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It's a go!

Candidates set for June 14 election

The White Earth Primary Election was held April 5 and the top two candidates that received the most votes for Secretary-Treasurer, District I Representative and District II Representative will move on to the General Election scheduled for **Tuesday, June 14**.

In the Secretary-Treasurer race, Michael "Mike" LaRoque received 363 votes (24.95 percent) and Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts finished in second with 357 votes (24.54 percent).

Incumbent Raymond J. Auginaush Sr. led the way for District I with 113 votes (35.53 percent) and Henry George Fox gathered 102 votes (32.08 percent).

In the District II race, Tara Mason tallied 199 votes (34.25 percent) and Eugene Sommers followed up with 148 votes (25.13 percent).

After the election, a candidate requested an official Recount and Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson gained one vote and Todd Thompson lost one vote. Both were candidates for Secretary-Treasurer.

All candidates were given the opportunity to submit an article and picture expressing their views and platforms for this issue. The candidate's articles were arranged in the order of how they placed in the primary election.

To read what candidates have to say turn to **pages 22-24**.

The White Earth Election Board encourages you to vote early in person **starting May 14**. They are located in the old RV Park building behind the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon. Their hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Board is also accepting Absentee Ballot Requests. The Requests must include the following: Name, date of birth, address, signature, and district. Follow the directions when you receive your Ballot. Instructions will be inside the envelope with your Ballot.

If you have election questions please call the White Earth Election Board at 218-936-5622 or toll free at 1-866-211-9154.

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MAY 29TH & 30TH

GRAND ENTRY SUN. 1:00 & 7:00

MON. 2:00

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& SHAWN GOODMAN
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These buses are in service now to serve members of the White Earth Reservation and surrounding areas.

To book a ride with White Earth Public Transit, please call the dispatch office at 218-983-3283.

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Stomp COVID, not your Anishinaabe shared safety

By **Carson T. Gardner, MD**
White Earth Nation Tribal Health Medical Director

"I've had it with this darn mask! I just want to rip it off and stomp it! I'm vaccinated anyway. Why should I have to keep wearing a mask? All the other reservations have stopped requiring masking in public places! Why are we so behind the times here?"

I guess you have heard those frustrated complaints, as I have. They are very understandable, and we all have to deal with mask-stomping temptations. But if you also understand where we are with SARS CoV-2 and COVID right now, you will know those frustrated complaints are an incomplete picture of COVID risk and safety. So, here are some recent scientific updates you may want to know about if you are tempted to rip your mask off and stomp it:

- Omicron BA.1, the first Omicron, was the most easy to catch of any SARS CoV-2 variant so far; much more catchy than original, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, or Delta. Except that, Omicron BA.2, "stealth Omicron" is easier to catch than Omicron BA.1 is.

- Prior to Omicron COVID, people who were not vaccinated but got over a COVID infection, got some significant natural immunity from the infection, for many months. With Omicron COVID, either kind, that doesn't work. If you are unvaccinated but got and survived Omicron COVID, a recent study showed you don't get much natural immunity at all. That is why unvaccinated people who survived Omicron BA.1 are now getting Omicron BA.2.

- Getting vaccinated, and especially also getting a booster or two if you qualify, gives you major vaccine-produced immunity against severe COVID, against hospitalization with COVID, and against death from COVID. But it does not stop you from getting the virus in your system, having it reproduce itself in your body, and then shedding it when you breathe air out—even if you are not coughing or sneezing or singing. Wearing masks in public interactions with groups of people when you are unavoidably up close and don't know their health status and vaccination status, or at home with vulnerable family like elders, those with chronic health problems, and those with weak infection-fighting systems, is to protect them, much more than to protect you. Because you care about them, you wear a mask when around them closer than 6 feet and longer than a few minutes, even if you are vaccinated and boosted;

unless they ask you not to wear a mask. The COVID safety default setting is still mask-on if you want to protect someone you care about who is at high COVID risk. That may change over the rest of 2022, but it hasn't changed here yet.

- There are many, many types of masks out there. If you don't like the type you are wearing, ask friends or work colleagues and find the type that is most comfortable for you to wear. Then switch to that type. You probably no longer need to wear N95 or KN95 medical grade masks unless you are high risk for getting serious COVID.

- Two years into the COVID pandemic, we are transitioning from pandemic to endemic—that means COVID will stay around, there will probably be seasonal increases in case counts, hospitalizations, and deaths. But nothing so far has changed the fact that Native Nation people, even the healthy, are three to four times more likely to get COVID and two to three times more likely to die of it than their non-native neighbors. That means vaccinated and boosted Native Nation people are still more likely to get COVID than their vaccinated and boosted non-native neighbors. We need to be significantly more careful about not getting COVID ourselves, and not giving it to those we care about, even when we are vaccinated and boosted.

- White Earth Ojibwe Nation has one of the lowest central-county COVID death rates of any Native Nation in our region. We didn't achieve that by accident. We achieved it working and cooperating together to keep each other safe. That is a very White Earth Anishinaabe way to live life, working and caring together for the safety of all our citizens. We are not behind the times; I think we are ahead of the times.

- Enjoy the times you may not need to wear masks: when you are with family, friends, or coworkers you know are all vaccinated/boosted, relatively young, and very healthy; or when you are fully social-distanced in public groups, like more than six feet away from others in the grocery store or big-box store.

- Yes, mask mandates are in the process of fading away, even here on White Earth lands. But that doesn't change any of the facts listed above. Each of us will still need to make personal safety decisions about when, where, and how to mask up in 2022 and beyond. For those of us who are vaccinated and boosted, the most important reason to do that will be to protect those we care about, and who live around us, work with us, and spend time together.

So, my advice—though it's still totally your call—is if you want to stomp something, then stomp SARS CoV-2 virus by wisely choosing when to social distance, when to wear the most comfortable mask you can find, and always to stay up to date on your COVID vaccine and boosters, and always if you are sick with COVID symptoms to still stay home and get tested. Stomp COVID, not your Anishinaabe shared safety. Miigwech. Mii i'iw.

ATTENTION GARDENERS! SEED GIVEAWAY DISTRIBUTION

Rescheduled for

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

Pine Point Community Center
2 PM - 6 PM

Naytahwaush Sports Complex
2 PM - 6 PM

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Radish	Cucumber	Pumpkin	Cilantro
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This missing information will delay your papers and eventually they **will be removed** from our subscription list.

If your mailing label is missing information please email the correct address to: today@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 and leave your name and correct address on the voice mail.

Thank you

The 154th Annual White Earth Celebration & Pow Wow is June 10-12

Details are still being worked out so check for updates on the White Earth Facebook page or the website at www.whiteearth.com. A detailed flyer will be published in the June Anishinaabeg Today.

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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Zaagibagaa-giizis

Mii o'apii zaagibagaag.

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is May!

The Budding Moon, this month is when the leaves on trees and plants begin to bud out.

Aadizookaan, our Ojibwe winter story telling time is over as the snow is almost gone and we are no longer allowed to tell them because of how sacred they are. This is a story I was gifted by Zhaawanongbinesikwe, my adopted big sister. She was also gifted the story with a little cotton tree twig which shows where Little Star is from a Dakota Elder. MiiGwech Nimisenh.

A long time ago, when everything was still new, up in the sky, were many stars. Up in the sky was a tiny star, who was very curious about everything. Little Star traveled across the sky, and would stop to checkout things which caught his curiosity. So this one day Little Star floated down to earth looking at all the wildlife, birds, plants, bodies of water and was amazed how everything was so alive. One day as he traveled the earth he heard a sound coming from this village it was so beautiful like nothing he had ever heard before. He stayed close to this village because he hadn't ever witnessed anything so beautiful the sound of Anishinaabe talking, drumming, singing and dancing. He stayed around the village because the noise they made was so awesome to him. He quickly began to fall in love with the people in the village and he began thinking how to move down there in the village so he could hear them forever. He was a star and stars are supposed to be in the heavens. Then he remembered he had to get back home to his own star village. So he returned to the sky and after getting there he began to think about the Anishinaabe and the wonderful happy sounds they made and how much he missed them already.

So the stars were all talking about various things and Little Star asked his elders, "Can I go live near the Anishinaabe people so I can hear their beautiful sounds?" The older stars said, "No you are not human you are a star we live up here." So Little Star went on trying to do all the things stars do, like shining and shooting from place to place and he still couldn't get the Anishinaabe sounds out of his thoughts.

So he went to the older council of stars and expressed his loneliness for the village and his desire to be near them. The older stars said, "You can't do that because those are humans and they have to do different things to survive. Like make clothing, harvest food, build things and look after other humans in the village. If you are there you will be a distraction and disturb their everyday lives."

So Little Star thought, "How can I find a way to live near them and not distract them?" Then he realized if I have to go find a way to live near them without disturbing them in any way. He went back to the elder stars and asked them, "If I can find a way to live near the village without disrupting them can I go live down there?" So the elders replied, "Well yes if you can figure out a good safe way you can."

So little star went down to the village to scope it out and found a cottonwood tree growing near the vil-



lage. He thought, "I can stay right there because it's close enough for me to hear all of the people in the village perfectly!" So he rose up high enough then flew down into the cottonwood tree and there he still lives to this day. So if you ever see a cottonwood tree and clip off a little tiny branch you will see Little Star in the center of the clipped middle part of the branch.

The future of the White Earth Land Office looks very bright, with recent land purchases, developments, and excellent working relationships with various governmental authorities. The White Earth Land Office currently manages 620 home site assignments, 165 lakeshore leases, and more than 70 business leases on and off the reservation. The Land Office consists of five employees including Manager Megan Bakken who took over in early 2021. They receive more than 125 applications for home sites on a yearly basis. In the summer of 2021, they held a lakeshore lot lottery on various open lake lots and received more than 1,200 entries!

Due to such high demand in lots approved for home sites, the Land Office has turned a lot of attention over to future lot development. They secured funding for a 12-lot development in Naytahwaush which will have city sewer and water and completion is slated for late summer. They are also looking into additional lake lot development and another future lakeshore lottery which could be this coming summer. The Land Office is also working in partnership with the White Earth Behavioral Health to develop some type of tiny home community, more details are yet to come.

The Land Office is also working with the parks and recreation department to develop additional public beaches and potentially an area for camping and RV sites. With more than 75,000 acres of land across the vast White Earth Nation, there are some very enticing spots. We are looking for agricultural land within our boundaries, as hemp and cannabis start to ramp up, we will need the additional farmland to lease to our membership. In addition to farmland, we are looking at areas off White Earth Reservation that could be economically beneficial.

Our White Earth Nation tribe here in Minnesota is grateful to have such a large land base, filled with biodiversity, beautiful lakes, rivers, and streams. Therefore, we are working on a more thorough zoning code, this would allow for more development, yet more protection for our natural resources. The vacant,

See Chairman Page 14

The White Earth General Election is Tuesday, June 14

Women's Night out

You are invited to:
The
Women's Health Program and Dinner.
Shooting Star Casino & Event Center May 17, 2022
6:00-9:00pm.
Registration starting at 5:30 pm

Women's Night Out will be a very special evening for the participants. Information on the importance of early cancer detection.
Speaker: DeAnna Pepper
Problems dealing with Diabetes
Speaker: Dr. Ung
No Children Please

Pre-registration (seating is limited) is required Call Bev Karsten at 218-983-3286 EXT: 1358

There is no charge to attend but you must be registered

To register call Bev Karsten at 218-983-3286 Ext. 1358



This Event is co-sponsored by White Earth Community Public Health

SUPPLEMENTAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Summer SYEP 2022

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: MAY 13, 2022

Eligibility:

- Open to Enrollees and Descendants
- Living on the White Earth Reservation
- Ages 16-21

Applications can be found on the **White Earth Nation** website under the **Human Services Forms** tab or requested from the **Maadaadizi Workforce Center**. Completed applications must be submitted to the Maadaadizi Workforce Center.

Maadaadizi Workforce Center
3081 Workforce Rd.
P.O. Box 69
Naytahwaush, MN 56566
SYEP Coordinator
218-936-2444 ext. 3215

White Earth Assistance Notice

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has just notified the White Earth Energy Assistance Program that they are raising the Crisis maximum benefit from \$1,200 to \$3,000 to further assist EAP households struggling to pay increasing energy costs. The additional Crisis funds will help households fill their tanks and catch up on their past-due energy bills.

For more information please contact Chris Fairbanks/ White Earth Energy Assistance Program at 218-473-2711.

News From District III Rep. Cheryl "Annie" Jackson

Boozhoo,

I hope everyone has been staying safe and warm. These past months have been flying by for me. There is always so much to do and so little time to do it.

As spring is here, well it is somewhere, I have been enjoying seeing all the maples syrup videos. I cannot wait to get a taste of this year's batches.

Indian Child Welfare has been a huge issue. I just want all to know that we are working on improving this program and that your voices are being heard. We will be scheduling a meeting at the Shooting Star Casino for all members that want to attend. More information will be coming soon on that.

Funeral buildings, I would like to move forward with White Earths, but I want to make sure that is what the members want. This building would be for wakes and funerals, as many of our members need to have a place to mourn those that we have lost. Pine Point has stated that they have two buildings for this already, so I will not pursue one there. I will be meeting with the community to see what they would like out there.

Elbow Lake and Callaway need Community/Boys and Girls Club buildings. Elbow Lake will also need a new kitchen for their Elderly Nutrition program. I do not want to move forward until I have a chance to meet with all members in the communities and hear from them what the majority wants. I have spoken with Boys and Girls Club and they are looking at opening the club in Elbow Lake, as many members have requested this. I am hoping to have an update on that this week.

One thing that I have mentioned to our staff is pole buildings for some of these projects, they are not too expensive to build and can be up rather quickly. I would like to hear from our communities on your thoughts on this.

I was able to attend the Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention in Anaheim, Calif. This was very informative. So many vendors from all over. I sat in on some very good discussions, one was Missing and Murdered Indian Women. It would be nice if we here at home could start a chapter to track our missing and murdered family members. I also sat in on a ICWA discussion, it was mainly focused on a case that we were a part of. Discussion was very good. The next day was the tradeshow. There were so many vendors. I was able to stop and talk to a lot of them. So much exciting things coming up in gaming.

With COVID at bay, I will be making home vis-



its, especially to our elders. I will call first or you can call me at 218-401-0238 and we can set up a time. I want to make sure all our members are heard. If you have any youth that would like to meet, please let me know. They too need to be heard so that we can better serve them.

The White Earth Community Council has drum for youth, open gym and sewing nights, if you are interested. Please contact one of the Council members: Brandon Kier, Shannon Heisler, Paula Smith, Christie Haverkamp or Candice Smith. If you need their numbers, please reach out and I will get them for you.

Pine Point also has many activities going on throughout the week. If you need more information please reach out to Karen Jones, Edith Smith or Allison Jones. Again, if numbers are needed, please reach out to me and I will get them for you.

I am out in Pine Point on Wednesdays, if for some reason I cannot make it, my assistant Stacie Warren is there. Please don't hesitate to stop by and see us.

Please know that I am working diligently for all of you 24/7 and if you need to talk, please don't hesitate to call.

Last, but not least, I want to wish all the candidates good luck in the upcoming election on Tuesday, June 14

Please stay safe and sending love, hugs and prayers to all. My number is listed below and my assistant, Stacie Warren can be reached at 218-401-0248.

Miigwech,

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
District III Representative
218-401-0238

USDA accepting applications to help low-income individuals and families buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and

can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners over 62 and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

For more information, please contact the Detroit Lakes Rural Development Office at 809 8th Street SE, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 or 218-847-9392 Ext. 4 or visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Language revitalization program thriving on White Earth

By Amy Myszko
Program Manager
Niibi Center

Language is one of the most precious assets of Indigenous cultures around the world. This is especially true here on Turtle Island, where targeted efforts of genocide including boarding schools and forced assimilation have left many Native languages floundering or outright lost. With so few first language speakers left alive, the commitment to save traditional languages is at the forefront of cultural preservation efforts. Language revitalization is one way that Native families and youth can reclaim pieces of cultural heritage robbed from many of their ancestors.

Here on White Earth, a handful of passionate teachers have come together with the support of the Niibi Center, a local non-profit organization, to train four Anishinaabe language teachers over the course of the year, who will then go out to teach children and families in the greater community. The ultimate goal of this language training program, which has been happening both in-person and over Zoom since November of 2021, is to help the White Earth Nation achieve the goal of starting a language immersion school in the future.

The trainings are happening about one weekend a month and provide mentorship from 1st language speakers, as well as instruction from former immersion school teacher and White Earth band member Biidaabanikwe (Kim Anderson) and local language expert Naabek (Adrian Liberty).

The program was started by the Niibi Center, a White Earth based non-profit whose mission is to protect niibi (water), manoomin (wild rice) and Anishinaabe culture. With multiple programs ranging from Traditional Women's Gatherings to working with Rights of Manoomin, as well as a program targeted at Healing Historical Trauma, the Niibi Center's Executive Director Joseph LaGarde seeks to provide protection and healing for Anishinaabe people and for the Earth. The Niibi Center's Language Revitalization Program is funded by a grant from the Blandin Foundation, an organization devoted to supporting rural Minnesota communities.

The students come from diverse backgrounds, but all have similar goals including having a home

where Anishinaabemowin is the first (and in most cases only) language. Kayla Gordon, from the Redcliff reservation, reported having been exposed to the language since childhood, but wanting to increase her fluency. She speaks Anishinaabemowin at home with her eight-year-old son, whose first words were in Ojibwe. Gordon is also a teacher and hopes to continue helping expand language proficiency in the local community.

Other students came to the language later in life, like Giizhikenhs (Stephany Morgan), who always loved the language but had to pursue learning it through immersion programs after college. After many years with grueling commutes studying in immersion programs, she is happy to report that language immersion has become life and Ojibwe just "clicks." One of Giizhikenhs' future goal is to have an English-free home and raise her future children as first language speakers, as well as ultimately teaching on an online language immersion platform.

Megan Lhotka started learning Ojibwe on her own in 2014, although she grew up hearing basic phrases like "gaawiin" and "miigwech." Lhotka has been involved in bringing language programs to the White Earth Headstart program as well as Ogema Elementary school. She shared that while she has experienced lateral violence within her own community, the language immersion community has become like family, a theme echoed by many of the trainees.

Aazhoo-bines (John Daniel), the project's Linguistic Consultant, learned some Ojibwe in elementary school and basic grammar in public high school, as well as studying the language at Fon du Lac Community College. Aazhoo-bines also speaks only Ojibwe in his home with his children, aged 1, 5 and 7 and would like to see the language immersion trainings grow and expand to include collaboration with other tribes and reaching more people in the White Earth community. He is passionate and inspired to learn and teach Ojibwe and wants to share that energy with others.

Leading the trainings, Kim Anderson considers language learning a healing journey and a process that leads to a richer sense of identity for Indigenous people. In her opinion, these trainings are helping to build confidence as language speakers and as Anishinaabe people. Anderson believes that language connects people more deeply with their culture, particularly raising children in the language who can be seen as new language carriers for the future.

Naabek, the program's other primary language trainer, wants to see Ojibwe flourish and become so prevalent that it simply becomes normal. He also points out the importance of protecting and perpetuating the language because as a culture, Anishinaabe people have important gifts to share with the world, and preserving what knowledge remains with Elders is incredibly important, so that these gifts can be shared out to the wider community.

The Niibi Center, in conjunction with their funding partners and the WEN, hope to continue supporting language immersion training programs into the foreseeable future. Language revitalization will undoubtedly continue to enrich the community and uplift local teachers who can offer immersion studies to children and families across White Earth and beyond. It is exciting to imagine what healing can occur through facilitating families in raising Anishinaabe first-language speakers and preserving the language and culture into the next generations.

Rez Briefs

Ogema VFW Auxillary meeting

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary will meet on Monday, May 9 at 4 p.m. in the VFW Hall. All members encouraged to attend. New members are being recruited; please call Carol Fabre for more information at 218-983-3443 or 218-401-1219.

WE Urban Community Council meeting

White Earth Urban Community Council will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Carriage House at 212 W. Franklin Ave. in Minneapolis. They would love to have more members join them! Follow their Facebook page - White Earth Urban Community News.

Annual Bagley Public School Powwow

The 2nd Annual Bagley Public School Powwow will be held Friday, May 6 at Brustad Field (old football field) located at 36283 Fairground Road in Bagley, Minn. In case of inclement weather, grand entries will be moved to the Bagley hockey arena. Grand entries will be held at 9 a.m. (elementary students, staff and family), 1 p.m. (high school students, staff and family) and 6 p.m. (community/public). Feasts will be held at noon for invited school, drums and family members and at 5 p.m. for the public.

Iron Range Area Community Council

The Iron Range Area Community Council holds a meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenway Township Hall in Marble, Minn. The Council encourages everyone to attend.

Anishinaabeg Today Readers

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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.

White Earth Urban Office

White Earth Urban Office is located at 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100, in Minneapolis. The phone number is 612-813-1590 and the office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHITE EARTH TILLING PROGRAM FOR SMALL GARDENS



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WHITE EARTH 2022 ANGLING SEASONS AND DATES

Species	Dates	Daily Possession Limits	Catch and Release Seasons Only
Walleye	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023	10	
Northern Pike	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023	15	
Muskellunge	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (Minimum size limit of 50 inches) <u>Angling only.</u> Netting incidentals will be exempt.	1	
Bass	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (Large/Small Mouth combination)	10	
Trout	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (All species in combination)	10	
Crappies	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023	20	
Sunfish	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (All species in combination)	30	
Rough fish	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (Perch are classified as Rough fish)	200	
Lake Sturgeon	Open angling March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022 * Ceremonial permits may be issued for limited harvest and use. Please contact Natural Resources for a permit application	0	

DARK HOUSE SPEARING

November 13, 2022 through March 31, 2023

- Daily possession limit is the same as angling.
- Spearing and angling limits are combined and may not exceed daily possession limits alone or in combination with the exception of muskellunge.
- It is prohibited to spear muskellunge during any season(s).

ROUGH FISH SPEARING REGULATIONS

Daytime Period

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes during daylight hours beginning at sunrise on March 1 through April 15, 2022

Nighttime Period

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes anytime beginning at 12 a.m. on April 16, 2022 through Feb. 28, 2023

General

- ❖ It is prohibited to harvest game fish with a spear. This includes Lake Sturgeon.
- ❖ All lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and creeks are open to the harvest of rough fish with a spear.

Tribal members are asked to respect private property:

1. Crossing private property requires landowner's permission.
2. Please do not litter.
3. Please be careful and do not damage stream banks or other access points.

Daily Limit

200 rough fish (all species in combination)

TURTLE HARVEST

Species	Dates	Daily Possession Limits
Snapping	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023	10
All other species	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023	200

White Earth Elders Commission Election

The White Earth RBC announces an upcoming election for the White Earth Elders Commission. The RBC established the Elders Commission (Resolution #001-20-023) and approved the Commission's Bylaws (#001-22-004) to establish a consistent mechanism and formal structure for White Earth Elders to address issues and communicate their specific needs. The Elders Commission has the authority to make recommendations to the RBC about programs and departments.

The Election for Elders Commission will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** The filing period to sign up to run for an open position on the Elders Commission will open on Monday, May 9 at 8 a.m. and will close at 4:30 p.m. on June 13.

The Commission shall consist of seven elected members with two members from District 1; two members from District 2; two members from District 3; and one member being At-Large. For the purposes of the first election (2022), the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and the Elder Representatives from District 1 and District 3 shall be elected for a four-year term (2022-2026) and the positions of Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and the Elder Representative from District 2 shall be elected for a two-year term (2022-2024).

The Elders Commission Bylaws, Section 2.01, Subd. 1, identifies the criteria for eligibility to be a Commission member:

- Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe;

- Is at least 55 years old on or before the date of the Primary election;

- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation or within 25 miles of the nearest reservation boundary.

- 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.

- Can pass a yearly background check, including submitting to drug and alcohol testing

Section 2.01, Subd. 2, details ineligibility criteria:

- Convicted of any of the following crimes, regardless of level of offense:

- o Any crime against an Elder;
- o Crime of violence;
- o 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.
- o 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 10 years ago.

- 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;

See Elders Page 32

2022 ROUGH FISH BOW FISHING, HARPOON, DIP NET AND SEINE REGULATIONS

Daytime Period

Rough fish may be bow fished, dip netted and seined in rivers and lakes during daylight hours beginning at sunrise on March 1 through April 16, 2022

Nighttime Period

Rough fish may be bow fished, dip netted and seined in rivers and lakes anytime beginning at 12 a.m. on April 16, 2022 through February 28, 2023

General

- You cannot bow fish, spear, seine, dip net or harpoon in designated trout lakes and streams.
- You cannot bow fish in posted spawning areas.
- Arrow must be tethered to the bow. If you shoot a fish you must retrieve the fish and your arrow.
- You cannot shoot a fish and throw it back in the water, leave it on the bank of any waterway, ice of any lake, stream, pond or any access site.
- You can transport and use a bow while taking rough fish from a watercraft with or without a motor.
- You may only bow fish and harpoon for rough fish, which include carp, buffalo, sucker, redhorse, sheephead, bowfin, burbot (ellpout), yellow perch, cisco (tullibee), and bullhead.
- **It is prohibited to harvest game fish with a dip net, harpoon, bow and arrow or seine. This includes Lake Sturgeon**
- The hoops on hand-held dip nets cannot exceed 24 inches in diameter.
- You cannot harpoon within 1,000 feet of a swimming beach.
- You cannot exceed the daily limit for each species taken with any combination of spearing, harpooning, dip netting or seining equipment to reach the limit. Fish taken by archery (bow fishing) also are included in this limit.

Daily Limit

200 rough fish (All species in combination)

All violations of the provisions of these regulations shall be considered a violation of the Conservation Code and shall be subject to any penalties provided therein.

Tips for planning and beginning a garden

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

As we dive into gardening season - or perhaps you have already started with plants in the house - think about the following tips when you are planning and planting your garden or if gardening didn't go well in the past maybe these tips will send you in the right direction.

1. **Pick the right location**—ideally, a sunny site! Most vegetables need at least six hours of sun a day. Some crops such as lettuce and spinach, and other greens will grow well in your partially sunny spots, but sun-loving plants like tomatoes and peppers need as much light as possible.

2. **Keep it close to home.** A location near your house will make it easier for you to tend your plot regularly and will also make it convenient to run out and pick what you need for a meal.

3. **Only grow things your family likes to eat.** There's no sense in spending all your time and energy (and money) growing things you won't enjoy or that will go to waste! When choosing your vegetables choose veggies that grow in Zone 3 best, as this is the area we live in. Not from this area - refer to the USDA Plant Hardiness zone map to see what zone you are in.

4. **Water needs to be readily available.** Nothing burns out a beginning gardener faster than having to lug water to thirsty plants during a heat wave. Consider investing in a quality hose with a sprayer attachment or, even better, a drip irrigation system.

5. **Good soil is the key to a successful garden.** Plants depend on the soil for nutrients, stability, and drainage. To grow your best garden, start with well-drained, sandy loam and add as much organic matter as possible.

6. **Amend your soil.** Compost, leaf mold, or well-aged manure will increase the ability of your soil to both drain well and hold moisture—the sponge factor. However, never use fresh manure! It

can harbor dangerous pathogens and will burn tender plant roots. Compost it for at least 6 to 12 months.

7. **Seeds or plants?** Most garden vegetables can be directly seeded where they are to grow—lettuce, beans, carrots, beets, chard, spinach, peas, cucumbers, and squash. Things that take longer to produce an edible fruit do better with a head start. Purchase transplants for tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and melons or start your own indoors 6 to 8 weeks before planting them outside.

8. **Choose varieties that will mature in your growing season.** As we live in Zone 3 planting most vegetables outside begins in the beginning of May (leafy greens (such as lettuce, chard, spinach) and beets, carrots and potatoes) through the end of May (beans, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers and tomatoes). When you purchase you seeds or plants - check the specific growing instructions for the plant to make sure it will be successful for you.

9. **Keep your garden productive by staggering plantings** of fast-maturing veggies such as beans and lettuce and replanting other areas as they are harvested. Don't plant all at once!

10. **Use raised garden beds or containers if you don't have much space to work with.** If you have impossibly rocky soil or solid clay, consider building some raised beds that you can fill with good soil. Growing vegetables in containers is another option. If you want an instant garden, try grow bags.

These tips were found at almanac.com, planthardiness.ars.usda.gov and ag.ndsu.edu.

Hope these tips help you to have a successful growing season!

White Earth Council of Elders

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

It appears as though winter does not want to end, but we also need to be thankful for the replenishment of our waters. Unfortunately, too much water causes flooding and roads are closed as a result. Please be mindful of the signs that warn us of those closings.

We held the first meeting of the year for this organization on April 12 in Pine Point Village. The original date of April 5 had to be cancelled due to a blizzard. Any cancellations will be announced through NiiJii radio, as per their agreement with us. You may reach them at 89.9 FM KKWE. Also, we will announce through the White Earth Nation Elder Nutrition Centers when available. WENCOE accepted the resignation of Pam Aspinwall as Secretary and approved by unanimous vote for Missy Fairbanks as our new Secretary. Thank you Missy for volunteering to take on this task for the remaining two-year term. There was so much discussion on services that are not received by constituents. One of the main problems that were stated was miscommunication or none at all. Please be mindful that we are always appreciative when needs are met.

The RBC needs to address the problems with our White Earth Indian Health Service. Another provider is leaving and those patients once again must select a new one. A person gets discouraged when they have had to get a new provider every two months in the last six months. It is difficult to hear about a patient that was misdiagnosed or not referred out to a specialist for further care until they are dying. At one time, we had the best health care and providers were content to be a part of our Health Care System. These are the main concerns that our Elders bring to our attention so that we can pass them along.

The Congregate building in White Earth is getting a new roof and we are most grateful since it is an Elder facility. Please visit the Elder Nutrition sites as they have had a face-lift, new curtains and tablecloths that are very cheerful!

Just a reminder that we can purchase up to 10 pounds of wild rice in a year. We hope that our next year crop will be bountiful, with all the moisture. We also pray that our maple syrup season will be healthy.

Please play the Elder and Youth machines when you visit the Shooting Star Casino as they pay for many of our programs that are geared to Youth and Elders.

It is almost pow wow season and we are all anxious to dance or watch and listen to the drum, the heartbeat of our Nations.

We have once again lost so many of our people from chronic illness or diseases that invade our communities. We urge all people to get vaccinated or boosted due to Covid! If you do not believe in vaccinations, please at least wear a mask when in public places.

Thank you to our Creator for keeping those of us that have survived the tough Winter and all the struggles connected to it. We pray for all the sick and troubled, that they find peace. We ask that our Veterans be remembered and cared for. Take care of each other and May the Great Spirit be with all.

White Earth Nation Council of Elders:

Lucille Silk, Chairperson / 218-983-3768

Lawrence (Sam) Crowell, Vice Chairperson / 218-252-9390

Crustless Asparagus and Pepper Mini Quiche

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 bunch asparagus – about a pound
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 8 eggs – may do a combination of full eggs and whites
- 1/3 cup milk
- Cheese, choice of shredded

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray muffin tins.
2. Add olive oil and a generous amount of cooking spray to a medium sauté pan. Sauté asparagus, onion and bell pepper for 7-9 minutes or until cooked through. Season with salt (optional) and pepper and set aside to cool slightly.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, and milk.
4. Evenly distribute the sautéed vegetables among the 12 muffin cups. Cups should be 1/2 to 3/4 full. Gently pour egg mixture over the vegetables in each muffin cup, distributing evenly. Cups should full but not overflowing.
5. Sprinkle shredded cheese on top of each muffin.
6. Bake for 20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Recipe Courtesy of www.diabetesfoodhub.org

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Safety tips for spring rough fish spearing season

Spring rough fish spearing is upon us, and White Earth Natural Resources would like to remind participants to stay safe.

With the late spring snow melt and recent rain, rivers and streams will be flowing extremely fast and will be deeper than expected. Please exercise caution when entering a stream or river. Fast moving and deep water may offer limited visibility and can result in misjudging water depth or obscuring hidden obstacles such as snags, slippery rocks, or other debris.

Fast moving water can also be dangerous if the water speed is misjudged. This can lead to falls and present the risk of being swept downstream. Before entering the water, make sure to check the water speed and test the depth using a stick or other suitable tool. It is not recommended to use the spear. This can lead to injury if falls occur on the spear.

Chest and hip waders can also pose a safety risk. Waders tend to create pressure and cling to the legs which make them extremely difficult or impossible to remove once submerged into the water. If waders are worn, test the water depth before entering to ensure water does not flow over the tops. If this

occurs, it can increase the risk of falling or being pulled into the water. Waders can also hinder mobility and become very slippery on rocks and other substrate so please exercise caution if waders are worn.

Another safety tip, go with a partner. If you do venture out on your own, make sure to let someone know where you plan to be in case an emergency arises.

Good luck fishing and stay safe!



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THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

What is plantar fasciitis?

By Dr. Hong Yoon, DPM
 White Earth Health Center

If your first few steps out of bed in the morning cause severe pain in the bottom of the heel of your foot, you may have plantar fasciitis, an overuse injury that affects the sole of the foot. A diagnosis of plantar fasciitis means you have inflamed the tough, fibrous band of tissue (fascia) connecting your heel bone to the base of your toes.

Causes

You're more likely to develop the condition if you're overweight (BMI over 30), or have a job that requires a lot of walking or standing on hard surfaces. You're also at risk if you walk or run for exercise, especially if you have tight calf muscles that limit how far you can flex your ankles upward. People with very flat feet or very high arches also are more prone to plantar fasciitis.

Symptoms

Plantar fasciitis typically starts gradually with mild pain at the bottom of a heel often referred to as a stone bruise. You're more likely to feel it after (not during) exercise. The pain classically occurs right after getting up in the morning and after a period of sitting/resting. If you don't treat plantar fasciitis, it may become a chronic condition. You may not be able to keep up your level of activity, and you may develop symptoms of foot, knee, hip, and back problems because plantar fasciitis can change the way you walk due to the pain.

Treatments

Stretching is one of the best treatments for plantar fasciitis. It may help to try to keep weight off your foot until the initial inflammation goes away. You can also apply ice to the sore area for 15 minutes 3-4 times a day to relieve your symptoms. Rolling a frozen water bottle on the bottom of your foot can be beneficial.

Your podiatrist may prescribe a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication such as ibuprofen or naproxen. Home exercises to stretch your Achilles tendon and plantar fascia are the mainstay of treatment and reduce the chance of recurrence.

About 90% of people with plantar fasciitis improve significantly after two months of initial treatment. You may be advised to use shoes with shock-absorbing soles or fitted with an off-the-shelf shoe insert like an arch support. Your foot may be taped into a specific position for activities.

If your plantar fasciitis continues after a few months of conservative treatment, your doctor may inject your heel with steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. If you still have symptoms, you may need to wear a walking boot for up to 6 weeks or a positional splint when you sleep. In a few cases, surgery is needed for chronically contracted tissue.

MnDOT to host virtual public meeting for upcoming project on Hwy 200 between Mahnomen and Roy Lake

DETROIT LAKES, Minn.—The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m., to learn more about the 2022 construction project on Highway 200 between Mahnomen and Roy Lake. A formal presentation by MnDOT will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by time for questions.

Construction on Highway 200 is tentatively scheduled to begin May 16. In addition to addressing existing pavement concerns, the project also includes shoulder widening, bridge construction, culvert replacement, turn lanes, and other safety and pedestrian accessibility improvements.

To learn more about the project and for a link to the virtual meeting on May 10, visit

mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy200. Those without internet access can call 1-855-282-6330 to join the meeting. Meeting access code is 2498 675 9284. For those unable to attend the meeting, a recording of the presentation will be posted to the MnDOT project webpage, with an opportunity to submit questions or comments online.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need a reasonable accommodation in order to fully participate in this event, such as an ASL or spoken language interpreter, or need documents in an alternate format, such as braille or large print, please contact Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or email ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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White Earth Farmers' Market set to open June 2

The White Earth Community Farmers' Market vendors, managers, and staff would like to thank the community for their loyal patronage.

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In addition to the friendly vendors and staff,

food samples and recipes are regularly offered, and the talents of local musicians showcased.

Located on South Main Street in Mahanomen under the pavilion, the 2022 market season runs every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. from June 2 through Oct. 6. Our market offers EBT card, WIC Farmers' Market checks, and S/FMNP checks useability, with some matching of dollars for these programs.

See you at our White Earth Community Farmers' Market!

The White Earth Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year! You can **NOW** apply online. If your child is re-enrolling in the White Earth Head Start Program, please call the Head Start office at 218-983-3285 Ext. 1232 to confirm this information. Thank you!



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Would you consider your lawn small or a large? _____

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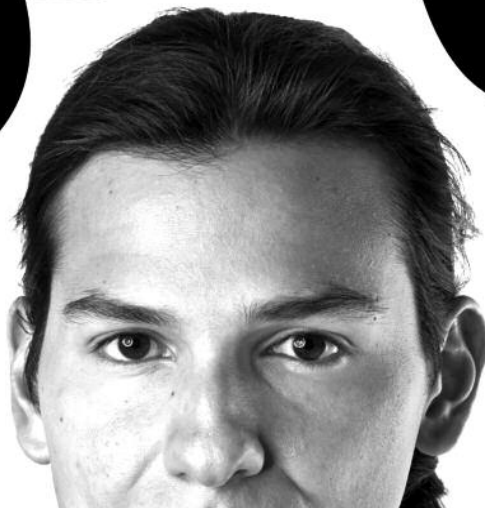
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- ◆ Your risk of bladder, cervical, larynx, kidney, or pancreas cancer decreases.

15 years after quitting:

- ◆ Your risk of coronary heart disease is the same as a nonsmoker.

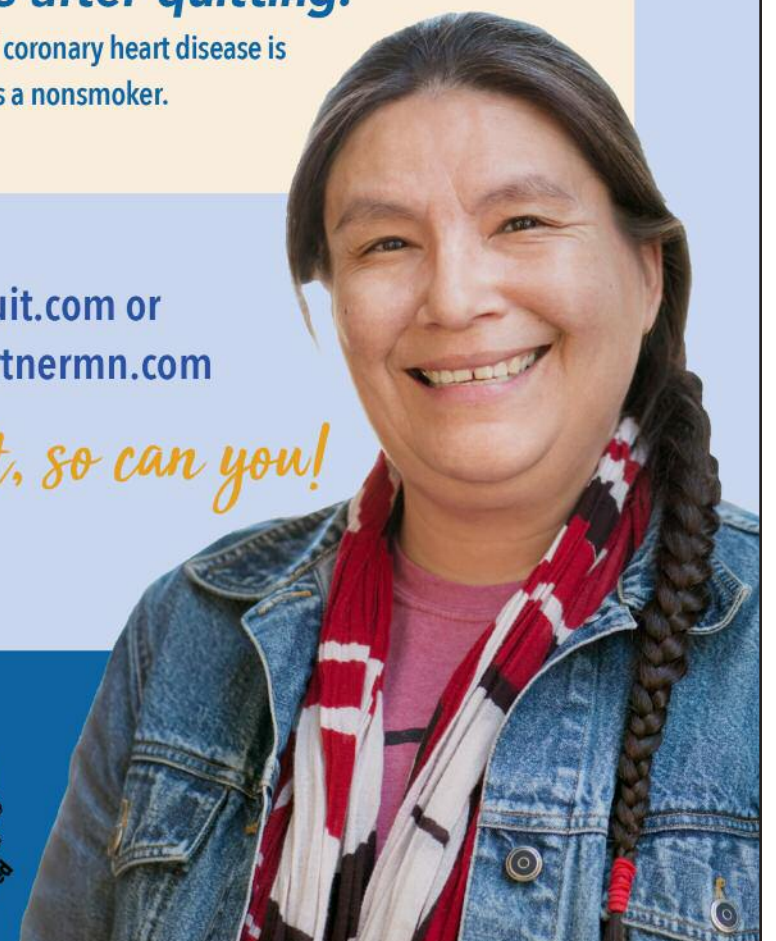
For help quitting commercial tobacco:

American Indian Quitline 1-833-9AI-QUIT (1-833-924-7848) • aiquit.com or

Contact Quit Partner 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) • quitpartnermn.com



If I can quit, so can you!



TTUP II is a collaborative research partnership between the American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) and the White Earth Nation (WEN).

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Consequences of Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2004



White Earth Absentee Ballot Request Form

Please send an Absentee Ballot for the upcoming White Earth election held on June 14, 2022.

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

First time voter please select District.

District 1 _____ District 2 _____ District 3 _____

* Once a District is declared you can only vote in this District until you move back to the new District 30 days prior to the Election. The White Earth Enrollment office has an Address Request form you need to fill out.

District Boundaries:

District 1: North of State Highway 200

District 2: State Highway south to State Highway 113

District 3: South of State Highway 113

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

* Absentee voters in Primary Election will automatically be mailed a Ballot for the General Election held on June 14th, 2022.

Election Board contact information or send submissions:

White Earth Election Board
PO Box 10
Mahnomen, MN 56557

Email: election.board@whiteearth.com

Fax: 218-936-5623

Phone: 218-936-5622

Toll free: 1-866-211-9154

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee will be held on **June 14, 2022** to fill the following positions:

SECRETARY-TREASURER - WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE - WHITE EARTH BUSINESS COMMITTEE
FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE - WHITE EARTH BUSINESS COMMITTEE
FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

White Earth General Election Board

Shooting Star Casino RV Office, 777 SE Casino Drive, Mahnomen, MN

*****ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING*****

PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:

Bejou - Community Center, Main Street

Pine Bend - Church Parking Lot

Rice Lake - Community Center (Rice Lake Village)

DISTRICT II:

Mahnomen - Tribal College, 2250 College Road

Naytahwaush - Fire Hall, County Road 4

Waubun - Community Center, 1004 Central Avenue

DISTRICT III:

Callaway - Community Center, Highway 59

Ogema - VFW Hall, Main Street East

White Earth - Community Center, Martin Drive

Elbow Lake - Elderly Nutrition Center, (Elbow Lake Village)

Pine Point - Community Center (old school)

MARBLE, MN

Marble City Hall (Community Center)

302 Alice Avenue

MINNEAPOLIS

White Earth Urban Office

1730 Clifton Place

CASS LAKE, MN

White Earth Family Office

220 2nd Street NW

POLLS OPEN: 8 a.m. / POLLS CLOSE: 8 p.m.

White Earth Election Board

Phone: 218-936-5622 / Toll-free: 1-866-211-9154

Fax: 218-936-5623

Email: election.board@whiteearth.com

Or by mail at:

White Earth Election Board
PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557

The Election Board encourages you to come vote early in person **starting May 14**. They are located behind the Shooting Star Casino in the old RV Park building.

Election Board Hours

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

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH UPDATE

Join us for an informational day with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC)

**Thursday
June 9
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Research updates will include: stony stonewort research, plant survey database, zebra mussel research, success stories in AIS management, and a MAISRC overview.

There is no fee for this event. However, please register for planning purposes at prwd.org or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, call: 218-846-0436



M-State Campus / Large Auditorium (C101) / 1000 Hwy 34 East, Detroit Lakes, MN



Bemidji State U Grad!

Congratulations Angel M. Stevens on your accomplishment of graduating from Bemidji State University with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science!

*"Wherever you go,
go with all your heart,"*

- Confucius



Application and Participant Rules for
Junior and Senior Princess and Brave Contests
154th Annual White Earth Celebration

June 10, 11 and 12, 2022

Deadline for submission of completed applications with documentation is 12 p.m. (noon) on June 8, 2022 to allow for verification of eligibility

- All portions of the princess and brave contests will be held on and completed by end of night on Friday, June 10, 2022.
- This includes but is not limited to: Interview, Verification of Eligibility, Self-Introduction at Powwow, and Dance Competition. Please note that an introduction in our language is very helpful to the contestants.
- All applicants and their parents/guardians agree, through submission of their signed application, that the contestant:
 1. Pledges to live a crime, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle at all times prior to and during their reign as princess or brave.
 2. Continues with successful academics and maintains a positive role within their school and community.
 3. Is unmarried may not have any pregnancies past, present or during the year that the participant holds the title of princess or brave.
 4. Is an enrolled member or descendant of White Earth Reservation, **documentation required.***
 5. Resides on or within 25 miles of the White Earth Reservation presently and during the reigning year, **documentation required.****
 - a. If a princess or brave moves, it is the family/guardian's responsibility to contact the committee immediately.
 6. Is age 9-12 for Junior title, or age 13-17 for Senior title.
 7. Is willing to represent the White Earth Reservation throughout the reigning year by traveling to and dancing at other powwows.***
 8. Cannot hold any other title of royalty while applying for or holding the title of White Earth Princess or Brave.
 9. Will only be awarded the title of White Earth Celebration Princess or Brave once in their lifetime.
 10. Will immediately relinquish his or her title to the first runner-up if White Earth Pow Wow Committee finds princess or brave to be in violation of these rules. Relinquishment includes returning of crown and/or sash to the White Earth Pow Wow Committee.
- Applications are available at the White Earth RBC Headquarters, via email and in the *Anishinaabeg Today* newspaper.
- Application and documentation materials must be filled out **completely** and will be verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee and White Earth Enrollment Office.
- Please mail completed application and documentation to White Earth Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591. Contact Dana Goodwin at dana.goodwin@whiteearth-nsn.gov with questions or concerns. Do not rely on social media for communication.

Sr. Princess Jr. Princess Sr. Brave Jr. Brave

Please Print Clearly

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ Clan _____

Address _____
Street (and PO Box if used for mailing purposes) City Zip Code

Phone number _____ Additional phone number _____

School _____ Grade in 2021/22 _____

Contestant's White Earth enrollment # _____, or
Descendant Contestant's Enrolled Parent or Grandparent's:

Full legal name Birth Date WE Enrollment #

I, _____ understand and comply with the above stated conditions for application to the White Earth Princess/Brave title. My parents/guardian and I understand and agree to have the above information verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee. This form gives the above-named school and the White Earth RBC permission to release and verify information entered on this form. I also agree that all information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Participant Signature Printed Name Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Printed Name Date

WEPC Only: Verified eligible by WE Enrollments: _____ Date: _____

White Earth Food Distribution May Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED

Office Hours M-F 8-4:30 / 218-935-2233

May 2022 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

May 6: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

May 9: Mahnomen & Waubun

May 13: White Earth

May 20: Detroit Lakes

May 30th: Memorial Day Holiday, Closed

May 31st: Closed for inventory

If you receive home delivery service, please let staff know if you are feeling ill and we will accommodate you to the best of our ability.

Please be advised that highway 200 will be closed at Twin Lakes Creek during the entire road construction project coming soon. Detours will be marked.

**REMEMBERING OUR
NATION'S ARMED FORCES**

Memorial Day is the Time to Reflect Upon Our Freedoms...and the High Price Paid to Protect Them. Remember Those Who Died to Keep Us Free!

**Monday, May 30, 2022
Area Cemetery Visitations**

Conducted by the Ogema VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary and White Earth Veterans Association

- Assemble at Ogema VFW Hall -----7:30 a.m.
- St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery (White Earth)-----8:15 a.m.
- Bethel Lutheran Cemetery (White Earth)-----8:30 a.m.
- White Earth Veteran's Cemetery-----8:45 a.m.
- Assembly of God Cemetery (White Earth)-----9 a.m.
- Calvary Catholic Cemetery (White Earth)-----9:15 a.m.
- Aura Finnish Cemetery (Goat Ranch Road)-----9:40 a.m.
- Callaway Cemetery (Callaway)-----10:15 a.m.
- Ogema City Cemetery (Ogema)-----10:45 a.m.
- Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery (Ogema)-----10:50 a.m.
- Waubun City Cemetery (Waubun)-----11:30 a.m.
- St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery (Waubun)-----11:45 a.m.
- Lake Grove Cemetery-----12:15 a.m.

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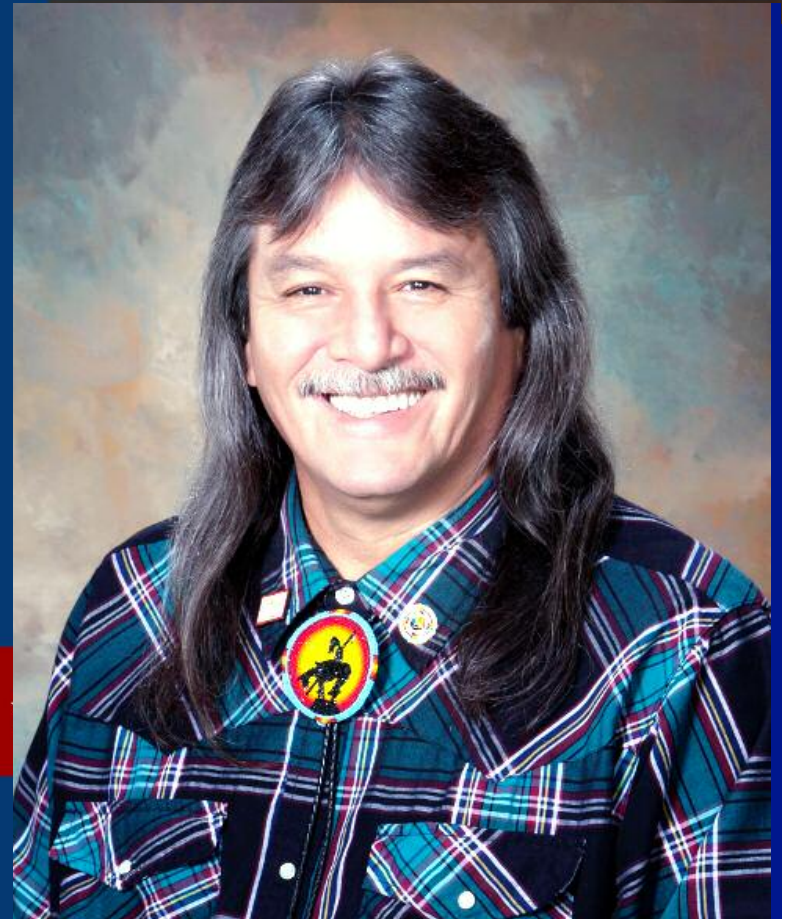
abandoned and burned-out houses across the reservation are targets for us. We have been working with our legal department tirelessly addressing this issue, of which we have a grasp on, and now are moving forward with resolving these issues. The next few years will be exciting as the White Earth Land Office is moving on difficulties that have weighed down our nation in the past, the future is looking bright!

Please exercise your constitutional obligation as Gaawaabaabiganikaag White Earth Nation Bandmembers and get out and vote on June 14.
Baamaapii wiingezin.
Miigwech bizindawiyeg.
Gigawaabamininim naagaj.
Take it easy.
Thank you for listening to me.
See you all later.
Chairman Michael Fairbanks

REELECT RAYMOND AUGINAUSH, SR

FOR DISTRICT I
REPRESENTATIVE

VOTE FOR AUGINAUSH IN
THE GENERAL ELECTION
- JUNE 14TH -



Fair and Honest

- Community Council Support
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Reform
- Elder Affairs Commission
- Reservation Tiny Home Villages
- Tribal Medical Cannabis Program
- 1855 Treaty Authority

Contact 218-407-3618, rauginaush503@gmail.com

Paid for by Raymond Auginaush Sr. on his own behalf

Black bears are out and about on reservation

As some are already aware, Black Bear encounters have been on the rise in many of our communities and villages. Although most bears are not comfortable around people and leave when encountered, some have become a nuisance by lingering around homes and public areas. Please remember that bears are wild animals—always remain **cautious**.

The White Earth Wildlife Department and Conservation Officers offer the following suggestions on how **not to** attract bears.

Garbage

• Don't let your garbage pile up in a vehicle or garage/shed.

- Reduce odors
- Store in a bear-proof container
- Wash out garbage cans

• Don't put your garbage out for collection the night before, do it in the morning of pick up. Make sure it's in a container and not just in garbage bags lying at the end of your driveway. That not only attracts bears but other wildlife as well, including raccoons and skunks.

Bird feeders

• If you feed birds into the summer, consider bringing the feeders in at night. Bears love sunflower seeds and suet.

• This includes humming bird feeders. Nectar is a great bear attractant.

Pet food (dog or cat food)

• Keep inside at night or any time there is a bear sighting in the area.

Outdoor grills and picnic areas

• Keep clean

• Bears like grease inside the grill or the little grease traps underneath.

Fruit trees, gardens, and honey bees

• Use electric fencing if possible

Animal or fish carcasses and leech bait

• Don't clean fish or leech bait in your backyard, unless you clean it up afterwards.

• Boxes from leech bait should be disposed of properly.

• Rinse out the buckets/pails used for transporting leeches.

Boats and canoes

• Rinse out the inside of canoes and any containers used for fishing or leeching.

• Rinse out the live well and the inside of the boat.

If you do come in contact with a bear:

- Don't panic
- Don't shoot
- Don't approach
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. It should come down and leave when it feels safe.
- If a bear is treed by your dogs, place the dogs



in the house or garage until the bear leaves the area.

The White Earth Conservation Officers have a policy in place for setting up a live trap. The following procedure should be followed: (This will be done only after the above listed recommendations have been followed.)

• Call White Earth Dispatch at 218-983-3201 with the complaint. Leave your name and contact information.

• A Conservation Officer will contact you for the complaint info and any recommendations they may have for getting rid of the bear problem.

• If the above listed recommendations are followed and the bear continues to hang around for a week or more afterwards, then the live trap will be utilized.

• When the live trap is set up, please choose a safe location away from children and pets. The trap door is very heavy and dangerous for them.

• Keep children and pets away from the trap, weather it's empty or has a bear in it. This is not a toy! It's very dangerous.

• Contact White Earth Dispatch immediately if a bear is seen inside the trap. Do not approach the trap!

• You may see a Conservation vehicle in the area checking on it on occasion during this process.

The trap **will not** be used if the recommendations aren't followed or if the nuisance bear has cubs. There is nothing worse than catching a cub and having to deal with the mama bear on the outside of the trap, or vice-versa.

The **only** time a nuisance bear can be shot is if they are threatening to humans or if they are attacking a person's domestic animals such as cats, dogs or livestock. You cannot shoot them if the food sources are not eliminated from the property and the bear continues to come in to eat. A wounded bear is more dangerous than a bear coming in to eat "free food." Any bear that is destroyed must be reported to the White Earth Conservation Department. Call dispatch immediately to report any bears that are shot or found dead.

And finally, for those who live out in the country, please remember that it is expected to have some type of encounter with the animals inhabiting the surrounding area, whether it be squirrels, skunks, or bears, etc. Please use common sense and follow the guidelines recommended above when needed.

Please note that like any animal, bears are sacred and should be treated with respect; just as one would a beaver, eagle, hawk or other. Try putting out asema (tobacco) and say a little prayer with good thoughts.

Thank you from the White Earth Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Officers.

YOU ARE Making A Difference Every Day

Celebrating Our Center Staff and Family Child Care Providers
~all care providers~
on this special recognition of Provider Appreciation Day – May 6th

THANK YOU to all our childcare providers who give so much of themselves to care for our children and we recognize you with much gratitude and appreciation on this special day that is designated as Provider Appreciation Day and year long too. Remember to thank your provider with special acknowledgment and appreciation.

The White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program

Call For Move-In Specials!

WHITE EARTH CONGREGATE HOUSING

WAUBUN, MINNESOTA

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

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

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

CREATING BETTER LIVING!

Equal Housing Opportunity TTY 711



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LET'S PROTECT OUR WATERS

Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

- ◆ Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals
- ◆ Drain lake/river water away from the landing
- ◆ Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash

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

REDEEMED AND READY TO GO THRIFT STORE

1220 Richwood Road / Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Open:

Tuesday through Saturday / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

New items daily!

VOTE

Michael "Mike" LaRoque FOR WHITE EARTH SECRETARY / TREASURER



**GENERAL ELECTION
JUNE 14th, 2022**

Absentee Ballots can be requested from the White Earth Election Board by mail, email or by fax to:

White Earth Election Board
PO Box 10
Mahnomen, MN 56557
(218) 936-5622 or 1-866-211-9154
FAX: (218) 936-5623
election.board@whiteearth.com

"I will bring stability and transparency back to the White Earth Tribal Council"

**MOVE FORWARD TO THE FUTURE
AND NOT THE PAST**

HONOR | STRENGTH | COMMITMENT

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✉ luckmjl65@gmail.com

☎ (218) 888-2435

📘 VoteMikeLaRoque





ELECT

Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts

Lifelong Resident

Experience-Honesty-Accountability

Paid for by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts on his own behalf

Obituaries

Betty Selma McDougall

Betty McDougall, 85, of Callaway, died April 10 in her residence.

Betty Selma McDougall was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Malott, Wash., to George and Dorothy (Pearson) Carlson. On April 3, 1955, she was united in marriage to Curtis McDougall at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Callaway. They had seven children.



Betty worked at Swift's for 23 years. After the plant closed, she worked at Maplelag, and also babysat for many families.

She is survived by daughters: Susan (Roger) Johnson, Janice (Jerry) Chilton and Rose Garcia; sons, Daniel (Cindy) McDougall, Steven (Karlina) McDougall, Peter (Karen) McDougall and Randy McDougall; and 60 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Beverly Moyer; grandson, Billy McDougall; numerous nieces and nephews; and her parents.

Funeral services were held April 18 at the First Baptist Church in Detroit Lakes.

Interment: Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church Cemetery in rural Ogema.

Arrangements: West-Kjos Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.westkjos.com

Shirley Mae LaDuke "Nahbun"

Shirley Mae LaDuke, "Nahbun," 80, of Cass Lake, Minn., passed peacefully April 13 at her home in Cass Lake.

She was born on March 3, 1942, in Cass Lake to Gabriel "Guy" LaDuke and Maefred VanOss. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake, and for a time in Minneapolis, before her family moved back to Cass Lake. She attended and then graduated from Bemidji State University in 1976.



Her legacy goes far beyond her commitment as a mother and grandmother to her own. Her work in education for Native children echoes now and forever through the Cass Lake educational system that so many of our community's families are part of today. She labored tirelessly to improve the lives of Native kids in the Cass Lake community through education and building pride in our cultural identity. Grass roots efforts and standoffs with the sheriff were just the beginning of her advocacy. And it worked.

She went on to serve the community as the Indian Education director for the Cass Lake Bena school district. Soon after she used her college degree to bring education directly to the classroom teaching at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Heart of the Earth Survival School, and Cass Lake Schools. She never wasted a moment using the voice and spirit the Creator gifted her with to make a better world for all in her community. Towards the end of her career she worked for Leech Lake in Human Resources and finally with Leech Lake Housing. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lake. She participated and volunteered in the Parent's Committee-WML, and with the Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, gardening, taking drives around Cass Lake pointing out the history of the area, writing, and visiting with friends over a cup of coffee. She loved crafting and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Alden (Vickie) Fairbanks Sr., James (Iris) Dean Fairbanks, Teresa LaDuke, Geraldine Littlewolf, Faith Littlewolf, Connie (Brian) Littlewolf, Rebecca Littlewolf, Sarah (Duane) Brown, Stephanie (George) Northbird, Gordon Northbird Jr., and Mike Castillo; sister, Gloria Annemarie Dunn; and her special dog, Jack.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maefred and Eirving D. Arey, father Gabriel "Guy" LaDuke; daughter, Roxanne Fairbanks; siblings: Bruce "Sonny" VanOss, Rodney LaDuke and Tanya LaDuke; and grandsons: Benjamin Northbird, Tristan Fairbanks and Carter Fairbanks.

A wake began April 18 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until the time of the funeral service held April 20 also at the Veteran's Memorial Building.

Active casketbearers were Levi Brown, Corey Littlewolf, Amos LaDuke, Neil LaDuke, Simon Howard, Tecumseh Littlewolf, Arlan Littlewolf, Alexis Rea, Erik Jones, Quentin Howard, Faron Clark and Cheyenne Clark.

Honorary casketbearers were Mike Schmid, Carol Jenkins, Randy Finn, Bev Whitebird, Marie Thunder, Donna Oachs, Suzanne Northbird, Sharon Brown, Ingeborg VanOss, Ross Littlewolf and all of Shirley's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Interment: Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji, Minn.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com.

Margaret "Peggy" LaRoque

Margaret "Peggy" LaRoque, (Wah-say-ah-nad-equay Shining Cloud Woman), 75, of Minneapolis, was born Feb. 3, 1946 and journeyed to the Spirit World on Nov. 4, 2021.

Former realtor, managed the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Little Earth housing manager, beadwork artist, and expert cook and baker.



She is survived by her sons: Frank LaRoque, Chris Roy and Robert Roy; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings: Tom Fransen, Jim Fransen, Susan Lawrence, John Fransen and Mike Fransen; and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Alvera Philomene LaRoque; brother, Carl Fransen; grandparents Paul and Maggie LaRoque; and grandson, Brandon Roy.

A funeral service was held on Nov. 8, 2021, at the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis, with Barbara Fairbanks officiating.

Honorary casket bearers were Sammie Lawrence, Donna Fairbanks, Pamela LaRoque, Mari Williams and Margie Fairbanks.

Casket bearers were Wade Fransen, Cody Morrison, Lawrence Roy Sr., Lawrence Roy Jr., Kyle Roy, Isiah Roy, Alan Monroe and Frank Sundahl.

Arrangements: Chilson Funeral Home of Winsted, Minn.

On-line condolences: www.chilsonfuneralhome.com

2022 White Earth Community Clean Up

Attention Tribal Enrolled Seniors (55 years & older):

Please call Housing (218) 473-4663

to sign up and get more information about your date of service. Please have items at the end of your driveway by the Wednesday night before your area pick up begins.

WE Housing Tenants:

Crews will be picking up their rental units Thursday and Friday only. Please have unwanted items at the end of your driveway by the Wednesday night before your area pick up begins.

Community	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30
Rice Lake Community Including Mahnomen Apts., Riverland Housing, Perch Lake, Lengby, Ebro, Pine Bend and Roy Lake.	Elder & Housing unit pick up begins Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Rice Lake transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Rice Lake transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-NOON
NayTahWauash Community Including Pinehurst to Makonce, Co. Rd. 6 from Hwy 59 to Co. Rd. 4	Thursday, May 5 Elder & Housing unit pick up begins Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Friday, May 6 NayTahWauash transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Saturday, May 7 NayTahWauash transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-NOON
Elbow Lake Community Including Pinehurst to Hwy 113, McCraney Lake cut across, Snider Lake area, Tamarac Resort on Hwy 35 back to Hwy 113	Thursday, May 12 Elder & Housing unit pick up begins Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Friday, May 13 Elbow Lake transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Saturday, May 14 Elbow Lake transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-NOON
Pine Point Community Including LaDoux Rd, Ice Cracking, Strawberry Lake, Mary Yellowhead Rd.	Thursday, May 19 Elder & Housing unit pick up begins Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Friday, May 20 Pine Point transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Saturday, May 21 Pine Point transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-NOON
White Earth Community Including Callaway, Richwood Road, Goat Ranch Road	Thursday, June 2 Elder & Housing unit pick up begins Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Friday, June 3 White Earth transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-4PM	Saturday, June 4 White Earth transfer station open 8AM-4PM Waubun transfer station open 8AM-NOON

Tv's, Electronics & Car Tires ARE accepted (NO semi or tractor tires) NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE ALLOWED

The areas listed are general areas without listing every town.

Use the closest open transfer station.

You can bring to Waubun on any of the dates listed above for any community.

Obituaries

Frank Anthony Bonomo

Frank Anthony Bonomo, 67, Elder of the Chippewa Nation Bear Clan, White Earth Indian Reservation, passed into eternal life at home on March 24, with his wife Susan (Donohue) and their animals by his side. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was the son of the late Anthony James Bonomo and Ruby Ann Beaulieu. Frank graduated from Broadalbin-Perth High School, N.Y., earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and earned his Master of Social Work from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.



During Frank's professional career, he worked at numerous mental health and substance abuse agencies, including Madison County Mental Health Department, Wampsville, N.Y., and Ganiganigonhi Yoh Onondaga Nation Healing Center, Nedrow, N.Y. Frank also enjoyed teaching "Short Term Intervention" at the School of Social Work, Graduate Program, Syracuse University. Together, Frank and Susan started their own business, Bonomo, LCSW-R & Bonomo, LCSW-R, PC, in which they enjoyed providing therapy, consultation, trainings and supervision across New York state. Most enjoyable was sponsoring regional, national and internationally renowned experts specializing in Solution Based Therapy, Trauma, Chemical Dependency and Clinical Hypnosis.

Frank was most involved with the International Boxing Hall of Fame, Canastota, N.Y. He was an avid collector of boxing memorabilia and loved participating in the Parade of Champions that precedes the annual induction ceremony. Frank would drive one of the boxers sitting on the back of his convertible through the Village of Canastota as hundreds of fans cheered them on.

In addition to his wife Susan, he is survived by his daughter, Christie Bonomo Gose and grandson Tyler Talbot. Frank was predeceased by his brother, Anthony Bonomo.

Contributions in Frank's memory may be sent to "Friends of Second Chance," 6660 E. Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078. Second Chance is a program that pairs incarcerated inmates at Jamesville Correctional Facility with dogs rescued off the streets of Syracuse for mutual rehabilitation.

Arrangements: Grieco Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. of Kennett Square, Pa
Condolences: www.griecofunerals.com

Beverly Rita Jackson

Beverly Jackson, 59, of rural Mahanomen, died April 12 at the Mahanomen Health Center.

Beverly Rita, the daughter of Irvin and Bernice (Warren) Jackson, was born Dec. 12, 1962. She grew up in Minneapolis then moved to White Earth with her family in 2008. As a young woman, Beverly fell in love with Charles "Buzzy" Brown and the couple spent their life together. They were blessed with nine children and over the years they made their home in both the Minneapolis and Ponsford communities.



Beverly worked as a teacher's assistant at Anderson Elementary and Four Winds Public Schools. After moving back to northern Minnesota, she was employed at the Shooting Star Casino and served as a personal care attendant for White Earth Home Health. Beverly loved spending time with her family, going on car rides and listening to music. She also enjoyed gambling at the casino and scratching her lottery tickets. Beverly loved cooking for her family and was known for making the best dinners for the holidays. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Beverly is survived by her children: Robert Sr., Joseph (Violet), William (Tracy), Gerald (Samantha), Maria (Winston), and Charlene (Aron) Jackson, Alan Jackson-Brown Sr., Tammi Jackson, Charles Brown III and Brandon Jackson; 32 grandchildren; brother, Harlan Jackson; and sister, Judith Snowball.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irvin and Bernice Jackson; brothers, Bruce and Gary Jackson; sisters, Karen, Evelyn and Cheryl Jackson; and her significant other, Charles "Buzzy" Brown Jr.

Traditional services began April 19 at the Karen Jackson-Jones residence in White Earth and continued through April 20.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Bernice "Bun" Bellanger

Bernice "Bun" Bellanger, 66, of rural Waubun, died April 3 at her home under the loving care of family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Bernice Louise Keezer was born to Selim and Lorraine (Hubley) Keezer on March 22, 1956, in White Earth.

She attended school in Waubun and graduated with the class of 1975. Following graduation, Bun attended the Detroit Lakes Vo-Tech and achieved her Medical Secretary certificate. In 1975, she met Dean Bellanger and together they raised their family. Over the years, Bun's working career consisted of many years at White Earth Head Start followed by 20+ years at White Earth Indian Health Services, where she was a great advocate for patient care especially for the elders. Her declining health forced her into retirement and to remain close to home. On Oct. 31, 1992, Dean and Bernice made it official and were united in marriage at Elbow Lake Lutheran Church. They have continued to support and love each other through the ups and downs and make their house a welcoming home for their family and friends.



Bun will be remembered as the loving, caring and generous person that she was. She always had a smile on her face, willing to help anyone in need and she appreciated a good laugh. In her spare time, Bun enjoyed playing cards with her sisters, going to bingo, taking her chance at the casino and attending pow wows. However, her most precious memories were times spent with family, especially all her grandchildren. She truly loved any family get togethers like cook outs at the lake, holidays with big meals or just time to visit. Bernice was a member of Elbow Lake Lutheran Church and during her working years, she was part of the White Earth IHS Union, was on the White Earth Housing Board and helped with the Johnson O'Malley Program. Although gone from this life to soon, she will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Bernice leaves behind her husband, Dean, of rural Waubun; children: Rose (Dave MaGee) Bellanger of Naytahwaush, Andrea (Ramsey Gibbs) Bellanger of Naytahwaush, Dean (Desiree Gourneau) Bellanger of Moorhead, Minn., and Shawn Bellanger of rural Waubun; grandchildren: Alyssa Bellanger, Joshua Bellanger, Damian Gibbs, Marcus Gibbs, Kaydence Bellanger, Konnor Bellanger, Chandler Smith, Guss Light, Dominicque Opegard and Mariah Tibbetts; great-grandchildren: Juaquin, Jaqlynn, Jaydah, Ja'ia and Ayaabe; sisters: Rose (Doug) Fairbanks of Strawberry Lake, Wanda Bevins of Waubun, Paula (Mark) Smith of White Earth and Pauline (Scott) Keezer of rural Waubun; brothers, David (Elaine) Keezer of White Earth and Melvin Keezer Jr. of Waubun; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Kayla MaGee; and brothers: Robert, Kenneth, Selim, Michael and Guy Keezer.

Blessed be the Memory of Bernice "Bun" Bellanger.

Funeral services were held April 8 at Elbow Lake Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake Village.

Interment: Vernon Anderson Memorial Cemetery.

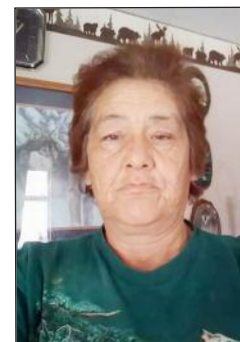
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Jacquelyne Elaine (Basswood) Adams

Jacquelyne Elaine (Basswood) Adams, 59, of Ponsford, passed away peacefully at home on April 8.

Jacquelyne was born April 12, 1962, in Park Rapids, Minn., to Albert and Linda Basswood. She grew up mostly in the Ponsford area. Jacquelyne used one of her many talents and passions as a cook for her career most of her life. She loved visiting with family and friends which often included large meals, playing games, long walks, listening to country music or going to the casino.



Jacquelyne is survived by her children: Bruce Leonhardt, David Adams Sr., Michael, Trinity and Aurora; stepfather, Fred Leonhardt; grandchildren: Trinity Buckange, Dayton Adams, David Adams Jr., Angel Adams, Ian Adams, Emirra Wichern, and Carter Smith; siblings: Donna (Lenny) Smith, Carleen (Lyman) Fineday, Sandra, Bruce, Brenda, Albert II, Sharon, and Tommy Basswood; nephews, Leonard and Jimmy Smith; and nieces Blair, Ashley, and Melynda Fineday, and Heather Roberts; and many more.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert Basswood Jr. and Linda Leonhardt; son, Scott Adams; and sister, Loraine Basswood.

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

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Meet the Candidates for White Earth Secretary-Treasurer

Michael "Mike" LaRoque ←

Aaniin Boozhoo Michael "Mike" LaRoque, and I am respectfully requesting your vote in the up coming General Election for White Earth Secretary/Treasurer.

HONOR - STRENGTH - COMMITMENT



The Primary focus if elected is to ensure we work as a unified governing body, working to strengthen our capacity to practice our inherent rights of self-government and sovereignty to ensure sustainable development and will also enhance our capacity as a Tribal Nation to make timely, strategically informed decisions about our affairs, to implement those decisions, and to accomplish both of these

tasks in a way that reflects our Anishinaabe values and align with priorities of those we serve.

The White Earth Nation continues to face difficult and challenging realities such as the recent incident involving abuse of our children placed in foster care. The seriousness of this case underscores the importance of the protecting the best interests of our children and ensuring the stability and security of families and Tribes.

A critical role of government is to ensure representation and participation of Band members. The White Earth Nation has a long history of active participation by tribal members which is critical to ensure accountability of elected leaders at all levels. While we may have different opinions about issues, we can all agree that participation and

representation are fundamental in our government. All voices need to be heard and need to have all the information. We need to follow our official processes already in place and ensure that there are fair and transparent ways of building consensus on ideas and issues that will not impact us today but will impact our youth and families for years to come.

Over the past several decades, we have seen the financial business of the tribe grow into a complex and diverse system that reflects as operating budget of millions of dollars. This complexity not only requires accountability, but there also needs to be a shared decision-making process that supports and reflects the priorities of all band members.

There have been multiple decisions made by the RBC over the years that have an impact on all of us today and in the future. More recently, many of these decisions have involved millions of dollars. As the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer has stated numerous times over the past several years, White Earth Nation has a thriving and healthy financial system that involves millions of dollars in revenue and expenditures. As Secretary/Treasurer, I will ensure financial decisions reflect a process that is reflects the greater good of all band members and ensure that there is transparency with increased opportunities for Band members to actively participate in these decision-making activities.

Commission/Boards

While we continue to look at Constitutional Reform, working to address issues like separation of powers and enrollment, we continue to have multiple opportunities to strengthen our sovereignty through enhancing our self-gov-

ernment through representation and participation of Band members. White Earth Nation has utilized various boards and commissions over the years for social, economic, and political purposes. As Secretary/Treasurer, I will work to increase opportunities to enhance communication between RBC and Band members to bring forth a broad range of transparency. We need to expand opportunities for Band members to participate and help advise on a broad range of policy issues facing the White Earth Nation. These opportunities will help ensure key issues that are addressed through an in-depth examination of all relevant information and formalize communication with a broad range of ideas and expertise to guide our decision making at the RBC level. We need to focus our efforts on our existing boards and commissions such as ICW, Elders, Enterprise, Housing, Gaming, Public Utilities, and Youth. We also need to look at moving forward with a Health Board and the feasibility of an investment Advisory Commission. Over the past couple of years, we have witnessed the importance of informed decisions and open communication on issues related to our health, children, energy, and economic development. These issues highlight the importance having broad participation and expertise in conducting the business of the tribe.

ICW

One of the most critical issues we face is relating to Indian Child Welfare. Protecting and nurturing our children is one of our most sacred responsibilities we have as Anishinaabe. There are historical and contemporary implications of the removal of children in Indian Country that

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→ Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts

Aaniin and Boozhoo,

My name is Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts and I am running for White Earth Secretary/Treasurer. I want to thank everyone for supporting my candidacy during the Primary



Election and for advancing our campaign to the General Election on June 14, 2022. I also thank all of the other candidates for running for office as it takes a lot of courage to step forward and to put your name out there to help our people. Tribal leadership is a challenging endeavor and any person that wants to help our people has earned my respect.

For those that are still learning more about who I am, I previously served on the Tribal Council as the District 3 Representative from 2016 to 2020. During this time I served as the Vice-Chairman where we focused on passing meaningful change for the White Earth Nation and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. We accomplished many things together which includes:

- Issuing direct COVID assistance to members in need
- Constructing a family center in Cass Lake, MN for White Earth members
- Passing a Referendum on Medical Cannabis for White Earth members that has since grown to a \$6 million business for the Tribe
- Advancing Treaty Rights with the 1855 Treaty Authority

- Supporting Veterans by passing benefits for Tribal Veterans and their families

- Advocating for White Earth homeless by investing over \$1 million to address the issue

At the time we were focused on changing things for the betterment of everyone that calls White Earth Nation home. This focus remains the same. I believe that if we put our members first that we can build a solid foundation for our programs, services, and business activities.

Those changes were beneficial for everyone and prioritized the needs of our members, communities and their families. This is why I have decided to focus on the following areas for my platform:

- Financial Accountability
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Accountability and Restructure
- Elder Affairs Commission
- Tribal Energy Independence
- Returning the White Earth State Forest and the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge to the Tribe
- Reviewing the Total Spectrum Agreement
- Prioritizing Tribal Businesses
- Supporting treaty rights with the 1855 Treaty Authority
- Expanding Tribal Medical Cannabis and Tribal Hemp Businesses
- Building Community Centers that prioritize education and culture for our youth and families

There are many other areas that touch our Tribe. However, I want to focus on a couple of these very specifically as they are immediate.

Indian Child Welfare (ICW)

Recently there has been a lot of discussion on Indian Child Welfare (ICW). For several years families have requested changes to the Department and its policies. Members have also asked for accountability within the department so that our children and families are being supported and that reunification remains the ultimate goal. I strongly support change within the department that can address the immediate needs of families and to work towards long-term restructure of the department.

There have been recent cases that must be addressed and we must work towards finding solutions in the ICW Department that help our families. I strongly support recommissioning the ICW Commission so that there is member oversight of the Department and its policies. An investigation must be conducted on the program to identify areas for improvement. As a foster parent and grandparent I know of these issues first hand.

Financial Accountability and Growth

Since 2018 the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) has substantially grown its reserves. It was last reported during the end of Quarter 1 that the Tribe had over \$170 million cash on hand between its grants, ARPA funding and unrestricted funds. We have grown into one of the largest employers in northern Minnesota and we are the largest Tribe in the State.

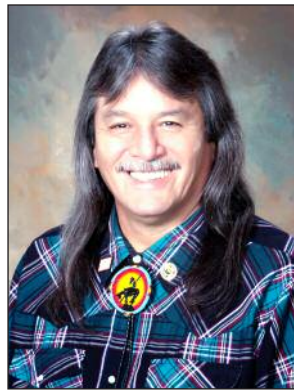
As Secretary/Treasurer I will continue to issue quarterly reports on the finances at the Regular meeting and I will make available our annual audit to our members upon

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Meet the Candidates for White Earth District I Rep.

Raymond J. Auginaush Sr. (Incumbent) ←

I say miigwech for supporting our campaign and for advancing my candidacy for District I Representative to the General Election on June 14, 2022. I also want to extend my appreciation for all of the other candidates that ran for Tribal Council during the Primary Election. Seeing people



step forward for Tribal leadership takes a lot of courage and commitment. This deserves to be recognized. Overall, I am very thankful for your support and for earning the top spot on the ballot this April.

For those voters that are still learning about who I am, my name is Raymond Auginaush, Sr. and I have decided to seek reelection as the District I Representative for the White Earth Nation. I currently serve as the Vice-Chairman for the Tribal Council and I also serve as the Chairman of the subcommittee to end homelessness. I hope to continue this work for another four years.

The past four years have been very busy. As a Tribal Council we addressed homelessness, medical cannabis, and we are still weathering the pandemic. Here are some accomplishments that we achieved:

- Raised the minimum wage to \$16 hour
- Provided over \$5,000 of COVID assistance to individuals
- Supported small businesses with direct pandemic assistance for \$30,000
- Passed a Referendum on Medical Cannabis and investing \$6 million for the program
- Renovated 30 homes in District 1 for our members
- Invested \$1 million to end homelessness, created the

Star of the Lakes Hotel, and initiated an 8 tiny home village in District 1

These accomplishments are a sample of the many issues and tasks that we work on daily. Our Nation has been very busy and we have so much left to accomplish. This is why I am running for Tribal Council so that we can build communities that all of us can rely on for future generations. My platform focuses on our communities, economic development, and families:

- Community Council Support
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Reform
- Elder Affairs Commission
- Reservation Tiny Home Villages
- Tribal Medical Cannabis Program
- Supporting the 1855 Treaty Authority
- Energy Independence for the Tribe and reducing energy costs for residents

I believe that by focusing on these areas we can move District I forward in a progressive way. We have done so much together over the past four years, and I still think that we can build a better future for our families.

Candidate Background

I am 63 years old and I've been married to my wife Karen for 38 years. We have four children who have blessed us with 12 grandchildren, and we have welcomed four great grandchildren.

I've lived my whole life in District I—except for six years and three of them I served in the Army, and the other three years I lived in Mankato. I'm running for reelection as the District I Representative because the great work we are doing must continue. Members feel that I am fair and honest. One who will listen and make change so that we have a voice in District I. I believe that by working together we can make a difference for the betterment of our great White Earth Nation.

Making a difference starts with healthcare. I have planned to open the Rice Lake Clinic and it is expected to open this Spring to provide members with triage care and assistance at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Indian Child Welfare (ICW) needs to be reformed. Too many of our families are being broken apart and too many children are being subject to abuse. Our ICW Department must be reviewed for potential changes that are immediate and for long-term structural changes. I am in favor of reform and I will advocate for it on the Tribal Council.

The drug epidemic is destroying our people. We need to continue to support our services and programs for our people to receive care in a timely manner. For those individuals that bring drugs onto the Reservation, I have voted to ban them from the Reservation. This is a serious matter that requires serious actions to protect our communities.

For our Elders I have supported increased funding. We have fully funded the Council of Elders this year and we have expanded services into an Elder Affairs Commission to help develop our programs. Services that we expanded include roof snow removal, leaf removal, and fully funding yard care for Elders. Many of our Elders provide care and support for their children and grandchildren and they deserve the support of the Tribe. I will continue this work if I'm reelected.

Combined with the accomplishments of the Reservation and our platform moving forward, I strongly believe that we can continue to make White Earth Nation a great place to call home. I encourage everyone to get out and vote so that their voices are heard. Please contact me at 218-407-3618 or at rauginaush503@gmail.com.

I humbly ask for your support on June 14, 2022 in the General Election.

→ Henry George Fox

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaawaabaabiganikaag, my name is Henry G. Fox; I am married to Mickie J. (Bevins) Fox. We have a huge family with many grandchildren.

These are my priorities as District 1 Representative. I have listened to the concerns of the people and I will be there for them and help them as much as I can. We have many issues within our reservation that need to be addressed.



Housing is greatly needed as it has been a significant statement expressed by the people. There are many homes damaged and abandoned which need to be repaired so we can utilize them. We also need

transparency in this process throughout board meetings.

ICW has always been a difficult area due to its purpose. As in everything, there is room for improvement and growth to better serve our children and families. As a member of the Tribal Council, I will work to re-establish trust in our ICW program, ensuring accountability and fairness for all involved. I will work to reinstate the ICW Board to help oversee the program, with enforcement authority, to ensure that the program is operating as it should.

We should also have a board to address the issues our people have with law enforcement. Our people need to be treated with fairness and their individual rights must be pro-

tected.

The sobriety of our people is very important, our culture and traditions never had alcohol and drugs. We should develop a treatment/detox center within the reservation so that our people don't have to travel far and learn how to live Minobimaadiziwin here at home.

White Earth land is vital to us. We need to look into how much land we own- on and off reservation. Our Bagley casino was built with the input of our people. I want to expand the casino so it is enjoyable for all.

Our gaming commission needs to look into our employees concerns with a practical response so they can be empowered to succeed in employment and also stick to our policies and procedures.

Ojibwe culture and revitalization:

We need to bring back ceremonies for our waterways, Manoomin and communities. We need to dive into our culture and get back to our Anishinaabe ways. Our Ojibwe language needs to be revitalized because out of almost 18,000 members and the largest Native American tribe in Minnesota there is less than 30 fluent Ojibwe speakers. We need easily accessed Ojibwe language programming for our young people whether it is classroom or compact disk programs.

Having a program within the Conservation Division will help our elders & handicapped members to access traditional foods and increase their capability to get back to original healthy food sources.

Our urban and off the White Earth reservation mem-

bers also have various needs we need to expand. We already own various buildings in the cities and having a community center for them is important for various needs. For human services, working with them so our people are cared for; EBT, MFIP, homeless housing, sober living, and much more there are grants which can help with this. Like the grant that the Rice Lake Community Council was a part of with the homeless homes coming to Rice Lake Community.

We as a tribe should be more focused on creating better services for all our people, including homeless shelters, real facilities for our boys and girls clubs, and a treatment center here on the reservation. Our services should available in the night time and weekends when more are vulnerable for using.

One big issue is our elders having to go off the reservation for nursing home. We should build our own here on our reservation.

Our work force should expand having more to offer not only the tribe but both our casinos. We should be working closely with day labor and getting higher paying jobs through TERO. Our workforce should also have on-the-job training in some positions and through our water and sewer and the BIA roads department in order for our people to get their CDLs or even their Class A drivers license.

The most important thing to remember is that we can accomplish anything when we work together and think of

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Meet the Candidates for White Earth District II Rep.

Tara Mason

Boozhoo District II

District II members I ask for your support in the upcoming General Election. There is a lot that we need to accomplish, and we should not need to wait any longer for these things. We need Community Centers in Mahnomen, Waubun, and Naytahwaush. All the other communities on the Reservation have them, we should not be left out. Once we have our community centers, we can start offering more events and creating more opportunities.



If you elect me, I will hold community meetings to have discussions and gather ideas and feedback on how you would like me to proceed and

when necessary, how to vote at the RBC table. I want to work with the Community Councils and provide support in everyway possible for their events and what they offer to their communities. I would like to see each of the Community Councils have a non-profit status, so what we don't accomplish through the RBC we can accomplish with the Community Councils for our district. We should expand the Community Service Officer program to help accomplish this.

District II should have a business incubator for all our members to have a physical site for their businesses and those who in the process of building their business. We can create a position just to help new businesses get off the ground, through trainings and resource gathering for our members to succeed in pursuing their dreams. This will only make us stronger and provide more opportunities for all of us.

I would like to work with the Natural Recourse Division to start reintroducing many of traditional plants. We have many areas where Cedar trees would thrive, where blueberries could grow. I would like to hold canning events in each of the Community Centers. When talking to an elder she had mentioned a Warriors Society where our younger people would hunt deer and bring them to our Elders. At our Naytahwaush Community Council we have spoken about this, how we could get venison out to the elders. We could expand this program to include fish and other sources of food. These are things that should be happening every year, seasonally, not as a one-time event. Our children need to know how to gather and process our foods and I know we can make this happen.

There is so much opportunity to strengthen all our educational systems. We can provide short term training for our adults as well as create support for our members who are pursuing higher education. Our Tribal College is right here in our District, as well as our Workforce Center. Let's build

this into something that offers what our members need, no matter where they are at in their path to their career. Let's support members in becoming plumber, electricians, and other highly needed skilled positions, as well as supporting members in becoming our accountants, teachers, nurses, and professionals. And make sure there are positions open for them when they return with their education.

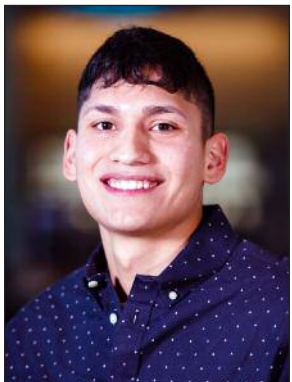
There are so many things we can accomplish and do that it is difficult to address all the areas in this article. I will dedicate my time to if you elect me District II Representative to what is needed for all our District members. Please know I am not scared to address the hard issues as well. We do need change and I am willing to work on these issues. I believe that we should always understand how systems work and from there come up with ideas on how to correct them or make things better. I believe we should be building opportunities for all of us and I know we can do this.

I will be going door to door, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. If I miss your house, please contact me and I will stop in. If elected I will work hard to create opportunities for all members, I will listen and have open forums in Mahnomen, Waubun and Naytahwaush. I will make myself available to listen and respond.

I ask for your support on June 14th. Let's make positive change for our District!

Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe! The campaign trail has been good to me thus far. During my visits in the community I've heard many ideas regarding programming for our youth and elders. In order for these ideas to become reality we have to invest in infrastructure to house these programs. Many of our community centers are used for government operations. It's difficult to have access to these facilities due to lack of dedicated community space.



Something that worries me very much is our B&G Club facilities or the lack thereof. Some of

our clubs have leaking ceilings, are too small to serve the community or have no facility at all. I feel this is an essential program that teaches our children skills they need to thrive. These conditions are unacceptable, we need to allocate funding and provide adequate facilities. This may appear as a costly expense but the cost of losing our youth to drugs and alcohol is far greater. This would be a direct investment into our communities and prevention services.

I want to acknowledge all the Urban Organizations (Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative) that have taken the time to meet with me regarding the needs of our urban population. Many times our members living in urban areas receive little to no support from their Tribe. This is an issue I hope to dissolve by establishing a working relationship with our Urban Organizations. Supporting these Organizations is more effective than attempting to

duplicate services and competing against each other. We need to focus on making these services more accessible to our members. I believe that can happen quickly and effectively with partnerships and collaborations. The funding we have for Urban support should be allocated to fund a "Urban Director", this position will facilitate collaborations and improve Urban representation.

I believe in long term planning and that's what I will focus on as an elected official. Compared to other Tribal Nations, we lack key infrastructures to ensure a strong, prosperous and sustainable Nation. Ojibwe people have experienced struggles before but always found a way to adapt and thrive. I believe now is our time for resurgence.

What I'm hearing in the community:
Elder Advocates - Ensuring our elders are safe, healthy and have access to services.

B&G Club - Desperately in need of new facilities.

ICWA Commission - A review board that ensures best practice and accountability.

Mental Health - Having access to services to address trauma.

Prevention Services - Routine check-ups to assess and prevent disparities.

- Upcoming Forums:**
 - Cass Lake, May 12, 2022 (White Earth Family Center)
 - Minneapolis, May 21, 2022 (American Indian Center)

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote to fill the vacant District 2 seat. Please get out and vote June 14, 2022.

Miigwech!

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Monday, May 16th, 2022	Tuesday, May 17th, 2022
Pine Point Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM	White Earth Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM
Naytahwaush Sports Complex 2 PM - 6 PM	Rice Lake Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM

Both Days
 White Earth Tribal and Community College
 9 AM - 6 PM
 Knutson Store, Zerkel

Variety of Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Jalapeno Peppers

Wednesday, May 25th, 2022	Thursday, May 26th, 2022
Pine Point Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM	White Earth Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM
Naytahwaush Sports Complex 2 PM - 6 PM	Rice Lake Community Center 2 PM - 6 PM

Both Days
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Ojibwemodaa.2!

Lets all speak Ojibwe! Aaniin, Boozhoo.; Greetings. Ojibwemowin involves 4 communication skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing. This is the Double Vowel writing system. Refer to The Concise Dictionary of MN Ojibwe, by John Nichols & Earl Nyholm. Respectfully ask an elder, family and friends to speak Ojibwe within your circle.

Abinoojiwin•Infancy Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism!

Pronounce by syllables: Boo zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan. - Greetings! How are you? Nimino-ayaa, giin dash?. I am well, you also?

••“Giwiinishtigwaane dash giwiinitawage omaa.”

“You have dirty hair and you have dirty ears here.

••“Giwii-kizibiigazhe. Naadin gigiziingwe'on!

“You'll take a bath. Go get your towel!

••“Nitam giwii-giziibiigiindibe.”

“First you'll wash your own hair.”

••“Giwii-giziibiigiingwe gaye.”

“You'll wash your face also.”

••“Eya. Gimino-giziibiigazhe.”

“Yes, You take a good-bath.”

••“Giwii-baasin.”

“I will dry you off.”

Wiidookaage.- S/he helps. Niwiidookaage. - I help. Giwiidookaage. - You help. **Gaawiin** niwiidookaagesii. No I don't help others. *Boo!*

Zaaga'igan(an) Lake(s)

Zaagi'idiwag. They love each other.

Ambe Memengwaa. Sing it softly in Ojibwe. “Come Butterfly.” No nets, no chase and no touching ever! Be still, they may listen. Find ten (10) underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.

Aamoo(g) Bee(s) **Amoons(ag)** Little bee(s)

Doodooshaaboojiibik(oog) Dandelion(s)

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

“My ten favorite words (one word sentences) I have learned so far are Giigoonyike.- S/he fishes. Mikwendam.- S/he remembers.

Minwendam.-S/he is happy. Jiibaakwe.-S/he cooks. Biinichige.-S/he cleans things. Niimi.-S/he dances. Nagamo.-S/he sings. Giyose.-S/he hunts. Wiisini.-S/he eats. *Minikwe.*-S/he drinks. I think Ojibwe is fun to learn because it is always fun to know new languages. It is also important to learn the language to preserve it. Ojibwe

should be taught as a language option in more schools.” *Miigwech for sharing Kaylin!*

There are several ways to learn Ojibwemowin together: Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are basic skills. Use the spoken voice as you are learning oral stories, grammatical patterns, and one word statements. From birth on, immersion is a natural way we can help each other speak sounds, words, and common phrases. And to communicate Ojibwe Style!

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

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Nitaawigiwin •Grownup

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ninzhaashaaginizidebatoo.

Key: Outdoors...

- ...in the garden I plant.
- ...I ride around on a horse.
- ...I people watch/spectator.
- ...at the lake I float.
- ...I walk w/him/her on trail/road.
- ...I eat lunch/noon meal.
- ...I run barefoot.

Choose a time, choose a verb, add a being/bird.

Ending -G or K means "when, if, or while...."

- Onaagoshing, - **As**/When it is night,
- Onaagoshing, - **If**/when/while it is evening,
- Mino-giizhigak, - **If**/when it is a good day,
- Maji-giizhigak, - **When**/if/as it is a bad day,
- Gigizhebaawagak, - **When** it is morning,
- Naawakweg, - **When** it is noon,...

Add a VAL to the thought: *Bimise.-S/he flies.*

- Wiisini. -She eats, is eating. *Howah!*
- Nagamo. - S/he sings. *Ojibwemon!*
- Agwanjin - S/he floats.
- Googii. - S/he dives. *Add an NA:*

- Gijigijigaaneshii(yag) - Chickadee(s)
- Diindiisi(wag) - Bluejay(s)
- Opichi(wag) - Robin(s).
- Zhiizhiib(ag)- Duck(s)
- Aandeg(wag) - Crow(s)
- Maang(wag)-Loon(s)

No specific word for "the". Instead we can use "this, that, these or those" for both the living and nonliving things.

•WE Resources

- <https://whiteearth.com/divisions/culture/services>
- Use the Ojibwe People's Dictionary <http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>
- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Comm. <http://www.glifwc.org/>
- Clipart: wpclear.com

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? *Izbinikaazo Zaagi-bagaa-giizis wa'aw giizis.* His/her name Budding Moon this moon. *Gaye waabigwani-Giizis* Also the Flower Moon •“Zaaga'iganing miinawaa nindizhaa Nimbabaamishkaamin. Niminwendam nooji-giigoonyiweyaang zaaga'iganing. Gaye nigiikaj Apegish ge-izhaayeg zaaga'iganing. Gaye waakaa'iganing nimbiinitoon. Biinad.”

“To the lake again I go. We go around in a boat. I am happy when we go fishing at the lake. Also I'm cold. I hope you'll will go to the lake. Also in the house I clean it. It is clean.”
Biinimaagwad! -It smells clean! Mii'iw.

- g
- k
- yag
- ag
- wag

1. Aabita-dibika____, ninibaa nibaaganing. **When it is** mid-night I'm sleep in bed.
2. Naawakwe____, ninawajii omaa. **When it is** noon, I eat a light lunch here.

3. Onaagoshing, noopiming ninoodawaag ingiw diindiisi____. In the evening, in the woods I hear them those bluejays.
4. Apane iwidi ninoodawaag ingiw gjigijigaaneshii____. Always over there, I hear them those chickadees.
5. Zaaga'iganing niwaabamaag zhiishiib____ idash maangwag. At/on the lake I see them ducks and loons.

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Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is an “indigenous language”; meaning it is native to a region, is spoken by the region's original groups and has minority language status. “Dialect” is region-specific unique speech patterns or word use within the same language. “Orthography” is a standardized way of writing the language. The Double Vowel orthography is commonly used in teaching Ojibwe in MN & WI circles.

MIIGWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, knowledge, resources, how you learn, and help others!

Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
May 3th — Elbow Lake
- **Diabetes Bingo**
May 4th —Rice Lake
May 5th —Shooting Star
May 11th —Naytahwaush
May 12th—White Earth

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

Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
Site Supervisor ~ Angela Clark

Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

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

Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795



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

Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige

“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program

Zaagibagaa-giizis (Budding Leaves Moon) - May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Spaghetti with meat sauce Green beans Bread stick Mixed Fruit	3 Chicken sandwich Lettuce and tomato Manoomin soup Fresh fruit	4 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	5 Baked ham Scalloped potatoes Steamed broccoli Croissant roll Pineapple	6 Chicken pot pie Wheat bread Seasoned cauliflower Baked apples
9 Tuna noodle hotdish Steamed veggies Breadstick Spinach salad Banana	10 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Wheat roll Peaches	11 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	12 Sloppy joe Oven fries Pickles Pistachio fruit salad	13 Chef salad Artisan roll Angel food cake w/ berries
16 Baked Italian chicken Seasoned rice Roast Brussel sprouts French roll Mandarin oranges	17 Mac hotdish Wheat bread Pickled beets Cinnamon spiced pears	18 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	19 Turkey and Swiss on a croissant bun Potato soup Grapes Cookie	20 Beef stew Biscuit Garden Salad Melon
23 Brunch for Lunch Chefs Choice 	24 Sausage & peppers Alfredo pasta Cali blend veggies Fruit salad	25 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	26 Birthday Lunch Turkey roast w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Manoomin stuffing Birthday Treat	27 Chicken dumpling soup Wheat roll Spinach salad Banana w/ pudding
30 Closed for memorial DAY 	31 Salmon loaf Roasted garlic potatoes Glazed carrots Wheat bread Applesauce			

Obituary**Patricia “Patty” Lynn Clark**

Patricia “Patty” Lynn Clark, was born on May 10, 1962, in Park Rapids, Minn., to Glenn and Pearl Clark.

Patty went to school at Pine Point in her early years and received her GED from Park Rapids High School with the class of 1980. After high school, and over the years, Patty worked at Sunnyside Nursing Home as a CNA, Casey’s as a manager, at Shooting Star Casino as a cashier and waitress, and at the 59er as a waitress.

In 1978, she was united in marriage to Laverne Arthur in Pine Point. The couple had one daughter, Tonya. The couple separated and she moved to Detroit Lakes with Tonya, then to Arizona for a short time before returning home to Minnesota.

Patty enjoyed going to “Pow Wows,” playing Keno, and going to the casino. But laughing and having fun at family gatherings



were her favorite. She loved children and especially her great-niece Onna bug.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Jasmine Clark, Tyler Tibbitts, Jessica Brown and Samantha Clark for taking such exceptional care of Patty.

Patty is dearly loved and missed by her daughter, Tonya Arthur (Jeremy Fleischacker); grandchildren: Courtney (Logan) Johnson, Britney Mosher (Tony License), Amber Mayberry (Shane Krause), Devin Monroe, Shawna Monroe and Hailey Monroe; siblings: Kevin (Barb) Clark, Glenn (Angela) Clark and Jenene (Doyle) Mayberry; special friend, Terry Larson; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Preceding Patty in death are her parents Glenn and Pearl; grandchild, Austin Zahn; grandparents: Josephine and George Clark, Glenn Clark and Francis.

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Douglas Jon Doerfler**;
DOB: 08/16/1999

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T20-0162 and T22-0196

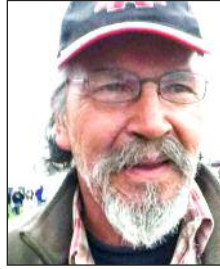
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 25, 2022

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

Celebration of Life

The Celebration of Life for Robert "Bob" Libby Sr. will be held Saturday, June 4 at Three Bears Golf Course from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a service that will begin at 11 a.m. with a light lunch to follow.



We are having a special 'tin cup' (7 iron only) golf outing that will follow for anyone who would like to participate. Green fees and cart rental are the participant's responsibility.

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 application

KEY CARD HOURS:

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



Play Diabetes Bingo from home

White Earth Public Health continues to run their Diabetes Bingo Program on Niiiji 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!



Lawn Mowers Needed
White Earth Tribal Elders Program
District II - District III
On call - District I

- Must be an enrolled Tribal member or descendent (18 years or older)
- Provide your own Lawn Mower (rider)
- Must complete an application
- A current Driver's license & insurance.
- Must have your own transportation to & from each site
- Knowledge of area highways & roads in your District
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check & drug screening
- Must be able to communicate with the elders
- Must sign a contract & liability form upon hire
- \$40.00 per lawn, with guidelines to follow upon hire

Deadline: Until filled
Contact: Matt or Betsy @ W&S Department @
218-983-3202 or Betsy @ 983-3202 or 218-850-1801
Email addresses: Matt.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov or
Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Request for Bid

The White Earth LTCC program is accepting bids for a HANDICAPPED BATHROOM INSTALLATION to be done at an individual home located on the White Earth Reservation. Modifications must be performed by a Minnesota licensed contractor and per MN State Code. All contractors must pass both White Earth RTC background and drug testing. Modifications must follow State guidelines, including cost effectiveness. Payment will be made in full after final inspection, review of receipts and approval of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at the White Earth Tribal Health Building, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591. All BIDS submitted MUST include a diagram/blueprint of the proposed project and a list of materials, labor, equipment, etc. or they will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Due to client confidentiality the bid description must be picked up in person at the White Earth Tribal Health Building. We are open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Bids will be accepted until 4:30pm on 5/13/22.**

Celebration of Life

A memorial Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 21 from 1-4 p.m. at 6849 Memengwaa Lane NW in Cass Lake, Minn.

Drop by any time and share a memory of Tim. Come for a few minutes of reminiscing for the 2 p.m. gathering or stay the whole afternoon. All are welcome to join!



Memorial Feast

A Memorial Feast and Giveaway will be held in honor of Rod and Joyce HighElk on May 21 starting around 11 a.m. at the White Earth Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Interested in

Native American
Medicine
Gardens?

Vegetable
gardening?

Community
Building?

This event is for you!

DATE: Wednesday, May 11th, 2022

TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

LOCATION: MAHUBE-OTWA office
1125 West River Road, Detroit Lakes

RSVP: lkuoppala@mahube.org or call/text
218-248-5963 before May 9th, 2022
Light refreshments will be served

COMMUNITY + ACTION + PARTNERSHIP

Event sponsored by: MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc., White Earth Land Recovery Project, White Earth Tribal and Technical College.

PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 5 p.m.
Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Adams at 5:05 p.m.

Members present – Sara Hunt, Gerald Adams, Michael Swan, John Swan, Allison Jones, Marva Aitken
Ex-officio – Chris Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks

3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by John Swan to approve the February 7, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer's Report – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2022 as presented, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by John Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$49,362.68 for check #31683 through check #31736 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Michael Swan. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 No unfinished business

7.0 New Business

7.1 Masks/Social Distancing – Motion by Michael Swan to stop mandate and make optional, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

8.0 Principal's Report - Discussion on End of 3rd Quarter; MCA Testing; Dog Sledding; Tubing K-6; Bridge Program; Tribal Consultation; Picture Retakes; Guthrie Field Trip. No action needed.

9.0 Public Participation – Culture Camp; Bean Bag Tournament, Sugar Bush Camp

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Michael Swan to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

NAYTAHWAUSH
DRUM HALL

MEN'S HEALING TALKING CIRCLE

ALL MEN INVITED, POT LUCK,
BRING A DISH

MONDAY'S @ 6 PM

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:
MIKEY: (218) 850-2657
STEVIE: (218) 261-1115

White Earth Nation has a Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation

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resonate with our people on many levels. Historically, Native American children have been removed from our families as a part of colonization which continues to affect our people. The resulting trauma and grief are something that impacts all of us especially when it comes to issues of abuse and neglect that results in placement of our children in foster care.

There is absolute concern about accountability and restoring the trust of the people that the fundamental intent of the Indian Child Welfare is honored, and all processes implemented and always followed. The safety and need of our children must be a priority at every step especially when a child or children need to be removed. We must remain committed to promoting the best interests and the complex needs of our children and families including making sure our families are able to access services before removal from the home, and if necessary, the focus on ensur-

ing our families receive the services and support are equally important.

As the Secretary/Treasurer, I will ensure we allow the audit to be complete and investigations complete, so we have all the facts and necessary finding to focus our efforts on the identified strategies and solutions. Our top priority must be ensuring ICW is compliant with all legal regulations and all child welfare and adoption proceeding. We need to reconvene and strengthen the ICW Commission as described in the Tribal Ordinance/code and make sure that there is proper oversight with effective mechanisms in place for accountability, consistency, and fairness to ensure we are promoting the best interests of our future generations.

Please get out and vote on General Election June 14, 2022

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request. We need to protect our resources and I will be sure to meet with financial staff and our financial institutions to make sure that our funds are properly safeguarded.

As Secretary/Treasurer I will also identify other areas that will help grow our reserves. Medical Cannabis can be beneficial to our members health and wellbeing, and it can be financially successful for our Tribe. Energy opportunities in the renewable energy sector can also help grow our financial portfolio. Bottom line, we need to focus on economic development to create jobs and to support Tribal small businesses.

Miigwech

Once again, I want to thank everyone for their

support during this campaign. I encourage you to vote on June 14, 2022 and if needed to request your absentee ballot from the Election Board. Please keep in mind that if you are going to vote by mail that it takes time so be sure to get this done early.

I think that we have a very good set of candidates for Tribal Council this year. No matter the outcome for the election, it has been an honor to represent you in the past and it will be an honor to represent you again in the future if I am elected as the next Secretary/Treasurer.

My thoughts and prayers are with our members, families, and communities of the great White Earth Nation.

Miigwech Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg District 1

Please vote Henry G. Fox

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our future generations. This will be my goal and approach as your District I Representative.

On June 14th, 2022 I am humbly asking for your support.

White Earth WIC May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	Due to COVID-19, all appointments are being completed by phone at this time. Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.			12	13	14
15	16	This institution is an equal opportunity			19	20	21
22	CLOSED		24	Unsure if you are eligible? Please fill out the online application on the Minnesota WIC Website.			28
29	30	31					

*White Earth WIC: 26246 Crane Rd White Earth, MN 56591

*Times and dates are subject to change

*If the RTC is closed for holidays or weather, WIC is also

Howah Ads

Happy Birthday to **Nicole & Crystal**

May 1st & 2nd



Happy Birthday **Casey (Fish Lips)**

From Dad, Mom and Family

April 17



Happy Birthday **Tamara** on May 21st

Luna Rae on May 26th

Love, Jordan, Zaiden and Andre



Happy **8th** Birthday **JJ**

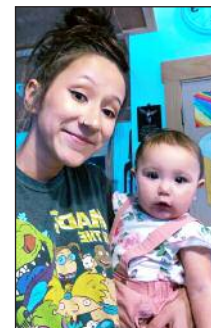
Love, Mom, Dad, and Family



"Happy Birthday" **Tamara Porter**

On May 21st and **Luna Rae** on May 26th

Love Porter/Keezer family



Happy Heavenly Birthday **Uncle Tim!**

There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you.

I love and miss you so very much!

Love, Paula (Norcross) Brown

May 8th



Happy **80th** Birthday **Edwin "Butch" Smith**

Love, your girls and grandkiddos.

May 4



Happy Birthday **Michael Tibbetts** from your Family and Friends

"Make sure and have a Jack and Coke for all of us." Love you!

May 18



REMINDER!

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

All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

WE CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Tiffany Hvezda, Mother; and Anthony Neeland, Alleged Father; Child's DOB 11/18/2021
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC21-0666

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 22, 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. CC21-0666. A continued pretrial conference on the matter is scheduled for June 3, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. 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: April 22, 2022
Jennifer Cross,
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare
PO Box 238,
White Earth, MN 56591

WE CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Reanna Buckanaga, Mother; Darren Wadena, Sr., Father; Regarding the child(ren): DOB 01/07/2013; 06/25/2014; 05/23/2015; and 09/11/2016
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC21-0330-0333

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 22, 2022, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights, was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC21-0330-0333. A continued admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 10:00 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: April 28, 2022
Jennifer Cross,
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare
PO Box 238,
White Earth, MN 56591

WE CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Darilyn Cloud, Mother; Jared Keezer, Father; Marissa Keezer, Guardian; Regarding the child(ren): DOB 11/13/2012
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC20-0640

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 22, 2022, a Petition for Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody, was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC20-0640. A continued admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for May 31, 2022 at 10:00 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: April 28, 2022
Jennifer Cross,
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare
PO Box 238,
White Earth, MN 56591

WE CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Michelle Stevens, Mother; Andrew Straub, Father; Regarding the child(ren): DOB 04/05/2007; and 04/04/2008
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC19-0915-0916

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 4, 2022, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights, was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC19-0915-0916. A continued admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for May 31, 2022 at 10:30 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: April 28, 2022
Jennifer Cross,
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare
PO Box 238,
White Earth, MN 56591

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Derrick Wayde Alvarado Jr.; DOB: 11/11/1999**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0158 and T22-0159

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citations will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 28, 2022

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Tiffany Marie Anderson; DOB: 09/17/1986**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0078

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citations will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 28, 2022

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Justina Rae Richey; DOB: 01/28/2004**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0118

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citations will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 28, 2022

WE CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Ellen Deegan, Mother; Alberto Sandoval, Father; Regarding the child(ren): DOB 06/08/2006; 07/20/2007; 05/23/2015; and 05/30/2009
Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. CC20-0069-0071

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 5, 2022, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights, was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) under Court File No. CC20-0069-0071. A continued admit/deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 9:30 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: April 28, 2022
Jennifer Cross,
Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare
PO Box 238,
White Earth, MN 56591

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Shayna Renee King; DOB: 12/24/1999**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0142

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. an Initial Hearing (2nd Attempt) on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 28, 2022

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Kenneth Lee Jackson; DOB: 03/19/1978**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0200

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 25, 2022

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Autumn Leigh Alvarado; DOB: 06/14/1998**
Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. T22-0140

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. You are asked to contact Court Administration at 218-983-4648, ext. 5757 to receive a copy of the citation. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of court.

Dated: April 28, 2022

Attention AT Readers

Let us know if you have moved in the so we can cancel your old address.
Email: today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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)

Diabetic Bingo

We are back! All Elder Nutrition Sites are open to the public. All are welcome to play.

May

May 4 th , 2022	Rice Lake
May 5 th , 2022	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
May 11 th , 2022	Naytahwaush (will be in the conference room behind the front desk)
May 12 th , 2022	White Earth

Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center Gym after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.
Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm (limit to 25 players)
Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, conference room behind the front desk at 12 Noon.
Bingo in White Earth in at the Congregate Center, dining hall after the 11:30am meal

June

June 1 st , 2022	Pine Point
June 2 nd , 2022	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
June 7 th , 2022	Elbow Lake
June 8 th , 2022	Valley View, Mahnomen

Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the School in E.N.P. Dining Hall after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.
Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm (limit to 25 players)
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building, after the E.N.P. after the 11:30am meal
Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room beginning at 1:00pm

July

July 5 th , 2022	Naytahwaush
July 6 th , 2022	Rice Lake
July 7 th , 2022	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
July 14 th , 2022	White Earth

Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, conference room behind the front desk at 12 Noon.
Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center Gym after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.
Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm (limit to 25 players)
Bingo in White Earth in at the Congregate Center, dining hall after the 11:30am meal

August

Aug. 2 nd , 2022	Elbow Lake
Aug. 3 rd , 2022	Pine Point
Aug. 4 th , 2022	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Aug. 11 th , 2022	Valley View, Mahnomen

If the R.B.C or the E.N.P. site is closed, Bingo will be rebooked to another date, if possible. Schedule is subject to change without notice.

JOIN THE WHITE EARTH FITNESS CENTER TODAY!



BECAUSE EXERCISE IS MEDICINE

Located in the dialysis wing of the White Earth Tribal Health building
Email Gail.Borgurd@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 218-983-3286 ext. 1342 or 218-401-3079

HOURS:

Staffed:

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
(Except RBC Holidays)

Key Fob access: (application required)

Monday-Friday 6a.m. until 10p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 6am-6pm

Thank You

Thank you to our family and friends for all your kindness during Bun's illness and passing. Your visits, calls, cards, food and flowers were greatly appreciated. Thank you to our New Dimensions Home Health nurse, our White Earth Home Health nurses, and hospice for your kindness and compassionate care. Thank you Anderson Funeral Home, the pallbearers, Pastor Tim Brown and Pastor Paul Larson, as well as Bun's nieces for helping in the kitchen. A special thank you to Melanie McMichaels for being part of the family for the last 15 months and taking care of Bun.

From the Family of Bernice "Bun" Bellanger

2022 Election Calendar

May 12: Last Day for Decision on Appeal. (10 days from hearing on appeal).

May 13: Notice of General Election (or earlier if no appeal)

May 13: TEC provides ballots for General Election (or earlier if no appeal)

June 14: General Election
(Polling Place open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

June 15: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8 p.m.

June 16: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results

June 17: Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5 p.m.)

June 21: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

June 22: Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed (or 21 if request for Recount is filed before deadline)

July 1: Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election

July 5: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision (or within 3 days of decision of Contest)

July 8: Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals (at least 2 days prior to the Hearing date)

July 12: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal. (Hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)

July 22: Deadline for decision of Court of Appeal. (Or 10 days from Hearing on Appeal)

Day following Decision of Appeal: Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.

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

Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building



Naytahwaush Talking Circle

Wednesday's @ 6 PM
For More Information Contact:
Amanda: (218) 401-1138
Lacy: (218) 401-4677

Light Meal Served

ACCESS TO RECOVERY & WESA

Job Seekers & Graduates

White Earth Tribal and Community College
2250 College Road, Mahnomen, MN 56557
Presents:

Solar Career Day



May 17, 2022 2-6 PM
Main Campus Drum Hall

Learn about the White Earth Tribal and Community College's Solar Track Program

Featuring:



Rural Reusable Energy Alliance
With their interactive GIS map and Solar 101 video presentation.



Minnesota Power
Career and hiring information with video sessions on their utility grade farms.



Enel Green Energy
Hiring information and hands-on drone demonstrations.

Also Available:
-WHITE EARTH LOGO MERCH AND CLOTHING (1-day event- DATE T.B.A.)
-INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNTS (IIM) LOOKUP




WHITE EARTH URBAN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT & ID DAYS

PICTURE ID CARD FEES:
Adults: (16-54)- \$12.00
Juvniles: (12-15)- \$6.00
Elders (55+)- FREE
Descendant ID- \$35.00
PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE.
NO HARVEST PERMITS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME!

WILD RICE IS CONTIGENT UPON AVAILBILTY. CALL AHEAD!

DATES
Thurs & Fri. MAY 12TH – 13TH, 2022- TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Saturday, MAY 14TH, 2022- TIME: 9:00 AM TO 11:45 AM

LOCATION:
White Earth Urban Office
1730 CLIFTON PLACE
SUITE 100
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
FMI: 612-813-1590

****Attn. Descendants: White Earth request for verification of Descendancy form must be completed through WE Enrollments prior to the event. There is a \$50 fee for this certificate. Call enrollments at (218) 983 4643 for more information.**

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



Dawn Wann's Gardens Plants Grown With Love! OPENING APRIL 29!

- 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., every day
- Most of our flowers and herbs and all our vegetables are started and grown by us
 - Choose from hundreds of baskets in bloom, with our unique collection of varieties & colors
 - Annual flowers in 4-packs or single pots
 - Wave Petunias & Wave Pansies
 - An extra-wide selection of Tomatoes & Peppers with many heirlooms
 - Perennial flowers and small fruits
 - Huge selection of Herbs in singles & packs
 - Seed Potatoes & Onion Sets
 - Organic Seeds from Botanical Interests Renee's Garden, Seed Savers Exchange, & Cornucopia
 - Garden Chimes by Music of the Spheres
 - Find us on Facebook & dawnwannsgardens.com

Directions from Mahnomem & Naytahwaush:
East on Hwy. 200 to #92 at Zerkel. Cross #92; continue east on 210th St. (C.R. 37) for 1.25 miles; turn right on 203rd Ave. Go south 0.75 mile.
Greenhouses are on left: 20248 203rd Ave.
(218) 657-2266 Signs will be posted!

Did You Know...

You can read the current and past issues of the *Anishinaabeg Today* online at www.whiteearth.com for free! The online issues feature more color and you can read the them right away when the paper comes out on the first Wednesday of each month.

White Earth Reservation Council of Elders 2022 Monthly Meeting Dates

Every First Tuesday

Naytahwaush - June 7

Rice Lake - July 5

White Earth - August 2

Mahnomen - September 6

Naytahwaush - October 4

Rice Lake - November 2

White Earth - December 6

All meetings are held at the village nutrition site after lunch

All Elders 55+ are welcome to join.

NO membership fee.

Requirements to attend bi-annual National Indian Conference on Aging (NICOA) are:

- Non-Indians can be non-voting members
- Attend scheduled meetings on a regular basis. (At least four per year)
- Participation in fund raisers
- Attend scheduled trips when registered
- Executive board meetings as needed only

*No meetings are held during the months of January, February or March because of the weather. We pride ourselves on safety for our elders.

Practice and maintain good health, exercise, beware of scams, and have a safety plan. Secure a Lifeline as needed. Take care of each other and honor our veterans and all spiritual choices.

Lake Grove Township Monthly Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Lake Grove Township, County of Mahnomem, State of Minnesota, that the monthly Township meeting will be held **May 17**. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

Lori Tibbetts, Clerk - Town of Lake Grove



April, 20, 2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Circle of Life Academy located in White Earth, MN is seeking proposals for professional school-based services in the following areas to begin August 1, 2022, for the 22-23 school year.

- Speech/Language Pathologist (up to 20 hours/week/.5FTE)
- Occupational Therapist (up to 20 hours/week/.5FTE)
- School Psychologist (up to 20 hours/week/.5FTE)

Proposals should clearly outline the agency's capacity to provide one or more of the services requested and must include:

- Documentation of appropriate certification/licensure of personnel providing services
- Job Descriptions of personnel providing services
- Specification of in-kind and other service costs to be provided by service providers versus those expected to be provided by or billed to Circle of Life Academy
- Specification of hourly, weekly or FTE rates by individual service and/or provider type
- Delineation of any rate differential for direct service, indirect service and/or travel time
- Length of service proposed (minimum of 08-01-2022 – 06-30-2023)
- Verification of liability insurance for service providers working directly with students

Service providers will engage in primarily on-site services at Circle of Life Academy as determined by a multidisciplinary special education team, based on individually identified student needs and documented in the Individual Education Program Plan. Office hours and/or off-site work may be considered for report writing/paperwork and will be negotiated with the providers to whom contracts are awarded.

Current service plans demonstrate estimated need for service aligned with the hours/weeks and FTEs noted above. Actual service times may vary from these estimates and any changes will be negotiated with the providers to whom contracts are awarded.

Bids may be delivered in person, emailed or mailed to: Circle of Life Academy, Attn: Carol Zortman, P.O. Box 447, White Earth, MN 56591. Carol's email is: carol.zortman@col.pvt.k12.mn.us

Interested parties, agencies or persons who have additional questions regarding this request for proposals or specific job duties should contact Victoria Wind at victoria.wind@col.pvt.k12.mn.us

Proposals will be received up until 3:00 pm on Friday, May 6, 2022.

WHITE EARTH URBAN OFFICE

The White Earth Urban Office is located at 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100, in Minneapolis. Thier phone number is 612-813-1590 and the office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Highlights of the Circle of Life Academy Powwow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Circle of Life Academy Powwow was held April 29 in the school's gymnasium.

Elders from Page 6

- Current sitting member of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee

The calendar for the Elders Commission Election will be as follows:

May 9: 8 a.m. – Opening of period for filing for office.

June 13: 4:30 p.m. – Closing of period for filing for office.

July 1: Deadline for Certification of Candidates

July 6: Deadline to file contest re: Certification of Candidates

July 8: Deadline for decision on certification contest(s)

July 11: Notice of Election and Ballots provided

Aug. 9: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Election for Elders Commission

Aug. 10: Election results certified

Aug. 11: Election results published

Aug. 12: Deadline for Request for Recount

Aug. 16: Deadline for Notice of Contest

Aug. 26: Deadline for Decision on Contest

Aug. 30: Deadline for Notice of Appeal

Sept. 2: Record forwarded to Appellate panel

Sept. 6: Last day for Hearing on Appeal

Sept. 6: Winning candidates assume office unless Appeal is pending

Sept. 16: Deadline for Decision on Appeal

Sept. 17: Winning candidate prevailing in the Appeal takes office

Voter Requirements:

Because the elections are to establish the Elders Commission, to be eligible to vote, the following criteria must be met:

- Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and
- Is at least 55 years old on or before the date of the election; and

- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation or within 25 miles of the nearest reservation boundary; and

- Must be registered to vote within their designated district for a least the 12-month period immediately preceding the date established for the election

Interested Candidates may obtain an application at the White Earth RTC Headquarters and at the Election Board Office in Mahnomen.

There's no 'debate' about it



Submitted photo

Congratulations to Eric Beaupre and Lilly Dayton for their recent third-place finish in Dramatic Duo at the Section 8A Speech Tournament in Fosston, Minn. They also competed in the Minnesota State Tournament in Apple Valley. They place 15th out of 24. Eric is junior at Waubun High School and is the son of Michael and Sonia Christianson. Lilly is also a junior at Waubun and is the daughter of Karri Heisler.

Drum 'family' thanks RBC



Submitted photos

The "White Earth Drum Family" would like to thank the Reservation Business Committee for helping us get to drum and dance at the Time Out Powwow in Grand Forks, N.D. Miigwech!