



The votes are counted and it's official

Annie Jackson defeats Umsy Tibbetts to become newest District III Representative

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson defeated incumbent Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts for a four-year term as District III Representative during the White Earth Reservation General Election held Aug. 18.

Jackson defeated Tibbetts 424 to 370. Eleven candidates originally competed for District III Representative in the June 9 primary election. Tibbetts and Jackson received the most votes in the primary and moved on to the general election.

In addition to choosing a District III

Representative, voters were asked to decide if the White Earth Reservation Business Committee should authorize the production, regulation, and distribution of medical marijuana on the reservation. The referendum was approved by a vote of 994 to 150.

The general election was originally scheduled for June 9 but was moved to Aug. 18 for safety reasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the official results:

District III Representative
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson 424
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts 370



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Annie Jackson will serve a four-year term as the new District III Representative. **Left:** Jackson was sworn in by her son, Dennis Jackson Sr. on Aug. 26 at the White Earth RBC in front of family, friends and RBC staff. **Top:** Jackson with her family.



Medical Marijuana Referendum

"Do you approve or disapprove of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee authorizing the production, regulation, and distribution of medical marijuana within the White Earth Reservation boundaries?"

Approve 994
Disapprove 150

In the June 9 primary election, White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks secured a four-year term with 57 percent of the vote

and he was automatically re-elected as chairman and did not need to compete in the Aug. 18 election. Fairbanks was initially chosen to lead the nation in a special general election held Aug. 6, 2019, to fill the unexpired four-year term of Chairman Terry Tibbetts who was elected in 2016 and passed away in March 2019.

Jackson was sworn in as White Earth's newest District III Representative by her son, Dennis Jackson Sr. in front of family, friends and staff on Aug. 26 at the RBC.

WE votes in favor of producing and distributing medical marijuana

By Max Nesterak
Minnesota Reformer

White Earth citizens voted overwhelmingly in favor of a referendum on Aug. 18 asking if the tribe should begin growing, regulating and distributing medical marijuana on the reservation.

"It's exciting," White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks said. "The membership has spoken and it's overwhelming."

Nearly nine in 10 voters approved of the referendum, making the White Earth Nation the second tribe in Minnesota after the Red Lake Nation to vote to begin a medical marijuana program. Red Lake voters approved a similar referendum by a wide margin in May, and the tribe has already opened a dispensary for tribal members on the reservation.

Tribes in Minnesota have a unique opportunity to get a foothold in the highly profitable

cannabis industry, given the state currently has among the most restrictive laws surrounding medical marijuana in the country but is poised to allow marijuana use more broadly in the coming years. Gov. Tim Walz has signaled support for legalizing marijuana use for adults.

As sovereign nations, tribes aren't beholden to state laws governing medical marijuana. In Minnesota, marijuana isn't permitted to be distributed in plant form to be smoked or ingested. Instead, medical cannabis must come in extracted forms - pills, powders, oils and lotions.

The state also restricts cannabis production and distribution to just two companies - Leafline Labs and Minnesota Medical Solutions - giving them a duopoly enshrined in state law. Doctors are also restricted in prescribing medicinal marijuana to only about a dozen conditions.

As in Red Lake, White Earth could pro-

duce and distribute medical marijuana in plant form and for more ailments, including opioid addiction, which has wreaked havoc on the reservation.

Fairbanks said it's too soon to say when the tribe would begin producing medical marijuana. Farmers on the White Earth Reservation already grow hemp - a type of cannabis without the psychoactive compound THC - but the tribe still has a lot to sort out before planting seeds in the dirt.

Beginning to cultivate marijuana also gives the tribes a head start as the state inches closer to legalizing recreational marijuana as 11 other states have already done.

"Minnesota is getting really close to having recreational marijuana, so it's good to get our foot out there and mark our spot," Fairbanks said.

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Breaking the myths and stereotyping of Native people

By Evelyn Bellanger
Pine Point, Minn.

Today, Native people are still being invisible to most in the United States and to others it's their belief that we all receive free money from the government and reap lots of money from the casinos, along with alcoholism and poverty. As native people we need to tell and write our stories.

There has been research on the perception by different groups of Americans, with different socioeconomic, racial, geographic, gender and generational cohorts that think or don't know about Native Americans and Native issues, (Reclaiming Native Truth) along with our own knowledge.

"Do you live in a teepee?" or "I didn't know you still existed," shows what type of education that some non-native people have received. They will graduate these people and some will go on to serve in the U.S. Senate or Congress where rules and regulations are voted on in Indian Affairs. A Native Senator has said he has been holding training every six months on Native issues, such as what 'Trust Responsibility,' Sovereignty, etc. mean which newly elected Senators will come aboard and this training continues on. (The Trust Responsibility is the responsibility of the federal government to honor treaties, compromise and other bound agreements such as the protection of Indian trust land and the Indian rights to use those lands. The protection of tribal sovereignty and rights of self-governance, and the provision of basic social, medical and educational services for tribal members)

Some still use and receive free medical service from the Indian Health Services. We have many different practicing doctors that come through. That is after losing thousands of acres of land where our medical plants grew that we used, having a doctor was included in the Treaties. With the bro-

ken promises, all those here that are employed are now paying an insurance company for their medical benefits. For those that work also pay federal taxes on the reservation, off-reservation they pay state and federal taxes and after a while, receive and live on social security benefits as everyone else does in the U.S.

Social security benefits are minimum for some due to the lack of employment opportunities and low paying wage jobs. The casinos do provide some employment opportunities and almost all other Native employment opportunities on and off the reservations are in Indian organizations that are based on programs dealing with the results from Historical Trauma. We do apply for other grants to help fund these programs, and casino monies on most reservations go into the programs or new structures to keep these updated. On almost all reservations, the membership enrollments are more than what the profits from the casinos can generate, that they can't afford to pay anyone per capita.

Housing and Education; when our way of life changed, and having to move onto reservations, the material from the trees we used to build our living structures were all gone with the trees being all cut down. Some places they cut for 30 years. Housing was to be included in the treaties, now many are paying rent for subsidies housing and some may own their own. When the trees were cut, native people were to receive a percent of each tree. Agents were to put these monies into Individual Indian accts (IIM) which no one knows what happened to it. Louise Cobell being a banker, investigated this and an agreement was settled to accept \$3.4 billion. Part of this money went into Indian Scholarships, and a part is to go into The-Buy-Back land deals. The land deals come from the original 160 to 80-acre allotments on

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Please don't let the COVID-creep wear you down

By Carson Gardner
Medical director of the WE Tribal Health Department

It's a new COVID-related ailment on Turtle Island--the overwhelming, bone-crushing creeping exhaustion/frustration that sneaks up on street-level people who are trying to do the right thing, to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to survive. "I'm so tired of all this COVID stuff...I just wish it would go away...why don't people do what they're s'posed to do...why is there all this bickering...why don't they listen...why do I hafta do that...why doesn't the COVID thing make more sense...why isn't there a simple solution...why is there all this "fake news"...why don't they admit masks are hard to wear...why isn't there a magic cure...why can't I just wake up in the morning and find that COVID was a bad dream?

Most of us in North America are experiencing some level of the COVID-creep now, including right here on Gaa-waabaabiganikaag. We went for a long time with almost no COVID-19 cases on White Earth lands. But now we are seeing new cases counted up on a regular basis. We also hear about the death counts in other places, and worry about what funerals might be coming here.

Some people deal with that by ignoring COVID-19 and acting like it doesn't exist. Others deal with it by running away into escapes that are even more dangerous than COVID is. Some complain and resist every COVID transmission-prevention practice. Some argue they're right and the rest of the world is wrong. Some do the blame-game. Some just quietly take things one day at a time, keeping their fear hidden inside. And some heroes go out on the front line every day, keeping the peace, helping the sick and scared, delivering food and supplies, keeping the COVID-response organized, covering the bills, sharing the masks, making sure

the old, the sick, the weak, the defenseless have the help they need to survive, taking chances to save lives. Heroes get the COVID-creep, too.

It reminds me of what I know about civilians during World War II. I was born a few years after it was all over. But all the grownups in my childhood had survived it. They each had stories of sacrifice to tell. And stories of fear, frustration and fatigue; and of compassion, kindness, and cooperation. The people who chose to be selfish and hateful during World War II were not remembered with respect or thanks. The people who made sacrifices to help their communities are remembered with love and gratitude.

We Anishinaabeg are a people of thanks and kindness. We are also tough, resilient warrior-survivors with great spiritual strength--animikii-binesi is our national symbol. Our ancestors, and a few of us still here, survived World War II and fought courageously in that war--whether in uniform on battlefields in Europe and the Pacific, or saving and sharing on the streets of home neighborhoods. If beating COVID-19 required a bloody battle campaign with weapons on a battlefield, we Anishinaabeg would be at the front of the fray. The problem for us is, the weapons to win the COVID-19 battle seem so quiet and simple and boring that we can't believe that's all there is to it.


All along, over the past six months, there has been a quiet voice in Public Health science, telling everybody how to win the COVID-19 survival battle. It doesn't take an anti-virus medicine or a vaccine or a bunker or a bazooka to fight the COVID war. In recent weeks, the Public Health voice has gotten stronger and clearer; but the COVID-creep has made us all a bit deaf to its message. Here are the weapons to beat COVID-19 back:

- Wear a cloth mask every day, everywhere in public--

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Car Seat Inspection

This is a great opportunity to get your child's car seat checked to make sure that your child is in the proper car seat! A team of safety specialists will be on hand to provide technical assistance and an appropriate car seat if eligible.



White Earth Home Health is offering

Car Seat Clinics

Mahnomen College Apartments:
9/3/2020 from 1pm-3pm

Rice Lake Community Center:
9/10/2020 from 10am-12pm

Naytahwaush Fire Hall:
9/10/2020 from 1pm-3pm

White Earth Fire Hall:
9/24/2020 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Pine Point School:
9/24/2020 from 1pm-3pm

To qualify; the child's legal guardian must attend, have custody of child/children, live on the White Earth Reservation, and bring the child/children along. Legal guardians will receive one car seat per stage of development as needed.

COVID screening assessment will be completed upon arrival. All participants will be required to wear a mask. Appointments are highly suggested. (401-2799)

****For more information, schedule an appointment, or if you have questions about whether you qualify please call: 218-401-2799 (Bryanna)**

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL HOME VISITING




Implementing Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers

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- Look at your child's development and talk about the parenting challenges you face right now.
- Think about family dynamics impacting your child's development, your parenting values and decisions.
- Build strong protective factors to keep you, your child and your family healthy, strong and resilient.

What is White Earth Tribal Home Visiting?

WETHV is two programs in one. Family Resource and LIFE work together to serve prenatal to age 5 on the White Earth Reservation. The LIFE Program uses NFP and provides services to prenatally to 2 years of age. Family Resource uses the Parents as Teachers curriculum to help parents and children from age 2-5. We provide home visits on a monthly, bi-weekly, or weekly basis. We also provide monthly group connections, where we do activities and learn new things.



Firearm safety

Field Day Only

Sunday September 27th

From 1-4pm

Participants must complete the online portion of firearm safety and bring a copy of their voucher with to the field day. (if you do not have this you will not get certified) There is a \$25 fee for the online portion. The field day is free.

To access the online course, go to Huntercourse.com. To register for the field day, you can call 218-935-2578 or email Ashley.Zurn@whiteearth-nsn.gov

We will need name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number and if the child is under 18 parent or guardian name. There will only be 25 spots available so please get registered

We will be using the Naytawauash Range. This is Located 2.5 miles south of State Hwy 200 on County Rd 4.

We will have the location marked the day of. Also, you may bring a rifle with to use for different skills. NO ammunition is allowed we will provide what is needed for the shoot.

We are going to follow social distancing and do a health check before the field day starts.



Please bring a mask.

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Waatebagaa-Giizis!

Azhigwa manoominikyaang.

Ningii-wiidoowakawaa niinim gii-tazhiikang iwe, i'iw manoomin ingii-kidasige.

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Greetings & Hello White Earth Nation I am happy to see you!

It is September!

Already this year we have been ricing. I helped my brother-in-law when he processed wild rice. I parched the rice.

It is a beautiful ricing season. I was raised to know and honor our Mahnomen (manoomin) or Wild Rice because it is a gift from our Creator Gichimanido. I was taught to never throw our gift from the Creator in the garbage only take what you can eat because it is so sacred. From our very first Anishinaabe teachings our ancestors were told to find it. Our ancient union with this food is part of our survival which led us to where we are now on our reservation our beautiful Rice Lake, River and wild rice rivers. Our Manoomin is essential in our meals, feasts and ceremonies. I hope all of our ricers are doing well, miigwech ginawaa and thank you all.

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It's September, which is the beginning of fall, a reminder that no matter what happens in our lives the seasons come and go, the sun rises and sets each day. How different our lives are today than they were a year ago. COVID-19 is perhaps the most striking and impactful difference, which has altered virtually every aspect of our lives; taking from us loved ones, jobs, and freedoms that we may have taken for granted. Yet, our lives, though complicated, go on. My hope is that you all stay safe, continue wearing your masks, practice social distancing, and get tested if you have been exposed. White Earth Nation will remain a healthy



and strong nation through the strength and resilience of OUR PEOPLE.

I would like to congratulate Cheryl "Annie" Jackson for her successful election bid, she will be joining the RBC for a four-year term as the new District III representative. I look forward to working with Cheryl and the other members of the RBC in moving White Earth forward in these troubled and unprecedented times. So now it is time to MOVE forward and focus on a healthier, more productive future as White Earth Nation.

Last month's election also saw the passage of a Medical Marijuana Referendum. The referendum was approved by a vote of 994 to 150 and authorizes the White Earth Reservation Business Committee to allow the production, regulation, and distribution of medical marijuana on the reservation. I wish to make it very clear that going forward White Earth Nation will be looking at developing a Tribal Medical Marijuana Program that will meet the public health needs of the White Earth tribal community and its members. This will mean working with tribal leadership, management, staff, and interested community members in deciding how such a program can be both successful and viable.

We will also be working with the Minnesota Department of Health, with the expectation that our sovereign rights are respected, and that our regulations and programs in this area is also valued. The passage of this referendum does not automatically mean that people without a valid Minnesota Medical Cannabis Card can legally use cannabis, medically or especially recreationally. I should note that CBD products are not illegal on our reservation or in Minnesota and does not

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White Earth DMV open for limited services

To be consistent with mitigation actions that are in place and allow for limited vital services, the White Earth Department of Motor Vehicle will be opening. During this time, we must take action to curb the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of our employees and community.

Hours for DMV

8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Monday- open for appointments

Tuesday- closed for office work

Wednesday- open for appointments

Thursday- open for appointments

Friday- closed for office work

The White Earth Department of Motor Vehicle

window will be open by appointment only for title transfers and tribal Identification cards. Vehicle tab renewals must be mailed in. Staff will process these renewals daily.

The Department of Motor Vehicle can be reached at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5705. If no one answers, please leave a message and they will call you back.

Please make sure that you take all the precautions when showing up for your appointment, as you will be screened when entering the RBC building. If you have your own mask, we ask you to wear it upon entering the building. As an additional precaution we will be allowing only one individual into the facility at a time.

WE Reservation Coronavirus Relief Program Update

The White Earth Enrollment department wants to say miigwech to everyone for their continued patience while we process applications on a daily basis. Enrollment staff are working diligently every day to ensure our members get the necessary relief payment many are depending on. While we are aware this process does take some time, we will complete applications and mail the relief payment as soon as possible.

We started processing applications on July 30 and our first batch of 800 checks were mailed on Aug 5-6. While we process applications, we were also preparing the checks for mailing. Our Enrollments department has processed approximately 4,500 applications as of Aug. 26.

To assist in our application process, we are asking those who still need their enrollment numbers to call on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and for those who are asking about their applications or distribution, please call on Fridays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This temporary schedule will assist us in processing applications more efficiently and will help us distribute funds quicker.

While our phones remain very busy, we want to ensure everyone we are answering all questions and taking our time with each member. If you would like to contact us via email, please use this address: contact.WEN@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Emails will be answered in the order they are received.

One thing to note, as we are receiving applications, we are noticing that some are not fully completed and signed in front of a notary. If applications are missing these details, they will be returned. Here are some common mistakes:

- ❖ If you have a name change, please submit the

legal documentation with your application. If you have changed your name with White Earth DMV, the elections, or with another department, you must also change your name with the Enrollment department.

- ❖ If you are a power of attorney or have guardianship and are signing for another band member, please submit the documentation with that application.

- ❖ You must select a hardship.

- ❖ All forms must be mailed in. We will not accept emailed or scanned documentation.

At this time, the process of receiving applications, general administrative work, and mailing out your check takes about three to four weeks. The mail has also been slow, so please allow extra days for delivery once it has been sent. Once again, thank you for your patience and kind words as we comb through thousands of applications.

Miigwech,

WE Enrollment and Finance departments

Editor's note: A White Earth \$500 Coronavirus Relief Program application can be downloaded at www.whiteearth.com. An application is also available on Pages 32 and 33.

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Alan Roy

Greetings, my fellow Anishinaabeg!

With summer soon coming to an end, the RBC and I have been working diligently on an assortment of projects. In this month's article I would like to touch on a few important topics and review all that happened during the White Earth Reservation General Election held on Aug. 18.

Tribal election: I would first like to give a warm welcome and congratulations to our new District III Representative Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Annie has a great set of values that she brings to the RBC and I can't wait to work with her on our many corresponding priorities. Additionally, I would like to thank Umsy for the last four years as our District III Representative. Working with you has been a highlight in my career, as a fellow community member and as a friend. I appreciate all of the positive changes you have brought to White Earth Nation.

Medical Marijuana Referendum: In other election news, tribal members were asked to vote on a Medical Marijuana Referendum authorizing the production, regulation and distribution of medical marijuana on the reservation. The referendum was approved by a vote of 994 to 150. This is great news for White Earth, and we will proceed with these matters with the utmost transparency for all members.

Coronavirus Relief Program (CRP): After the approval of the CRP during the July 23 RBC Special Meeting, our Enrollments and Finance departments have been working hard to review, process and contact those who are seeking CRP payments. I understand there are many questions and requests being made at this time, but please continue to be patient



with us as we answer your questions and review each request. The RBC and I ensure that every member who has faced hardship during the pandemic will be given assistance through CRP. The time to act is now and we must take care of our people.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone of the Secretary-Treasurer Reports that are posted on www.whiteearth.com. In these reports, you will find our current finances published as well.

As we continue to navigate through all of the unknowns of COVID-19, I hope everyone is taking care and staying safe.

Alan Roy,
White Earth Secretary-Treasurer

Ten-hut!

Veterans may be eligible for COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs says the purpose of the COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant is to mitigate the negative effects and economic impact COVID-19 has had on Veterans and their families by providing a one-time financial relief grant in the amount of \$1,000.

Eligibility period

Applications for the COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant must demonstrate a financial loss on or after the date of the Governor's Emergency Executive Order, March 13, 2020. A closing date for the disaster relief grant has yet to be determined and will depend on the length of the peacetime emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Minnesota and the availability of funding. Status updates on the program will be posted on <http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/CovidRelief>.

Eligible applicant

1. A veteran as defined by MN Statute 197.447, or the surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a deceased veteran, and
2. A Minnesota resident, and
3. Have been negatively financial impacted by COVID-19.

Note: Two veterans married to each other are each authorized to apply for and receive the disaster relief grant.

Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate a financial loss.

If the documentation submitted to support your

eligibility criteria does not clearly demonstrate a financial loss you must submit additional documentation to demonstrate a financial loss. Individuals who are self-employed must prove approval or receipt of Minnesota Unemployment Insurance in order to properly demonstrate a financial loss.

How to apply

An eligible applicant may download an MDVA-1A (Application for Disaster Relief) from MDVA's website at <http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/CovidRelief>

Complete the application and gather the required supporting documentation.

An eligible applicant can submit their application one of three ways:

1. **Self-submittal:** Applications and supporting documentation can be uploaded through the MN GI Bill portal at <https://gibill.mn.gov>. You will first need to create an account or login to an existing component.

2. **County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO):** any applicant may find their CVSO by going to <https://www.macvso.org/find-a-cvso.html>.

3. **If your County Veterans Service Office is unable to assist you** during this State of Emergency please contact MDVA's Field Operations Team, who can assist you with your application, by contacting FO.MDVA@state.mn.us

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the Disaster Relief Grant please contact your County Veterans Service Officer or LinkVet at 1-888-Link-Vet.

Rez Briefs

Mahnomen Salvation Army looking for volunteers

The Mahnomen County Salvation Army is well into their second year of service for our community and we want your help! Do you have ideas of how to better strengthen our community and want to join an organization of like-minded individuals? This is your call to action! If you have any questions or would like to become a volunteer, please call and leave a voice message at 218-935-5022.

White Earth Transit running limited routes

White Earth Public Transit is now open again and they are running limited routes. Due to new COVID-19 mask requirements, it is mandatory for riders to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer stations have been placed at the entrance of each bus for the safety of clients and seating is limited due to social distance guidelines. Please call Transit dispatch for availability.

White Earth Cultural Division

The White Earth Cultural Division is offering traditional medicine for individuals that need medicine in these changing times. You may contact: Merlin.Deegan@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call the EOC center at the Shooting Star Casino and request to get a hold of Merlin Deegan.

Campaign signs must be removed

Candidates who ran in the recent tribal elections are reminded they must take down their campaign signs. Thank you.

Library is closed / Caring for Kids Store is appointment only

The Library is currently closed due to COVID-19 and the Caring for Kids Store can be opened by making an appointment at 218-983-3285 Ext. 1385.

A message from the White Earth WIC Department

We are working as efficiently as possible to continue all of our WIC services. Until further notice, we are doing all appointments over the phone. If you have questions or would like to make an appointment, please call our WIC cell phone at 218-204-0399. Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 p.m.

Circle Back Program referrals

If anyone needs to get a hold of the Circle Back Program to make a referral or to schedule a comprehensive assessment for adolescents, call 218-983-3285 Ext. 5707. Messages will be checked daily.

Waubun School Forest available for walks

Many people have enjoyed the Waubun School Forest this winter. The trails are available all year for walking. The forest is located at 2541 State Hwy 113 (9.2 miles east of Waubun). Call 218-473-2575 if you have a question.

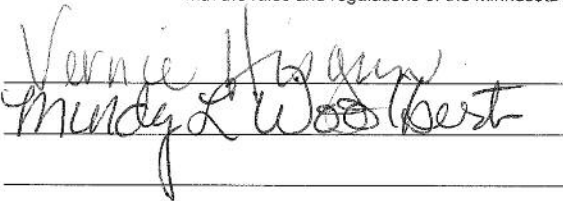

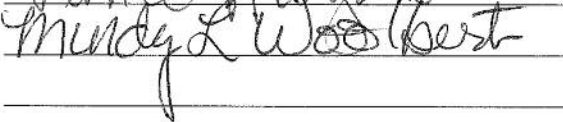

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I want to give a Big Miiqwech to the Elder Nutrition Program (ENP) and Shooting Star Casino staff!

We have delivered more than 700 meals (one hot meal plus a bag lunch totaling more than 1,400) Monday through Friday. The ENP along with the Casino staff work very hard every day to make sure our elders are fed.

ENP Manager
Katherine (Kat) Thompson

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION		OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS																			
GENERAL ELECTION August 18, 2020		RICE LAKE	BEJOU	BEAULIEU	PINE BEND	WAUBUN	NAYTAHWAUSH	MAHNOMEN	OGEMA	WHITE EARTH	PINE POINT	ELBOW LAKE	CALLAWAY	MARBLE	MINNEAPOLIS	CASS LAKE	IN PERSON ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%	
DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE																					
EUGENE (UMSY) TIBBETS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	114	41	14	32	8	11	17	12	89	370	46.60%	
CHERYL "ANNIE" JACKSON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	193	50	7	63	4	23	13	10	32	424	53.40%	
Total Ballots Cast		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	307	91	21	95	12	34	30	22	121	794	100.00%	
REFERENDUM QUESTION																					
APPROVE		52	3	5	11	14	85	60	47	279	62	22	79	5	40	38	58	134	994	86.89%	
DISAPPROVE		0	3	0	0	3	4	3	12	22	10	0	16	7	4	12	6	48	150	13.11%	
Total Ballots Cast		52	6	5	11	17	89	63	59	301	72	22	95	12	44	50	64	182	1144	100.00%	
CERTIFICATION																					
We, the undersigned Election Officials of the White Earth Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the White Earth Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.																					
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Deciding about COVID-19 vaccine is a serious health decision

By Carson Gardner, MD

Medical director of the WE Tribal Health Department

Time in or time out? Is it time for you to get in line for COVID-19 vaccine, or time for you to opt out of getting COVID-19 vaccine? Each of us Gaa-waabaabiganikaag citizens needs to think about this before the vaccine line starts forming. As things are now, I will be as close to the front of that line for vaccination as respect and courtesy will allow. That's been my policy for over 40 years as a family doctor. If I don't get vaccinated, how can I expect my patients to get vaccinated? I have not been wrong so far. But I'm not careless about Western science. I am reading all the scientific articles on vaccine safety. I will share any information I learn on serious vaccine-safety issues. But daga, please, let me tell you a story. It isn't about somebody else; it's about me. Niin Gaagizom, sorry, it's kind of an icky story:

Many years ago, when I was a young family doctor doing both emergency room and clinic work, I was on call at a hospital ER one day. Suddenly, in came a woman vomiting blood. She was in real trouble, with blood all over. The emergency room nurse and I had to pull out all the stops to get IV's in, get the bleeding slowed, and get the surgeon into the operating room to try and save the woman's life. We did our best, starting as we stood there in the ER area...in street clothes...with no gloves, gowns, or face shields on. We got the woman to the operating room, and she lived. But as the middle-aged nurse and I stood looking at our blood-splattered clothing, faces, and hands,

the woman's boyfriend stuck his head into the ER room to thank us. He also said, "Oh, by the way, she has chronic hepatitis B."

That middle-aged nurse and I had both been a bit skeptical about whether we should get the new hepatitis B vaccine that had just become available to healthcare workers--who would be the first to try it out. I'll tell you true, right there and then we looked at each other, nodded, washed the blood off, went to the employee health department, and got our first hepatitis B shots. We were both very fortunate--the first shot worked even though we'd already been exposed. We also both got a booster shot. We didn't get hepatitis B. Hepatitis B virus can kill you. And you can spread it to other people who can also be killed. The vaccine works and stops spread of and death from hepatitis B.

It was a good lesson, but not only that; I also learned a very important teaching: "If you can't keep yourself safe, Doc, then how will you keep everybody else safe; no matter how good you think you're doing?" That was a hard lesson to learn, but a very important one. Creator has reminded me of it occasionally, through the years, as I've watched and helped my patients make serious decisions about their own health. The COVID-19 pandemic is another reminder.

So, what's the point of my story? Here it is. Deciding about COVID-19 vaccine is a serious health decision. SARS CoV-2, the COVID-19 virus, can straight-up kill you; no matter what age you are. And you can spread it to other people who can also be killed; even if you only get a mild case yourself, or no symptoms at all. It's no hoax; it's the real deal, like smallpox or the 1918 influenza.

COVID-19 is a sneak-up killer, and not an honorable one--it sneaks up and kills the old, the weak, the already sick, and the defenseless. One day soon, we will have a vaccine to make people immune to COVID-19 infection. The vaccine will work to stop the spread of COVID-19 and will help to save lives.

But here's the deal: if less than about two thirds to three quarters of us on Gaa-waabaabiganikaag get the vaccine, then there will still be enough unvaccinated people the virus can infect so that it can stay alive and keep circulating on White Earth lands. And immunity may be limited; so we may all need to get a yearly COVID-19 vaccine shot for a while, like we get a yearly flu shot. Getting vaccinated won't just protect the individual who gets vaccinated; it will also help protect all of us. In the past century, sovereign Native Nation people were sometimes overlooked with protection like vaccines. We need to stand up and insist on receiving our treaty right to all the vaccine our Anishinaabe Nation needs and wants, in a timely manner. Of course, we each still get to make our own decision about being vaccinated.

I know that in past decades and the previous century, world governments, scientific researchers, and vaccine production companies have occasionally made mistakes. Those mistakes have allowed vaccine side-effects to happen. The side effects have mostly been a nuisance, but occasionally they have been serious. There is no zero-risk Western medicine treatment. But now, in the 21st century, Western medicine

See Vaccine Page 9

Mental health effects of historical trauma

The outbreak of coronavirus earlier this year left many mental health professionals concerned that stay-at-home orders and other safety measures designed to protect citizens from the pandemic could cause an increase in mental health issues. Unfortunately, mental health disorders and access to mental health care has been an ongoing struggle for Native Americans. With the additional mental drain resulting from the virus' spread, it's important now more than ever to support our relatives by understanding mental health and how it disproportionately impacts our communities.

Education

The first step in supporting people who struggle with their mental health is to educate yourself on how mental health disorders develop and how their development can impact every facet of a person's life. Experts are not entirely sure what can cause mental health disorders. However, the consensus is that a mixture of genetics, environmental factors, and traumas like war, intimate partner violence, or child sexual abuse can result in lifelong mental health struggles.

Native American communities specifically have to contend with historical trauma, which is defined as cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over one's lifetime and from generation to generation following the loss of lives, land, and vital aspects of culture. According to Mental Health America, over 21% of Native Americans had a diagnosable mental health disorder in the past year, totaling over 830,000.

Effects

The effects of these mental health disorders can be devastating to individuals and the Native American community as a whole. Having a serious mental health disorder can reduce an individual's life expectancy by 10 to 20 years, as depression and high levels of psychological stress may result in increased rates of heart disease, diabetes, and even an increased risk of cancer. Difficulty regulating emotional health can also destroy a person's ability to cope with the stresses of everyday life, including maintaining friendships and supporting a family.

Mahnomen County Salvation Army conducting 2nd Annual Backpack/School Supply Drive

Dear Community Partner,

Our community children need your help! Covid-19 has caused a lot of stress and worry of the unknown, but one thing is certain – the need for school supplies will continue to grow. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to have wide-ranging health and economic, please help us in providing the basic school supply needs for our youth. The Mahnomen County Salvation Army is seeking new school supplies, financial contributions, and/or disinfecting product donations to help our local families start the school year off right.

The collected supplies and backpacks will be disbursed through a pre-registration and drive through system for families in need and struggling at this time. We are working with the White Earth Emergency Management Team, Minnesota Salvation Army Headquarters and White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) to safely distribute our community's generous donations this year. Our giveaway registration has already begun. Once registration has concluded, letters will be mailed out to

Impact

The impact of fractured familial bonds on our communities has been and continues to be significant. For decades, our children were removed from their homes and stolen from their families to be re-educated at boarding schools. At these schools, many children were victims of institutional abuse, including regular beatings, sexual abuse, and punishment for practicing any kind of activities that contributed to the survival of their own culture.

This complete disruption of Native American family life and culture fostered the same kind of historical trauma that mass violence and persecution caused earlier generations. The separation of children from their families and their culture has lasting effects on the mental health of Native Americans to this day.

Resources

Now in this time of national crisis, these mental health struggles are even more important to highlight. Everyone – including our peoples – should be especially mindful of how the stresses of the pandemic could affect their mental well-being and the well-being of their communities.

These resources are available for anyone struggling with their mental health:

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255.

StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic, dating or sexual violence or if you have questions about your behavior, help is available.

For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon at <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). Advocates are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. - **Submitted by StrongHearts Native Helpline**

provide families with accurate information on where to go to pick up supplies and their backpacks. Any non-claimed backpacks will be given to local schools in Mahnomen County.

Last year due to generous donations from our community, we were able to serve 100 youth. With your help and other like-minded community members and agencies, we plan to serve even more. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please call and leave a voice message at 218-935-5022. Our volunteers will return your call to schedule picking up any donations or provide a drop off date and time.

If you are unable to donate supplies, but would like to contribute financially, please mail checks to: Mahnomen County Salvation Army, c/o Mahube-Otwa, PO Box 553, Mahnomen, MN 56557

Sincerely,
Mahnomen County Salvation Army Board

White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille Silk, Chairperson

White Earth Reservation Council of Elders

The summer has sped on by and we are approaching the new school year with the many fears and trepidations that our parents are dealing with. It is so important for our children to get a good education with the socialization aspects of being together. However, we must also consider what this pandemic has done to our communities and the need to practice the safety regulations that our professionals advise. As Elders, we can only hope and pray that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are given the best choices possible to be well and safe.

Many of us are in the canning and preservation stages of the bountiful fruits and vegetables that we either grow or secure from others. Soon, it will be the wild rice harvest season where so many of our people depend on the monies earned to pay bills incurred during the year and to purchase clothing for their families. A new (old) running car can be purchased in order to get around for the coming year and to keep enough rice to feed their families all year long. This was the practice of our Natives for many generations.

Please contact Pam Aspinwall at 612-250-1171 in the Mahnomen area, as she will be getting a list of tribal enrolled members and possibly organizing a charter group to be a part of the larger Council of Elders. Many Elders expressed a need to be represented, as they often feel left out or uninformed. We are so excited that Pam is willing to do this for the Mahnomen area.

Ms Cheryl Jackson was elected as the new District III representative on the Tribal Council and we want to wish her the best of luck. Thank you to Eugene (Umsy) Tibbetts for the past four years of service.

We continue to meet as an executive board for the reservation council of elders on a monthly basis. The past meeting was held Aug. 19 at Pappy's Cafe in Waubun with all safety precautions. Minutes and financial reports are acknowledged and recommended for approval when we can have an official meeting of our full council.

The NICOA Conference that was scheduled for August 2020 has now been rescheduled for Aug. 1-6, 2021 in Reno, Nev. The theme is "Resilience for Tomorrow...Together."

Another update is the Wisdom Steps Conference was rescheduled from June to November and has once again been rescheduled to June 2021. All members that had met the requirements and paid their \$20 fee will be eligible next June. Thank you for your understanding and we encourage all members and any new Elders wishing to be considered for the following year to continue to monitor your health and keep records.

Sometimes we forget to acknowledge those members of our Nation that are doing good things, even with this Covid-19 virus, such as cleaning our old dump roads, cleaning churches and cemeteries, and taking care of one another. Our plea is that we recycle all plastics, metal, and cardboard since there are bins in most communities. Our roads should not be littered with bags of waste, as there are stations for those too. Remember: "If we take care of the Land, it will take care of us." Do not abuse our Mother Earth!

"I strive to be a skeptic, in the best sense of the word: I question everything, and yet I'm open to anything." - Amy Tan, author

Be well Nation, follow the guidelines of health folks, take care of each other and may The Great Spirit counsel you.

Lucille Silk,
Chairperson White Earth Council of Elders
218-983-3768

WECARE helps link families to needed services

WECARE (White Earth Coordination, Assessment, Resource and Education), a program under White Earth Public Health provides an efficient and effective way to link families on the White Earth reservation to the services they need.

The project is focused on improving care coordination, enabling connections between mental health, home health, education, early childhood programs, and human services in an accountable care-like organization.

Clients complete a universal intake assessment indicating their interest in a wide range of community services, creating an electronic alert referral for appropriate programs to address the social determinants of health.

The WECARE integrative 2Generational approach is focused on improving health outcomes and reduce the level of poverty encountered on the White Earth Reservation. This is achieved through,

- 1) Culturally-specific comprehensive case management for integrative care coordination and supportive services
- 2) Support adult caregivers into workforce and/or post-secondary pathways
- 3) Increase social capital through monthly gatherings
- 4) Resource management for families
- 5) Evaluation of family participation and family goals achieved

To be eligible to participate in the 2Gen program, you must have a need in either; childcare, employment, education, mental health, and/or housing. 2Gen families are encouraged to participate in monthly family nights, where a cultural speaker provides a cultural family activity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, WECARE has moved the monthly family nights virtually to continue staying connected.



The ultimate goal of the WECARE program is to enable all agencies to work in partnership with the client at the center of the care team. Staff across agencies will be better equipped to provide the necessary referrals, supports, and services to reduce health risks and increase overall health and well-being on the White Earth Reservation. Coordinating care will reduce confusion and inefficiency involved with different systems working with clients.

Because clients are actively involved in developing their care plan, there is heightened accountability for all stakeholders involved, including partner agencies, clients, and their families. Client-driven data that is collected will also help analyze their existing programs and services to help them continue to make decisions that reflect what the community needs.

If interested in completing a WECARE assessment or interested in joining the 2Gen program, please contact:

Taylor Soyring (WECARE Pathway- Navigator)
Taylor.Soyring@whiteearth-nsn.gov
218-401-3208

Kali Lhotka (WECARE Pathway- Navigator)
Kali.Lotka@whiteearth-nsn.gov
218-401-3185

Taylor Vonderharr (Program Evaluator)
Taylor.Vonderharr@whiteearth-nsn.gov
218-401-3210

Data retrieved: <https://dashconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/White-Earth.pdf>

BACK TO School

White Earth Head Start Programs Enrolling for 2020-2021 NOW

Serving the entire White Earth Reservation
Classrooms in Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Pine Point, Rice Lake, Waubun and White Earth

Offering virtual classes until further notice

Home-Base Option for Children 0-3 Years
Classroom Based Option for Children 3-5 Years

Transportation May Be Available!

WHITE EARTH HEAD START
218-983-3285 EXT 1353

Rice Lake woman loses life after saving kids near Clearwater River Dam

Farmer's Independent
Bagley, Minn

On Aug. 17 at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a drowning near the Clearwater Dam on Clearwater Lake in Sinclair Township in northern Clearwater County.

Deputies from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office along with the Clearbrook Fire Department and Bagley Sanford Ambulances all responded to the scene.

According to witnesses, a group of children had been swimming in the river near the dam when some of them were caught up in the turbulent water that was coming over the dam and could not free themselves. The water level at the dam was considerably higher due to the large amount of rain received recently.

When the first deputy arrived on scene, an eight-year-old juvenile female had been pulled from the water and initially was unresponsive. Bystanders at the scene had performed life saving measures and were able to resuscitate her.

Eighteen-year-old Raina Lynn Neeland of rural Bagley was near the river and CPR was being performed on her by other bystanders, but she was still unresponsive. Witnesses estimated that she had been in the water for approximately 10 minutes. Sanford

Life Flight was called to the scene and landed a short distance away. All life saving measures were performed, but medics were not able to resuscitate Miss Neeland, who was a member of the group of swimmers.

According to witnesses, Neeland had pulled some of the younger children to safety before she went under the water.

Raina's father is Blaise Neeland of Rice Lake and her mother is Stephanie Birt of Cass Lake. She was raised by her grandmother, Lenny Neeland of Rice Lake.

You can read Raina Neeland's complete obituary on Page 25.



Raina Neeland

White Earth Nation has a Facebook page!

Feel free to visit us at:
www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation

White Earth Elder's Council supports a chapter in Mahnomen

By Pam Aspinwall
Mahnomen, Minn

Are you an enrolled White Earth Elder who lives in Mahnomen?

I have lived here for 10 years and feel out of the loop on Elder issues. I want to gather contact information for WE Elders living in Mahnomen - name and phone number. The primary purpose is to share White Earth business and services that pertain to us Elders. We will also increase our voice at the Tribal Council level.

The White Earth Elders' Council, led by Lucille Silk and others, supports this effort to start a Mahnomen chapter. The WE Elders Council has guidelines for participating in trips that require attendance at meetings and helping with fundraisers. Their request form asks for a name, phone number and tribal ID.

This Mahnomen effort does not require you to attend any meetings; we do not have any meetings planned as of now. At some point, we will set up a call circle to keep Mahnomen Elders connected.

Gathering information is a start. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. The main purpose, for now, is to connect with White Earth enrolled Elders living in Mahnomen.

Please call or text me, Pam Aspinwall at 612-250-1171 or send an email to pamroseasp@hotmail.com

A message from Circle of Life Academy

August 26, 2020

Returning to School in Distance Learning

Dear COLA Students, Families, Colleagues and Partners,

We are enthusiastic about welcoming your children back to learning in the 2020-2021 school year! While our school experiences will look and feel different this year, our teachers and school leaders will engage our students in rigorous learning, build and sustain meaningful teacher/student relationships, and keep children and families connected to their schools even, at times, from a safe distance.

The 2020-2021 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. To ensure that our students, teachers, staff, and community members stay safe and healthy, **we will begin the school year in distance-learning mode for the first six weeks of the school year.** We will return to in-person instruction as soon as it is safe to do so. You can expect a highly detailed "Return to COLA Distance Learning Plan" by next week.

As we have throughout this pandemic, we will work closely with the WERBC, local health professionals and medical experts to assess conditions around coronavirus spread in our sovereign nation. We will make decisions about the model of learning for future quarters on dates that balance time needed to plan, along with up-to-date data.

Team COLA has been working tirelessly during the last five months to put plans in place to keep our students, team, and families safe and healthy while ensuring that students have the support, they need to be successful in college, careers, and life.

Our first ever school website is currently under construction with a tentative roll out date of mid November 2020. This website will be your best resource for accurate information about our future. In the interim, we ask that you stay up to date via our White Earth Nation webpage, the COLA Facebook page and all COLA correspondence sent out through either our Honeywell Alert messaging system or snail mail. **If you have any questions or need additional information, please call us at 218-983-4180.**

These are unprecedented times, and we know you have choices about your child's education. We are confident that our focus on intense preparation and a commitment to quality will continue to earn your confidence in our district. We are dedicated to increasing safety, maximizing learning, supporting our families, and communicating well. We will get through this together.

With tremendous gratitude and love for everyone in our Circle of Life Academy family,

Jenna Leadbetter,
COLA School Superintendent

Referendum from Front Page

Recreational marijuana has broad support among Minnesota voters. Two marijuana legalization parties earned major party status in 2018, joining the GOP and DFL in getting at least 5% of the vote for a statewide office and a vote in every county.

Walz has said he would sign into law a bill legalizing recreational marijuana and expunging the records of Minnesotans convicted of marijuana

crimes, although such a bill couldn't pass the Republican-controlled state Senate.

While marijuana is still illegal at the federal level, the federal government in the so-called Cole Memorandum has said it will not enforce its prohibition in states or reservations that have chosen to legalize it.

Vaccine from Page 6

icine has learned to be very careful about dotting the i's and crossing the t's of medical research. The researchers who cheat are now pretty rare--and they get booted out of the scientific community pretty fast.

Every vaccine researcher also knows they are under the international "microscope" themselves right now--no shortcut-misconduct will be tolerated. And after the recent criminal charges against Big Pharma CEO's, this is a good time for holding vaccine companies responsible for transparent honesty.

We Anishinaabeg know about how smallpox and other viral, and bacterial, diseases nearly wiped our ancestors off the face of Turtle Island after the colonizers showed up. Many of us Anishinaabeg also believe that the historical "smallpox blankets" story is true. Right now, believing that the COVID-19 vaccine is too risky to take would be, in my view, like accepting "smallpox blankets."

While it is true that we each need to think about COVID-19, the upcoming vaccine, and making our own decision about getting vaccinated; we should not let conspiracy theories convince us to skip getting COVID-19 vaccine. If our ancestors had had smallpox vaccine from the get-go, 500 years ago, things might be a whole lot different on Turtle Island now.

And if at least two thirds to three quarters of us, all ages, step up and get vaccinated against COVID-19 when the vaccine becomes available for Tribal and County Public Health Departments to give to us; we can help protect our Anishinaabe descendants' future for generations to come. Daga, please, think about it; Gakina-Indinawemaaganag. Miigwech. Mii i'iw.

And the winners are...

Five lucky White Earth members won canoes and paddles in the annual Tribal Canoe Drawing.

More than 960 entries were received for the event. To enter, participants had to be White Earth enrollees, at least 18 years of age and must have a valid tribal ID card to claim the prize.

The random drawing was held Aug. 24 at the Shooting Star Casino.

The five winners were: Laura Lee Erickson, Sharon Neeland, Dawn Parker, Dennis Goodwin and Timothy St.Clair

The canoes were donated by the Shooting Star and the event was sponsored by the White Earth RBC and WE Natural Resources.

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

Welcome Kelsey Buelow

By **Judy L. Rose, Pharm.D.**

White Earth Service Unit Pharmacy Director

Kelsey Buelow is an Occupational Therapist who recently joined the White Earth Indian Health Service.

Kelsey has a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a Master of Occupational Therapy from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities/Rochester. She has five years of experience providing care in northern Minnesota, including orthopedics, pediatrics, and nursing home care, with specialized training in hand therapy.



Kelsey Buelow

Kelsey is from the area and lives with her husband and two small children. She enjoys spending time on the lake, exploring the woods and enjoying fun trips to Itasca. Kelsey is very excited to establish positive relationships within the White Earth community and provide the highest level of care with a holistic approach to each patient.

Please join us in welcoming Kelsey.

White Earth INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

With The Right Help, Your Hometown Business Can Really Go Places

Looking to open or expand a business or community facility? We're here to help! Our loan programs can be the difference between business as usual and successful growth for qualified borrowers.

- Business and Community Loan Fund
- Small Business Loan Fund
- Business Incubator (Ogema, MN)

White Earth Investment Initiative works with the Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation and Community Development Bank of Ogema to offer a variety of financing options on- and off-reservation.

Find out more at (218) 983-4020 | www.weii.website

Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
Banking Capital With a Mission for Successful Community Development

Attention White Earth 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!*

Call White Earth Enrollments at 218-983-4643

WE Energy Assistance helps families keep warm during winter

The White Earth Energy Assistance Program applications were mailed out mid-August. Those of you who applied last winter should start receiving them in the mail, this will take a while for everyone to receive them so please be patient. Those that did not apply last winter, call us at the beginning of September and applications may be available at this time.

Please keep in mind to fill out the application as neat and completely as you can and send all information that is required. This will make for a quicker process.

We may be offering the Crisis/Emergency Program this winter, this program offers assistance with heat and electrical bills. Please call the office if you are in need of assistance.

We may also be offering the Furnace Repair and Replacement

program if you are a homeowner and having problems with your furnace.

If you have any questions on the program, please do not hesitate to call us.

Location: Waubun
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 218-473-2711

Fax: 218-473-2719

Toll free: 1-866-885-7656

Email: chrisf@whiteearth.com or chris.fairbanks@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Tips: Please check your tank on a regular basis so you don't run out or it will cost you more for a delivery. Please try not to get disconnected, this will also adhere to more charges. Funds are anticipated to be here in early November. Please check with other programs if you are in need of assistance

Maximum Income Guidelines	Three months prior to the signed date on application
Household Size	Income
1	\$7,066
2	\$9,204
3	\$11,415
4	\$13,589
5	\$15,763
6	\$17,937

right away.

If you are in need of the Weatherization Program, please call Mahube at 218-847-1385.

Attention White Earth Tribal Members:

The White Earth DNR staff will be issuing 2020 harvest permits and deer tags outside the Public Safety garage door at the White Earth RBC building starting Sept. 1. and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday for the entire month of September.

Please be sure and bring your unexpired picture ID card for verification and please remember that you can still mail your renewals for your harvest permits if you are concerns for your safety due to COVID-19.

The Harvest permits are \$8 for adults and \$6 for juveniles, and the deer tags are \$2 for one tag.

All Elder and Disabled harvest permits are being mailed directly.

Individuals needing to update their picture ID's will still need to make an appointment by calling 218-983-3285 Ext. 5705.

Thank You

Do you have questions if you qualify for child care assistance or have a unique need for family child care availability for the school year? Ask away :)

When school starts what are your child care needs ...

Are you needing child care assistance with your child care need during the unique school year?

Contact:

White Earth Child Care Early Childhood Program for qualification for child care assistance and temporary licensing for child care homes.

(218) 983-3285

ext 1385 Jessica J. -CC Assistance

ext 1215 Kim L. -CC Licensing



The Child Care Program can assist interested person's in operating a family child care business with a temporary child care license during the school year to provide for the needs of one family's school age child care needs.

We will work with individuals on the conditions of a temporary license in a safe and happy environment where school age children may transition between attending teacher/student direct education, high bred model and/ or virtual school year.

Temporary licensing includes:

- background study
- home safety inspection
- safety compliance through quality (virtual) trainings and health and safety supplies

*these are at no cost to applicant

One-Call Center

The **One-Call Center** is currently in operation as a part of the Emergency Operation Center for the White Earth Nation. It is available to assist callers and respond to emails to provide resources and supportive services with a nurse, mental health and human services worker available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

White Earth/Mahnomen County One-Call Center + Nursing + Mental Health + Human Services
218-936-2774 // covid19@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Contact the One-Call Center if you or someone you know need resources or contact info for:

Covid19 Triage #

Nursing/Home Health Services

Mental Health Services

White Earth DMV Services

Food Assistance

Community Council contacts

Emergency Energy Assistance

Employment Services

Veteran Services

Elder Services

White Earth Homeless Resources

Enrollment Contacts

Substance Abuse/Rule 25 Assessments

General COVID-19 Questions

General Questions Relating to WE Programs

Call For Move-In Specials!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 Home Deliveries RL, Bagley, Ponsford, NTW <i>No Distribution</i>
7 Closed for Labor Day Holiday	8	9	10	11 Home Deliveries Mahnomen, Waubun <i>No Distribution</i>
<p>Note: Please call in Food Orders the day you wish to pick-up! Clear out your trunk area so staff can place food in the vehicle.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Home Delivery dates are subject to change!</p>		16	17	18 Home Deliveries White Earth <i>No Distribution</i>
		23	25	25 Home Deliveries Detroit Lakes <i>No Distribution</i>
29	30 Inventory No Distribution	<p>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</p>		

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Staff available: Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Phone: 218-935-2359 or toll free: 1-844-282-6580
 Call volume is at a high level, please leave your name and DOB with a brief message of your questions. Your concerns are very important to us. We strive for same day/next day return call.

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 Jeana Ketter Ext 3291, Jennifer Scott Ext 3313

Adult Cases contact: Shellie Racer Ext 3307, Lori Drift Ext 3312

Aged, Blind, Disabled contact: Crystal Fineday Ext 3306

Administrative Assistant: Aimee Hisgun Ext 3715

Concerns or comments:
 Financial Service Manager, Amy Littlewolf Ext 3290

Mailing Address: PO Box 100, Naytahwaush, MN 56566

We have five fax locations to receive documents

- Naytahwaush:** 218-936-3104
- Mahnomen:** 218-936-2508
- Detroit Lakes:** 218-844-5811
- Bagley:** 218-694-6507
- White Earth:** 218-983-4294

IMPORTANT: SNAP/Cash/Emergency Applicants
 Internet users/online applications: Applymn.dhs.mn.gov

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2020 White Earth Reservation Wild Rice Season

All Lakes & Rivers within the White Earth Reservation will be open for wild rice harvest during daylight hours on **August 30th, 2020** with the exception of the following:

Lower Rice Lake:

Will be **CLOSED** until further notice

Tamarac Refuge Lakes:

Lakes are only opened to those who received a permit from the drawing – must have a valid permit to access

According to the WECC 402.00, (Subd. 9);

- It is prohibited to wantonly waste or destroy wild rice plants
- It is prohibited to harvest green, unripe or milky wild rice

**For more information please call:
218/573-3007, 218/935-2488 or 218/457-2623
White Earth Natural Resource Department**

Monica M. Hedstrom
Monica Hedstrom, Director of Natural Resources
White Earth Reservation

Nursing Call Center

White Earth employees who develop COVID-19 like symptoms need to be monitored by the Nursing Call Center. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Body Aches

Hours of Operation

6:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm Saturday & Sunday



If you work hours outside of this time and you develop symptoms, please notify your supervisor, stay home from work, and call during the Nursing Call Center Hours of Operation.

Employees will be monitored for 14 days. At a minimum, an employee will be required to stay home for 7 days and will need to be symptom free for 3 days. If the employee has a negative COVID-19 test or receives a diagnosis from their provider that is not COVID-19, the employee may be able to return to work sooner if able to.

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No need to complete this if you completed one for the Elder Snow Removal Program. Call 218-983-3202 and update your telephone number.

Date: _____

Name _____ Spouses Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Cell # _____ Work # - _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

Enrollment number: _____ Spouse's Enrollment #: _____
(attach a copy if possible)

Do you own your home? _____ if not list your landlord's name: _____

Do you reside in a Housing home? Yes or No _____

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

Detailed directions to your residence: _____

Would you consider your lawn small or a large? _____

Lawn mowing will be done every two weeks.
Weed cutting/whacking, bagging grass & mowing ditches will not be provided

No need to sign the lawn mowers log sheet currently because of the COVID – 19.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Attn: Tribal Elder Lawn Mowing Program

Phone #: 218-983-3202
Fax #: 218-983-4350
E-mail address: Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Cindy.Weber@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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10 tips for a healthy diabetic...but good tips for all!

By Katie Hoban, RDN, LD
Registered Dietitian
White Earth Public Health

1. **Meal Planning:** Healthy eating for diabetes does not have to be complicated. Meal planning is one of the first steps. Having smart choices around you make it easier to stay on track with our busy lives. Doing things like planning and prepping your meals on your days off make it easier for busier times – then all you need to do is heat or cook your healthy meal! You can also make pre-portioned servings in containers so you can just grab one and take it to work or have on hand for other family members if you will be out of the house.

2. **Make a Healthy Plate:** Fill your plate ½ full with non-starchy vegetables (spinach, carrots or tomatoes), ¼ plate with lean protein (like tuna, lean pork or chicken), ¼ plate with a whole grain item (like brown rice or a starchy vegetable – peas or corn), add a serving of fruit and low-fat dairy, have an unsweetened beverage (tea or coffee) or water.

3. **Choose Healthy Carbohydrates:** During digestion, sugars (simple carbohydrates) and starches (complex carbohydrates) break down into blood glucose. We want to focus on healthy carbohydrates (complex carbohydrates) because they contain more fiber and are easier on our blood glucose levels and have many more health benefits. Healthy carbohydrates include – fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes (peas and beans) and low-fat dairy products. Avoid those simple carbohydrates such as foods or drinks with added fats, sugars and sodium, white grains and cookies/cakes and treat like grains.

4. **Choose Lean Protein and Include Fish:** Pick your lean sources of meat (to limit your saturated fat), include fish in your meal plan twice a week to increase your omega-3 fatty acids and try to work in plant-based protein like beans, lentils or nuts. You can also include low fat cheese, eggs or peanut butter into your protein routine as well.

5. **Choose ‘Good’ Fats:** Foods containing monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats can help lower your cholesterol levels. These fats include avocados, nuts and canola, olive and peanut oils. But don't overdo it, as all fats are higher in calories. Looking for ways to get more healthy fats – top your salad or yogurt with a few nuts next time.

6. **Pick High Fiber Foods:** Dietary fiber includes all parts of plant foods that your body can't digest or absorb. Fiber moderates how your body digests, helps control blood sugar levels, leaves you feeling full longer and helps to prevent heart disease. Foods high in fiber include vegetables, fruits, nuts, legumes and whole grains. Aim for 8 grams of fiber per meal – check out your nutrition label to see how much you are getting!

7. **Variety is the Key to a Healthy Diet:** Getting a variety of foods with all your meals and snacks is key to making sure you are getting all your vitamins and minerals your healthy body's needs. A good way to know you are getting a variety is to see to good color on your plate. Plan your meals with different protein sources – beef, chicken or pork – but remember to add beans, fish and eggs too.

8. **Drink Smart:** Drink water or other unsweetened beverages (tea or coffee) instead of soda, diet soda or sugary drinks. Drinking beverages with added sugar adds quickly to your daily calories – and most often they are empty calories – calories that

have no nutritional value. Juice is tricky – 100% juice also – they can still be high in sugar – you still want to limit 100% juice intake to ½ cup a day.

9. **Pick Healthy Snacks:** Don't undo all your hard work with healthy meals with unhealthy choices at snack time. Not all who have diabetes, type 1 or 2 must have a snack – but for some especially a snack around bedtime will help balance sugars out overnight. When choosing a snack look for foods that are a good source of fiber, protein and provide a healthy fat. These three nutrients will help in keeping your blood sugars under control and leave you feeling full. Ideas include – apples with peanut butter, half a sandwich, whole grain crackers with cheese or Greek yogurt and fresh fruit.

10. **Exercise:** Regular physical activity is an important part of managing diabetes or dealing with prediabetes. Because when you're active, your cells become more sensitive to insulin, so it works more effectively. And you just feel better. This doesn't mean you have to start at an intense exercise level – things like walking a couple laps around your house or a short distance outside twice a day and keep trying to add a bit as you can makes a difference.

Summer Garden Recipe

Looking for some new, tasty recipes for your favorite fresh produce...check out the recipe below! Hope you enjoy!

Stuffed Zucchini Boats

Ingredients:


2 medium zucchini
4 slices bread or 1 1/3 cup bread crumbs
¼ teaspoon ground sage
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon No Salt Seasoning (like Mrs. DASH or any combination of seasonings)
1 teaspoon lemon pepper
1 teaspoon dill weed

Instructions:

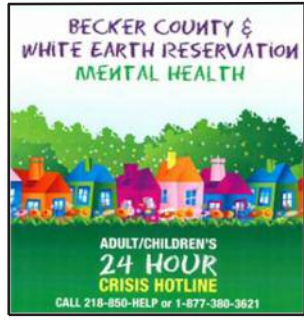
1. Pre-heat oven to 375° F.
2. Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. Using a spoon, scoop out seeds, forming a trench in each zucchini half.
3. Place zucchini in a pot of boiling water, and boil for 3 to 5 minutes.
4. While zucchini is cooking, toast 2 slices of bread.
5. Place toast and 2 uncooked pieces of bread in food processor to make breadcrumbs.
6. Add seasonings to breadcrumbs and mix well.
7. Add ½ cup of the zucchini cooking water and blend with a fork to get the consistency of stuffing.
8. Remove zucchini from water and place in 8 x 8" baking dish, peel side down.
9. Spoon stuffing into trench in each zucchini half.
10. Bake for 20 minutes and serve.

Yield: 4 – ½ zucchini each. Each serving is 82 calories and 15 grams carbohydrates.

You can reach the *Anishinaabeg Today*
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Becker County/White Earth Reservation Mental Health Hotline
COVID-19 Update



ADULT/CHILDREN'S
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- The hotline will still operate 24/7 for those needing mental health crisis services.
- Changes have been made in accordance with recommendations from the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health (no face-to-face contact).
- The hotline will answer calls and connect the caller with the appropriate crisis team.
- A crisis team member will contact the caller and provide
 - Phone Support and/or
 - Telehealth Support (i.e. Zoom, Messenger, Skype, FaceTime, Teams, etc.).
- This change will take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice.



White Earth Food Distribution continues drive through service

White Earth Food Distribution will continue drive through service through July and August. Please call ahead to place your food order or apply at 218-935-2233. Your orders will be pre-packed and picked up adjacent to the warehouse store.

Be prepared - be sure to remain in your vehicle and that the trunk/cargo area is emptied and ready to fill. Do not send anybody to pick up your foods if you experience flu like symptoms or have a compromised immune system.

Fax to 218-935-2235 or email:

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gina.alvarado@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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Miigwech,

-- Alan

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for State Senate



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Vote by mail or in person

Vote early in person: Go to [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) for your polling location

Vote by mail: Have your absentee ballot sent to you:

www.dfl.org/page/vote-by-mail.

White Earth Election Board tallies up the votes



The White Earth Election Board set up shop on election night (Aug. 18) at the Circle of Life Academy.

Top: Preparing the absentee ballots to be counted from left are election board members Vernie Hisgun, Mindy Woolbert, Beverly Smith and Jean LaRoque.

Left: The election returns were closed to the general public due to COVID-19, but candidates Umsy Tibbetts and Annie Jackson were allowed to attend. The event was livestreamed to the public.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Call for ricing pictures, stories & recipes

The White Earth THPO / Tribal Archives is seeking your favorite ricing photographs, stories, and recipes for inclusion in the White Earth Digital Archives.

For more information, or to submit images, please contact the THPO at: jaim.e.arsenault@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Mental Health Service Information

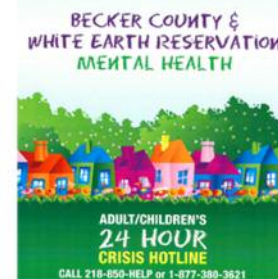
Our offices are closed for walk-in services, but we are still here to support you! Please contact the following places:

Reach your White Earth Mental Health provider or psychiatrist by calling 218.983.4703. If there is no answer please leave a VOICEMAIL and someone will get back to you.

Find support by contacting a mental health provider through the ONE-CALL Center's TOLL-FREE number at (833) 989.2873. This number not only connects you to Mental Health, but also other services such as Constituents, Feeding our Families (Food Shelf), the Nurse Triage Line (COVID-19 Testing) and for the Employee Triage Line.



The Becker County and White Earth Reservation Mental Health Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:



HOW TO VOTE VOTE 2020

Your vote is your voice! Get registered, get informed, go vote!

WHO CAN VOTE?

To vote in Minnesota, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, and a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days.

If you had a felony conviction, you can vote after you finish all parts of your sentence, including any probation, parole, or other conditions such as restitution.

You can vote while under guardianship, unless a judge has revoked your right to vote.

REGISTER TO VOTE

You must be registered to vote at your current address. To register or to update your registration, go to mnvotes.org.

You can also register at your polling place on Election Day. You must show proof of your name and current address. For more details, visit mnvotes.org or call 1-877-600-VOTE.

2020 DATES

VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person June 26 through August 10.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 11 (if necessary)

VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person September 18 through November 2.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3

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HOW TO VOTE VOTE 2020

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SEE YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

To see the candidates and questions that will be on your ballot, go to mnvotes.org.

VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS

To find out where you vote, visit mnvotes.org. Most polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING ON ELECTION DAY

If you are registered to vote at your current address, you do not need to bring identification. If you need to register or to update your registration, you will need to show proof of residence before you vote. To learn more, visit mnvotes.org or call 1-877-600-VOTE.

VOTE EARLY WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

You can vote early at your local elections office. You can also apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you in the mail. To find your local elections office or to request an absentee ballot, visit mnvotes.org.

TIME OFF WORK TO VOTE

You have a right to take time off work to vote, without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time.

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White Earth to World Series

Charles Bender's bittersweet baseball story

By Curt Brown
Minneapolis Star Tribune

The swirl of world events threw a few knuckleballs into major league baseball in 1918 — namely a deadly flu pandemic and World War I.

At a shipyard just outside Philadelphia that summer, you would have found a 34-year-old hammering rivets into transport ships for the war. He just might have been the best Minnesota-born baseball player ever.

An Ojibwe from the White Earth Reservation, Charles Albert Bender left northern Minnesota for white-run boarding schools in the 1890s. He then overcame the overt racism of his era to forge a Hall of Fame pitching career for the Philadelphia Athletics in the early 1900s.

Decades before St. Paul natives Dave Winfield, Paul Molitor and Jack Morris were enshrined in Cooperstown, Bender won six World Series games and became the Hall's first native Minnesotan.

"He wasn't the greatest pitcher of all time," A's manager Connie Mack once said of Bender, but he was the man to put on the mound "if I had a pennant or world's championship hinging upon the outcome of one game."

Bender's big league days were over by 1918, but the New York Yankees paid a waiver fee to coax him back. They failed. "Baseball is a secondary consideration with me," Bender said, "and while I realize that the fellows who are doing their bit [for the war] need amusement ... I also realize that we need ships and all the men we can get to build them."

That's just one of the nuggets in the definitive Bender biography written in 2008 by Tom Swift of Northfield. If you've

exhausted your COVID reading list and miss baseball, crack open "Chief Bender's Burden: The Silent Struggle of a Baseball Star."

"There is a limit to how long a man can carry the burden of race on his shoulders," Swift writes, adding that the institutions and mores of the day, white created and controlled, had forced Charles Bender to straddle a blunt color line. He knew two different worlds but didn't sit comfortably in either one."

Bender bristled over "Chief," the nickname he was given on the field. "I do not want my name to be presented to the public as an Indian, but as a pitcher," he said in 1905.

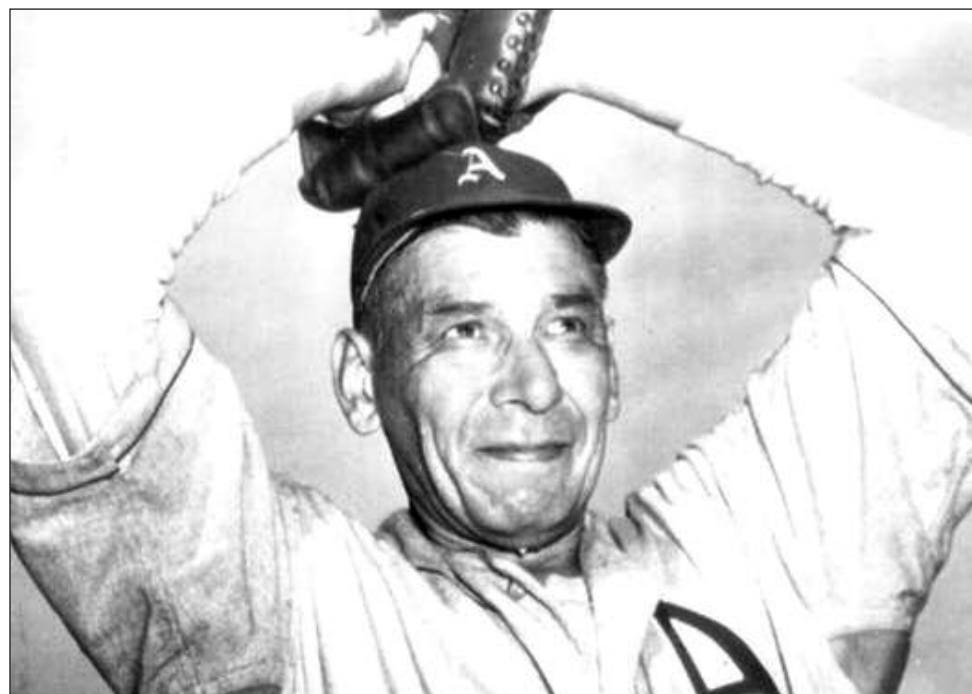
No one listened. Sportswriters and opposing teams pelted him with racist epithets. The descriptions, according to Swift, were prejudiced and "almost unyielding."

"He was called Chief so often — and so often with affection — that he allowed the name to be etched into his tombstone" in a cemetery north of Philadelphia, Swift writes.

Bender was called "a child of the forest" during the 1911 World Series, which his A's won. When he died in 1954 of prostate cancer at 70, the Sporting News headline proclaimed: "Chief Bender Answers Call to Happy Hunting Grounds."

For all his success and fame, Bender's story is in many ways a sad one. The son of an Ojibwe mother and German-American father, Bender was born in Crow Wing County in 1884, about 20 miles east of Brainerd near Partridge Lake. He was the fourth child in a family with around a dozen kids that moved to a log cabin on his

[See Bender Page 28](#)



Associated Press Baseball Hall of Fame

This photo from August 1944 — titled "Still Pitching at 61 — captured Charles Bender as the Philadelphia Athletics' batting-practice pitcher, the oldest in the league. He was "helping the youngsters to perfect their bunting eyes," the 1944 caption said.

1855 Treaty Authority Resolution for 2020 Wild Rice Harvesting

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RESOLUTION FOR 2020 WILD RICE HARVESTING RESOLUTION # 2020-01

WHEREAS, the 1855 Treaty Authority is comprised of treaty beneficiary members of the 1855 Treaty between the Chippewas Mississippi, Pillager and Winnibigoshish bands and the United States with regard to territory that became what is now known as Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the signatory Bands have reserved hunting, fishing, gathering and resource management rights and responsibilities in the 1855 Treaty ceded territory; and

WHEREAS, the 1855 Treaty Authority has petitioned the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs seeking federal protection of off reservation and perpetual usufructuary use and property interests in the 1855 Treaty ceded territory, which includes numerous unimpaired waters inclusive of waters vital to the production of fisheries, wild rice, and related ecosystems for hunting and trapping; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has no legal authority to regulate tribal members harvest under federal treaties or Congressional act granting limited civil or criminal jurisdiction under Public Law 83-280 (18 U.S.C. § 1162, 28 U.S.C. § 1360); and

WHEREAS, the 1855 Treaty Authority is regulating off reservation harvesting by treaty beneficiaries of the 1855 Chippewa Treaty; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1855 Treaty Authority now permits all 1855 Chippewa Treaty beneficiaries to gather manoomin (wild rice) from sunrise to sunset throughout the 1855 ceded territorial waters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1855 Treaty Authority requests all harvesters to carry their personal tribal identification cards in the event of state conservation challenges and/or the 1855 Treaty Authority is authorized to take the steps necessary to legally protect manoomin gathering activities by members, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the 1855 Treaty Authority is authorized to take all steps necessary to give formal notice of this 2020 manoomin (wild rice) harvesting activity to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by consensus of those members able to be contacted through the usual means under the COVID pandemic circumstances, did unanimously vote FOR the resolution, this 21st day of August 2020 at Rice Lake.

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Dale Bedonahkwaad Greene, Jr.

Frank Bibeau
Frank Bibeau, Executive Director



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Leah Jurss is named a Rising Star lawyer

White Earth descendant Leah Jurss was recently named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine. Only 2.5% of Minnesota attorneys are selected as Rising Stars. Super Lawyers selects attorneys using a patented multiphase selection process that combines peer nominations and evaluations with third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

“I went to law school solely to study federal Indian law, and to advocate for the rights of Indian tribes,” said Jurss. “I am proud to work at Hogen Adams PLLC, [Minneapolis] where I get to help tribes assert their sovereignty, defend their treaty rights, and pursue economic development opportunities in federal, state, and tribal courts. Being named to the 2020 Minnesota Rising Star List is an honor, and I would like to say chi-miigwetch to everyone who has supported me in my career.”

Jurss worked for the White Earth Tribal Court in 2013, where she worked on developing a Code of Judicial Ethics for Tribal Court Judges.

She has focused her legal career on issues of jurisdiction, sovereignty, and treaty rights in both federal and tribal courts. Before she joined Hogen Adams, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roberto A. Lange of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, where she worked on a wide variety of civil and criminal matters.

During law school, she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Michigan State Law Review and provided amicus curiae support to tribes engaged in Indian Child Welfare Act litigation through the Indigenous

Education:
 J.D. Michigan State University College of Law, summa cum laude (2015)
 B.A. University of Minnesota, summa cum laude (2012)

Bar Admissions:
 Michigan
 Minnesota
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Law and Policy Center Law Clinic at Michigan State University College of Law. After receiving her J.D., she was the Academic Fellow at the Indigenous Law and Policy Center, where she developed and taught a course to help first year Native American law students succeed in law school.

Outside the office, Jurss enjoys cycling with her husband and explor-



Leah Jurss

ing parks and trails with her flat-coat retriever, Mitten.

At Hogen Adams, their roots in Indian Country run deep. Every day, they address issues of jurisdiction, sovereignty, and tribal governance, but it’s tough to put a picture on those ideas and ideals. Instead, they surround themselves with art that represents where they come from and the clients they serve. In between the cases and the deals and the ordinances and the resolutions, those pieces of art and artifact remind them of who they are and where they’re going.

Hogen Adams is an experienced team who handles all aspects of Indian law for tribes and their business partners, from multi-million dollar lawsuits and arbitrations to tribal financings to day-to-day tribal governance and employment issues.

They have won significant cases involving the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, treaty rights, tribal sovereign immunity, and tribal tax issues. They’ve negotiated intergovernmental agreements, major casino developments, and complex settlements.

Half of their lawyers are tribal members, and they have each devoted their careers to providing legal excellence in Indian Country.

Jurss grew up on White Earth Reservation and she is the daughter Dr. JoAnne Riegert of rural Waubun and she is the granddaughter Germaine and the late Leo Riegert. Germaine currently lives in Waubun.

Mike Weaver is a proud graduate of drug court program



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

A ceremony was held for Mike Weaver who recently graduated from the White Earth Tribal and Mahnommen County Healing to Wellness Drug Court. Weaver is proud of his sobriety and stated he wants to help others to achieve and maintain sobriety. **Top:** Weaver with District I Rep. Raymond Auginaush and Chairman Michael Fairbanks.



Miigwech for your service



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

A Miigwech for Your Service Ceremony was held for District III Representative Umsy Tibbetts on Aug. 25 at the White Earth RBC. Tibbetts was defeated by Annie Jackson in the Aug. 18 general election. Tibbetts was elected in 2016 and served a four-year term as District III Rep. **Top:** Tibbetts thanks everyone for their support over the years. **Middle:** Tibbetts with some of the people that attended the event. **Bottom:** The Jack Pine Singers drum group sing an Honor Song.

Author Marcie Rendon

is first Native American woman to receive \$50,000 McKnight Distinguished Artist Award

By Mary Ann Grossmann
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Marcie Rendon, award-winning poet, playwright, author of children's books, short stories and the popular Cash Blackbear mystery series, is the winner of the \$50,000 McKnight Foundation 2020 Distinguished Artist Award.

An enrolled member of the **White Earth Nation**, Rendon is the first Native American woman to receive this prestigious award, which honors artists who stay in Minnesota and make the state more culturally rich. She is the second Native American to receive the award in two years. Visual artist Jim Denomie was the 2019 honoree. Both Rendon and Denomie are Ojibwe.

"I'm kind of in shock and overwhelmed," Rendon said last week in a phone interview from her home near Lake Hiawatha in Minneapolis, where she lives with two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter. She has three daughters and 12 grandchildren.

The Artist Award is always a surprise to the winner. The McKnight folks lured Rendon onto Zoom in August by telling her they wanted to talk about her work. But when she dialed in she found herself facing a roomful of people who told her she was the awardee.

"I started crying. It just seemed unreal," she recalled. "Then somebody said, 'Tell her how much the check is,' and I cried even more. I could give you a hundred names of people who deserve it. It never occurred to me I was in that category."

McKnight interim president Pamela Wheelock, who announced the award, applauded Rendon for creating a body of work that "brings a strong and necessary voice to many genres, while raising up other Native voices in our community. Her commitment to making art in community embodies what a distinguished artist means to Minnesota and to McKnight."

Rendon is pleased that her award turns the spotlight on Native artists.

"I grew up in northern Minnesota and never lived in the city. I didn't even know book awards were a thing until one of my books was nominated. I don't have an MFA. I'm writing because I love to create and because I love my community," she said. "Jim (Denomie) and myself getting this award says that Native artists are doing not just what is important for us as Native people, but important to the entire landscape of artists and people in Minnesota. It says we exist and have a significant impact on the arts. We are resilient and thriving. It says to non-Native people, 'We are here, we never left.'"

Among Rendon's previous awards are a 2020 Ensemble/Playwright Collaboration Grant from the network of Ensemble Theaters and the Playwrights' Center, and a 2020 Covid-19 artist grant from the Tiwahe Foundation for demonstrating resilience during the pandemic. She was named a 50 Over



Photo by Jaida Grey Eagle / The McKnight Foundation

The McKnight Foundation announced the selection of Marcie Rendon for its 2020 Distinguished Artist Award — a \$50,000 award created to honor a Minnesota artist who has made significant contributions to the state's cultural life. Rendon, an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, is the author of poems, plays, children's books, and novels that explore the resilience and brilliance of Native peoples. Rendon is the first Native American woman to receive the Distinguished Artist Award, first given in 1996.

50 honoree by AARP Minnesota/Pollen Midwest, and received the Loft's 2017 Spoken Word Immersion Fellowship with Diego Vazquez. She was also a Pioneer Press community columnist and news intern in 2004.

Vazquez, a poet, novelist and editor, has known Rendon for years. "I am so excited for Marcie I almost cried when I heard about her award," he said. "I admire her for everything she does, in her writing and her life, where she is the central focus for her family. She gives her heart to everything in a way you don't know she's giving her heart."

Rendon is especially proud of partnering with Vazquez in the eight-year-old women's writing project, in which they teach women incarcerated in jails in Ramsey, Sherburne and Washington counties. They have reached some 300 women and published 40 anthologies of their writing.

Vazquez and Rendon are such good partners their students jokingly refer to Diego as Marcie's "jail husband."

"Marcie and I click. We make a great team," Vazquez says.

Becoming a Writer

Rendon, born in the Red River Valley of northern Minnesota in 1952, was a voracious reader, creative writer and poet early in life.

She was with her family, poor but happy, until she was in first grade and put into the foster care system. It was a bad experience, but she survived.

While studying at Moorhead State College in the early 1970s, Rendon was part of a group of Native student activists who successfully demanded the launch of the university's first American Indian studies

department. She graduated with degrees in criminal justice and American Indian Studies and earned a master's in human development from St. Mary's University.

Rendon moved to Minneapolis in 1978, because "this is where my people are, the birthplace of AIM (American Indian Movement)," and worked as a counselor and therapist while raising her daughters.

A 1991 performance by Canadian Cree-Saulteaux artist Margo Kane inspired Rendon to share her poetry and writing with a wider audience at venues such as Patrick's Cabaret in Minneapolis.

Rendon also participated in the Loft's

Inroads program for writers of color. Her mentor was the late Native poet and journalist Jim Northrup, who became her good friend. An admitted shy person, she took performance and speaking classes after Northrup advised her to learn to speak to people if she wanted to be a writer and sell her work.

Throughout her career, Rendon has received support from her writing group, Women from the Center, which she calls "my landing place." Among her long-time writing buddies are Carolyn Holbrook and Diane Wilson.

"I am super-excited for Marcie," said Holbrook. "That woman has worked for I don't know how many years as a writer, reward-less but still pursuing her craft. She's multi-talented and sticks with it, all the while raising a family and putting up with the trauma of having been a foster kid. Her crime fiction knocks me out. Others write (mysteries) about Native Americans but she's doing it from an authentic place."

Wilson, who is married to Jim Denomie, describes Rendon as "an original thinker, very independent-minded, straightforward, honest. She has a lot of personal integrity and she brings these qualities to her work. One aspect I admire is that she moves so fluidly through the various forms. That says a lot about her as a writer."

How does Rendon hop from genre to genre?

"I just do what I do it. My brain jumps all over the place," she replies with a laugh.

No matter the genre, Rendon's Ojibwe people are in it.

Sandy Agustin, a member of the Distinguished Artist Award selection committee, pointed out Rendon's commitment to depicting the hard side of Native life: "Whether it's writing about boarding schools, incarceration, or the epidemic of

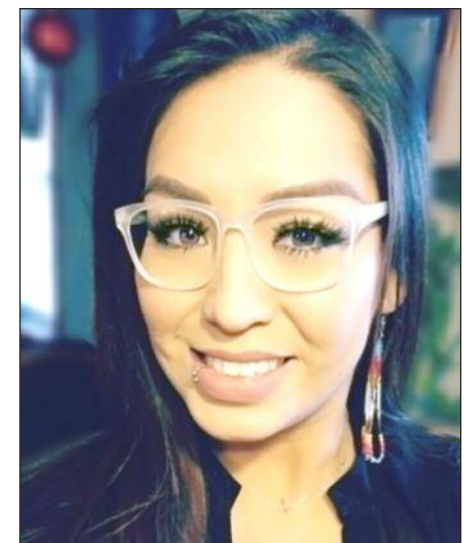
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WE Tribal and Community College student awarded Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship

Emily June Woods is the recipient of the Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation Scholarship from the Full Circle American Indian College Fund.

Emily is 3/4 Oglala Lakota Sioux and enrolled in Pine Ridge, S.D. She is a first generation college student, and is currently attending White Earth Tribal and Community College, where she plans to earn her AA degree and then move onto a four-year university to pursue her dreams of a Bachelor in Psychology. She would love a career in counseling for alcohol and drug addiction while working for the Native American communities.

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In 2018, White Earth RBC established Rights of Manoomin legislation that recognizes that Manoomin has a right to exist, to be healthy and flourish and to heal and regenerate when it is harmed. This survey, developed by the Niibi Center with the support of White Earth Division of Natural Resources, asks your help to clarify how those rights should be detailed, applied and enforced.

1. What is your personal and family history as it relates to ricing and caring for Manoomin?

2. Describe Manoomin when it flourishes. For example, when its healthy, how does it look, smell, taste, etc?

3. Describe Manoomin's impact on community, economy and culture.

4. How have the people's use of and interest in Manoomin changed over time?

5. What are indicators you know when Manoomin is harmed? For example, how do rice beds and Manoomin look when harmed?

6. How concerned are you about the following possible sources of harm to Manoomin (very, somewhat, not at all) and please explain why?

The impact on Manoomin from global warming:

The impact from pesticides and other agriculture practices:

Impact from genetically modified seeds:

Impact from mining or pipeline development:

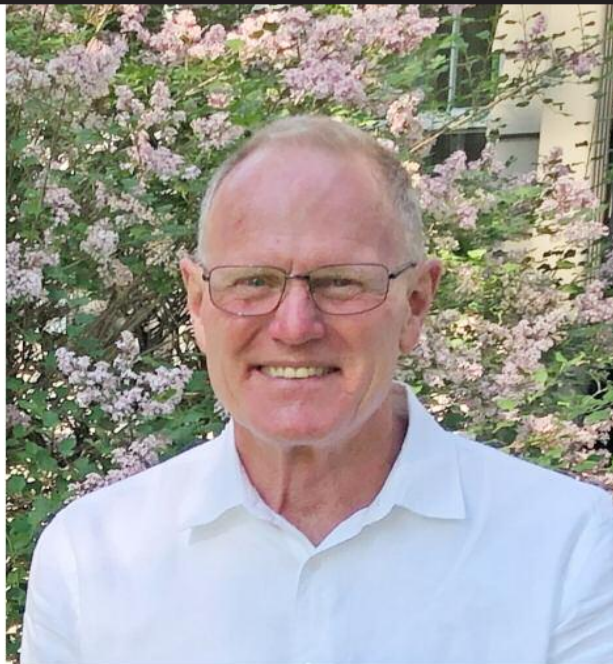
7. How important are treaty rights to ricing and protecting Manoomin?

8. For Manoomin that grows off-reservation, how should the tribe and tribal members protect this Manoomin?

9. On-reservation, how should the tribe and tribal members protect Manoomin (monitoring, testing, licenses, regulations, etc?)

10. What role should individual tribal members have in protecting and restoring Manoomin?

I am David Suby...



and here is what I think:

To keep people safe during the COVID pandemic, Minnesota is trying to get people us use mail-in ballots. This protects the voter and the election judges. President Trump has admitted that he's trying to make it harder for the U.S. Postal Service to process mail-in votes by taking away necessary funding.

The right to vote is the foundation of American democracy. Any impediment to a citizen's right to vote must be eliminated.

Today, many of us pay mortgages by mail; we file our taxes with the IRS by mail; Social Security benefits are often delivered by mail, and some of the CARES ACT stimulus checks are sent by mail. Efficient mail delivery is something we have always counted on and trusted.

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- » About 34 million US adults smoke cigarettes, and 58 million nonsmokers are exposed to secondhand smoke.
- » Every day, about 2,000 young people under age 18 smoke their first cigarette, and more than 300 become daily cigarette smokers.
- » Cigarette smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths annually, including 41,000 deaths from secondhand smoke.
- » For every American who dies because of smoking, at least 30 are living with a serious smoking-related illness.
- » Smoking-related illness cost the United States over \$300 billion each year, including \$170 billion in direct medical costs.

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missing and murdered Indigenous women, she is nurturing Native voices and amplifying communities that are too often unheard, especially Native women.”

While Rendon says her writing doesn't "hit people over the head" about injustices done to Native Americans, she admits she's angry.

"This is righteous and real anger. But it doesn't mean an angry person is a horrible person," she says. "When I am working on novels, I'm writing a story I want to read and that Native people in northern Minnesota will find interesting. I hope other people enjoy it too. I'm not thinking. 'Am I angry?' 'Will this offend somebody?' In poetry, a little more of my anger comes through but with a funny edge, some humor that makes it not so harsh."

In the poetry world, Rendon has made her mark with "What's an Indian Woman to Do?" which will appear in the forthcoming Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry, "When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through." Her poem Resilience is included in U.S. poet laureate Joy Harjo's digital project "Living Nations, Living Words: A Map of First People's Poetry," which will join the permanent collection of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Rendon says her writing flows most easily when she's writing poetry, novels and some short stories. "Plays are harder work," she admits. "I do an outline and try to follow the standard playwright format."

Rendon's involvement in the theater community includes founding Raving Native Theater, dedicated to bringing voice and visibility to other Native American artists and performers. She has curated and produced a variety of Native-focused performances at the History Theatre, the Minnesota Fringe Festival, and Patrick's Cabaret, as well as projects for Twin Cities Public Television. She's published four plays and wrote "Sweet Revenge," chosen for the Oklahoma Indigenous Theatre Company's 2020 New Native American Play Festival, but it's on hold because of the virus.

"We Don't Know Anything About This"

Rendon is probably best-known for her Cash Blackbear murder mysteries, in which she tries to subtly bring to light the abuses and discrimination faced by Native women.

Cash, a 19-year-old Ojibwe, debuted in 2017 in "Murder on the Red River," winner of the Pinckley Prize for Debut Novel, followed in 2019 by "Girl Gone Missing," nominated for Mystery Writers of America's Sue Grafton Memorial Award.

A 5-foot-tall pool hustler, Cash is a driver in the farm fields, the product of foster homes where she was beaten, deprived of food and treated as a servant. She lives in Fargo-Moorhead where, in the first book,

she helps the sheriff who saved her life as a child investigate the death of an Indian man who came south from the reservation to work crops.

The Cash series shows Rendon's belief in fiction's ability to teach.

"You can read (nonfiction) about something like the assimilation policy, which is cold, hard fact," Rendon says, referring to the U.S. government's attempt to destroy Indian cultural identities by forcing them to adopt European-American culture. "But that doesn't give you the in-depth look at boarding schools, taking kids away from families and putting them in foster care, nuns determining who is civilized and who is not on each reservation. Those kinds of details are what I try to bring out in my novels."

Diane Wilson says Cash is "one of the most compelling fictional characters I've seen in recent years, a combination of smart, tough and yet vulnerable. She's a character readers develop a personal relationship with. There is deep subtext and themes that make the stories very compelling for not just Native readers but the wider audience. Marcie is imparting history in a storytelling manner."

Rendon admits that when the first Cash mystery was published, she had no idea she'd written a book about the foster care system until an editor pointed it out. When she wrote about an Indian mother who disappeared and was never seen again, her editor thought no one would believe it.

"I told the editor. 'It happens all the time,'" she recalled. "We in the native community know thousands of us ended up in foster care. The rest of the world doesn't know it even happened."

Another time, Rendon wrote a crime story that commemorated missing and murdered indigenous women.

"The editor in New York said, 'What missing indigenous women? We don't know anything about this.' When you write from your world view, some things you just assume everybody knows. And clearly they don't. How many people in St. Paul know Mounds Park is a burial grounds as opposed to just a pretty park where people have picnics?"

What Comes Next

Rendon's Distinguished Artist Award money has no strings attached. After 20 years of patching together freelance writing and consulting jobs, she finally has enough money to breathe.

"I won't have to chase the next writing gig for \$60 or \$100," she says happily. "I can focus on my manuscripts and getting an agent. I can relax and not have to worry."

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

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Obituaries

Jerrold Eugene "Chub" McDougall

Jerrold Eugene "Chub" McDougall, 77, of Richwood, unexpectedly passed from life on Aug. 6 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes.

Born in Tacoma, Wash., to Robert and Dorothy (Gilberry) McDougall, he was raised in the "Golden Ridge" of Fargo, N.D., with seven brothers and two sisters.



His work career included MSI Snappy, Detroit Lakes School District, Anderson Cabinets and he finished his final 15 working years for the Shooting Star Casino as a master carpenter, having never been tardy or missed a day of work for sickness. He was proud of this accomplishment and impressed upon his kids the positive benefit of work ethic, which they joke about today retelling stories of hauling wood to heat the house with much complaint. In retirement, he crafted custom cabinets in the workshop at his home in Richwood, where he raised his family. He enjoyed working there until the week of his passing.

Chub grew up loving music, especially Elvis Presley and classic country music. He was known to play Jim Reeves Pandora radio at excessive levels while working and dancing around the shop. He was not one to sit still for long. When not working he served at Richwood Lutheran Church and in the rural community he lived in and was happiest when creating. He created beautiful cabinets in particular, but his other passions included restoring a 57' Chevy, Cadillac and other classic cars and telling all manners of jokes.

Like his mother before him, his true gift was creating connections with friends and family. He often said his mom had more connections than a Greyhound bus. He was the same. From cabbages or wild rice to chickens and car parts, he knew someone who had what he was looking for. Whatever he found, he shared. He was a friend you could count on for a helping hand. If he thought you could use a kind word or a bowl of soup, he was there to deliver both the meal and his friendship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Robert, Stanley, Merlin, Ronald and Dennis; sister, Jeanette; nieces, Molly Sorensen and Jenny McDougall; and grandson, Owen Fiske. He is survived by his wife, Ida (Bryngelson) McDougall, daughters: Darcy (Mark) Weidman, Denise Von Niederhausern and Dawn McDougall; son, Bruce (Bobbi) Bryngelson; sister, Jean (best friend, Clair) Sorensen of Dilworth, Minn.; brother, Gary (Pam) McDougall of Wilmar, Minn., and Douglas (Bonnie Thorp) McDougall of Fargo; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; several nieces and one nephew. So much love is reflected in those names.

He is loved by many and will be greatly missed.

A visitation was held Aug. 20 at West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

Arrangements: West-Kjos Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.westkjos.com

Sarah Marie Auginaush

Sarah Marie Auginaush, 35, of Naytahwaush/Rice Lake, died Aug. 15 near Zerkel, Minn.

Sarah was born Jan. 14, 1985, in Bagley, Minn., to Kelly Enberg and Mary Auginaush. Sarah grew up in Minneapolis and then moved to the Naytahwaush/Rice Lake area.



She is survived by her sons, Aiden James Auginaush of Bagley and Brent Ryan Auginaush Jr. of Mahnommen; daughter, Savannah Jane Murray of Bagley; mother, Mary Auginaush of Bagley; sisters: Leanne Auginaush (Derrick Goodwin) of Naytahwaush, LaToya Auginaush (Joseph Sudar) of Bagley and Brandy Brown (Roger Nett) of Naytahwaush; brothers, Troy Brown of Naytahwaush and Shawn Brown of Bagley; significant other, Brent Murray of Bagley; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Louise Murray; son, Jarred Auginaush; brother, Russell Auginaush; sister, Angel Brown; and grandparents, George "Porgy" and Daisy Auginaush.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Rice Lake.

Interment: Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Messages of condolence: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Adrienne "Renie" Blue

Adrienne "Renie" Blue, 78, of Mahnommen, died May 14 at her home under the care of Hospice and her daughter, Stacy.

Renie Blue was born Jan. 12, 1942, to Gladys and Lester Blue Sr. in White Earth. She grew up in Naytahwaush where she attended school from kindergarten until 10th grade then moved to Minneapolis to continue her schooling and received her LPN license in 1984. Renie was blessed with five children; Ken, Janice, Kim, Tami and Stacy. In 2004, Renie moved to Mahnommen and continued working as a nurse and helping others.



Cheering on the Twins by either listening on the radio or watching them on the television was one of Renie's favorite past times. She never missed a game and loved watching her favorite player Kirby Puckett. Renie also enjoyed going to community pow wows where she would bring along her grandchildren to sit and watch the beautiful dancers. But Renie's greatest love was being a grandmother. Family holidays and events were spent at Renie's house where they would enjoy her cooking and baking.

Renie is survived by her son, Ken (Laureen)Simons; daughters: Janice (Carl) Winder, Kim (Marty) Lafriniere, Tami (Joe) Schaible and Stacy (Shawn) Kern; 16 grandchildren: Joshua, Angela, Michael, Katrina, Steven, Kris, Adam, Matthew, David, Dylan, Devin, Cheyenne, Kaylie, Kortney, Makayla and Seleena; 12 great-grandchildren: Anna, Carly, Emma, Ethan, Cai, Raquel, Jaycin, Madelynn, Shaylee, Carter, Jordan and Isaac; sisters, Phyllis (Jeff) Wark and Janet (Tom) Blaisdell; brothers, Lester (Linda) Blue Jr. and Dale (Judy) Blue; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Proceeding Renie in death were her parents, Gladys and Lester; brothers: Lawrence "Squirrel" Blue, Ronald Blue Sr. and Marvin Wayne Blue; sisters, Marilyn Wharton and Dawn Meyers; nephews: Damon, Scott and Ethan; nieces, Amy and Amanda; and great-niece, Claire.

Funeral services are pending due to Covid19.

Paul E. Hutchinson

Paul Hutchinson, 61, of Twin Valley, Minn., died Aug. 14 at his home.

Paul E. Hutchinson, son of Vernon and Elaine (Richter) Hutchinson, was born April 24, 1959, in Levittown, Pa. Paul graduated from public school and later found his calling after a long battle of substance abuse. On Dec. 7, 1999, Paul became clean and sober and wanted to make sure he could help others battling dependency. He attended Bucks County Community College and received an art degree and later the University of North Dakota for social work. Paul moved to Twin Valley for a fresh start. He worked on the White Earth



Reservation in both child services and chemical dependency, encouraging many patients to achieve their goals in sobriety. He was very passionate about helping people, always making friends wherever he went. Paul's family and friends were so proud of him for overcoming all his struggles and using his strengths for the betterment of others.

Paul enjoyed any kind of artistry, but mostly building sculptures and metal work. He would often gift family members with his creations to adorn their homes. Paul was an avid animal lover. Much of his spare time was spent watching for soaring eagles and helping wounded animals on the side of the road. He was very passionate about all animals and protecting them. Paul was involved in many animal rescue organizations and rescued many dogs throughout the years. He was an active member with Red Lake Rosie, Marshmallow Foundation, and Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue. Most recently, he was working with the White Earth Tribal Police to establish dog rescue on the reservation. He could deal with any situation, good or bad, by just cracking a clever joke. Paul's unique sense of humor and witty personality made him truly one of a kind. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Paul is survived by his children: Michael (Virginia Lee) Hutchinson of Glenburn, N.D., Alexander Hutchinson of Grand Forks, N.D., and Daniel Hutchinson of Devils Lake, N.D.; brother, Wayne Hutchinson of Delafield, Wis.; niece, Whitney Hutchinson; nephew, Colin Hutchinson; and many great friends he influenced throughout the years. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Elaine; and a brother, Bryan Hutchinson.

A memorial service was held Aug. 22 at Heiberg Park near Twin Valley.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnommen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Eugene “Gene” Gilbert Iverson

Eugene “Gene” Gilbert Iverson, 76, of Bagley, Minn., passed away Aug. 14 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Eugene was born Oct. 4, 1943, in Bagley, to Conrad and Helena (Johnson) Iverson. He attended school in Ebro, and later Bagley. Eugene was united in marriage on Feb. 20, 1965, to Louella Goodwin in Bagley and was the proud father of four children: Tom, Tony, Dan and Tammy. He was also a devoted grandfather to 16 grandchildren: Travis, Lindsey, Sara, Brooke, Abbey, Emiley, Krystal, Kayla, Kasandra, Karla, Hunter, Hope, Daniel Jr., Isabella, William, and Hayden; and thirteen great-grandchildren: Kalista, Madison, Kaydence, Kaylie, Harlea, Braxton, Jaxton, Brayden, Aiyanna, Amiya, Jase, Maverick and Jayla.



Eugene grew up working in the woods with his dad, Conrad, later he worked for over 45 years for Lundberg Forest Products as a logger and at times hauling gravel. Eugene took great pleasure and pride in being a hard worker and loved teaching his sons the trade throughout the years. He greatly enjoyed tinkering around with cars and engines. He looked forward to having coffee with loved ones and joking around with his friends and family, mostly his grandchildren.

Eugene’s highlight in life was being a dad and grandpa, and he was so proud of all his children and grandchildren. There wasn’t a time that he wasn’t there for his family when they needed him, be it teaching them to ride their bike, getting their cars running, putting on new brake pads, taking them hunting, or just a walk in the woods to make new discoveries. Eugene loved to hunt, and his spirit will remain with the deer hunters throughout the years. He also appreciated working on, driving in, or watching the demo derby at county fair time. Eugene was a master gardener and loved to eat fresh vegetables right out of his garden or share with anyone who desired. He rarely missed watching a night of WWE and relished date nights at the casino with the love of his life, Lou. He was one to never sit still and continued to go back into the woods to run his feller buncher long after his retirement. He looked forward to every opportunity to hang out with family, tease the grandkids, and spark a good laugh. Eugene always had the coffee pot on in the garage for family and friends and in the winter, you could count on him to have the woodstove fired up to make sure company could enjoy coffee in warmth. He was an extremely devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He will be remembered as being a very giving, patient, humble, kind, and compassionate person who had a special love his Lou!

He is survived by sons: Thomas Iverson of Fargo, N.D., Tony (Jodi) Iverson of Bagley and Daniel (Liz) Iverson of Elk River, Minn.; daughter, Tammy (Bob) Hanse of Bagley; brothers: Vernon (Denice) Iverson of Bemidji, Randy (Joyce) Iverson of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jeffery (Denise) Iverson of Dassel, Minn., and David (Beth) Iverson of Bagley; sisters: Emily Dostal of Chisholm, Minn., Marlene Norby of Hamilton, Ohio, Jeanette Sundseth of Webster, Wis., and Judith (Wally) Meierhofer of Pierz, Minn.; brothers-in-law, Aurthor “Sonny” Choitz and Roger Hill both of Chisholm; and a sister-in-law, Sue Iverson of Bagley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louella Iverson; parents, Conrad and Helena Iverson; parents-in-law, Thomas and Bessie Goodwin; sisters: Rosemary Hill, Cora Choitz, and Geraldine “Gerry” Mackereth; brother, LeRoy Iverson; brothers-in-law, Les Mackereth and Warren “Buzz” Sundseth; and granddaughter, Hope Louella Iverson.

Memorial services were held at Aug. 20 at Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Bagley.

Interment: Our Savior’s Lutheran Cemetery in Ebro.
 Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen
 Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Dorene Kim Thompson



Dorene Kim Thompson, 51, of St. Paul, Minn., began her journey home on Aug. 5.

Dorene was born on Jan. 16, 1969, along with her identical twin sister, Lorene. She was the daughter of Carrie Sayers Thompson and Edward Thompson.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Dorene is survived by her children: Denni, Michael Jr., Derrick, Alyssa and Paula; grandchildren: Antonia, Antonio, Antone, Antino, Chaske, Journey, Layana, Tyrin and Emberleigh; siblings: Rita Marchaud, Robin “Roxanne” Ankeny, Richard Cox, Darlene “Bobby” Cox, Theresa Cox and Paul Cox; along with many nieces and nephews.

Dorene was preceded in death by her twin sister, Lorene Thompson; brothers, Wayne “Josh” Thompson and Robert Thompson; and her parents, Carrie Sayers Thompson and Edward Thompson.

Beth Renee Hill

Beth Hill, 32, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Aug. 5.

Beth Renee Hill, the daughter of Kennedy Hill Sr. and Betty Oppegard, was born April 15, 1988, at North Country Hospital in Bemidji, Minn. She was Dr. Kilgore’s first baby born to rock and roll, entering the world with a full head of pitch-black hair, bright blue eyes and was a beautiful baby. She loved to wear bright colored clothing in flowery patterns, loved wearing makeup and frequently colored her hair in many bright colors. Beth was a very outgoing, and fun-loving individual. She loved spending time with friends and often moved in and stayed in their homes, adopting aunts, uncles, and grandparents all over the village. Her greatest joy was the blessing of her three children: Georgia, Kayleigh and Raymond. Beth met George Burnette and together they made a family with their three children and his two, George “Georgie” Jr. and Melinda.



In her spare time, Beth enjoyed fishing, swimming, beading and outdoor activities. She also liked watching movies, hairstyling, drawing, and writing poetry. Beth met Mike Bower and they were excited about planning a life together.

Beth especially treasured the time spent with Mike, her parents, and children, who were the love of her life. She checked in on them daily and would do anything to help whenever needed. Beth will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, especially her children.

Beth is survived by her mother, Betty Oppegard; father, Kennedy Hill Sr.; children: Georgia, Kayleigh, Raymond, George Jr. and Melinda; special friend, Mike Bower; sisters: Heather Oppegard, Mayakala Rabideau, Kendra Sehlstrom Hill, Amber Hill and Applonia (Anthony) Hill; brothers: Keith Oppegard, Scott (Chelsea) Oppegard and Kennedy “Ken” (Shelby) Hill Jr.; step-brother, Adrian Olson Sr.; grandmother, Nona Townsend; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Milferd Sr. and Esther Hill, Bruce Raider, and Bernard Clark; sister, Debra Hill; uncles: Fred Porter, Keith Hill, Merle Hill, and Franklin Townsend; cousin, Tyler Townsend; and several aunts and uncles.

A Traditional service began the evening of Aug. 12 and continued until the funeral on Aug. 13 at the Betty Oppegard residence in Naytahwaush.

Interment: Island Lake Cemetery in Lengby, Minn.
 Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.
 Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Raina Lynn Neeland

Raina Lynn Neeland, 18, of Rice Lake, lost her life Aug. 17 in the heroic act of saving children at the Clearwater Dam in Sinclair Township.

She was born in Bemidji, Minn., to Blaise Neeland and Stephanie Birt on Nov. 10, 2001. She was raised by her grandma, Lenny Neeland and was her backbone and helper. Raina was born a caretaker, always looking out for everyone and a mama bear. She became a Personal Care Assistant and worked at the Circle of Life Home Care in Mahanomen. She was quiet but had such a spark of life. She could make friends anywhere with her kindness and compassion. Raina loved to play Yatzee and Ten Thousand. After she turned 18, she also loved to go to the casino. Family was very important to her and she put them first and looked forward to spending time with them. She enjoyed camping and the outdoors. Raina was an avid fisherman. Last year she started going out in the woods and ricing.



She is survived by her grandmother, Lenny Neeland; father, Blaise Neeland; step mom, Amanda LaFriniere; mother, Stephanie Birt; siblings: Enyssa Birt, Aiyana Neeland, Blaise Neeland Jr., Ayden Hall, Kaine Neeland, Laila Neeland, Rihanna Birt, Marcus Birt, Daniel Birt; her other grandma,

Evelyn Thompson; grandparents, Lynette and Mike Thompson; grandfather, Jason “Edward” Ballenger; god mother, Adrienne (Hector) Neeland Martinez; favorite bus driver, Wenesdai Goldstein; and all her aunties, uncles, cousins, and her Rice Lake Community.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dean Birt and Cindy Standingcloud; sister-in-law, Liza Murray; infant sister, Maleena Birt; and uncle, Henry Neeland.

A wake began Aug. 21 at Lenny’s home in Rice Lake and continued until funeral services on Aug. 22 with the burial following at St. Philip’s Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley, Minn.
 Messages of condolence: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **Randy Eugene Stevens;**
DOB: 11/21/1979

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0261

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause 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 12, 2020

Please contact Court Administration to make arrangements to appear by phone due to Covid-19.

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **Melinda Jean Jones;**
DOB: 02/06/1987

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0536

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause 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 25, 2020

Please contact Court Administration to make arrangements to appear by phone due to Covid-19.

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **John Bruguier II; DOB:**
06/11/1985

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0394

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause 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, 2020

Please contact Court Administration to make arrangements to appear by phone due to Covid-19.

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **Shannon Marie Burkhardt; DOB: 08/31/1981**

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0352

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause 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, 2020

Please contact Court Administration to make arrangements to appear by phone due to Covid-19.

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of: **Michael Charles Olson;**
DOB: 08/29/1997

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0401

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause 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, 2020

Please contact Court Administration to make arrangements to appear by phone due to Covid-19.

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Dereck Alvarado

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC17-0093, etc.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 21, 2020, a Petition to Transfer Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC17-0093 through 0095. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 2:30 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 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Angela Thompson

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC17-0093, etc.

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Dated: August 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Kristi Sargent

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC18-0582

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 4, 2019 a Suspension of parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0582. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 1:15 PM. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Sharon Basswood

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC18-0487, etc.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 21, 2018 a Suspension of parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0487, etc. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for November 5, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Ronnie Keezer

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. [CC18-0341]

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 12, 2018 a Suspension of parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0341. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 24, 2020 at 10:15 AM. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: August 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Brett Stevens

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. [CC18-0763]

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 12, 2019 a Suspension of parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC18-0763. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for June 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM. 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: May 27, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Richard Person Sr.

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. [CC18-0341]

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Dated: August 26, 2020

Chad Chaney
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

Obituaries

Gerda Mildred Hildegard Nordberg

Gerda Mildred Hildegard Nordberg was born Jan. 13, 1920, to John and Emma (Liljedal) Nordberg on a farm near Sebeka, Minn. Gerda died Aug. 19 at the age of 100 from natural causes at the Mahnomen Nursing Home.

Gerda's parents had six children before immigrating to the United States from Sweden. After settling, they had two more children; Gerda was the youngest. She moved to Naytahwaush with her mother at a young age and attended school there through the 8th grade.



She was united in marriage to Sidney Lawrence LaVoy on April 11, 1936, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush. While raising their children, Gerda worked as a cook at the Rodwell Nursing Home, Pinehurst Resort and Mahnomen Nursing Home. After Gerda and Sidney retired from the workforce, they opened the Village Store in 1974 and ran it until 1984. The store remains open today, in its original location.

Gerda worked hard while raising their family. The family had one very large garden and at least one or two more smaller ones to which she tended. She was a great cook and baker; she never served a supper without dessert, and her children often came home from school to fresh baked treats. Over the years, she finally gave up gardening, but she knew she would always get fresh vegetables from her children's gardens. All of her grandchildren looked forward to either baking with her or arriving to her fresh baked cookies and other treats she had out on her counter.

She spent hours crocheting. Gerda crocheted many doilies, afghans, table runners and even plastic rugs. Many times, Gerda would get up from the kitchen table, go to a drawer and come back with something she made, presenting it as a gift that would be cherished from that day forward.

Most of all, Gerda loved to play cards; she talked many into playing games such as Go, Whist and most recently, SkipBo. Gerda was a competitive card player, sometimes sending her opponent home upset only to be back the next day to play again. There are a lot of fond memories with Gerda, sitting around her kitchen table and playing cards late into the night, or at least until she won. One of her favorite card partners was her niece, Mary Ann Snobl, who made many special trips to visit Gerda.

Gerda was always happy to have family stop in and visit; whether it was for a few minutes, hours, or overnights, the visit was never long enough. She was always welcoming and interested in what her children and grandchildren were doing. If too much time lapsed between visits, Gerda let her grandkids know. And no one ever left without a good hug and an 'I love you' as each and every one felt special.

Over the years, her memory remained sharp, which was evident by the questions she asked. Gerda was able to keep up with all of the latest happenings with her ever-growing family. She remembered everyone's names, where they lived or were attending school, the new additions, and even birthdays. One wall of her kitchen was dedicated to pictures of her family, and if she didn't have an updated picture, she made sure to point that out.

As years passed, Gerda set a goal - to live to be 100 years old. In May 2019, Gerda became a resident of the Mahnomen Nursing Home, so when she made it to January 2020, Gerda was able to come home to her church, St. Anne's, to celebrate in grand style with many family members, friends and community members. She was very proud to be 100 and often made sure others were aware of her age.

Gerda is survived by her children: Ruth Foss, John (Ann), Sidney and Roy (Betsy) all of Naytahwaush; 17 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, 36 great-great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney; parents, John and Emma; sons, Lawrence and Gerald; daughters, Jeanette and Rita; sons-in-law: Byron Borge, Leonard Foss and Theodore LaGue; sisters, Hannah, Esther and Mary; brothers: Bror, Ernest, Axel and Gunnar; grandsons: James LaGue, David LaGue, Joseph LaVoy and Byron Borge Jr.; and her great-grandchildren, Charlie Spaeth and Sydney Jacobson.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 24 at St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Interment: St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Lester L. Blue

Lester Blue, 77, of Waubun, died Aug. 23, at his home, under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Lester L. Blue, lovingly known to most as Butch, was born May 11, 1943, in White Earth to Lester and Gladys (Sargent) Blue. He was raised in Naytahwaush, where he attended grade school. He began high school in Mahnomen before moving with his family to Minneapolis. As a young man, Lester worked in Skeffington's Suit Shop, where he learned valuable life lessons about fashion, sewing, and most importantly, carrying yourself with confidence. After graduating from vocational High School in 1961, Butch enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He proudly served during Vietnam as an aircraft mechanic. During his enlistment, Butch was lucky enough to travel around the world, not once but twice! Upon his honorable discharge, he made his home in Nashville, Tenn. Butch worked for American Airlines for several years, then for smaller hubs in aircraft maintenance. He spent the last seven years of his career working as a manufacturing supervisor for Dupont. On Sept. 17, 1982, Lester was united in marriage to Linda Harrell.



The couple made their home in Nashville until 2002 when Lester retired. After which, they moved back to Minnesota and have made their home on South Twin Lake. Butch liked to keep busy and, in his retirement, he worked surveillance at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen for several years. He also

served on the White Earth Housing Board and on the Election Board. One of his greatest honors was the swearing in of the late Chairman Terry Tibbetts when he was elected by the people of the White Earth Nation. He enjoyed these positions as it allowed him to serve the community and reconnect with family and friends. Lester was very passionate with several service organizations. While in Tennessee he was an active member of the McWhirtersville Masonic Lodge # 375, the Al Menah Shrine, and Nashville Scottish Rite Bodies. More recently, he served with the Mahnomen American Legion Isaacson-Bjorge Post #31 and was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Butch was a proud husband and father who treasured his wife, children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. In younger years, Butch helped coach his children's activities, including football, basketball, and baseball, and was always their biggest fan. He enjoyed woodworking and loved to visit. He was blessed to call both Minnesota and Tennessee "Home" and leaves behind many family and friends across the nation.

Lester is survived by his wife, Linda Blue of Waubun; sons: Steven (Shawna) Blue of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Jeffrey (Robin) Blue of Corpus Christy, Texas; daughter, Leslie Blue of Pine Mountain, Ky.; grandchildren: Jacob, Ainsley, Mary-Elizabeth, Palmer, Travis and Grace; great granddaughter, Vera; brother, Dale Blue of Waubun; sisters, Phyllis (Jeff) Wark of Naytahwaush and Janet Blaisdell of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Renie Blue, Larry "Squirrel" Blue, Marilyn Wharton, Ron Blue Sr., and Dawn Meyers; and granddaughter, Claire Blue.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. A Masonic service will held Sept 2 at the Mount Olivet Funeral Home in Nashville.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home.

Online website and video tribute: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Chairman from Page 3

require a Minnesota Medical Cannabis Registration.

Finally, I would like to note that elections can bring about many changes, such as our Medical Marijuana Referendum or a new RBC member, who will bring her ideas and her voice for her community and the White Earth Nation. It is hoped that those changes will be positive and in the best interests of the White Earth Nation. Nationally, we are facing a momentous election in November. The impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, massive civil unrest in response to what racial injustice and inequities, our national, regional, and local economies have been impacted Covid-19, and the aforementioned civil unrest.

As your Chairman, my concern is how will those items I mentioned, as well as the factors that I have not listed, affect White Earth Nation. In the face of these national, regional, and world-wide events, it is important that our voices as citizens of a Tribal Nation be heard and not lost or dismissed, that our sovereignty and way of life is acknowledged and respected. In my opinion, these matters and so many more are at stake in this election. Therefore, I urge you all to cast your vote in order to make your voices heard.

Again, I look forward to working with Cheryl and meeting the challenges and rewards of providing leadership and representation to the White Earth Nation.

InterTribal Buffalo Council ships 40 buffalo to 16 Native Nations in first transfer of its kind

This August, the InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) transferred 40 Yellowstone buffalo to 16 Native American tribes in nine states. These transfers will help develop and sustain tribally-managed buffalo herds while preserving the unique genetics and lineage of the largest and continuously free-roaming buffalo herd (also known as American or plains bison).

These transfers are a victory of Native American tribes and represents the culmination of nearly 30 years of advocacy by ITBC (formerly the InterTribal Bison Cooperative) on behalf of its member tribes to prevent the needless slaughter of Yellowstone buffalo. Through the implementation of a quarantine program, buffalo are captured at the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park during the winter months. Those that test negative for the disease brucellosis may enter a quarantine protocol which varies by age and sex, and which ends with their transfer to the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in Montana to complete post-assurance testing. After a final negative test result, they are declared brucellosis-free by the state of Montana and the US Department of Agriculture and are cleared for travel.

Yellowstone buffalo represent an important population of the National Mammal. Buffalo once numbered in the tens of millions across North America until their decimation through hunting, disease, and use as a political and military tool to subjugate Native Americans. Many Native American tribes have been working to restore buffalo across the United States, where they now number in the tens of thousands.

The buffalo managed by Yellowstone National Park have never been interbred with cattle and will be used to help increase the long-term health of many populations across tribal lands. The fight to protect Yellowstone buffalo is significant to many Native Americans who disagree with management strategies which have led to the slaughter of more than 10,000 Yellowstone buffalo since the early 1990s.

ITBC has advocated to stop the slaughter of Yellowstone buffalo since its formation in 1992, when conflict surrounding their growing population

escalated between the National Park Service, the state of Montana, and the US Department of Agriculture. In 1994, ITBC presented the first quarantine proposal to Yellowstone National Park, with both the Choctaw Nation and Fort Belknap Tribes offering land and resources to support the development of quarantine facilities.

Quarantine has been well-supported by the public throughout the last 25 years, but did not come to fruition until 2018, when the quarantine facility built by the Fort Peck Tribes (and funded in part by ITBC) was approved for use in post-quarantine assurance testing. Since then, quarantine operations have saved over 200 buffalo from slaughter.

Ervin Carlson, ITBC's President for the past 17 years stated, "ITBC appreciates the efforts of the state of Montana in supporting quarantine operations and is deeply grateful to the US Department of Agriculture, Yellowstone National Park and to the Fort Peck Tribes for their dedicated partnership in accomplishing this mission. Finally, this moment would not be possible without our member tribes' years of participation, support, and tireless work to ensure that buffalo and Native people are reunited to restore their land, culture, and ancient relationship across North America."

ITBC is a federally chartered tribal organization with a membership of 69 federally recognized tribes from 19 states whose mission is to restore buffalo to Indian Country to preserve our historical, cultural, traditional, and spiritual relationship for future generations. To reestablish healthy buffalo populations on tribal lands is to reestablish hope for Indian people. Returning buffalo to tribal lands will help to heal the land, the animal, and the spirit of Indian people.

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Bender from Page 17

moter's 160-acre White Earth Reservation land allotment in Mahanomen County.

Bender later recalled throwing stones at gophers as a boy on the reservation: "That is how I laid my foundation as a pitcher."

A train took him at the age of 7 to boarding school in Philadelphia. "There were so many of us at home and so little to feed us that mother didn't mind giving me up," Bender said.

He returned to White Earth five years later, finding his family struggling. He ran away with his brother Frank after his father kicked him in the rear end because he wasn't fetching a bucket of water eagerly enough.

While a young Bender was working in White Earth's farm fields in 1896, a recruiter offered him a spot at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, which educated Indian children while stripping them of their tribal identities so they could fit into the white world.

At Carlisle, Bender met his first real baseball

coach: Pop Warner, the legendary football coach, who made him a pitcher. Bender was pitching for a semipro team when a scout for the A's signed him. As a teenage rookie in 1903, he recorded the first of his 212 career victories by beating none other than Boston's Cy Young.

Bender combined brains, his 6-foot-2 frame and pinpoint control. "He takes advantage of every weakness," umpire Billy Evans said, "and once a player shows him a weak spot he is marked for life."

From 1909 to 1914 Bender won at least 17 games for six seasons in a row, including a 23-5 season in 1910 when he posted a career-best 1.58 earned run average. He threw a no-hitter that season and won the World Series opener in one of three championships he helped the A's win in a four-year span.

Some baseball scholars credit Bender with developing the slider, a curving pitch so popular today.

"A man named Bender," Swift says, "has to have one."

The White Earth Reservation will be buying Wild Rice @ \$3.00 per lb.
Starting

Monday, August 31st, 2020
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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- It is prohibited to harvest green, unripe or milky wild rice

For more information please call:
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Contact: Matt or Betsy @ the W.E. Water & Sewer Department @ 218-983-3202

Fax number: 218-983-4350

e-mail addresses: Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Matt.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

**You can reach the Anishinaabeg Today
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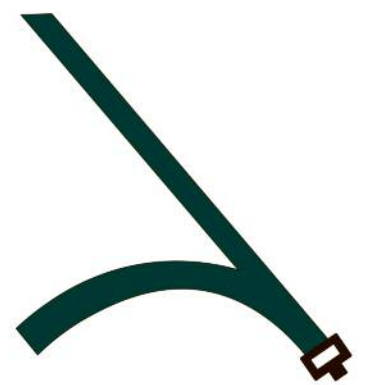
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age 2 to age 4



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age 4 to 4ft. 9in.



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at least 4ft. 9in. to age 18



WE TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of:

JoAnne Carol LaFriniere Decedant,

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. PR20-0423

TO THE HEIRS OF THE DECEDENT YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 26, 2020 a Probate Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the Decedent (File No. PR20-0423). A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 21, 2020 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 no appearances (phone) are made at this hearing the Court may enter a final order.

Dated: August 24, 2020

Shanda Fisher

Attorney for White Earth Band of Ojibwe

WE TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Kenneth Coleman Sr. Decedant,

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. PR20-0420

TO THE HEIRS OF THE DECEDENT YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 26, 2020 a Probate Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the Decedent (File No. PR20-0420). A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 21, 2020 @ 1:15 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 no appearances (phone) are made at this hearing the Court may enter a final order.

Dated: August 24, 2020

Shanda Fisher

Attorney for White Earth Band of Ojibwe

WE Homeless Program is a provider agency for COVID-19 Housing Assistance funding

The White Earth Homeless Program is a provider agency for COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program funding. Please see eligibility requirements and apply online at 211unitedway.org or call the phone number below if you don't have internet access. After you complete the application, and select White Earth Reservation as your provider agency, a staff member will contact you. If you have any questions about this funding you can also call the Homeless Program at 218-935-5554 Ext. 3212

COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program

What is the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program?

The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program provides housing assistance payments to help prevent eviction, prevent homelessness, and maintain housing stability for eligible renters and homeowners. Local administrators will review applications from individuals and families requesting assistance, verify eligibility, and process payments for eligible expenses on behalf of households.

Am I eligible to apply?

To qualify for housing assistance, Minnesota households must meet all of the following criteria:

Income at or below 300% of federal poverty guidelines, with a preference for those at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Have an eligible expense that was incurred after March 1, 2020 that is past due. Housing assistance funds can only be used for eligible expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

Be unable to make one or more payments owed because of the public health emergency due to unemployment, illness, or another COVID-19 related issue.

What expenses are covered?

The program covers past due housing expenses such as:

- Rent payments | Mortgage payments | Contract for deed payments | Manufactured home park lot rents and payments | Utility payments | Homeowners Association fees

How do I apply?

Call 211
Toll Free: 1.800.543.7709
Local: 651.291.0211

Visit 211unitedway.org

Text "MNRENT" or "MNHOME" to 898-211



Call and report illegal sales of prescription drugs to the DEA Hotline:

1-877-RxAbuse (792-2873)



How can we improve?

Please take a moment to help us improve the Elder Lawn Mowing Service. When you're done, please return the questionnaire back to your lawn mower.

Do you know the name of your lawn mower provider?

- Yes
- No

Name _____

Do you have your lawn mower provider's contact/telephone number?

- Yes
- No

How would you rate the overall service?

- Consistent high quality
- Generally good
- Quality varies
- Poor quality

Does your lawn mower provider get your signature every time she/he mows your lawn?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

What is the response time of your lawn mower provider?

- Within 2 weeks
- Within 3 weeks
- Longer

How would you rate your lawn mower provider?

- Friendly and helpful
- Average
- Varies on each visit
- Poor service

Comments or Suggestions

Please include your current contact information

Name _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

Physical Address _____

You can contact us at White Earth W & S Department @ 218-983-3202 or e-mail @ Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Thank you for your participation!

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PUBLIC HEALTH



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT

Estate of: **Jerri Lee Thompson**
Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Jerri Lee Thompson, Decedent
Court File No. PR20-0298

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Clerk of Court dated May 4, 2020.

The Clerk of Court accepted the application and informally appointed Harriet Keezer-Thompson, whose address is 1290 460th Street, Twin Valley, MN 56584 to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection. White Earth Clerk of Tribal Court, P.O. Box 289, White Earth, MN 56591

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication notice or the claims will be barred.

Obituary

Marlyn Syverson

Marlyn Syverson was born Sept. 30, 1933, to Cora and Selmer Syverson in a log cabin near Flom, Minn. Shortly after his birth, the family settled on the "home place" near the Atlanta Lutheran Church. Marlyn told many stories about growing up in the little house along with his 10 siblings and doing chores on the farm. Years later, with tears in his eyes, he would remember especially how hard his mom worked to provide a good life for the large family.

Marlyn first attended the Voss Country School. He later went to Ulen High School and graduated in 1951. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army and served in the 10th Infantry Division and spent 30 months in Germany. He had many fond memories of his army buddies and the time they spent together. He always enjoyed attending their annual reunions.

In 1958, Marlyn married MaryLou Hilde, daughter of Amanda and Honard Hilde of Ulen. They lived on a farm near Felton where Becky, Barth and Kelly were born. In 1966, they moved to their farm near Flom and began milking cows. Heidi and Carter were added to the family. They milked cows until 1986, but continued farming after that. In 2001, Marlyn officially retired from farming and decided to spend time just telling his son Kelly how it should be done. And since farmers never retire, he continued to spend lots of time fixing his old tractors and planting his yearly garden.

Marlyn and MaryLou enjoyed traveling. They went to Europe twice, Texas many times, and took trips with their grandchildren to New Orleans, San Diego, and Washington D.C. A bit of a homebody, Marlyn also grudgingly consented to being dragged along to lots of events that his grandchildren participated in. He would attend proms, dance

recitals, football games and wrestling matches to name a few. They also spent lots of time watching politics on TV. They were members of Aspelund Lutheran Church.

When MaryLou passed away in March 2013, Marlyn lost his travel and dance partner. His kids and grandkids tried hard to fill her empty chair, but he still missed her.

Marlyn suffered from shingles pain for the past two years and this spring, the effects of congestive heart failure began to take their toll. His daughter Becky and hospice nurses provided outstanding care for him, and on Aug. 6, he was able to pass away as he wished -- peacefully at home. The whole family will miss this quiet, funny, and grumpy old Norwegian so much, but we take comfort in knowing that he and Mom are together again.

Mourning his loss are daughter, Becky of Ada and children: Jon (Tracy), Tony, Chelsey (Eric), Tyson (Sarah) and Emilee; son, Barth of Flom, Beonna and Jashawn; son, Kelly (Val-Jean) of Flom and family: Josh, Hannah, Nicholas, Nathanael (Connor), and Adam; daughter, Heidi (Ivan) Yuhanna of Red Oak, Texas and children: Amanda, Andrew, and Benjamin; son, Carter and children: Chase (Jasmine), Cora, Rylee, Reid, and Connor; 10 great-grandchildren: Alayna, Abby, Bernice, Jack, MaryLou, Winston, Eleanor, Theodore, Alise, Kalena, and NoraLou; brothers, Allen and Waldo; sisters: Vivian, Orrine, and Fern; and many nieces and nephews.

Marlyn was preceded in death by his wife (MaryLou), parents (Selmer and Cora), brothers (Lyle and Oren), sisters (Chrystella, Eileen, Carla), and grandchild (Tabitha).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a funeral was not held. The family will have a celebration of Marlyn's life next summer with an interment at Atlanta Lutheran Church.

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White Earth Reservation Coronavirus Relief Program

Through Resolution No. 001-20-060 the White Earth RBC has authorized and established a coronavirus relief program to provide emergency financial assistance to White Earth members who have suffer financial loss due to the pandemic emergency. Through the CARES Act, the RBC is able to offer emergency assistance to White Earth enrolled members who meet the eligibility guidelines.

Eligibility is determined through an application process for White Earth enrolled members who are 18 years of age on or before 07/23/2020. Members must complete an application: which includes their full name, date of birth, enrollment number and answer questions related to the financial assistance eligibility. The completed application must be notarized and mailed to:

**White Earth Enrollments
PO Box 506
White Earth, MN 56591**

White Earth \$500 Coronavirus Relief Program Application
This application must be mailed on or before 09/30/2020.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
Enrollment Number _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Social Security Number _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Email address _____

The following information determines eligibility and must show need according to CARES Act guidelines; you must demonstrate that you have been and currently are affected by the COVID-19 health emergency. You must also have a state or tribal issued identification card in order to get your application notarized.

I _____ have;
(full name)

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- suffered loss of income or a family member has lost income due to COVID-19 pandemic
- been laid off, furloughed, given reduced hours or reduction a in salary due to COVID-19pandemic
- to take care of a dependent as a result of school or daycare closure due to the COVID-19pandemic
- to quarantine/isolate or take other measures in compliance with the COVID-19 pandemic
- medical costs or prescription drugs related to COVID-19
- food, transportation, child or adult care costs because of the pandemic
- costs for additional PPE, cleaning/disinfectants and other products due to the pandemic
- costs of social distancing in order to comply with federal, state or tribal guidelines
- other expenses not covered in the above questions (please explain):

By signing this, I certify I agree to all terms and conditions of the program, including limitations of use of emergency assistance and certify that all the information provided is accurate.

_____/_____/_____
 Signature Date

For witnessing or attesting a signature:

State of _____

County of _____

Signed or attested before me on ____/____/____ by _____
 Date (Name(s) of person(s))

(Seal, if any)

 Signature of notarial officer

 Title (and Rank)

My commission expires: _____

Your Application must be completed and notarized, or it will be returned for completion. If you have any questions, please contact the White Earth RBC offices at (218) 983-3285.

For office use only

Employees must complete while reviewing every application.

Date application was received ____/____/____

Date application was reviewed and processed ____/____/____

Reviewed and processed by _____
 (first and last name)

Date check was mailed ____/____/____

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reservations each member received. Those acres were then divided up among the family member when the original owner died. These acres continued being divided up after so many years among the family members, that each now own a fraction of that acre of land.

The plan is to buy it back from the individuals and put it into tribal trust land. The problem with this is that we are using our own money (Cobell) to buy back the land and scholarships. To date no one has received any monies and the attorneys and lawyers that continue to sort through this are getting paid thousands of dollars to do that. This does not speak at all of all this free money from the government and casinos as most non-natives think and believe we receive and this definitely is not a great deal with the Cobell Settlements.

When the Europeans arrived with their wine and whiskey, our chiefs told them not to give it the natives, that was not our way of life. On the White Earth Reservation when alcohol was banned from

being given to the natives, a certain couple of men would give them whiskey, turn them in intoxicated and receive a payment. It is said almost every male on the reservation was turned in and they would send them back home with a fresh bottle of whiskey. There were some that began using alcohol to help with the painful memories of the Boarding School abuses that they received or witnessed there after they arrived back home. And there were some that were intoxicated when the settlers would have them sign away their allotments. They wanted the natives to drink.

As it has been said, we need more native people writing our stories and the truth needs to be told and put out there. The situation at Standing Rock brought out the dozens of tribes to the forefront in the media and we need our stories told and continue being told and staying visible to America. We are many different tribes, our situations are similar all across America, and some may have harder times than others, and this is how it is.

Creep from Page 2

except when you are putting food or liquid into your mouth.

- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer every time you touch anything that might have human germs on it.

- Stay at least six feet away from everyone but your in-home family, whenever possible.

- Stay home if you are sick.

- If you are home sick with COVID-19, stay in a separate closed-door room, if possible use a separate bathroom, and wear a mask when you are with your family members.

- Whenever you safely can, bring fresh outdoor air inside home and business.

Someday, we will have a safe-and-effective COVID-19 vaccine. But the way to win the COVID-19 battle right now is to starve the enemy's army--cut off their food-supply line. We two-legged humans are the virus's food-supply, as well as warriors against COVID-19; SARS CoV-2 seems to only sur-

vive inside human beings. If the virus can't keep finding new human beings to infect, it will gradually die off; till there's nowhere else left for it to go and no more virus army to attack us. Don't let COVID-19 "colonize" Gaa-waabaabiganikaag.

Use the simple Public Health weapons faithfully against COVID-19. It may not seem like spectacular warfare, and it won't make COVID-19 disappear immediately. But it will stop the rapid spread of the SARS CoV-2 virus on White Earth lands, and it will gradually starve the virus to death. This is war. The enemy, COVID-19, has a psychological warfare plan--it's the COVID-creep.

Please don't let the COVID-creep wear you down. The Greatest Generation won World War II with street-level courage and endurance. We are the new COVID-19 Toughest Generation. Keep fighting, with the weapons that work. Miigwech. Mii iw.

Obituary

William Donovan Henry

William Donovan Henry, 84, of Minneapolis, journeyed to the Spirit World on Aug. 19.

William was born the son of Samuel Henry and Marie (nee, Burnette) Fairbanks on Nov. 8, 1935, in Pine Point.



Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy; children: Bill (Karen) Henry Jr., Anthony Henry, Jeff Henry, Barry Henry, Marcus Henry, Alena Henry, Zack Henry and Jesse Henry; grandchildren: Sheena, Brent, Marie, Anthony Jr.,

Jylinda, Amanda and Preston; many great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; siblings: Joyce Yellowhammer, Paulette, Karen, Margaret, Pam and

Tim; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jim and Susan Burnette; parents; siblings: Angie, Gordon, Rena, LaVonne, Robert, Virgil, Jim and Vickie.

A funeral service was held Aug. 24 at the old Pine Point School.

Casket bearers were Sonny Joe Vizenor, Joe Vizenor, Jeff Vizenor, Pete Fairbanks, Cliff Warren Jr., Ed Yellowhammer, Joel Henry and Mike Henry.

Honorary casket bearers were Duane Warren, Scott Henry, Gordon Henry and Kevin Henry.

Interment: St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Pine Point.

Arrangements: Chilson Funeral Home of Winsted, Minn.

Online: www.chilstonfuneralhome.com



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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Need an affordable consumer loan? Our local lenders at White Earth Investment Initiative are here to help with:

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Job Opportunity

The Toxic Taters Coalition is seeking a coordinator for their campaign to decrease pesticide drift in the potato-producing region of Minnesota. The Coordinator is responsible for organizational development and management, campaign coordination and collaborative grant writing. Self-direction, flexibility, the ability to juggle and meet various deadlines, and effective interpersonal communications; as well as commitment to public relations, organization development and community organizing are critical to being effective in this position.

Job Description: (You can find a full job description and more details about our organization at toxictaters.org)

Qualifications:

Successful candidates will show 2-5 years of community involvement, preferably in campaign organizing. Candidates must have excellent written and interpersonal communication skills, and be comfortable working in cross cultural spaces. Grant writing experience is necessary. Familiarity with the issues of agriculture, pesticides, and environmental justice is preferred.

To Apply:

Submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to will@panna.org and toxictatersdevelopment@gmail.com. **Applications will be accepted until Sept. 8** or soon thereafter. Thank you!

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Non-enrollee (any age) - \$115

Non-White Earth Businesses - \$120

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BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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It's unlawful to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels.

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Family Reunion Cancelled

The George Morgan family reunion scheduled for Sept. 12 has been cancelled and rescheduled for September 2021.

Looking for Family

I am seeking information about my aunt or any children she may have had. I discovered my uncle Hugh E. Rasmussen married a woman named Andrea Bellecourt who was born in White Earth. The wedding took place on Feb. 1, 1941 in Dubuque, Iowa. An April 1, 1934 Consolidated Census for the White Earth Chippewa listed an Andrea Bellecourt, age 10, born Sept. 9, 1934, daughter of Mabel Berry. I never knew my uncle as he died in 1945. My mother was Hugh's sister and to the best of my knowledge she and the rest of my relatives didn't know of this marriage. I do know that Hugh was in the service when he was married and when he passed away. Any information about this branch of my family would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Rasmussen, 12 Bosque Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87508.
 Phone: 262-989-3031

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 **September 15**. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

Lori Tibbetts
 Clerk, Town of Lake Grove

Obituary

Frances "Francine" Lynn Thompson

Frances Thompson, 53, of Mahnomen, died Aug. 25 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

Frances "Francine" Lynn Thompson was born June 16, 1967, in Minneapolis to Richard Boswell and Sandra Thompson. For most of her education, she attended school in Minneapolis, as the family often moved between Minneapolis and Naytahwaush throughout her childhood years.

Frances met the love of her life, Bruce Sherman, and the family made their home in Naytahwaush. They were blessed with two children, Nathaniel and Brandi. Bruce and Frances shared many wonderful years together before his death in 2003. The family continued to make their home in Naytahwaush with the addition of a son, Frankie.

Frances was known to be a very organized and tidy person, both at home and at work. She was employed as a housekeeper for many years at Shooting Star Casino Hotel, Holiday Inn, and Cass Lake Motel. In her spare time, Frances enjoyed trips to the casino, and spending time with her friends, but most importantly, being around family, especially her grandkids. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Frances is survived by her children: Nathaniel

Sherman of Minneapolis, Brandi Sherman of Mahnomen and Frank Bradley Thompson of Naytahwaush; six grandchildren; sisters, Caroline Boswell of Mahnomen and Ursula Boswell of Naytahwaush; three nieces; and four nephews.

Frances is preceded in death by the love of her life, Bruce; parents, Richard and Sandra; and brother, Richard "Cricket" Boswell.

A memorial service was held Aug. 31 at the Rice Lake Area Fellowship Assembly of God.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen

Online guestbook: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

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or email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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



Meet Mahnomen High School's 2020 top graduates

Sydney Clark

Valedictorian

White Earth descendant

Favorite memories: Getting my 1,000 career point in basketball, participating in spirit weeks and festivities, and participating in the lip sync contest with my best friends.

What I will miss: Sporting events and making memories with my classmates and staff.

Next step: I will be playing basketball and doing my generals at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, Minn.

Career aspirations: I want to become an elementary teacher and a sports coach, and maybe one day become a principal!



Parents/grandparents: John Jr. and Jackie Clark of Mahnomen; grandparents, John (Bomber) Sr. and Kathy Clark of Ogema, and Myron and Kathy Larson of Waubun.

Maggie Hedstrom

Salutatorian

White Earth descendant

Favorite memories: Watching sporting events, participating in the Homecoming & Sno-Daze week activities, and dancing to Mama Mia during a lip sync contest!

What I will miss: Hanging out with friends, volleyball games, band concerts, and Italian Dunkers for lunch.

Next step: I haven't decided what type of career to pursue, so I plan to work and return to school when I have had the opportunity to explore different options.

Career aspirations: As of now, I am undecided. I want to travel and gain real-world experi-



ence before committing to a career

Parents/grandparents: Kevin and Monica Hedstrom of Mahnomen; grandparents, Earl and Eileen McDougall of Naytahwaush.

Laughing it up for quality of life

By Karin Haugrud

Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

Laughter is the best medicine. We have heard the expression time and again. For decades, researchers have explored how humor helps patients relieve stress and heal. Did you know laughter has health benefits? That is not a joke. In a study published in *Geriatrics and Gerontology International*, laughter truly does have health benefits. It reduces pain and allows us to tolerate discomfort. It also reduces blood sugar levels, increasing glucose tolerance in diabetics and nondiabetics alike.

Feeling run down? Try laughing more. Some researchers think laughter just might be the best medicine, helping you feel better and putting that spring back in your step. Humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, snuffle, or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. In addition to the domino effect of joy and amusement, laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Best of all, this priceless medicine is fun, free, and easy to use! What Happens When We Laugh? According to Web MD, we change physiologically when we laugh. We stretch muscles throughout our face and body, our pulse and blood pressure go up, and we breathe faster, sending more oxygen to our tissues. People who believe in the benefits of laugh-

ter say it can be like a mild workout — and may offer some of the same advantages as a workout. Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

There is new evidence from the *Journal of Neuroscience* that laughter helps your blood vessels function better. It acts on the inner lining of blood vessels, called the endothelium, causing vessels to relax and expand, increasing blood flow. In other words, it's good for your heart and brain, two organs that require the steady flow of oxygen carried in the blood.

Laughter makes you feel good. And the good feeling that you get when you laugh remains with you even after the laughter subsides. Humor helps you keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations, disappointments, and loss. More than just a respite from sadness and pain, laughter gives you the courage and strength to find new sources of meaning and hope.

Even in the most difficult of times, a laugh—or even simply a smile—can go a long way toward making you feel better. And laughter really is contagious—just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile and join in on the fun. We all know that laughing and being happy can make us feel better and give us a boost - even though studies may not show exactly why

Boaters and anglers need to respect wild rice



Submitted photo

Be kind to wild rice! Boaters and anglers may find themselves along the edges of wild rice beds in northern Minnesota lakes — great hang-outs for fish and important brooding and feeding areas for ducks. Protect the rice and wildlife by avoiding these areas with motorized watercraft. Look out for canoes, too, as ricers will be out harvesting soon!

**Use Cloth Face Coverings in Public
to Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

