



### Annual Halloween Health Fair



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Halloween Health Fair was held Oct. 26 at the Shooting Star Casino. **Top:** From left are Julie Molacek, Vicki Brun and Ann Fain from the WE Head Start Programs. **Bottom:** From left are Christy Chilton, Jennifer Scott and Amy Littlewolf from Financial Services.

## WE buys Ridgeway Apartments in Bemidji

By Nicole Ronchetti  
Bemidji Pioneer

**BEMIDJI** — The White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe has officially purchased the Ridgeway Courts I and II in Bemidji after the sale of the complexes closed on Oct. 24.

The sale was finalized with the intention of turning the apartment buildings into a supportive and sober living community run by White Earth's Behavioral Health Department.

"The White Earth Band intends to renovate the buildings to better provide needed re-entry and supportive services for its Band members and other eligible clients," a release announcing the purchase said. "The White Earth Band envisions the Ridgeway Court property as its future sober-living community."

The apartments, purchased from NETA Property Management out of Fargo, N.D., had recently become a public concern in Bemidji after one of the buildings had its rental license revoked in May for unsafe conditions.

The remaining three buildings have also experienced increasing levels of disrepair, with broken windows, unsecured apartments lying abandoned and squatters taking up residence.

After months of uncertainty for the apartments' residents, White Earth's purchase seems like a hopeful step for the neighborhood.

In order for the buildings to be renovated, however, the current tenants will likely have to vacate — at least temporarily.

White Earth will give the current residents 180 days to find alternative housing, which they will assist with through coordinating housing partners or applying for sober living.



The White Earth Nation has announced that it will soon close its purchase of Ridgeway Courts I and II in Bemidji, with the intention of turning them into a sober-living and supportive housing community.

"We plan to give them ample time," said White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks. "There are not many residents left. The ones who are have endured the harsh times over there because of the tough housing situation in Bemidji."

Following those 180 days, renovations will begin to bring the buildings back up to code: repairing walls, windows, doors and safety alarms.

"There's a lot of things that are going to have to be looked at and tended to, especially with the rehab of some of those apartments," Fairbanks said. "This is a huge investment for us."

While an official timeline for the renovations hasn't been completed, Fairbanks said that the White Earth Band has begun the work and is excited about the partnerships the project will develop.

"We're looking forward to working with part-

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### Meet WE Elder Commission Members

The newly elected and appointed White Earth Elder Commission members recently gathered together at the White Earth RBC headquarters.

**Back row:** From left are Francine Day (Treasurer), Robin Ankeny (District I Rep.), Emily Annette (Vice-Chairperson), and Sherald Hanks (District II Rep.)

**Front row:** From left are Anita Reyes (Secretary), Antonette Vizenor (District III Rep.), and Pamela Aspinwall (Chairperson).

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# It's up to you. Covid chess or checkers?

By Carson Gardner, M.D.  
White Earth Tribal Health Medical Director

I'm a pretty average checkers player. I'm a really lousy-and-frustrated chess player. There's no such thing, for me, as a friendly chess game. My father-in-law, God rest his soul, once played the Nebraska State checkers champion to a draw—when the champ was an elder and the challenger was just a teenager. I quit playing checkers with my father-in-law very early on. So, yeah, even checkers can be intense with a champion opponent. But you know what I've never, ever done? I've never, ever played checkers while my opponent was playing chess! Sounds silly doesn't it? Not only would you lose, but you'd be thrown out of the game from the get-go. Aaniin Danaa! What the heck! Why would anybody do that?

My point? We've had a great late spring, summer, and early fall as far as low COVID case counts, few COVID hospitalizations, no new COVID deaths, and lots of freedom from stay-at-home and mask-up miseries and frustrations. It's been great. We've played a darn good summer checkers game against COVID. But COVID has been pulling its punches and waiting. Winter is coming and COVID has now gotten out the chess board again. Problem is, we don't get to choose the game. What does that mean? It means we can't use COVID-checkers rules against a COVID-chess cheater. COVID cheats at chess—we've counted the funerals.

You get what I mean. We've all gone back to group gatherings we enjoy. Very few of us are wearing masks anymore or anywhere. A whole lot of us are fully vaccinated, and a significant minority of us are also fully or partly boosted. We've been to family gatherings, parties, ceremony, pow-wow, church, casino shows, the slots, school sports events, and all kinds of grocery store, Wally World, and Fargo shopping trips—unmasked and leaving our hand sanitizer at home. Yeah, we won the summer COVID checkers tournament. But this winter, COVID risks are going up again. It's time to consider switching to the higher-risk COVID chess rules.

• Even though quarantine is gone for the fully vaccinated and boosted, its still a good idea to get tested a few days

after a significant exposure if you have symptoms. Now you have to ask your primary care clinic for testing.

• Even though there is no longer any need to be tested if asymptomatic, it is still good to remember that you, even fully vaccinated and boosted and not feeling sick, could still carry an Omicron subvariant for a few days this winter and accidentally give it to a vulnerable person you care about—elder, chronically ill, infection-prone.

• Even though isolation can now be cut to only 5 days if you have mild COVID, it's still good to understand you are recommended to wear a mask outside the house for another five days to a week after you are out of isolation.

• Even though hospitals and Emergency Rooms aren't full and overflowing with COVID patients anymore, it's good to realize that now they're full with "everything else." Also, they are now seriously understaffed compared to 3 years ago; and now there are no waiting empty Nursing Home emergency beds easily available for hospital patients well enough to be discharged but not well enough to go straight home. It's now harder to get a regular hospital bed than an ICU bed.

• Even though you hate like heck to think of masking up, washing up, standing back 6 feet, stepping up for testing, and staying home if sick—those things all still work to prevent community COVID spread. Those are reliable COVID-chess moves that will allow you to either "check" or "check-mate" COVID. It's still good to admit that we all might need to again use some transmission-prevention practices in higher-risk situations this winter.

• Even though you have had a vaccine series and one or even two boosters, it is good to hear the CDC recommendation that if it's been 2 months or more since your last COVID vaccine dose you should consider getting a dose of the new bivalent—protects against original and Omicron variant COVID—vaccine. Of course, it's still your choice.

• Even though your kids and grandkids are happily back at school, complaining about homework and tests, it's good to remember that COVID can spread at school, serious COVID complications can rarely and unpredictable hit

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## Department of Interior takes next steps to update Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

WASHINGTON — Following extensive Tribal consultation and review, the Department of the Interior recently announced that proposed revisions to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act's (NAGPRA) regulations are now available for public comment.

NAGPRA regulations provide a systematic process for returning human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to Native American and Alaska Native Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. The proposed changes would streamline requirements for museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify human remains and cultural items in their collections.

"The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is an important law that helps us heal from some of the more painful times in our past by empowering Tribes to protect what is sacred to them. These changes to the Department's NAGPRA regulations are long overdue and will strengthen our ability to enforce the law and help Tribes in the return of ancestors and sacred cultural objects," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

"Repatriation is a sacred responsibility for many Indigenous communities. After consulting with Tribal Nations across the United States, the National Park Service welcomes additional input on improvements to the NAGPRA regulations," said National Park Service Director

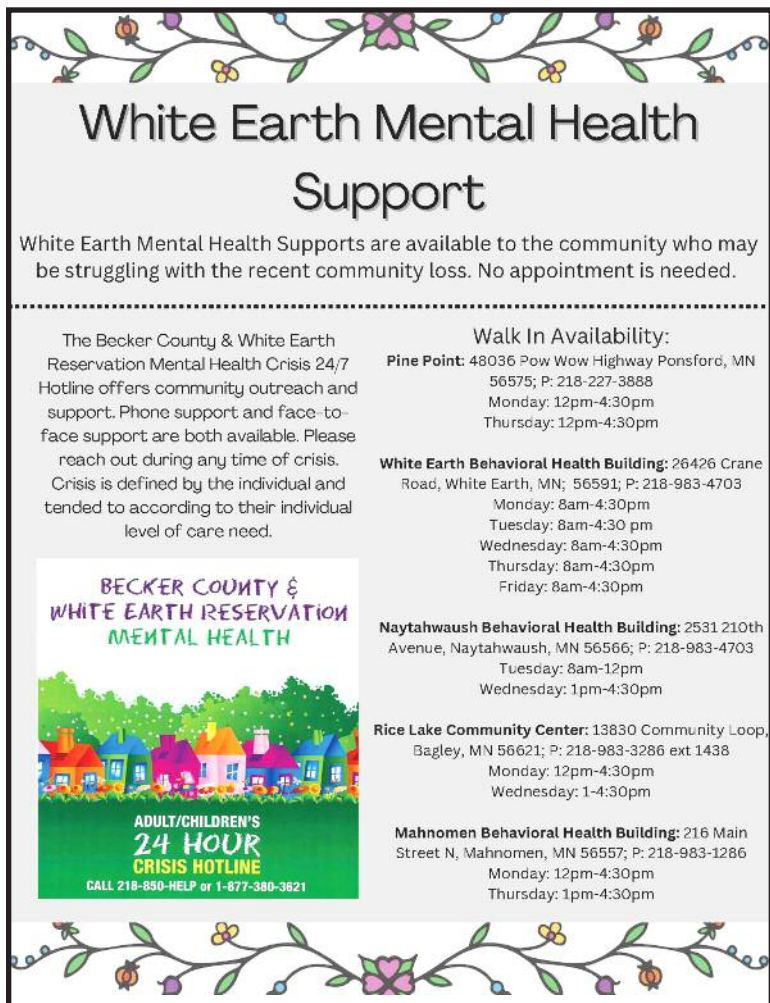
Chuck Sams. "We hope these changes will make it easier for proper repatriation and reburial of Indigenous ancestors and cultural items."

The Department of the Interior consulted with 71 Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations on the draft proposal and received more than 700 specific comments. Key feedback from these consultations is now reflected in the updated proposed revisions, including:

- Strengthening the authority and role of Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the repatriation process
- Addressing barriers to timely and successful disposition and repatriation
- Documenting and addressing requests of Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations when human remains or cultural items are discovered on federal or Tribal lands before items are further disturbed, and
- Increasing transparency and reporting of holdings or collections

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to identify Native American human remains, funerary items, and objects of cultural significance in their collections and collaborate with Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to repatriate them.

The public can comment on the proposed rule until Jan. 12, 2023, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).



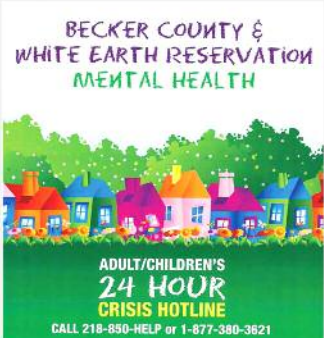
## White Earth Mental Health Support

White Earth Mental Health Supports are available to the community who may be struggling with the recent community loss. No appointment is needed.

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The Becker County & White Earth Reservation Mental Health Crisis 24/7 Hotline offers community outreach and support. Phone support and face-to-face support are both available. Please reach out during any time of crisis. Crisis is defined by the individual and tended to according to their individual level of care need.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 25  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 25, (Ponsford), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, for the purpose of electing three school board members for three year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

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## News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Gashkadino-giizis

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already November!

This is a story of my grandmother-in-law Rose, a White Earth Nation band member. Rose was born in Bena, Minnesota in 1907, directly after her biological mother gave birth to her she gave her a bottle of milk placing her in an Ojibwe weweabaabiigin or swing between two trees by the train station. Then through some hustle and bustle her biological mother was tossed in jail leaving the baby unattended. Back in the old days the town of Bena had a huge population stretching all the way near Pennington a neighboring community, nothing like the modern-day Bena population.

So, on the same date Rose was born an Ojibwe medicine woman from Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Nation had a dream of this baby girl and her situation. The manidoog - spirits in her dream told her she and her husband were to go get the baby and raise her as their own. Pick her up and keep on going east until they came to Gaawaabaabiganikaag, White Earth Nation. She was shown landmarks in her dream where to get off the train. The woman and her husband were to exit the train and take so many steps that would lead right where the baby was. Also in the vision she had seen the baby with a bottle of curdled up milk.

So immediately upon waking the next day she hollered: NINAABEM GASHKOZIN - HUSBAND WAKE UP! We have to get packed for the journey I had in my vision last night wewiib biizikonayeg-hurry up and get dressed! So they packed what was needed and dashed off to the train station. After being on the train for some hours Rose's adopted mother seen the landmarks she was shown in her dream - we have to pick up the baby here!

So the train stopped in Bena; she got off and just like the vision told her she took the amount of steps right to the swing and a there she was the huge newborn. When she picked Rose up it felt like she was 20 pounds and there was the bottle all curdled up. So like the vision they kept on going to the Place Where There is an Abundance of White Clay-Gaawaabaabiganikaag. After arriving to White Earth the couple made their way to the hospital to get Rose checked out and sure enough after weighing her she toppled the newborn scale at 14 pounds plus!

Rose and her family made their home here in Gaawaabaabiganikaag oodena- White Earth town until she was 8 years old. Her mother was given another vision one night to move to Chachabahning-Inger Minnesota. So the next morning they packed up their horse and wagon leaving for Chachabahning.

Rose said she just loved living in White Earth because they lived in a two-story white house with a white picket fence and she wore fancy dresses attending school every day. Rose said they left the beautiful rolling hills of White Earth traveling eastward to Jaachaabaaning which translates to Bowstring; Chachabahning- Inger Minnesota which had a whole bunch of wigwams spread throughout the village. She said after they finally made it to their destination she jumped of the buggy asking her father, "Where is our house at dad?" Her dad answered "omaa"- right



there pointing with his lips at a wigwam. She couldn't believe her eyes; she never lived in anything except a two story house her whole life until that day! In disbelief and the realization hitting her; she said she grabbed her apron covering her face and cried just hard!

Rose said her story is one of a great lesson she was taught in life of humility and the other Anishinaabe Values. "Nobody is above anybody," Rose said everyday that not one of us is better than anyone else here on Mama Aki- Mother Earth. Also not even a king or queen is better than you and to remember that you are no better than anyone else. Just because someone lives in a nicer house than others they are still no better anyone.

### Environmental Protection

White Earth leadership is taking great measures to protect Gaa-waabaabiganikaag. The current climate crisis and attack on Mother Earth is extremely challenging and is significantly impacting our tribal citizens, our communities, and our natural resources. We are beyond the time of sitting back and waiting for someone else to do the work - action is critical.

Industrial Agriculture is a leading contributor to the pollution of land, water, and air. The impact of practicing intensive farming of crops and animals is resulting in hazards to human health and our ecosystems. Concentrated or Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) are an example of an intensive farming practice. CAFO's have been linked to:

- Negative impacts to human health
- Negative impacts to habitat and biodiversity
- Detriments in both ground and surface water quality
- Negative impacts to air

White Earth is taking action against Industrial Agriculture, Ag - specifically concentrated animal feeding operations, CAFO's. We are working on amendments to our environmental code to address this intensive farming practice. Our members' health and the health of the environment must be prioritized.

There is another major concern of Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD. CWD is a neurological disease that affects the Waawaashkeshi- the Deer and is ultimately fatal. The disease can be passed from an infected deer to another directly or indirectly, which is why concentrating animals in one area isn't a good idea.

With assistance of USDA funding allocated to the Grand Portage Band, White Earth has been proactive in sampling to identify whether the disease has

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## Niibi Center program updates and call for interviews

By Amy Myszko  
Niibi Program Manager

Autumn is a rich time in here in northern Minnesota, from the vibrant colors of the fast fading trees to nourishing cultural practices like fishing and collecting/processing manoomin, not to mention enjoying the harvest season by putting up the garden. Here at the Niibi Center, we wanted to take a moment and reflect back on some of the work we have done this year, as well as to invite and engage the community in our current projects and future work.

The Niibi Center is a local non-profit here on White Earth, whose mission is to preserve and promote Anishinaabe culture in order to protect niibi (water) and manoomin (wild rice). Guided by the wisdom and experience of Executive Director Joe LaGarde, as well as our Board of Directors, the Niibi Center aims to be a repository of Anishinaabe culture and tradition, as well as a source of support and inspiration for the local community and beyond.

One of the primary programs at the Niibi Center is our language revitalization program, called Ayaanikeshkaagewaad, meaning "the next ones in succession." Ayaanikeshkaagewaad seeks to take a new approach to revitalizing Anishinaabe culture and language on WE by increasing the number of proficient Ojibwemowin speakers by creating a sustainable, home based language immersion program for Anishinaabe families. Many traditional teachings around niibi and manoomin are grounded in the Ojibwe language and so language preservation and teaching are critical elements of cultural survival and community resilience, as well as being central to protecting niibi and manoomin.

Led by Biidaabanikwe (Kim) Anderson (MA, White Earth), the Niibi Center's language programs focuses on the development of archives, resources, and community-based learning opportunities, many of which will ultimately will be available on the Niibi Center's website. With gratitude, the Niibi Center has recently received a grant through the Equation Campaign, as well as funding through the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, to continue expanding our language training program. The Niibi Center's website, [www.niibicenter.org](http://www.niibicenter.org), is expected to go live by the end of October 2022 and has information about all of the Niibi Center's programs, an interactive map in Ojibwe, a Resource Library with links to articles on current events, an Events calendar and much more to be added in the coming months.

Another key program at the Niibi Center which has made substantial progress this year is our Rights

of Nature work headed by lawyer Terry Janis. The Niibi Center has been working closely in conjunction with the WE DNR to begin developing policies around the Tribe's legal ruling in 2018 which gives manoomin the rights of personhood and protection under the law. The Niibi Center is working with the DNR and various leadership councils in the Tribe to begin codifying these rights into enforceable laws at the Tribal Court level. Be on the lookout in November for community council meetings asking for community input on this process!

Another area that the Niibi Center has been heavily focused on in 2022 is our work with Historical Trauma Healing, particularly around boarding schools. While the conversations around the continued generational trauma from forced removal of Native children to government run boarding schools is often difficult, many of the elders and families who have participated in our community dialogues on the topic of boarding school trauma have reported that sharing these experiences is an important aspect of healing.

Niibi Center is working to collect interviews with boarding school survivors and their families for ongoing archival work to protect and share these stories. If you or anyone you know would like to share an interview related to boarding schools please call Joe LaGarde at 218-375-4118 or email him at [joseph.lagarde@niibicenter.org](mailto:joseph.lagarde@niibicenter.org). We plan to have more community-led events focused on historical trauma healing, and we invite all interested community members to be involved.

Looking forward into 2023, the Niibi Center is excited to be collaborating on multiple conferences, but most especially a preliminary two-day gathering focused on Anishinaabe Law (to be understand in the more broad scope of Indigenous or Natural law and not to exclude other tribal perspectives). This gathering promises to be incredibly informative for anyone involved with the Tribal or State legal systems and will focus on knowledge gathering and sharing around how to integrate Indigenous Law (often based in oral history and cultural practices) into existing tribal legal systems. We have not set a date for the Anishinaabe Law Conference, but will post information in local papers and on our website as soon as that has been determined.

The Niibi Center is also potentially collaborating on a Niibi and Manoomin focused conference with University of Minnesota, tentatively set for April 24, 2023, as well as a potential event co-sponsored international Indigenous allies through the Artic Center at the University

## White Earth Energy Assistance Program Notice

The White Earth Energy Assistance Program has sent out new 2023 applications to the clients that applied last heating season. For those of you that did not apply, check our website at [www.whiteearth.com](http://www.whiteearth.com) and go into Divisions or call our phone number.

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

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Any questions on the program or need to send in information see the information below.

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## White Earth receives President's Award from the Minnesota Department of Corrections

The White Earth Tribal Assistant Corrections Program received the President's Award from the Minnesota Corrections Association at their annual awards ceremony on Oct. 25 at the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, Minn.

This award is given to programs, resources or facilities working in the broad field of corrections and criminal justice that demonstrate creativity, resourcefulness, effectiveness, and innovation. The late Randy Goodwin was recognized during the awards ceremony for his groundbreaking work in facilitating a path for the development of the

Assistant Tribal Correction Agents program for Tribes.

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee and Minnesota Department of Corrections signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Aug. 31, 2021, to collaborate on enhancing interventions for tribal affiliated persons. The initiative provides holistic, cultural, evidence-based and collaborative approaches to address recidivism and creates opportunities for change. It is the goal to transition the program from assisting the state to being a stand-alone probation program.

## New diabetes program promotes lifestyle changes

The Prevent Type II Diabetes program is the newest edition to the plethora of services that White Earth offers. This program is for those diagnosed with pre-diabetes or at high risk of developing type II diabetes.

This program is brand new to White Earth but has already proven itself successful in many other parts of the country. The Center for Disease Control (CDC)-recognized lifestyle change program is an evidence-based program that can reduce a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% (71% in individuals aged 65 and older). It has proven to be more effective than certain medications at preventing type 2 diabetes.

This CDC-recognized lifestyle change program must have Lifestyle Coaches who are trained to use a CDC-approved curriculum and who have the knowledge and skills to effectively deliver the program. The Lifestyle Coach's ability to support participants, provide guidance, and help groups work together effectively is essential for a successful lifestyle change program. Here on White Earth, we have three trained Lifestyle Coaches; Lisa Braun, R.N., Carolyn Cossette, R.N., and Deb Killian, LSW, all three currently work within the Tribal Public Health Division of the White Earth Nation.

This program requires a big commitment that

everyone is both capable and worthy of. The program requires a one-year-long investment in yourself! We meet 16 times in the first six months followed by two months of bi-weekly meetings and ending with four meetings in the final four months. This is not a diet plan or a workout plan, it is exactly as titled, a lifestyle change program.

The first cohort of participants started the program just eight weeks ago and all seem enthusiastic about where this is leading thus far. We will be starting another cohort in February 2023 and are looking for qualified candidates to join us. At this time, we are looking for people who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes that want to avoid the diagnosis of type II diabetes. If you meet these criteria and are interested, please call Deb at 218-401-0550 for more information.



### Rez Briefs

#### White Earth RBC offices closed for holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for **Veterans Day** and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. They will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28 at 8 a.m.

#### Ogema VFW 9880 Auxiliary news

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary is scheduled to meet on Nov. 14 at the VFW Hall in Ogema. This is the District 9 official visit with Jamie Cassavant, District 9 Junior Vice President in attendance. Officers, including President, Secretary, Treasurer, along with at least one trustee are requested to be present at 3 p.m. with the regular meeting at 4 p.m. Members are requested to wear your dress attire.

#### COVID Bivalent/Flu Vaccine

Pine Point Community Center - Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the White Earth Tribal Health building on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon only, no appointment needed.

#### COLA School Board meets second Tuesday of the month

The Circle of Life Academy School Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the school. For more information call 2180983-4180.

#### White Earth Building Supplies change to winter hours

White Earth Building Supplies have changed their hours starting Oct. 1.

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon

#### Anishinaabeg Today readers

You can reach the AT at [today@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:today@whiteearth-nsn.gov).

#### 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

Please let us know if you recently moved, or have moved in the past few years so we can cancel your old address. **Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!** Call the *Anishinaabeg Today* at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or email [today@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:today@whiteearth-nsn.gov).

## Searching for Elder Cultural teachings

Looking for elders to teach their cultural knowledge in group settings in the villages on the White Earth Reservation. These chosen helpers will be on a contract under White Earth Public Health for a limited amount of sessions.

The teachings\* can be; Ribbon Skirts, beading, fishing skills, wild rice knockers and poles and harvesting knowledge.

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

For more information please contact Eva Brakefield at 218-983-3286 Ext 1249 or [Eva.Brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:Eva.Brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov)

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

# WE man sentenced to 10 years for assaulting a child

**MINNEAPOLIS** – A White Earth man was sentenced to 120 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for assaulting a minor child on the White Earth Reservation, announced United States Attorney Andrew M. Luger.

According to court documents, on June 8, 2020, Edward Duane Fairbanks, 30, was caring for a minor child. During the early afternoon hours, Fairbanks intentionally shoved the child into a table, causing a serious head injury. The child was taken to the hospital where doctors diagnosed a large skull fracture and a subdural hematoma. The child had to undergo a

craniectomy to relieve pressure on the brain.

Fairbanks was sentenced Oct. 4 in U.S. District Court before Judge John R. Tunheim. On June 2, he pleaded guilty to one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the White Earth Police Department, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Mahnommen County Sheriff's Office, and the FBI Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad prosecuted the case.

# Child care public forum to be held in Mahnommen

**(Bemidji, MN)** – A Child Care Public Forum will be held in Mahnommen as the Northwest Minnesota Child Care Collaborative seeks to gain public input on the current child care situation at the local level.

The free forum will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Mahnommen Fire Hall, 124 East Madison Ave., in Mahnommen.

The purpose of the focus group is to help the collaborative deepen its understanding of the current child care situation, as well as to identify specific

action items. The perspectives and ideas of community stakeholders will be used to create a strategic plan for retaining and increasing the supply of quality child care throughout Northwest Minnesota.

To register for the forum, please visit [www.nwmf.org/nmcc](http://www.nwmf.org/nmcc)

The Northwest Minnesota Child Care Collaborative shares a goal to increase the number of quality child care slots in Northwest Minnesota. The effort is funded by the State of Minnesota and was established by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

# Organizations come together to work with White Earth



Photo by Jeff Burnette

White Earth recently held a meeting with the West Central Initiative (WCI) and the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) at the RBC headquarters. This is the first time the organizations have gathered together. Topics included homelessness, housing, economic development, child care, plus more.

**Back row from left:** Henry Fox - District I Rep., Eugene Sommers - District II Rep., Mike LaRoque - Secretary-Treasurer and NMF Board member, and Jason Carlson, Executive Director of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and NMF Board member. **Front row from left:** Karen White - President of NMF, Cheryl "Annie" Jackson - District III Rep., Barb Fabre - WCI/Indigenous Visioning, Jackie Buboltz - Mission Integration Director at Essentia Health and WCI Board member, and Anna Wasescha - President of WCI.

# White Earth tribal offices closed for the holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for **Veterans Day** and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. They will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28 at 8 a.m.

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# CHILD CARE PUBLIC FORUMS



Three Child Care Public Forums have been scheduled for November to help the Northwest Minnesota Child Care Collaborative gain public input on the current child care situation at local levels.

**PARK RAPIDS**  
November 2  
C'mon Inn

**BAUDETTE**  
November 3  
AmericInn

**MAHNOMMEN**  
November 10  
Fire Hall



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## Hunters needed for reservation CWD testing

This is a reminder that the Natural Resources Department will be collecting deer heads for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. Freezers are available for drop off 24 hours, 7 days a week at the RBC headquarters at the IT/Maintenance garage and at the White Earth Natural Resources office in Mahanomen. There is also a freezer at the Forestry office in Naytahwaush that will be open 8-4:30 Monday through Friday for additional convenience.

Deer heads will need to be cut off just behind the ears a few inches, please remove antlers as they tear bags and take too much room. Instructions for the registration is posted on the freezers and on White Earth Social media outlets. In the plastic tub next to the freezer are orange ear tags with a serial number on it, cut a hole in the ear and attach the tag and seal it through the ear. Make sure and write down or take a picture of the serial number for you will need that number to complete the registration. There is a hyperlink at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/9dc7d26d9c26414797f6cfac505816d> and also a barcode that you can scan on your smartphone to complete the registration. Remember deer must be harvested within the reservation boundaries to qualify for incentives.

### Deer head Incentives

Good news - the \$45 Cabela's gift cards have

arrived. All hunters who registered deer last year can call the White Earth Natural Resources department at 218-935-2488 to come in and pick up your cards. Each card **must** be given to the person who registered deer last year and a **signature** is required on acceptance.

This year there will be a \$500 gift card for Reed's Sporting Goods in Walker, Minn., donated by the White Earth RBC for the winner of the tribal member drawing. There will be a \$45 Cabela's gift card for each head submitted (Tribal members and non-tribal members that register a deer head). However, due to budget constraints there will be a limited number of gift cards depending on how many heads are submitted. Gift cards will be given out by the order of date that heads are submitted.

When you receive the test results for your deer you will need to provide a Tribal ID number or a Minnesota DNR number. You can register as many deer as you like provided they are legally harvested, tagged and have the accurate harvest location for each deer.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Doug McArthur at 218-935-2488 or [doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov). Happy hunting and be safe!

## November is National Caregiver Month

If you are a caregiver - mii-gwech! You are very important to someone! Whether you are caregiving for someone with dementia or someone with another type of disability you are providing a service to that person by helping them get along in their life which most often is very challenging - for them and for you.

As a caregiver, you likely have experienced a wide range of challenges with the person you are caring for. Perhaps that person may be easily agitated and have other troubling behaviors, may be difficult to communicate with, has trouble asking for what they need, may have erratic sleeping patterns, paranoia and other fears, perhaps they are in pain and become combative. There are many other issues that you might be facing in providing adequate and loving care to the person who needs it.

As a caregiver though, you must remember to take care of yourself. When you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed you must take the time for your own needs and not put your own health at risk.

Plan for taking time away to do something relax-

ing and enjoyable for yourself. Arrange for someone else to be your back-up caregiver during this time. Learn to recognize the physical problems you might be experiencing due to stress. These problems could show up as stomach irritation, high blood pressure, lack of concentration or focus, tired eyes and blurred vision, general body aches and irritability. Whatever you are feeling due to stress, don't let your responses get out of hand.

Talk with your doctor about the stress you are feeling, ask others for help - especially family members and close friends. Become familiar with resources available in your community and call on them. For caregivers of people with dementia, call the Alzheimer's help line @ 800-272-3900 or visit their website @ [alz.org](http://alz.org)

You may also contact Karen Holstein Bedeau or Jenn Cole of Northwoods Caregivers @ 218-333-8264 to learn about local area caregiver support groups and classes for dealing with caregiver stress.

## Apartments from Front Page

ners in the Bemidji area," Fairbanks shared. "Not only the police and some of those other public services but other services that can help with homelessness or case management and other functions to help these families."

Fairbanks explained that the interest in purchasing the apartments came from wanting to improve the support systems for families who are in or have graduated from treatment programs.

"Right now we have a waiting list of 30 to 40 families trying to get into our family treatment at Oshki Manidoo," Fairbanks explained. "One of the other problems that we were dealing with is when they graduate, we had no place for them to go. They were usually moving back to a shelter or the place where they started using."

The hope is that, once renovated, the Ridgeway apartments will work as a supportive housing tie-in for Oshki Manidoo and similar programs throughout the Bemidji area.

"It's going to be a place for all," Fairbanks said. "We're looking at collaborating with Red Lake, Leech Lake and other entities where people that are going in for family treatment will have a safe place for their families to go."

The apartments will have 66 units, and Fairbanks hopes that they will become a safe and welcoming neighborhood for everyone.

"That's the thing we all want: a safe environment and a place where our kids can play outside and not worry," Fairbanks said.

Fairbanks emphasized that he sees the project as something that will benefit all of Bemidji, both through its supportive services and its prioritization of sober living.

"I think it's a good thing not only for White Earth but also for the citizens of Bemidji," Fairbanks said. "Minobimaadiziwin, the good way of life. We all strive towards that. We all want our families, our children, our grandchildren to have a good life."

## White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille Silk, Chairperson

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

October has been a wild month with weather changing to extremes with 70-degree temperatures to snow and cold the following day. It is a good reminder that we take nothing for granted and that our preparations are intact. It is time to get that plastic on windows for our Elders so that they can save on fuel and find other ways to cut their energy needs. We all know that with rising price on food, clothing, and everything else that we must find ways to cut down on essentials and only use what is necessary.

A big thank you to our Tribal Council for making preparations for a group of Elders to attend the TEC meeting on Oct. 27-28 with an overnight stay at Northern Lights Casino in Walker, Minn. A bus with approximately 16 Elders made this trip. By the way, the Elder Council is expected to pay for this trip from their funds even though we were promised the accommodations by our Tribal Council.

The White Earth Council of Elders held their monthly meeting in Pine Point at the Elder Nutrition site on Oct. 4 with 36 attendees of both members and guests. Thank you to all for keeping this Council as needed as ever. If you are interested in the minutes, please contact our Secretary, Missy Fairbanks at 218-401-0553.

The annual Health Fair was held Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahanomen. A lunch was also provided. Thank you to all those that make this a fun time with their various costumes for Halloween.

The Women's Night Out was held Oct. 25 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. It was a sit-down dinner with many speakers. These events were always a huge part of the many programs that Beverly Karsten was instrumental in. There were about 350 that attended with many survivors of cancer and still more with the disease, or having a family member that had it. The decorations, delicious meal and items drawn for the attendees was great.

See Elders Page 24

Get ready for the 2022 elders Christmas party  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the  
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Transportation as follows	
Bus #1 Pine Point: 7:40-7:50	Bus #2
Congregate Housing: 8:45-8:55	Rice Lake: 8:50-9:00
Round House: 9:00-9:10	Naytahwaush: 9:20-9:30
Biimadaziwin: 9:15-9:25	
Ogema Store: 9:30-9:35	
Evergreen Appts 9:45-9:50	

## Opportunities for Growth Project helps fill the needs for those that have barriers to employment

By Sandra St. Clair

White Earth Human Services/Workforce Center

The U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded \$43,268,819 in grants to organizations in 11 states in the initial round of grant funding to support programs that provide job training and supportive services to justice-involved young people. The White Earth Band of Chippewa was the only tribe to receive the funding and the only grant award in Minnesota.

The Opportunities for Growth Project is a pilot program which will fit the needs of our 18-24 year olds, that have barriers to employment and need skills and training options. The project will have a construction partner with ties to labor unions in the construction fields. White Earth programs provide employment and on-the-job training in a number of areas including Accommodations/Food Service, Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture and Forestry, Educational Services, Art/ Entertainment/ Recreation, and Drivers Training, which are all high demand jobs locally. Project staff will work with these partners and support unsubsidized employment through job counseling, case management and follow-up efforts.

The project will conduct two eight-week training/educational classroom sessions with Five Skies Empowerment Training. The four-week training session will include several components necessary to succeed in a career off the reservation or outside their comfort zone.

The curriculum will be culturally based, designed to help youth understand themselves and one another in a way that helps them identify the habits which can be translated into barriers and strengths; essential core skills expected by any employer as well as essential components such as career development, interviewing skills and resume development.

Additional aspects of this training will include a basic financial literacy program geared specifically toward preparing participants for the potential income that they can expect from trade work and how to both manage money when they are working and how to plan for layoff and down time. These components are intended to help tie the content to culturally relevant teachings that are common to many tribes. OSHA 30, First Aid/CPR and Minnesota Flagger training certification will be included in this training; these will match employer partner needs.

The four-week classroom education sessions will include a two-week session two times per year, which will address violence prevention, conflict resolution, anger management, coping skills, anxiety and depression, positive image/self-esteem, trauma, grief, leadership, mentoring, community involvement, medicine wheel teachings, self-assessment, employment skills, nutrition and traditional foods, healthy relationships, sexually transmitted diseases, responsibility, human trafficking, communication, 7 grandfather teaching and Ojibway spirituality. Youth will complete healthy living, life and cultural activity goal plans as part of the curriculum.

One of the remaining two weeks will focus on cultural education and building a cultural toolbox for living in the modern world and teaching on resiliency skills and another week will be spent practicing workplace simulations. Transportation and contingency planning will be built into each youth IDP. White Earth does provide transportation services within the reservation which connects all communities to our Workforce Center. Project partners also have transportation supports that can be provided.

Many thanks to all our partners for making this grant happen for our young adults in our communities: Circle Back, DOVE, Education, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse, Vocational Rehab, White Earth Tribal Court, Gordon Construction, and Five Skies Training and Consulting (Native-owned businesses).

White Earth Human Services/Workforce Center is excited for this opportunity and eager to move it forward. Training sessions are expected to start this fall. If you are interested in participating in this job training program please contact us at 218-936-2444.

### Need employment services? Are these your barriers?

- Courts
- No GED or HS diploma
- Alternative learning
- Lack of drivers license
- Parent incarcerated
- Alternative sentencing
- Diversionary participant
- Juvenile record
- IEP's
- Behavioral health needs
- Substance abuse issues

### Eligible participants

- Enrolled tribal member/descendant residing on White Earth Reservation
- 18 to 24 years old

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

## REGISTER TO VOTE

You must be registered to vote at your current address. To register or to update your registration, go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

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

## 2022 DATES

### VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person June 24 through August 8.

### PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 9 (if necessary)

### VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person September 23 through November 7.

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8

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## SEE YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

To see the candidates and questions that will be on your ballot, go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

## VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS

To find out where you vote, visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). Most polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## WHAT TO BRING ON ELECTION DAY

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

## VOTE EARLY WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

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

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## THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

### Meet Dr. John Schatteles

Dr. John Schatteles, IM



Dr. John Schatteles joined the White Earth Service Unit in October 2022 as a permanent provider. He is an Internal Medicine physician in practice for more than 25 years.

Dr. Schatteles completed his medical degree at the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Okla. He has experience as a Primary Care Physician, Hospitalist, and Contract Provider.

Dr. Schatteles enjoys traveling and spending time with his family and two cats. He is honored to be part of the White Earth Service Unit.

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  - ◆ Gastrointestinal disorders
  - ◆ Oncology
- ◆ Preventative health

# Native Get Get And Vote Campaign

## Becker County Court House:

- General Election: Nov. 8
- Absentee Voting Period: Sept. 23 - Nov. 7
- Regular Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Extended Hours: Nov. 5 (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Monday, Nov. 7 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

## Mahnomen County Court House:

- Voter Registration Deadline
- In-person: Nov. 8
  - By mail: Received by Oct. 18
  - Online: Oct. 18

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot request deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 7
- By mail: Received by Nov. 7
- Online: Nov. 7

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 8
- By mail: Received by Nov. 8

Is early voting available to all voters?

- Yes

What are the early voting start and end dates?

- Sept. 23 to Nov. 7

## Clearwater County Court House:

What is the voter registration deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 8
- By mail: Received by Oct. 18
- Online: Oct. 18

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot request deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 7
- By mail: Received by Nov. 7
- Online: Nov. 7

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 8
- By mail: Received by Nov. 8

Is early voting available to all voters?

- Yes

What are the early voting start and end dates?

- Sept. 23 to Nov. 7

## Hubbard County Court House:

What is the voter registration deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 8
- By mail: Received by Oct. 18
- Online: Oct. 18

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot request deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 7
- By mail: Received by Nov. 7
- Online: Nov. 7

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline?

- In-person: Nov. 8
- By mail: Received by Nov. 8

Is early voting available to all voters?

- Yes

What are the early voting start and end dates?

- Sept. 23 to Nov. 7

When are polls open on Election Day?

- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you need additional information about election and voting, please go to the Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

Where is my polling place? Go to the Polling Place Finder website: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

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**Daily**

**Test your blood glucose (blood sugar) at these times:**

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**Take your medications as prescribed.**

**My medications:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Get physical activity.**

**My favorite activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eat a balanced diet:**

● Vegetables ● Whole Grains ● Lean Proteins ● Healthy Fats

**Regularly**

**Have your blood pressure and cholesterol checked on these dates:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Keep your doctor visits. Appointment dates:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yearly**

**Have your feet, eyes, and kidneys checked. Appointment dates:**

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**Visit your podiatrist, dentist, and optometrist. Appointment dates:**

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# Women's Night Out

## Event stresses cancer and diabetes health prevention

More than 300 women gathered at the White Earth Tribal Public Health's Women's Night Out on Oct. 25 at the Shooting Star Casino to learn about health prevention related to cancer and diabetes.

Cancer survivors were recognized and came to the front of the ballroom to celebrate their winning the fight against cancer. Two community members came up and spoke about their personal fears and feats when finding out they had cancer and what they did to live and win the fight. Both Deann Pepper, WHNP and Danielle Bolland, PhD, spoke about the benefits of not smoking, weight and alcohol control, as well as healthy eating habits. In addition, it was emphasized on how important it was that everyone get their yearly exam.

Next, the White Earth Diabetes Prevention Program Team of Lisa Braun, Deb Killian, and Carolyn Cossette presented on the successes of the new program and the health benefits of being involved. If you are interested in joining the

Diabetes Prevention Program, contact Deb Killian at 218-401-0550. There will be another new program starting up in February 2023.

Lastly, the late Bev Karsten was honored for all her amazing work in health promotion which she has done for the White Earth Reservation for the last 32 years. Her daughter and daughter in-law came and received a beautiful Pendleton blanket. Gina Boudreau read the following in her honor.

"Eagle feathers and bison are sacred symbols in the Native American Culture, in this blanket three elements of Mother Earth are represented: earth, air, and water. The bison graze on the earth offering prosperity and protection. The mountains above the herd and their snowy peaks are covered with life giving water. Standing eagle feathers rise into the air-filled sky joining together these three elements, earth, air, and water carrying the Eagle's spirit to a place of strength above the clouds."



Photos by Paulie Neisen

The White Earth Tribal Public Health's Women's Night Out was held Oct. 25 at the Shooting Star Casino. More than 300 women gathered to learn about health prevention related to cancer and diabetes. **Top left:** In honor of Bev Karsten's passing, Public Health presented a Pendleton blanket to her daughter and daughter in-law. **Top right:** Danielle Bolland, PhD, spoke about cancer. **Bottom:** Cancer survivors were recognized and came to the front of the ballroom to celebrate their winning the fight against cancer.

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**Join Kent Estey at art opening**

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**Fishing With Vets**

Fishing With Vets is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide veterans with an opportunity to fish some of the mid-west's premier fishing destinations with no cost to the vets. The main goal is to create life-long memories and friendships for veterans. Fishing With Vets has been able to get over 1,200 veterans out fishing. If you are interested in participating in a Fishing with Vets event, or have any questions, go to [www.fishing-withvets.org](http://www.fishing-withvets.org) or call 651-285-8225.

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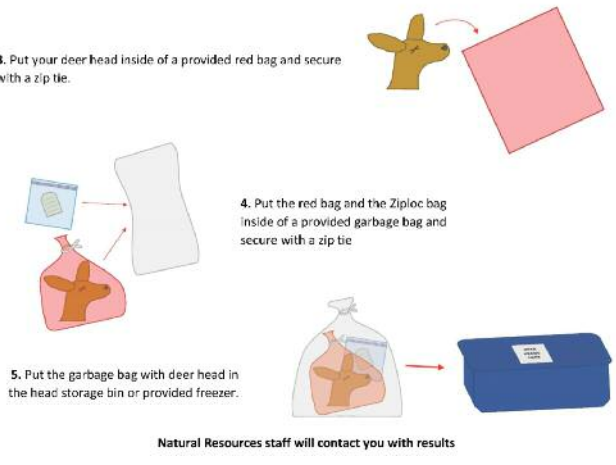
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The head tag # is on the bottom of the paper tag. No other information is needed on the tag unless you cannot access the survey.



2. Put the top portion of the tag in the provided Ziplock bag. Keep the bottom section for your records.



3. Put your deer head inside of a provided red bag and secure with a zip tie.

4. Put the red bag and the Ziploc bag inside of a provided garbage bag and secure with a zip tie.

5. Put the garbage bag with deer head in the head storage bin or provided freezer.

Natural Resources staff will contact you with results



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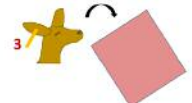
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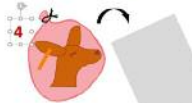
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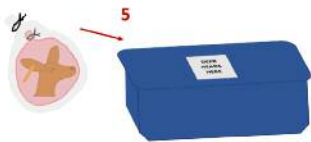
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There is an additional CWD head drop off site located at the White Earth Forestry office in Naytahwaush. However, due to security of the facility, drop off will only be available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are freezers available 24/7 at the White Earth RBC headquarters outside of the Maintenance/ITgarage and at the Mahnomen Natural Resources office.

Please follow the instructions for the use of the paper tags, however attach the paper tag to the ear with a zip tie in the bin. Remember when opening up the online registration to "click the X" twice, there is no need to login. After clicking X twice you will be able to enter your information starting with number on the paper tag or ear tag whichever is available. <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/9dc7d26d9c26414797f6cfabc50581d> this hyperlink is the same as scanning the bar code on the instruction sheets. Any incomplete registrations will not be entered into the drawings, the information is vital.

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## WE Vocational Rehabilitation Program is committed to providing equal access to education and employment

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Our services are designed to meet the individual need of each consumer. All services are designed for employment and secondary education, reducing barriers, and closing gaps.

### Some Components of Vocational Rehabilitation May Include:

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- Individual Employment Plans
- Advocacy / Mentoring
- On the Job Training Positions
- Small Business Assistance
- Assist to maintain a reliable source getting to and from place of employment / education.
- Employment Accommodations

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- **Be employed** at least 20 hours per week and/or a **full-time student**.
- Have a **current / updated** medical diagnosis (physical health, mental health, learning disability, or impairments that may impede employment and/or education.
- The presumption that the individual **can benefit** from Vocational Rehabilitation services.

### Naytahwaush Sports Complex

PO Box 7, Naytahwaush, MN 56566

Phone: 218-935-5554 Fax: 218-935-5241

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### For more information please contact:

Gloria.Lafriniere@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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## Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth looks forward to providing fun activities to reservation youth

By Carol Thompson

Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth

The Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth has a FACEBOOK Page where you can find valuable information! Just search: **White Earth Boys & Girls Clubs**.

We try to keep things up-to-date and post pertinent information regarding our sites such as closures, field trips, and positive activities! If you have a picture release signed you may see your youth on here! You will also find each club site's monthly calendar here and the monthly B&G dinner calendar.

We currently have six sites open: Mahnomen (old Shopko building), Naytahwaush, Pine Point (moved into the school), Rice Lake, Waubun, and White Earth.

In September, we served more than 2,450 youth. Meaning that over the course of the month our six sites had youth coming back daily and we know that our numbers have doubled since. We are serving close to 60 youth

per day at both our Mahnomen and Naytahwaush sites. We have more than 20 staff to ensure the safety of your youth.

We have five Target Programming Areas. Yes, B&G has their own programming! That programming is in the following areas:

- The Arts
- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Leadership and Service
- Sports and Recreation.

We look forward to working with the youth everyday and providing the programming that the Boys & Girls Clubs has to offer! If you would like to sign your youth up please contact someone at the community site or call the White Earth RBC front desk at 218-983-3285 and ask for Carol Thompson or James Hvezda. Our emails are [carol.thompson@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:carol.thompson@whiteearth-nsn.gov) or [james.hvezda@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:james.hvezda@whiteearth-nsn.gov)



Submitted photo

In partnership between the Historic Holmes Theater (Detroit Lakes) and the Chicago Tap Theater, youth and staff at the Mahnomen Club learn how to tap dance. The Boys & Girls Clubs currently have six sites open: Mahnomen (old Shopko building), Naytahwaush, Pine Point (moved into the school), Rice Lake, Waubun and White Earth.



# DOOR BUSTERS

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## American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Fun Facts

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916, in New York. The event culminated an effort by Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, who rode across the nation on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians.

In 1990, more than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994 to recognize what is now called "American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month."

This Facts for Features presents statistics for American Indian and Alaska Native population, one of the six major race categories defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

The following facts are possible thanks to responses to the U.S. Census Bureau's surveys. We appreciate the public's cooperation as we continuously measure America's people, places and economy.

### Did You Know?

3.7 million

The nation's American Indian and Alaska Native population alone in 2020. This population group identifies as AIAN only and did not identify with any other race. Source: 2020 Census

10.1 million

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native population alone or in combination with other race groups on July 1, 2060, about 2.5% of the projected total U.S. population. Source: 2017 National Population Projections

324

The number of distinct, federally recognized American Indian reservations in 2022, including federal reservations and off-reservation trust land. Source: American Indian Reservations, Statistical Areas, and Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas

574

The number of federally recognized Indian tribes in 2022. Source: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

120,944

The number of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2021. Source: 2021 American Community Survey

## Affinity Plus celebrates White Earth Credit Union merger with opening of new Mahnommen branch

By Justin Othoudt

Lakeland PBS (Bemidji, Minn.)

Earlier this year, Mahnommen's White Earth Reservation Federal Credit Union merged with Affinity Plus, and the culmination of this merger came yesterday with the grand opening of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union's new Mahnommen location.

"There's so many good things that are going to come," said Affinity Plus Mahnommen Branch Manager Amanda Jaeger. "Now they went from 2 staff members to almost 600 staff members and 30 branches around the state of Minnesota."

The grand opening on Oct. 27 kicked off with a drum ceremony to officially usher in Mahnommen's

new federal credit union.

"It's part of our traditions here on the reservation," explained former White Earth Reservation Federal Credit Union Board Chair Christie Haverkamp, "We do that to honor the new things that are happening here and the great things that will be happening for our people."

In addition to the opening, Affinity Plus awarded a \$2,700 grant to Mahnommen Public Schools for a financial literacy class.

"They want to open up their own school store within the school and be able to have this class of students run and manage this store. So that's where our donation went," said Jaeger.

At the opening, there was also a raffle for a new TV as well as a host of door prizes for guests.



Screen shot from Lakeland PBS

White Earth Reservation Federal Credit Union merged with Affinity Plus, and the culmination of this merger came with the grand opening of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union's new Mahnommen location.

## White Earth Financial Services Wiidookodaadiwin – "We Assist Each Other"

**Staff Available: Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

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

**Mailing Address: PO Box 100, Naytahwaush, MN 56566**

**Family Cases contact:** Tina Swenson Ext. 3265, Jeana Ketter Ext. 3291, Lori Savoie Ext. 3274, Jennifer Scott (Coordinator) Ext. 3313

**Adult Cases contact:** Shellie Racer Ext. 3307, Lori Drift (Coordinator) Ext. 3312, Christy Wadena Ext. 3709, Aimee Hisgun Ext. 3275

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

**Administrative Assistants:** Wendy Johnson Ext. 3305, Teresa Kappedal Ext. 3715, Amanda Midbo-Niesen Ext. 3258

### Concerns or Comments:

Financial Service Manager, Amy Littlewolf Ext. 3290

\*\*\*We have four **fax** locations to receive documents\*\*\*

**Naytahwaush Sports Complex / Fax: 218-936-3104**

**Detroit Lakes Workforce Center / Fax: 218-844-5811**

**Bagley Financial Services / Fax: 218-694-6507**

**Mahnomen Riverland Apts / Fax: 218-935-2508**

**\*\*Pine Point Satellite Office\*\*** Open Thursday and Fridays

Location: 48036 Pow Wow Highway in Ponsford.

Fax: 218-983-4687

### IMPORTANT: SNAP/Cash/Emergency Applicants

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**HomeHelpMN** from Minnesota Housing is here to help if you are behind on your mortgage or worried about foreclosure due to the pandemic. But first, here are the documents you will need for the application:

#### Proof of ownership of your home with one of the following (only one is required):

- Property tax statement (preferred)
- Recorded Warranty deed
- Recorded Contract for deed
- Certificate of Title (manufactured homes)

#### Photo identification for all applicants:

- State issued, federal issued, Tribal or other photo identification for applicants

#### Income document:

Provide recent income documents for all income sources for all household members listed in your application. You do not need to provide documentation of earned income for household members age 17 and younger. There are multiple ways you can document your income. You only need to complete one for each household member:

- Your adjusted gross income, as reported on your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 series
- **OR** Your current income, using your most recent pay information.
  - o Pay statements
  - o Receipts
  - o Eligibility letters provided by government programs (such as Social Security)
  - o Bank statement showing deposit amounts
  - o Other pay documents
- **OR** For adult household members with no income
  - o Sign the Attestation of No Income for all adults with no income
- **OR** Depending on your property zip code, further income documentation may not be required.

#### Housing assistance document:

- Provide a **copy** of a recent statement for any type of expense you are requesting payment for.
  - o **Mortgage payment:** Provide a recent mortgage statement.
  - o **Manufactured/mobile home payment:** Provide recent loan statement.
  - o **Manufactured/mobile home lot rent:** Provide past-due notice.
  - o **Co-op, condo or homeowners association fees/charges:** Provide recent statement from co-op or condo association.
  - o **Property taxes:** Provide recent statement from county or municipality.
  - o **Homeowners insurance:** Provide recent statement from homeowner's insurance company.
  - o **Contract for Deed:** Provide recent statement AND copy of recorded Contract for Deed documents.

Other documentation may be required, depending on the particular circumstances of your application.

**A submitted application does not guarantee assistance approval. Actual award of assistance will depend on eligibility and available funding.**

Visit  
**HomeHelpMN.org**  
or call  
**1-800-388-3226**

## WE Water and Sewer offers cold weather tips

• The most likely spot for water lines to freeze is where it enters the house/building. Make sure warmer air can reach pipes where water enters the house/building

If you have heat tape wrapped around your pipes make sure it is plugged in.

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

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

• Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily

suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

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

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

• Make sure any sewer cleanouts or risers (white pipes in the yard) are capped so none of the cold air can enter the sewer system causing a freeze up.

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

### NOTICE

#### WHITE EARTH RESERVATION ELDERS

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### White Earth Reservation Elder Data Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Enrollment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

WE Health Department

Po Box 496

White Earth MN, 56591

**The deadline to turn  
in applications is  
Wednesday, December 7**

You can reach the *Anishinaabeg Today* at [today@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:today@whiteearth-nsn.gov)

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## WHITE EARTH CONGREGATE HOUSING

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made its way to our lands. Last year, 174 samples were submitted to the Natural Resources Division and thankfully all came back negative. We are asking hunters to participate again this year. Please contact our Natural Resources Division at 218-935-2488 with questions regarding drop-off locations and how to sample with incentives are being offered.

I would like to wish everyone happy November holidays which are upon us this month and stay safe.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

## Duane Goodwin's nine-ton stone sculpture honors Indigenous people

By Dennis Doeden  
Bemidji Pioneer

**BEMIDJI** — It was only fitting that Duane Goodwin's most recent sculpture was dedicated on Indigenous People's Day, Oct. 10. The Bemidji artist created the nine-ton stone sculpture at the Mississippi River Park in Grand Rapids, Minn., this summer.

It depicts a Native American woman holding a dish as an offering to the river. Carved into the square base are fish that are commonly found in the Mississippi.

With help from two of his nephews, Nate Yost and Patrick Warren, Goodwin spent two months carving, grinding and sanding the limestone rocks, which came from the Winona, Minn., area. He was contracted by the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission. A crowd of about 200 was on hand for the dedication, and many of those in attendance watched Goodwin's progress this past summer.

"I'm not the kind of person who wants to get mentioned," Goodwin said this week. "I'm kind of a reserved person. But it was nice to see a big crowd of people, a lot of friends. There were a lot of people who had come by and watched the process. It was a grand affair. I was surprised to see so many people."

Goodwin, 68, named the sculpture "Olga an went dean nimbi," which translated into English means "She is blessing the spirits in the water."

"The fish represented are the food source for all living creatures and the Anishinaabe," Goodwin wrote in his dedication statement. "The continuous flow of water is everlasting; the water continues to be a precious resource we can live not without. The sculpture will be a living symbol representing strength, gratitude and beauty. Her offering is a sacred blessing to the living spirits of the water and life."

Goodwin, whose studio is located at his home east of Bemidji, also created a stone sculpture four years ago in Morris, Minn. He named that piece "Nokoomis Nibii Equay," which in English means "Grandmother Water Woman."

Goodwin drew the name of the piece from the significance of women as "givers of life," much like water is the giver of life in nature, and that grandmothers in particular are caretakers and play a significant role in Native American cultures.

Originally from the White Earth Nation,



Submitted photo

Duane Goodwin spent two months carving, grinding and sanding the limestone rocks to create this sculpture in Grand Rapids, Minn.

Goodwin has worked for over 30 years as an artist. He was honored in 2012 with a Community Spirit Award from the First Peoples Fund, which chooses its honorees for their commitment to sustaining the cultural values of Native people.

In 2006, Goodwin was chosen as one of 14 carvers to represent at the Minnesota Rocks! International Stone Carving Symposium, an international event.

Goodwin retired as an art teacher in 2016 after 10 years at Bemidji High School and 20 years at Leech Lake Tribal College.

His studio burned to the ground in April 2017, but with help from the community and the Minnesota State Arts Board, he was able to rebuild it. He even managed to salvage the hammer he had used since the beginning of his career as an artist.

"Basically I had nothing when I started," he told a Pioneer reporter that summer. "After years of gathering tools, one tool at a time, over the course of all those years, you gather up a lot... I'll get started again with the same hammer after 40 years."

Duane Goodwin, center, was helped by two of his nephews, Patrick Warren, left, and Nate Yost, on this sculpture now located in Grand Rapids, Minn.



Submitted photo

## Pole Raising in Rice Lake



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

White Earth Behavioral Health sponsored a Changing of the Seasons and Pole Raising on Oct. 6 in Rice Lake. **Top:** Individuals secure their clan ties to the pole. **Middle:** It took a team effort to raise the pole and set it in place. **Bottom:** The pole is located near the entrance of the Rice Lake Community Center.



## Thompson selected for Indigenous Visionaries Program

Empowered Indigenous women can lead positive change in their communities. Through the Indigenous Visionaries Program, the American Indian College Fund supports the development of women leaders across tribal communities where tribal colleges and universities are located.

Participants in the Indigenous Visionaries Program are selected based on their connections within their tribal communities and how their proposed projects will make a positive impact. Selected participants receive a grant of \$7,000 to support the completion of their project. They will also work with a mentor and participate in monthly virtual connections provided by the College Fund team.

Each of the five tribal college student leaders selected to participate in this year's College Fund Indigenous Visionaries cohort have also identified the projects they will focus on throughout the program.

**Dayna Thompson** (White Earth Nation Ojibwe) is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree at White Earth Tribal and Community College on the White Earth reservation in Mahnomen, Minnesota. She will create a culture and language-based club open to student and non-student participants through the seven

grandfather teachings so participants can bring the teachings back to their communities, families, and villages. Raven Freebird (Bad River and White Earth Ojibwe), a first-year experience coach, will serve as mentor

**Nical Glasses** (Navajo) is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration at Diné College. Glasses will pursue the role of an advocate to spread more awareness about the missing and murdered Indigenous women epidemic by providing more resources, hosting educational presentations, and gathering data/research. Crystal Cree (Navajo), director of the Office of Legislative Affairs and Special Projects at Diné College, will serve as mentor.

**Paula Cooper** (Anishinaabe) is pursuing a degree in human services at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University (LCCOU) in Hayward, Wisconsin. Cooper will bring the Grandmother Moon ceremony back into the community to help local women acquire the Ojibwe language through the ceremonies. Michelle Haskins (Anishinaabe), lead faculty of early childhood education at LCCOU, will serve as mentor.

**Charli Earth** (Winnebago) is pursuing a degree in liberal arts at Little Priest Tribal College on the Winnebago reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska. Earth will implement an incentive program to encourage all dimensions of healthy living for families within the Winnebago community. Cassie Kitcheyan (Winnebago), faculty of Native American studies, will serve as mentor.

**Shadlynn Severance** (Three Affiliated Tribes—the Mandan [Nueta], Hidatsa, and Arikara [Sahnish]) is pursuing a degree in environmental science at Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College on the Fort Berthold reservation in North Dakota. Severance will work on an indigenous plant revival project by conducting research about cultural uses and methods for growing native plants. Sasha Sillitti (Three Affiliated Tribes) will serve as mentor.



**Clockwise from top:** Charli Earth, Sadlynn Severance, Dayna Thompson, Paula Cooper, and Nical Glasses make up the Indigenous Visionaries cohort this year.



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Ken Bakken receives his transportation award from Luther Wynder—Minnesota Valley Transit Authority CEO and MPTA Vice president.

## Bakken wins transportation award

Kenneth Bakken, White Earth Public Transit Manager, was honored at this year's Minnesota Public Transit Association (MPTA) conference as the 2022 Minnesota Transit Professional of the Year. This is the 4th award that White Earth Public Transit has received under his management.

Three of the awards are state level awards to include 2017 Transit System of the Year, 2018 Transit Operator of the Year presented to Clarence Skala, and 2022 Transit Professional of the Year presented to Ken Bakken. Transit has also received one National level award from Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) for 2022 Rural Community Transit System of the Year.

**See Award Page 23**

## White Earth Natural Resources sponsors firearms safety field day for reservation youth



Photo by Jessica Tolifson

A youth firearm safety field day held Oct. 8 at the Mahnomen Rifle Range. Seventeen youth successfully completed the online education training and finished with the field day. White Earth Natural Resources set up the training. Instructors were Dustin Roy, Al Fox, Ashley Zurn, Mikey Johnson, Brandon Goodwin, Craig Bower (CSO manager) and Son Accobee (volunteer). White Earth Natural Resources thanks everyone who helped make this a success.

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## Obituaries

### Wade Eldon Borah

Wade Borah, 57, of Ogema, died Oct. 2 at his home.

Wade Eldon Borah was born on May 10, 1965, in Detroit Lakes to Jennings and Ardette (Bisson) Borah. Wade attended school at Frazee-Vergas Elementary and Ogema Elementary before graduating from Waubun High School with the class of 1983. While attending school, he kept himself busy with his involvement in 4-H and playing football. Following graduation, Wade started his life-long career at Tibbett Sanitation, which later became White Earth Sanitation, where he proudly worked for almost 40 years. Wade also spent a few years working for Sonnenberg Mink Ranch in his younger years.



Wade enjoyed spending his free time outdoors doing various hobbies including fishing, gathering mushrooms with Karen, leeching, online gaming, and playing softball. He was passionate about golfing and a devoted Minnesota Vikings fan. Wade was always in a good mood and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Wade is survived by his significant other, Karen Person; granddaughter, Ahnika Bellanger; brother, Floyd Borah; sister, Susan (Wayne) Hanks; brother-in-law, Floyd Person; and several nieces and nephews.

Wade was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kelsey Borah; brothers, Earl and Kevin Borah; sister, Elizabeth Ott; and niece, Jessica Hanks.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth.

Interment: St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: [www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)

### Debra Lorraine Uran

Debra Uran, 70, of Naytahwaush, passed away Oct. 14 at her home.

Debra Lorraine Tibbetts was born July 27, 1952, in White Earth to Burnham "BL" and Marian "Babe" (Sargent) Tibbetts. Growing up, she attended elementary school in Naytahwaush and high school in Mahnomen.



On Dec. 15, 1972, Deb was united in marriage to Tom Uran Sr. and the couple was blessed with four boys. After many years, the couple parted ways but remained friends and were able to spend all the holidays together with the grandkids as family. Deb remained in the area and over the years she worked as an EMT, a teacher for Head Start, and at Pinehurst Resort. She was currently cooking for the kids and staff at the Naytahwaush Charter School, but it was more than a job as she truly adored all the children. In addition to her job and family, Deb was lucky enough to share her love and companionship with her best friend, Tim Roy. Together, they have made many wonderful memories over the past 37 years.

Strong, hardworking, protector, caring and yet feisty are all words to describe Deb. She loved a good laugh and spending time with family and friends, especially all the grandkids. Deb was a wonderful cook and she always looked forward to family get togethers where she could feed everyone! In her younger years, Deb enjoyed outdoor activities like deer hunting and fishing. More recently, her favorite pastimes included trying her luck at the slot machines, afternoon drives in the woods, feeding all the animals and watching the Vikings and Twins. Deb was known not to pass up a rummage sale, especially when she was spending the day with Gumbo and the two of them set out for a fun filled day of activities. Above all, time spent with Tim, family and friends was most precious to her as she loved them all. Deb will be missed by so many but will live on in their hearts forever.

Deb is survived by her sons: Tom Jr. of Waubun, Jim (Anna) of Ogema, Curt (Danielle) of Mahnomen, and Doug (Lucy) of Rice Lake; 27 grandchildren; her significant other, Tim Roy of Naytahwaush; brothers, Burnham "Bucky" (Mary) Tibbetts, Marvin "Moss" (Lynn) Tibbetts and Bernard "Bimbo" (Bette) Tibbetts all of Naytahwaush; sister, Judy Tibbetts of Grand Portage, Minn.; sister-in-law, Carol Tibbetts of Naytahwaush; mother-in-law, Bernice Roy; brothers-in-law, Tom Roy and Steve Roy of Mahnomen; sister-in-law, Lori (Greg) Boyum also of Mahnomen; several nieces and nephews and best friend, Phyllis Wark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Ella Vogel, Joyce Sheer, and infant, Carol Tibbetts; brother, Terry Tibbetts; and nephews, Marvin "Mossy" Tibbetts Jr. and Matthew Tibbetts

A Memorial service was held Oct. 20 at the Naytahwaush Charter School.

Interment: Free Gospel Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: [www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)

### Beverly Ann Karsten

Beverly Karsten, 80, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Oct. 2 at the Mahnomen Health Center.

Beverly Ann Person was born Oct. 29, 1941, in Mahnomen to Paul and Alice (LaRoque) Person. She attended grade school in Bagley, Minn., and graduated from Mahnomen High School with the class of 1960.



On June 10, 1961, Bev was united in marriage to Donald Kvale and together they were blessed with three children. In 1962, the couple moved to Seattle, for a few years before relocating back to the Twin Cities metro. Don and Bev moved to Mahnomen in 1977 to make their home and Don died in 1982. Beverly continued to live in Mahnomen and later met Jerold Karsten. They were married in 1987 and lived in Ada, Minn. In 1989, Jerry and Bev moved to their home on North Twin Lake. He died in October 2020 and Beverly remained in their home until her death.

Caring, compassionate, dedicated, fun-loving and humble are all words that describe Beverly. Over the past 32 years, Bev has devoted her time and efforts to helping improve the lives of the elders on the White Earth Reservation. She was very fundamental in working with the Wisdom Steps Program and has served on the board for many years. In addition, Bev also set up the annual statewide Wisdom Steps Conference and the golf tournament charity event that benefited the Elders Program. All her hard work didn't go unnoticed as she received numerous awards and recognitions over the years including The National Hero Award and Elder of the Year Award.

When Beverly wasn't working you could find her at her happy place at the lake, which usually meant on a floatie in the middle of the lake! She loved lake life and everything it had to offer like pontoon rides, bean bags, bonfires, hanging out with family and friends and of course, bar bingo on Friday nights at Pinehurst Resort. She enjoyed bingo, slots, poker and the trips to Las Vegas to try her luck, which was usually pretty good. Bev was always in a good mood with a smile on her face and twinkle in her eye, making you wonder what she was up to. She loved her family dearly and any time she could be around family and friends meant a good time every time! She will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her.

Beverly is survived by sons, Paul (Debbie) Kvale of Grand Forks, N.D., and Brett Kvale of St. Croix Falls, Wis.; daughter, Tracie Kvale of Moorhead, Minn.; grandchildren: Timmy, Michael, Jenna, Brittany and Vinny; great-grandchildren: Ryker, Scarlett, Gavin, CeCe, Zoey, Olivia, Sophie and Ryker; sisters, Carol "PeeWee" Olson of Fargo, N.D., and Cathy "Punkin" Warren of Crystal, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Donald and Jerold; brothers: Chuck, Wayne and Floyd Person; and sister, Betty Denson.

Blessed be the memory of Beverly Karsten.

A memorial service was held Oct. 8 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, rural Beaulieu.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: [www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)

### Ronald Keith Boe

Ronald Boe, 78, of Bejou, passed away on Oct. 9 at his home under the loving care of his family and hospice of the Red River Valley after fighting a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Ronald Keith Boe was born July 7, 1944, to Jeffrey and Helen (Halvorson) Boe in Bagley, Minn. As a young man, he served his country in the Merchant Marines and Army. Ronald later used his talents while working a host of jobs including: American Hoist, Empire Bucket, Erskine Manufacturing, Case Manufacturing, MTC Bus driver, and welding in the shipping yards. In his spare time, he enjoyed working with metal and creating things out of iron.



Ron is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bernadette; son, Edward (Tawnya) Boe; daughter, Nanci (Jeff) Glennstone; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one great-great-grandchild; sister, Janet Lundmark; brothers: Doug (Rene), Greg (Patsy), Bruce (Jeannie); and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jeffrey and Helen Boe; and other extended family.

No services are being held.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

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Obituaries

**Ruth (Giard) Walz**

Ruth (Giard) Walz, 88, passed away peacefully on the morning of July 4. She was born Aug. 12, 1933, in northern Minnesota. She was one of 11 children. In 1949, she married Cyril Walz and they later moved to Washington, where they raised their six children in the Battle Ground area.



Mother loved her family deeply and always had a soft spot for an underdog. She always would tell anyone who would listen that she was the luckiest old lady ever, because she had little people in her life. And her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and even her great-great grandchildren loved to visit her and get that special ice cream cone. It is a memory that many of them will always have. She was also very stubborn and never accepted no for an answer even when she fought for years and the answer was still no!

Ruth was preceded in death by her oldest son, Joel; and husband of 63 years, Cyril.

She is survived by her daughter, Helen Baldwin (Larry); sons: Marvin (Ruth), Bob (Jenni), David (Debby), and Scott; daughter-in-law, Denise Walz; and numerous grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Georgine Montgomery, Dejah Walz, and Patsy Stamp for the care and help while she was still at home. Also thank you to Cogir/Glenwood Place for the care and comfort you gave to our mom.

A celebration of life was held Aug. 28 at the Camas Community Center.

Please share a memory at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits)

**Emogene Monica (Bonnerville) Haugen**

Emogene Haugen, 88, of Pocatello, Idaho, passed peacefully to be with her Heavenly Father, surrounded by family and close friends on Oct. 4 following a brief illness.

Emogene was born Oct. 7, 1933, in Mahanomen County, the youngest of her brothers and sisters. She spent her early childhood on the White Earth Reservation before moving to Vancouver, Wash., at the age of 10. With the untimely death of her father, Emogene then moved to Battle Ground, Wash., where she lived with her sister. She graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1951. Emogene then went on to start her career with a secretarial position with Corders Auto. It was there that Emogene met, and later married her lifelong love, Alfred Haugen on Feb. 25, 1952, and while living in Portland, Ore., they started their family. The family moved several times, first to Sherwood, Ore., and eventually settling in Newberg, Ore., as she worked at positions with Tektronix and Adec.



While living in Newberg, Emogene took time to focus on her education and started training as a nurse, however, she shifted direction instead attending bible college. She successfully graduated and was ordained as a minister. This experience she shared with her husband Alfred, as he also became a minister. She had an unwavering faith and devotion to her Lord. She would witness and pray for all who were in need. She was active with AGLOW Women's Ministries, holding various offices including president. She also enjoyed being a chaplain for the women's jail on the reservation. Emogene further demonstrated her faith in opening her home to anyone who had need for support.

Emogene loved the outdoors. She cherished the many memories of camping, hiking, huckleberry picking, and especially trips to the Oregon coast. She enjoyed traveling; either to visit with friends and family, or exploring new places. Her and Alfred enjoyed an unexpected Hawaiian getaway that provided cherished memories for years to come.

As Alfred's health began to fail, the couple moved to Pocatello, Idaho in order to be closer to their daughter. They have resided here since 2003. Emogene has developed many new friendships, and was active in the senior, faith and Shoshone-Bannock communities where she felt very welcomed.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Alfred Victor Haugen, parents, Frances Williams (Bonneville) and Harvey Bonneville; sisters, Dorcas (Malone) Schmiede and Connie (Arden) Sykes; brothers: Roy (Madge), Ivan (Gladys) and Harvey (Joan) Bonneville; and sons, Duane and Jeremiah Haugen.

She is survived by sons; Bruce and Mark (Brenda) Haugen; daughter, Lynn (Steve) Deeg; grandchildren: Jenny (Stephanie), Jason Haugen, Daniel (Samantha) Haugen, Michelle (John) Deeg-Davis, Amber (Dillon) Roberts, Jessica Haugen, Jill (Ale) Ferrer, Jenna (Zach) Preston, Janessa (Alex) Goldberg, Roise Spangler, Rielly Spangler. Seven great-grandchildren; Tristin Haugen, Dakota Haugen, Hunter Stewart, Echo Stewart, Rowan Davis, Charlie Roberts and Max Roberts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 14 in the Wilks Funeral Home in Chubbuck, Idaho. Graveside service was held at Falls View Cemetery in American Falls, Idaho.

**Irene Lorentz**

Irene Lorentz, 93, was born in Mahanomen and passed on Aug. 29.

In her early teens, Irene moved in with her older sister Mary who had moved to Battle Ground, Wash., and there she helped with Mary's young family. She married her first husband Clifford in July 1945. Cliff passed in 1951 and she remarried Kenneth, raising her three daughters in Vancouver, Wash. Having completed only six years of school, Irene went to night school at age 40 and earned her GED.



She worked as a seamstress at Jantzen Knitting Mills, working her way up to supervisor. She and Kenny were active members of the Moose Lodge, where she enjoyed running their Casino Night. She retired from Jantzen at age 62 and kept right on sewing, building a small cottage industry making cushions for wicker furniture in her basement.

After Kenny passed, Irene moved to Long Beach, Wash., a place she loved and vacationed at throughout her life. A proud member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, she spent the last years of her life in Minnesota with her childhood sweetheart, Laurie.

Irene is remembered for her sense of humor and smile, and her love for playing cards, garage sales, travel, her grandkids, her friends, clam digging, jewelry and social gatherings. She touched many people's lives and brought joy to so many. The world is less bright without her in it.

The seventh of 11 children, she is survived by two of her three daughters, Patricia Loftness, Ann Brown and Judy Peterson; five of her six grandchildren, Kirk, Kristin, Beth, Betsy, Randi and Kari; eight great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Her family and friends had a celebration of life on Oct. 16 at the Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield, Minn.

Please share a memory at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits)

**Jerome Leroy Bray**

Jerome Leroy Bray, 88, peacefully passed on Oct. 7.

Jerome was born Oct. 9, 1933, in White Earth, to Earl and Viola Bray. He married his one and only sweetheart, Lois Daniels, in 1953.

From an early age, Jerome honed his skills and discipline to serve the Lord. After completing medical school at Loma Linda University and serving as a surgeon in Denver, Frankfurt, Germany and West Point, N.Y., he retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1968. Jerome and Lois then moved their family north of his childhood stomping grounds in Detroit Lakes to start a private practice in Thief River Falls, Minn.



Although a man of few words, he was always willing to say a prayer to the Great Healer for guidance, healing, and comfort with his patients, family, and friends. Jerry's desire to help and bring a smile to those he met manifested in many ways. His kindness and joy were evident in snowmobile house calls to a patient's home, mission trips to El Salvador, Guam, Kenya, Nepal, and Peru, assisting many students to continue their education, and drawing smiley faces on a child's big toe.

Jerome is survived by his wife, Lois Daniels Bray; children: Bruce Bray and spouse Karen, Bryce Bray, Jeri Lyn Grindley, and Laura Bray and spouse Cassie Law; grandchildren: Melissa, Thomas, Brian, David, Becky, Greg, Rachel, Andrew and Bryson; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Wallace; brother-in-law, Bill Fuller; and nine nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life in Thief River Falls next year. The family will be providing details at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dr. Jerome Bray, MD and Lois Bray RN Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund at Thief River Falls Northland Community and Technical College. To donate, go to <https://nctcfoundation.ddock.gives/>

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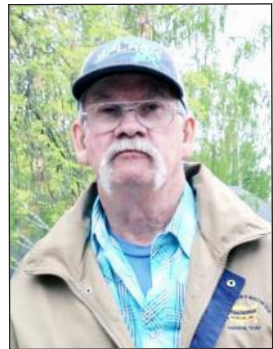
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## Obituaries

### Mark Allen Bradley Johnson

Mark Allen Bradley Johnson, 71, of Waubun, peacefully entered eternal rest on Oct. 24 at his home on McCraney Lake.

Mark was born Aug. 29, 1951, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Rudolph (Rudy) and Marion (Rowley) Johnson. He attended school in Mahanomen.



Mark grew up as a horseman working for various horse owners around the Mahanomen area. In his teen years, he also worked at the Mahanomen Horse Sales barn. He was an avid horseman and owned horses for the majority of his life. Mark also spent many years pursuing his passion of coon hunting and was one of the founding members of the North Dakota Coon Hunters Association in the late 70s. He loved spending time hunting with family and friends and enjoyed all aspects of working with his dogs and created several champions in the process.

Mark joined the Operating Engineers Local #49 at the age of 21. He was a 49er to his core. He worked as a crane and dozer operator throughout North Dakota on the missile sites in the early 70s. He met and married the love of his life, Laurie Whitefeather on Dec. 27, 1972, in Crookston, Minn. Wanting to be closer to home and family, Mark then owned and operated Portland Radiator Shop (the best place in town to take a leak was his motto) in Portland, N.D., from 1976-1990. When his children were older, he went back to work for the 49ers Operating Union and moved back to Minnesota. Mark loved the hills, lakes and trees of Minnesota and moved to Erhard in 1990. He spent several years running heavy equipment and working wind towers traveling to multiple states. He finished his career working as a Union Steward on pipeline projects. Mark was a passionate advocate for Union employees and Union rights.

Mark purchased the Mahanomen Horse Sales barn in 2006 and ran it while working on the road for the 49ers. He operated the horse sales with the assistance of his wife, Laurie, and his children Dennis and Lisa. Mark retired from the 49ers Operating Engineers in October 2013 and he and Laurie moved to McCraney Lake around that time. Mark always dreamed of living on a lake in Minnesota and he made that a reality. He spent his retirement years caring for his beloved Olde English Bulldogge, Diesel. He loved to spend his free time bass fishing the lakes of Minnesota and Lake Fork in Texas. He also enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings play, although it also added many frustrations to his Sundays, as all Vikings fans can relate to.

Mark loved his family dearly and was a supporter of them through thick and thin, through the highs and lows.... Mark was there for his friends and family. Mark made friends everywhere he went and touched the lives of many through his work and personal connections. He will be dearly missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Johnson of Waubun. His three children: Dennis (Belinda) of McCook Lake, S.D., Jory (Kelsey), Cobly (Nessa, with great: Nova), Shayla and Brenna; Cheri of Bemidji, Minn., Morgan (Dave with great: Bentley), Elaina, Olivia, and Sophie; Lisa of Dakota Dunes, S.D., Carissa (Jacob with greats: Hudson, Channing, Lux), Levi (Calle), Alexis, and Brooke; and siblings: Candice Weiland, Randy Johnson, and Danny Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Marion; and sisters: Marilyn, Sandy and Barbara.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahanomen.

Interment: Chief Cornerstone Cemetery in Puposky, Minn.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: [www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)

### Award from Page 17

White Earth Public Transit has been recognized across the state and the nation for their operations, expansion, leadership, and their innovative response in a time of need during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

White Earth Transit has been able to secure many state and federal operating grants over the years to assist with the continued growth of our rural transit system, the most recent success is a \$3.6-million section 5339 Buses and Bus facilities grant which is a federally awarded competitive capital grant from Federal Transit Administration.

This grant will be utilized to construct a new White Earth Public Transit Bus facility

located in Waubun. White Earth Public Transit continues to strive to pave the way for Tribal Transit Systems, rural transit systems, and others in the transportation industry from across the state and nation.

Some of the innovations that White Earth Public Transit has implemented are adding electronic fare collection systems to buses and integrating propane buses to lower emissions.

The nomination for Minnesota Transit Professional of the year came from Dean Templin who presented the award to Kenneth along with MPTA staff at the annual conference on Oct. 24 in St. Cloud, Minn.

### Amelia Darlene "Bitsie" Bray

Amelia "Bitsie" Bray, 69, of White Earth, died Oct. 9 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, N.D.

Amelia Darlene Weaver was born Oct. 16, 1952, in White Earth to Vernon and Rose (Jackson) Weaver. Bitsie attended school in White Earth and Waubun before she began working for the White Earth Tribe as a Community Health Representative.



On July 7, 1984, Bitsie married the love of her life, Mike Bray. Bitsie began working at the Shooting Star Casino in 1992 as a blackjack dealer. Following an accident in 1995, Bitsie left the casino and furthered her education by earning her GED and receiving an associate degree from the White Earth Tribal College. She then received her travel agency license and opened her own business, Maajaa Travel, which she operated for 10 years. After retiring from the travel agency, Bitsie enjoyed life at home caring for her beloved children and grandchildren.

As the backbone of the family, Bitsie loved having a house full of children and caring for her loved ones. She never missed a birthday party and loved Christmas and Halloween, especially making her infamous caramel apples. Bitsie loved playing softball with her Native American women's team, The Three Bears. Traveling was Bitsie's passion with Hawaii being her favorite place to go. In her free time, she enjoyed watching movies, cooking for her family, listening to Elvis, and shopping. Bitsie was also involved on the White Earth Housing Board and the Johnson O'Malley Board. With her loud, happy personality and generous heart, Bitsie will be greatly missed by her loved ones.

Bitsie is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mike Bray; children: Julie (James) Bevins, Josh (Tiffany) Bevins, Zach Bray, Lisa (Trevor) Bray, Izaak (Danielle) Bray, Cassandra (Brian) Person; Kurtis Person, and Vivian Person; siblings, Aurelia "Zing" (Kenneth) Brown, Karen Person, and Floyd (LeAnn) Person; traveling friends, Donna Warren and Lisa Zornes; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bitsie was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Judy Libby-Kinslow; brothers: Paul Person, Craig Person, and Rick Person; sister: Kathy Person; and nephew, Dominic Brown.

Funeral services were held Oct. 14 at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: Bethel Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: [www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)

### Sara Jaqueline Annette

Sara Jaqueline Annette, 36, of Ponsford, passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 8.

Sara was born Sept. 1, 1986, to Harold and JoAnn (Croud) Annette in Park Rapids, Minn. She was the fifth child, to four older brothers, with five years difference from her youngest brother, making her the "baby girl" of the family. She attended school at Park Rapids and later graduated from Mahanomen High School in 2011.



She held various positions throughout her life and loved to work. Sara was a beautiful soul that was full of love for her family and friends. She was a devoted mother. Being a mother was everything to her and she loved her children infinitely. Sara was very intelligent, independent, and absolutely had a heart of gold. Sara could fix anything and was very creative and crafty. She had the most brilliant invention ideas, that there was no way her brothers could ever think of such ideas. She truly cared about people and, with her contagious laugh and smile, had the capability of creating that special bond with so many. Sara was fun loving, had a crazy sense of humor, and will be missed by so many. She will especially be missed by her A"cat"emy: Kiki, Blondie.

Sara is survived by her mother, JoAnn; children: Myron, Matteah and Josiah; special friend, Trevor Larson; brothers: Anthony (Rachael), John (Robin), William (Sharon), Harold and Michael (Monica) Annette, and Russell Gray; sisters: Carol (Rick) Smith, Emily Annette and Lori (Tom) Comanchi; aunties: Edie Smith, Betsy (Pete) Robbins and Barb (George) Moran; uncles: Junior Clark and Doug Clark; her nieces and nephews; extended family; and her cats, Kiki and Blondie.

She is preceded in death by her father, Harold; grandmother, Sara Clark; brother, Tim Annette; sister, Susan Annette; aunts: Missy, Barbara Ann, Violet, Marylou, Din, Evelyn, Bernice, Babe and Cleo; numerous family members; and her cats, Bob, Cowboy and Puss.

A funeral service was held Oct. 14 at the old Pine Point School.

Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: [www.daviddonehower.com](http://www.daviddonehower.com)

**WE BAND OF OJIBWE TRIBAL COURT**

In Re the Custody of:  
 Penelope Alize Rose Brunch, DOB: 10/8/201  
 SUMMONS  
 Codie Burkholder & Jasmine Leslie,  
 Petitioners,  
 File No. C22-00514  
 and  
 Santana Banks (Brunch),  
 Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 6, 2022, a Petition for Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the above-named parties. A hearing will commence on December 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the White Earth Tribal Courts located at the White Earth Tribal Office in White Earth, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218)-983-4648. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding, or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning the above-named parties. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

**Dated:** October 6, 2022

**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
**Lee Ann Jones**  
 Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
**Court File No. CC20-0250, CC21-0334**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 18, 2022, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in files CC20-0250 and CC21-0334. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 15, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

**Dated:** October 26, 2022  
 Veronica Newcomer  
 Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
**Any Man Coming Forward as the Father of the Child of Lee Ann Jones**  
 Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
**Court File No. CC20-0250, CC21-0334**

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**Dated:** October 26, 2022  
 Veronica Newcomer  
 Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
**Toni Myhre**  
 Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
**Court File No. CC21-0222**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 24, 2022, a Petition for Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CC21-0222. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 5, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

**Dated:** October 26, 2022  
 Veronica Newcomer  
 Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

**WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
**John Bruguier**  
 Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice  
**Court File No. CC20-0250, CC21-0334**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 18, 2022, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in files CC20-0250 and CC21-0334. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 15, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

**Dated:** October 26, 2022  
 Veronica Newcomer  
 Attorney for WE Indian Child Welfare

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION  
 ENROLLED ELDERLY SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

**No need to complete this application if we have been plowing for you in the past. Call us and update your information.**

DATE APPLYING: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent residency is required

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment # \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Enrollment # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attach a colored copy

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

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

Which district do you reside in: District I \_\_\_\_\_ District II \_\_\_\_\_ District III \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

\*\*\* Due to COVID no signatures are required at this time. If we missed you, let us know ASAP.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department  
 PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591  
 Phone #: 218-983-3202 / Fax #: 218-983-4350  
 E-mail address: [Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov) or [Matt.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:Matt.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov)

**You can reach the AT at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov**

**Elders from Page 7**

Unfortunately, Bev died suddenly on Oct. 2 at her home in Naytahwaush. Bev was Vice Chair of the Wisdom Steps Program, which is a preventative health program for Native Americans in Minnesota. This program has been in existence for over 20 years. At the last quarterly meeting that was held I was an alternate for White Earth. The Board voted me in as Bev's replacement and also elected me as Vice Chair. I hope that with this new assignment I can fulfill the obligations to represent our Nation well. We established that we would continue to have the 2023 Conference here at Shooting Star Casino and I know that assistance will be given for me to proceed. I thank the Board for their confidence in myself and will do my best.

Some Elders were able to gain tickets to see Three Dog Night on Oct. 21 at the Shooting Star Casino and we all enjoyed the show.

The funeral for Beverly Karsten was held Oct. 8 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush. Many of our Elder Council and so many others came to bid her farewell. It was a deserving tribute as Bev did so much for our White Earth Nation and she worked until her death. We pray that your journey is swift!

We have lost so many Elders again and we can only hope that the remaining ones will be treated with respect and care for their health issues. Meetings continue to be ongoing with Indian Health Service, Tribal Council, Elders and other members of our Nation to seek solutions to the improvement of better health care

for our Native population. Anyone is invited to attend these meetings, especially if you have issues with your health care. The next follow-up meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. at the lower conference room of Tribal Headquarters.

Thank you to all the programs that provide service to our Elders. Many times, our grandparents are taking care of their grandchildren rather than going to foster care. On many occasions, grandparents will simply take care of the children without any financial assistance, but this can become costly, or cause legal issues for them. Sometimes a document must be signed or to provide for their health care and without adequate signature status, they cannot do so legally. Most of the time the children are cared for properly and involvement with child welfare is avoided.

Please take care of each other and do not be afraid to contact the proper authorities if child abuse or Elder abuse is suspected. Be aware of the scams that are out and about and if there is ever a suspicion, call the police. Remember our Veterans and always thank them for their service. Help our homebound and all chronically ill people. They sometimes just need a hello or a phone call. That is very cost effective. Be safe!

Lucille Silk, Chairwoman / 218-983-3768  
 Lawrence Crowell, Vice Chair / 218-252-9390  
 Missy Fairbanks, Secretary / 218-401-0553



**Special Events**

- **WECOE MTG**  
November 2nd- Rice Lake
- **Diabetic Bingo**  
~November 1st Naytahwaush  
~November 3rd Shooting Star  
~November 9th Rice Lake  
~November 10th White Earth

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

**Elderly Nutrition Program Information**

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

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

Elders Suggested Donation \$4

Guest Meals \$6

Questions or comments please contact :




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

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

Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315  
Naytahwaush ENP Site  
Site Supervisor ~ Tim Rindahl

Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795  
Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<b>1</b> Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Corn Wheat bread Pineapple	<b>2 Chefs Choice</b> Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	<b>3</b> Cordon bleu sandwich Oven fries Baked beans Pumpkin bar	<b>4</b> Chili Cornbread Garden salad Fresh fruit
<b>7</b> Manoomin hotdish Cali. Blend veggies Dinner roll Plums	<b>8</b> Beef stew with veggies Biscuit Spinach salad Rice pudding w/ raisins	<b>9 Chefs Choice</b> Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	<b>10</b> Fish sandwich w/ tomato and lettuce Baked beans Potato salad Grapes	<b>11 Closed for Veterans Day</b> 
<b>14</b> Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Breadstick Steamed Cauliflower Apricots	<b>15</b> Boiled dinner Wheat crackers Creamy cucumbers Apple crisp	<b>16 Chefs Choice</b> Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	<b>17 Birthday Lunch</b> Chicken fried steak Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Birthday treat	<b>18</b> Manoomin soup Frybread Garden salad Pears
<b>21 Brunch for Lunch</b> Cheese omelet Hash Oatmeal Berry Parfait w/ granola	<b>22</b> Ham Scalloped potatoes Green beans Dinner roll Fruit cocktail	<b>23 Chefs Choice</b> Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	<b>24 Closed</b>	<b>25 Closed</b>  Happy Thanksgiving
<b>28</b> Tator tot hotdish Brussel sprouts Wheat bread Baked cinn. peaches	<b>29</b> Fish tacos Seasoned rice Fiesta corn Coleslaw Applesauce	<b>30 Chefs Choice</b> Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	<b>Save the Date!</b> <b>Elders Christmas Party</b> <b>December 15th</b> Shooting Star Event Center 	

**White Earth Food Distribution November Store Hours**

**Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30**

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

November 2022 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

November 4<sup>th</sup>: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

November 7<sup>th</sup>: Mahnomen & Waubun

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Closed – Veteran’s Day


November 14<sup>th</sup>: White Earth

November 21<sup>st</sup>: Detroit Lakes






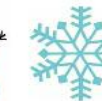



November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>: Closed - Thanksgiving

November 30<sup>th</sup>: Closed for inventory

If you receive home delivery service and will not be home on your scheduled route, please notify us ASAP.

**White Earth WIC**  **November 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<small>*White Earth WIC: 26246 Grand Rd White Earth, MN 56591</small>	<small>**Times and dates are subject to change</small>					
6	7	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     Due to COVID-19, all appointments are being completed by phone at this time. Please call <b>218-204-0399</b> to contact our department.                 </div>			10	11
13	14				17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
27	28	29	30			
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     This institution is an equal opportunity provider.                 </div>				<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     Unsure if you are eligible? Please fill out the online application on the Minnesota WIC Website.                 </div>		



# 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?

- “Bapasininjii’odizon! Bedosen! Gizhiiyosen! Bimibaatoon!”
  - “Clap your hands! Walk slow! Walk fast! Run along!”
  - “**Bedoseg!** Giizhiiyoseg!” (Command to 2 or more)
  - “You all (2 or more) walk slow! Walk fast!”
  - “Bapasininjii’odizodaa! Bedosedaa!”
  - “Let’s all clap! Let’s all walk slow!”
  - “Babaama’amaazodaa!”
  - “Let’s all go around singing!”
  - “Nagamodaa noongom!”
  - “Let’s all sing now!”
  - “Gimino-anokiim.”
  - “You all do good work.”
- Zhoomingwenin! -Smile!  
**Bimosen!** -Walk along!  
 Gwaashkwanin! -Jump!  
 Daga **nibaan!** -Please sleep!  
 Wiisinin! -Eat!  
 Odaminodaa! -Let’s play!

**Ma’ingan(ag)**  
Wolf(ves)

**Esiban(ag)**  
Raccoon(s)

**Amik(wag)**  
Beaver(s)

**Ajidamoo(g)**  
Squirrel(s)

**Nagamowag.**  
They are singing.

**Babaama’amaazowag.**  
They go about singing.  
Make a tune with this word!

**Waawaabiganoojii(yag)**  
Mouse(mice)  
*Find ten (10) underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.*

**Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen**  
Your community, your family and “Gide’ “- “Your heart” tells you “*Ojibwemon!-Speak Ojibwe!*” And this generation has written Ojibwe styles, books, and digital resources to connect to others & Ojibwemowin. There are patterns for action, feeling verbs (VAI’s), verbs with living things (VTA’s) and non-living things (VTI’s). Learn to build your voice, to change meanings and speak about the past and future.

**Minwendaagwad!** - It is fun!  
**Aabajitoon!**-Use it! I’w online dictionary. Attend or start a language table group.

Contact me or an elder in your community or at your school.  
 Agindaaso.-S/he reads.  
**Bizindan!**-Listen to it!  
 Ozhibiigen!-Write it!  
 See & practice these vowel sounds:

**\*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

J M O Y D  
 I D A G M O  
 B E D O S E G  
 E Z B J K H Y W  
 B E S I B A N A O  
 I G M B Z G I O ‘ N  
 M A ‘ W S I K ‘ A E G  
 O ‘ N E Z H N A Y B I O  
 S T I M B A B D Z Q D J  
 E I A O ‘ I T O A ‘ E N  
 N D Z N N O S A A N ‘ D  
 W M A A B A J I T O O N

**Nitaawigiwin •Grownup**  
Noongom mazina’iganing. Today/now in the paper... When it is winter -**Biiboong...**  
>>>>>=====>>>>>  
**nimangaanibiimin.**

- ninjiibaakwaadaan naboob.**
- zhooshkwaagimewag.**
- ningikinoo’amaagoz.**
- izhaa zhaawanong.**
- gidanokii, anokiiwag.**
- gidojibwemomin.**

Key:  
... We shovel.  
... I cook it soup.  
... They ski.  
... I go to school, I’m taught.  
... S/he goes to the south.  
... You work, they work.  
... We all speak Ojibwe.

**VII’s - the “It is...” verbs.**  
Verb/Inanimate/Intransitive **A-form is simple statements: “It is...”.** It is snowing. - Zoogipon. It’s foggy.-Awan. It’s windy.-Noodin. It’s cold.-Gisinaa. It is yellow/brown.- Ozaawaa. It is white.-Waabishkaa. It is black.- Makadewaa. It is red.-Miskwaa. It’s green/blue, a yarn ball.-Ozhaawashkwaa bikiijaan.

**B-form mainly translates: “When/if/while it is something/happening, or is a certain way and it is inanimate/not-living happening/concept.”**  
**\*\*VII B-form verb suffix/endings**  
**If, When or While it is...VII, are 2 easy rules:**  
**Add ending “g”.** Or turn the ending d to k.  
 Nooding, gisinaa. - **If it is windy, it’s cold.**  
 Gii-aabita-dibikak, gii-soogipon.  
**When it was-mid-night, it did-snow.**  
 These same VII suffixes also used in Where, What, Why type questions.  
 Aandi waa-zoogipong.-  
 Where will-it snow?  
 - VII patterns :-)

**VII’s, A-form:** Mizhakwad.-It’s clear weather.  
**VII’s, B-form:** Gashkading, bejibizog!-  
**When/if it freezes over, all drive slow!**

- 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: [wpclipart.com](http://wpclipart.com)

**Gichi-aya’aa•Elder**  
*Aaniin ezbinikaazod wa’aw giizis?* What/how is s/he called this moon/month? *Izbinikaazo*  
*Gashkadimo-giizis wa’aw giizis.* His/her name (Lakes) Freezing Over this Moon (Nov). • “Ningii-gichi-baap”. Giboodiyegwaazon. Gigigiboodiyegwaazone. Nigigigiboodiyegwaazone. Howah! Gaa! Minwendaagwad. Babagiwayaan. Biichibabagiwayaane. Nimbiizhibabagiwayaane. Giichibabagiwayaane. Nindayaan biitoo-babagiwayaan gaye! Nimaa’ishkamin. -I had-big/great-laugh! Pants. S/he wears pants. I wear pants. Wow/giggle! No! It is fun. A shirt. S/he puts on a shirt. I put on a shirt. I take off a shirt. I have an under-shirt also! We shop on. Mii’w.

- 1.** Gii-shooshkwaagime \_\_\_\_\_ ina? Did they ski?
- 2.** Bijiinaago ina \_\_\_\_\_maajipon? Yesterday ? it **did** start to snow?
- 3.** Noogishkaan miskwaa \_\_\_\_\_ waasakonenjigan. Izhaan ozhaawashkwaag. Stop **when it is** red, the light! Go when it is green.
- 4.** Aaniin apii \_\_\_\_\_-anokiian? Wii-niyo-giizhigak indanokii. When **will**-you be working? When it is 2nd-day/Tues. I work.
- 5.** Niminwendam, zoogipon \_\_\_\_\_. Gaye, Ojibwemoyeg. I am happy, when/if it snows. Also, when you all speak Ojibwe.

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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!

**Energy** from Page 32

Lead for Minnesota Power wears many hats, but his favorite is that of “solar Paul.” During the pandemic, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission put out a call for Minnesota utilities to increase their efforts in expanding workforce opportunities to help with economic recovery. This led Paul to connect with RREAL and the WETCC solar training program.

“Being ‘Solar Paul’ I was approached to come up with some ideas for how we could leverage any projects for educational and workforce development opportunities. I reached out to RREAL and when they explained their current work at WETCC, I knew it would be a good fit to bring in some folks with good knowledge and experience with solar and get them on an actual jobsite for some hands-on training.”

Minnesota Power offered seven WETCC solar internship graduates the opportunity to spend three days on a 15MW utility scale solar job site in Sylvan, Minnesota. The students worked with Hunt Electric, the contractor in charge of the jobsite, and were paid to assist with all parts of the ongoing work from racking to placing panels. The hands-on experience is critical to understanding the realities of the career.

“Minnesota Power is just really excited and proud to be able to partner with White Earth and RREAL in an effort like this and I’m hoping these kinds of efforts will inspire other groups and tribal community colleges to help us increase the number of people working in this field,” says Paul.

**The interns’ perspective**

One of the seven interns participating in this internship is Grace Roberts, a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe enrolled in the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe. She lives and works on the White Earth Reservation and was one of the first cohort to complete the 45-hour training program with George after learning about it through her previous job at the local radio station.

Grace has many passions and sees her projects through – including helping her previous employer, KWEN radio station apply for grant funding to install solar on site. Once the array is in place, it will be the only entirely solar-powered radio station in Minnesota. Her love of math and puzzles is one reason she says she loves solar energy and the electricians training that was part of the solar certificate program.

We spoke with Grace about her on-site internship experience, “Just getting out here and doing the hands-on stuff is really helpful. At first I was intimidated, wondering if I could really handle it and then I’m out here and I’m just getting in my groove and rocking it. I would encourage anyone who’s slightly interested to give it a try,” she says.

The seven interns worked alongside apprentices

and journeymen from Hunt Electric. They worked to install the racking for the panels and on placing the panels onto the racks and mounts. Hunt Electric even expressed interest in hiring the interns onto their crew after the two-day experience was finished. They have plenty of work and can always use more apprentice hands on site. The interns were given instructions on how to sign up for their local Laborer’s Union to be able to apply for the open positions.

**Energy sovereignty**

Bridget Guiza is WETCC’s Customized Education Coordinator and describes the significance of building solar energy installation skills in the community.

“Clean energy and energy sovereignty go hand-in-hand and to me it’s about understanding the world around us and creating a sustainable future. What that means is empowering our community members and students in being active participants in their futures and the futures of the seven generations that follow us,” she says.

George wants this effort to extend beyond the certificate program and internship. He also wants to offer the full NABCEP course at the college, once the college completes its plans to build out the infrastructure for the customized education department. His vision also includes launching a native-owned solar business (Global Link, LLC) that will be a pipeline for full time work for graduates of the program. The business is scheduled to launch in January 2023.

He explains, “It’s not just learning a skill set but it’s actually developing an employment opportunity for our graduates and it’s just going to continue to grow from there. This energy sector is not going anywhere, they’re going to need employees, so we’re a part of that.”

**Honoring Ojibwe culture**

“We like to plan things in a way where we’re thinking seven generations ahead. What are we leaving for our children and our grandchildren and our great grandchildren? We are always thinking of them when we’re doing this type of work,” Grace explains.

Caring for the earth and living in a more sustainable way isn’t new to Grace or any of her fellow Ojibwe students or friends. It’s one reason why clean energy is such an attractive way to power buildings on the reservation, and why it carries so much hope for creating an employment opportunity for other natives.

“We educate one person and it’s educating a whole family, educating a whole community. What this means is that students who go through this program will have the means to close that wealth disparity, and that has impacts for generations to come – and it starts with this generation,” says Bridget.

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healthy kids or grandkids, and infected kids can bring COVID home to Nookomis and Mishoomis. Get kids vaccinated.

- Even though it seems like the world may be well on its way to shifting from pandemic COVID to endemic COVID, it’s still important to look at the statistics and remember that about 300 people still die of COVID every day in the USA. We don’t get to walk away from the COVID-chess game yet.

- Even though Omicron and its subvariants have been a pushover for us vaccinated and boosted people this summer—like kindergarten checkers, it’s necessary to admit that any day now a new COVID variant or subvariant could pop up somewhere in the world and spread like wildfire if it is more immunity-resistant. COVID cheats at chess.

“Aaniin Danaa, akiwenzi! What the heck, old man! Why are you spoiling our friendly Autumn COVID-checkers game?” Because Gii-zhaawenimin, Gakina Indinawemaaganag; I love you my family, my relatives. Don’t play COVID-checkers while COVID is back to playing chess and cheating! You are free to do that if you choose to, but it’s not a safe game plan. I hate chess. But if my life and the life of those I love depends on it, then I’ll use my best COVID chess moves:

- Mask up, step back, wash up, and line up for testing when needed in high risk winter situations—and always step up for vaccination; stay home if sick; clear up the air ventilation at home and at work; help the old, the weak, and the ill be safer.

It’s your move. Miigwech. Mii ì iw.

**Howah Ads**

Happy **14th** Birthday  
My baby Girl  
**Brooklyn Rae Duvall**

Love you,  
Mom,  
Tami &  
Caylee



**Nov. 26,  
2008**

**REMINDER!**  
Howah Ads are \$5 with a picture or \$4 without.  
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**No exceptions**

Happy Belated Birthday  
Son

**Beaux Duvall**

10-22-1988

Mom and your Daughter

A Birthday Wish to our two beautiful daughters  
**Karissa Gayle - Nov. 7**  
**Krystal Marie - Nov. 27**  
Also to our Angel up above - our granddaughter  
**Destiny Katherine - Nov. 9**

Love you girls!  
Dad, Mom, Desmond

Happy **18th** birthday  
to  
**Brooke Keezer**

We love you!  
From mom, sisters,  
brother James, nephew  
KenTrell, and family

**November 9th**

Let us know if you recently moved or have moved in the past so we can cancel your old address.

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



**Happy Birthday to Mr. Tease! a.k.a. Delvin K.**

Love - Your Coworkers  
(November 9th)


## 24 HOUR WORKOUT PRIVILEGES

**Monday through Friday \*Must be 18 or older**  
**Star Fitness & White Earth Fitness Centers**  
**Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.**

- A recent fitness center application & waiver must be on file before exercising. (within 3 years) On July 1, 2022, active keycards/fobs will be automatically given 24 hour access if member is 18 or older.
- To enter the fitness center, you **must be at least 15 years** of age. Please have a parent sign our liability waiver if you are under age 18. Contact Jackie.haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Gail.borgrud@whiteearth-nsn.gov
- Age 15 to 17 can still workout Monday-Friday 6a.m. to 10p.m. Saturday-Sunday 6a.m. to 6p.m. or after hours with a parent present.
- This is a trial period and keycards and/or badges will be de-activated if rules are not followed.



**White Earth Nation**  
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## Happy Retirement!

WHITE EARTH ENTERPRISES WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO DAN CLARK FOR HIS MORE THAN 12 YEARS OF SERVICE AT WHITE EARTH SANITATION AS A REFUSE HAULER. DAN MAINTAINED TRASH SERVICES FOR THE MAHNOMEN COUNTY ROUTE. HE WAS A LONG-TIME, DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WHO WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE OWNS AND OPERATES HIS OWN TAXIDERMY BUSINESS "DEEP WOODS TAXIDERMY" AND WILL BE SPENDING MORE TIME ON THOSE PROJECTS. WE WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

# CHILD SUPPORT IS NOW AT PINE POINT COMMUNITY CENTER EVERY THURSDAY!!

**Every Thursday**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Child Support staff can assist with the application process, modifications, Provide Specific Forms, Genetic Testing, Public Notary, ETC.

WEN Child Support: PO Box 387, White Earth, MN 56591 218-983-4641



## Preserving Photographs

### Event and Open House

**Mon, Nov 7, 2022**  
 Anytime between 2 & 6 pm

Shooting Star Hotel & Casino  
 777 S Casino Road, Mahanomen, MN 56557

Join us for an open house event with staff from the Native American Initiatives and Heritage Preservation departments of the Minnesota Historical Society.

**Information will be shared about:**

- Upcoming exhibit: *Our Home: Reframing Our Stories*
- Preservation methods for photos, including a limited supply of give-aways
- Digitization how-to for your own photographs
- Resources at MNHS on indigenous content and programs

Light refreshments will be available during the open house.

For more information or questions email: rita.walaszekarnold@mnhs.org




Above: Women at White Earth, circa 1890. E971.054  
 This event made possible through a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

## FALL FESTIVAL


### 38th Annual Festival of Crafts

Sponsored by St. Michael's School PTC  
 Saturday, November 5, 2022 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 Mahanomen Public School Cafeteria and Auditorium

**Lunch will be served, including BBQ, Brats, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Desserts, Pie and Beverages**

Vendors include Tupperware, Smart Mops, Rada Knives, Watkins, Tastefully Simple, Paparazzi Jewelry, canned and baked goods, dreamcatchers, wood décor and crafts, personalized crafts, homemade jewelry, antique doll restoration, blankets, floral, hand tooled leather products. Something for everyone!!

For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Jackie Milz (218) 261-1532

Do you have needs in Housing, Food Support, Employment, Mental Health, Early Childhood, Etc.?

Contact a WECARE Navigator to complete an assessment to get you connected to services!

**Contact Information:**  
 White Earth Tribal Health  
 Phone: (218) 983-3286  
 Ask to speak to WECARE

Kali Lhotka – WECARE Navigator  
 Phone: 218-401-3185 or (218) 983-3286 ext. 1413

Page Lhotka – WECARE Navigator  
 Phone: (218) 401-1976 or (218) 983-3286 ext. 1359

Taylor Vonderharr – WECARE Navigator  
 Phone: (218) 401-3210 or (218) 983-3286 ext. 1341

Lori Fairbanks – WECARE Navigator  
 Phone: (218) 401-0550 or (218) 983-3286 ext. 1370

Taylor Soyring – WECARE Navigator  
 Phone: (218) 401-3208 or (218) 983-3286 ext. 1350

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German pups for sale. Come and meet the parents

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Call Dick at 218-935-2537

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### Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

**BEFORE** launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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

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

**JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY**

**FREE ACCESS WITH EXTENDED HOUR KEYCARD ENTRY**

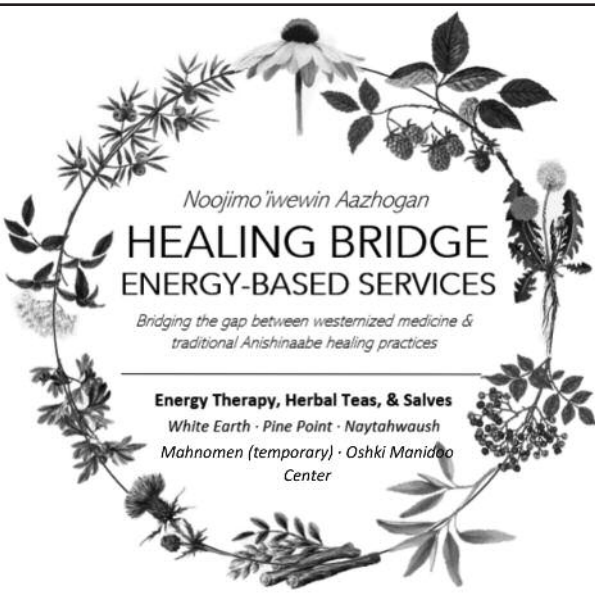
Located in the Manito Mall, Mahanomen  
 Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 935-0808 or 218-401-2421 to fill out application

**NEW KEY CARD HOURS:**  
 Monday-Friday 6 a.m. until 10:00p.m. (age 15-17)  
**Monday-Friday 24 hour access (age 18+)**  
 Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.




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To schedule a session, please call White Earth Mental Health at 218-983-6325  
 Services are free to White Earth Reservation community members and employees

763-221-8834  
**Confidential TeleHealth Counseling**  
 for Adults, Individuals and Couples  
 Anxiety  
 Anger Issues  
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**Seek the Truth Counseling**

**Thank You**

I would like to thank the CHR program, Home Health, and all who gave me such a wonderful retirement party. There was great food and such a beautiful cake. The beautiful Pendleton blanket was my favorite color. And all the money - I did go gambling and had a blast! Thank you everyone and sure miss all of you.

Love,  
 Sandi Revier

I would like to thank all the White Earth Public Transit Team, White Earth RBC, MPTA members, and all the White Earth Transit clients for helping me be recognized with the 2022 Minnesota Transit Professional of the Year award. Without the all the hard work from White Earth Transit staff, White Earth RBC's support, passenger ridership and consideration from MPTA, this award would not be possible. When we work together as a team, we will reach our goals and strive for great things for all of us. I like to think that this award is for all of us, as just one of us can't do this job without the other, it's a team effort and a team accomplishment. Thank you for allowing me to serve with this great agency and all the wonderful people in and outside the White Earth organization. I would also like to extend a thank you Dean Templin for the nomination and the MPTA for selecting me for this honor.

Miigwetch,  
 Kenneth Bakken

**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](mailto: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. for age 15-17  
 Monday -Friday 24 hour access age 18+  
 Saturday-Sunday 6am-6pm everyone



**WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM**

**Position:** On Call Snow Removal Provider  
**Location:** District I – District II – District III  
**Closing date:** Until filled

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

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

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

**One-Year Memorial**

**The Family of James Edward McDougall**  
 OGIMA-ANIKWAD  
 (Chief White Cloud)

Would like to invite you to his one-year memorial

**White Earth Community Center**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
**Starting at Noon – 3 p.m.**

Food and refreshments will be provided.  
 Wiping of Tears Ceremony and Giveaway  
 Megwich to all who have supported us this year!

Betsy McDougall  
 218-590-2156 / [betsy.mcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.mcdougall@gmail.com)

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**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)

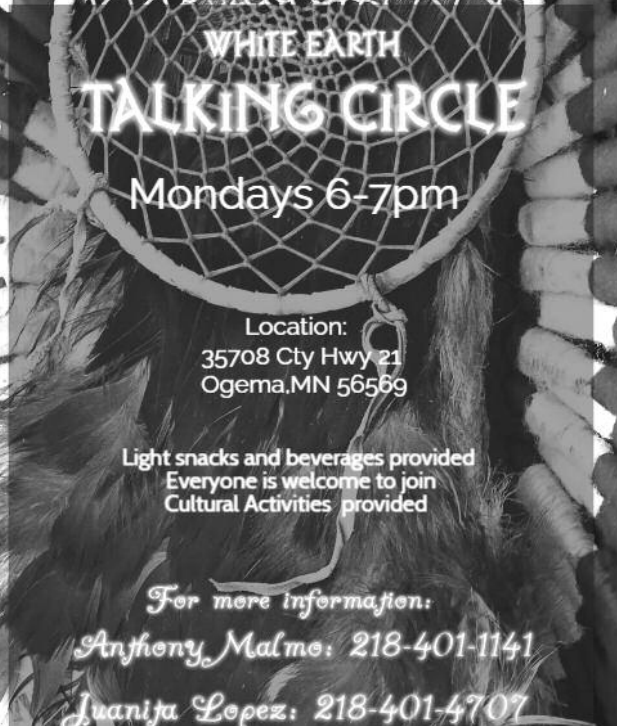
**Contact us at 218-983-3202**

**WHITE EARTH TALKING CIRCLE**  
**Mondays 6-7pm**

Location:  
 35708 Cty Hwy 21  
 Ogema, MN 56569

Light snacks and beverages provided  
 Everyone is welcome to join  
 Cultural Activities provided

For more information:  
 Anthony Malm: 218-401-1141  
 Juanita Lopez: 218-401-4707





It's not too late to file a tax return to claim the 2021 Child Tax Credit.

Nearly every family with children 17 and under is eligible for the 2021 Child Tax Credit, including families without income.

If you are eligible and haven't claimed the credit, we can help you file a tax return - free of charge - to claim the credit.

We can help!  
218.844.7057



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## Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it cost nothing to play



**October**

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Pine Point  
 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Shooting Star Casino Event Center & Mini Health Fair  
 Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Elbow Lake  
 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 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  
 Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building, after the 11:30am meal  
 Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room beginning at 1:00pm

**November**

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Naytahwaush  
 Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Shooting Star Casino Event Center & Mini Health Fair  
 Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Rice Lake  
 Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 White Earth

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

**December**

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Shooting Star Casino Event Center & Mini Health Fair  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Elbow Lake  
 Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Pine Point  
 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Valley View, Mahnomen


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 Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building, after the 11:30am meal  
 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 Valley View will be in the Community Room beginning at 1:00pm

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.



September 19, 2022

# Naytahwaush Talking Circle



Wednesday's @ 5 PM

For More Information Contact:

Lacy: (218) 401-4677  
 Amanda: (218) 401-1138

Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building  
 \*Light Meal Served\*



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**WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN!

## SPRING SEMESTER 2023 BEGINS JANUARY 9

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 12/22/2022.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
 AMBER FOX  
 218.935.0417 Ext. 322  
 AMBER.FOX@WETCC.EDU

APPLY NOW!

## WE Reservation Council of Elders 2022 Monthly Meeting Dates

Every First Tuesday

**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.

## True Value Mahnomen

The owners of the local hardware store have decided to retire and are selling their store. This store is affiliated with a major hardware supplier. This supplier can supply most any hardware needs. The store handles all the basic hardware needs of the community and can do special orders for its customers. This store has been serving the community for many years and the owners want it to continue once they retire. For additional information contact Mike Brixey of Stillwell Financial Group.

**Email:** Mike.brixey@gmail.com  
 or call 847-308-6020

You may also contact Jim or Sharon Lee at 218-935-5148

## 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)


# SOBRIETY TALKING CIRCLE

Weekly Talking Circle

Every Monday 6:00 PM-7:00 PM  
 WESA Building  
 35708 County Hwy. 21  
 White Earth MN

All are welcome  
 contact for questions (218) 983-3286 ext.1297

Anthony Malmo - (218) 401-1141



**\*\*STILL AVAILABLE\*\***  
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**White Earth Nation**

Two-Year Access to Rosetta Stone  
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Native languages and cultures are at a critical point in their existence...  
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**Applicants Must:**

- Be 13 years of age or older
- Have a current email and access to a computer or smart phone
- Provide proof of enrollment in any federally recognized tribe or First Nations, proof of descendency, or proof of employment at WTRBC or Shooting Star Casino

**How to Apply:**

Go to: [www.whiteearth.com](http://www.whiteearth.com) > Community > Ojibwe Language  
<https://whiteearth.com/community/ojibwe-language>

All applicants must apply via the online application.  
 Please allow 7-10 business days to receive your login information.  
 Priority will be given to enrolled members.  
 Applications will be accepted until funding is depleted.  
 Licenses are non-transferable.

For more information on the Mille Laes Band of Ojibwe Rosetta Stone Project, go to <https://www.culture.ianji.org/language/ojibwe-rosetta-stone/>

Made possible by White Earth Education Division and Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) grant funding. Funding comes from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council's Language Revitalizations grants which originate from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund

## Lake Grove Township Monthly Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Lake Grove Township, County of Mahnomen, State of Minnesota, that the monthly Township meeting will be held **November 15**. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Wolbeck residence.

**Lori Tibbetts, Clerk - Town of Lake Grove**

## White Earth Tribal & Community College teams up with Minnesota Power to create solar workforce

By Amelia Cerling Hennes and Tiffanie Connelly  
Clean Energy Economy Minnesota

**Mahnomen, Minnesota** – The students who attend White Earth Tribal Community College (WETCC) are not your “traditional” college students. Their average age is around 30. They may struggle with hunger, addiction, homelessness, or extreme poverty.

“One of the most important things for our students is to help them break the generational poverty that affects a lot of our students,” says the college’s interim dean, Anna Sheppard.

The College’s Director of Community Extension Services, Lisa Brunner paints a picture of the struggles facing her students when she describes a woman on zoom showing up for class huddled in a pile of blankets next to a small space heater – the sole source of heat for the student’s entire household in the dead of winter.

White Earth Nation has a poverty rate of around 25% – more than twice Minnesota’s average rate of 11%. Knowing the odds can be stacked against her students, Brunner approaches her work with compassion and empathy.

“I really have such love and passion and commitment to our students because of the insurmountable barriers they face just to be here, just to get this education to help strengthen their educational attainment to be successful in whatever they choose to be.”

**Partnership with Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL)**

White Earth’s reality is familiar to frequent partners, the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) – a nonprofit organization based in Central Minnesota. Their goal is to help lower poverty rates by installing solar for low-income Minnesotans.

RREAL has worked with the Tribe for over a decade, installing solar and training tribal members in solar energy installation. From 2012-2016, RREAL built six solar arrays on tribal facilities. The partnership resumed in 2019 when they came back to build five 40 kilowatt arrays (finished in 2021) and spon-

sored a paid internship program using a grant from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and funding from the Bremer Foundation, Carolyn Foundation, Ilisababy Foundation, and Ottertail Power.

These arrays, along with the ground-mounted systems already in place, are expected to save the tribe over \$1 million in energy costs over the next 30 years.

Rather than maintaining their previous project-based approach with White Earth Nation, RREAL wanted to create a partnership and continue finding ways to work with the tribe. According to John Vaughn, RREAL’s Executive Director, he felt a partnership better suited the nonprofit’s mission of enhancing the economic position of the tribe using solar energy long-term.

**WETCC’s Solar Certificate Program**

Together, RREAL and WETCC created a solar training certificate program hosted by the college that would provide a strong base for a career in the fast-growing solar industry. The program is a 45-hour solar photovoltaic class that allows students to earn their registered unlicensed individual certification. This certification allows them to work on solar job sites and provides a solid start to becoming a NABCEP certified solar installer.

“Within the Native community, there’s always a need for good work, and this is a technology and skill set we can offer the community that will allow these students to go out and get some good paying jobs,” says RREAL instructor George Lemelin.

George has lived in the White Earth community for nearly two decades and first began dabbling with solar technology more than twenty years ago. He helped launch the training course in 2020 and so far, has seen about 20 students complete the 45-hour training course. He was also instrumental in connecting his students with a paid, on-the-job training opportunity through a partnership with Minnesota Power.

**Minnesota Power’s on-site training opportunity**

Paul Helstrom, the Renewable Energy Program

See Energy Page 27



Submitted photo

From left are Dustin Roy - WE OUT Vice President, Ben Baumann - WE OUT President, Matt Gordon - President of Gordon Construction, Josh Guenther - Mahnomen County Sheriff and WE OUT Board member, Janet Merschman - Gordon Project Manager and Al Saarinen - Gordon Construction Estimator.

## Gordon Construction donates to WE Outdoor Utility Team

Gordon Construction’s 3rd annual Charity Golf Tournament was held Sept. 9 at the Mahnomen County Club, and \$34,536 was raised for the White Earth Outdoor Unity Team.

The White Earth Outdoor Unity Team provides youth development on the White Earth Reservation by teaching outdoor skills and related cultural activities (ricing, maple syruping, fishing, berry harvesting, etc.) The donated funds will be used to purchase outdoor gear to support the group’s mission. WE OUT is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

“Our goal is to change lives. WE OUT wants to teach the youth that live near the many outdoor resources the White Earth Reservation has to offer. Our youth are exposed to a lot of violence, drug abuse, etc. We want to teach the youth outdoor activities, skills that can be used for the rest of their lives and passed on to the next generation,” said Ben Baumann, president of the White Earth Outdoor Unity Team. The Vice President is Dustin Roy, Secretary-Treasurer is Trisha Baumann and Board members include Josh Guenther and Mackenzie Wark.

## ALERT on RAINBOW FENTANYL

### BACKGROUND

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that can quickly cause overdose. It is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine, making it a major contributor to the 150+ synthetic overdose deaths occurring every day.

### SITUATION

In recent months, brightly colored fentanyl tablets, powder, and blocks that look like candy or sidewalk chalk have been trending nationally amongst our youth (see images below). These products, known as rainbow fentanyl, are targeted to increase addiction in young people and are often packaged in commercial product packaging (such as holiday candy). Due to their potency, very small amounts can cause damage to the brain, and lead to overdoses or overdose death.

### ACTION

Naloxone saves lives by reversing opioid overdose. It is quick and easy to administer, with trainings available across the country. Communities, parents, and teachers working with youth should consider educating on the dangers of rainbow fentanyl and seek naloxone training to prevent overdose deaths.

To complete training online, visit <https://www.ihs.gov/opioids/naloxone/naloxonetoolkit/>.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html>
- <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2022/08/30/dea-warns-brightly-colored-fentanyl-used-target-young-americans>
- <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>



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Second Fall 2022 Cohort to successfully complete the Solar PV course. White Earth Tribal and Community College is now a North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Testing Provider for the Solar PV Installer industry credential. WETCC students from left are Riley Rousu, Andrew Goodwin, Elias Lowry, Kathey Lemelin, and Michelle M. Warren. For more information on the Spring 2023 course and credential contact WETCC Customized Education at 218-935-8327.

