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AUGUST 12 & 13, 2023

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New health center in Naytahwaush opens



The community gathered on July 11 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Waabinokwe Health Center in Naytahwaush.

Top: The front entrance to the health center. **Left:** People will be greeted in Ojibwe as they enter the building.

See more photos and information on Page 14.

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Rez athletes participate in Indigenous Games

White Earth athletes were recently honored by White Earth Behavioral Health before they traveled to the North American Indigenous Games in Canada. They were part of Team Minnesota that was made up of youth from tribes throughout the state.

From left are Nevaeh Williams, Nelly Weaver, Olivia Clark-Burnette, White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks, Hassani Bruton, and Jada Roy. Not pictured are Taylor Dahl and Sydney Kingbird-Haugen.

You can read more about their experiences in the September paper.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta

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WE begins sale of recreational adult-use cannabis

By Melissa Olson
MPR News

Following a council vote on Friday, July 28, the White Earth Nation has legalized adult-use recreational cannabis and will begin selling it sometime in the first half of August. Both tribal members and non-tribal adults 21 years and older would be able to purchase from the nation's dispensary.

"In the near future, White Earth Nation will open for adult-use, recreational cannabis," White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks told MPR News.

For the moment, Fairbanks explained, White Earth will focus on opening their dispensary for sale of medical cannabis on Monday. White Earth Nation citizens voted to legalize the use of medical marijuana on reservation in 2020.

The new medical dispensary will be open to both tribal and non-tribal members.

"It's good not just for our constituents, but it's good for all Minnesotans," Fairbanks told the Minnesota Reformer, which first reported the move Friday.

The decision by White Earth follows a recent vote by Red Lake Nation to legalize adult-use recreational cannabis

at a dispensary on the reservation.

White Earth Nation and Red Lake Nation will be the first to open dispensaries in Minnesota able to sell recreational use marijuana. Non-tribal dispensaries will have to wait at least another year before they can be licensed by the state.

The chairman said White Earth may soon enter into agreements with other tribal nations across the state to supply them with cannabis products for retail.

Fairbanks also confirmed that White Earth, along with other tribal nations in Minnesota, are negotiating a compact with the state that would allow tribes to operate dispensaries off-reservation.

State law allows for compacts between the governor and 11 tribal governments around medical cannabis and adult-use recreational cannabis. Tribes may operate their own cannabis operations regardless of whether the state and tribes enter into an agreement.

Sponsors of the state law hoped that negotiations between state and tribal governments will proactively settle any jurisdictional issues and make sure that public safety and health are considered. For the tribes, those agreements could afford certain civil and criminal protections.

Niibi Center hosts Anishinaabe Law Conference

By Chelsea Fairbank

I had the privilege of attending the First Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference, hosted by the Niibi Center on June 25-26 on White Earth. The conference provided a forum where Water Protectors, tribal lawyers and non-tribal lawyers, and nationally and internationally renowned Indigenous legal scholars could begin a formal dialogue concerning what customary, or natural law, is and looks like in practice. Among the honored speakers were Tom Goldtooth, Diné of the Dibe izhiní clan on his mother's side, Kekek Stark – Turtle Mountain Ojibwe and member of the Bizhiw clan, and Rebecca Tsosie who is of Yaqui descent.

Together these speakers brought together decades of expertise on the international, national, and regional levels which designed a tapestry of knowledge to think with what customary law can and does look like towards the natural world and towards each other. Customary law can be thought of as the ways specific nations and communities conduct themselves through shared agreements on how to preserve and protect the waters, animals, plants, and lands around them. Sometimes this is called 'natural law.' Mr. Stark reminded us that tribal communities have "rich bodies of knowledge" where "local, collective, and individual memory becomes actualized." This is the heart and nexus of customary law which travel across the natural world and through our relationships with one another.

Dr. Tsosie spoke about the capacity we all have to heal and transform, always going towards the ancestors and the future at the same time. She shared a powerful story of an Australian Aboriginal prophecy where the stars, which form the constellations, represent Indigenous nations globally coming together as a path towards the future. I see customary/natural law as a fundamental component of this emancipatory path. A path filled with justice for human communities and, importantly, justice for all the beings and forms which sustain human lives so generously on this earth.

Mr. Tom Goldtooth wove these teaching together through speaking about the Rights of Mother Earth, also known as the Right of Nature. He shared about how Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across the globe are utilizing this powerful legal discourse to defend

Mother Nature while also insisting on social justice for communities experiencing corporate or state violence. Mr. Goldtooth reminded us of the crucial moment in time we are all living within where, "We are on this quest to steady our relationship with Mother Earth." This quest is shared amongst us and travels throughout generations before and after us. What an honor it is to be a part of this difficult and joyful process.

Other ways natural, or customary laws, were described was through the understandings of thunder, fires, right relationships, integrity, and the ongoing education processes fundamental to the daily practices of customary law. These laws function on the personal, community, tribal, spiritual, and inter-tribal levels. For me, practicing customary, or natural law, is one of the most important strategies to move our world beyond the distortions of the last 500 years of colonial worldview.

A worldview that has brought havoc onto ourselves, our personal relations, and our relations with the beings of the natural world - ancients who have existed much longer than ourselves. "Colonization is a matrix which wants to hold us back from what our hearts want," (Goldtooth, 2023). Customary and natural law is one of the potent pathways back to our hearts and back to the heart of Mother Earth.

The Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference on White Earth is a place to explore these potentials for many years to come.



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Aug 10th 5-7pm
- *Rice Lake Comm Center**
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- *WE Comm Center**
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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Manoominike-Giizis!

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already August the Harvesting Wildrice Moon!

I hope everyone has enjoyed our summer so far and made it to our Naame Giizis Powwow! It has been a beautiful summer so far; I hope you all have made it outdoors and connected to Mama Aki – Mother Earth. As Anishinaabe people we need to.

In our Anishinaabe culture, the fish clans are indeed associated with the Jiibay miikana, the Milky Way. They are seen as swimming within this celestial pathway and are believed to represent knowledge and wisdom. The fish clans, such as the sturgeon, white-fish, or other fish species, hold significant spiritual and cultural symbolism within our Anishinaabe tradition.

These fish clans are considered guardians and carriers of knowledge, often associated with the depths of water, which is seen as a source of wisdom. They are believed to possess deep insights and teachings that can be accessed by those who seek guidance and understanding. The fish clans also represent the importance of a balanced relationship with the natural world and the interconnectedness of all living beings.

The presence of fish clans within the Jiibay Miikana or Milky Way serves as a reminder of the ancestral knowledge and wisdom that can be gained by observing and respecting the natural world. Also it is a reminder that we come from the stars as Ojibwe people. It encourages individuals to value and preserve the traditional teachings and cultural heritage passed down through generations.

The association clan to the fish are the bear. The bear clan eat the knowledge that the fish represents. (Because it's summer I can only mention a very small slice of this story.) The Anishinaabe story of the sturgeon, our trickster (nana---) strikes the bear on its head, causing it to split open. As the bear's head opens, its brain falls into the lake, giving rise to the creation of fish. Miigwech to my niiji Ogimaawab Sutherland for his knowledge about Mishoomis Naame, Grandfather Sturgeon and the other Giigoonyag- Fish teachings.

Lake sturgeons were once abundant within our White Earth waters and a valuable cultural resource to the Ojibwe people. However, they followed the same path many species did as Chimoookomaanag - White people moved east. Due to overharvest and misuse by Chamookomaanag, they disappeared from this area. The last documented sighting was within White Earth Lake in the 1930s. With the decline of the Lake Sturgeons the Sturgeon's doodem or clan also diminished. Because it is one of the oldest clans Anishinaabe have; there are very few people who have this clan these days. But on a positive note our effort to repopulate our Naame is going great.

White Earth began internal reintroduction discussions in the late 1990s. Our Gaawaabaabiganikaag Nation followed through and began reintroducing Lake Sturgeon to our historical waters in the early 2000s, which was no small task. The project involved years of planning with our tribal partners along with non-profit, state, and federal agencies. The original plan called for five years of fingerling stocking. Since sturgeon are native to the area, the hopes were high reintroduction would succeed. The fish did so



well that a 20-year plan was adopted with the hope of establishing multiple year classes of fish. Lake sturgeons are a unique species; they require many years of growth to reach maturity. Males reach spawning age between 8-17 years and only spawn once every 2-3 years and a female sturgeon reaches sexual maturity when she is 24 to 26 years old and about 55 inches long, and will spawn once every four, five, or six years thereafter. This was a critical factor in planning and establishing multiple age classes within our White Earth Lake and Round Lake.

White Earth completed our 20-year plan in 2019 and to accomplish this, the White Earth fisheries staff would travel to Manitou Rapids in Emo Ontario each spring. Upon arrival, our White Earth Fisheries would assist Rainy River First Nations with their egg take operation. With assistance from Minnesota Tribes, Minnesota DNR and USFWS, eggs were hatched and reared to fingerling size. Once the fish reached 6-8 inches, White Earth placed the fish into White Earth and Round Lake. A sturgeon release and accompanying ceremony were held each fall at White Earth and Round Lake. White Earth spiritual leaders along with members of Rainy River First Nations attended the release with ceremonies. Our tribal elders, area schools and the public were welcome at the event and it was a beautiful memorable time for all participants.

White Earth has observed the growth and maturity of the Lake Sturgeon since their reintroduction almost 23 years ago. Over the past few years, male Lake Sturgeon has been seen within the Ottertail and White Earth rivers searching for a spawning partner. The females will follow suit with the hopes of a successful natural spawn within the next few years.

We also have a great update from our amazing Gaawaabaabiganikaag Education Division because they have been super busy preparing for another academic year! Minnesota Legislators honored many requests to support the educational needs of our Indigenous children. We will be asking communities to participate in a survey about our experiences in the K-12 school system relating to what we learned, or did not learn, about ourselves and our Dakota relatives.

We also welcome community input for our Indigenous education for All efforts. We will be gathering knowledge from White Earth citizens to compile what we want all Minnesota K-12 students to learn about White Earth Anishinaabeg. Please consider joining us at the Shooting Star Casino on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. We will be receiving requests from schools or districts that want to retain their indigenously related mascots, as well.

The Head Start Program implemented a
See Chairman Page 25

News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo

Greetings White Earth Members, I have the honor serving as Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council and this is my 3rd Quarter report ending June 30, 2023. Our Fiscal year runs from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

The RBC has approved a general fund budget for fiscal year 2023 in September 2022. The budget adopted accounts for revenues in the amount of \$15.96 million which consists of State of Minnesota Tax revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$22.80 million. These expenditures are incurred for departments that operate more for the good of the band members than to make a profit. These include education, public safety, general government, human services, public works, economic development, and culture amongst others. This allows for a budget deficit of \$6.34 million which will be funded by distributions from the Shooting Star Casino. This deficit includes all capital expenses.

Fiscal Year 2023 2nd Quarter

General Fund

This quarter's FY23 budget for governmental activities ending June 30, 2023 is at \$19.14 million with expenses at \$17.28 million with a remainder of \$6.30 million.

Gaming

Consolidated revenue for Mahnomen, Bagley, and all other gaming revenue for the 3rd Fiscal Quarter ending June 30, 2023, was \$29.1 million. The consolidated expenses for the 3rd Quarter were \$23.3 million. Consolidated net income for the quarter was \$6 million; Mahnomen is at \$5.4 million, and Bagley is at \$557,000.

The budget through the 3rd Fiscal Quarter was \$84.7 million of revenue and \$74.6 million in expenses for a budgeted net income of \$10.1 million for the first three quarters of FY2023. YTD Revenue was \$1.8 million lower than budget while expenses were \$6 million lower than budget resulting in a net income being \$4.7 million higher than budget.

The Bagley Casino for 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2023, earned \$2.6 million in revenue with expenditures of \$2.2 million. Bagley Casino has a net income for the quarter of \$557,000.

Shooting Star Casino cash on hand on June 30, 2023, was \$76.7 million. The cash on hand at the close of the last fiscal year, September 30, 2022, was \$73.7 million. After Shooting Star Casino capital improvement spending and distributions to the White Earth RBC, cash has increased by \$2.8 million during the first three quarters of fiscal 2023. Approximately \$31.5 million of that total cash is attributable to ASRPA funds held by SSC which were transferred to SSC from White Earth RBC in FY22.

The unaudited preliminary numbers are subject to change as the numbers are finalized.

ARPA

In this quarter, the ARP funds are \$28 million in revenues and \$1.75 million in expenses. These funds are used for all capital projects and filling in gaps in the general fund.

Other Grant Funds

In this quarter, we have recorded \$133.56 million in other grant funding while recording \$55.20 million in expenditures. The other grant funds consist of grants from federal, state, and local funding agencies. The funds are meant for a specific program, service, or activity and must be budgeted as such.



Behavioral Health

In this quarter of FY2023, we have accounted for \$33 million in revenue while recording \$27.88 million in expenditures. This leaves us with \$5.12 million. The ending cash balance in Behavioral Health funds is \$47.62 million and we also have an investment account of \$15 million.

Youth and Elder Funds

The casino purchased 12 AGS machines and designated one-sixth of the gaming revenue from those machines for the Youth and Elder Fund. Six of those machines are in the casino on a back wall that abuts Smoke restaurant. The remaining six machines are in the middle of the northern portion of the floor. All AGS machines on the casino gaming floor earn the guest rewards points when playing with their player card. (This is not the case with AGS machines offsites.) The funding in this program is designed to help assist with costs associated with group activities supporting enrolled youth and elder members of White Earth. These donations are authorized by the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council authorized the Tribal Council assistances to form a committee to make up the bylaws, and policy and procedures for the committee, and these will be published.

This fund is split between the Youth and Elders, with the Youth showing \$96,778.22 and the Elders showing \$184,447.35 with \$100,000 coming out for a new Elders bus.

The FY22 Audit has been completed and we are currently waiting for the hard copy of the audit to arrive.

In closing I want to thank the members of the White Earth Nation for giving me this opportunity to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for this great nation. I look forward to moving forward with great progress and optimism and I hope we can work together for a brighter future. Miigwech!

Michael J. LaRoque
Secretary-Treasurer

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 PONSFORD, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 25 shall begin on August 1, 2023, and shall close at 4 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2023.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. At that election, three members will be elected to the School Board for terms of three years.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, P.O. Box 8, Ponsford, MN 56575. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 4 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Naytahwaush Harvest Festival Celebration Powwow

September 8-10, 2023

Host Drum: TBA

MCs: Frank Stech & Guest MC

ADs: Thomas Mason and Lucas Hisgun

Spiritual Advisor: Rob Tibbetts

Committee Specials:

Men's Traditional, Women's Old-Style Jingle,
Men and Women's Switch Dance, Committee Giveaway

Princess/Brave Contest

(Open to kids ages 6-18 years old. Enrolled or descendant. Local to Naytahwaush, or have immediate family from Naytahwaush. Must be registered to compete)

Vendor Contact: Frank Stech 218-308-4160

Powwow Contact: Greg Blue 218-261-1048 and Terry Snetsinger 218-261-1210



How does tribal child support work?

Child Support refers to payments one parent makes to their child's other parent or legal guardian to help with the costs of raising the child.

Here are the services our tribal child support program provides:

- **Find the other parent:** We can try to find the other parent to establish parentage and a support order.
- **Establish parentage:** We can help parents establish a legal relationship with their child through a quick and easy form or genetic testing.
- **Establish and enforce a support order:** We can establish an order that provides support for your child. When the other parent doesn't pay the full amount or doesn't pay at all, we can use enforcement options like withholding child support from their paycheck.
- **Review or modify the order:** We can review your order and, if appropriate, modify it based on a change in income or circumstances.

Our program also has culturally specific elements:

- **Cultural understanding:** Our program knows the community and works to help children financially, emotionally, and holistically. We can make referrals to community and culturally-based programs.
- **Hands on experience:** We're uniquely positioned to walk you through our tribal child support process and family-centered approach.

Did you know?

Our office can help parents who have cases with other tribal and state programs.

Have questions?

We're here for you! Contact us to learn more.

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News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

(TEC) Education and Human Service Sub Committee

In the latest meeting, the TEC Education and Human Service Sub-Committee reviewed and accepted the following reports:

Education: Increase in the American Indian Education Aide from \$350 to \$500 per pupil, ensuring better support for students.

Human Services: Portages Health presented a comprehensive plan to improve access to care and create revenue streams for cultural services.

Chemical Dependency: There was a productive discussion about raising the license renewal fee, proposing an increase from \$50 to \$300.

Naytahwaush Clinic Opening Ceremony

On July 11 there was a community tour ahead of the grand opening of the Naytahwaush Clinic. The event was graced by the presence of Kathy Goodwin's family and IHS Partners. Attendees marveled at the clinic's facilities and admired the beautiful artwork by local artist Kent Estey.

2023 Harm Reduction Summit

White Earth Behavioral Health hosted the 2023 Harm Reduction Summit on July 12. This engaging event took place at the Shooting Star Casino, featuring both in-person and virtual attendees. Professionals from around the world shared their experiences and the impactful work they're doing in their respective communities.

RBC Special Meeting

The White Earth Nation Recreational Marijuana Code was passed during a special meeting held on July 31. The code will now undergo a public comment period before becoming law. The much-awaited dispensary in Mahnomen is scheduled to open on August 1st for medicinal use, with plans to offer recreational use soon after.

Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club

The Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club is undergoing a significant remodel, expected to be completed by November 2023. This transformation includes the addition of an indoor basketball court, a teen lounge, study room, cafeteria, and kitchen. This is a much needed improvement for our youth.

District 2 Playgrounds

Exciting developments await Naytahwaush and Mahnomen, with new playgrounds and basketball courts coming to both communities. Naytahwaush will have a playground alongside the Sports Complex, featuring a double basketball court. Mahnomen's playground and court will be built on the Community Council lot, bringing joy to local residents.



idents.

Delegate Meeting at SSC

On July 20, the MCT Constitutional Reform Delegates gathered at the Shooting Star Casino to discuss the history of the MCT and the upcoming referendum vote on TEC Resolution 32:15 (Accepting all Ojibwe blood from Federally Recognized Tribes).

District 2 Picnics

The Behavioral Health CSO Program hosted two successful Community Picnics in District 2. The events in Mahnomen and Naytahwaush drew enthusiastic crowds, enjoying fantastic door prizes. I appreciate everyone's attendance as it did rain at both events but that did not stop our dedicated staff or community members.

Elders Commission Special Election

A special election is set for Tuesday, Aug. 8 to fill the vacant District 2 Elder Commissioner position. Eligible voters residing within District 2 boundaries are encouraged to participate in person at the following polling locations:

Naytahwaush Complex: Noon - 3 p.m.

Mahnomen Veterans Center: 4 - 7 p.m.

For inquiries, please contact Commissioner SJ Hanks at 218-401-1282.

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Rez Briefs

RBC offices closed for holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for **Labor Day** and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8 a.m.

Twin Lakes Township regular meeting

The Twin Lakes Township next regular meeting will be held Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Pinehurst Resort dining room. Regular meeting notices are posted on the Pinehurst Resort notice board. Board members include: Josh Thorpe, Francy Cleason, Ben Baumann, Paul Roy, Steve Speath, Amber Simon and Tim LaVoy.

Ogema VFW no longer available for rent

Effective immediately the Ogema VFW will no longer be available for rent due to insurance reasons. Thank you.

Diabetic Bingo

Diabetic Bingo scheduled for Aug. 2 at Pine Point has been cancelled. It is rescheduled to Thursday, Aug. 24. Sorry for the inconvenience.

NTW Community Council news

The Naytahwaush Community Council holds their monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Naytahwaush Community Center – south projects. All are welcome! If you wish to be added to the agenda in advance, please contact Tara Mason – NCC Secretary at taramason2010@gmail.com. If anyone in our community needs our support and resources, please let us know how we can serve. NCC Board members include: Chelsea Bush, Joe “Duke” Bush, Tara Mason, Donovan Burnette, Brian Clark and Sheri Snetsinger. Miigwech!

Ogema VFW 9880 Auxiliary news

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Aug. 14 at 8 a.m. in the VFW building in Ogema. All members are requested to attend. For more information on becoming a member please contact Carol Fabre, President at 218-983-3443.

Waubun trails open for walking

The Waubun School Forest trails are open all year for walking. It is located at 2541 State Hwy 113 (9.2 miles east of Waubun). We have a new facebook page called Waubun School Forest Information.

White Earth Urban Office

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

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.

US Postal Service honors civil rights leader, Ponca tribe Chief Standing Bear, with stamp

A Ponca tribe chief whose landmark lawsuit in 1879 established that a Native American is a person under the law was recently honored with the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service stamp featuring his portrait.

The release of the stamp of Chief Standing Bear comes 146 years after the Army forced him and about 700 other members of the Ponca tribe to leave their homeland in northeast Nebraska and walk 600 miles (965 kilometers) to the Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

Chief Standing Bear was arrested and imprisoned in Fort Omaha when he and others tried to return. This prompted him to file a lawsuit that led to an 1879 ruling ordering his release and finding that a Native American is a person with a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



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News From District I Rep. Henry George Fox

Boozhoo,

The Elders Village has taken a different route because of funding so we are moving to tiny homes, which will be constructed sooner than what was needed for the arrowhead design.

Also getting our security at the Rice Lake Community Center up to date and our printer, because of HIPPA Act, will be only printed by your Tribal work badge.

We have some Elder repair monies and we really need a lot more to service all our Elders in each District.

Water and Sewer is working on the pump house and will be doing some work to get our water better in the community.

The Rice Lake Community Council is working on the sand volleyball court and they are also getting a playground and basketball court. We are also working to get the basketball court in the Southend fixed. Looking for funding to get more playgrounds in the Pine Bend area and Ebro.

Working with White Earth Housing on the five new homes coming to our area as we are growing. We also have a drug epidemic throughout Indian Country with ODs. We have a lot of drugs on our reservation and we know they are here. Turn them in - we need names and places where they get it from.



Not everyone turns the people in - we need to get the big supplier so if you see any strange, fancy vehicles in your area it is good to get a description, make, model and even a license plate number. SOBRIETY is beautiful!

Beading class are still going on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m at the Rice Lake Community Center in the back conference room. All supplies are provided so come on out.

White Earth blood drive brings in 21 volunteers

The White Earth community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on July 12 at the White Earth Health Center.

A total of 21 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 19 individuals were able to successfully donate. There was one person who volunteered for the first time!

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Randi Berry-Anderson, who coordinated the drive, and the White Earth Health Center which provided the location for the blood drive.

The need for blood is constant and Vitalant strives to always keep a five-day supply of every blood type on the shelf to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Trauma and burn patients,

premature infants, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients and people fighting cancer all require blood transfusions for their care.

Blood donations are needed daily to maintain a strong blood supply and meet ongoing patient needs. Vitalant encourages healthy individuals to make blood donation a part of one's regular routine to help meet the ongoing needs.

With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn reward points. The next blood drive at this location is planned to be held in September, date is yet to be determined.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments, while the blood draw typically taking less than 10 minutes.

Update your information with White Earth Enrollments

On Dec. 12, 2022, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe TEC Chairperson Cathy Chavers sent a letter to all six bands requesting that reservations (bands) get updated addresses for their eligible voters.

The TEC will be submitting a letter to the Secretary of Interior for a Secretarial Election to complete a mail in ballot (vote) to be done on a resolution from 2015. That resolution is to include all Chippewa/Anishinaabeg blood from federally recognized tribes (five other states or 13 other tribes).

Chavers wishes to have this election by this fall and has requested a report for all members/addresses.

NOTE: If you don't have an address change, you **DO NOT** need to resubmit your information. For any further questions regarding this matter, please reach out to White Earth Enrollments at 218-983-4643 and they will be best suited to assist you.

The White Earth Tribal Enrollments Address/Update Form can also be downloaded at www.whiteearth.com and completed forms can be emailed to:

shannon.heisler@whiteearth-nsn.gov

shelley.scheler@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Winners named in annual Tribal Canoe Drawing

The annual Tribal Canoe Drawing was held Wednesday, July 26 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen.

The contest was open to White Earth members ages 18 and older. Five Grumman 17-foot aluminum canoes with paddles were given away. Winners from the past three years were not eligible. There were 778 entries and White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks randomly

picked the following winners:

Lew Murray, Rianna Kavanagh, Steven Leslie Jr., Ed Dakota and Richard P. Smith.

The drawing was recorded and posted to the White Earth YouTube channel and White Earth Facebook page.

Shooting Star Casino bought the canoes and White Earth Natural Resources sponsored the contest.

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A message from the White Earth Delegate Group

Boozhoo White Earth and all Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) members.

On July 10, the TEC (Tribal Executive Committee) passed a motion to proceed with a MCT Secretarial Election. This decision is based on the previously approved TEC Resolution 32.15.

Resolution 32.15 wording is; "to include the verified federally recognized Anishinabe/Ojibway Chippewa blood to be recognized for MCT (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe) membership."

This will mean that all enrolled MCT members can vote in the Secretarial Election. In order for the

Secretarial Election to be successful, 30% of our adult members must vote.

We are asking all MCT members to update your mailing address if needed.

+ The White Earth Enrollment Office phone number is 218-983-4643

+ The MCT Enrollments Office phone number is 218-335-8581

The definite date for the Secretarial Election has not been scheduled. Additional Secretarial Election information and updates will be posted by the White Earth Delegate Group.

Election set to fill District 2 Elder Commission vacancy

To fill the District 2 vacancy on the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Elders Commission, an election will be held to fill this vacancy. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug 8 at following locations and times.

Naytahwaush Sports Complex / Noon-3 p.m.

Mahnomen Veteran's Center / 4-7 p.m.

Voters must be a White Earth enrolled Elder who lives and votes in District 2.

Please bring your tribal ID and proof of District

2 residency.

You will be asked to sign in to vote for one candidate.

Candidates:

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Ann Brown

Rock Keezer

Rebecca McCradie

Sherry Vizenor Sawicky

SAMPLE BALLOT		Election is Tuesday, August 8, 2023	
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Medicinal Cannabis Patient Registry Program open to all community members who have a medical card

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee established the Medicinal Cannabis Control Commission in February 2022 to implement the provisions of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Medicinal Cannabis Code.

The Medicinal Cannabis Control Commission (MCCC) would like to announce the **Medicinal Cannabis Patient Registry Program** will be open to all community members and visiting patients (who may have a Medical Card from another tribe, or other states, including Minnesota).

The MCCC patient registration process ensures safe access to medicinal cannabis for qualified individuals and is designed with patient privacy and safety in mind, following the guidelines outlined in the

Code.

If you are interested in completing the new Medicinal Cannabis Patient Registry Program Application process, please stop by the office or visit our website www.wemccc.com to download the form. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please be patient as we undertake this groundbreaking new process. We are committed to assisting you on your journey to improved health and look forward to serving you!

Medicinal Cannabis Control Commission
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White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille Silk, Chairperson

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

We pray that all had a very safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday, with fireworks done by persons that are careful and observant of weather conditions. For this area, it was so cold to be outdoors with the need to wear coats or have blankets around them. The wind factor was not in the best interests of those that lit off the fireworks either. In the White Earth area, the fireworks were done on a Friday night and the wind was safe and it was reported that they were very enjoyable. We learned that there were several accidents due to fireworks falling down with the wind and some people had to be treated by medical persons.

Due to the 4th of July occurring on the first Tuesday of the month, it was necessary to cancel our regular scheduled monthly meeting to one week later on July 11 at the Pine Point Elder Nutrition site. Minutes can be obtained by contacting Missy Fairbanks, Secretary. She has a laptop for the minutes and we recently purchased a printer for her to do the work for this Council.

The regular Tribal Executive Meeting was held in Walker, Minn., at Northern Lights Casino and six Elders traveled by bus to that meeting and returned the same day. We have been fortunate to secure the Shooting Star Casino bus with Dan Creed as our driver. Many thanks go out to Scott Stevens, Manager of Shooting Star and Laurie York, Executive Director of the White Earth Tribal Nation for working out the details for our trips. This was short notice so we did not have the usual 10 – 12 people. For all those that sign up for trips and do not go, please understand all the contacts and preparations that are made for us. This makes it difficult to make further requests from our Tribe when there are no-shows!

On July 12-13, our quarterly Wisdom Steps meeting was held in Morton, Minn., at their Elder Nutrition site. Breakfast and lunch was provided by the Elders of that community and we were given a brief workshop on Native medicines and each received a small bag of teas to enjoy. The Council Chief came to the meeting to welcome us and to show his support for the Wisdom Steps Program. The Lower Dakota Nation is contemplating having our annual conference at their Jackpot Junction Casino at some future date. We offered our assistance in helping with this task should they agree to do so. While we were there, they were hosting the American Legion Conference so rooms were difficult to secure. This facility has 400 rooms which would be ideal for our conference, plus they have a beautiful golf course.

We just learned that Fond du Lac has once again agreed to host our annual golf tournament on Friday, Sept. 1 at the Black Bear Golf Course. Teams, get your registrations in as soon as possible as information will be coming out asap. This golf tournament is the Wisdom Steps annual fundraiser and we also provide a meal and golf ball bag with a brown bag raffle and silent auction.

On July 15 it was decided at the last minute to enter the Waubun parade so we had to hustle to get candy for the toss and decorate the Elder car. We came in third place and it was fun to listen to music in the park and eat a meal with the people. With COVID and last year the roads were all tore up for repairs, so they could not do this event for a few years.

On July 25, the Executive Board was requested to meet with our Secretary-Treasurer for White Earth as are all Councils to go over their budgets and by-laws. Three of our members met with Mike LaRoque to answer any questions he posed. I personally could not attend this meeting due to an unfortunate act of nature.

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Veteran from Page 28

istration card, dated June 5, 1917, lists him as short, medium build, with dark brown eyes and black hair. He enlisted June 30, 1917 at Minneapolis. He trained at Ft. Snelling through October 1917 and was initially assigned to Co. G, 1st Minn. Infantry then to Co. G, 135th Inf., 34th Division at Camp Codey, Deming, N.M. Upon overseas deployment, John was transferred to Co. E, 58th Infantry overseas regiment. He embarked on the ship Titan from Baltimore, Md., on June 28, 1918, and arrived in Liverpool, England on July 15. Three days later John stood on French soil at Saint-Agnan, three days more John found himself face to face with the ferocity, horror, and evils of war in the Aisne-Marne Offensive and Vesle Sector.

The Aisne-Marne Offensive was not one single engagement but a collection of battles in the summer of 1918. It marked the final German offensive and began on July 15, 1918 when 23 German divisions attacked toward Reims, France with hopes of drawing Allied troops away from Belgium. The Allies were able to halt the German advance two days later. With the German advance stalled, Allied commander Ferdinand Foch launched a counteroffensive that included the battles of Soissons, Chateau-Thierry, and Belleau Wood.

The Allies, including significant help from the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), fought a fluid offensive battle using tanks and other new technologies. By August the Allies had totally eliminated the German salient and had started on the road to the end of the war.

John was reported Missing In Action and, according to a report in the White Earth newspaper "The Tomahawk," John had received a bullet wound to his shoulder. A few days after he was reported MIA, John was found with a combat wound to his right shoulder. In a questionnaire to the Indian rights activist Joseph K. Dixon, John said, "Went over the top Aug. 4, 1918, at the Battle of Aisne Marne. Got wounded on Aug. 6..." Around Aug. 9, he was admitted to Base Hospital #68 at Mars-sur-Allier, Nièvre. "[I] remain there nearly two months and went back to my outfit and was on our way towards Metz when the Armistice was signed... On Nov. 20, we left France for Coblenz, Germany on the Rhine River as part of the Army of Occupation. We done garrison duty while there."

On Jan. 14, 1919, John was admitted to Evacuation Hospital #2 in Coblenz after contracting the mumps and remained hospitalized there for nearly

seven weeks. With the war over, the American forces began returning home to the U.S. John's company departed Coblenz July 12 and John boarded the USS Mt. Vernon which set sail July 24, 1919. The ship arrived in the New York City metro area of Hoboken, N.J., on Aug. 1 and John continued on to Camp Dodge, Iowa where he was honorably discharged seven days later.

John returned to Minnesota where he resumed running his barber shop at White Earth for the next few months. Within a year however, while out in Tacoma, Wash., he re-enlisted in the Army and was assigned to Co. A, 58th Infantry at Ft. Missoula, Mont. where he died less than two years later on April 2, 1922.

John's body arrived at Mahnomen on April 7 and was taken to the home of Dave and Annie DeSautel. On April 9, his body was taken to St. Michael's Catholic Church under a military escort for the funeral services and afterwards, escorted to St. Michael's Cemetery by the American Legion where this young soldier was finally laid to rest.

He had no wife or children. His closest surviving relatives were his only sister Lillian Beauchamp Villebrun, his maternal grandmother, aunts and uncles. His surviving uncle, Baptiste Turpin, was honored last year in a ceremony in Mahnomen in July 2022 for his service in the Civil War and for having been the last Civil War veteran to die in Mahnomen County.

In the reporting of John's funeral, the *Mahnomen Pioneer* reported that his grandmother, Nancy Villebrun, who had come to Mahnomen for John's funeral, staying with her daughter Genevieve Leith, "walked from the Leith home to the church for the funeral and would have walked to the cemetery had she been allowed to."

"Grandma Nancy" was well known during her lifetime throughout these parts for preferring to walk many miles rather than riding, even short distances. Although the *Pioneer* reported that Nancy was 105 years old at this time, she was actually around 92. The *Pioneer* noted that Nancy had seven grandsons that served in World War I. They were John P. Turpin (Pvt. 1st Class - USA), Charles J. "Big Chiggah" Bellecourt (Pvt. - USMC), Paul P. Bellecourt (Pvt - USA), Andrew Parisian (Pvt - USA), Victor Parisian (Pvt. 1st Class - USA), Edward W. Leith (Pvt. 1st Class - USA), and Frank R. Leith (Seaman 1st Class - USN) serving onboard the armored cruiser USS Huntington (ACR-5).

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Refuge Wild Rice Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 15
Where: White Earth Community Center
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Current Tribal IDs and a Harvest permit is not required to attend meeting but will be required when Ricing opens and Harvesting starts on the Refuge.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact:

Wild Rice Program: 218-850-8035
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News From District III Rep. Cheryl 'Annie' Jackson

Boozhoo Everyone,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. We are now looking forward to Fall and all the pretty colors that mother nature blesses us with.

It has been a very busy couple of months filled with meetings, debriefings, trainings, picnics, conferences, and celebrations throughout our communities.

The opening of the Naytahwaush clinic was very well attended. It was an honor for me to be there as I looked up to Kathy Goodwin, former District II Representative and seeing her dream finally become reality - was so awesome. A shout out goes out to all who have been involved in making this happen.

The Elders picnic at Rediscovery Center was held on June 29, it was good seeing all the Elders that were able to make it. A nice meal was served, bingo was played and some good prizes, gifts were given. Everyone that worked on this picnic did an excellent job.

The Wisdom Steps Conference was held June 14-16 at the Shooting Star Casino. This was another well attended event. Elders from across the state were in attendance. There were several different speakers and a nice silent auction held.

White Earth Powwow was a success. Listening to the drummers and seeing all the beautiful dancers does a heart and mind good. Good job White Earth Powwow Committee

The White Earth Community Council Sturgeon Moon Powwow was also great. This was the first year and I look forward to many more for years to come. Good job White Earth Community Council.

The construction of the new Child Care building has started. This will be located right down the road from the RBC.



We are looking forward to collaborating with the Work Center in Pine Point. Ways of collaboration are being sought and I will update more as it comes available.

I want to say Chi Miigwech to everyone involved with the new playgrounds/basketball hoops in the communities. This will hopefully serve our communities well.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my assistant, Stacie Warren, for any assistance, questions or just to talk. I always have my phone on or nearby and check messages as soon as I can.

Until next month...

Respectfully,
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
District III Representative

Protect yourself and loved ones

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

By Amy Elfering, RN
White Earth Public Health

With winter and cold season just around the corner, it is important to prioritize your health and well-being. One way to do that is by getting immunized. Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect yourself and those around you from preventable diseases. By getting vaccinated, you protect yourself and contribute to your community's overall health and safety. Immunizations are crucial in maintaining public health.

They protect individuals from various illnesses and conditions such as measles, mumps, rubella, polio, and tetanus. Immunizations are crucial for children, as they are more susceptible to certain diseases and illnesses. Children can develop immunity to these diseases and avoid serious health complications by receiving the appropriate vaccines. Immunizations can also help prevent the spread of diseases to others in the community, particularly elders and those who can't receive vaccines due to medical reasons. Therefore, individuals need to understand the medical relevance of immunizations and ensure they and their loved ones are up to date on their vaccines.

Immunizations contain various ingredients that help boost the body's immunity to certain diseases. Immunizations are made in a way to help keep them potent and effective. The active components immunogens help the body recognize the disease and develop immunity against it. It is important to note

that all vaccine ingredients are thoroughly tested for safety and efficacy before they are approved for use.

Did you know that vaccines have been around for over 200 years? The first vaccine was created in 1796 to protect against smallpox. Vaccines have helped eradicate diseases like smallpox and drastically reduce the cases of others, such as polio. Vaccines are truly amazing! Many myths surrounding immunizations can cause confusion and even fear for parents and individuals.

One common myth is that vaccines can cause autism. However, this claim has been thoroughly debunked by numerous studies and the medical community at large. Another myth is that natural immunity is better than vaccine-induced immunity. While natural immunity can provide some protection, vaccines are designed to provide a stronger and longer lasting immune response.

It's essential to consult a trusted healthcare provider and educate oneself with accurate information about immunizations rather than relying on misinformation and myths. Don't hesitate to talk to your healthcare provider about the recommended immunizations for your age and health status. Stay healthy and protect your loved ones around you by getting immunized.

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THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

Alzheimer's Dementia

By Sandra Holmgren, GNP-BC
White Earth Health Center

Dementia is a broad term used to describe loss of cognitive functioning including how we think, remember and reason severe enough to interfere with daily life. Dementia symptoms can range from mild to severe and affects millions of people worldwide. This is not a normal part of aging as many people live into their 90s without signs of dementia.

There are several types of dementias. Progressive dementias include Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, Lewy Body dementia, frontotemporal dementia and mixed dementia.

There are other types of dementia that can be reversed. These includes memory changes from a high fever due to infection, metabolic or endocrine problems such as thyroid disorders, low blood sugars, or changes in electrolytes such as sodium, potassium, problems absorbing vitamin B12, dehydration, brain tumors or head bleed from trauma. Some medications can also cause side effects causing memory changes. This article will focus on Alzheimer's disease.

According to Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia and constitutes for 60% to 80% of all cases. An estimated 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2023. Seventy-three percent are age 75 or older and is currently ranked as the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Alzheimer's is thought to be caused from an accumulation of specific proteins in the brain called beta-amyloid and Tau which damage brain tissue and death of neurons.

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease and is categorized into stages. In the early stages of dementia, people may experience basic forgetfulness, however over time, symptoms progress to more noticeable memory difficulties and poor judgment requiring supportive care. Towards the end stages, speech becomes limited. Increased help is needed with daily cares. Some people may develop behavioral and psychological symptoms. The most common cause of death among Alzheimer's patients is aspiration pneumonia. This happens due to difficulty swallowing caused by progression of disease.

There are medications that can help slow or manage memory loss and can help improve quality of life and help prolong independence. They tend to be most effective for people with early to moderate Alzheimer's and are aimed at improving symptoms by increasing the amount of chemicals called neurotransmitters in the brain. Two of the FDA-approved drugs aducanumab and lecanemab are aimed at changing the underlying biology of the disease. They remove beta-amyloid from the brain and slow cognitive and functional decline in people living with early Alzheimer's. They are not cures for Alzheimer's disease and not appropriate for all individuals living with Alzheimer's disease. There are also non-drug treatments for Alzheimer's disease. They are often used with the goals of maintaining or improving cognitive function, overall quality of life and engagement, and the ability to perform activities of daily living. Non-drug treatments include physical activity, memory and orientation exercises, music and art-based therapies.

Risk factors include advanced age, however younger people can also develop Alzheimer's. Having a family history of dementia also put one at greater risk for developing this condition, however many people with family history never go on to develop symptoms. According to the Nations Institute on Aging, researchers have identified several genetic variants that are associated with Alzheimer's disease and may increase or decrease a person's risk of developing the disease.

According to Alzheimer's Association, the vast majority of Alzheimer's cases probably develop as a result of complex interactions among multiple factors, including age, genetics, environment, lifestyle and coexisting medical conditions. Although some risk factors such as age or genes cannot be changed, other risk factors

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Minnesota's new drug law changes: Decriminalizing recreational marijuana, drug paraphernalia, drug residue

By Regional Native Public Defense Corporation staff

Major changes are afoot to Minnesota's drug laws. During the last legislative session, Minnesota lawmakers made sweeping changes to the state's laws regarding cannabis and paraphernalia possession. These changes will take effect on Aug. 1.

Drug Paraphernalia and Residue:

Minnesota lawmakers decriminalized the possession of drug paraphernalia, and any trace amount of drugs or residue on paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia is equipment to use or test drugs. It includes hypodermic syringes, hypodermic needles, pipes, bongs, and drug tests. Drug residue on paraphernalia will no longer be grounds for penalization. This means that you cannot be charged with a crime for possessing needles or a pipe, including if there is a small amount of drug residue on it. Importantly, local municipalities may enforce their own laws regarding paraphernalia. So, a town or city can elect to continue charging for drug paraphernalia possession and drug residue. It's important to know what your local municipality plans to do.

This law does not apply retroactively. If you were charged and or convicted of drug paraphernalia possession or residue before Aug. 1, 2023, the legislative changes will not change your situation.

Decriminalization of Marijuana:

The legislature also made major changes to laws relating to the use, possession, and growing of marijuana (also called cannabis). Minnesota decriminalized recreational use and possession of cannabis for adults over the age of 21 starting Aug. 1 with some limits:

Adults over the age of 21 are legally allowed to possess up to:

- Two pounds of marijuana at home
- Two ounces of marijuana in public
- 800 milligrams in gummies and other edibles
- Eight grams of cannabis concentrate

It's important to remember that possession in excess of these limits will still be punishable as a state crime.

And despite the reforms, you can't just smoke pot anywhere. Adults over 21 can use marijuana in private residences or their yard, or premises of a business or

event licensed for cannabis consumption. You won't be able to smoke or vape cannabis in multifamily housing buildings, unless you are a registered medical cannabis patient. Marijuana use in any form is explicitly outlawed on school property, in state correctional facilities, or while operating a motor vehicle.

The new reforms also include that job applicants can't be screened for marijuana as a condition to employment, except where required by federal law or state statute. Job categories where screening will still be mandatory include jobs requiring a commercial driver's license, jobs involving health care and caregiving, emergency mental and physical healthcare, fire-fighting, and law enforcement.

The new reforms also permit at-home cannabis growing. Adults can grow up to eight cannabis plants per residence out of public view, with no more than four plants flowering at one time.

Expungement of Prior Cannabis-Related Offenses:

One noteworthy piece of the legalization is the expungement of previous cannabis-related offenses. If you have prior petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor convictions related to cannabis possession, they will be automatically expunged. This process will happen automatically, so you don't have to do anything to get those convictions erased from your record. However, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension anticipates it will take more than a year to process all the cases. People with more serious possession charges, like felonies, may be able to apply for reduced sentences from the new Cannabis Expungement Board on a case-by-case basis.

While the state of Minnesota is decriminalizing marijuana, it's important to remember that the use and possession of marijuana is still a federal crime.

If you have questions about your own legal situation, felony cannabis-possession expungement, or if you are facing new criminal charges, feel free to reach out to our office, Regional Native Public Defense Corporation. We represent enrolled tribal members charged with crimes in Mahnomon, Clearwater, Becker, Beltrami, Itasca, and Cass counties.

Call us at 218-339-5680 or email office at natedefense.org. Or visit us online at www.natedefense.org/request-legal-services.

Miigwech!

White Earth DNR hosts Tamarac wild rice meeting

This year White Earth Natural Resources Department and Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge will not be doing a drawing for harvesting on lakes in the Refuge. Instead, they will be holding an informational meeting on things that have been changed regarding harvesting rice in the Refuge.

Tamarac Refuge staff will be on hand along with Tribal Conservation, Water Quality/AIS, and Wild

Rice departments. Finishers in the White Earth area will be attending to talk about and answer questions about finishing.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Earth Community Center. Tribal Harvest Permits will not be needed to attend meeting.

Hope to see you there - miigwech.

Support for WE to renew Minnesota health insurance

Counties and the **White Earth Nation** will soon receive extra financial support for helping Minnesotans with Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare renew their insurance.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is sending \$36 million to counties and White Earth, the only Tribe in the state to process public health care program renewals. Payments went out in July.

The funds will cover costs such as addressing health disparities, hiring and training staff, paying

overtime, and reaching out to enrollees. Amounts depend on how many Medical Assistance enrollees live in each jurisdiction.

People who have Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare should watch their mail for their renewal forms. When the forms arrive, they should fill them out and send them in with any required documentation as soon as possible to keep their insurance.

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Customer Appreciation Day!

Come Celebrate Farmers' Market Week

Thursday, August 10, 2023

From 3-6 PM

**We are having a special day for all our wonderful
Customers!**



White Earth Community Farmers' Market

South Main St., Mahnomon, MN 56557

Eva Brakefield, Market Manager / Phone: 218-983-4180

eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN CASH OR A NEW SUV

Sunday, August 27 | 1PM-7PM

Escape from your everyday with a chance to win a new 2023 Ford Escape ST. Earn entries July 31-August 27 and bonus entries on Saturdays starting August 5.

Concerts | Mahnomen | 8PM

STYX | August 25

TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS | September 22



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W.E TRIBAL ENROLLED ELDERS
Elder Lawn Mowing application - 2023.

No need to complete this if you completed one for the Elder Snow Plowing Program.
Call and update your telephone number or notify us if you have moved.

Date: _____

Name _____ Spouses Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

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

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

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

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

Do you reside in a Housing home? **Yes or No – circle one**

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

Would you consider your lawn small or a large? _____

Detailed directions to your residence: _____

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

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

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



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We've got a loan for that.

White Earth Investment Initiative offers affordable business expansion loans for Native American businesses.



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Copay waivers for American Indian Veterans

Effective April 4, eligible American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Veterans no longer have copays for certain VA health care services.

Copay Waiver Benefits

If Veterans are eligible for these copay waivers, VA will not bill for future copays for:

- Outpatient visits
- Inpatient visits
- Prescriptions, and
- Urgent Care

Note: Veterans will still have to pay copays for Geriatric and Extended Care including domiciliary care, institutional respite care, institutional geriatric evaluation, and nursing home care. View copay rates.

Eligibility Requirements

Veterans may be eligible for a copay waiver if they meet these three requirements:

1. They're an American Indian or Alaska Native Veteran, and
2. They provide VA with a copy of an official tribal document that shows that they meet the eligibility requirements of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and
3. They submit a completed Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334)

Note: Veterans must be enrolled in VA Health Care to receive this benefit. If a Veteran is not enrolled, please encourage them to apply for VA Health Care.

Submission Requirements

To qualify for this benefit, Veterans must complete and submit a Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334) along with a copy of an official tribal

document. Some examples include:

- A tribal enrollment or a membership ID card
- Tribal Census documentation
- A certificate of Indian blood from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or
- A document on official tribal letterhead that shows they're a member of that federally recognized tribe

Note: Once the requested documents have been received, VA will process and approve eligible Veterans. VA will then review any copays paid for covered services on or after January 5, 2022, and reimburse eligible copays.

Veterans in the Fargo VA catchment area can submit documents locally via fax (612-725-1231) or mail: US Department of Veterans Affairs
Fargo VA Health Care System
Attn: Facility Revenue (136R)
Fargo, ND 58102

If there are any questions regarding this benefit or submission process, please contact: Jorden Donner, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator at jorden.donner@va.gov | 701-239-3700 Ext. 4389 or Jeffrey Koval, Facility Revenue Manager at jeffrey.koval@va.gov | 701-239-7998.

WE Urban Office

The White Earth Urban Office is located at 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100 in Minneapolis.


612-813-1590 / Office hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.


White Earth Mental Health

WALK IN SCHEDULE



<p>White Earth Behavioral Health Building:</p> <p>Monday: 8am-4:30pm Tuesday: 8am-4:30pm Wednesday: 8am-4:30pm Thursday: 8am-4:30pm Friday: 8am-4:30pm</p> 	<p>Pine Point: Monday: 12pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building: Tuesday: 8am-12pm</p> <p>Bagley/Rice Lake: Wednesday: 1pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Mahnomen Behavioral Health Building: Thursday: 1pm-4:30pm</p>
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18th Annual Niimi'idiwin (Powwow)


The Healing Power of Heritage

Thursday, August 17 • 12-6 p.m.

Sanford Bemidji Medical Center

Join Sanford Health and Indian Health Services for a celebration of holistic healing and our community's Ojibwe heritage.

11 a.m.	Dancer registration
12 p.m.	Grand entry
1 p.m.	Dance specials
4:30 p.m.	Prayer and traditional feast
5:45 p.m.	Award dancers



SANFORD

HEALTH

15th Annual Summer Wild Rice Round-Up

The 15th Annual Summer Wild Rice Round-Up will be held Aug. 11-13 at the Sandhill Bible Camp located at 1046 250th Ave., in Fosston, Minn.

Friday, Aug. 11

3 p.m. - Met and Greet
 6 p.m. - Dinner
 8 p.m. - AA Speaker: SJ Hanks, Waubun
 10 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 12

8 a.m. - Breakfast
 10 a.m. - Al-Anon Speaker: TBA
 Noon - Lunch
 1 p.m. - Free time: Cribbage, swim, canie, horseshoes, volleyball, walk, read, nap, softball, or one-on-one basketball
 4 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Pipe Ceremony
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner
 8 p.m. - AA Speaker: Kathy L., Mound, Minn.
 10 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 13

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast
 10 a.m. - AA Speaker: Rebecca M, Mahnomen

11 a.m. - Packing and Farwells

Registration Charges:

Registration fee: \$135, all inclusive
Please register by Aug. 1 to reserve your room and allow us to get a head count for camp management. One day rate is \$35 plus \$15 for each meal.

Mail to: Wild Rice Round-Up
 PO Box 203
 Mahnomen, MN 56557

Website: www.wildriceroundup.com

What to bring?

The fee covers lodging and all meals for the weekend. Bedding, towels, swimwear, toiletries, pop, snacks, clothing for warm days and cool nights. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Location:

Camp is located 6 miles south of Fosston, Minn., on CR 3. Call 218-435-6100 for RV and camping information.

Website: www.sandhilllakebiblecamp.com

Contact Information

Pam at 612-250-1171 or pamroseasp@hotmail.com
Rebecca at 218-443-2235

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone# _____

Home Group (AA, Al-Anon, other) _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form with payment to: Wild Rice Round-Up, PO Box 203, Mahnomen, MN 56557



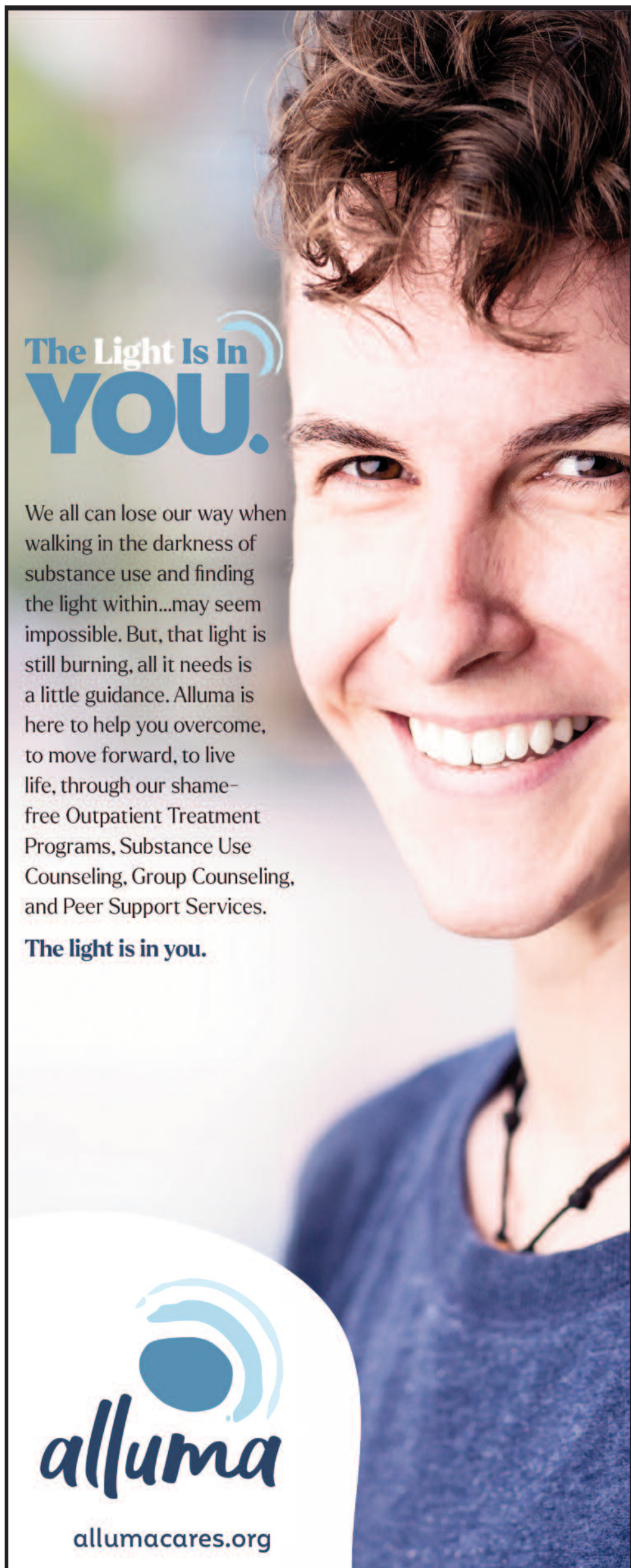
Saturday, August 26th
WILD RICE Festival

PARADE AT NOON- DT, Mahnomen, MN

Kiddie Parade Start "decorated bikes encouraged" (line up at W. Monroe)
 Followed by the BIG PARADE (line up at W. Birkett)
 Prizes for top 3 floats & all kiddie participants receive a small prize

11am & 2pm - Family workshops	11am-4pm - Food & Art Vendors
1-3pm - Family Games	1:30-2:30pm - Classic Car Show
1:30-3:30 - Wild Rice Demo	2pm - Corn Hole Tournament
3-4pm - Wild Rice Cook-off	7-11pm - Street Dance featuring Silverado


Ongoing music throughout the day - PLUS MORE...



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NTW Pride Parade & Feast



Photos by Sheri Snetsinger

The Naytahwaush community recently sponsored the first-ever Pride Parade & Feast. The theme of the event was “Love Has No Gender.” In addition to the parade and feast, there was a food contest for appetizers, entries and desserts.

Newest Mahnomen mural



Photo by Rebecca Dallinger

In July, a mural was completed on the side of NAPA Auto building on Main Street in Mahnomen. This is the second mural for the town that was backed by Manoomin Arts Initiative, a collaborative arts group and supported by a Leadership Boost Grant from Blandin Foundation.

The design was created by 16 youth from local schools and artists Kent Estey (White Earth) and Hans Gilsdorf with project coordination by Rebecca Dallinger and support from mentors Tia Parisian, Chewie Mason, and Mahnomen Art Teacher Morissa Fanning. Youth came from Mahnomen High School, Circle of Life Academy, and Waubun High School.

Special thanks to the City of Mahnomen, Gary at Napa Auto, and support from True Value.

The tribal youth artists were Melody Burak, Arizona Holmes, Malachi Holmes, Star Magney, Camile Mahoney, Mindy Jackson, Serena Jackson, Sierra Jackson, Danika Kochmann, Kaitlyn Forehand, Ashlyn Forehand, Chase Stock, Chole Stock, Jermaine Williams, Rin WolfCry, and Tristan Stone.



Photos by Gary W. Padra

The Kathy Goodwin family was honored with a star quilt by DSGW Architecture during the grand opening of the Waabinokwe Health Center on July 11 in Naytahwaush. The Center was made a reality by former District II Rep. Kathy Goodwin who passed away in 2022. From left are Amber Blue, District II Rep. Eugene Sommers, DSGW architect Mike Laverdure, Tara Mason, and Robert Goodwin Jr.

New health center opens in Naytahwaush

Former District II Representative Kathy Goodwin had a dream that the Naytahwaush community would get a new, state-of-the-art health facility that the people deserved.

It took many years, but her persistence paid off when a grand opening was held July 11 for the new Waabinokwe Health Center. Waabinokwe (Eastern Woman) was Goodwin’s Indian name.

The 30,000 square foot facility provides primary care, pharmaceutical, dental, physical therapy, behavioral health, laboratory, x-ray, mammography, MRI/CT (mobile), traditional healing, and Public Health Nursing.

The new health center replaces the 6,000 square foot existing Naytahwaush health center which is the

oldest health facility in the Indian Health service database.

The Waabinokwe facility was designed/constructed to meet LEED Silver design goals for sustainability. The facility utilizes geothermal ground wells for heating/cooling, energy efficient LED lighting, and sustainably sourced construction materials.

The project application was submitted in 2014 and construction started in July 2021.

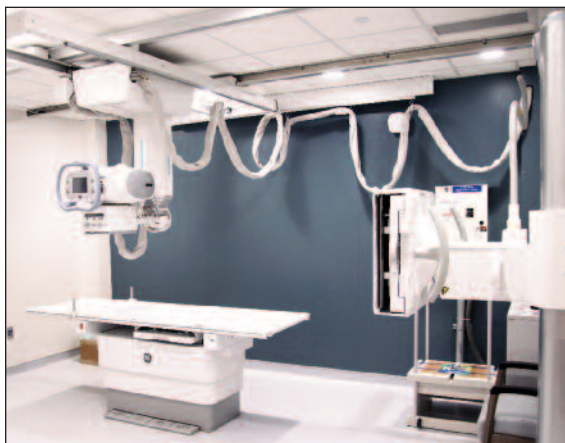
The new Waabinokwe facility was designed by DSGW Architecture and completed by White Earth Builders LLC, White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians and is the first Joint Venture construction project completed in the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service.



Lunch was buffalo burgers, wild rice and fruit.



The health center’s main waiting area.



State-of-the-art imaging rooms.



The center will also offer dental care.

White Earth Elder surprised with honor at Treaty Day Celebration

By Budd Parker

Marcianna “Kibby” Sullivan attended the 155th Annual White Earth Treaty Day Celebration & Pow Wow on June 10 with many of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren under the impression that her daughter Barb Fabre was to be honored.

At about 3 p.m., pow-wow emcee Vince Beyl called for Kibby and her family to come out into the ring with him and gather around Barb. Once the large family had gathered in front of Vince and around Kibby and Barb, he announced to the crowd that we had “gathered here under the false pretense of honoring Barb, when actually we are here to honor her mother Kibby Sullivan.” Although Kibby's daughters and grandchildren were in on the surprise, Kibby’s shocked and stunned reaction proved that none of them had spilled the beans. An honor song had been requested for Kibby months prior by the people of St. Benedict’s Catholic Church and members of the White Earth community.

Kibby retired last year after 47 years of working for the tribe. At her retirement party she was honored by the tribal council, co-workers and friends. This however, was from her neighbors, church members, and community that wanted to publicly honor her and thank her for her decades of consistent volunteering in the community and for her steadfast involvement and service to our community.

As head of the CHR program, Kibby helped countless people. Although she was well known throughout the reservation for her work there, she was involved in so many other things behind the scenes and outside of work. There are too many to list in this brief article, but we will name but a few where her impact was undeniable.

She has been a dedicated, lifelong member and strong leader in St. Benedict’s Catholic Church. Whenever the church was in need of anything - fundraisers, planning dinners or potlucks, funeral luncheons, etc., Kibby was right there in the mix often leading the way.

The beautiful condition of Calvary Catholic Cemetery is in large part due to her initiative and leadership. After the 1995 tornadoes left much destruction in this village and in our cemeteries, Kibby led the way for the cleanup and repairs in Calvary Cemetery. She donated the first \$100 to start the Calvary Cemetery Fund to replace the destroyed 100+ year old cast iron crucifix in the cemetery.

Along with John Beaulieu, they initiated and



Courtesy photo

Budd Parker presents Kibby Sullivan with a shawl at the 155th Annual White Earth Treaty Day Celebration & Pow Wow on June 10.

helped form St. Benedict’s Cemetery Committee that organized the regular upkeep and mowing of the entire cemetery for the first time - with herself doing much of the mowing over the years. Previously, family members mowed their own individual graves or hired someone else to mow them. As such, a great many sections – especially the oldest section, went completely unmowed each year.

Kibby was instrumental with starting the first ambulance service in White Earth and was an EMT with White Earth EMS for many years. Whenever there was a fundraiser in our community - someone in need, church and cemetery projects, uniforms or other items needed for the EMS staff on the ambulance, etc., Kibby would be found making and selling fried bread, soup, chili, etc., or selling raffle tickets. More often than not, when things fell short, Kibby would dig into her own pockets to meet the intended goal.

At this honor ceremony, she was presented with a handmade shawl and red beaded necklace. The shawl was especially designed and made for Kibby by Stephanie Williams of White Earth which was inspired by 19th century Chippewa floral beadwork. The materials chosen for the shawl were Kibby’s favorite colors of pink and red.

Vince Beyl also presented her with a beautiful star quilt himself. The presentations were followed by an honor song with the Circle of Life drum group. Kibby and family began to dance around the circle followed by many from the reservation’s various communities who came out to dance with and for her, to embrace her, shake her hand and thank her.

This woman is slight in stature, but don’t be fooled. She possesses the tenacity and stubbornness of her Oshkinowe and Bevins ancestors, which has enabled her to never give into defeat and to never give up. Throughout her years she has been a mover and doer – there was no grass growing under her feet. Whatever the cause, whether the goals that arose were big or small, Kibby jumped in and never wavered until it was accomplished.

Her family, friends, church, and our community have been incredibly blessed with this beautiful lady. Miigwetch Marcianna Jr. Chi miigwetch!



Courtesy photo

Kibby Sullivan was recently presented with this handmade shawl. The shawl was designed and made for Kibby by Stephanie Williams of White Earth. It was inspired by 19th century Chippewa floral beadwork.

COLA grad awarded scholarship



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Thomas Bement (White Earth), a Tribal Liaison with Arvig Communications presented a \$3,000 scholarship to Delayna Heisler on July 26 at the Circle of Life Academy. Delayna recently graduated from COLA and has plans to attend the White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahanomen this fall.

Gathering together in Minneapolis



Submitted photos

The White Earth Urban Community Council held their annual picnic on July 8 at the Wabun Shelter in Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. The weather was beautiful and the White Earth urban members had an enjoyable day visiting with friends and relatives. There were t-shirts for the 17 volunteers, delicious food, drawings for gift cards, face painting and balloons for the youth.

WEUCC honored Carl Fransen with the annual “White Earth Has Talent” contest. It was Carl’s idea to have the contest at the picnic which is always a big hit and fun to see all the talent White Earth has.

After the event, White Earth members took left over food and WEUCC set up a table in the AIOC parking lot. The food that was left over from the picnic was fed to over 100 of our relatives living on Mother Earth. The unconditional love that was given in return was beyond words. They asked to take plates to relatives that could not make it to where we were. Pure love and respect was shown to us as we served them.

Thank you Mike LaRoque for attending the picnic and your ongoing support. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

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White Earth Reservation 2023/24 Hunting/Trapping Seasons & Limits

Big Game

		<u>Yearly Limit</u>
Bear Baiting	Aug. 5 - Aug. 18, 2023	
Bear Season	Aug. 19 - Oct. 31, 2023	3
Deer (primitive weapons)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023	A total of 1 deer in combination w/primitive or modern firearms.
Deer (modern firearms)	Oct. 21 - Dec. 31, 2023	
Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Elk	Closed, No Season	0

Small Game

		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	25
Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	25
Snipe	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	10
Coots	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	20
Woodcock	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	10
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Snowshoe Hare	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Jack Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Gray/Fox Squirrel	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2003	20 (combined)
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	6
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	6
Ring-Necked Pheasant	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	4 (males only)
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No limit
Fox	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No limit
Coyote	Continuous	No limit
Prairie Chicken	Closed, No Season	0
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Closed, No Season	0
Sandhill Crane	Close - No Season	0
		<u>Yearly Limit</u>
Wild Turkey	Fall Sept. 9 - Oct. 31, 2023 Spring April 1 - May 31, 2024	2 Tom/male only in combination with spring or fall season.

Waterfowl

		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Geese	Sept. 1 - Dec. 10, 2023	8 (All species combined)
Ducks	Sept. 9 - Dec. 10, 2023	10 (No more than 2 hen mallards. No more than 2 canvasback and 2 pintail)
Mergansers	Sept. 9 - Dec. 10, 2023	5 (No more than 2 hooded)

Trapping*

		<u>Annual Limit</u>
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Badger	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Fox (Red or Gray)	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Coyote	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Beaver	Oct. 1 - April 30, 2024	No Limit
Muskrat	Oct. 1 - April 30, 2024	No Limit
Otter	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2024	5
Mink	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Bobcat	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	6
Fisher/Pine Marten	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	4
Lynx,	Closed, No Season	0
Gray Wolf	Closed, No Season	0

* White Earth tribal members who trap Otter, Fisher, or Bobcat must register these animals at the White Earth Land office or the White Earth Natural Resources office in Mahanomen. Trappers are reminded they must bring the animal with them along with their tribal ID and harvest permit. For more information call 218-573-3007.



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TO REGISTER CONTACT: BIG PARADE - KELLY PHILLIPS 218.261.0717
KIDDIE PARADE - TINA STARKEY AT 218.849.9496



PARCHING MANOOMIN!



SAVE THE DATE!

Little Elbow Lake
Tribal Campground
Saturday, 09/16/2023 &
Sunday, 09/17/2023
More info to come!

FREE EVENT!

To register, please contact:

Tammy Bellanger
tbellanger@wetcc.edu
218-935-0417 Ext. 8351

Join us at the 2023 Wild Rice Day Camp as we focus on the process of parching Manoomin (*wild rice*). Taste and learn about this important nutritious food as we celebrate its heritage and cultural importance to the Anishinaabe people.



Tyson McArthur awarded educational scholarship

The White Earth Nation Child Support staff proudly presented a certificate of award (Region 5) for the "Jerry Sweet Scholarship for Tribal Children" through the National Tribal Child Support Association to recipient, Tyson McArthur.

Tyson was recognized and awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship at the National Tribal Child Support Association annual conference last month in Green Bay, Wis.

Tyson had to submit an essay. The theme of the essay was "Who is your Champion and How Has This Person Influenced your Life."

For more information about the Jerry Sweet Scholarship for Tribal Children, please visit supporttribalchildren.org

Submitted photo



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MISSION STATEMENT:

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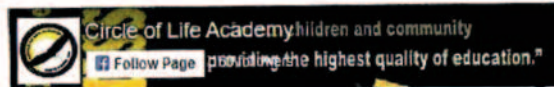
Important Dates:

- Open House - August 7, 2023
- First Day of School – August 8, 2023
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-
September 14, 2023, February 1, 2024
- Last Day of School- May 23, 2024

Intercession Dates and Activities:

- Dagwaagin (Fall)
September 18-22, 2023 Wild Rice Camp;
October 23-27, 2023 Hunting, Archery
- Biboon (Winter)
February 19-23, 2024 Ice Fishing,
Storytelling
- Ziigwan (Spring)
March 25-29, 2024 Sugar Bush;
April 15-19, 2024 Spring Planting
- Niibin (Summer)
June 10-28, 2024 Gardening

Additional Cultural activities will also take place during Intercession



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COLA WARRIORS

New Student Applications will

be accepted until August 22, 2023.

All applications must be complete, with the required documents before students will be accepted.

Returning students need to fill out the returning student application that was mailed out to parents/guardians.

Open House will be August 7th, 2023, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

First day of school – August 8th, 2023.

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White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program who works to support child care providers with the process of licensing their home or a child safe facility while building their own personal business ownership through resources available for the following:

- ❖ START-UP GRANTS FOR CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE
 - ❖ CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS
 - ❖ POLICY PROCEDURE & CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT
 - ❖ ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
 - ❖ BUSINESS PLANNING & ADVERTISEMENT
 - ❖ HEALTH & SAFETY TRAININGS
 - ❖ CHILDREN'S PLAY-SCAPES
- and much more.

Just **Call** and we will come for a visit to HELP answer your questions.

Contact Kim at 218-983-3285 x1215 or email Kim.Lage@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

Please update your address!

Update your address with White Earth Enrollments even if you updated your address with White Earth Licensing (IDs), White Earth Election Board, or the *Anishinaabeg Today*.

Call White Earth Enrollments at 218-983-4643

** Let the newspaper know if you moved 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

White Earth Natural Resources team participates in Water Operation Certification Course

By Amy Moore
Environmental Coordinator
White Earth Natural Resources

Twelve dedicated members of the White Earth Natural Resources team were presented with a unique opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge during the week of July 10. They participated in the Motorboat Operation Certification Course, offered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge.

The course included a comprehensive review of the minimum requirements for the safe operation of motorboats, covering various critical aspects. Topics covered included legal regulations, trip preparations, navigation techniques, smooth boat operations, emergency procedures, life-saving rescue techniques, proper trailering practices, fire suppression

measures, and the foundations of basic seamanship.

This transformative learning experience was skillfully delivered through a combination of classroom instruction and engaging field activities. A team of seven highly experienced instructors generously shared their expertise, allowing for invaluable one-on-one training with each participant. Field activities included launching and trailering a boat, on the water obstacles and scenarios, water rescues, knot tying and trailer backing.

The Motorboat Operation Certification Course provided the White Earth Natural Resources staff with essential skills and knowledge, empowering them to confidently operate motorized boats in the field. The course's unwavering focus on safety and adherence to proper methods has significantly enhanced their capabilities, making them reliable assets in their vital roles within the organization.



Submitted photo

Staff from White Earth Natural Resources recently participated in a Motorboat Operation Certification Course offered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge.

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

USDA Rural Development has funds available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

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

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing

a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify.

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Ojibwemodaa.2!

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

Abinoojiwin•Infancy

Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism! Pronounce by syllables: Boo zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan. - Greetings! How are you? Nimino-ayaa, giin dash?. I am well, you also?

- Pronounce syllables: Speak the consonant & specific vowel sound.
- “Nimaamaa, Nindede! Ambe omaa!”
“My mama/mom, My daadaa/dad! Come here!”
- “Eya! Nimbakade noongom. Gizaaga’in.”
“Yes! I am hungry now. I love you.”
- “Gaawiin nimbakadesii noongom.”
“No I am not hungry now.”
- “Gidayekoz ina? Nidayekoz.”
“Are you tired? I am tired.”
- “Wayiiba, niwii-nibaa.”
“In a little bit, I will sleep.”

- Anokii. -S/he works.
- Nindanokii. - I work.
- Gidanokii. - You work.
- Anokiiwag. - They work.
- Anokiidaa! - Let's all work!
- Nindanokiimin gitagaaning.
- We work in the garden.

Agindaaso. S/he reads.
Moozhwaagan(an) Scissors(s)
Gimaadagindaas. You start to read.
Binaakwaan(an) Comb(s)
Baapaagokozo. S/he gets a haircut.
Aabajichigan(an)-Tool(s)
Bakite'igan(an)- Hammer(s)
Bima'igan(an)-Turning tool(s)
Giishkiboojigan(an)- Saw(s)

Find the ten (10) underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Aaniin! Boozhoo! Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan? How are you? Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is our native language. It was mostly an oral (only spoken) language, but there are several old and new written patterns used. Trail signs told the way. Read of the fur trade era as Ojibwemowin “Zhooniya - Money” was used in international trade. Daswaabik - so many dollars. Bezhighwaabik- 1 dollar, Niizhwaabik- 2 dollars, Niswaabik- 3 dollars, Niwaabik-\$4.00, Naarwaabik-\$5.00, Ningodwaaswaabik-\$6.00, Niizhwaaswaabik-\$7.00, Nishwaaswaabik-\$8, Zhaangaswaabik-\$9, Midaaswaabik-\$10.00

- Penny(s)-Miskwaamikoons (ag)
- Nickel(s)-Aabita-zhooniyaans(ag)
- Dime/Coin(s)-Zhooniyaans(ag)
- Quarter(s)-Bezhighwooniyaans(ag) (Or dime)
- Aaniin minik? -How much?

HOWAH!
Specific to Ojibwe!
*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 dash in: oh-oh

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

Nitaawigiwin •Grownup

Anishinaabemon!
Ozhibii'igen!
Speak Ojibwe! Write it!
Aakoziwigamigong imaa...
Inini bookogaade.

- Ikwé ondaadiziike.
- Gwiwizens bookonike.
- Nimikaan giziindime'on.
- Ikwézens beshigaadeshin.
- Ikwé mamaajide'eshkaa.

Apeghish menoseyan.
I wish you well/good.

Key: At a hospital there...
... A man, he has a broken leg.
... A woman gives birth.
... A boy has a broken arm.
... A girl has a cut on her leg.
... A lady has heart problems.
Miigwech Mashkikiwinikweg idash
Mashkikiwikweg! Thanks him/her Drs!

Maadaadizig (All start!) Ojibwemowin!

Aaniin, Boozhoo! Answer: Aaniin/Hello! :-)
Mino-güzhigad. - It is a good day.
Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan? - What is your name?
(Name) nindizhinikaaz. - Name, I am called.
Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan? - How are you?
Nimino-ayaa. :-) Gemaa Nimaji-ayaa. :-) (I am well/good. Or I am bad-feeling.
Gidojibwem ina? - Do you speak Ojibwe?
Eya, nindojibwem. - Yes, I speak Ojibwe.
Or Gaawiin nindojibwemosii. - No, I do not speak Ojibwe language.
Bangi. - A little bit.
Howah! - Wow! Cool! Alright!
Miigwech. - Thank you.
Oji bwe mo win. > Mii gwech mii na waa. -
Learn Ojibwemowin Thanks again./You're
vowel sounds first. welcome.

VII-Verb, Inanimate, Intransitive, It is...
Aa ba waa. - It is warm, mild weather.
Aa ba waa te. - It is warm from the sun.
Gii zhoo bii zaa. - It is a warm rain.

- WE Resources
<https://whiteearth.com/divisions/culture/services>
•Search/Listen: Ojibwe People's Dictionary
<https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>
•Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Comm.
<https://www.glifwc.org/>
•Clipart: wpclipart.com

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezbinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? Izbinikaazo
Manoominike-Giizis wa'aw giizis. -S/he is named Wildrice Working-Moon (Aug.) this moon.
“Nindikid, “Gichi-miigwech” Anishinaabeg Gichi-aya'aag.. Gaa-wiidookawiyaaan, apiitendaagwad. Apane wiidookaagewag. Ningii-wiidookawigog, anokiiyaan. Ayaana-meg gichi-nibwaawinan bimoseyeg omaa Akiing. “I say, “Big Thanks” Ojibwe native Elders. As you helped me, it was invaluable. Always they help. They helped me, when I worked. You all have great-wisdom as you all walk here on Earth.

- 1. Ni_____ -ojibwem noongom.
I want/will-speak Ojibwe Language now.
- 2. Ojibwemo_____ ingiw abinoojiyag.
They speak Ojibwe, those children.
- 3. _____ ojibwemo____. Owii-naanda-gikendaan noongom!
No, s/he does not speak Ojibwe. S/he wants-to learn to speak now.
- 4. Gaawiin nindojibwemosii. _____-nanda-mikwendaan noongom.
No, I do not speak Ojibwe. I will-try to-remember today.
- 5. Niwii-wiidookaage babaamaajimoo-mazina'igan____. Ojibwemog!
I will help in the newspaper, yes. Speak Ojibwe language!

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

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

Special Events

- **Diabetes Bingo**
 August 3rd: Shooting Star
 August 8th: Elbow Lake
 August 9th: Valley View
 August 24: Pine Point
- **WECOE Meeting**
 August 1st

Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige

“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

White Earth Elderly Wellness Program

Manoominike-giizis (Ricing Moon)- August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Breadstick Spinach salad Peaches	1 Sweet&sour chicken Brown rice Egg roll Oriental veggies Fortune cookie Plums	2 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	3 Bison burger w/ fixings Roasted squash Melon	4 Chef salad Artisan roll Brownie Pineapple
7 Chicken/noodle hotdish Wheat roll Brussel sprouts Cinnamon peaches	8 Pork roast w/ gravy Wheat bread Corn Mashed potatoes Cranberries	9 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	10 Sausage zucchini bake Manoomin stuffing Steamed carrots Chocolate pudding Banana	11 Turkey and Swiss on a croissant bun Creamy potato soup Fruit salad
14 Glazed ham Mac n cheese Croissant roll Cauliflower Fresh fruit	15 Beef Enchilada Spanish rice Fiesta corn Tropical fruit	16 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	17 Baked chicken Pesto pasta Asparagus Grape salad	18 Bratwurst w/ bun Roasted potatoes Sauerkraut Apple & blueberry crisp
21 Tater tot hotdish Dinner roll Pickled beets Pears	22 Chicken parmesan over pasta Steamed broccoli Breadstick Mandarin oranges	23 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	24 Birthday Lunch French dip sandwich Sweet potato fries Cut veggies w/ dip Fresh fruit Birthday treat	25 Brunch for Lunch Chefs Choice 
28 Chicken a la king Biscuit Mixed veggies Spinach salad Fruit cocktail	29 Salisbury steak Stewed tomatoes Mashed potatoes Wheat roll Mangoes	30 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	31 Baked fish Manoomin pilaf Green beans Wheat roll Berry parfait	**White Earth Congregate Site will be re-opening soon.

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 :

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 cooking for White Earth ENP Site
 Site Supervisor ~ Tanya Heinonen

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

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
 Site Supervisor ~ Tim Rindahl ext:1226

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

White Earth Food Distribution August 2023 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

August 2023 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

August 4th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

August 11th: Mahnomen & Waubun

August 18th: White Earth

August 25th: Detroit Lakes

August 31st: Store closed for inventory.

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*WIC follows RBC schedule for closings		1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	3 Pine Point Community Building 9:30-3:00	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	5
6	7 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	8 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	9 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	10 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	11 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	12
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Obituaries

Douglas “Doug” Jerome Pemberton Sr.

Douglas Jerome Pemberton Sr., 82, of New Brighton, Minn., passed away on July 5, in New Brighton.

Douglas, son of John C. and Margaret R. (Thompson) Pemberton, was born on March 12, 1941, in Cass Lake, Minn. He grew up and attended school in Cass Lake and later joined the U.S. Army. He was married to Nancy Goodwin in 1961.



Doug spent most of his life in Minneapolis. He loved to drive. There isn't a road in the Twin Cities metro that Doug didn't know. After many hardships and struggles, Doug became sober in 1990 and enjoyed 30+ years of sobriety. Doug dearly loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by Nancy Pemberton; son, Douglas J. (Linda Marie) Pemberton Jr., daughter, Mary (David) Wold, and son, Dennis (Laurie) Pemberton; 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; sister, Betty (Kenneth) Anderson; brother, Robert Pemberton; and other relatives and friends.

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Carla Jo Pemberton; brother, John Wayne Pemberton; and a brother and sister in infancy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 13 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake with Fr. Kuriakose “KK” Nediakala officiating.

Pallbearers were Blake Pemberton, Kyle Wold, Rich Lewis, Isaiah Pemberton, Chase Pemberton, and Mark Goodwin.

Interment: Thompson Cemetery in Cass Lake.

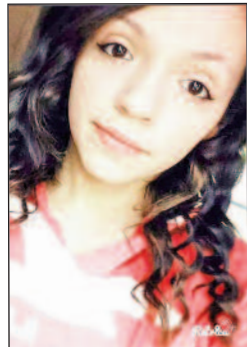
Arrangements: Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minn.

Online: www.northernpeace.com

SueAnn Marie Thompson

SueAnn Marie Thompson, Mooksikwe “Little Bear Woman,” 26, of Bagley, Minn., began her Spirit Journey on July 12 in Mahanomen.

SueAnn was born on March 22, 1997, in Bagley to Lori Randberg and Robert Thompson. She attended Bagley and Bemidji High School. Susie worked as a 3rd grade teachers' assistant for a couple of years. It was a job she loved. Susie enjoyed shopping/thrifting, doing crafts, and puzzles. She loved nature, dancing, and making regalia with her grandma, Karen.



Susie is survived by her mother, Lori Randberg; father, Robert “Tony” Thompson; grandmothers, Karen Evans and Josephine Randberg; siblings: Robert (Mary) Beitel, Brianna Thompson, Jade Degroat, Alan (Jeanette) Randberg, Jessica Randberg, and Laura Thompson; aunt, Francine Day; uncles: Jamie Randberg, Joseph (Tiffany) Randberg, Elmer (Lynette) Thompson, and Gary Thompson; and many cousins, and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Jesse Randberg and Garrison Evans; aunt, Kelly Randberg; cousin, Allen Thompson; uncle, Keith Hill; and many other loved family members.

A wake began on July 17 and continue until the time of the funeral service on July 18, both at the Rice Lake Community Center.

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

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.

Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

David Keith Kier

Duane Kier, 72, of White Earth, died July 6 at Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D.

Duane Keith Kier was born July 29, 1950, in White Earth to John and Margaret (Keezer) Kier. Growing up, he attended school in White Earth and Minneapolis. After his schooling, he spent the majority of his life in the Twin Cities metro where he worked as a carpenter and electrician. In 2001, Duane moved to the Cass Lake area to be closer to family. The past couple of years he has made his home in White Earth.



Duane enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing pool and going to pow wows. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and showering them with gifts. In addition to time with family, Duane also loved going to the casino and socializing with friends while enjoying a cold drink.

Duane is survived by his children: Diana White, Brian White and Corey Jones; grandchildren: Andre, Joshua, Dwayne, Michael, Deanna, Breana, Desirae, Brandon, Heather, Brian Jr., Kiara,

Taylor, Jayden, Corey Jr., Christopher, Evangeline, Miigwan, Angel, and Cora; many great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Beverly Kier and Anna Dean Houle; significant other, Donna Congar; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughters, Jessica and Dawn; sons, Duane and Preston; sisters, Roberta and Ruth; and brothers: Kiron, Ole, and Wally.

Blessed be the Memory of Duane Kier.

Visitation began the evening of July 12 and continued until the time of the funeral on July 13, all at the White Earth Community Center.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Theresa Marie Villebrun

Theresa Marie Villebrun was born on March 14, 1974, in Minneapolis at Deaconess Hospital and unexpectedly passed away on July 2.

She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold and such a bubbly uplifting personality to be around. Theresa enjoyed her childhood years in Minneapolis and spent her teenage years in White Earth. She fell in love and had her first two children. Theresa received her GED from Mahanomen ALC shortly thereafter. Between raising her kids and growing up herself, she also worked at the Shooting Star Casino as a blackjack dealer.



Theresa moved out of Minnesota and flew to New Jersey to start a fresh new life. While living there she worked as a blackjack dealer at the Atlantic City Casino. She would run the New Jersey Boardwalk five miles every day while Kailene and Jamie Jr. rode their bikes beside her. Theresa had an amazing voice and enjoyed singing. She'd sing in contests all around when she had the chance. She also loved beading and dancing.

Theresa came back to White Earth years later, fell in love again and had her third child. Many years went by and when she wasn't involved with her kids any longer, she moved back to Minneapolis to make her home. She recently had made a beautiful jingle dress for her youngest granddaughter's first dress. To keep her mind and body busy she rode bike every chance she had around town. She had many friends she visited regularly.

Theresa leaves behind daughters, Kailene (Dan Dakota) Villebrun-Bevins, and Desi Swanson; grandchildren: Michael, Desirae and Paige Dakota, Shaylin Bevins, Brenten St. Clair (Goble) and Jamie Lee Bevins III (Buddy Goble); siblings, Richard Stoa and Nicole (Joe Gusa) Stoa; and nieces and nephews: Cherianna Gusa, Alyssa Stoa, Jordan Swirtz, and Elijah Keihl.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jon and Cheri Stoa; son, Jamie Lee Bevins Jr., grandmothers, Beryl Bloom and Silvia Stoa; nephew, Jonathan Gusa; uncles: Brad Beaupre, Charlie Beaupre, and Anthony Villebrun; and aunties, Darcy and Rebecca Villebrun.

Blessed be the Memory of Theresa Villebrun.

Visitation began the evening of July 13 and continued until the time of the funeral on July 14, all at the White Earth Community Center.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Ganawendandaa Nibiikaangi

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH 2023

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ENTRY FEE FOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S IS \$350.
 NO STACKING TEAMS.
 ONLY CLASS D & E.
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 FOUR HOMERUNS PER GAME.
 BUY UP TO THREE EXTRA HOMERUN BALLS FOR TEN DOLLARS EACH - MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE START OF GAME.
 TEAMS PROVIDE OWN BALLS, BALLS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AT THE CONCESSIONS IF NEEDED.
 FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE PRIZES ARE TBD UPON TEAMS REGISTRATION

Registration & payments due September 1

Homerun Derby 2023

Women & Men 1st place prize will receive a softball bat.
 Twenty dollars for one entry only.
 Derby will take place on the first day during intermission.

BEST GLOVE FOR MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE AWARDED FOR INFIELD AND OUTFIELD THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT. AWARDED ON SUNDAY.

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Please Contact Sue Hanks at 218-401-0415
 Jedediah Desjarlait at 218-401-3829 for registration.

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Registration & payments due September 1

CSO
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH 2023

VENDOR SIGN UP

Vendors For Food and craft set up From 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.
 Will be responsible for set up and clean up of your area.
 You must provide your own tables, canopy, chairs, etc.
 The host is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 Electricity will not be provided.
 Vendors will not be permitted to set up if under the influence.
 Registration deadline is September First.
 Food Vendor registration is Two hundred dollars.
 Craft Vendor registration is One hundred and fifty dollars.
 Please Contact Sue Hanks at 218-401-0415 For any questions or to reserve your spot as spaces are limited!

NAYTAHWAUSH SOFTBALL FIELD

Job Opportunity

Together Overcoming Diabetes
 Niwii-shaagoojitoomin izhi-maamawi

NOW HIRING!
 Family Health Coach

This position is based on White Earth Reservation

About the Position

The Family Health Coach will work as part of a type 2 diabetes intervention project team. The goal of this diabetes intervention project is to implement and evaluate the impact of a type 2 diabetes management and prevention program for adult caregivers and their 10-16 year old children.

This position works to assist in the delivery of public health services as part of the research project, *Together Overcoming Diabetes*. Project activities include family-based outreach and education, travel to local homes by car, delivering educational curriculum in participants' homes, and document completion. This position will work closely with a community-based research council and with research team members in Duluth, Minn. Attention to detail, excellent organizational ability, strong communication, and interpersonal skills are required.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED required
- Minimum of two years of relevant experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's or Associate's Degree preferred
- Familiarity with Ojibwemowin and/or Ojibwe culture preferred
- Experience working within Native American populations

This position will begin with multi-day training in Duluth. After training, position will begin as part-time with potential for full-time hours during peak intervention delivery pending case load. Details of hours will be discussed at time of offer.

For more information or to begin the application process, please contact Rachel at 203-722-8777 or rstein18@jhu.edu

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WILD RICE COOK-OFF

3 DIFFERENT WILD RICE RECIPES

SOUP MAIN DISH OTHER

Chef it up and enter your best dish for Cash Prizes!
 1st Place - \$100 & apron. 2nd place - \$75. 3rd place - \$50.
 Each dish will be scored on TASTE
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 Judging begins at 3:30-4pm
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Church Service

New Pastor at White Earth Assembly of God and Rice Lake Area Fellowship Assembly of God

The White Earth AG Church (35689 County Highway 21) worship service is at 10:30 a.m. We have re-started services at the Rice Lake Area Fellowship AG Church (26286 County 7, Bagley) with worship services at 4 p.m. Each service is followed by a fellowship feast. The fellowship feast is one of the ways both churches show the family bond that is consistent to Native culture, it is beautiful to see our church family share with each other by bringing food to church and to share with all. Come give us a visit, maybe this is your new church family and home. It is our aim to walk in God's will and purpose, share Jesus with all who will hear; one of our guiding verses is Luke 19:10 (NASB) "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Elders from Page 7

A bus was arranged on July 26 for Elders to attend the Community Health Day in Redby, Minn. There were 15 Elders signed up to go on this trip and we left White Earth at 7 a.m. We were able to meet and greet ones we know and eat and socialize with new people also. Please remember that the Elders that go on these trips rarely leave our Tribal Nation so we need to get them out as much as possible. In a few months many will be confined to their apartments or homes as weather deteriorates or they have no cars or transportation other than to go shopping or eat at Shooting Star once a month, plus budgets of \$800 - \$1,000 a month does not go very far.

The regular monthly meeting of this Elder

Council was held Tuesday, Aug. 1 in the lower kitchen area of our Tribal building. Lunch was provided as usual. We are unable to meet at the Elder Nutrition site at Congregate, as they are not done with the remodel.

Take care of each other, pray for our Country with all the weather situations, be safe and as healthy as an Elder can be. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Anonymous. The numbers below are for contacts when in need of help. Thank You!

Lucille Silk, 218-983-3768
Lawrence Crowell, 218-252-9390
Missy Fairbanks, 218-401-0553

Alzheimer's from Page 9

can. Current evidence suggests that heart-healthy eating may help protect the brain. Heart-healthy eating includes limiting the intake of sugar and saturated fats and making sure to eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and lean meats. A number of studies indicate that maintaining strong social connections and keeping mentally active as we age may also lower the risk of cognitive decline and Alzheimer's. There also appears to be a strong link between future risk of cognitive decline and serious head trauma, especially when injury involves loss of consciousness.

You can help reduce your risk of Alzheimer's and protect your head by wearing a seat belt, using a helmet when participating in sports, minimizing clutter,

loose rugs and poor lighting to help avoid falls. Regular physical exercise may be a beneficial strategy to lower the risk of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia. Exercise may directly benefit brain cells by increasing blood and oxygen flow in the brain.

Other risk factors to consider include limiting alcohol use, reducing cardiovascular risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking cessation, getting blood glucose under control, getting a good nights sleep and reviewing medications which can cause memory loss such as Benadryl or Ditropan XL.

It is important to have regular medical checkups to help prevent disease and improve quality of life.

Chairman from Page 3

Continuous Head Start at our White Earth site for 3-5 year olds. Learning focused on cultural knowledge and outdoor experiences, including Blessing of the Water at Round Lake, and trips to the WE Rediscovery Center, Tamarac Refuge, Itasca State Park, and to pick berries. On their nature walks, these young ones learned about edible and medicinal plant identification, including which plants to stay away from. Head Start offers a Home Base Program for 0-3 year olds and pregnant women. Center-based learning will begin Sept. 7 and will be Monday through Friday at all sites, from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. If a community requests it and families apply, wrap-around care before and after the Head Start classes will be offered, with drop-offs from 7:45 - 8 a.m. and children picked up by families by 4:45 p.m. each day.

The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program is available in the Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Pine Point, and White Earth communities to provide pre-testing, tutoring and testing for GEDs. They have 94 enrolled/served students and welcome you to join them to complete your high school equivalency certification.

In the past six months, our Boys and Girls Clubs have served a total of 14,707 (duplicated) youth by providing educational and healthy programming and meals, local and larger field trips to the Science Museum and a Twins game. They will soon hold a Wild Rice Camp that includes water safety training and are partnering with Behavioral Health for an Indigenous Fashion Show in August. Our Boys and Girls Clubs will be closed for the weeks of Aug. 21-Sept. 1 for administrative needs and training. They will transition to 12-5 p.m. school year hours as schools reopen. Pine Point on July 31, White Earth - COLA on Aug. 7, and the remaining four sites will revert to school year hours on Sept. 5, after the Labor

Day holiday. New applications will be required of all youth as we begin the new academic year.

The White Earth Scholarship Program is gearing up to fund eligible White Earth enrolled students at the college level. We currently have 84 active applications and hope to exceed Fall 2022's enrollment of 280 students. The WESP encourages you to get your application materials in as soon as possible if you will attend a college or university during the Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 semester. Please also apply for a graduation award if you have completed a GED, high school, associate of arts, bachelor's or graduate level certificate or degree program. Sixty-nine students have already received this incentive award.

Our White Earth Child Care Program continues to offer training for providers and families, licensing for qualified home-based providers that includes start-up support, and will be hosting four backpack giveaways for youth ages 3-12. These events will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Naytahwaush Fire Hall on Aug. 9, Pine Point Powwow Grounds on Aug. 10, Rice Lake Community Center on Aug. 17, and the White Earth Community Center on Aug. 24.

Miigwech to the Natural Resources Division and our Education Division for their great updates! This month is an important time to get outside and harvest our berries and medicines to store them and use throughout the year along with our beautiful Manoomin- Wild Rice! Let's get out and harvest all we need for the winter!

Baamaapii wiingezin.
Miigwech bizindawiyeg.
Gigawaabaminim naagaj.
Take it easy.
Thank you for listening to me.
See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Howah Ads

Happy **5th** Birthday
Ella Fern

Love Mom, Dad,
Emani, Eevi, Hanna,
Grandma and Grandpa

Happy **55th** Birthday
Jeff Burnette

July 28

Happy **5th** Birthday
Ella Fern Thompson

Love,
Mom
dad,
papa,
grandma,
Eevi,
Hanna
& Emani



Aug. 9

REMINDER!

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

All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

Happy **12th** Birthday
Justuz Rylar

Mom
Loves
you
so
much!



Happy Birthday
Mum

Love, Tiffany Ann



Happy **10th** Birthday
Francis!

Love
your
family



Aug.
15

Happy Birthday Grandma
Love - the Grandbabies



Happy **2nd** Birthday
Atavia Rose!

Love
your
family



Aug.
13th

**WE Reservation Council of Elders 2023
Monthly Meeting Dates**

Every First Tuesday

Mahnomen (Shooting Star) - September 5

Naytahwaush - October 6

Rice Lake - November 7

All meetings are held at the village nutrition site after lunch

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Job Opportunity

SNAP-Ed Health & Wellness Coordinator

SNAP-Ed Health and Wellness Coordinators lead communities to design and implement solutions to improve individual and community health by promoting healthy eating behaviors and physical activity in low-income communities. This position will work from Mahnomen County Extension with a broad focus within surrounding communities including communities in Mahnomen, Norman and Becker Counties.

REQUIRED:

- Six years of relevant experience or the combination of a bachelor's degree in community health promotion, nutrition, or a closely related discipline and two years of experience.
 - o Experience noted above should include two (2) years of experience teaching, community health promotion, or engaging communities in improving health or food access.
 - Experience working with culturally diverse, economically under-resourced, and underserved people.
 - Effective verbal and written communication skills with the ability to adapt communication styles to suit different audiences.
 - Experience using computers and distance technology platforms for data entry, creating informational materials, emails, teaching, or training purposes.
- Estimated salary range is \$47,000 - \$54,000, commensurate with education and experience.

To apply, view full job description and qualifications requirements go to the U of MN Employment System: <https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/ext/356541>.

Complete the online application and attach a resume, cover letter and list of references with phone and email contact information. Applications Deadline: Initial review of applications starts August 4th but position is open until filled.

Questions about the position contact Sara Van Offelen at vanof001@umn.edu.

Lost Dog

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Summer Food Service Programs

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Site Name	Site Address	Dates and Days of Operation	Meals with Service Times
Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club	416 US HWY 59 Mahnomen, MN	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club	2531 310 th Ave Naytahwaush, MN	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Pine Point Boys & Girls Club	48580 Pow Wow Hwy Ponsford, MN	June 20 th - July 30 th , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Rice Lake Boys & Girls Club	13830 Community Loop Rd Rice Lake, MN	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Waubun Boys & Girls Club	1041 Dutch St Waubun, MN	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
White Earth Boys & Girls Club	26310 Crane Road White Earth, MN	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Elbow Lake Boys and Girls Club	Church Lane Waubun, MN	June 5 th - August 31 st , 2023 Mon - Fri	Breakfast 8:30-4:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

For more information, contact Aimee Drift at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5303.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form \(AD-3027\)](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
2. fax: (202) 690-7442, or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Naytahwaush Community Charter School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Lunch will be provided to all children, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, at no charge and meet nutritional standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Meals will be provided at the following sites:

Site Name	Site Address	Dates and Days of Operation	Meals with Service Times
Naytahwaush Charter School	242 Church St Naytahwaush, MN 56566	Dates: June 12 th 2023-June 29 th , 2023 Dates: July 3 rd , 2023 - July 31 st , 2023 Dates: August 1 st , 2023- August 17 th , 2023	Lunch Serving time: 11:30am - 12:30pm Monday - Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

INDIGENOUS DOULA TRAINING



Save The Date: August 8-11

A "doula" is a modern term for the time-honored role of supporting families throughout the journey of pregnancy, childbirth and beyond.

Dr. Erin Tenney
Certified Nurse-Midwife, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, DONA International Birth Doula and Trainer

Dorene Day
Indigenous Midwife.
Day is a member of the Ojibwe Tribe of Northern Minnesota and a longtime teacher and advocate for Indigenous birth work.

Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building
2469 310th St.
Mahnomen, MN 56567

RSVP: lacy.armstrong@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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15 JUN	WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY CENTER 4:00 PM
22 JUN	WAUBUN CITY PARK 4:00 PM
29 JUN	RICE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER 4:00 PM
06 JUL	OGEMA SOFTBALL FIELD/PARK 4:00 PM
13 JUL	MAHNOMEN MTCC LOT AT BERKETT AVE & 5TH ST 4:00 PM
20 JUL	CALLAWAY SOFTBALL FIELD/PARK 4:00 PM
27 JUL	NAY-TAH-WAUSH POW WOW GROUNDS 4:00 PM
03 AUG	ELBOW LAKE PICNIC SHELTER/DOCK 4:00 PM
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PP School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.
Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:35 p.m.

Members Present – Sara Hunt, Michael Swan, Marva Aitken, Gerald Roberts, John Swan, Allison Jones

Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks

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

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Sara Hunt to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer's Report – Motion by Michael Swan to approve Treasurer's Report for May 2023 as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the payment of bills for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$59,217.56 for check #32628 through check #32693 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA/TSA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 No unfinished business

7.0 New Business

7.1 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Calendar Change for Staff Development – Motion by Michael Swan to approve changes as presented for Staff Development training, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.2 2022-2023 Revised Budget – Motion by Sara Hunt to approve 2022-2023 Revised Budget as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.3 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget – Motion by Michael Swan to approve 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.4 Sealed Bus Bids – Motion by Marva Aitken to award sealed bus bid to N.Brunner for \$500.00, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

8.0 Principal's Report – Discussion on Track & Field Day; Last day of school; Long Lakes Conservation Camp Field trip for grades 5-8; Staff Development Training; Drama Camp; Maternity Leave. No action needed.

9.0 Public Participation – July 4th fireworks/picnic; August Pow-Wow; Family Outing Activity; Family Fun Day.

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Allison Jones to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m., seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next board meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023

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Contractors Needed

White Earth Tribal Finance is soliciting local contractors to perform home repairs for elder homes located within the three districts of the White Earth Reservation. The work is to be performed during the summer/fall of 2023.

Each home will be bid out separately, contractors will have the opportunity to choose which homes they would like to submit a proposal for.

Please e-mail we.contracting@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call the Tribal Finance Contracting Office if you would like to be on the solicitation list for this work at 218-983-3285 Ext. 3276.

Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Community Council hosted the first Naame Giizis Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow on July 28-30. The host drum was Smokey Hill and the MCs were Vince Beyl and Frank Stech. More than 270 dancers registered but many more non-registered dancers participated throughout the weekend. There were a total of 18 drums registered. The White Earth Community Council plans on making this an annual event.



Photo by Budd Parker

Pete Fairbanks, left, Fr. Benny Lipalata, OMI, Bruce Engebretson and John Heisler stand next to a new government issued gravestone for White Earth Veteran John P. Turpin at St. Michael's Cemetery.

White Earth WWI Vet finally gets gravestone

By Budd Parker

After 101 years, the remains of a World War I soldier, Pvt. 1st Class John P. Turpin, no longer rests in an unmarked grave.

This past April 30, on an extremely windy and brisk Sunday afternoon, a group from St. Benedict's Catholic Church in White Earth came together after Mass to install a new government issued gravestone on John's grave at St. Michael's Cemetery in Mahanomen. They were Pete Fairbanks, Jack Heisler, Fr. Benny Lipalata, OMI, Bruce Engebretson, and myself.

John Phillip Turpin, a Mississippi Band Chippewa from the White Earth Reservation, died while on active duty in 1922 at Ft. Missoula, Mont. He was only 31 years of age. During World War I - "The War To End All Wars" - he served with the 58th Infantry of the American Expeditionary Force in France, where he was wounded, and also in Germany.

After the war, he briefly came home to the reservation. Either due to boredom, the promise of a guaranteed steady paycheck, or perhaps missing the structure of military life, he enlisted once more into the regular Army and was sent out west where he died two years later. A tragic and much too early end for this young man who had been orphaned by the age of 13 years. His mother died before he was 2 years old and at the age of 13, his father went missing and was later declared dead by the courts.

John was born on Oct. 19, 1890, in White Earth to Frederick Turpin and his wife, Elisabeth Vanoss. He was baptized seven days later by his grandmother's lifelong friend, Fr. Aloysius Hermanutz, O.S.B., at St. Benedict's Mission in White Earth with his aunt

and uncle, Andrew and Margaret Vanoss, as godparents.

His mother's family were at White Earth and his father's were at the Pembina Settlement at Wild Rice (about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Mahanomen), so his early life was spent between these two places. John's mother, Elisabeth (aka Lisette and Lizzie) died on Feb. 7, 1892, when John was barely a year old leaving him and his older sister Lillian to the care of their widowed father, grandmother, and other relatives.

Twelve years later, their father went missing and his body never found. As such, he spent much of his boyhood days in the care of his maternal grandmother, Nancy Vanoss Villebrun and her husband Baptiste, his aunt Annie and her husband Dave DeSautel, and the boarding schools. He attended school at St. Benedict's Mission and later at Pipestone Government Indian School where he learned the barber trade. After school he opened a barber shop in Mahanomen and in White Earth upon the outbreak of war in Europe.

Physically, John was not a big man. His draft reg-



John Philip Turpin

See Veteran Page 8