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WHITE EARTH VETERANS DAY POW WOW

NOV 13 & 14, 2021

SAT, NOV 13: 1PM & 7PM | SUN, NOV 14: 1PM

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SHOOTING STAR CASINO, 777 CASINO ROAD, MAHNOMEN, MN 56557

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Small tribal business leaders work together to assess renewable energy projects for the White Earth Nation. Back row from left are Mary Gagnon, Ray St.Clair, Jodan Rousu and Dennis St.Clair. Front row from left are Char Ellis, Doug Lee and Teresa St.Clair.

Tribal businesses lead green energy effort at WEN

Tribal small businesses, with the support of the White Earth Tribal Council, have partnered with a business development consulting firm, Total Spectrum, to conduct third party due diligence and technical assessment for a utility-scale renewable energy project. This analysis will include strategic development, legal review, construction requirements, regulatory environment, workforce needs, bid letting and procurement, financing, ethics and the environment and education to assist in the focus of leading to and resulting in the

most advantageous and favorable agreements to the White Earth Nation.

The Tribal small businesses are White Clay Industries, Muskrat Systems, White River Inc., Ogema Organics and Teresa St. Clair dba Midwest Medical Marijuana. These small businesses are owned and operated by White Earth tribal members that bring a wide array of skills, experience, and talents to the table. Collectively they have more than 50 years of construction,

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Trick or Treat!

The White Earth RBC headquarters was the place to be for little (and big) kids on Oct. 29.

Tribal programs handed out candy for children from White Earth Head Start, Child Care and the Circle of Life Academy.

Stacie Warren, left, and AmiJo Wadena give Wes Wilkins some candy as his mother, Fawn Weaver looks on.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta

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A water protector comes home to reflect

By Winona LaDuke
Honor the Earth Executive Director

I feel like a soldier coming home from a bad war. Hanging my head. Failed some rivers, some water and some animals. Had more than a few haters say "you lost," or "give it up."

So, it looks like Enbridge may win this round of dirty oil pipelines. Unless someone in the government has integrity. And for all the haters of northern Minnesota who want, one more time, to stick it to the Indians: Nice work, y'all.

The price is high. Enbridge secured five billion gallons of water during a drought — the largest water allocation in the history of the state, and basically sucked wetlands and rivers dry. No environmental review on that one. The regulatory system appears owned by the Canadian multinational.

Enbridge cracked our aquifer in Clearwater County. And that aquifer is hemorrhaging 100,000 gallons a day of drinking water. That's a crime, and while the fine is \$3.2 million, it's only chump change for the Canadian multinational. The DNR's published documents reveal that Enbridge caused major damage to the water table when it deviated from its approved construction plan in January. The damage is ongoing, and it is unclear how it can be repaired. Enbridge, the guys who own a big swath of the north, didn't report that accident. Turns out it seems like they don't report most of their bad stuff.

During the hottest summer since the Dust Bowl, Enbridge burned our rivers and wetlands with 28 separate known frac outs of toxic chemicals, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency stood by and pretty much watched it all. Then it took water from municipal water supplies. No one has any idea when those deep aquifers will be replenished, or when Park Rapids might just run out of water.

With the Public Utilities Commission as its enabler, Enbridge prostituted the police of Minnesota, and financed police brutality. Working for a Canadian multinational to protect that company's private interest, cops from across the state busted 900 people or more. Some were in their 70s, some were just 18 years old. All were here for the water. Many of us spent nights in jail. On July 29, rubber bullets were shot at water protectors who suffered deep bruises and later pain compliance torture that targeted mostly young and old women there just for the water.

Four sub-contractors working on Enbridge's Line 3

Pipeline were arrested in sex trafficking stings, first in Itasca County and then in Beltrami County. The big players in this tragedy are people like Gov. Walz, who bowed to Enbridge's pandemic pipeline for some jobs and money. And Sens. Klobuchar and Smith, who stand by and pretend they have no say. Enbridge's bankroll was spread around the north country with the generosity of a predator, I'd say. But the jobs ... well, two-thirds of them went to out-of-state workers. But it wasn't just a job; this job was about destroying water, people and life.

Walz and Enbridge continue to defy treaties and international law. The United Nations took the extraordinary measure to request a response from the United States regarding allegations of human rights violations against the Anishinaabe associated with the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline construction. The letter notes, among other things, that these rights violations would amount to a violation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which the U.S. has signed and ratified.

Walz violated the public trust and brutalized us all for a Canadian corporation. And to be clear on this, that company isn't even fully insured. During the Line 3 permitting process, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission required Enbridge to obtain \$200 million of "environmental impairment liability" insurance, in addition to general corporate liability coverage of \$900 million, and to include the State of Minnesota and several American Indian tribes as additional insureds on its policies. But Enbridge recently submitted a report to the PUC saying it will likely not be able to obtain this insurance "in the near future." As Line 3 moves ahead, we've got an uninsured liability in the middle of our territory and that's irresponsible.

At the end of it, the company successfully pitted brother against sister, neighbor against neighbor. Tribe against tribe. I'm not sure what reconciliation looks like. Asking Native people and water protectors like myself to "get over it" is sort of like asking a woman who was raped to forget about it.

Someone asked me to let people know if it was worth the fight. To that I say, doing the right thing is always the best path. After all, you can live without oil, but not water. A whole bunch of us stand for what's right. And we're not going anywhere: the Water Protector Movement is here to stay. Given what's at stake with the intense carbon-driven warming of our stressed planet, I think history will treat us like the heroes we are.

Native perspectives: We need to use our voices

By Evelyn Bellanger, Elder
Pine Point, Minn.

Wake up, unite, let's put our minds together and speak up to see what we can do for our children and help plant the seeds.

In our indigenous cultures, creative stories are told to convey lessons for the people. One story that was told, was about a coyote and a fox. One day coyote was watching fox making his children out of sticks. Coyote decided he wanted to make his own and he wanted bigger children so that they would be faster and would be able to help him get more food. He used bigger sticks, which had more branches and were knobby and wobbly. When he finished, he realized that his children were too tall, very unstable, would not listen to him and they soon turned around and beat him up. The morale of the story is watch what you create.

In the non-indigenous world, many have no directions on how to live with this world. Many have placed themselves on top of the pyramid from the order in which the world was created. We all have been told the creations

story of how the physical world was created first, the plants, animals and humans last. It is only by the relationship of these four orders that the world has sense and meaning. All parts of the relationship that we have with the earth is so intertwined that it makes up the life and one's existence. Yet those in the non-indigenous world that have put themselves on the top are destroying everything underneath our feet and depleting all from the earth when the earth itself is the source of life.

Today, we are witnessing global warming with the fires, floods, storms, droughts and new diseases that have become a part of our everyday life. We see the bombing and destruction of the war-torn countries on the other side of the world. The earth cannot continue providing a healthy and nurturing place for generations to come, for our children, and our grandchildren.

Chief Arvol Looking Horse, of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota nation has been sending out messages that we need to look around ourselves and understand the Indigenous

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Elders will be teaching cultural skills that will last a lifetime.

For more information please contact Eva Brakefield at 218-983-3286 Ext 1249 or Eva.Brakefield@whiteearthnsn.gov

Will need your name, contact information and skill you want to provide.

White Earth Homeless Program
Mahnomen Family Shelter & Emergency Hotel Voucher Program

(218) 936-3212-Homeless Program (Mon-Friday 8-4:30)
(218) 936-2224-Mahnomen Shelter (after hours and weekends)

Mahnomen Family Shelter is for families in need of emergency shelter. Based on availability.

Emergency Hotel Voucher Program is for enrolled members who need emergency shelter. Must have a ride to Bagley, MN and an I.D to check in. Rooms are based on availability. Emergency shelter is for those who are homeless with no other place to stay. Must be willing to engage in on-going services.

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Nindawemaaganidoog.
 Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
 Niminwendam Waabaminaan!
 Gashkadino-Giizis!
 Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.
 Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!
 It's November!
 I have a great story handed down from generation to generation in honor of November being Native American Heritage Month.

This is a story from our grandmothers, a story that came from Gichi-mewinzha, a long time ago, back in the ancient times when Mother Earth was all one super island the Western culture calls Pangaea. There was a time when Anishinaabe were all one great big huge nation who lived across the supercontinent Pangaea, which was formed in the shape of a huge medicine wheel, and every nation lived in each segment on the super continent. It was one big Medicine Wheel with all the colors representing the people of Mother Earth. During this time, the Anishinaabe lived in total harmony with one another, nation-to-nation. Everybody was united in Minobimaadiziwin, "The Red Road," the good healthy ways of life.

All parts of life for the Anishinaabe were dependent on the Medicine Wheel. We believe everything flows in a circle throughout life. We pass on our Anishinaabe ways through storytelling and speaking our ways. From the beginning, they were never to be written down on anything that could be altered, rewritten or destroyed. This was for safe keeping—the ancestors knew this was the only safe passage for generations to come to know the actual truths. The Medicine Wheel is a way to pass on Traditional Anishinaabe Knowledge to future generations to come, existing as a method to do so.

There are many different teachings for the colors of the medicine wheel, and this is my teaching though Grandma. She said starting on the right side of the circle are four sections: Yellow for East, Black for South, White for West, and Red for North. Also on the Medicine Wheel in the same pattern are spring, summer, fall, and winter. These sections on the wheel also represent the times in our lives, Birth, Childhood, Adulthood, and Elderly.

So the story goes, the medicine men and women of each nation on the big continent came together because of a coinciding vision they all experienced; there was something very big coming from far away that would destroy our ancestors and their way of life if they remained as one big super continent. The spirits told them they were to do a big ceremony that involved every single person to prevent this. This huge threat was getting closer and closer and they were to hurry to get everyone in their places for the ceremony to start. They all needed to meet in the center of the big supercontinent where all big council meetings and ceremonies were held, so every nation came together, standing waiting for the ceremony to begin, all watching each other as they stood in great concern.

The medicine people were told in their visions they needed to make a drum out of a horse as soon as possible. So they feasted the horse and it offered its life for them. The spirits said, "You will not have enough time to dry the horse's skin after the drum is made. It's going to be wet; start pounding it anyway as you all sing the song. Even though it is wet, you must keep pounding and singing the song we gave you all,



brace yourselves, keep singing, and do not be afraid of what's going to happen with each strike of the drum!" So the Anishinaabe all stood in a huge gigantic circle, and the singing and drumming began. BOOM-BOOM-BOOM, and with each strike Mother Earth began to break apart. Many Anishinaabe from some villages began to break away, looking at each other as their segment pulled farther and farther apart until they could no longer see one another. They watched as they were all being separated by the earth pulling apart into the divided continents where they are today. Western science says Mother Earth's division into continents took place over billions of years, but as Anishinaabe we know it happened in ceremony overnight and that is why there are Anishinaabe on every part of Mother Earth. Miigwech gichi-aya'aag.

Please be careful.
 I tested positive for COVID-19 last month. I'm double vaccinated with Moderna and I was surprised I caught it. But if I'm really honest with myself, I probably should have been more diligent about wearing masks indoors, in casual situations during work, and around family and friends. Although my symptoms were manageable, I am sending out a plea to please be aware that even though you may be vaccinated, it is very possible you could end up having a breakthrough case like me.

The fact that I'm vaccinated seemed to help with the severity of symptoms. I had minor aches and a little dry cough and congestion. I kept my body moving with light exercise and isolated homebound activity. Also I made sure I got lots of rest. Because I was vaccinated, it helped me get through it a lot easier.

Very early on right after I got the call from White Earth Public Health that I was COVID positive, I called my doctor. I was told to call and get a COVID-19 monoclonal antibody infusion scheduled right away. I was told it is a game-changer for both patients and hospital staff who get it. Within less than 24 hours after I received the infusion, I felt 95% better and just had to take it easy and let the time go by being quarantined at home.

I share this with you because I care about your health and the wellbeing of our people. We are the present Anishinaabe; to honor our ancestors and future family members, please take care of your health. You play a vital role in our community, and it would be tragic to lose anyone prematurely. Even if you just get sick with something minor, please go get tested to be on the safe side. The sooner any virus or disease is caught, the better the outcome. Our White Earth Public Health has a drive-up testing location right outside of the post office parking area. You stay in your

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Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is a leadership curriculum that empowers tribal communities

By **Beth Ann Dodds**
Project Coordinator
Indigenous Visioning, LLC

Parents, you know your tribal community's strengths better than anyone. Everyone has specific gifts, skills and abilities. Beginning January 2022, parents, grandparents, foster parents and caregivers from the White Earth Nation have the opportunity to participate in the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative, a nationally accredited and evidence-based parenting leadership curriculum that is culturally infused and customized to empower tribal communities.

Through the Community Solutions grant and the Minnesota Department of Health, Indigenous Visioning, LLC has partnered with the National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI) White Earth Nation, Red Lake Nation, Dr. Anton Treuer and support from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, to bring the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI) to Indian Country.

This FREE 21-week program integrates child development, leadership, democracy skills and culture into a parent curriculum to empower the parent voice.

Knowing the importance of culture as both a protective factor as well as a healing factor, Dr. Anton Treuer with guidance from elders from both WEN and RLN, created an Indigenous Foundations curriculum to accompany the NPLI curriculum based on the cultural teachings of the Anishinaabe. The IPLI is being offered through a cultural lens to acknowledge our Anishinaabe identity and the effects of Historical Trauma due to the boarding school era. By adding a 'traditional teaching' each week, the IPLI supports the revitalization of Ojibwe values, teachings, language and a healthy traditional lifestyle for participants. This initiative is a journey of healing and transformation. It is as much about healing the past as it is about building the future. "For those who lean into the teaching provided here, there is a real opportunity to acquire critical tools that will leverage their efforts to build healthy, happy lives." ~ Anton Treuer.

The Indigenous Foundations curriculum is designed in four sections, each comprised of a season in the Ojibwe calendar. There are five classes for each season. Participants will receive a broad exposure to Ojibwe culture and an opportunity to incorporate that culture and its practices into their daily lives. The "hands on" part of the Indigenous Foundations curriculum is designed to equip participants with a relatable and practical introduction to their cultural toolbox. The goal is to provide participants with the knowledge to be comfortable about incorporating cultural activities in their daily lives and into their children's daily lives and to carry on the traditions for future generations to come.

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

The IF curriculum and the NPLI curriculum are built on interactive adult learning practices. A self-selected community project will engage the participants in practicing their civic and cultural teachings along with an Alumni Program, after graduation, to

help strengthen parent's leadership skills and learning.

The Indigenous Parent Leadership relies on community support and guidance from the Civic Design Team (volunteers/community members) and community trainers (Kris Manning, Felecia Bellanger and Lisa Johnson). Kris, Felecia and Lisa have been certified by the National Parent Leadership Institute to facilitate the leadership classes. If you see Kris, Felecia or Lisa, be sure to congratulate them on their certification! We are so proud of them!

This initiative is the first of its kind in Minnesota and WEN is the second tribe in the nation to participate. IPLI hopes to inspire parents to be empowered to use their voice as change agents and be role models for their children, to bring about positive change within their own lives, their children's lives and the health of their tribal communities.

How can you get involved?

Become a class participant. This FREE 21-week program provides a meal, child care and a weekly stipend to participants who attend all levels of the initiative. Participants must apply and go through an interview process and commit to all 21 classes. Classes begin in January 2022. Class size is limited to 20 participants. APPLY NOW!

Become a Civic Design Team member. The Civic Design Team (CDT) is the driving force behind the initiative. It's members are a reflection of the community. It has the special function of informing the tribal community about the initiative, introducing the leadership training opportunities to parents, selecting and interviewing parents to attend the program, mentoring program participants and ensuring that the courses run smoothly for the community. Civic Design Team members meet monthly (depending on need) and should be willing and committed to give their time, resources and expertise to the initiative for the duration of the program. Although this is a voluntary position, CDT members will receive a small stipend. We do have a wonderful Civic Design Team in place in the WEN IPLI, however, would love to have additional members and voices. APPLY NOW!

Attend an Open House. Join us at an open house to learn more about becoming a class participant or Civic Design Team member. During the open house, you'll receive a meal, meet our facilitators, and experience a mini IPLI session. Watch for flyers and social media announcements for dates and times.

To apply as a class participant or Civic Design Team member visit www.IndigenousVisioning.com. You can also print out the application and mail it to: Beth Ann Dodds, Indigenous Visioning, P.O. Box 148, Bagley, MN 56569. For more information, email beth@IndigenousVisioning.com or call (952)-250-3912.



Beth Ann Dodds

Attention Hunters

Please remember to drop your deer heads off for CWD sampling and a chance to win a new hunting rifle at the end of the year. Each head dropped off will get a free box of lead-free ammo available in most popular cartridges. Tribal members will be entered once for each head into the drawing for the deer rifle at the end of the season.

Tribal members and non-tribal members can drop as many heads off as they want as long as each is taken legally. All will receive a box of ammo per head and **only tribal members will be entered into the gun drawing.**

Drop off sites are in White Earth at the RBC headquarters in front of the Maintenance/IT Department building across from the Police Department and the other in Mahanomen at the Natural Resources building on Highway 59. There is a freezer and blaze orange supply bin at each site with materials for collection. Bucks must have the antlers removed by cutting the skull cap off. Heads are put into the red bags and sealed, fill out the registration slip as shown on directions, then place the red bag into a clear bag including the registration slip and put in freezer.

Thanks to all that participate and good luck!

If you have any questions please contact Doug McArthur at 218-935-2488 or doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION
2021 CHRISTMAS TOY PROGRAM
Parent or child **MUST** be an Enrolled Member of White Earth

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Deadline is **November 15, 2021 at 12:30 PM**
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Contact your local **Community Council Members**

White Earth Richard Hanks 218-401-6730 Bam Kier 218-401-3399	Waubun Mina Spalla 218-401-0569 Jim Uran 218-401-2085	Mahanomen (TEXT ONLY) Desiree Linden 701-429-7445 Brenda Weaver 218-902-0522	Naytahwaush Tara Mason 218-849-3277 Donavon Burnette 218-902-1239	Pine Point Mike Swan 218-255-1738	Rice Lake Henry Fox 218-407-2729
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NIGA Chairman visits White Earth Reservation



Submitted photo

National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., thanks District I Representative Raymond Auginaush for hosting his recent visit to White Earth. Stevens and other visitors toured the medical marijuana facility at the chip factory and the old Shopko store in Mahnomon. Stevens was also interested in White Earth's plans for solar energy. NIGA is interested in helping promote White Earth's projects. Stevens gifted Auginaush with a NIGA Eagle Staff.

USDA - NRCS announces EQIP signup for 2022 funding

Saint Paul, Minn. – Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners can plan for next year and apply for USDA conservation funding. Troy Daniell, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist in Minnesota, announced farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners interested in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) need to **apply by Friday, November 19, 2021**, for the first cutoff of funding in 2022. Applications are being taken at all USDA Service Centers in Minnesota.

EQIP is the primary program available to farmers and landowners for farm, ranch, and woodland conservation work, offering payments for more than 100 conservation practices. ACEP protects agriculture by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and restoring and enhancing eligible wetlands.

"The Farm Bill allows NRCS to support conservation that ensures cost-effective financial assistance for improved soil health, water and air quality, climate smart ag, and other natural resources benefits," said Daniell.

Eligible applications received by November 19, 2021, will be evaluated, prioritized, and ranked for funding in 2022. Farmers may contact their local USDA Service Center to get started on producer eligibility and planning. Daniell reminds farmers who are interested in practices that may require permits, such as manure storage or streambank restoration, to begin planning and seeking permits as soon as possible.

If funding allows, a second application cutoff will be set later in the year. Applications are accepted continually – the announced dates are the cutoff for ranking.

Landowners interested in applying for EQIP funding should contact their local USDA service center located in Mahnomon, Bagley, Detroit Lakes or call **Dustin Jasken, NRCS White Earth Tribal Liaison**, at 218-935-2987 Ext 106. For more information, visit www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov.

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**Starting
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will have an advocate
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To reach the advocate by phone, please call (218) 983-4656 ext. 6317 or 1-877-830-DOVE (3683) ext. 6317

Rez Briefs

RBC offices closed for the holidays

The White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and will reopen on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. They will also be closed Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m.

Child Support staff begins Pine Point office hours

The Child Support Office will have a staff member in the Pine Point Community Center (old school) every other Monday beginning Nov. 1 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sign up for WETCC Spring Semester!

The White Earth Tribal and Community College Spring Semester is right around the corner! Apply now by clicking on www.wetcc.edu/apply-now.html. Need help with your application? Call Amber at 218-935-0417.

Attention Elders!

As of Oct. 11, **ALL** ENP sites are open for in-house dining.

NCCS hosting AI Parent Advisory Committee meeting

The Naytahwaush Community Charter School will be hosting an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

Ogema VFW meeting set for Nov. 8

The Ogema VFW Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Nov. 8 at the VFW Hall in Ogema. This is our annual inspection meeting with all officers/trustees to be in attendance. An inspection by Amanda Weller, District 9 Senior Vice will take place at 3 p.m. with regular meeting following at 4 p.m.

White Earth Community Council meetings

The White Earth Community Council regular meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the White Earth Community Center. If you have a request or an agenda item, please email Richard Hanks at richard.hanks@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 218-401-6730.

Sobriety Talking Circle

A weekly Sobriety Talking Circle will be held every Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the WESA building at 35708 County Hwy. 21 in White Earth. All are welcome. For questions call 218-983-3286 Ext. 1297 or Anthony Malmo at 218-401-1441.

Pine Point Talking Circle

A Pine Point Talking Circle will be held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Pine Point Community Center. Everyone is welcome. Transportation is available if you call before 6 p.m. No children please! Contact Gina Standing Cloud at 920-461-0250, Melynda Fineday at 218-401-2320 or Karen Jones at 218-401-3998.

AA group meetings

The Shooting Star AA group meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the event center. Use hotel entrance. The Waubun AA group meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at the Circles of Faith Church on Hwy 59.

Naytahwaush Talking Circle

A Naytahwaush Talking Circle will be held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at WELSA entrance in the new Behavioral Health building. All are welcome. For questions call Andrea Bellanger at 218-983-3286 Ext. 3233, Heidi Goodwin at 218-401-3683, Amanda Warren at 218-401-1138 or Tracy Armstrong at 218-902-1640.

Regional Native Public Defense

If you are enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe and would like Regional Native Public Defense to represent you in a criminal matter, contact us to apply for service. We serve the following counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Itasca and Mahnomon. The main office is located at 232 2nd Street NW in Cass Lake, Minn. Call 218-339-5680 or fax 218-339-5686. Free call from local county jails.

WE Tax Site seeking volunteer preparers

Since 2006, White Earth Investment Initiative has hosted a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at the Shooting Star Casino where taxpayers can have their returns prepared at no charge by trained community volunteers. In 2021, WEII's VITA sites prepared more than 500 federal returns and facilitated the return of more than \$1 million to the community by way of federal tax refunds in addition to collectively saving taxpayers more than \$130,000 in tax preparation fees. In addition to operating its site at the Shooting Star Casino, WEII also operated tax sites in Pine Point and at Boys & Girls Club in Detroit Lakes.

Community volunteers are key to the success of the VITA program. Volunteers help low- and moderate-income community members meet their tax obligations quickly and easily. Many VITA clients qualify for important tax credits – such as the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit – as well as the Minnesota Working Family Tax Credit and K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit. Tax filers may also be eligible for federal educational tax credits like the American Opportunity Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit. VITA volunteers strive to ensure taxpayers receive all the credits they are eligible for.

“We expect demand for tax services to be higher than normal during the 2022 tax season,” said Paul Haarstick, WEII's VITA Coordinator. “Changes to the Child Tax Credit for tax year 2021 mean that more people are likely to need to file a tax return, including people without earned income who are raising dependents that are 17 years old or younger. Volunteers are needed more than ever.”

White Earth Investment Initiative is seeking new community members to assist with tax preparation in 2022 at its locations in Mahanomen, Pine Point, and Detroit Lakes. After receiving specialized tax training, volunteers work directly with community members to complete tax returns accurately and confidentially. All training is provided by WEII. In addition,

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Volunteer with us!

Paul Haarstick
WEII VITA
Coordinator

Sue Trnka
WEII Community
Services Coordinator

218.844.7057

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tax volunteers receive reimbursement for mileage to training and the tax sites.

“The tax returns prepared at our sites are not complex, so volunteers do not need to have any prior tax knowledge or training. Our staff provides thorough training and is always present at the tax sites to offer support when volunteers have questions. Our volunteers have a lot of fun and have an enormous impact in our communities,” said Sue Trnka, Community Services Coordinator for WEII.

Training dates have not yet been scheduled, but WEII anticipates offering in-person and virtual training beginning in early December. Anyone interested in volunteering at WEII's tax sites should contact Paul Haarstick at 218-844-7057 or phaarstick@mmedc.com.

The tax site is a service of the White Earth Investment Initiative and is made possible by Shooting Star Casino, Hotel & Event Center, Pine Point Community Council, Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation, the Internal Revenue Service, Minnesota Department of Revenue, Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, and Wells Fargo. WEII is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

WE Energy Assistance Program notice

The 2022 Energy Assistance Program is accepting applications. Please call for an application or you can pick one up, have it emailed, or mailed to you. Our office is located across from the Housing Authority in Waubun. For those of you that have applied for the 2021 program you should have received an application in the mail.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely, with all necessary documentation, this will make for a faster process.

Homeowners, please call if you are having furnace problems - we may be able to help you. Please remember to change your filters once a month for adequate maintenance.

Always keep in mind to check your tank, running out will adhere to more problems. Summer prices are at a low this time of year, call your company to set up payment plans or make arrangements if suitable.

Water Assistance Program: Check with us for an application for this program. This program is for eligible clients paying for their water bills.

Any questions on the programs or need to fax/email/mail any information, please refer to the information below.

Address: PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591
Phone: 218-473-2711 or toll free 1-866-885-7656

Fax: 218-473-2719

Online: www.whiteearth.com (White Earth Energy Assistance Program)

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Monday November 1st,
Monday November 15th, &
Monday November 29th

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- ❖ W9 required
- ❖ Must be enrolled or descendant

If you are interested please call 218-936-2444 or 218-401-0197 or Darrel Bellanger at 218-261-1855

*** Day Labor clients** - please provide an updated phone number so staff can contact you.

White Earth Enrolled Elderly Snow Removal Program

Fill out "ONLY if NEW", otherwise CALL and UPDATE APP

DATE APPLYING: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Permanent residency is required

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

Enrollment # _____ Spouse's Enrollment # _____
Attach a colored copy

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

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

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

Directions to your residence (**only for new applicants**): _____

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

***** Snowplowing will be done only when snowfall accumulation exceeds 4" inches or more.**

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

***** Due to COVID no signatures required at this time, but if missed, let us know ASAP.**

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 P.O. Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone #: 218-983-3202, Fax #: 218-983-4350
 E-mail address: Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Cindy.Weber@whiteearth-nsn.gov
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perspective on what has happened in American. He also has said we have been warned from ancient prophecies of these times we live in today, but have also been given a very important message about a solution to turn these terrible times. Chief Orval Looking Horse has asked that we, as caretakers of this world to join his efforts to help save the soul of this earth.

We have allies in this world that can help and there are some in this world that are making changes with solar energy and other fossil fuels and there are those that are fighting for the changes we need. We have Indigenous people and allies that are on the front lines fighting to protect the Big Mountain, the Dine, the liver of the earth, the Coral Reefs, which act as a blood purifier, the Rainforest, which are the lungs, the drilling in Alaska, the ice glaciers which also act as the air-conditioner, fighting the pipelines of Standing Rock and Line 3 and 5 that are criss-crossing America, the need to protect our water.

There are people in this world that are in positions that have a voice to help turn things around. Recently William Shatner took his ride to the outer space limits. He can be seen sitting, looking out the window at the earth while his comrades spent their

time enjoying the weightlessness. Upon on his return and speaking with CNN, with tears in his eyes, he stated, how beautiful the earth was and that we need to take care of it. He saw the very thin layer that separates the blue from the black layer of outer space and made a remark about looking at life and death.

And Minnetonka Moccasins has recently been apologizing for profiting off of Indigenous culture. It was suggested that they give part of those benefits back to the Indigenous people, through grants, and scholarship types of long-term benefits. In my opinion, we do not need money to continue being colonized. We need Minnetonka to stop and take a look at how our resources are being utilized for profit, of how Indigenous people are fighting to protect those resources. Apologies don't last, the best help they can do is walk a mile in our moccasins and help turn the tables.

When we look at the message in this creative story, and look at the root causes of all the environment issues we are having, it has been all about profit. Now the earth is turning around and beating us up. We need to help plant the seeds, to educate those that may have a voice and join Oval Looking Horse in these endeavors. We need to use our voices.

White Earth Council of Elders

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

At the regular monthly meeting held Oct. 5 in Pine Point, the three incumbents were reelected to this council for a two-year term. These include myself - Chair, Lawrence Crowell - Vice Chair, and Coleen Blattenbauer - Treasurer. Then, Pam Aspinwall was voted in as Secretary. We all want to thank you for the support and vote of confidence that you shared for us. We hope to continue to do the best job possible for all Elders.

Lawrence (Sam) Crowell of Pine Point was honored as an Elder for his many years of service to his community as well as others. Sam received a plaque, a gas gift voucher, and a cake after the regular meeting. He was extremely surprised and had no idea that this was happening.

Mike LaRoque, Chief of Police for this Nation, did the honors of presenting Sam with the plaque. Thank you again for your many years of service without any acknowledgement or financial support.

I attended a meeting on Oct. 13-14 at Grand Portage for the Wisdom Steps Program. Plans are in place for the annual conference next year at the Black Bear Casino. The Fond du Lac Tribe will be the sponsor. This event will take place in June. Elections were held for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. Beverly Karsten was reelected as Vice Chair and Barbara Tiddaback as Secretary. Please continue to complete your Health Cards and keep a log of your walk or other exercise methods. We will continue to update on this program with the hope that Covid and Delta virus are under control.

On Oct. 20, we made a request to all who knew Len Wells, to honor him by doing some form of exercise. We all have busy schedules, but Len was there for all who knew him and did practice his health routines. Thank you to all those that participated in this tribute!

It is now Fall and weather is changing fast, so we encourage everyone to start their weatherization protocols by securing the programs for plastic, caulking, and leaf gutter removal. We have encouraged the RBC to consider an emergency to address those most urgent requests. We hope to get plastic on windows no later than the end of November in each community.

We have been allocated a car through Mike LaRoque to assist Elders since our bus is on hold due to a chip that is needed. The bus situation will not be completed for many months. We wait! Thank you to all those programs that are providing the services needed and giving respect to our Elders.

The last meeting of the Elder Council for the year will be held Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at Rice Lake Elder Nutrition site. Please be reminded that no Elder Council meetings are held during January, February and March for the safety of Elders. The executive board may be contacted during those times for requests.

Remember our Veterans, they are our true Ochidas! Take care of them as well as the homebound, chronically ill, and disabled. A simple prayer in whatever way you honor the Creator is welcomed.

White Earth Nation Council of Elders:

Lucille M. Silk, Chairperson / 218-983-3768

Lawrence Crowell, Vice Chairperson / 218-252-9390

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Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,251
2	\$1,629
3	\$2,007
4	\$2,393
5	\$2,802
6	\$3,211
7	\$3,590
8	\$3,968

Each additional member add \$379

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- Address - must verify residency
- Income - most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- Social Security Numbers
- Tribal ID (if applicable)

Deductions:

- ❖ 20% deduction from household's gross earned income
- ❖ Actual child care expenses paid to non-household members
- ❖ Legally required child support payments to non-household members, documentation required
- ❖ Medicare, Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums)
- ❖ Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense in excess of \$35
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Reservation youth certified in firearm safety



Photo by Ashley Zurn

White Earth Natural Resources recently sponsored a Firearm Safety class for reservation youth. Candidates had to pass an online test and then demonstrate firearm safety while shooting at targets on Oct. 25 at the Mahnomon Rod and Gun Club. Seventeen youth earned their Firearm Safety Certificates.

Tribal members are reminded that the \$3,200 emergency assistance is a one-time payment

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee passed a Resolution on July 16 authorizing the Coronavirus Recovery Program to provide emergency financial assistance to White Earth members suffering financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, the RBC is able to offer a **one-time emergency assistance payment of \$3,200** to White Earth enrolled members who meet the eligibility guidelines.

Members must complete an application that can be found on the White Earth Nation website at www.whiteearth.com or pick up an application at the White Earth headquarters building front desk.

The completed application, along with a **color** copy of the individual's valid state or tribally-issued ID must be returned by Sept. 24, 2024 to: White Earth Enrollments, PO Box 506, White Earth, MN 56591 or emailed to: ARPA@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

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Last chance to receive the Child Tax Credit this year!



Sign up by November 15.

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Questions?
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THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

Pharmacists are on your team

By Dena Smith, PharmD, BCPS
and DeAnne Udby, PharmD, BCACP
White Earth Health Center

The White Earth Indian Health Service (IHS) clinic strives to be your Patient-Centered Medical Home. It provides you with a team who together focus on achieving YOUR healthcare goals.

Did you know you have clinical pharmacists on your team? We are the medication experts! Your primary care provider (PCP) may request assistance from your team clinical pharmacist. We can provide knowledge and the tools needed to achieve your goals by gathering information, helping you understand your conditions and medications, and working together to improve your health. We are uniquely positioned to provide access to care, effective treatments, personalized plans, and safe and timely healthcare to all patients.

Clinical pharmacists at the White Earth IHS clinic have a long standing history of providing quality services to the White Earth IHS clinic. We have been managing patients on anticoagulation (blood-thinners) medications, providing tobacco cessation services, and giving vaccines for over 20 years. Due to our advanced training in medication management, we have been successful in helping patients achieve their goals.

The Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics have two newer services that clinical pharmacists have been providing and include Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) treatment and Cardiovascular Risk Reduction.

- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection treatment clinic started in 2019. The clinical pharmacist assists in obtaining the medication and monitors the patient throughout their treatment course. Of the patients who completed HCV treatment, 100% of the patients have been cured of the infection!

- The Cardiovascular Risk Reduction clinic includes management of blood sugars, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Patients seeing the clinical pharmacist have a daily decrease in blood sugars by 65 points resulting in an improvement in A1c by ~2%, their blood pressures and cholesterols are at goal and the best part is most patients end up taking less medication than when they started in the clinic!

The PCPs have referred 535 patients to the clinical pharmacists who completed over 1,800 patient appointments in the last year. If you think you could benefit from a clinical pharmacist visit to achieve your goals, ask your PCP for a referral. Once the referral is received, you will be contacted by phone and/or letter to schedule an appointment either in person or over the phone (telehealth). We will work with you to develop a personalized plan and will continue to follow up until your goals are met.

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Energy from Front Page

engineering, business development and planning experience, traditional ecological and cultural knowledge, and tribal and family law expertise. They've also participated in strategic planning and management training in continuing their own business education.

These tribal business leaders are committed to serving the people of White Earth. They are parents, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers, and spouses. They are raising the next generation and they employ White Earth tribal members. They are working on bringing more opportunities to the people of White Earth and to the next seven generations. "We would appreciate your support while we are working hard to make the best decision for White Earth," says Mary Gagnon, Executive Director of White Clay Industries.

This partnership is designed to bring energy independence to the tribe and improve the lives of all White Earth tribal members. White Earth small busi-

nesses are leading the energy transition. By bringing energy independence to White Earth, tribal members will see tremendous improvements in their communities.

The tribal small businesses will host a series of community events and feasts across White Earth for direct community input throughout this process beginning Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Pine Point. The White Earth Nation will have the opportunity to vote by referendum in April 2022 and will decide the future of White Earth.

For more information, please follow White Earth News on Facebook. Contact information:

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- douglas.lee@whiteclayindustries.com
- mary.gagnon@whiteclayindustries.com
- ogemaorganics@gmail.com
- ladue@arvig.net
- flyinghawk68@gmail.com

White Earth Mental Health Walk-In Availability

This will be effective as of Monday, November 1, 2021.

Pine Point: 48036 Pow Wow Highway Ponsford, MN 56575; P: 218-227-3888
Mondays; 12p-4:30p
Thursdays; 12p-4:30p

White Earth Behavioral Health Building: 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591; P: 218-983-4703
Mondays; 8-4:30
Tuesdays; 8-4:30
Wednesdays; 8-4:30
Thursdays; 8-4:30
Fridays; 8-4:30

Nay Tah Waush Behavioral Health Building: 2531 310th Ave, Naytahwaush, MN 56566; P: 218-983-4703
Tuesdays; 8-12p
Wednesdays; 1p-4:30p

Rice Lake Community Center: 13830 Community Loop, Bagley, MN 56621; P: 218-983-3286 ext. 1438
Mondays; 12p-4:30p
Wednesdays; 1p-4:30p

Mahnomen Behavioral Health Building: 216 Main Street N, Mahnomen, MN 56557; P: 218-983-1286
Mondays; 12p-4:30p
Thursdays; 1p-4:30p

Preventing/correcting type 2 diabetes

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

November is National Diabetes Month – this month we want to bring awareness on how to prevent developing diabetes. Based off the National Diabetes Statistics Report of 2020 34.1 million or 13.1% of U.S. Adults had diabetes. The percentage of adults with diabetes increased with age, reaching 26.8% among U.S. adults aged 65 or older.

Who is at risk for diabetes type 2 (Type 2 diabetes can be corrected with lifestyle changes)

Many Americans are at risk for type 2 diabetes. Your chances of getting it depend on a combination of risk factors such as your genes and lifestyle. The risk factors include

- Having prediabetes, which means you have blood sugar levels that are higher than normal but not high enough to be called diabetes
- Being overweight or having obesity
- Being age 45 or older
- A family history of diabetes
- Being African American, Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander
- Having high blood pressure
- Having a low level of HDL (good) cholesterol or a high level of triglycerides
- A history of diabetes in pregnancy
- Having given birth to a baby weighing 9 pounds or more
- An inactive lifestyle
- A history of heart disease or stroke
- Having depression
- Having Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)
- Having Acanthosis Nigricans, a skin condition in which your skin becomes dark and thick, especially around your neck or armpits
- Smoking

How can I prevent or delay getting type 2 diabetes?

If you are at risk for diabetes, you may be able to prevent or delay getting it. Most of the things that you need to do involve having a healthier lifestyle. So if you make these changes, you will get other health benefits as well. You may lower your risk of other diseases, and you will probably feel better and have more energy. The changes are

- Losing weight and keeping it off. Weight control is an important part of diabetes prevention. You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 10% of your current weight. For example, if you weigh 200 pounds, your goal would be to lose between 10 to 20 pounds. And once you lose the weight, it is important that you don't gain it back.
- Following a healthy eating plan. It is important to reduce the amount of calories you eat and drink each day, so you can lose weight and keep it off. To do that, your diet should include smaller portions and

less fat and sugar. You should also eat a variety of foods from each food group, including plenty of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. It's also a good idea to limit red meat, and avoid processed meats.

- Get regular exercise. Exercise has many health benefits, including helping you to lose weight and lower your blood sugar levels. These both lower your risk of type 2 diabetes. Try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week. If you have not been active, talk with your health care professional to figure out which types of exercise are best for you. You can start slowly and work up to your goal.

- Don't smoke. Smoking can contribute to insulin resistance, which can lead to type 2 diabetes. If you already smoke, try to quit.

- Talk to your health care provider to see whether there is anything else you can do to delay or to prevent type 2 diabetes. If you are at high risk, your provider may suggest that you take one of a few types of diabetes medicines.

The information and tips provided in this article were gathered from medlineplus.org.

Better Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup buttermilk – substitute 1/3 milk + 1 tsp vinegar*
- 5 cloves garlic
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 head cauliflower – remove small florets into 2-inch pieces
- 1 russet or baking potato – peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tps butter
- 1 tsp salt

Instructions

1. In a large saucepan, place the potato, garlic, and cauliflower and enough water to cover. Bring to boiling, reduce the heat to medium, and cook until the potato and cauliflower are tender, about 15 minutes.
2. Drain and add the vegetables and garlic back to the pot. Cover the pot with a kitchen towel and put the lid over the towel. Let stand for 5 minutes. Remove the lid and towel. This process helps to dry the vegetables so they mash better.
3. Add the buttermilk, cheese, olive oil, butter, salt, and pepper. Mash just until the ingredients are lightly combined. If desired, garnish with fresh snipped chives.

*Buttermilk Substitution – once combine milk and vinegar – let stand 5 minutes before adding.

Yield: 10 servings – 1/2 cup each. Each serving is 60 calories and 7 grams carbohydrate.

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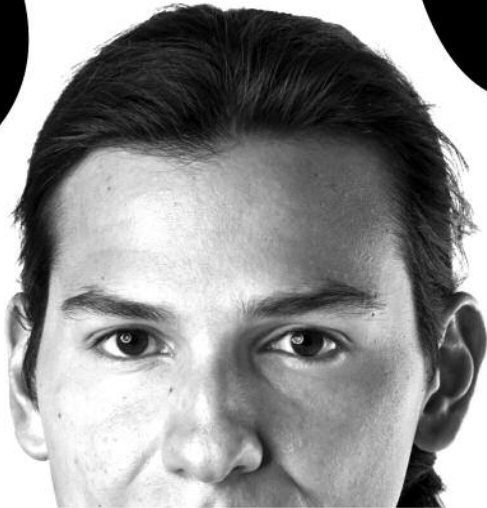
MOORHEAD, MINN. - All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

LARL's branch libraries are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK

sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen.

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Northwest Continuum of Care now accepting apps for Racial Equality Accountability Project

The Minnesota Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCoC) is seeking applicants to join the Racial Equity Accountability Project (REAP). Members will serve as the NWCoC's community advisory council to identify and dismantle racial injustice within the region's homeless response system.

The racial disparities within the homeless response system are striking. Currently, African American, Indigenous, Latinx (o)(a), and households of color experience homelessness at a rate that is seven to eight times higher than their representation within the general population. REAP is a two-year cohort, hosted by the Minnesota Engagement on Shelter and Housing. This project seeks to advance racial justice and reduce disparities in Minnesota's homeless response system by establishing a team of leaders to direct the decision-making process for the NWCoC.

Membership will be made up by people who identify as African American, Indigenous, Latinx(o)(a), or a person of color. Membership will also be prioritized to those with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity. It is not required that applicants work within, or have experience with, the homeless response system in Northwestern Minnesota, and a diverse set of skills and backgrounds will be greatly valued.

The NWCoC is a network of service providers and homeless response leaders within the Northwest region of Minnesota. The NWCoC will be held

accountable to the policies and procedures established by the REAP team. Team members will be empowered to direct the NWCoC in moving toward racial equity and justice within the homeless response system.

Applications are due to NMF by Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Applications are available online at www.nwmf.org/resources/strategic-partnerships/nwco/

For questions about the project, contact Margaret Krueger, Program Officer, by emailing margaretk@nwmf.org

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is a public, charitable foundation serving 12 counties of Northwest Minnesota by investing resources, facilitating collaboration and promoting philanthropy.

AT Readers

You can read the current and back issues of the *Anishinaabeg Today* for free at www.whiteearth.com. It has more color and is posted on the first Wednesday morning of each month.

If you prefer to read the online edition and want to discontinue your **off-reservation** paper, contact us via email at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

NOTICE

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION ELDERS

In order to provide information and possible services to White Earth Reservation enrolled elders (age 55 & up) living on or near the reservation your assistance is needed. Please complete the following data form and return. If information is different from previously submitted form, please resubmit with updated information. The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be used to identify services and events from which you may benefit. (Example: Elder Christmas Cards).

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

Signature _____ Date _____

White Earth Reservation Elder Data Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Tribal Enrollment No. _____

Date of Birth: _____

The White Earth Reservation Elder Data form must be turned in by Friday, Dec. 3.

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Cold weather tips for water and sewer service

The most likely spot for water lines to freeze is where it enters the house or building. Make sure warmer air can reach pipes where water enters the building. If you have heat tape wrapped around your pipes make sure it is plugged in.

Check around your home for areas where water supply lines are in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Common locations include: basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Determine where your water shut-off valve is in your house and learn how to use it. For most homes the shut-off valve is located near the water meter at the point where the water line comes into your home, which usually in your basement. If a pipe freezes and breaks it will be important to know where the shut-off valve is located.

Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

Do not plow or drive over the area where your water and sewer lines are buried. Doing so pushes the frost further into the ground, increasing the risk of freeze up

Make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house and keeping the line above from freezing.

Make sure any sewer cleanouts or risers (white pipes in the yard) are capped so none of the cold air

can enter the sewer system causing a freeze up.

Frozen water pipes

Know where the main shut off, when a pipe is frozen the ice inside the pipe expands. When it thaws and turns back into water the pipe usually is cracked causing a leak. If you can operate the main shut off you can prevent flooding the rest of your home

Frozen but not ruptured? If you turn on the faucet and the water doesn't come out or comes out in a trickle, your pipes are probably frozen. You need to act quickly to thaw the frozen pipe before it bursts.

Locate pipe where you believe pipe is frozen or blocked. Often the frozen area of the pipe will be frosted or have ice on it. If the situation is getting critical the pipe may be slightly bulged or look slightly fissured.

If the frozen pipe is behind a wall or ceiling, you've got a challenge on your hands. You have three choices:

- Turn up the heat in the house and wait.
- Use an infrared lamp or lamps to heat the wall where you think the frozen area is located. Infrared lamps are better than regular heat lamps because the heat passes through the air without heating it, directing more energy to warming the wall and frozen pipe.
- Tear out part of the wall or ceiling to get at the frozen section of pipe. Then thaw the pipe as an exposed pipe.

Plug in your heat tape if you unplugged it during the summer months

Please contact the White Earth Water and Sewer department in the event of your water or sewer freezing at 218-983-3202. The community water systems will monitor water temperature to prevent community freeze ups.

Nijii radio is hiring a Program Director apprentice

Callaway, Minn. - KKWE (Nijii radio) is hiring a Program Director Apprentice.

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- ❖ Adobe Audition Software for program production
- ❖ Project management
- ❖ IPAWS system which is the Federal Emergency Alert System
- ❖ IMedia touch software and Log Tools software for daily programming and record keeping
- ❖ Marketron Scheduling Software for announcements, underwriting spots, and sponsorships.

The right candidate for this apprenticeship will have knowledge of and necessary skill sets in:

- ❖ Microsoft Office
- ❖ Filing & Record keeping
- ❖ Oral and written communication
- ❖ Public speaking
- ❖ Organized and reliable
- ❖ Work well as a team

The right candidate will be required to work a minimum of 24 hours a week Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 2:30 and Fridays as required for training and live broadcasts.

The stipend for this work will be \$1,248 monthly.

For more information contact Margaret Rousu at 218-375-2012.

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vehicle and drive up to answer a few questions, then get a swab and wait for a call. It's very safe and convenient. If you do test positive, please talk to your doctor about the COVID-19 monoclonal antibody infusion right away.

Please take public health precautions by wearing masks indoors, socially distancing, and getting vaccinated. If you have the opportunity to get a booster, it is your choice. You don't want to get this disease and risk long-term implications: people of any age, even if they were in good health, can develop chronic illness or other serious outcomes if they catch COVID-19. It's rough to be sick and even worse to pass it along to

your loved ones, elders, and our communities.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

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Sam Crowell honored with award



Submitted photos

Lawrence (Sam) Crowell was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the White Earth Nation Council of Elders meeting on Oct. 5 in Pine Point.

The award was presented to Crowell by White Earth Police Chief Mike LaRoque.

Crowell, who is the Vice Chairman of the White Earth Nation Council of Elders was chosen for this award for his outstanding volunteer service to the Elder population on the White Earth Reservation.

Dr. Thomas Schreiner is honored by White Earth community for his services

Submitted article

One of the most precious sounds of life is the laughter of children.

That's what you heard during a recent farewell gathering for Dr. Thomas Schreiner, a pediatrician at the White Earth Health Center who is leaving to provide pediatric services in Tennessee.

Eleven years ago Dr. Schreiner was the first full time pediatrician on the White Earth Reservation. He served children from ages birth to 18 (and through age 20 if in college), from asthma management, broken bones that needed casting, exams for school physicals, and mental health issues. The children's needs were always met.

Dr. Schreiner also would take time to share his medical knowledge for those that would ask questions. He was a mentor to many. He even tried to enlighten co-workers with a daily "bad dad" joke!

During the celebration, Jon Weaver approached Dr. Schreiner. He had a hand drum and asked if he could sing an Honor Song for him.

He explained this is the Anishinaabeg and Lakota ways of giving thanks. The children were drawn to the sound of the drum and encircled Dr. Schreiner. The song was beautifully uplifting.

As good-byes were being shared Kelly Phillips said it best, "Dr. Schreiner yes, they will fill your position but they will never fill your shoes, you are a blessing."

Best wishes in your new adventure.
Chi-Miigwech



WE Public Safety unite against domestic violence



Submitted photo

The White Earth Public Safety staff recently participated in the White Earth DOVE Program's Domestic Violence Awareness Month event. Front row from left are Dustin Anderson, Tyrell Rishovd, Nate Fabre and Andrea Carrier. Back row from left are Tim Antell, Jason Klawuhn, Desirae Stalberger, Mike LaRoque, Jeremy Cossette, Breeann Brandenburger and Karri Heisler.

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



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION COMMUNITY PRIORITIES CHECKLIST DATA SNAPSHOT 2020-2021

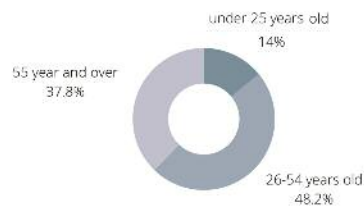
White Earth Tribal Public Health serves the community by working to promote wellness, prevent disease, and protect health in a way that honors Anishinaabe culture. In collaboration with our partners, we serve our Reservation through education and outreach, by administering health prevention programs and services, and through community engagement to understand our community's health needs and priorities.

To better understand the health priorities in the White Earth Nation community, we conducted the *Community Priorities Checklist* in March of 2020 and in May of 2021 at clinics and at community health events. This checklist was designed to gather community member perspectives on health, quality of life, community needs, and the health priorities of the White Earth Reservation community. The feedback gathered is one part of a larger community engagement effort that will help guide tribal public health prevention planning, partnership efforts, and program and services improvements. Thank you to the White Earth community for taking the time to complete the assessment. We truly value your time and input. Below, you will find the highlights from our community.

WHO RESPONDED TO THE CHECKLIST?

312 COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PROVIDED INPUT

70% of respondents were women



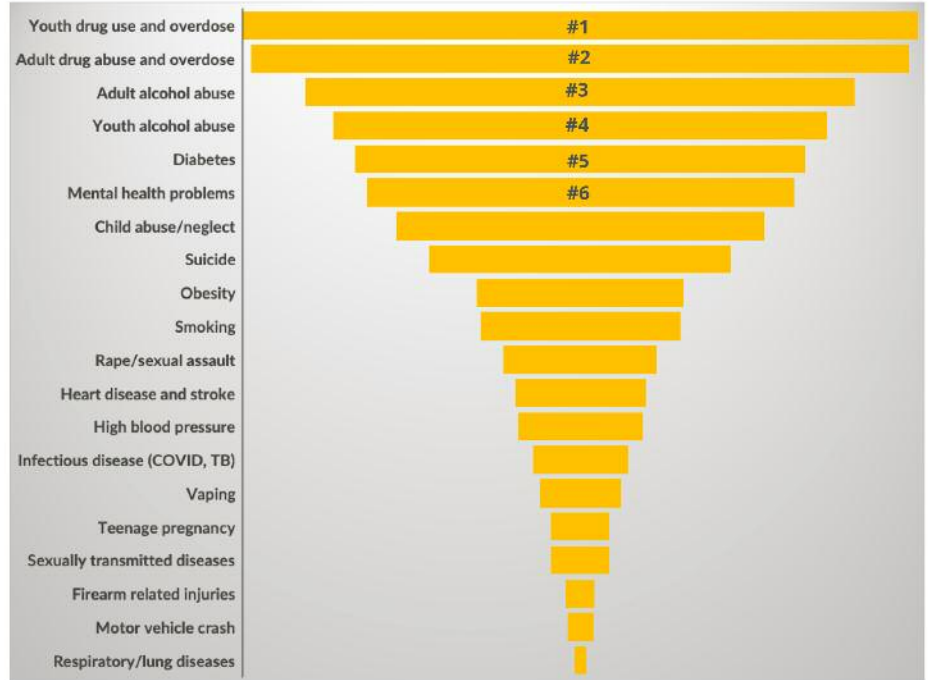
The Most Important Factors for a HEALTHY WHITE EARTH NATION COMMUNITY

The Community Priorities Checklist was conducted for the first time before the COVID-19 pandemic (March of 2020) and again a full year later (May of 2021). Community priorities shifted in two key areas in 2021. The **importance of culture** as well as **access to educational opportunities** increased in 2021. The most important factors that contribute to a healthy White Earth Nation Community are below, numbered by importance.



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION COMMUNITY HEALTH CONCERNS AND NEEDS

The checklist also asked participants to prioritize community health problems and community members were provided a list of 24 health and community concerns. **Seventy-six percent** of people rated our community as **somewhat safe**, and the top concerns were substance abuse related. Both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, **youth and adult drug and alcohol misuse were rated as the most important community problems**. The graph below ranks the priority of health concerns.



Forty-three community members provided written feedback about community needs and priorities. Below, you'll find direct quotes from our community members.

“ One day at a time we will make change. ”

“ I'd like to see more recreational activities for youth on the reservation. ”

“ Support needed for grandparents raising kids. ”

“ Health is very important and seeing the difference over the years has been great. ”

“ Teach families and kids the old ways of harvesting and cooking. ”

“ I hope we hurry up and defeat COVID. ”

Next Steps and Ways You Can Be Involved

Conducting the *Community Priorities Checklist* is one part of a larger effort to ensure our tribal public health department is meeting the needs of our community, strengthening our partnerships with other health professionals across the reservation, and working to fulfill our public health mission. Please be on the look out for our next community engagement efforts.



Obituaries

Lawrence “Larry” Larson Sr.

Lawrence “Larry” Larson Sr., 62, of White Earth, died Oct. 10 at Essentia Health in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Lawrence Lewis, the son of Erwin and Ida (Derby) Larson, was born March 4, 1959, in Moorhead, Minn. He grew up in the Detroit Lakes area attending school in both Frazee, Minn., and Park Rapids, Minn.



Larry and his brothers spent much of their time helping area farmers. Larry has been a lifelong mechanic. As a child, he was always tinkering with motors, beginning with lawn mowers and snowmobiles, and working towards larger projects. He later enrolled in Detroit Lakes Vo-tech College, where he formally studied engine repair. In college, Larry met the love of his life, Nancy Brown. The couple was married on April 6, 1979, and they have spent their life together since. Larry worked as a timber technician for a time and served in the Conservation department for the White Earth Nation. He also worked with the Detroit Lakes Street Department and White Earth Housing in heavy equipment.

But Larry’s true passion called him back to “the garage.” For the past many years, Larry has proudly owned and operated “Double L Repair.” He was a master of engines and could fix nearly anything. Larry especially loved working on cars and vintage tractors. He also enjoyed a fresh cup of coffee and a great hamburger! With his great sense of humor, extreme patience, and calming personality, Larry shared peace with all those around him. His faith in God and the love for his family was evident throughout his life. Larry cherished his family. His granddaughters, who Larry and Nancy were raising, were his pride and joy. He had a giving heart and was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Larry is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Caroline and Matthew; brothers: Terry, Kerwin, Kevin (Diantha), Lorin and Linus (Rosemary); sisters: Kathy, Sharlene, Sharold and Lavonne; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; in-laws: Ken (Aurelia) Brown, Pastor Tim (Tammy) Brown, Frank Brown and Bev (Jim) Libby; and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; son, Lawrence Jr. “JR;” sister, Kennera; and in-laws: Jolene, Delores, Mae and Joe, August, Thomas, Ronnie, Ralph, Roger, and Jesse.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22 at the Assembly of God Church in White Earth. Visitation was held at the church starting Oct. 20 and continued until the time of the funeral. Interment: Chief Cornerstone Cemetery in White Earth. Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen. Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Briana Lea Bellanger

Briana Bellanger, 42, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Oct. 17.

Briana Lea Bellanger, the daughter of Steven “Shuff” and Ruth (LaGarde) Bellanger, was born Oct. 28, 1978, in Minneapolis. Her early years were spent in Minneapolis before moving to Naytahwaush when she was three years old. Briana attended school in Naytahwaush followed by Mahnomen High School, graduating with the class of 1997.



Briana entered the workforce as a blackjack dealer at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen and also worked as a home health aide. She furthered her education, attending classes at the White Earth Tribal and Community College. She genuinely loved people and treasured her time spent with her nieces and nephews who she lovingly helped raise. Briana met Dylan Magney and the couple has shared 10 years together living in the Naytahwaush, White Earth and most recently, Mahnomen. In her spare time, she could be found hanging out with friends, watching an NBA game, (especially looking forward to watching her favorite player Stephen Curry), and doing her hair and makeup. Briana was quick witted, outspoken, and always willing to help those in need. She will forever be cherished in the hearts of those who loved her.

Briana is survived by her brother, Brandon (Carissa Hanks) White; special nieces: Gerdy Whirlwindsoldier, Ja’Niya Hanks, Alyauna White and Aubrielle White; significant other, Dylan; sister, Angela Whirlwindsoldier; additional nieces and nephew: Marissa Whirlwindsoldier, Brayden Murray and Isabelle Murray; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Shuff and Ruth; grandparents; nephews, Peyton Zornes and Steven Warren; and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial services were held Oct. 22 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen. Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Jacqueline Marie Cadotte

Jacqueline M. Cadotte, 74, of Hayward, Wis., started her journey “home” on Sept. 26 at Aspen Acres Assisted Living in Hayward.

Jacqueline M. Miller was born July 17, 1947, in Minneapolis to Reginald and Beatrice (Fairbanks) Miller. Jacqui attended multiple schools in various states due to her father’s career path in the BIA and eventually graduated high school in Homestead, Fla. Along with her mother and brothers, Jacqui spent her summers on the White Earth Reservation with family.



After graduation, she moved to Minneapolis where she became a mother for the first time and met the love of her life, her “Beautiful Bill.” They lived in many places but when they began expanding their family, Lac Courte Oreilles was the place they chose to call home.

She held many jobs, volunteered, and served on various committees throughout her life. Her most prized role was homemaker. She dedicated her life to her family, was Bill’s strongest supporter and her children’s and grandchildren’s number one fan. Jacqui played an active role in the lives of “her kids” including nieces, nephews, we’enh, and community members. She was happiest when her house was full. Jacqui was a fierce indigenous woman and wasn’t afraid to speak her mind. She was the life of the party and made friends everywhere she went. Jacqui had a spirit and demeanor that made everyone want to be near her.

Jacqui loved being a Big Drum member, being outdoors, camping and caravanning to pow-wows as a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers. Jacqui enjoyed cooking and was a lifelong learner. She cheered on both the Vikings and Packers but if they played each other it was Vikings ALL. THE. WAY.

She is survived by her husband, John “Bill;” children: John “Randy” (MacKenzie), William “Reggie” and Wonaquance (Mario); 13 grandchildren; one great granddaughter; and many nieces, nephews and we’enh.

Jacqui was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert Jenkins; and brothers, Edward Miller and Michael Miller.

Tribal Funeral Rites were held Sept. 30 at the Big Drum Ceremonial Center in Lac Courte Oreilles with Lee “Obizaan” Staples officiating.

Honorary casket bearers were her grandchildren: Chelsea, Donovan, Kalista, Maekayla, MacKenna, John Randall, Minosay, Makoons, Migizi, Marvin, Marlon, Deagan, Gavin and great granddaughter, Amethyst.

Casket bearers were the Badger Singers.

Interment: Historyland Cemetery in Hayward.

Arrangements: Pineview Funeral Service of Hayward

Online condolences: www.pineviewfuneralservice.com

Julie Ann “Okie” Hoell

Julie Ann “Okie” Hoell, 48, of Bagley, Minn., died Oct. 23 at Sanford Bagley Medical Center after battling with cancer.

Julie was born May 4, 1973, in Minneapolis to Eunice Cloud and Richard Hoell. She graduated from North High School in Minneapolis.

She worked various jobs through her life including Camp Snoopy at the Mall of America, the DOVE Program, and Kubiak’s in Bagley. For being born and raised a city girl, Julie adapted to “country life” up north in Bagley quite well. She loved to hunt and fish, even cleaning her own game and catches. She enjoyed camping and family gatherings, and she always looked forward to a trip to the casino or to go shopping with her sister or mom. She was a kind woman and she will be tremendously missed.



She is survived by her mother, Eunice Elliot; sister, Delaina Samuelson; brothers, John Samuelson and Jay Samuelson; favorite aunt, Cece Byrd; special nephew, Josh Rainkins; son, Jonathan (Hannah) Hoell; grandchildren, Kayden and Kale Howell; special friend, Mary Tanner; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other family.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Elijah Hoell; grandparents, James and Marie Cloud; and aunts, Virginia, Philomene and Veronica.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the Rice Lake Community Center. A wake began the evening before at the community center.

Interment: St. Philip’s Episcopal Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Messages of condolence: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Obituaries

Gary Wayne Charbonneau

Gary Wayne Charbonneau, 71, of Bloomington, Ind., passed away peacefully at his residence on Sept. 21 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 17, 1950, in Alexandria, Minn., he was the son of Gerald Louis and Jerdis Louise (Larson) Charbonneau. He was an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation. A 1968 graduate of William Kelley High School in Silver Bay, Minn., he also held a B.A. degree in history from the University of Minnesota Duluth, a master's degree in history from Kansas State University (1974) and a master's degree in library science from Indiana University Bloomington (1978). A Librarian Emeritus at Indiana University, Gary worked in the IU Libraries for 39 years before retiring in 2017 from his position as Systems Librarian in Library Technologies.



Within the community, his concern over the local impact of the global decline of petroleum production led to his appointment on the Bloomington Peak Oil Task Force (2007-2008). His desire to serve the community was further demonstrated in the 2011 primary election where he ran alongside three other Democrat candidates for the District 3 seat on the Bloomington City Council. An avid reader and lifelong learner, Gary spent much of his free time studying military history, with a focus on the Napoleonic era, the American Civil War, and World War II. Two of his greatest pleasures in life were exploring Civil War battlefields and playing historical wargames. Despite his very quiet and serious demeanor, Gary was well known for his quick wit, sense of humor, and ability to bring laughter to those around him.

Gary is survived by his wife of 22 years, Mechael (Crawford) Charbonneau; daughter, Skyler (née Danielle) Charbonneau; grandson, Kai Charbonneau of Fairview, Ore.; stepson, John Gage of Bloomington; stepdaughter, Jessica Gago of Portland, Ore.; sisters, GERALYN Burros of Evansville, Minn., and Julie Mockler of Duluth, Minn.; sister-in-law Nicole (Danny) Hollander of Nashville, Ind.; nephew, Graig (Renee) Jacobson; nieces: Galea Jacobson, Shannon (Steve) Swanson, and Abigail and Aubrey Hollander; and former wife and mother of Skyler, Sharon Charbonneau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Harlan Burros.

A gathering of family and friends was held Sept. 28 at the Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard in Bloomington.

Phillip Edward Warren

Phillip Edward Warren was born Aug. 19, 1983, in Minneapolis to Susan "Tootsie" Barnett (Warren) and David Bruguier. He was raised in Minneapolis and the Strawberry Lake Area.

He attended school in Detroit Lakes and Circle of Life in White Earth. After school he attended MState in Detroit Lakes for auto mechanics.



Phill and Tina Rock had two sons, Phillip Jr. and Romeo Xavier. Phill worked numerous jobs over the years but had a passion for working on vehicles. He loved spending time with his boys watching TV and playing video games with them. He loved to fish and hunt with his brother, Dave and spend time in Strawberry Lake with his dad Ed, his mom Susan and family. Phill also enjoyed his visits to South Dakota visiting his Bruguier family. He had a wonderful smile that could light up any room, he was always full of jokes and loved to laugh. He was always willing to help anyone and had such a caring and loving soul. His greatest achievement in life was his sons Jr and Romeo whom he loved so much!

Phillip is survived by his children, Phillip Edward Warren Jr. and Romeo Xavier Warren; their mother, Tina Rock; mother, Susan Barnett and dad, Edwin Barnett; brothers: Dave Warren (Dorothy), Anthony Bruguier and Carl Bruguier; sisters: Lisa Warren, Endonnis Bruguier and Jewel Bruguier; aunts, Cindy Mcdougall (Daniel) and Sandra Kier; uncle, John Warren; and his Bruguier family along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Beverly Stoll; grandfather, Edward Warren; uncle, Philip Warren; and father, David Bruguier.

He will be greatly missed by so many!

Services were held Oct. 26 at the Pine Point Community Center. Music was provided by Smokey Hill.

Casket bearers were Phillip Edward Warren Jr., Romeo Xavier Warren, Edwin Barnett, Dave Warren, Anthony Bruguier, John Bruguier, Doug Bruguier and Doug Bruguier Jr.

Honorary bearers were Lisa Warren, Endonnis Bruguier, Jewel Bruguier, Carl Bruguier, Cassie Warren and all his family and friends.

Interment: Mennonite Cemetery in Strawberry Lake

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Ronald Peter Schultz

Ronald Schultz, 57, of Toad Lake passed away Oct. 3 at his home.

Ronald Peter Schultz was born Aug. 8, 1964, in Gary, Ind., to Delbert and Darlene (Raich) Schultz. At young age, the family moved to Frazee, Minn. Ronald lived in the Frazee area until his passing. He graduated from Frazee High School. He furthered his education at M-State in Detroit Lakes with a certificate in Auto Body Mechanics. Over the years he worked for Mickelson Turkey Farms and CJJ Welding. In 2015, he had to retire due to ill health.



In 1988, Ronald met the love of his life Vickie Saeland. The couple had a daughter, Melanie in 1990. The couple made their home in the Toad Lake area until Vickie's untimely death in 2017.

Ronald loved to hunt, fish, cut wood for his wood burning stove, fixing small engines, fireworks, shooting guns, going to an airstrip and watching airplanes land and takeoff, and of course spending time with his family and friends.

Ronald is survived by his daughter, Melanie (Gene Murray); grandson, Christian Murray; brother, David Schultz; sister-in-law, Cheryl Schultz of Canby, Minn.; favorite dog, Tank; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Preceding Ronald in death are his parents, Delbert and Darlene; significant other, Vickie Saeland; and brothers, Floyd and Michael Schultz.

A celebration of life was held Oct. 23 at Ronald's house in Frazee.

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

Frances (Jerri) Geraldine Niznik

Frances (Jerri) Geraldine Niznik, 90, of Hurricane, Utah, passed away on Sept. 29.

Jerri was born July 10, 1931, to Clifford Roy Hodgkins (of Minneapolis) and Elizabeth (Turner Emerson of White Earth) Hodgkins. She grew up and attended school in Anoka, Minn. She was a strong athletic swimmer and always won swimming races at the lake. She married her husband, Donald Niznik, in 1950 and they had five children. Jerri was actively involved with her family, church community and local politics. In addition to being a fulltime homemaker, she donated her time to local fundraisers for politicians, charity work through her church and as an early activist for the American Indian Movement (AIM). She made sure her children were introduced and involved in these activities as well as knowing their Ojibwa heritage.

After living in Minnesota most of her life, she spent her "golden years" with her daughter, Rebecca and grandchildren, Daniel and Anna in Utah.

Jerri is survived by her children: Deborah (Allen) McKinnis of North Branch, Minn.; Nikki Niznik of Bayfield, Colo.; Honey (John) Speltz of Brooklyn Center, Minn.; Rebecca Niznik of Hurricane and Daniel (Susan) Niznik of Cedar City, Utah; grandchildren: Stephanie (Paul) Edoff, Antonio Collodoro, Alexis McKinnis, Peter (Nicole) Collodoro, Daniel (Amy) Niznik and Anna (Keith) Pendery; five great-grandchildren; siblings: Joan Niznik of Eastvale, Calif., June Guimont of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Jackie Vierling and Roy Hodgkins both of Anoka, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerri was preceded in death by her husband, Donald (1969); parents; older brother, Donald Hodgkins; sister, Jeanene Marie; and granddaughter, Stacie Scholz.

There is no service scheduled for Jerri at this time per her wishes. Her body was donated to science and her ashes will be sent to her daughter, Rebecca.

Ruth Lorraine Roberts-Driggers



Ruth Lorraine Roberts-Driggers was born July 5, 1946, in Ponsford. She passed away at age 75 on Sept. 3 in Kansas City, Mo.

Ruth was born to Lawrence G. (Shorty) Roberts and Florence Mae Riley-Roberts on the White Earth Reservation. She is survived by her brother, Lawrence (Larry) G. Roberts Jr.; sister, Evangeline Beaulieu, son, Jeffery Allan and daughter, Lauren "Margaret" (Muggsy) Blain, who married George Blain; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ruth went to the University of Minnesota where she studied psychology, then she moved to California where she studied nursing. Later, she moved in with her daughter, Margaret and George where she lived for many years until she passed away. Ruth was a gregarious woman who made friends with everyone who met her. Consequently, she is loved and dearly missed by all.



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WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE ELDERS COMMISSION BYLAWS

Written comments are welcome

The following are Elder Commission Bylaws for review and public comment. In summary, the Elder Commission Bylaws are intended to do the following:

- The White Earth Elders Commission is **NOT** the same as the White Earth Council of Elders.
- These Bylaws will empower the Elders Commission to give advice and recommendations to the Reservation Business Committee about programs and services for White Earth Elders. Elders have endless advice, wisdom, and perspective. Elders know what their communities need.

- This provides a consistent mechanism and formal structure for Elders to address issues and communicate their specific needs. The RBC will receive and review the recommendations, with final decision about programs and services remaining with the RBC.

- The Commission will be made of seven (7) total members who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Bylaws. Eligibility and ineligibility criteria are outlined in § 2.01 of the Bylaws.

- The first set of Commission Members will be appointed by the RBC as 2021 is a non-election year. Elections for these positions are anticipated to occur in 2022 coincident with the MCT elections. Following the 2022 elections, the positions will then stagger their election years.

- There are criteria for removal or suspension of Commission members outlined in § 2.04. That section also identifies what happens if there are vacancies.

- Per § 3.01, the Elders Commission will have the authority to make recommendations to RBC about programs and departments; provide written recommendations to RBC about censorship, removal, or suspension of a Commission member; adopt rules, policies, and procedures; establish committees; and establish a financial plan/budget.

- Per § 3.02, the Elders Commission must act in good faith and in the best interests of the Commission; be diligent and dedicated to improving the services provided to White Earth Elders; make minutes, reports, and other records available to the public; and gather information from a variety of sources.

- The Elders Commission must avoid any conflicts of interest per § 3.04.

- The Elders Commission must conduct meetings in accordance with their Bylaws as outlined in Article 4. The Elders Commission must make records of their meetings. The Elders Commission members may be compensated upon resolution by the RBC, depending on the financial status of the Elders Commission and the RBC.

Before 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2021, please provide written comments to the White Earth Legal Department either in person at the RBC Headquarters, via fax at 218-983-3269, or via email at Public.Comments@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Comments received after the deadline risk not being considered. Upon receipt of the written comments, changes may be implemented into the final version of the Bylaws.

A final meeting on these Bylaws is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2021 at 9 a.m. That final version of the Bylaws will then be sent to the RBC for their review and approval.

ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§1.01 Name

The name of the organization shall be the White Earth Reservation Elders Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Elders Commission” or

“Commission.”

§1.02 Authority and Purpose

1. This Commission is established and recognized per Resolution #001-20-023 of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC).

2. White Earth Tribal Elders have historically been the first line of information whenever important questions came about so their role in our culture is significant. White Earth Tribal Elders hold an endless amount of advice, wisdom, and perspective so it is important for the divisions of the White Earth Tribal Government to respect our Elders and listen to them. The Elders Commission is established by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the RBC concerning Tribal elder programming which would be available through the White Earth Tribal Government divisions and departments. The ultimate decision on elder programming will be made by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. In addition, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee recognizes the need for the White Earth Reservation Tribal Elders to address and communicate their specific needs.

3. The Elders Commission is authorized to provide advice and recommendations to the White Earth RBC about topics and issues concerning White Earth elders. It will be at the decision and direction of the White Earth RBC whether the advice and recommendations from the Elders Commission are implemented in the Tribe’s operations. Nothing in these Bylaws divests the RBC from that authority nor do these Bylaws authorize the Elders Commission to give direction to tribal staff.

§1.03 Legal Status and Structure of Commission

Upon review and ratification of these Bylaws the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby establishes the Elders Commission. The Commission shall be structured in the following manner:

1. The White Earth Reservation Elders Commission is separate from the White Earth Council of Elders. The Elders Commission shall seek input from the White Earth Council of Elders.

2. An organizational chart is included in these Bylaws as Appendix 1. The purpose of the organizational chart is to provide a visual representation of the relationship between the Elders Commission and other groups, including the Commission’s relationship to the RBC.

§1.04 Amendments to these Bylaws

The Elders Commission may make recommendations for amendment or rescission of the Bylaws to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee retains the authority to amend or rescind the Elders Commission Bylaws at any time by resolution. These Bylaws of the Elders Commission shall only be amended or rescinded by resolution of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee at a regular meeting, provided that any amendments or notice of rescinding is published for a period of at least fifteen (15) days in order to solicit public comment and input from White Earth Band elders before consideration by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.

§1.05 Sovereign Immunity

The Elders Commission is recognized as a subdivision of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. Any actions taken by the Commission shall be imbued with those privileges and immunities inherent

to the White Earth Band, except as limited herein. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be deemed or construed as a waiver of the Band’s sovereign immunity, nor do the Bylaws constitute consent by the Band or the Commission to be sued, except as provided herein.

ARTICLE 2: COMMISSION COMPOSITION

§2.01 Commission Members

The Elders Commission shall consist of seven (7) elected members, all of whom shall be enrolled members of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Two (2) members shall be from District 1; two (2) members shall be from District 2; two (2) members shall be from District 3; one (1) member shall be At-Large. The Commission shall then elect its Officers pursuant to Article 2, §2.02. Elections of the Elders Commission members shall be consistent with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance. The Commission shall have meetings pursuant to Article 4, §4.02 of these Bylaws.

1. Eligibility. For an individual to be eligible for membership to the Commission, they must meet the following criteria:

(a) Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe;

(b) Is at least fifty-five (55) years old on or before the date of the Primary election;

(c) Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation or within 25 miles of the nearest Reservation boundary.

(d) Must be registered to vote within their designated district for at least the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date established for the Primary election, and will continue to be registered to vote in that district during their term on the Commission.

(e) Can pass a yearly background check, including submitting to drug and alcohol testing.

2. Ineligibility. Individuals are ineligible for membership to the Commission if they meet any of the following criteria:

(a) Convicted of any of the following crimes, regardless of level of offense:

i. Any crime against an Elder;

ii. Crime of violence;

iii. Crimes against persons, including homicide, assault, kidnapping, false imprisonment, reckless endangerment, robbery, rape, sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, prostitution, criminal sexual conduct, indecent exposure, or other sexual offenses.

iv. Driving under the influence, driving while impaired, drug sales, drug possession. An individual may be eligible if conviction for any of these crimes occurred more than ten (10) years ago.

(b) Convicted of a crime that involved the theft, misappropriation or embezzlement of money, funds, assets, or property belonging to an Indian tribe or a tribal organization;

(c) Current sitting member of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.

3. Certification of Eligibility. At the time of filing their Notice of Candidacy Each person seeking a position on the Elders Commission shall execute before a notary a representation that they are eligible to be a candidate and they have not been convicted of a crime that would disqualify them under § 2.01, Subd. 2. That candidate shall also authorize to release and consent to disclosure in favor of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee for the purpose of conducting a criminal history check.

4. Conducting Criminal History Check. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee shall designate the entity responsible for conducting the criminal history check. The criminal history check shall commence immediately upon filing and execution of the required forms by the candidates and be completed prior to the date the notice of certification of the candidates is due. The scope of the criminal history check shall be sufficient to reasonably verify the eligibility of each candidate under this section.

5. Appointment of Commission Members. Since the establishment of the Elders Commission occurs in a non-election year (2021), the White Earth Reservation Business Committee shall appoint the first set of members to serve until the next election cycle (2022). Once selected by the Reservation Business Committee, those members shall then be appointed to officer positions from among the appointed Commission members.

(a) For the purposes of the first election (2022), the Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Elder Representatives from District 1 and District 3 shall be elected for a four-year term. The Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, and the Elder Representative from District 2 shall be elected for a two-year term.

§2.02 Commission Panel of Elders

Any person who has filed a completed Notice of Candidacy has standing to challenge the certification or non-certification of a person who has filed a Notice of Candidacy for the same position. Any challenge of such a decision must be filed with the Executive Director of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. The challenge must be in writing and submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following the certification of candidates.

The challenge will then be presented to a Panel of Elders as quickly as possible. The Panel of Elders will be a 3-person panel of White Earth enrolled tribal members over the age of fifty-five (55) who shall maintain confidentiality on the matter and maintain neutrality to the best of their ability. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee shall appoint the members of the 3-person Panel of Elders. The Panel of Elders will review the challenge and determine whether the certification or noncertification of that candidate shall remain or whether it should be overturned. To make this determination, the Panel of Elders may consult with a lawyer who has no conflicts of interest nor any interest in the outcome of the decision. That decision must be submitted by the Panel of Elders in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the challenge. The decision of the Panel of Elders is final and not appealable.

§2.03 Commission Officers

1. Election of Commission Officers. The Election of the Elders Commission shall coincide with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Elections of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee and be consistent with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance. The members of the Elders Commission shall elect from its members a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Additionally, the members of the Commission shall elect from its members one (1) representative from District 1 of the White Earth Reservation; one (1) representative from District 2; and one (1) representative from District 3. These seven (7) Officers shall constitute the Elders Commission.

(a) Chairperson of the Elders Commission. The Chairperson shall:

i. Preside at all meetings of the Elders Commission and shall have the responsibility to see that all the functions of the Elders Commission are satisfactorily conducted;

ii. Countersign all orders upon the Treasurer for claims allowed by the Elders Commission;

iii. Represent the Elders Commission in all actions;

iv. Perform all general responsibilities which are inherent to that office;

v. Only vote to break a tie.

(b) Vice-Chairperson of the Elders Commission. The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the temporary absence of the Chairperson, serve in the capacity of the Chairperson until the Chairperson is available.

(c) Secretary of the Elders Commission. The Secretary shall:

i. Keep a record of all meetings in the books provided;

ii. Within three (3) days after an election, notify all persons elected of their election;

iii. Enter into their record book copies of all reports and the proceedings of any meeting;

iv. Draw and sign all orders upon the Treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the Commission, to be countersigned by the Chairperson;

v. Perform the duties of the Chairperson in the event of the Chairperson's and Vice-Chairperson's temporary absences.

vi. In cooperation with the Executive Director of the White Earth RBC, shall prepare and submit an annual report of the Elders Commission to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

vii. Submit meeting minutes to RBC administrative staff for publication and distribution, and provide minutes to members of the public upon request.

(d) Treasurer of the Elders Commission. The Treasurer shall:

i. Deposit the funds of the Elders Commission in the official depository;

ii. Make all reports which may be called for by the Commission and perform all the duties which are inherent to that office;

iii. Keep an itemized account of all expenses of the Elders Commission;

iv. Make and provide reports to the Commission showing revenues and expenditures in detail, and such other financial information required by law or requested by the Commission.

(e) District Representatives of the Elders Commission. Each Reservation District Representative shall:

i. Seek input from community members and community-based organizations about topics and issues concerning White Earth elders;

ii. Advocate the needs of the District which they represent; and

iii. Additional duties as may be assigned by resolution of the Commission.

2. Term of Office. Commission Officers are elected for a four (4) year term of office. The elections of Commission Officers shall coincide with the schedule of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe elections for the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.

3. Manner of Acting. Elected Officers of the Elders Commission have binding authority only when acting as a Commission legally in session, except where specific authority is provided to Commission members or Officers individually. The Commission is not bound by an action or statement on the part of an individual Commission member unless the action is specifically directed or authorized by the Commission.

§2.04 Resignation, Suspension, Removal, Vacancies

1. Resignation. A member of the Elders

Commission may resign their position by providing written notice of their resignation to the Commission Chairperson. The written notice shall contain the date the member intends the resignation to become effective.

2. Suspension. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee may suspend a Commission member for nonfeasance, misfeasance, malfeasance, or having been charged with a crime of moral turpitude. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee, having considered reliable allegations of such conduct, may suspend that Commission member until such time as that member has been exonerated.

3. Removal. A member of the Elders Commission shall be removed by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee for nonfeasance, misfeasance, malfeasance, or been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude. A member of the Commission shall be removed if they no longer meet eligibility criteria articulated in Article 2, §2.01. A Commission member who may move from a district but remains within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation is authorized to finish the term of their office for the district in which they were originally elected.

4. Vacancies.

(a) A vacancy occurs on the Elders Commission whenever a Commission member:

i. Dies

ii. Resigns

iii. Ceases to meet any of the eligibility requirements as outlined in Article 2, §2.01.

(b) In the event there exists a vacancy on the Commission, the position shall be filled as soon as practicable by electing a successor to the unexpired term of the predecessor. If there are at least 365 days remaining in a term, an election shall be held. If there are less than 365 days remaining in a term, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee shall appoint a Commission member for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

ARTICLE 3: AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES

§3.01 General Authorities of the Elders

Commission The Commission has the general authority to carry out the purposes of the Elders Commission. The Commission's authority includes implied powers in addition to specific powers granted by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. To carry out the purposes of the Elders, the Commission shall have the following general authorities:

1. Make written recommendations to the Reservation Business Committee about programs and departments having an impact on the White Earth population of elder tribal members.

2. Make written recommendations about censorship, removal, or suspension of a Commission member to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee upon substantiation of the member's conduct warranting such action.

3. Adopt rules, policies, and procedures for the operation of the Elders Commission consistent with these Bylaws;

4. Establish committees to focus action on specific topics and empower those committees to make recommendations to the Elders Commission;

5. Establish a financial plan or budget for approval by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee;

§3.02 General Duties of the Elders Commission

The Commission must act responsibly in carrying out the purposes of the Elders. The Commission's duties include implied responsibilities as well as specific duties assigned by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. To carry out the purposes of the Elders

Commission, the Commission shall have the following general duties:

1. Commission Officers and members must exercise their individual duties in good faith and in the best interests of the Elders Commission, they must discharge their duties with reasonable care, and they must disclose information material to the discharge of their duties;

2. Carry out the purpose of the Elders Commission with diligence and dedication to improving the services provided to White Earth's elders;

3. To make available to the public any meeting minutes, reports, or other records of the Elders Commission unless otherwise confidential;

4. Gather information from a variety of sources to provide comprehensive recommendations to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee about programs and departments having an impact on the White Earth population of elder tribal members.

§3.03 Delegation of Authority

The Commission is empowered by a delegation of authority from the White Earth Reservation Business Committee. The Commission may not further delegate any of its authorities unless articulated within these Bylaws or unless approved by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.

§3.04 Conflicts of Interest

1. All Commission Officers and members shall avoid all conflicts of interest. Conflicts of interests include, but are not limited to:

(a) Receiving any compensation from any source where the receipt of such compensation is a result of improperly exerting their position as a Commission Officer or member;

(b) Engaging in any outside business or professional activity or employment which is inconsistent or is in conflict with the performance of official Commission duties;

(c) Knowingly using their official position to further their own interests or the interests of their family members;

(d) Any circumstance where the Commission member's actions regarding Commission business are unduly influenced by a secondary interest, such as financial benefit.

2. The determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists is to be made by the Commission. If a Commission member's business or involvement in any other activity is viewed as a possible conflict of interest, the Commission member must immediately disclose such conflict, they must immediately remove themselves from discussion regarding any issue related to the conflict, and they must refrain from voting on any such issue.

3. A Commission member using their position in such a manner shall constitute misconduct and shall be sufficient grounds for removal under Article 2, §2.03.

ARTICLE 4: ELDERS COMMISSION MEETINGS

§4.01 Robert's Rules of Order

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all meetings of the Commission.

§4.02 Conduct of Meetings

1. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Elders Commission shall be held monthly. A written notice of a Regular Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Commission at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting. The notice shall contain the proposed agenda, the place for the meeting, as well as the date and the time. The Regular Meeting shall be open to the public.

(a) Order of Regular Meeting

- i. Call to Order
- ii. Roll Call
- iii. Approve Meeting Agenda
- iv. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes
- v. Consent Agenda
- vi. New Business

1. Officers' Reports

vii. Old Business

1. Unfinished Business

2. Updates

viii. Other Business

1. Future Agenda Items

ix. Adjourn

2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairperson or by any four (4) members of the Commission. A written notice of a Special Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Commission at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting. The notice shall contain the purpose of the Special Meeting, the place for the meeting, the date and time of the meeting, as well as those responsible for calling the meeting. The only business that shall be conducted at a Special Meeting will be that which is identified in the written notice.

3. **Executive Sessions.** The Chairperson or a majority of the Commission may call an Executive Session after a quorum is established at a legally-convened meeting of the Elders Commission. The purpose of Executive Session is for the Elders Commission to discuss confidential and highly sensitive matters, or to discuss legal matters with an attorney. Matters discussed and/or resolved in Executive Session shall be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and Commission members are not authorized to disclose the details of Executive Sessions to those who did not attend the Executive Session.

4. **Agenda.** The Chairperson shall develop a meeting agenda based upon the regular business of the Commission, including issues raised by community members or other interested parties. The agenda shall be sent to the Commission members at least five (5) days before a Regular Meeting and at least three (3) days before a Special Meeting. Individuals wishing to place an item on the agenda must make a request to the Commission Chairperson in a timely manner.

(a) **Consent Agenda.** Consent items are those which usually do not require discussion or explanation prior to Commission action, are non-controversial and/or similar in content, or are those items which have already been discussed and/or explained and do not require further discussion or explanation. By placing items on a consent agenda, the Commission consents to the consideration of certain items as a group under one motion. Items shall be removed from the consent agenda by a timely request of a Commission member for independent consideration. A request is considered timely if the request is made prior to the vote on the consent agenda.

5. **Quorum.** A quorum of the Commission must be present to conduct business. The act of the majority of a quorum is the act of the Commission. A majority of voting members of the Commission constitutes a quorum. As the Commission is comprised of seven (7) members, a quorum shall be four (4) members.

6. **Voting.** All votes taken by the Commission shall be based upon a motion duly made and seconded. No vote shall be valid unless made during a duly-convened meeting with a quorum present. The majority of votes cast will determine whether a motion is passed or defeated. Commission Officers, except for the presiding officer in the event of a tie, are expected to vote on all motions. If the result of the vote is a tie, the presiding

officer shall cast the deciding vote.

§4.03 Records of Meetings

1. **Resolutions and Orders.** All resolutions and orders of the Commission shall be countersigned by both the Chairperson and the Secretary.

2. **Minutes.** The Secretary maintains the minutes of the Commission and shall provide copies of the minutes to the White Earth Reservation Business Committee within ten (10) days of their approval.

§4.04 Compensation

1. The White Earth Reservation Business Committee may by resolution set a stipend to compensate Commission members for their time, depending on the financial status of the Elders Commission and the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.



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For more information or to reserve a space, please contact

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Play Diabetes Bingo from the Comfort of Your Own Home

White Earth Public Health continues to run their Diabetes Bingo Program on Niiij Radio 89.9 FM and on White Earth Nation Facebook daily at 3:15 p.m. This program is for Elders 55 or over living on the reservation.

Bingo cards can be picked up at your local Elderly Wellness Program site or call Katie at 218-401-3186 and she will get one for you. These cards can be re-used each week – so save your cards – new game starts each Monday and runs through Friday.

Any questions or need more information call Katie at 218-401-3186. Join the fun each week and ask your friends to play too!

Would the following people please contact the White Earth Nation Child Support Office at 218-983-4641 Ext. 5760.

Chester A. Retz, Devin A. Heisler, Bonita F. Auginaush, Missy S. Hanks, Lisa L. Littlewolf, Jillian L. Sherritt, Nicole G. Jackson, Timothy E. Bloom, Jade L. Degroat, Michael T. Smith, Jessica L. Conner, Autumn E. Clark-May, Shelly R. Wanna

Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
November 2nd- White Earth
- **Diabetes Bingo**
~November 2nd Naytahwaush
~November 3rd Rice Lake
~November 4th Shooting Star

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“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
White Earth Elderly Wellness Program
Gashkadino-Giizis (Freezing Over Moon)- November

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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

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

Elders Suggested Donation \$4

Guest Meals \$6

Questions or comments please contact :

White Earth ENP Site (218) 983-3744
Site Supervisor ~ Tanya Heinonen




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Site Supervisor ~ Angela Clark

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Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
Site Supervisor ~ Tim Rindahl ext. 3238

Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795
Site Supervisor ~ Jim Bevins

Kat Thompson, ENP Manager
Danielle Sutherland, Nutrition Coordinator
(218) 983-3286 ext. 1266
Katherine.thompson@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Tuna noodle casserole Bread stick Steamed broccoli Peaches	2 Beef stew with veggies Biscuit Spinach salad Rice pudding w/ raisins	3 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	4 Meatloaf Baked potato Corn Wheat bread Pineapple	5 Ham and hominy soup Fry bread Fresh cut veggies w/ dip Fresh fruit
8 Manoomin hotdish Cali. Blend veggies Dinner roll Plums	9 Cordon bleu sandwich Oven fries Baked beans Pumpkin bar	10 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	11 Closed for Veterans Day 	12 White chicken chili Cornbread Garden salad Mandarin oranges
15 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Breadstick Steamed Cauliflower Apricots	16 Fish tacos Seasoned rice Fiesta corn Coleslaw Applesauce	17 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	18 Birthday Lunch Chicken fried steak Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Birthday treat	19 Manoomin soup Turkey and Swiss w/ lettuce and tomato Fruit salad
22 Brunch for Lunch Cheese omelet Sausage Diced potatoes Oatmeal English muffin	23 Tator tot hotdish Brussel sprouts Spinach salad Dinner roll Baked cinn. peaches	24 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	25 Closed 26 Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	
29 Boiled dinner Wheat crackers Cherry cobbler	30 Fish sandwich Manoomin pilaf Potato salad Grapes	As of October 11, ALL ENP sites are open for In-house dining.	Save the Date! Elders Christmas Party December 17th White Earth Community Center 	

WE Reservation: Minnesota Family Investment Program 2021-2022 Plan

White Earth Reservation - Maadaadizi Workforce Center is developing the Minnesota Family Investment Program Plan for 2021-2022. Citizen participation is invited in the development of this plan.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) [Minnesota Statutes 256J.626 requires counties to submit a biennial service agreement to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to receive these public funds. The primary purpose of the Biennial Service Agreement is to establish agreed upon outcomes and identify strategies counties will use to achieve these outcomes.

Copies of the proposed plan will be available at the Maadaadizi Workforce Center PO 69, Naytahwaush, Minn., or will be sent to you upon request by mail or email. The draft of the MFIP Biennial Service Agreement will be available for review and comment until November 15, 2021.

We encourage citizens of White Earth Reservation to participate in the development of these plans by submitting written comments and suggestions to Sandra M. St. Clair, Maadaadizi Workforce Center, PO 69, Naytahwaush, Minn., 56566.



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Course #	Type	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Credits	Status	Instructor 2.0	Prerequisite
AA 100-1	LEC	First Year Experience	T	9:00	10:00	1	Open	Dennis Fisher	
AA 100-2	LEC	First Year Experience 8 Week Course	TH	3:00	5:00	1	Open	Carlene Hisgun	
AA 200	LEC	Final Year Experience Meets 1/2 Semester at beginning	M	5:00	7:00	1	Open	Dennis Fisher	
AART 121	LEC/LAB*	Anishinaabe Art - Beading	T	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Wendy Roy	
AART 131-1	LEC/LAB*	Contemporary Native American Sewing I	W	9:00	12:00	3	Open	Bev St. John	
AART 131-2	LEC/LAB*	Contemporary Native American Sewing I	W	4:00	7:00	3	Open	Bev St. John	
AART 140	LEC/LAB*	Anishinaabe Art - Introduction to Quill and Birch Bark	T	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Dana Trickey	
AART 221	LEC/LAB	Anishinaabe Art - Off Loom Beading	M	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Wendy Roy	
BIOL 100	LEC/LAB*	General Biology	M & W	5:00	7:00	4	Open	Allen Derks	
BIOL 150	LEC	Human Biology	T & Th	10:00	12:00	4	Open	Allen Derks	
BUS 110	LEC	Office Methods and Human Resources	Online			3	Open	Rachel Lundbohm	
BUS 270	LEC	Business Ethics	Online			3	Open	Rachel Lundbohm	
COMM 110	LEC	Public Speaking	Online			3	Open	Vondria Winter	
CPLT 100-L1	LAB	Lab Only (Must take w/CPTL 100)	M	9:00	10:00	1		Carlene Hisgun	
CPLT 110-1	LAB	Computer Literacy for College Learners	T	10:00	12:00	2	Open	Carlene Hisgun	
CPLT 110-2	LAB	Computer Literacy for College Learners	TH	10:00	12:00	2	Open	Carlene Hisgun	
CPLT 110-3	LAB	Computer Literacy for College Learners	W	5:00	7:00	2	Open	Carlene Hisgun	
EDU 100	LEC	Introduction to Education	M	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Alicia Schoenborn	
ENGL 090	LEC	Creative Storytelling	T & Th	1:00	2:30	3	Open	Carlene Hisgun	
ENGL 110	LEC	College Writing I	T & Th	3:30	5:00	3	Open	Michelle Pariso	
ENGL 210	LEC	College Writing II	T & Th	5:00	6:30	3	Open	Michelle Pariso	ENGL110
ENGL 238	LEC	Multicultural Literature	T & Th	10:30	12:00	3	Open	TBD	ENGL110
GEOS 100	LEC	Geoscience Today	M & W	10:00	12:00	4	Open	Allen Derks	
INST 110	LEC	History of Native North America	W	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Dennis Fisher	ENGL110
INST 118	LEC	History of White Earth	T	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Dennis Fisher	
INST 118	LEC	History of White Earth	Th	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Dennis Fisher	
INST 121	LEC	Anishinaabe Culture- Overview	T	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Lisa Brunner	ENGL110
INST 170	LEC	Tribal Law - Federal	W	5:00	8:00	3	Open	David DeGroat	ENGL110
LAW 110	LEC	Criminal Law	Th	5:00	8:00	3	Open	David DeGroat	
MATH 090	LEC	Pathways to Math	M	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Derek Aus	
MATH 105	LEC	Contemporary Math	W	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Derek Aus	
OJIB 100	LEC	Beginning Ojibwemowin I	W	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Naabek Liberty	
OJIB 200	LEC	Beginning Ojibwemowin II	M	5:00	8:00	3	Open	Naabek Liberty	OJIB 100
PHIL 110	LEC	Ethics	Online			3	Open	Patty Gordon	
PSYC 100	LEC	General Psychology	Online			3	Open	Patty Gordon	
SOC 100	LEC	Introduction to Sociology	Online			3	Open	Lacey Anderson	

Schedule is subject to change due to enrollment and other factors. *There is a lab fee of \$70 for Art

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Affidavit of Publication

WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE)
 WHITE EARTH RESERVATION) ss.
 STATE OF MINNESOTA)
 White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Gary LaGue Sr., DOB: 03/10/1953;
 Petitioner,

and
 Beth LaGue, DOB: 07/23/1974;
 Respondent.

SUMMONS File No. OP21-0614

THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

An Order for Protection has been issued on October 25, 2021, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter.

If you fail to respond to this petition, judgment by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

- (1)RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- (2)RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER OR ANY OTHER WAY

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Concealed Carry Class

Retired Sheriff Brad Athmann-Instructor

Law Enforcement Instructor for Clear Model of Minnesota Use of Force Laws

Protection For Family and Home

**Saturday, November 27th,
10 a.m.**

Twin Lakes Fire and Ambulance Station
 County Road 4, Naytahwaush, MN

4 Hour Classroom and Firearms
 Qualification

Bring firearm and 20 rounds of ammo

Firearms available for qualifications
 if needed

Register at class location.
 Cost is \$85

Class open to ages 20 and up.

Questions? Call 218-261-0266

IHS and VA renew partnership to improve health of Native veterans

For nearly two decades, the Indian Health Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs have partnered to improve the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. This is critical to the population we serve, as American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the U.S. military at higher rates than other groups.

As we continue to build our partnership and adapt to changes and new approaches to health care, the Veterans Health Administration and IHS have signed a new memorandum of understanding aimed at improving the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

The agreement establishes a framework for coordination and partnering between the VA and the IHS to leverage and share resources and investments in support of each organization's mutual goals. The agencies first signed an agreement in February 2003 to improve access and health outcomes for Native veterans, and subsequently updated it in October 2010. This newly signed agreement builds on that experience and will continue to support our objective to improve access and health care outcomes for Native veterans.

The new agreement was developed with input from tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations through six technical assistance and listening sessions provided during a 90-day tribal consultation and urban confer. I want to thank everyone who provided input and guidance as we worked to improve the agreement and enhance the care provided to our Native veterans.

Under the new agreement, the VA and IHS will work together to create an operational plan each fiscal year. The plan will include goals and objectives, as well as the tactics to achieve them, and specify targets and metrics to evaluate processes and assess outcomes. We will continue to seek

input through annual tribal consultation and urban confer on this operational plan.

The partnership enables Native veterans to access care closer to their homes, promotes cultural competence and quality health care, and focuses on increasing collaboration and resource-sharing between the agencies. We have already achieved remarkable results. A reimbursement agreement that was established in 2012 allows the VA to pay IHS for services provided to eligible veterans. To date, this has provided more than \$123 million in additional resources for our health programs.

It also allows IHS to access the VA's Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy, a sophisticated mail order pharmacy program which has efficiently and safely delivered more than 5 million prescriptions directly to the homes of IHS patients, increasing access to care, decreasing wait times and improving the patient experience.

This new agreement will facilitate the integration of electronic health records between IHS and VA for Native veterans and improve care coordination between facilities operated by the VA, IHS, tribal health programs and urban Indian organizations. Together we will continue to find innovative and impactful ways to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of Native veterans to the highest level.

Update your mailing address!

Please update your address with the *Anishinaabeg Today*. Let us know if you recently moved so we can cancel your old address. **Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!**

Howah Ads

REMINDER!

Howah Ads are \$5 with a picture or \$4 without.

All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

Happy **19th** Birthday to my oldest Baby!
Love you always, Birthgiver



Happy Birthday **Dad/Grandpa Brad**

November 4th

Happy **21st** Birthday **Haylee Boyum**

November 13th

Happy **10th** Birthday **Brave!**

We love you!

Nov. 18th



Happy **2nd** Birthday **Avery!**

Love, your family

Nov. 11th



Happy Birthday

Mya King

November 11th

Tayah King

November 22nd

Happy **19th** Birthday!
From Gramma Barb



Happy **6th** Birthday **Ayden!**
Love, your family
November 4th



Happy **66th** Birthday OM!
"Still sharp as a tack and cute as a button!"

Kimberly

Nov. 7

Love, from your tister and family!

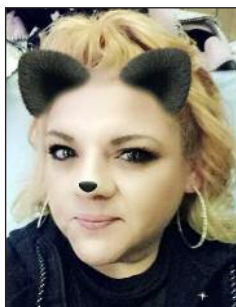


Happy Birthday to our daughter **Krystal Marie**

Love you!

Mom, Dad, Dez

Nov. 27th



Happy Birthday **Stormy**

Love, Your co-workers

Nov. 1st



Happy Belated Birthday

Lisa Marie Tucker

10/13/88

Miss you lots, wish I was there!

Bill B, #1
AKA Migizi

See you (2022) later

Happy Birthday Sis

Love, Karissa & Thad



Happy Birthday to our daughter **Karissa Gayle**

Love you!

Mom, Dad, Dez

Nov. 7th



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

Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

Call the **Anishinaabeg Today** at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or email today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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White Earth Nation HOME HEALTH

White Earth Tribal Health Moderna Booster Dose Clinic

Location: White Earth Tribal Health Agency - 26246 Crane Road, White Earth

Dates & Times: M – F (8:30 AM – 4:00PM)

Please visit the White Earth Tribal Health Facebook Page for updates regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccination

WAIT TO BE VACCINATED

if you are feeling sick, are in quarantine/isolation, or have had a COVID-19 vaccination in the past 60 days.

CALL THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

(218) 983-4684

White Earth Financial Services
Wiidookodaadiwin – “We Assist Each Other”
Open to the public

Staff available: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 218-935-2359 or Toll Free: 1-844-282-6580

Please leave your name/DOB and working phone # with a brief message of your questions. Your concerns are very important to us. We strive for same day/next day return call.

Family Cases contact: Tina Swenson Ext. 3265, Annie Erickson Ext. 3309, Jeana Ketter Ext. 3291, Lori Savoie Ext. 3274, Jennifer Scott Ext. 3313

Adult Cases contact: Shellie Racer Ext. 3307, Christy Wadena Ext. 3709, Lori Drift Ext 3312

Aged, Blind, Disabled contact: Crystal Fineday Ext. 3306

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

Drop box locations

WE Financial Office - Main entrance for public use on outside **Mahnomen** - White Earth Backgrounds Office,

available 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Naytahwaush - Inside Complex by Post Office outgoing mailbox, available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday

and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday

Detroit Lakes - Inside by the elevator, available 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Bagley - Outside main entrance

IMPORTANT: SNAP/Cash/Emergency Applicants. Call our office and we will guide you through the application process.

Online applications: Applymn.dhs.mn.gov

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Obituaries

David Earl Martine

David Earl Martine, 61, of Bagley, Minn., died on Oct. 29 at Sanford Bagley Medical Center from complications of COVID-19.

David was born Aug. 15, 1960, in Bagley to Earl and Mary Lou (Tverberg) Martine. David was baptized and confirmed in Lutheran Faith. His mother died when he was 15 years old and he went to live with his aunt, Ilene and uncle, Ralph Schroeder in Askov, Minn., for two years. David returned to Bagley his senior year to live with his aunt, Lois and uncle, Roy Martine. He graduated from Bagley High School in 1979, where he was active in football. Following graduation, he went on to pursue his education at Bemidji AVTI in mechanics. On Feb. 15, 1980, David married Valerie (Heide) and together they had five children; an infant son and four daughters; Caese, Nikki, Brittany, and Courtney.



David always had a love of buying, selling and fixing cars. This led him to open his own auto dealership west of Highway 2 in Bagley called Dave's Auto Sales in 1995. Throughout his lifetime he also held various jobs at local sawmills, Ingalls Brushing,

Teigland Inc., Unitrax, and Mastec.

David competed in demolition derby's, ice racing and mud running for many years. He enjoyed driving around town, classic cars, the outdoors and hunting. He took delight in joking around, teasing people and visiting with family and friends. David always liked to spoil his daughters and grandchildren with treats from ice cream to lifesavers. In 2017, he suffered a traumatic brain injury which slowed him down, but certainly didn't change his sense of humor and kindness towards people.

He is survived by his daughters: Caese (John) Carlson and their children, Collins and Brooks of Plymouth, Minn., Nikki (Paul Anderson) Martine of River Falls, Wis., Brittany (Ryan) Schmidt and their daughter, Prescott of Hastings, Minn., and Courtney (Tyler Schomaker) Martine of Green Bay, Wis.; nephews, Aaron and Brandon Alexander; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; significant other, Coleen Petersen and her daughter, Melissa Branchaud; and grandchildren: Brayden Branchaud, Thomas Bahr and Dawson Bromaghin.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; father, Earl Martine; mother, Mary Lou Tverberg; brothers, Jesse Martine and Danny "Pee-wee" Martine; sisters, Debra Martine and Linda Tverberg-Alexander; nephew, Ryan Martine; niece, Chelsey Martine; and Coleen's son, Scott Branchaud.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 1 at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley with Pastor John Swanson officiating.

Interment: Bagley City Cemetery.

Arrangements: Cease Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

Brooke Ann Miller

Brooke Miller, 33, of Virginia, Minn., died unexpectedly on Oct. 19 at her home.

Brooke Ann Miller, the daughter of Richard and Jodi (Miller) Kjolberg, was born Oct. 15, 1988, in Fargo, N.D. Most of her life, Brooke made her home in the Duluth, Minn., area. As a young woman, she attended Lake Superior College in Duluth and worked as a CNA. Brooke was blessed with a daughter, Emily Rose. She later moved to Virginia and was currently employed at Subway.



Brooke was passionate about her heritage and loved to learn about Native American traditions. She was fun-loving, free-spirited, sassy, and always spoke her mind. Brooke was family oriented and often reached out to help those in need. She will forever be cherished in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

In Brooke's spare time, she enjoyed hanging out with her friends, shopping, traditional beading, and spoiling her cats, Princess and Autumn. She also liked playing the keyboard and listening to industrial style music.

Brooke is survived by her daughter, Emily Trille; brother, Tony Kjolberg; sister, Rachel Kjolberg; niece and nephews: Raquelle Renae, Ricky James, and Kai Keith; and many aunts, uncles and extended family.

Brooke was preceded in death and reunited with her father, Richard Sr.; mother, Jodi; brother, Richard Jr.; grandparents: Mary Opegard, Murna Littlewolf and Bob Kjolberg; and numerous extended family members.

Traditional services began Monday, Nov. 1 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex and continued until the time of the service on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh@arvig.net

877-410-8550
**anonymous crime and
elder abuse tip line**

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Tina Warren, Mother;

Eric Chilton, Father;

Ethan Smith, Father;

Regarding the Child(ren): DOB 05/25/2013; DOB 04/27/2015; DOB 11/12/2017; and DOB 07/07/2019

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC20-0747-0750

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 15, 2021, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File Nos. CC20-0747-0750. An admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. before the Honorable Megan Treuer. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC Building, 35500 Eagleview Road, Ogema, Minnesota at 218-983-4648 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the petition through a finding of default, and enter an order that may affect your parental rights to provide care, custody and control of the child(ren) subject to this petition.

Dated: October 27, 2021

Jennifer Cross

Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

PO Box 238

White Earth, MN 56591

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Marian Tibbetts, Mother;

Charlie Wadena, Father.

Regarding the children: DOB 08/05/2014, 10/19/2010, and 09/25/2009

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC21-0405-0407

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 29, 2021, a Petition for Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Services was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC21-0405-0407. A continued pretrial conference on the matter is scheduled for November 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable BJ Jones. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC Building, 35500 Eagleview Road, Ogema, Minnesota at 218-983-4648 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the petition through a finding of default, and enter an order that may affect your parental rights to provide care, custody and control of the child(ren) subject to this petition.

Dated: October 27, 2021

Jennifer Cross

Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

PO Box 238

White Earth, MN 56591

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

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

Diamond Sturdevant, Mother;

Grant Rivera, Father; and/or

Any man coming forward as the father,

Regarding the child(ren): DOB 12/10/2019

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC20-0689

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 29, 2021, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC20-0689. An admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 2:00 a.m. before the Honorable David DeGrout. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC Building, 35500 Eagleview Road, Ogema, Minnesota at 218-983-4648 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the petition through a finding of default, and enter an order that may affect your parental rights to provide care, custody and control of the child(ren) subject to this petition.

Dated: October 29, 2021

Jennifer Cross

Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

PO Box 238

White Earth, MN 56591

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome



November

Nov. 2 nd , 2021	Naytahwaush
Nov. 3 rd , 2021	Rice Lake
Nov. 4 th , 2021	Shooting Star Casino Event Center

Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, E.N.P. dining room after the 11:30am meal. Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30am E.N.P. meal. Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will begin at 1:00pm.

December

December 1 st , 2021	Elbow Lake
December 2 nd , 2021	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
December 14 th , 2021	Pine Point
December 15 th , 2021	White Earth

Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30am meal. Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will begin at 1:00pm. Bingo in Pine Point is at the west side of the School in the E.N.P. dining hall after the 11:30am meal. Bingo in White Earth is at the Congregate Center, dining hall after the 11:30am meal.

If the R.B.C. or the E.N.P. site is closed, Bingo will be rebooked to another date, if possible.



Elder Nutrition Program Holiday gathering will be at the White Earth Community Center December 17th. Call your local E.N.P. if you are planning on attending. (We don't want to run short of food) Coming Soon 2022!

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

JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY

FREE ACCESS WITH EXTENDED HOUR KEYCARD ENTRY



Located in the Manito Mall, Mahanomen
Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 935-0808 or 218-401-2421 to fill out your application

KEY CARD HOURS:
Monday-Friday 6 a.m. until 10:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Masks must be worn at all times in the fitness center.

Lake Grove Township Monthly Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Lake Grove Township, County of Mahanomen, State of Minnesota, that the monthly Township meeting will be held **November 16**. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

Lori Tibbetts, Clerk - Town of Lake Grove

IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING?

If you need your sewer system pumped call the White Earth Water & Sewer Department at 218-983-3202

Tribal Enrolled Elders (55 & older) - \$25
Tribal Enrolled Members (54 & younger) - \$80
Non-enrollees (any age) - \$115
White Earth Businesses - \$115
Other Businesses - \$120

(You must live on the White Earth Reservation)

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Position: Snow Removal Provider (ON CALL)
Location: District I – II – III
Closing date: Until filled

- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
- Must have a truck and a plow
- Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening
- Knowledge of area highways and roads in each District
- Must be able to communicate with elders
- Must sign a contract and liability form upon hire

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

Contact Matt Smith or Betsy by telephone or email if you have any questions

Thank You

The family of Joseph “Budda” Thompson would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone that has been there during our tremendous loss. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, stopped by to visit, dropped off food, sent a card, messaged us, or helped out in anyway, your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered.

A special thank you to the emergency crews that responded, Kelly and the staff at Anderson Funeral Home, Pastor Shad, Debbie Lehr for the beautiful songs, Mahnomiin Singers, Gordon Construction, and to all the others that we have not named, you did not go unnoticed.

Always in Our Hearts
 The Family of Joseph “Budda” Thompson
 February 17, 2004 - August 30, 2021



Updated White Earth Public Health Covid Policy for Star Fitness & White Earth Fitness Centers

- ◆ **Protect yourself & others by wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated against Covid.**
- ◆ **Exercise at Your Own Risk.** Protect yourself by cleaning equipment **Before & After** each use.
- ◆ A recent fitness center application & waiver must be on file before exercising. (within 3 years)
- ◆ **To enter the fitness center, you must be at least 15 years of age. Please have a parent sign our liability waiver if you are under age 18.**
- ◆ **Food or beverages are not allowed. Only water.**
- ◆ Bags & personal items need to be stored in a gym locker except water & phones. **Any items left over night may be thrown away.**
- ◆ Fitness center access hours are **Monday-Friday 6a.m. to 10p.m. Saturday-Sunday 6a.m. to 6p.m.**

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Position: Snow Removal Provider
Location: District III
Closing date: Until filled

- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
- Must have a truck and a plow
- Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening
- Knowledge of area highways and roads in each District
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 P.O. Box 418
 White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone: 218-983-3202
 Fax: 218-983-4350
 E-mail address: Matt.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Contact Matt Smith or Betsy by telephone or email if you have any questions

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
 Or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
 If so we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
 as any friend could say;
 Perhaps you were not there at all,
 Just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did to console the hearts,
 We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Family of Joseph Olsen Jr.

For Sale

2018 Nissan Versa Note. Only 54,000 miles, still like new, great gas mileage - 50 plus, 4 door, SV trim, A/T, A/C, back up camera, very clean inside and out, no cuts on seats or carpet, clean Carfax, mechanically sound, excellent radio and CD player. Please call 651-503-4392 and ask for Pat (for questions). **\$13,500**



Highlights of the annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Celebration is normally held in early September, but due to pandemic issues it was postponed until Oct. 29-30. The new Naytahwaush Princess and Brave are Majestic Murray and Gitigaan Dahl-Littlewolf.

