribes has been telling those in subsidized housing that information provided to the census can't be used against them, as the Census Bureau is required by law to maintain confidentiality, and the records are locked for 72 years.

Another focus has been on finding locals to go house-to-house to ask people to fill out the survey, instead of outsiders.

“Human nature says when someone knocks on your door and you don't know who they are, you're kind of like, 'What do you need?'" Davis said.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a count of the country's population once a decade. Indigenous people generally weren't counted as part of the population until 1890, according to a report from the National Congress of American Indians.

It wasn't until 1980 that the bureau began working with individual tribes to get complete counts — almost 200 years after the country's first census. And it wasn't until that year that all respondents self-identified their race, instead of a census enumerator marking someone's race simply by looking at the person.

In March 2018, the NAACP sued the Census Bureau for being ill-prepared for the 2020 survey, citing canceled field tests and a lack of funding that

could lead to a “dramatic undercount” of racial and ethnic minorities. The lawsuit, which is still pending in U.S. District Court in Maryland, said the Census Bureau has been operating “on the cheap.”

The lawsuit notes the bureau was set to execute a practice census in 2017 on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, which straddles North and South Dakota, in order to test areas with a high Native American population. But the practice was canceled because of funding issues, the bureau said.

Now at Standing Rock, Cheryl Keepseagle, the census liaison, and Ira Taken Alive, the vice chairman of the tribe and head of the Complete Count Committee, have kick-started their own efforts to get a correct count.

Keepseagle, a member of the tribe, said she's going to use newspaper, radio and TV ads as well as posters and word-of-mouth to inform people of the upcoming survey. In each of the districts across the 2.3 million acre reservation, she plans on having a set location where people can fill out the census and enter to win door prizes if they attend. Plus, she said the tribe will hire trusted local people to be door-to-door census takers when the time comes.

At the North Dakota state level, Scott Davis is conducting an economic impact survey of the census that he plans to publish by the end of 2019. He said he hopes it shows the importance of the census for the state's Indigenous population and urges them to be counted.

The 2020 census, he said, “is an economic impact to your tribe — if you get counted or you don't get counted.”

Elders from Page 7

The August WENCOE meeting was held at the White Earth Elder Nutrition Site.

We are losing our Elders at a rapid rate. I personally attended three funerals in one week alone and this is not ok. Our health issues need to be addressed and plans made to correct them. It is even more difficult to grieve the younger family members that are taking their own lives. All lives matter and when we lose our people to suicide, we need to look for answers and implement programs that can help them.

On Aug. 16, Mr. Michael Fairbanks became our new White Earth Nation Chairman at an inaugural ceremony at the Shooting Star Casino. Congratulations!

A few Elders met with Zachary Paige at the White Earth Elder Nutrition site to discuss the possibility of bringing the Farmers Market Wagon to each site throughout our Nation with in season fresh vegetables, fruit, and meats. He is also seeking recipes that can be made by an Elder on site. It sounds very exciting and a few Elders are willing to become involved. More information will be provided if this comes about. Right now the only place there is a Farmers Market within our Nation is in Mahnomen, and transportation and money issues come into play.

We continue to discuss with our Tribal Government a need for two buses, specifically for Elders. One would be located in our southern area and the other for the northern folks. These buses

would be utilized for meetings not only of our Elders but for TEC and those of our brothers and sisters in the metropolitan area. This way, we hope to engage more of our Elders in all needs that affect our Elders. We also want to take the Elders to concerts or health fairs, etc. off Reservation. Socialization is a most important aspect for Elders, especially during the winter months when they are shut-in.

Thank you for your support on behalf of those Elders that give of their time and expense to try and better conditions here at White Earth.

We lost many Elders or other loved ones from our Nation and we again hold all those that are grieving, in our hearts and prayers. We also have many families that have a family member who are seriously ill or have debilitating, painful health concerns. Please pray for all those that suffer. Storms are also at their highest and we must not forget to place our tobacco out and send prayers to the Creator.

Mii Gwetch to all our Veterans for your service! Any questions, please contact at 218-983-3768.

Lucille Silk,
Chairperson WENCOE

You can reach the *Anishinaabeg Today*
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Attention WE Cass Lake Members!

What: White Earth DMV, Wild Rice program, and Enrollment department will be on site.

When: Friday, September 20 / 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

Where: White Earth Family Office
217 2nd Street NE, Cass Lake

Descendant Verification Forms for Non-Enrollee CDIBS

Need to bring: State certified birth certificate (copies are not accepted), legal name change documentation (marriage license/certificate, adoption, etc.) and \$25 non-refundable processing fee (check, money order or cash)

If you have had a Non-Enrollee descendant CDIB, you must bring that with for the 2nd generation form, if not the parent will need to have that form completed prior to their child(ren).

These non-enrollee certificates need to be completed prior to getting a Descendant ID card with DMV.

PP derby & parade winners



Submitted photos

The Annual Pine Point Traditional Pow-Wow was held Aug. 10-11. In addition to the pow-wow, several other events were held throughout the weekend, to include the popular demolition derby and rez car parade.

Top: Bobby Adams won first place in the Rez Car Parade.

Bottom: The 13th Annual Pine Point Demolition Derby was held Aug. 9 at the old ball park.

Event winners

Demo Derby:

Full size - 1st place Megan Offerdahl, 2nd place Darrel Olson, and 3rd place Jamie Auginaush

Bobby Adams Oh S**t Award - Nicole Bellanger

Compact - 1st place William Auginaush, 2nd place Jamie Auginaush and 3rd place Danger Donald Auginaush

Powder Puff - Megan Offerdahl

Float:

1st place Evy Bellanger, 2nd place Marva Aitken and 3rd place Ricky Smith

Rez Car:

1st place Bobby Adams, 2nd place Trulo Adams and 3rd place Dillon Jackson

Obituary

Wanda "Quig" Lee (Antell) Jones

Wanda "Quig" Lee (Antell) Jones, "Miskwaadesi ikwe" which means "Painted Turtle Woman," 72, of Naytahwaush began her journey to the Spirit World on Aug. 26 from the Golden Horizons Assisted Living Center in Aitkin, Minn. Wanda was born in White Earth on Feb. 21, 1947, to Julia Beaupre and William Antell.



Quig always kept a bag packed. She loved taking short trips to visit her family and friends; especially her sisters in St. Paul and her sisters and their children in Redby, Minn., whom she had become very close to. As much as she like to travel, she enjoyed coming home to the peace and quiet of her own home. Quig's friends were lifelong, a couple of her very special friends were Gordon Mason and Eric Schissel. She enjoyed being with her family and friends, but her biggest pride and joy came from her sons and her grandsons, she spoiled them all. Quig would spend everything on those boys, even if it meant she went without.

Welcoming Wanda to the Spirit World are her parents, Julia Hagen and William Antell; son, Charles Alex Jones; grandson, William Clifford

Jones Sr.; siblings: Michael, Yvonne, Renee and Lorna; daughter in law, Andrea Rae Ellis; and other family members.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her sons, James (Patrice) Jones Jr. of Cass Lake and Chris Ellis of Naytahwaush; sisters: Nancy Reed, Patricia Carson, Jean Knight, Cinder Warthen and Susie Hagen; brother, Robert Hagen Jr.; lifelong friend, Richard Belcourt; 10 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and her friends.

An overnight wake for Wanda began Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. and continue until her 11 a.m. traditional service on Aug. 30, all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Minn. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Helping to lay Wanda to rest were Charles Jones, James Jones, Andrew Jones, Robert Blazer, Drew Curry and Austin Dailey. Alternate pallbearers were Chris Ellis and Richard Ellis.

Her honorary pallbearers were Patrice Jones, Crystal Schoenborn-Cobenais and all her sisters: Nancy Reed, Pat Carson, Jean Knight, Cinder Warthen and Susie Hagen.

Interment: Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake.

Arrangements: Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

Online condolences: www.northernpeace.com

WHITE EARTH 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. CC18-0832

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 1, 2019, Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0832. A continued pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for **October 3, 2019 at 1:00 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: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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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, Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0355. A continued admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for **October 4, 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: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

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Obituaries

Mary Joan Basswood

Mary Basswood, 76, of Ponsford, died Aug. 23 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

Mary Joan was born May 8, 1943, in Badoura Township in Hubbard County, Minn., to George Bellanger and Susan Spears. Most of her life was spent in the Ponsford area. She attended school and graduated from Park Rapids High School.



Following high school, Mary was united in marriage to Richard Basswood Sr. and they were blessed with five children. When her children became school age, Mary furthered her education by receiving her Associates Degree in Business through Moorhead State University. She worked as a Community Health Representative for the White Earth Tribal Council for 30 years. Mary later worked as a security guard for the Shooting Star Casino for four years before retiring from the workforce. Her husband, Richard, passed away in 2001 and Mary remained in their home in Ponsford. Mary was then blessed with the companionship of Donald Hardy Sr. and together they have spent several wonderful years together.

When Mary wasn't working or spending time with her family, she enjoyed the simple life at home watching television. A few of her favorites were Walker Texas Ranger, Gun Smoke and the Minnesota Twins baseball. She also spent time doing crossword puzzles and reading the Enquire Magazine. Mary loved to visit, go for drives and spend time with family, especially her grandchildren. Other pastimes included going to the casino, shopping and playing bingo.

Mary is survived by her children: Richard Basswood Jr., Rhonda Basswood, Roberta Basswood and Randall (Desiree Freadrich Basswood) all of Ponsford; significant other, Donald Hardy Sr. of Ponsford; 18 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mary was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert Basswood; brother, Benedict; sister, Velda; one grandson, one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Aug. 28 at Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Ponsford.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahanomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh@arvig.net

Gordon Alvin St. Claire

Gordon St. Claire, 86, of Callaway, passed away Aug. 9 at Essentia Hospital in Fargo after a brief illness.

Gordon Alvin St. Clair was born Jan. 10, 1933, to Frederick and Fannie St. Clair in White Earth. Gordon went to St. Benedict's Mission school in White Earth but had to leave school at a young age to help his father on the family farm. At 17, Gordon enlisted in the U.S. Army and he obtained his GED. While in the Army they added an "e" to St. Clair. He was honorably discharged on July 26, 1957. After his discharge, he began working in construction and helped build I-94 in Wisconsin. After working in construction, he began a long career working for the Chrysler Corporation. In August 1958, Gordon married Nancy Jane Schmidt. To this union three sons were born: Duane, Bruce, and Brent. The couple later divorced. In 1988, after working for 30.2 years for the Chrysler Corporation, Gordon retired and moved back to Minnesota. After moving back, Gordon worked various jobs for the Shooting Star Casino over the course of 10 years.

One of Gordon's favorite pastime was feeding his numerous birds, gambling, and traveling with his friend, Jean Bakka. Gordon also enjoyed spending time at the Detroit Lakes VFW Post #1676 where he was a lifetime member. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #15.

Gordon's passing is mourned by his sons: Duane, Bruce and Brent; granddaughter, Dorothy; brother, Melvin St. Claire of St. Paul, Minn.; sisters, Yvonne Jackson of Tulsa, Okla. and Beverly Johnson of Waubun; special friend, Jean Bakka of Ogema; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Fannie; brothers: Eldred St. Clair, Frederick St. Clair, Henry St. Clair, and Harvey Roy; and sisters: Bernice DeGroat, Josephine St. Clair, and Mary Jane St. Clair.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Aug. 13 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in White Earth.

Arrangements: David-Donohewer Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Herbert Earl Roy

Herbert E. Roy, 83, of Roy Lake, died Aug. 11 at his home.

Herbert Earl was born April 5, 1936, in White Earth to David and Christine (Rice) Roy. He grew up in the Pine Bend area where he attended grade school and graduated from Fosston High School with the class of 1954. Following graduation, Herb enlisted, along with his brother Leo, with the United States Navy and they proudly served their country on the USS Ajax. Upon Herb's honorable discharge, he returned to the White Earth Reservation and was united in marriage to Amelia "Millie" LaFriniere on July 6, 1959. Herb furthered his education at Dunwoody Institute, receiving his associate degree as an electrician.



The couple was blessed with six children and they made their home in a few different communities before settling at Roy Lake in 1977. Herb owned and operated Roy's Electric for many years before retiring in his 70s. Along the way, he was happy to pass his knowledge and electricians skills on to his children, sons-in-law and even some of his grandchildren.

In his younger years, Herb enjoyed snowmobiling, deer hunting, and playing various sporting events like football, volleyball, and softball. As he aged, he continued to enjoy those same sporting events, not as a participant but as a coach, sponsor and supportive parent and grandparent cheering on his boys and grandchildren. Family was Herb's highest priority and his life was forever changed with the death of his two sons so he always treasured any time spent with his family especially all his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren.

In 2013, Kendall "The Nurse" entered his life bringing much joy as his baby. Later in 2017, Nelly Jo "The Boss" followed. They were Herb's pride and joy and together they tried to nurse him back to good health. Times together like all the wonderful Sunday dinners at his and Millie's home or watching "Peppa Pig" or "Spongebob Square Pants" with the grandkids were cherished events for Herb. More recently in his retirement years, he looked forward to Elders Day at the casino, pow wows, trips with the Elders program, working Sudoku puzzles and watching westerns on television. Herb was a dedicated member of the IBEW Local Union 292 since 1962. He also held membership with the White Earth Honor Guard and St. Anne's Catholic Church. He will be greatly missed by many but live on in their hearts forever.

Herb is survived by his wife of 60 years, Amelia of Roy Lake; daughters, Lynda Wadena of Waubun and Cindy (Richard) Doerfler of Roy Lake; sons, Michael (Stacy) Roy of Ada, Minn., and Scott Roy of Roy Lake; grandchildren: Cassandra Wadena, AmiJo Wadena, Jason (Sarah) Doerfler, Jennifer (Brett) Doerfler, Heather (Skip) Murray, Madi Roy, Emma Roy, Michael Roy Jr., Joseph Roy, Keith Oppgard, Justine (Jacob) Curtis, Keisha (Logan) Brendemuhl, and Faith Roy; great-grandchildren: Douglas (Kourtney) Doerfler, Jeffrey Doerfler, Jon Doerfler, Tiana (Hunter) Roy, Benjamin Tibbetts, Jocelyn Tibbetts, Kendall Murray, Nelly Jo Murray, Peyton Curtis, Ethan Blue, Graysen Blue; great-great-grandchildren: Emmilyn Clark-Hanks, Hendrix Clark-Hanks and Abel Boudreau; sisters, Rose Anderson of White Earth and Ada (Roy) Hobbs of Hibbing, Minn.; brothers, Leo Roy Sr. and Robert Roy both of Waubun; sister-in-law, Judy Roy of Carlton, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Tim and Jeff Roy; granddaughter, Charli Lynn Wadena; great-granddaughter, Lexie Clark; sons-in-law, Douglas Doerfler and Charles E. Wadena; sisters: Della Roy, Georgianna Weimer, Isabelle Raider, Priscilla DeFoe and Irene Cavender; and brothers: Francis, Ben and Louis Roy.

Blessed be the memory of Herbert Roy.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 16 at St. Anne's Catholic Church Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Anne's Cemetery.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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Obituaries

Eleanora Louise Boutwell

Eleanora L. Boutwell, 83, of Ogema, died Aug 1 at her home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Eleanora Louise Boutwell was born Feb. 28, 1936, in Sisseton, S.D., to Howard and Catherine (Cottier) Robertson. She is a 1954 graduate of Sisseton High School and then attended Haskell Institute in Kansas where she received a degree in Education. Eleanora was united in marriage to Clifford Peters. They lived in Germany where their first child was born. They divorced and Eleanora returned to Flandreau where she met Galen Boutwell while doing her laundry. They were united in marriage in 1961 in Flandreau. They lived on a number of reservations prior to moving to White Earth in 1975.



She taught at the Circle of Life School in White Earth for more than 40 years. Galen died in 1997 and Eleanora moved to Ogema in 1998. In addition to teaching, she enjoyed Ojibwe crafts, sewing, bingo and the Ojibwe language.

Survivors include children: Clifford (Judy) Peters of Flandreau, Kathryn Peters of Ogema, and Brent (Sharon Fischer) Boutwell of Ogema; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren (and one on the way); sisters: Wanda Cadotte, Nancy Herrick and Carol Robertson all of Flandreau.

Funeral services were held Aug. 8 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth, with Reverend Jackie Bernacchi officiating.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: David-Donohewer Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Joseph Charles “Bay Ba Mosh” Holliday Sr.

Joseph Charles “Bay Ba Mosh (March Wind)” Holliday Sr., 93, died Aug. 10 in Duluth, Minn.

He was born March 7, 1926, on White Earth Reservation. He served in the Marine Corps from 1944-1946, and was a combatant in the Battle for Okinawa. After the war, Joseph worked at Peevey the Cargill Grain Elevators as a grain miller. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.



He is survived by his daughter in law Barbara (Glenn); grandsons Scott, Brett (Gina), granddaughter Roberta (Paul Gilsdorf); son Clayton (Barbara), grandson Clayton Jr.; son David, son Bruce (Linda), grandson Roman, granddaughter in law Jennifer (Daniel); son in law, Doug Idlett (Debra); Son, Joseph Holliday Jr. (Jim Kidney); son, Craig (Linda), grandchildren, Spencer Chapinski, Scarlett, Cuyler; son Jason (Lisa); and many

great grandchildren; honorary son Mike Grubb.

Joseph is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Anna; wife Christina; son Glenn; daughter Debra; grandson Daniel.

A funeral service was held Aug. 17 at First Memorial Funeral Chapel in Duluth.

Interment: Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet, Minn.

Bruce C. MacArthur

Bruce C. MacArthur, 84, of Maple Grove, Minn., and Mesa, Ariz., died July 27 in Mesa.

Bruce was born Nov. 20, 1934, in White Earth. He was formerly of Callaway and was a 1952 graduate of Detroit Lakes High School.



He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce; sons David and Kyle (Allison) MacArthur; daughter, Karen MacArthur-Rohr (David Rohr); grandsons, Jesse and Dale MacArthur; granddaughters Megan Rohr and Emma Barnhardt (Drake); sisters: Charlotte Tommerdahl, JoAnn Conty, Janet Tracy and Lois Lund; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kent; brothers, Ray and Don McArthur; and sisters, Gertrude Lacina and Gail Zurn.

A Celebration of Bruce’s life was held Aug. 5 at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Maple Grove.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association or St. Columba’s Episcopal Church in White Earth.

Edith Nefzger

Edith Nefzger, 71, of Bejou, died Aug. 10 at her home.

Edith LaFriniere, the daughter of Floyd and Gertrude (Spicer) LaFriniere, was born March 2, 1948, in Mahanomen. She grew up in the Roy Lake area and attended school in Mahanomen, she later obtained her GED. In 1979, Edith married Ron Nefzger, and the couple made their home in Bejou. She cherished family time and they were blessed with six children: Wesley, Bernadette, Neomonie, Danny, T.J., and Angel. Over the years, Edith also welcomed many foster children into her home.



After raising her family, she went to work at the Shooting Star as a blackjack dealer until retirement, due to health reasons. In her spare time, Edith enjoyed baking, beading, crocheting, remodeling her home and spending time with family and friends. Edith will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Edith is survived by her husband, Ron of Bejou; sons: Wesley LaFriniere of Bejou, Danny Nefzger of South Dakota, and T.J. Nefzger of Moorhead, Minn.; daughters: Bernadette Spahr of Sacramento, Calif., Neomonie LaFriniere of Mahanomen, and Angel Nefzger of Winger; grandchildren: Sianna Spahr, Danielle Aliason, Dakota Moose, Taylor LaFriniere, Trista LaFriniere, Naomi LaFriniere, Dalton Benson, Raven Jensen, and Aurora Prior; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah LaFriniere, Abella LaFriniere; and soon to be great-granddaughter, Lily Ann; brother, Floyd LaFriniere of Roy Lake; as well as many niece, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Gertrude LaFriniere; grandparents; brothers: John, Joseph and Francis LaFriniere; sisters, Florence, Cecelia, Eileen and Mary Ellen LaFriniere; and several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service was held Aug. 21 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahanomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Barbara Ann Basswood-Clark

Barbara Ann Basswood-Clark, 54, started her journey on Aug. 18 at the University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis.

Barbara was born Oct. 13, 1964, in Detroit Lakes to Mary Lou Basswood and Norman Blakely of Pine Point. She lived her whole life in Pine Point raising her children and grandchildren. She loved playing bingo and playing slots at the casino. Barbara enjoyed cooking for her family and previously worked as an assistant cook at the Pine Point School. She also worked as a bingo walker for the Pine Point community. Barbara and Clarence Clark “Junior” were married in spirit on Aug. 12.



She is survived by her husband, Junior Clark who has been by her side for 38 beautiful years. Their love flourished, and never faded through the many ups and downs. They were partners in mind, body and spirit. Barb and Junior never gave up on one another regardless of the situation. Barbara is also survived by her 28 grandchildren along with her children: Amber Basswood (Ed Moran), Anthony Clark (Kimberly Crowell), Crystal Basswood (John Tinker), Clarence “Bud” Clark (Molly Tibbetts) and Mari Clark (Rex Robbins); brother, Norman Basswood; and numerous friends and relatives.

She is greeted in Spirit World by her mother, father and sister Patricia Basswood.

Arrangements: David-Donohewer Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

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Tribal Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy issues statement to better serve members

Reservation Business Committee,

I, Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy, issue this statement to better serve Band members and to move the RBC forward. Unifying legal initiatives under a General Counsel is needed as there will be ongoing issues associated with audits, investigations, and other legal issues that affect the Band. If the recent Minnesota Department of Human Services audit is any indication of legal matters to come—especially with the ongoing OGP audits, permanently assigning a General Counsel must occur. Other issues that need consistent management include: 1855 Treaty Affairs, Government Affairs, Civil Information, Medure Affairs, Internal Affairs, Renewable Energy Independence, Homelessness, Coordination of Care Subcommittee, and an Elder Affairs Commission.

These matters are outlined below, and they are necessary and distinct to move the Band forward. Specific outcomes that I wish to address include:

- The creation of a General Counsel that is separate from Tribal Courts.
- The assessment of Resolutions 34-66, 31-68, 110-79, 31-15, 32-15 for conformance and for possible Tribal Executive Committee repeal, which will cause the Enrollment Ordinance to be in conformance with Article II and the duly approved 1961 Ordinance. Defending the Constitutional standard for inclusive enrollment and raising concern with enrollment moratoriums.
- The assessment of a conditional per-capita distribution related to the sale of the Medure property at \$200 – \$500 per Band member to be issued no later than October 1, 2020.
- The authorization of First National Bank and the CFO to assess White Earth finances for potential transfer of financial services from Bremer Bank.
- Declaring Renewable Energy Independence effective August 5, 2019, which will include an eventual Referendum and an investment goal of \$1 billion.
- The authorization of \$250,000 for a temporary home village to be constructed on the White Earth Reservation that will start to address homelessness.
- An assessment that works towards establishing an Elder Affairs Commission.

GENERAL COUNSEL

Because the position is likely to be permanent, General Counsel will be budgetarily supported by Other Professional Services in the Legal Department.

- Motion to authorize a General Counsel attorney.
- Request that the Executive Director and Tribal Attorney construct a General Counsel Resolution due August 12, 2019. The General Counsel Resolution will encompass the subsequent motions and directives outlined below.

1855 TREATY AFFAIRS

Because 1855 Treaty Affairs is a permanent legal area that affects the Band, the matter and any associated contracts will be budgetarily supported by Other Professional Services in the Legal Department. The matter will specifically address the Rights of Manoomin, the Line 3 Opposition, and the Sandy Lake and Rice Lake Reservations and other duties as assigned by the RBC.

- Motion to authorize and assign 1855 Treaty Affairs under General Counsel.
- Motion to authorize 1855 Treaty Affairs to address Resolution 1855 (TEC).
- Motion to authorize 1855 Treaty Affairs, General Counsel, and the Tribal Attorney to investigate the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources incident in District 1, and to actively assess the Rights of Manoomin Resolution for legal action.

Resolution 1855 was brought to the TEC Legislative Subcommittee for approval. Resolution 1855 seeks to recognize the Sandy Lake and Rice Lake Reservations and supports their efforts for Federal Recognition. Resolution 1855

was added to the proposed Amendments to the MCT Land Transfer (Resolution 96-19). A Special Meeting will be called to specifically address these matters. The tentative goal is to Amend Resolutions 96-19 and 1855 for implementation and to allow the People of Sandy Lake to occupy MCT lands until their own recognition occurs. Instead of assigning the Sandy Lake lands to a specific Band, due to jurisdictional issues, the TEC could hold the lands in common and support the People of Sandy Lake.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Because Government Affairs is a temporary area that affects the Band, the matter will be budgetarily supported by Other Professional Services in the Legal Department. Government Affairs will specifically address Resolutions 96-19, 34-66, 31-68, 110-79, 31-15, 32-15, Renewable Energy Independence, and other duties as assigned by the RBC.

- Motion to authorize and assign Government Affairs, MCT Advisors, and any associated contract to be managed under General Counsel. (TABLED)
- Motion for Government Affairs, MCT Advisors, and the General Counsel to assess Resolutions 96-19, 34-66, 31-68, 110-79, 31-15, 32-15 for conformance and for possible Tribal Executive Committee consideration, which will cause the Enrollment Ordinance to be in conformance with Article II and the duly approved 1961 Ordinance.

We need to directly address the issues highlighted by the Enrollment Impact Report. Tens of thousands of Tribal members and their children are being systematically targeted for enrollment removal. However, I believe that if we follow the Constitution and repeal Resolutions and Ordinances not in conformance with the Constitution, then these issues can be ended.

What I'm proposing is not reform. The introduction of Resolutions 34-66, 31-68, and 110-79 were attempts at reform that wanted to create an exclusive enrollment system. Men and women no smarter than us turned Article II on its head. They added language where there was no language. This has led to the enrollment removal of members that number in the thousands.

For those individuals that were removed from enrollment under Article II, the 1961 Ordinance and the current Enrollment Ordinance have a process for adoption and reentry. However, the current Enrollment Ordinance under Section VII needs to be revised as it borrows language from Resolutions 34-66, 31-68, 110-79.

By enforcing the Constitutionally defined blood quantum standard, the process of enrollment removal can be mitigated and legally ended. We must end exclusive enrollment because it is currently illegal.

By following Article II and the approved 1961 Ordinance, the only authorized blood quantum standard is 25 percent. The Constitution and the approved Ordinance do not permit any other percentage. In fact, all those children born to those eligible members are still eligible for enrollment because there isn't a Constitutionally approved calculation metric. The calculation metric authorized through Resolutions 34-66, 31-68, 110-79 and the current Enrollment Ordinance are in violation of Article II.

These Resolutions are an injustice against the People.

Resolutions 31-15 and 32-15 attempt to neutralize the effects of blood quantum. However, there is no need to neutralize these effects if the Constitution is followed as written and the nonconformist resolutions are repealed. The system is reset.

Enrollment moratoriums are part of the exclusive system methodology. If these policies wish to be enforced, Bands need to pursue these desired changes through Constitutional Amendments.

Through years of injustice, the Constitution was turned on its head. To end the injustice, we must place the Constitution back on its feet.

A simple majority is all that is required to end the injus-

tice. In the 1960s, a majority of TEC members authorized the injustice in defiance of the Constitution and Article II. The People voted for an inclusive enrollment system, and the TEC thought otherwise. A majority, at worst just 6 votes, are required to bring the MCT back in conformance with the Constitution.

Arguments over resources and increases in enrollment do not pertain to the enforcement of the Constitution. These concerns should be addressed through the delegation where proposed Constitutional Amendments can be generated.

The exclusive system categorizes members as a racial category group. However, we must distinguish what is socially understood from what is legally accepted. Whereas numerous laws and court cases assert that Tribes and their members are not racial groups but distinct political entities. The inclusive system treats members as distinct political actors in a distinct political system. The exclusive system asserts government control over the bodies of Tribal men and women in an attempt to create racial categorization for social purposes. ***However, the Constitution recognizes the freedom Tribal men and women have over their own bodies and discourages government control over their bodies.***

Recent issues brought forward by the Trump Administration are going to great lengths to prove that Tribal members belong to a racial category rather than distinct political bodies. To continue course in the exclusive system jeopardizes our unique political status and trust relationship. Termination is imminent and a guaranteed outcome under the exclusive system. On a grander scale, the Tribe will fight for its own recognition similar to descendants that seek enrollment. By enforcing the exclusive system authorized through nonconformist Resolutions, we jeopardize our own Federal recognition.

We have usurped what is legally accepted for social reasons to our own detriment and destruction. Legally speaking, the Tribe is not a race, and neither are Tribal members.

Attempts to neutralize the effects of the exclusive system include: open enrollment, lineal descendancy, changing blood quantum requirements, accepting other federally recognized Indian Blood or First Nation blood. If we enforce an inclusive system, which is currently authorized under the Constitution and the only legally acceptable standard, then these measures are no longer needed or necessary.

In short, Tribal members and their children regardless of social reasons are automatically admitted because that is what the Constitution authorizes.

If the delegation wishes to develop a more restrictive enrollment clause, they are free to work towards that objective. If their version of Constitutional reform calls for exclusive enrollment by removing children from enrollment and denying the masses of the People their birthright, then the delegation must pass a Constitutional Amendment. Similar to the TEC of the 1960s, if the delegation wishes to usurp what is legally accepted for what is socially desired, then they must pass a Constitutional Amendment.

Again, the Constitution and the approved 1961 Ordinance authorizes inclusive enrollment, and any other standard or law approved thereafter is illegal without a Constitutional Amendment.

CIVIL INFORMATION

Because Civil information is a temporary area that affects the Band, the matter will be budgetarily supported by Other Professional Services in the Legal Department. Civil information will specifically address Renewable Energy Independence and other sector development that supports the Band's economic initiatives, and other duties as assigned by the RBC.

- Motion to authorize and assign Civil Information and any associated contract to be managed under General

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Counsel. (TABLED)

Civil Information is essential to future projects and operations that the Band will support. Increased competition and opposition can be expected once Renewable Energy Independence is declared from local energy providers, which is why Civil Information will make strategic recommendations that address Tribal, public and private sector interests and balance those interests with the goals of the Band.

MEDURE AFFAIRS

Because Medure Affairs is a temporary area that affects the Band, the matter will be budgetarily supported by Other Professional Services in the Legal Department. The matter will specifically address attorney ethics, potential malpractice, and any associated oil, gas, and mineral rights as associated with the Medure Project. Medure Affairs will provide quarterly updates on ethics, malpractice, and associated Medure assets.

- Motion to authorize and assign Medure Affairs and any associated contract to be managed under General Counsel.
- Motion to assess Medure property for potential sale and avoid development.
- Motion to assess conditional per-capita distribution related to the sale of the Medure property at \$200 – \$500 per Band member to be issued no later than October 1, 2020.

The RBC has taken active measures to remove itself from the oil and gas industry. The potential sale of the Pennsylvania property demonstrates the RBC's commitment to renewable energy because of the oil and gas leases attached to the land, and as a demonstration of its Traditional values.

The potential sale will directly support constituent affairs, which includes a conditional per-capita distribution, Tribal affairs, community development, and legal affairs related to the Medure Project. The RBC considers the per-capita distribution as directly related to the initial \$21 million judgement that should have been provided to Tribal constituents when the judgement was finalized.

The RBC believes the 2016 recovery was inadequate. The RBC believes corruption caused the Medure Settlement, and that corruption led to the limited recovery. A legal review of the attorneys involved remains active, which may result in the filing of malpractice lawsuits and ethics charges. Further, in 2016 the RBC agreed to approximately a \$1 million recovery on a \$21 million judgement. The sale demonstrates the RBC's willingness to close these issues creatively and as a disdain for corruption.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Because there will be ongoing issues associated with audits, investigations, and legal issues that affect the Band, which includes the Other Governmental Project, Internal Affairs will be a primary duty of the General Counsel. Band members have contacted the RBC related to Office of Inspector General (Federal) investigations at White Earth Indian Health Service and request the RBC to monitor its progress. Moreover, the Band's financial relationship with Bremer Bank has been unsteady due to the Bank's actions as related to the Band's arbitration with Great River Energy.

- Motion to authorize and assign Internal affairs as a duty of General Counsel.
- Motion to authorize the General Counsel to monitor and assess active OIG investigations at White Earth Indian Health Service.
- Motion to authorize First National Bank and the CFO to assess White Earth finances for potential transfer of financial services from Bremer Bank.

RENEWABLE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION (REI)

Because of exploitative energy practices used against its constituents, the uncertainty of fossil fuels, and support for mino-biimaadiziwin, the RBC believes Renewable Energy Independence is essential to its energy security, economic

development, workforce development, and potential investments.

The 2019 MN Legislature awarded the RBC a \$500,000 Renewable Energy Grant through the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council that directly supports the RBC's position. The RBC has taken active measures to remove itself from the oil and gas industry through the authorized Medure Project now assigned as Medure Affairs. Related to the Declaration, the RBC has consistently disapproved the construction of Line 3 by Enbridge and will continue to disapprove construction in 1855 Treaty Territory.

The RBC estimates total Renewable Energy Independence would require a \$1 billion investment to support this mission for all Band members—this number is likely to change, it only serves as a goal, and it will require investors other than the Band. *It is the position of the RBC to absolutely avoid the use of Band funds or property in pursuit of a Renewable Energy Independence initiative.* Customers that may benefit from the initiative include: Tribal members, other Tribes, municipalities, non-Tribal residents, and other energy companies.

The RBC will host an annual Renewable Energy Independence Summit for sector development, partner engagement, and to support Tribally owned businesses that wish to contract with the RBC or its subsidiaries. The RBC will actively attract businesses to the Reservation and other properties to support this initiative. The establishment of a Public Utilities Commission remains a goal. The first Summit is tentatively scheduled for 2020. *Because the declaration will directly affect local energy providers, reduce energy costs, and require renewable energy investments, the RBC will call for a Referendum for Tribal members to authorize Renewable Energy Independence.*

- Motion to declare Renewable Energy Independence effective August 5, 2019, which will include an eventual Referendum and an investment goal of \$1 billion.
- Motion to assign Renewable Energy Independence to Government Affairs, Economic Affairs and Public Affairs, and Civil Information for sector development. The team will coordinate with the Economic Development Department.
- Request that the Executive Director, Economic and Public Affairs, and Tribal Attorney deliver a Renewable Energy Independence Resolution due on August 12, 2019 for RBC consideration.

HOMELESSNESS

According to Wilder reports, the Reservation suffers 33 percent homelessness. Other estimates indicate that near homelessness exceeds 40 percent. In the past year the RBC authorized a Homelessness Committee meant to address the issue. The RBC discussed the possibility of establishing a temporary home village, which included discussions of possible conversion of the Bagley Casino Hotel. As the RBC considers budgets for the next fiscal year, a donation towards addressing homelessness is warranted.

- Motion to authorize \$250,000 for a temporary home village to be constructed on the White Earth Reservation.
- Motion to reauthorize the Homelessness Subcommittee to monitor and assess the progress of the temporary home village
- Motion to assign the District 1 Representative, Raymond Auginaush Sr., as the Chairman of the RBC's Homelessness Subcommittee.
- Motion to authorize the Human Services Director to establish eligibility guidelines associated with the temporary home village, which are due October 1, 2019.

As a goal, the temporary home village will be semi-operational before December 1, 2019 with homeless residents. The Human Services Director will explore expanded funding sources to support the village.

COORDINATION OF CARE SUBCOMMITTEE

Band members are negatively affected by financial collections that stem from regional health providers not cooper-

ating with White Earth Indian Health Service. Band members are mistreated by regional Hospitals due to health referrals. To rectify these issues, Coordination of Care Agreements (CACA) between IHS, hospitals, and the Band will ensure that Band members receive the best care possible. Furthermore, properly designed and enforced CACAs will result in reduced financial collections that disproportionately affect Band members.

- Motion to authorize the Health Department and Human Services Department to engage White Earth IHS and regional hospitals to work on CACAs.
- Motion to authorize a Coordination of Care Subcommittee to facilitate work towards Coordination of Care Agreements between IHS, the RBC, and hospitals.
- Motion to assign the District 2 Representative, Kathy Goodwin, as the Chairwoman of the RBC's Coordination of Care Subcommittee.

ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Tribal Elder services needs improvement. Establishing an Elder Affairs Commission (EAC) will greatly improve the services provided to Elders and their families. The EAC will be authorized by 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.

- Motion to authorize and assign the Tribal Attorney, Special Projects, the Elder Advocate, and Tribal Elders to build a Resolution for RBC consideration that would establish an Elder Affairs Commission.
- Motion for the Transportation manager and the Grants program to assess the purchase of an EAC bus that would be included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

A final draft of the EAC Resolution will be due no later than October 1, 2019. The EAC workgroup will identify specific work areas for consideration that the EAC will manage. An annual budget and bylaws will be established within the EAC Resolution before RBC consideration and approval occurs.

I thank the RBC for the opportunity to bring these issues forward for consideration. It is an honor to serve the People and employees of our Band, and I know that we will advance these issues respectfully. If there are any questions, I can be reached at alan.roy@whiteearth-nsn.gov or at 218-983-3285

The Administration is requested to publish a public notice of this message via Facebook, Everyone Email, and flyer at the RBC Building entrance and Administration desk entrance.

(Two motions tabled for contract review. All other motions approved during Special Meeting)

Sincerely,

Alan Roy
Secretary-Treasurer

**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 **Sept. 17, 2019**. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

Lori Tibbetts
Clerk, Town of Lake Grove

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare and the Child of: **Jasmine Bunker**

Court File No. TP19-0511

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 21, 2019 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 **October 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.** at the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at 35500 Eagleview Rd., Ogema, 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: August 20, 2019

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **Derek Todd Blakely;**
DOB: 02/15/1987

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T19-0439

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **September 25, 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 Ogema, 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: August 26, 2019

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:

Craig Jackson

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC16-0480, -0481

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 4, 2019, a Transfer of Permanent Physical/Legal Custody Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your children in files CC16-0480 and CC16-0481. A admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for **October 17, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Ronnie Keezer

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC16-0480, -0481

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Dated: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

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, Petition for Transfer of Permanent Physical/Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0355. A continued admit or deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for **October 4, 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: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

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. CC18-0355

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Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

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. CC18-0832

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 1, 2019, Petition for Transfer of Permanent Physical/Legal Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0832. A continued pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for October 3, 2019 at 1:00 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: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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Dated: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Beau Littlewolf

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC19-0539

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 15, 2019, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC19-0539. A pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for **October 25, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 27, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Tiffani Moran

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC19-0539

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Dated: August 27, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Shaun Bush

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC19-0574

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 23, 2019, a Child in Need of Protection and/or Services Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC19-0574. A pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for **November 14, 2019 at 11:30 A.M.** You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Shauna LaFriniere

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File Nos. CC19-0574

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Dated: August 28, 2019
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

Keenie's Korner

Zucchini Bread

2 cups sugar
 ¾ to 1 cup of canola oil
 3 eggs
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 3 cups flour
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 2 cups shredded zucchini. Do not peel the zucchini, but be sure to wash it.

Mix together the sugar, oil and eggs. Add the baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and flour, mix in the zucchini and mix well. Place in two greased and floured loaf pans and bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes. This bread freezes well. Enjoy!!

Colleen Blattenbauer / Nutrition Educator

White Earth Food Distribution

Phone: 218-935-2233

E-mail: colleen.blattenbauer@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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White Earth Tribal & Community college is an institution dedicated to academic excellence grounded in Anishinaabe culture, values, & traditions.

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Summary: The Academic Dean serves as the academic leader for the College and is responsible for ensuring the fulfillment of education goals and outcomes. Under the direction of the President; plans, organizes and directs academic policies and programs for the College through strategic leadership to ensure programs are in line with the College's vision, mission and goals. Position may also include Faculty duties as agreed upon between both parties

Education and/or Experience

PhD preferred, Master's Degree required in a related field; additional experience working in a higher education setting preferred.

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Associate Dean of Student Services

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Summary: Under the supervision of the Academic Dean, this position will support the academic mission by providing services, advocacy and crisis management for students through creative problem solving, accessibility, and accountability. Incumbent ensures efficient and effective management of all Student Services functions of the college including: recruitment, admissions, financial aid and registrar departments.

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Minimum three years of administrative experience in a higher education setting preferred

Minimum two years supervisory experience preferred

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Fall Dinner & Bazaar



Sunday

Sept 15th, 2019

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Beaulieu, MN

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ROAST BEEF & HAM DINNER

FAMILY STYLE SERVING 11:00am-1:00pm

Take outs available at 11:00 am

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Raffle-Cakewalk-Fish Pond

Country Store-Bake Sale & Crafts



St. Ann's of Waubun
Fall Festival
 Sunday, October 6, 2019
 at the Waubun Community Center
Ham & Meatball Dinner
Salad Bar – Desserts
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Adults – 12 & under \$5.00
Preschool Free
 Carry outs available
 Raffle – Bake Sale – Country Store

Honor from Page 14

fighting side by side with the Marine Corps," Tim Fairbanks said. "It was the first time that Seabees stood alongside Marines during a fight with an enemy." James Fairbanks earned a combat action ribbon in Iraq.

The secret of his success was a can-do attitude about everything, from rebuilding bombed-out airfields in Iraq to launching a fund for injured Seabees and their families.

Tim said his brother's favorite quote, which sums up his approach to life, was from General George C. Marshall: "There's no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

James Fairbanks acted on that advice personally as well as professionally, mentoring troubled kids in Gulfport, Mississippi, and helping displaced veterans there move into a new, much larger facility after Hurricane Katrina destroyed a veterans home in Gulfport, Tim said.

James served as force master chief petty officer from December of 2005 to May of 2008. He stepped down six months early because his wife was fighting cancer, and became command master chief, Naval Construction Battalion in Gulfport, Mississippi, where he was serving when he died in May of 2011.

His New Year's Resolution for that year had been to help as many people as he could, Tim said. James' wife, Denise, who was from the Gulfport area, died a few years later.

James Fairbanks' career with the Seabees was intense and demanding, but "he loved it," Tim said. "He absolutely loved it. All the people that worked with him loved him -- he took really good care of his Seabees."

Officers were also impressed with him, Tim said. Three rear-admirals were among those who sent letters of recom-

mendation to the County Board as part of the application process to Becker County for its memorial roadway program.

"Jimmy Fairbanks was an absolutely superb leader and human being," wrote Rear Admiral Bret Muilenburg. "Not only did he influence battalions of enlisted men and women, he steadfastly developed officers as well to reach their leadership potentials. It is fair to say that I and many others can directly trace the leaders that we became to Jimmy Fairbanks."

Fairbanks was respected by the rank and file as well, said Greg Shear, who traveled extensively with Fairbanks as chief of Navy civil engineers. "As an experienced combat veteran, he was a huge inspiration to the Seabees, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan," Shear wrote in his letter of recommendation to the county. "It was remarkable how the Seabees would gather tight around him, drinking in his words. He spoke softly, so it usually was a close knot, with Jimmy Fairbanks somewhere inside."

Tim Fairbanks said Becker County officials were helpful every step of the way, and he appreciates the due diligence they put into ensuring his brother was a good candidate for the memorial program.

"They were all very good to work with, they were great," he said.

The County Board gave its blessing to the honorary road designation earlier this month. Commissioner Larry Knutson, who represents the district, said at the meeting that James Fairbanks had an impressive military career and set a high bar for future nominees for the memorial roadway program.

Benefit for Chelsey Martine

Chelsey was recently diagnosed with high grade invasive ductal carcinoma (Breast Cancer) at the young age of 30.

Chelsey grew up in Bagley MN Graduating from High School in 2007.

Chelsey is the Mother of Chance (8) & Jesse (2). They currently residing in Grand Forks, ND where She recently graduated from Northland Technical & Community in May with her LPN Degree.

Despite the many life Challenges that has been in Chelsey's Life, she refuses to give up. Her plan to continue her education for her RN degree is still her plan.

September 28, 2019
4:00 PM
Bagley American Legion
BENEFIT ACCOUNT:
 First National Bank of Bagley
 Chelsey Martine Benefit

Raffle, Silent Auction & More

Contact:
 Toni
 218-368-4322
 Erin
 218-401-0815

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared my Octogenarian birthday with me! Your presence was awesome as were all the cards and well wishes. A special thank to my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who put on this gathering for me. I am just so blessed to have every one of you in my life. May you all find peace and grace in the days ahead.

Chi Miigwech!
Germaine Riegert

The family of Gordon St. Claire, would like to "thank" all those that shared their love, support, during this heart-breaking passing of Gordy. We are grateful to have all of you as friends, family and community.

Thank you
Beverly (St.Clair) Johnson, sister

Special Thank You From The Tibbetts Family

We would like to take this time to thank the family and friends of Michael "Bubb" Tibbetts for the beautiful cards, letters, calls, texts, tweets, flowers and plants. The delicious hot dishes, salads and beverages that so many provided, the volunteers that served at the Community Center after services. Thank you to the White Earth, Waubun, Mahnomen, Detroit Lakes, fire Departments, ambulances, PD and the Doctors and Staff at Sanford medical center for the long hrs of work. A huge thank you to Anderson Family Funeral Home for all the effort in making Michaels fair well until we meet again services happen the way we wished it to be. Thank you to those who shared their memorable laughs and times with our son. Michaels million dollar smile and wave will be greatly missed, but treasured by all. (Yes, the picture on the front of the memorial card is Michael with the northern lights, one of his special moments).

Thank You all for keeping our family in your prayers to help us get thru this tragic time in our lives.

The Tibbetts Family

A big shout-out and chi-miigwech to Anderson Family Funeral Home; the Ojibwe Hymn Singers, Mother Jackie Bernacchi, Mike Swan, the Jack Pine Singers drum group, and all the folks who brought food for our mom's burial service on August 28th and to those who did clean-up afterwards. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can say. With grateful appreciation to all for your support during the passing of our mother/grandmother.

The Family of Mary Joan (Boobs) Basswood

Congratulations

Congratulations to Justin Littlewolf Jr. for his selection to play in the December 2020 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas. His selection was based on his outstanding performance and game footage at the June 2019 Super Combine in Las Vegas. Justin will perform on the National stage in 2020! We are so proud of you and all your hard work.

Justin Sr. and Amy Littlewolf and family

Contact the AT at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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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

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Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

- ◆ Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals
- ◆ Drain lake/river water away from the landing
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It's **unlawful** to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels.

Real Estate

Cabin for Sale on Nett Lake - Fire code 36836 on 295th. Tribal leased land. Dock, wood stove & out house. \$14,000. Call 612-508-2542.

Classified Ads

Tire King Motors: Cheapest tires around \$20-\$35. Located in Ponsford. Contact Ivan Diaz at 612-600-9415.

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.

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



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

Thursdays, 3-6 PM

Begins June 6th through October 3rd (weather permitting)
South Main Street, Mahnomen, MN

Our market accepts:
SNAP/EBT; WIC; Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP); and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP); and Hunger Solutions certificates

Come join the fun!

- Sign up for a market basket to be given away at 5:15 p.m. each week
- Assorted summer activities include food sampling, health screenings, and live music

To access current happenings/news, check out the market's FACEBOOK pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/White-Earth-Community-Farmers-Market-814754601965839/>
or
<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation/>

LOOKING FOR VENDORS!

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact:

MARKET MANAGER
Eva Brakefield
218-935-0417 Ext. 213
eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov

or

CO-MARKET MANAGER
Tammy Bellanger
218-935-0417 Ext. 213
tbellanger@wecce.edu

The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Health Education Program, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.

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)

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White Earth Home Health Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinics

Food Distribution (East of Mahnomen)
September 5 and 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmer's Market (Mahnomen)
September 5 and 19, 3 to 6 p.m.

Shooting Star Casino (Mahnomen)
September 9 and 23, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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

Pappy's Cafe (Waubun)
September 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Naytahwaush Sports Complex
September 12, 10 a.m. to noon

Valley View Senior Apartments (Mahnomen)
September 16, 10 am to 12 noon

White Earth RBC Headquarters
September 17, 10 a.m. to noon

Biimaadiiziwiin (White Earth)
September 17, 1 to 3 p.m.

Congregate Housing (White Earth)
September 19, 10 a.m. to noon

Rice Lake Center
September 23, 10 a.m. noon

Pine Point Elder's Center
September 25, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



W.E. Tribal Elder Snow Removal Program 2019-2020

Attn; Tribal Enrolled Elders

Please call and sign up for Snow plowing of your driveway

Apply at: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: 218-983-3202
Fax: 218-983-4350

Contact: Betsy, Matt or Cindy
E-mail: Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Cindy.Weber@whiteearth-nsn.gov

You can reach the AT at
218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or
email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Chairman from Page 28

monies, songs and dances are what define us as a people. We need to invest more of our time and energy on this issue, so our children and young people develop their identity through observation. I would like to implement a policy that all meetings of the Nation be opened in our traditional language.

Internship and Job Relocation Incentives

Educating our people is critical to the success of our Nation. Preparing future generations for professional and vocational opportunities will strengthen our communities and provide economic justice and independence for our people. Many of our employees attend college off the reservation and lose connection to their homeland. I'd like to create a paid internship program that encourages our college educated band members to come back home and serve their people.

Furthermore, for those 1,100+ employees who do already work for the Reservation Business Committee, I want to make you feel secure in your position. We will follow our handbook and personnel policies, so everyone is given a fair chance and has equal rights.

While these are my starting priorities, I know more will be added to my list. While being your Chairman, I want to hear feedback of what is and isn't working. I want there to be open dialogue so I can be the best voice and advocate for our people. My job is to make sure each of you is heard and given all opportunities available.

As your Tribal Chairman, I will make sure not only our employees, programs and people are supported, but I will make sure our nation as a whole is given a voice. I am here for you, the people of White Earth Nation.

Thank you for giving me a chance and voting me in as your Chairman. Again, I am honored and proud to serve every band member, employee, friend and family member near and far. Together, I know we will accomplish great things."

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

September 12 through October 1, 2019

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Iron Range Area Community Council

The Iron Range Area Community Council holds a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Greenway Township Hall in Marble, Minn.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

shares his goals and views in inauguration speech

Editor's Note: This speech was given by White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks during the Inauguration Ceremony held Aug. 16 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. Watch the entire speech and event on the White Earth Facebook page.

"Before I begin my speech, I would like to thank everyone in attendance today and those who have helped get me here today; especially:

This election was not about me, it was about you. Without the support of everyone who believes in my mission, I would not be standing here today. I am proud of the decision White Earth has made in making me your Chairman—I know I am the right person for Chairman, and I will be a strong leader for our people.

I am not scared of the current challenges we face, instead, I am ready to tackle them head on with the Reservation Business Committee. Together, we will find the correct solutions to benefit all. This isn't a time to be scared, instead, it is a time to rise up and fight for everything we deserve. With strong teamwork, I know we can make this happen.

To the Reservation Business Committee, I am honored to serve our reservation with each of you. I can't wait to start sharing my ideas so we can find explanations and results that are right for our people. I want to continue our transparency and have a positive relationship with each of you. We must form an integrated front because our people depend on us.

To the White Earth people, we have worked hard to get where we are today. That will never be forgotten. However, we still have work to do. Throughout my campaign, I spoke about what was truly important to me: healthy families, education, traditional Anishinaabe values, dedicated leadership, job stability and a sound foundation for growth and success. Each of these goals are necessary for all of us to live whole, prosperous lives. I will not back down from trying every day to make these goals a reality.

Aligning with my goals, I would like to touch on my campaign priorities this afternoon. I have a limited time to make a difference as your Tribal Chairman and every day counts. During my campaign, these were my main concerns:

Ending Homelessness

Homelessness is increasing due to rising housing costs and flat wages. Tribes have the authority to increase access to state housing subsidies to pay the rent for eligible adults. Funds go directly to the housing provider or landlord to cover rent and basic household supplies. I would like to create investment opportunities for tribal members to meet the housing needs of the homeless by becoming landlords through property ownership.

Housing Development

Many tribes have found economic success in building new housing developments. The developer fees can be upwards of 3 million dollars per project and create additional construction, project management, and real estate jobs. I would like to explore the feasibility of developing a mixed income housing project that would help ensure everyone in White Earth has a place to call home.

Improving Healthcare

Currently, the majority of healthcare for tribal members is provided by the federal government via Indian Health Services (IHS). There are many health-

care issues, regionally and nationally that impact Tribes and White Earth specifically. These issues require leadership, expertise and community input to effectively understand and provide solutions that will in the short and long term address the health needs of the White Earth Communities. Which is why I would like to see White Earth Reservation create a certified Tribal Community Health Board.

The White Earth Tribal Community Health Board would be comprised of leadership, professionals, elders and other community members. This will allow the White Earth Reservation Community to identify Health care needs and issues unique to our communities, and address those needs by empowering and expanding our capacity to deliver services to elders and other band members. Additionally, it will enable us to fully integrate medical, dental and pharmacy services across existing tribal programs; creating a White Earth Tribal Health system.

Treating healthcare as an industry creates jobs and developing this industry as a tribe empowers us to make our own decisions about what is best for our people. A White Earth Tribal Community Health Board is an important step in the attainment of this goal.

Healthcare Partnership (Joint Venture)

Two years ago White Earth was awarded funding from the federal government to determine the feasibility of a healthcare partnership (joint venture) with the Indian Health Services (IHS). The partnership would create a new state of the art tribally-owned healthcare facility in Naytahwaush. Currently this project is on hold, but it's vital that we continue to move forward as it will provide better access to healthcare for our elders and band members in Naytahwaush and the surrounding communities. The new clinic will provide much needed jobs both during the construction phase of the clinic and also when the facility opens.

Integrating Culture and Education

Many in my circle have noticed that Native children receive little education about our history and the contribution of our people in schools. Native people are largely ignored in the dominant narrative, while in reality we were/are significant players in every part of American history. When we are omitted from the curriculum in schools, our children are being told implicitly that they don't matter. We must ensure our native history is at the forefront of any curriculum that serves our children, because they are the future.

The inclusion of Native American history, language, and culture is critical to identity as an Ojibwe nation. Teaching these lessons enables our children to have a more complete sense of who they are and where they came from. This is knowledge that will help keep our kids invested in their education both inside and outside of the classroom. Everything we do across our government, education system, and programs must be grounded in Ojibwe culture.

Empowering Our Community Culture and Language

Our people stand 19,000+ strong but we have fewer than 25 White Earth band members who are fluent speakers of our Ojibwemowin Language. We MUST preserve our language and our culture. It is said that a Native American nation who loses their language is no longer a nation. Our Ojibwe cere-

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Winona LaDuke was master of ceremonies and Rob Tibbetts administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Michael Fairbanks.



Royalty dances during grand entry.



The White Earth Honor Guard and the Ogichidag Warrior Society march in the staffs and flags.



The Mahnomin, Smokey Hill and White Earth Boyz drum groups gather together to sing the Traveling song at the end of the event.