



6 candidates are certified to run in Primary and General elections

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee recently certified four candidates to run for Chairperson in the upcoming Primary Election scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2**.

They also certified two candidates to run for District III Representative. However, MCT election rules state if only two candidates are running for an open position, they bypass the Primary Election and run in the General Election.

The purpose of the Primary Election is to determine two candidates from Chairperson to move on to the General Election on **Tuesday, June 12**, unless a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes counted for that position in the Primary Election in which case that candidate will be the winning candidate.

The White Earth RBC certifies that the following list of candidates for Chairperson is accurate. The order of the how the candidates will be placed on the ballot was determined by a drawing held at an open public meeting at the RBC. The names of the candidates are how they will appear on the ballot:

- Eugene Umsy Tibbetts**
- Donovan G. Burnette**
- Michael A. Fairbanks** (Incumbent)
- Karen Marie Manypenny**

The White Earth RBC certifies that the following list of candidates for District III Committeeperson is accurate. Only two candidates were certified so they will bypass the Primary Election and compete in the General Election. A public lottery to determine the placement of the names on the ballot will be held at a later date.

- Cheryl "Annie" Jackson** (Incumbent)
- Laura Lee Erickson**

All candidates were given the opportunity to submit an article and photo for this issue. To read what they have to say turn to **pages 24-26**.

If you have election questions you can contact the White Earth Election Board at 218-936-5622, toll free at 1-866-211-9154 or via email at election.board@whiteearth.com



Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

Governor Tim Walz, Secretary of the U.S. Navy Carlos Del Toro, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, White Earth Nation Chairman Michael Fairbanks alongside family and friends attended a ceremony naming a ship in honor of the late Master Chief James D. Fairbanks on Feb. 21 in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Navy names ship in honor of Master Chief James D. Fairbanks, White Earth Nation citizen

By **Melissa Olson**
MPR News

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro announced on Feb. 21 a future U.S. Navy ship is named in honor of Master Chief James D. Fairbanks (1952-2011). Fairbanks was a citizen of the White Earth Nation.

In a speech released by the U.S. Navy's press office, Del Toro said Fairbanks is among many Indigenous people who serve in the U.S. Military.

"It is with great honor and conviction that I announce the name of the next of the Navajo-class will bear his name — USNS James D. Fairbanks will carry his legacy of service forward and symbolize his dedication to the Seabees."

Fairbanks was the first Native American to serve as Force Master Chief Petty Officer, the highest-ranking enlisted Navy Seabee. In December 2005, Fairbanks became the 13th Force Master Chief of the Seabees.

Seabees is a nickname for the U.S. Naval Construction Battalions — the C and B for 'Seabees.'

Fairbanks joins a small group of prominent Native American leaders for whom T-ATS ships are named, including Marine Billy Frank Jr. (Nisqually) and Navy Seal Solomon Atkinson (Tsimshian).

The T-ATS Naval ships are ocean-going towing, salvage and rescue vessels used to support Navy fleets.

The ceremony honoring Fairbanks took place in Washington, D.C. Feb. 21 at the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall.

Del Toro also announced that Paulette Fairbanks Molin, Master Chief Fairbanks' sister will serve as a co-sponsor of the USNS James D. Fairbanks.

Molin represented her siblings and extended family at the ceremony. In a statement to MPR News, Molin lauded the honoring of her late brother Jimmy.

"This high honor represents active remembrance of our family's beloved service member in the present as well as into the future. The USNS James D. Fairbanks will continue to signify an extraordinary life of leadership and service," stated Molin. "Knowing him, my brother would redirect the attention from himself to others, especially the troops, as well as to the work before us."

White Earth Nation Chairman Michael Fairbanks led a delegation from White Earth to Washington D.C. to attend the day's events, and spoke at the ceremony.

"Force Master Chief James Fairbanks was in our language an Ogiichidaa, a Warrior for our People - the Anishinaabeg, and the citizens of the United States. He served with distinction and valor," the chairman said. "Due to his exemplary leadership, he has earned the right to have a ship named in his honor."

Fairbanks was joined by Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan.

In an interview with MPR News, Flanagan, also a citizen of the White Earth Nation, praised Chief Master James Fairbanks for his leadership.

"This honor bestowed on Master Chief Fairbanks also honors the service and the sacrifices made by all

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

State of the Nation

Community members are invited to the White Earth State of the Nation on April 4 at the Shooting Star Casino. Program information booths will be on display starting at 8 a.m. Social hour begins at 9 a.m., and the Welcome Ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

Late Newspaper

Due to the April 2 election and the April 4 State of the Nation, the April 3 Anishinaabeg Today has been rescheduled to **April 10** so we can get that information out to you before the May paper.

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March 27	April 10
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* Deadline and issue dates subject to change

Niibi Center Gears Up for 2nd Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference June 23-24

By Amy Myszko, Program Manager
Niibi Center

The Niibi Center is excited to announce official dates for our 2nd Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference, which will take place at the Shooting Star Casino on June 23 and 24th. The conference will once again be free for all Tribal members, students, veterans and those who cannot pay due to financial hardship. The Niibi Center will share registration information on our website and social media by early March, so please keep an eye out on www.niibicenter.org to get registered early.

On June 23, we will begin the conference in the late afternoon with a feast and have an evening panel. We intend to have a "Land Back" discussion, since this is a crucial issue to highlight at this time in history. At some point during the Conference we hope to feature Chairman Michael Fairbanks, who is excited to be attending, for his work at both the State and Federal levels to reclaim some of the original White Earth land base. We also hope to hear from Tribal members from other areas on their struggles and successes with reclaiming Indigenous land.

On June 24, we will have a keynote address from

Anishinaabe lawyer Aimée Craft, along with two other main speakers, to be announced. Craft is a pioneer in the areas of natural law and "land back," as well as a traditional Métis person from Manitoba, Canada. Craft is also an award-winning teacher and researcher, recognized internationally as a leader in the area of Indigenous laws, treaties and water. She holds a University Research Chair Nibi miinawaa aki inaakonigewin: Indigenous governance in relationship with land and water.

We will also facilitate collaborative panels with members of the White Earth Tribal legal and governing system and Tribal members from outside White Earth to discuss innovations in adapting natural law and Indigenous wisdom into existing legal systems.

The 2nd Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference will be funded in part by the Bush Foundation, along with support from the Good Relatives Collaborative, the White Earth Tribal Council, and the Shooting Star Casino. Miigwech for the ongoing community support we have received to continue hosting these important conversations. If you are interested in learning more about our programs or applying for a paid internship position to help plan and execute the conference, please email info@niibicenter.org

WER Ambulance Service can give you more power

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

People say Suboxone/bupe causes "bad withdrawal." That's a misunderstanding.

If you do heavy fenty, a small bupe dose doesn't have enough power to help. It's the fentanyl causing your withdrawal; but a small dose of bupe can't stop it.

If you feel bad after a street bupe dose, it's because your dose didn't have enough power. You need more power to block fenty withdrawal. Suboxone/bupe is the safest way.

If you're buying street bupe, and used fenty within a day or less, you may need 16/4 or more. Street bupe can be

risky, though. Suboxone/bupe from a White Earth Reservation Ambulance Service (WERAS) crew is safer, and free. A higher dose of bupe has the power to keep you safe and feeling ok for 24 hours.

WERAS ambulance crew can give you more power; after OD rescue or for fenty withdrawal. WERAS can give you two 8/2 doses, two 12/3's, or even a 16/4 and an 8/2, 20 minutes apart. A WERAS crew can stay with you to make sure you do ok; and give more bupe if you need it.

Getting the Suboxone/bupe doesn't mean you have to enroll in MAT Clinic or CD treatment.

If you're dead, you can't recover.

Please try the WERAS Suboxone/bupe on-scene dosing. We can give you more power.

Local libraries host White Earth poet Kimberly Blaeser

Celebrate National Poetry Month by joining your library for a poetry reading featuring past Wisconsin Poet Laureate and Mahnomen High School graduate Kimberly Blaeser.

Blaeser (White Earth) will read from her Ancient Light collection of poetry, accompanied by a visual photography slideshow, which invokes an ancient belonging and the voice of the deep relatedness the poet experiences in the watery regions of Minnesota. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Blaeser's tour is sponsored by Lake Agassiz Regional Library and will include visits to the following locations:

Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m. at the Crookston Public Library, 110 N. Ash St., Crookston, MN

Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Climax Public Library, 104 W. Broadway, Climax, MN

Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Mahnomen School Cafeteria, door #2, 310 West Madison Ave., Mahnomen.

This event is made possible thanks to the sponsorship of the Manoomin Arts Initiative, Mahnomen Indian

Education and the Mahnomen Public Library.

The program will include a free community feast beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a reading by Poet Laureate Kimberly Blaeser at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Lakes Public Library, 1000 Washington Ave., Detroit Lakes, MN

These programs are offered free-of-charge, thanks in part to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. Learn more at larl.org/legacy.


Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in north-west Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, call 218-233-3757 or visit online at www.larl.org.



Kimberly Blaeser

The White Earth Primary Election is Tuesday, April 2. The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomon
For Questions: Kat 218-935-3596




Growing Old Gracefully

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MARCH 7, 10AM-2PM

Informational booths, Health Screenings, Lunch,
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Round House: 9:00-9:10	Bus 2: Rice Lake 8:50-9:00
Bilmaadaziwin 9:15-9:25	Naytahwaush Complex: 9:20-9:30



WHITE EARTH HOMELESS PROGRAM

White Earth homeless program received a Community Living Infrastructure grant to prevent homelessness, secure, and maintain housing to address homelessness issues for White Earth members and their families.

Eligibility:

- *Services provided for White Earth enrolled members and descendants
- *Must reside in Minnesota

Services Available:

- *Mortgage and Rent Deposits *Past due rent to prevent homelessness
- *Security Deposits
- *Utilities setup costs including telephone and internet services -Past due utilities
- *Costs related to expungements (Filing & Attorney Fee) and unlawful detainers

Information:

Deadline for application is March 27th, 2024.
Applications can be found at White Earth Nation website,
White Earth Homeless Program or White Earth Urban Office listed below.

White Earth Homeless Program P.O. Box 189 Naytahwaush, MN 56566 Phone: 218-936-3212 Aaron.hisgun@whiteearth-nsn.gov Ashley.bunker@whiteearth-nsn.gov	White Earth Urban Human Services 1730 Clifton Place Minneapolis, MN 55403 Phone: 612-813-1590
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*Call for application information
*Applications submitted in person or email *Applications submitted in person

Sexual Assault Healing Group

4:30– 6:30 pm / DOVE Building in White Earth

This will be a monthly support group on the last Wednesday of the month.

- Children **may not** attend.
- Refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Andrea Carrier with any questions, to set up transportation, and to confirm your attendance at 218-983-4656 or andrea.carrier@whiteearth-nsn.gov

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks



Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Aandego-Giizis gaye Onaabani-Giizis Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already March or Crow Moon and locally we use Crust on the Snow Moon.

Everyone Be Safe.

There are many Ojibwe words that have been adopted by the English like moose; it's originally our own word we pronounce Mooz. Many years ago, a great lake covered much of Turtle Island; all the animals shared the lake for its fresh water and abundance of fish. One day a great Mooz or Moose appeared at the edge of the lake, he began to drink the water in great amounts, so much that the lake level began to drop. The next day, the Mooz returned and began to drink again, his great thirst was slowly draining the lake, this worried the beavers, the water around their lodges was draining away exposing their underwater entrances.

Many of the animals like the muskrats, fish and birds were also worried the great Mooz would drain the lake they depended upon for a living. The Mooz continued to drink every day, the lake water level was getting very low, some animals could eat on land but not the many fish in the lake. The animals came together, they all agreed they needed to drive the Mooz away from the great lake, they were all afraid of him including the great Bear- Makwa. While the animals were deciding what to do, a small horse fly (MI) came to circle and said he would drive the great Mooz away, some of the animals were amazed by his bravery but many also laugh out loud. The small horse fly flew away; he could be heard saying "you'll see, you'll see what I can do."

The very next day the great Mooz appeared on the lake shore and began to drink the lake's water, the Mizizaak spotted him and flew towards the leg of the great Mooz. The small horse fly found a soft spot and bit down as hard as he could; the great Mooz stamped his hoof and tried to shake off the irritating horse fly.

The Mizizaak flew up and landed behind the ear of the great Mooz, he bit down again, this time the Mooz stomped furiously, making great holes with his stomping hooves. Each time the small horse fly bit down the Mooz would stomp, the holes would then fill with water. The horse fly flew around the Mooz and bit him over and over, the Mooz was getting angry, he ran up the shore line towards the trees stomping all the way, water filling each great hole he left behind.

The small horse fly did not give up, the great Mooz was shaking his head, stomping and running in circles snorting and blowing. The animals on the other shoreline watched as the Mizizaak flew bravely around the great Mooz continuing to bite him over and over.

The great Mooz tried with all his might but he could shake off the biting horsefly; the great Mooz couldn't take it anymore and ran off stomping back towards his northern territory where he came from.

The great Mooz had made thousands of holes with all the stamping, thrashing and running about, each one filled with water as the Mooz ran northward. Today, much of the Turtle Island has thousands of lakes thanks to Mizizaak and the great Mooz. When the great Mooz returned home, he told his story about the terrible Mizizaak's in the south, today, most Mooz lives in the north. The Mizizaak was very proud of his

work; he'd saved the great lake and saved the future generations of animals.

The animals were very gracious, they made a promise to the Mizizaak, should any animal die of old age or disease, the Mizizaak may have the entire body to feed and continue to raise future generations. Miigwech Richard Jacques for the story.

I am running for re-election and I have compiled a concentrated list of some of my accomplishments throughout my chairmanship.

Joint Ventures:

The White Earth Clinic was the 1st Joint Venture in IHS Bemidji Area. That area covers Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin known as the Midwest Region. This was a groundbreaking administratively and groundbreaking legally. The Finance structure included \$5 million Tax Credit financing, and the loan is paid by IHS, this creative structure was used to build this awesome and amazing facility. At the end of the White Earth Joint Venture, White Earth Nation will be \$5 million in the positive with a brand-new facility which employe'e's White Earth members.

Tribal State Aid:

I accomplished a \$35 million appropriation that is in the base budget as a direct Aid from the State of Minnesota available to all Tribes. This can be used for any Tribal government services. This was also groundbreaking in Minnesota and our region.

CMS-Four Walls:

White Earth lead a team of Tribal leaders that forced CMS to change their rule that would have negatively impacted almost all of White Earth's behavioral health and health care programs.

COVID Pandemic Response:

White Earth lead the Nation and had recognition at the state and federal level on how we came together and deploying effective pandemic response strategies. Vaccinations were readily available to our people and our community members, keeping everyone as safe as possible by leading health care front and center! I kept people employed and back to work safely. He led White Earth Nation while facing each days new challenge with determination.

Gwayako:

Twenty-four single family units were built for those to have a home after treatment. White Earth Nation worked with Minnesota Finance Housing agency collaboratively with development of this project. This would be supportive sober living for our relatives who have completed treatment and support in place to assist with their recovery.

Waabigwan Mashkiikii:

White Earth Nation is well positioned statewide

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo,

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of providing you with the monthly report of the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council. The monthly report consists of reports of the activities of each division within the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, these Division consist of Public Safety, Natural Resources, Human Services, Behavioral Health, Judicial, Indian Child Welfare, Cultural, Public Works, Health, Compliance, Economic Development, WELSA, Enrollments.

I will be featuring the White Earth Compliance Department and travel updates.

White Earth Compliance Division

This division is led by Christie Haverkamp who is the Director of Compliance. This division has a total of 45 employees and four departments, and they provide administrative support to the Gaming Commission.

They are responsible for reviewing program performance and effectiveness, developing programs to be sustainable and fully maximizing resources to meet the needs of programs and businesses. They provide guidance and support on issues to the Compliance Managers and Tribal Division. They also respond to written notices, audit findings, and submit gaming rules, internal controls, standard operating procedures, exhibits, and compendiums for regulatory approval when required.

They review and interpret unusual transactions, adjustments, or unexpected results to determine which Tribal Gaming department to oversee the investigation. They resolve problems that are within the scope of authority and recommend courses of action to resolve problems that are beyond the scope of authority to the Tribal Gaming Commission and Tribal Council. They must have knowledge of the ordinances, regulations, laws, policies, and procedures relating to the regulation of gaming.

The total budget is \$3,460,946 for operating and fringe for this entire division. Annual revenue is \$268,489.

White Earth Adjudication and Background Investigations

This department is led by Geri Burnette, Adjudication Manager and has six employees.

This department conducts the background checks for all White Earth Reservation Businesses, including Shooting Star Casino. They ensure that employees/associates are eligible for the applicable position according to the guidelines set forth by the Tribal Council, grants, and Federal funding sources, TGRA, and NIGC, and other applicable funding sources.

Adjudication and Backgrounds Investigations provide services for Tribal programs, Shooting Star Casino and will include Fingerprinting, State Checks, MVR Reports, Credit Checks, and ALA Carte for other clients not associated with WERBC entities outside clients.

The total budget is \$233,889 for operating and fringe. Annual revenue is \$108,489.

White Earth Compliance Tribal Gaming

This department is led by Krysta Heisler, Tribal Gaming manager, and has six employees.

This department inspects, audits, and monitors all gaming activities to protect the integrity of the games and to safeguard all assets at both Shooting Star Casino locations and all offsite locations. They issue facility and gaming licenses to facilities that are conducting gaming, perform vendor background



checks and license all gaming vendors that do business for the Shooting Star Casino locations and off-sites along with issuing raffle permits. They offer technical assistance and make sure policies and procedures meet the required internal controls, state standards and applicable regulations.

Total budget is \$607,496 for operating and fringe. Annual revenue is \$60,000.

White Earth Surveillance

The White Earth Surveillance department is led by Andrew Frigen, Surveillance Manager, and has 31 employees.

This department is responsible for observing all the assets of the Shooting Star Casino, and White Earth RBC buildings. They ensure team members and our guests are safe along with Casino assets, observe every aspect of money that goes through the Shooting Star Casino and off property locations that are Tribal buildings. They are responsible for video communication sent to law enforcement and the county attorneys and assisting the White Earth Police Department and Tribal programs with consultations and new and existing buildings that the Tribe owns or are building.

They assist White Earth Surveillance on getting quotes for cameras that are owned and operated by the White Earth Reservation. They install cameras in the businesses owned and operated by the White Earth Reservation and help install the cameras. They give conciliations to managers and directors of the building that are owned by the Tribe on what cameras they need, and the number of cameras needed for their facilities.

The total budget \$2,330,215 for operating and fringe.

White Earth Drug Testing

The Compliance Director supervises the White Earth Drug Testing, with three employees.

This department provides products to tribal programs for their testing needs and laboratory services. The testers are trained in urine, oral, hair follicle and sweat patch testing. They provide DOT drug testing for local agencies and facilitate the White Earth area consortium for random testing.

The total budget is \$226,070 for operating and fringe. Annual revenue is \$100,000.

White Earth Travel Updates

On Feb. 21, the White Earth Tribal Council had the honor of being invited by Carlos Del Toro, the Secretary of the Navy to attend the ship naming ceremony for Master Chief James D. Fairbanks. The ship's Hull number is T-ATS 14, a Navajo-Class

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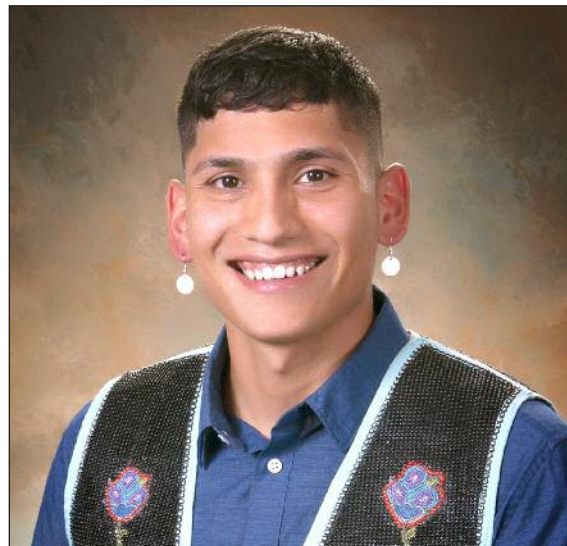
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News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe.

This month has been filled with significant events and achievements for the White Earth Nation. I want to acknowledge a remarkable young man from Naytahwaush, Jayme Littlewolf, whose exceptional piano playing skills have been capturing the spotlight. Jayme's journey as a self-taught piano player is truly remarkable and inspiring.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the community members who generously donated money to provide Jayme with a new piano. Your support and kindness have made a profound difference in Jayme's musical journey. Let's continue to uplift and encourage talents like Jayme within our community. Jayme, congratulations on your new piano – keep up the outstanding work! Miigwech to everyone involved in making this possible.



James D. Fairbanks - Ship Naming

Feb. 21 marked a significant occasion as the RBC participated in the naming ceremony of a Navy ship dedicated to the memory of Force Master Chief James D. Fairbanks. The event, hosted at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., served as a poignant homage to an exceptional individual.

Hailing from the White Earth Nation, James D. Fairbanks distinguished himself in both the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. His unwavering dedication and service to our nation stand as a true source of inspiration.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Fairbanks family for generously including me in this special event. The experience was truly unforgettable, and I feel privileged to have been a part of it. Chi Miigwech to the Fairbanks family for providing this meaningful opportunity to honor James and his extraordinary accomplishments.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Established in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has remained a steadfast advocate for Indigenous rights. Nearly 80 delegates from 50 tribes and associations across 27 states convened to form this pivotal organization. At its inception, NCAI emerged in response to the looming threat of termination policies, with founding members emphasizing the imperative of unity and cooperation among Tribal Governments to safeguard treaty and sovereign rights, while also striving to enhance quality of life.

In the ongoing pursuit of sovereignty, the RBC has demonstrated proactive measures through our Natural Resource and Legal Departments. By enacting ordinances regulating natural resources and upholding Tribal Laws within our courts, the RBC has asserted its authority despite encountering resistance. Notably, a significant stride forward occurred when a delegation from White Earth Nation presented a resolution to NCAI, gaining support for our Nation's Groundwater and Surface Water Protection Ordinance.

NCAI's backing for White Earth's regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction signifies a pivotal moment in the ongoing efforts to protect and preserve Indigenous rights and resources. As White Earth and other Tribes continue to assert their sovereignty, the support of organizations like NCAI remains instrumental in advancing Indigenous interests and advocating for meaningful change.

\$5.5 million Earmark for Mahnomen Overpass

An uptick in train activity through Mahnomen has sparked concerns regarding public safety, particularly due to the location of emergency services being situated on the opposite side of the tracks from a sig-

nificant portion of Tribal housing. In response to this pressing issue, efforts have been made to secure funding for the construction of an overpass in Mahnomen that would span the rail tracks.

In 2023, a huge step forward was achieved with the allocation of a \$5.5 million earmark, supported by both Senator Amy Klobuchar and Senator Tina Smith. This funding earmark holds the potential to address the safety concerns posed by the railway's presence and its impact on emergency response times.

While the details regarding the appropriation of funds for the overpass project are still under deliberation as part of the ongoing discussions surrounding the FY24 appropriations bills, encouraging signals have been received and we have an optimistic outlook, with expectations that these items will feature in the final bill anticipated to be passed in March. Recognizing the significance of this infrastructure project to the safety and well-being of Tribal Members and residents, our lobbyists are closely monitoring the progress of these funding streams.

Betty McCollum Meeting

On Feb. 12, I had the privilege of attending a benefit event in St. Paul, Minn., where I showed support for Congresswoman Betty McCollum. Notably, Betty serves as the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Native American Caucus and holds the esteemed position of Chair of the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee. The event provided a valuable opportunity to discuss White Earth Nation priorities. Congresswoman McCollum has been instrumental in efforts to return land to White Earth and other Tribal Nations in Minnesota.

Bear Grease Show

March brings an exciting event for the community as the Bear Grease musical is coming to the Shooting Star Casino. Marked for March 12, this highly anticipated show guarantees an entertaining evening for the entire community. The performance begins at 7 p.m., and admission is free for all community members. However, given that seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, it is recommended for attendees to arrive early to ensure they secure their spots.

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Announcement from the White Earth Education Division

Please contact our **NEW** Student Finance Program for questions regarding:

White Earth Scholarship Program

White Earth Johnson O'Malley Program

White Earth Education Assistance

Staff is also available to answer questions regarding financial aid, FAFSA, scholarship opportunities, and other assistance available.

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Valleyview Commons

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Rez Briefs

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary news

The Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary will meet on Monday, March 11 at 9 a.m. at the VFW Hall. Members are encouraged to attend as we need a quorum.

Waubun School Forest information

You can find Waubun School Forest information and updates on their facebook page. It's been a sad winter for skiing and sledding, but the trails are always open for walking. Info Loree at 218-473-2575.

Regional Native Public Defense

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

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.

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.

USA Today named Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flannagan to Women of the Year list

By Levi Rckert
Native News Online

Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Ojibwe) has been named one of USA TODAY's Women of the Year. She is among other women named by the publication of women who have made a significant impact in their communities and across the country.

USA TODAY's Women of the Year launched in 2022 as a continuation of Women of the Century, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Meet this year's honorees at womenoftheyear.usatoday.com.

Flanagan is serving her second term as the second in command of the executive branch in Minnesota. She is the highest elected Native American woman in the United States. In December, Flanagan was the chair of the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association, making history as the first Native American woman to lead a national political party committee.

In an article announcing one of this year's Women of the Year, USA TODAY's



writes:

“As the daughter of a hard-working single mother and Native American rights activist father, Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan grew up wanting to connect with and help others. She’s made a career of doing just that. As a member of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, Flanagan has used her platform to highlight Indigenous issues and focus resources on Minnesota communities and constituencies that have been historically underserved.”

Scholarship program accepting applications

The Katie Brommenschenkel Vilmo Scholarship, a scholarship fund hosted by Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF), is seeking qualified applicants to apply for the 2024 scholarship round.

The annual scholarship supports students from school districts in NMF's service area including Red Lake Nation, **White Earth Nation**, and 12 counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau, as well as Hillsboro, North Dakota, who are pursuing a post-secondary education through a college, university, trade school, tech school or other accredited programs. The scholarship is intended for students who are majoring in agriculture, agriculture education or agri-related business.

The scholarship was established by the friends and family of Katie Brommenschenkel Vilmo to honor her memory and her passion for farm life. Katie enjoyed living a simple life of hard work and gratitude while she and her husband Mike worked simultaneously on their family's farms. Katie and Mike welcomed their daughter Kennedy as the perfect addition to their farm family in August 2018. One of Katie's favorite quotes states, "Each person is given the gift of time on this earth to live, to learn, to love, and to leave a legacy." The family feels this scholarship will honor her legacy for agriculture and life.

Applications for the scholarship are due by April 15. The applications are completed online through the NMF website www.nwmf.org by clicking

"Scholarships" on the homepage.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation, or to support the Katie Brommenschenkel Vilmo Scholarship, please visit www.nwmf.org.

 **WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Candidate Forum

March 23, 2024
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Bldg (MCT)
1308 East Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404

White Earth Candidates invited to attend:

Chairperson
Michael Allen Fairbanks
Donovan George Burnette
Eugene "Umsey" Raymond Tibbetts
Karen Marie Manypenny

District III
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
Laura Lee Erickson

FMI: Please contact Char Lee 651.262.7602



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Celebrating Student Success
Professor Allen Derks and his Students Joy Tasmia and Philip Kier took flight at the First Nations Launch to Learn Workshop last November at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, funded by NASA's Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium! The Cosmic Warriors team from WETCC is gearing up for the national First Nations Launch competition this spring!

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White Earth Student Financial Services
(Formerly White Earth Scholarship Program)

27th Annual College and Career Fair

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 10TH, 2024
Tentively 10am - 2 pm

Location: Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen, MN

Registration will be sent February 7th, 2024

Any questions can be sent to Kimberly Scott-Neisen at kimberly.neisen@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call (218)935-3515, or fax (833)774-1324

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 and get involved.

A symbol of hope for those who are waiting

By Mindy Iverson

On Feb. 20, Paulette Clark gave the donation of life to her ex-husband Kevin Clark Sr. (Paula Johnson) by donating one of her kidneys to him. Both are White Earth Enrolled Members. Paulette is working as a Lead Teacher with White Earth Headstart and Kevin Sr. is self-employed, dba (Clark Electric).

Kevin Sr. and Paulette have two grown children together, Kevin Jr. (Deborah Troy) and Kayla Farley (Waylon Farley) and five grandchildren.

Paulette is the daughter of Dallas Midbo and the late Beverly (Goodwin) Midbo. Kevin Sr. is the son of the late Calvin and Darlene Clark.

Both Kevin Sr. and Paulette have homes south of Lengby, Minn.

Kevin's kidneys failed last year due to kidney disease, and he began at home dialysis, March of 2023. Dialysis has been a grueling 8 hours every day and has taken its toll. His only option was to be listed on the Kidney Transplant Listing.

Paulette felt compelled to go through the testing to see if she could be eligible to donate. Over the course of the last 9-12 months, she has had over 50 different medical tests. Originally, the physicians said her kidney was too small, yet she was told that she could be placed on the registry of kidney donation to donate to someone else and as a result, Kevin Sr. could be the recipient of a kidney donation in return.

Kevin Sr.'s health began to remarkably decline a couple of months ago, so the need to have a kidney donation was imminent. The transplant medical teams consulted once again after an appeal Paulette filed it was then decided that Paulette's kidney was indeed viable and that if all remaining testing aligned, they would perform the transplant from one to the other.

Kevin endured a couple of hurdles since that time, with heart complications, and yet was given the green light less than 2 weeks prior to surgery.

The surgery was a success and Kevin Sr.'s newly donated kidney began pumping immediately. His health condition has consequently greatly improved. Both are recovering, Paulette has been discharged and is recovering at home for the next 4-6 weeks and Kevin Sr. will likely be discharged as of this writing to recover nearby the medical facility.

Paulette explained it best by stating that their five (5) shared grandchildren love their Papa will all their heart and she could not sit back and not do what she could to potentially save his life. She and Kevin,



Photo by Kayla Farley

On Feb. 20, Paulette Clark gave the donation of life to her ex-husband Kevin Clark Sr., by donating one of her kidneys to him.

Sr. would do anything for their children and grandchildren, so this was an easy choice to make. This sacrifice would ensure that both grandparents could live long, healthy lives and teach their children and grandchildren that love, endurance, faith and peace can come by focusing on what the positive outcomes could be. Both Kevin and Paulette had their respective church, family and friends praying for them and have shown that with this support, anything is possible.

After the surgery, the hospital performed a ceremony in their honor. This was to showcase the selflessness and bravery that Paulette shared and to celebrate this gift of life. Both medical teams, and family were able to come together and celebrate.

March is National Kidney Month and so Paulette hopes that others will understand how important these organs are to living a full life and hopes that others will consider being a donor as well.

Kevin and Paulette's daughter recently posted a picture of her parents' post-surgery with the caption, "A symbol of hope for those who are waiting."

Both families greatly appreciate all the support received and if anyone would like to donate further, they may do so with a Venmo account set up. The account is under @PollyClark1966.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Good afternoon, everyone. Well we had a pretty good little storm and cold temperatures the other day and I hope everyone stayed safe and warm. It reminded me of story telling and the winters we had when I was a kid when everyone was home. I had a lot of siblings to fight with, but it was always good times and the house was always rocking.

The food shelf in Naytahwaush is closer to opening. Just waiting for staff to be hired and the food to be ordered. The homeless program is doing a great job with their new manager Deb - good job Deb! She and her staff help as many people as possible. They not only help the homeless population, but they also help people that have overdue bills to keep them in their homes.

The ENP sites had good turn out for their Valentine's Day parties. They had cookie decorating, bingo, gift cards and a king a queen. In Naytahwaush it was Larry Roberts as king for the day and Betty Tibbetts as queen. In Pine Point it was Sam Crowell as king for the day and Donna Buckanaga as queen. A big thanks to Eugene Summers and Chris Vanwert Jr. for bringing big heart shaped Valentine's candy - the good stuff lol.

The health fair was a big success, a lot of elders were there and having fun.

Sure, was proud to read about James Fairbanks being the first Native American to serve as Force Master Chief in the Navy after serving in the Marines - wow, now that is awesome.

Well with April right around the corner we are having our first Elder Council meeting. It will be held April 3 at 5 p.m. at the Pine Point Community Center. I'm hoping that more elders will be able to attend because we have a lot of elders that are still working.

In the April meeting we would like to see how many would like to make the trip to the TEC meeting on April 24-25 at Grand Portage, Minn. We will need to decided who goes and how many. We as members have a say in all our planned trips so please remember that as a member you have a voice.

Remember be safe and check on our friends and families.

- Tim Rindahl - Chair
- Sam Crowell - Vice Chair
- Colleen Blattenbauer - Treasure
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Spring FORWARD

Sunday, March 10

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Vote NOW at White Earth Election Office!



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

White Earth eligible voters can now start voting at the White Earth Election Board office located behind the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Their hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **The Primary Election is Tuesday, April 2.** Members can also vote at their precinct or by casting an absentee ballot. If you have any election questions call 218-936-5622 or toll free at 1-866-211-9254.

WE Public Health offers free snowshoeing



White Earth Tribal Public Health and Mahnomen County 4H teamed up to offer free snowshoeing for kids and adults on Feb. 10. Although snow was limited, 12 kids and adults had a good time exploring the beautiful setting of the Mahnomen County Club, looking for scavenger hunt items and the mysterious Yeti who was cleverly hidden on the grounds. Snowshoes were provided by the Waubun Community Forest, and poles were provided by White Earth Tribal Public Health.

Photos by Jackie Haugo

You are invited to the 2024 White Earth State of the Nation Address

Thursday, April 4, 2024

**Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Mahnomen, Minn.**

AGENDA

8 a.m. - Doors Open / Visit White Earth Program Exhibits

9 a.m. - Social Hour

10 a.m. - Welcome Ceremony

❖ State of the Nation Address

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You can reach the Anishinaabeg Today at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Empowering Indigenous Communities: Grant addresses unfilled STEM jobs on White Earth Reservation

White Earth Tribal and Community College is proud to announce the receipt of a National Science Foundation ICE-TI: Building Capacity and Pathways to STEM Degree grant for \$2.5 million. This grant will expand our science lab facilities, increase the number of full-time STEM faculty, and put us on the path to offer an associate in science degree. Allen Derks, WETCC science faculty, was instrumental in getting this grant.

The reservation faces a challenge of unfilled job positions within the STEM field due to a shortage of individuals with the necessary education and training. An opportunity arises to bridge this gap with the recent grant award. This grant will empower students by providing them with the education and training required to pursue careers in STEM disciplines such as natural resources, food sovereignty and security,

and healthcare.

“This will be a great addition to expand degree options at White Earth Tribal and Community College. STEM education is an identified need for our community, this will allow our students to gain this knowledge and give back to our community and reservation. Here at WETCC, we embed the Anishinaabe language and culture into the coursework design, so they will receive the knowledge about the White Earth Nation along with the STEM degree,” stated WETCC President Anna Sheppard.

Through this initiative, graduating students will be equipped with the requisite skills and the opportunity to secure well-paying jobs within their community. By growing a skilled workforce, we are paving the way for a brighter future for generations to come and serving the needs of the community.

DOVE is an advocate for sexual assault victims

What is the meaning of sexual assault?

Rape. Unlawful sexual activity, most often involving sexual intercourse, against the will of the victim through force or the threat of force, or with an individual who is incapable of giving legal consent because of minor status, mental illness, mental deficiency, intoxication, unconsciousness, or deception.

The DOVE program of the White Earth Reservation is here to provide victims of sexual assault with a coordinated community response that’s consistent, respectful and culturally sensitive to promote healing, education, accountability and justice. – **Anishinaabe Sexual Assault Response Team**

In a recent presentation by the Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition some jarring facts were revealed about sexual assault and child sexual abuse, such as Every 8 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. And every 9 minutes the victim is a child. And yet, only 25 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison. 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 6 men were sexually abused before the age of 18. This means that there’s more than 42 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse in the United States. A reason that the public isn’t aware of sexual abuse as a problem is that 73% of child victims do not tell anyone about the abuse for at least a year. 45% of victims do not tell anyone for at least 5 years. Some never tell anyone. Ever.

The protocol on the reservation is this: sexual assault survivors should call law enforcement, who can be helpful in the immediate aftermath to get help. The tribal police, and other law enforcement officers will contact the DOVE program advocate on duty, and give an over the phone referral, which consists of basic information so the advocate can contact the survivor. The weekends are handled a little differently, when tribal pd will call the “on call advocate” who will then contact the victim/survivor. There are certain issues to be addressed immediately, such as physical and emotional well being of the victim. A forensic exam is recommended, and consists of a sexual assault kit being done at a health facility.

It is important for survivors to know that they have rights concerning a forensic exam, and the handling of the sexual assault kit too. For instance, the survivor has the right to accept or decline any part of the medical forensic exam. The doctor or nurse will answer any questions during the exam. The survivor can ask about anything not clearly explained. The

advocate can stay with you during the exam, and are trained in helping a survivor through the exam.

A doctor or nurse will ask questions about the sexual assault and the survivor will be checked from head to toe for pain and injuries. Samples will be collected for areas of the body that may have DNA from the perpetrator. These samples are part of the sexual assault exam kit (SAK). It is evidence of the assault. Clothing may also be collected at this time. Medications can be offered to prevent sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, or HIV. If the survivor is injured during the assault, you will need further medical care beyond the forensic exam.

Under Minnesota law, the county where the assault occurred is responsible for the cost of the medical forensic exam. The county must pay whether or not the sexual assault is reported to law enforcement. The county can only bill your health insurance if you give permission first. Whether or not the county bills the insurance is your choice.

The kit will be tested only if the survivor gives consent for testing. This means that a kit that doesn’t have an accompanying release form signed by the survivor authorizing law enforcement to submit for forensic tests is a Restricted kit. An Unrestricted kit means there is a release form which allows law enforcement to submit for forensic testing. These forms are available at the health facility, and there is a procedure set by legislation regarding the handling of a SAK.

Sexual assault victims who report to law enforcement may apply for financial assistance from the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparation Board (MCVRB) if you have suffered economic loss because of the crime. The MCVRB can pay for expenses such as counseling services, lost wages, and medical costs including prescriptions. Forms and more information may be obtained at the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, 651-201-7300 or 888-622-8799. Online at ojp.dps.mn.gov The forms are also available at the DOVE office.

If you fear for your safety, you can file for a civil protection order. The type of order you may file for depends on the relationship you have had with the person who assaulted you. Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders are available at no cost. Contact a local advocacy agency for help com-

See Assault Page 15

THE DOCTOR’S CORNER

What is a Hammertoe?

By Hong Yoon, DPM
White Earth Health Center

A hammertoe is a deformity of the second, third, or fourth toe. In this condition, the toe is bent at the middle joint, so that it resembles a hammer. Hammertoes typically start as a flexible deformity but if left untreated could potentially develop into a fixed/rigid deformity that may require more aggressive surgery to correct.

Symptoms

People with hammertoe may have corns or calluses on the top of the middle joint of the toe or on the tip of the toe. They also may feel pain in their toes or feet and have difficulty finding comfortable shoes. The most common complaints are the middle joint of the hammertoe rubbing against the top of the shoe or the tip of the toe digging into the ground.

Causes

Hammertoe results from shoes that don’t fit properly or a muscle imbalance, usually in combination with one or more other factors. Muscles work in pairs to straighten and bend the toes. If the toe is bent and held in one position long enough, the muscles tighten and cannot stretch out.

Shoes that narrow toward the toe push the smaller toes into a flexed (bent) position. The toes rub against the shoe, leading to the formation of corns and calluses, which further aggravate the condition. A higher heel forces the foot down and squishes the toes against the shoe, increasing the pressure and the bend in the toe. Eventually, the toe muscles are unable to straighten the toe, even when there is no confining shoe.

Treatments

Conservative treatment starts with new shoes that have soft, roomy toe boxes. Shoes should be one-half inch longer than your longest toe. Avoid wearing tight, narrow, high-heeled shoes. You may be able to find a shoe with a deep toe box that accommodates the hammertoe. Or, a shoe repair shop may be able to stretch the toe box so that it bulges out around the toe. Sandals may help, as long as they do not pinch or rub other areas of the foot.

Your podiatric surgeon may recommend toe exercises that you can do at home to stretch and strengthen the muscles. For example, you can gently stretch the toes manually. You can use your toes to pick things up off the floor. While you watch television or read, you can put a towel flat under your feet and use your toes to crumple it.

Finally, your surgeon may recommend that you use straps, cushions, or non-medicated corn pads to relieve symptoms. If you have diabetes, poor circulation or a lack of feeling in your feet, talk to your doctor before attempting any self-treatment.

Hammertoes can be corrected with surgery if conservative measures fail. Usually it is an outpatient procedure, meaning the patient can go home the same day as surgery, done with a local anesthetic. The procedure will depend on the type and extent of the deformity. After the surgery, there may be some stiffness, swelling, and redness and the toe may be slightly longer or shorter than before. You will be able to walk, but should not plan any long hikes while the toe heals, and you should keep your foot elevated as much as possible.

It is possible that after surgery your hammertoe may come back. If this happens and you have discomfort in the toe, an additional surgery may be needed to address the pain.



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TIME: Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and close at 5:55 p.m.
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WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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April 3 & 4, 2024



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****Thursday, April 4, 2024** Breakfast will be on your own. Dinner will be served at the State of the Band Address.

****The Bus will be departing the Shooting Star Casino Hotel after the State of the Band Address to arrive in the Metro at the MCT Building at approximately 7:00 PM.**

White Earth Members signing up need to be 21 plus years of age.

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Northwest Minnesota Foundation Scholarships accepting applications

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation will begin accepting applications to its scholarship funds on Feb. 1. Last year, scholarships housed at NMF issued 274 awards, totaling over \$306,000.

Scholarship awards can range from \$500 to \$4,000. Scholarship funds have a variety of focuses, such as support for students from specific school districts, those involved in certain extracurriculars, or those intending to pursue specific majors.

NMF encourages all high school seniors considering post-secondary education to take the time to research scholarship opportunities. The NMF scholarship portal makes it easy for students to identify the specific scholarships for which they are eligible through an eligibility quiz. Students input their information (e.g. high school district, high school extracurriculars, intended field of study, etc.) and then see a filtered result list. From there, they can apply for specific scholarships for which they qualify.

The deadline to apply for most of the scholarships is April 15.

“NMF believes that the community members who will have the most impact in our communities are young learners who are prepared for success,” said Kelly Martinka, who leads scholarship funds on the NMF Philanthropy team. “We believe that students must take advantage of all educational opportunities presented to them.”

NMF hosts more than 128 scholarship opportunities for students throughout Northwest Minnesota. Most of the scholarships are for high school seniors living within the region, however there also are opportunities for nontraditional students or college-enrolled students.

“Every year, we hear from numerous students who nearly didn’t apply because they didn’t think they’d be awarded,” Martinka said. “We encourage all students to take the time to apply.”

Applications are completed through the NMF website at www.nwmf.org by clicking on “Scholarships” at the top of the homepage. Students will be required to create an online account and take the eligibility quiz to begin the application process.

If you are interested in learning about how you can establish a scholarship fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation or to support one of the scholarship funds at NMF, please visit www.nwmf.org.

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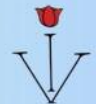


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Wild Rice Electric Cooperative empowers Twin Lakes Fire Department with donation for ice water rescue equipment

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative is proud to announce a contribution to the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department of \$5,000 through its Operation Roundup Program. The donation aims to bolster the department's capabilities in responding to ice water rescue missions by providing essential equipment and resources.

Responding to the unique challenges faced by the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in Naytahwaush, Wild Rice Electric Cooperative's funding will directly support the acquisition of specialized equipment crucial for ice water rescue operations.

Chief Ed Snetsinger of the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department expressed gratitude for the support, stating, "Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department of Naytahwaush, is honored to receive funding provided by Wild Rice Electric's Operation Roundup Program. The funding will be used to purchase a Rapid Deployment Craft (RDC) to be used in ice water rescue operations. With the popularity of recreation increasing in the area, the Fire Department has placed ice water rescue as a top priority regarding preparedness. The RDC will allow rescue teams to quickly reach a victim and safely retrieve them through the ice."

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative's Operation Roundup Program exemplifies the organization's dedication to enhancing the well-being of the communities it serves. By voluntarily rounding up their

monthly utility bills to the nearest dollar, Wild Rice Electric members contribute to a fund that supports various community initiatives, such as the donation to the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

"We believe in the importance of supporting local organizations that play a critical role in ensuring the safety and welfare of our community members," said Tommy Houdek, Director of Member Services & Communication at Wild Rice Electric. "The Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's commitment to public safety aligns with our values, and we are honored to assist them in acquiring the necessary resources for ice water rescues."

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative encourages other community members to consider the Operation Roundup Program, emphasizing the collective impact of small contributions on community well-being.

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative is a community-focused energy distribution provider dedicated to delivering reliable and affordable electric services to its members. Committed to supporting local initiatives through programs like Operation Roundup, Wild Rice Electric strives to make a positive impact on the communities it serves.

For more information about Wild Rice Electric Cooperative's Operation Roundup program and community initiatives, please visit www.wildriceelectric.com



Wild Rice Electric Cooperative gifted the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department with \$5,000 to help purchase specialized equipment for ice water rescue operations.



Submitted photos

Mike Wade from the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative recently presented a check for \$5,000 to the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. From left are Alex Lanoue, Kim Anderson, Russ Murray, Ed Snetsinger, Mike Wade, Dave Snetsinger, and Kael Snetsinger.



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White Earth Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

White Earth Reservation Tribal Enrollment Elder Snow Removal Application

DATE: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

- *** Snowplowing will be done **only when snowfall accumulation exceeds 4" inches or more.**
- *** Snow shoveling of driveway or sidewalk will not be done.
- *** Signatures from the elder will be required this year on the plowers timesheet.

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May 11 & 12, 2024

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Pine Point School Meeting Minutes

Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 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 – Michael Swan, Gerald Roberts, Sara Hunt, Marva Aitken, Allison Jones, John Swan
Ex-officio – Chris Schulz, Principal
- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors** – Bonnie Meeks
- 3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda** – Motion by Sara Hunt to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes** – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Finance**
 - 5.1 Treasurer's Report – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2024 as presented, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - 5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Credit Card Transactions – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$66,499.59 for check #33161 through check #33232 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business**
 - 6.1 No unfinished business
- 7.0 New Business**
 - 7.1 No new business
- 8.0 Principal's Report** – Discussion on Tubing/Skiing trips; Tribal Consultation; No School on Feb 19th; Grades 4-8 Tamarac field trip; K-8 Holmes Theatre field trip; Science Fair; Parent/Teacher Conferences; Snowsnakes; Pow Wow; MCA Testing. No action needed.
- 9.0 Public Participation** – Update on Dog Training; Culture Camp
- 10.0 Motion by Sara Hunt to adjourn** the meeting at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

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MARCH 2024

Cultural Calendar

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White Earth Cultural Activities Monthly Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	OMC Tobacco Ceremony 9am Youth Sweat 12pm	MAH AFT 4 10-12 PP Women Sweat	WESA 10-2 RL Women Sweat 6pm	Acute Care 1-3 Women SING 5-7 Grand Rapids 9-12	Crafty Friday 10-3	WE Urban Mens/Womens Sweat pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	OMC MAT Tobacco 9am Alana Sound Bath 2pm	NTW Moms Language 10-12 RL Men's Sweat 6pm	PP AFT 2 10-2 Fire	Jean YOUTH 6 Feast 10-12 Women SING 5-7	NTW Staff Sweat 12pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	OMC Women sweat 12pm	MAH AFT 5 10-12 Women's Empowerment SSC 5-8	Wesa 10-2 WE Women's Sweat 6pm	Acute Care 1-3 NTW Women's Sweat 6pm	Crafty Friday 10-3	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	OMC Full Moon 6:30pm	NTW Moms Tobacco 10-2	PP AFT 3 10-2 Water Healing Feast PP 5-7	Jean YOUTH 7 10-12 Spirit WE Men's Sweat 6		
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For the sweat lodge, you'll need to bring: Asemaa/Tobacco, a towel, and a skirt or dress.	Sing like no one is listening! Let it go! Nilwebinaan!	Tobacco-Asemaa Cedar- Giizhiikondg Sage- Mashkodewushk Sweet grass-wiinggashk	Inga izhitchige nibi onjil I'll do it for the water! E'aangwaaminil Go in a good way!	Winter-Biboon Water-Nibi Medicine-Mashkiikil Fire-Ishkode Ceremony-manidooke
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pleting the document.

If the person who sexually assaulted you was arrested you may request to be notified when that person is released from jail. Call VINE at 877-664-8463 or go online to www.vinelink.com Vine is a free, secure, and confidential way to access custody status. Register for notifications and stay informed.

Services are free of charge from DOVE sexual assault advocacy program, including a 24-hour crisis line, 877-830-3683, crisis interventions, support groups and advocacy. An advocate can help you understand the topics described in this handout in greater detail and help you to understand how your emotional and physical reactions are a normal response. Listen to your feelings and concerns and help you to understand and weigh your options. Advocates can explain the legal process if you are considering reporting the crime and contact others on your behalf with your permission. All DOVE Community and Shelter Advocates have been trained to assist sexual assault survivors.

DOVE hosts a sexual assault healing group the

last Wednesday of each month at the Shelter and is open to any person who has experienced sexual violence. Group is held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, with a meal served. (See poster) It is beneficial for healing from sexual violence to have a safe place to tell their story.

Everyone who has been sexually assaulted has a story to tell. They aren't pretty stories and they don't always end well. They hurt to tell. They hurt to hear. Yet the stories are still told because hearing them helps others. Telling the story can liberate us. Silence can make us forget the sound of our own voice. Sexual assault can make one lose sight of a future because we lose sight of the past. We don't always remember this when we are consumed by the darkness. Sexual assault can snuff out the light. Telling the story one helps to know the beauty of a life that exists, both in darkness and the light. Let us stand in the light and heal.

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WHITE EARTH 2024 ANGLING SEASONS AND DATES

Species	Dates	Daily Possession Limits	
Walleye	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	10	
Northern Pike	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	15	
Muskellunge	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (Minimum size limit of 50 inches) <u>Angling only.</u> Netting incidentals will be exempt.	1	
Bass	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (Large/Small Mouth combination)	10	
Trout	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (All species in combination)	10	
Crappies	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	20	
Sunfish	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (All species in combination)	30	
Rough fish	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (Perch are classified as Rough fish)	200	
Lake Sturgeon	Open angling March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025 * Ceremonial permits may be issued for limited harvest and use. Please contact Natural Resources for a permit application	0	Catch and Release Season Only

DARK HOUSE SPEARING

November 9, 2024 through March 31, 2025

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

ROUGH FISH SPEARING REGULATIONS

Daytime Period

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes during daylight hours beginning at sunrise on March 1 through April 12, 2024

Nighttime Period

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes anytime beginning at 12 a.m. on April 13, 2024 through Feb. 28, 2025

General

- ❖ It is prohibited to harvest Game Fish with a spear. This includes Lake Sturgeon.
- ❖ All lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and creeks are open to the harvest of rough fish with a spear with the exception of crossing private property without permission.

Tribal members are asked to respect private property:

1. Please do not litter.
2. Please be careful and do not damage stream banks or other access points.

Daily Limit

200 rough fish (all species in combination)

TURTLE HARVEST

Species	Dates	Daily Possession Limits
Snapping	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	10
All other species	May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	200

2024 ROUGH FISH BOW FISHING, HARPOON, DIP NET AND SEINE REGULATIONS

Daytime Period

Rough fish may be bow fished, dip netted and seined in rivers and lakes during daylight hours beginning at sunrise on March 1 through April 12, 2024

Nighttime Period

Rough fish may be bow fished, dip netted and seined in rivers and lakes anytime beginning at 12 a.m. on April 13, 2024 through February 28, 2025

General

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

Daily Limit

200 rough fish (All species in combination)

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

WE Investment Initiative opens SSBCI Small Business Loan and Collateral Support Program

More federal investment in Native Communities is catalyzing a new small business finance program, now available through the White Earth Investment Initiative (WEII).

The State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) loan and collateral support financing will be targeted to Native American-owned or controlled businesses located within the White Earth Reservation and the State of Minnesota.

“We look forward to partnering with the White Earth leadership and community to improve access to financing for Native American-owned businesses,” WEII CEO Julia Nelmark said. “Our staff will continue to work hard to support the delivery of this program.”

Audra Tonihka is the WEII Vice President of Lending and serves as lead contact for the program.

The nearly \$4 million of funding to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe – White Earth Band was announced at the 2023 White House Tribal Nations summit and is funded under the American Rescue Plan. According to a White House press release, it is

“part of the largest and most expansive one-time investment for Tribal governments for small business financing in the history of the nation.”

WEII is responsible for raising matching funds for the program; approximately one-third of the match is already committed.

The White Earth Investment Initiative (WEII) will fulfill the lending role in the SSBCI program on behalf of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, which retains administrative oversight. WEII is a nonprofit and a designated Community Development Financial Institution by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It operates a business lending program headquartered on the White Earth Reservation.

For more information go to weii.website or call 218-983-4020.



Audra Tonihka

**The White Earth Primary Election is Tuesday, April 2
The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR MIND

Spring is the time of year when we often think about cleaning which includes decluttering some of the stuff that we no longer feel the need for. We might start out slowly and create a plan of action as not to get overwhelmed with the things on our to-do list. This could also include our thoughts and behaviors to enrich life, including ending tobacco use.

We can begin by developing an action plan. Decide when you want to be free of commercial tobacco and put it on a calendar so you know how long you have to complete your plan. Next, decide who you want to be your support person. This will help you when your thoughts about lighting up enter your mind during stressful times.

Remember what your triggers are, which could be a variety of things: being around other smokers, finishing a meal, drinking a beverage, talking on the phone, or driving in traffic. These are just a few triggers that you might want to figure out a new option. For example, sugarless gum, water, or taking a walk after a meal. Decide how you will handle the triggers and work on something that will be helpful for you.

Changing your behaviors might include places where you go for break times. If you went where the smokers were in the past, you might need to change the location for a while. You can also start by reducing the number of cigarettes you smoke daily if you are a heavy smoker. If you need more help with cravings, seek help from your local clinic if they have a smoking cessation program (such as Indian Health Clinic), and if that does not work for you, there is the MN Quit Partner.

Finally, remember to use our Tobacco in a Good Way. If you use it in this way, your ancestors will be smiling.



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Submitted photos

An Elders Valentine Party was held Feb. 13 at the White Earth and Naytahwaush ENP sites. There was cookie decorating, bingo and a drawing for King and Queen. **Top:** Bingo at the Naytahwaush site. **Bottom:** District III Rep. Cheryl "Annie" Jackson congratulates White Earth King and Queen Richard Thompson and Judy Harder. The Naytahwaush King and Queen were Larry Roberts and Bette Tibbetts.

Students compete in science fair



Photo by Mike Swan

Pine Point sent four students to the Regional Science Fair on Feb. 23 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Although they did not make it to State, they received the Red Award for their projects that exceed the average standards and that confidentiality demonstrate scientific knowledge. They also received free passes to the Bell Museum of Natural History in Minneapolis. From left are Matteah Annette, Shayley Clark, Madelynn Annette and Nevaeh Jones.

Students shine at WE Science and Engineering Fair



The White Earth Regional Science and Engineering Fair was held Feb. 16 at Pine Point School.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Naytahwaush Community Charter School was unable to attend so the Pine Point students competed among themselves.

Judges selected Shayley Clark and Madelynn Annette (Chaotic P-Town Ride), Serenah Clark (P-Town Rezzy Ride), and Matteah Annette and Nevaeh Jones (Pine Point Fair) to compete in the Western Regional Science Fair on Feb. 23 at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Fairbanks from Front Page

Native people who serve and have served our military,” said Flanagan. “We hold our veterans are our warriors and in such high regard.”

Michigan State University professor Gordon Henry Jr. provided an invocation and a song during the ceremony. Henry is a citizen of the White Earth Nation and was a nephew to Fairbanks. Henry told MPR he has fond memories of playing baseball with his uncle as a child.

“Jim was, to me, always sort of a positive leader, always smiling,” said Henry.

Henry credits the community of Pine Point on White Earth with fostering a sense of pride and resilience in Fairbanks and others.

He said, “There’s this long history of engagement and service and willingness to fight or serve, not necessarily always fight, but serve in different ways.”

According to the U.S. State department, Native Americans have served in the U.S. military in every major conflict for the past 200 years and, at times, at a higher rate than any other demographic.

A life of service

James Fairbanks was born in January 1952, the son of Thomas and Marie Fairbanks. He was born and raised in northern Minnesota on the White Earth Indian Reservation, near Pine Point.

Fairbanks graduated from Park Rapids High School in 1970 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in November of the same year. A Marine Corporal, Fairbanks was honorably discharged in September 1972.

Upon returning to Minnesota, he worked for several years as a welder for the American Iron and Supply Company and served as union steward until December 1976.

Fairbanks returned to active duty, enlisting in the U.S. Navy at the start of 1977. He completed a two-year tour and was honorably discharged in 1979.

Fairbanks then returned again to Minnesota where he worked again as a welder until he re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1986. He would remain with



the Navy’s Seabees for the rest of his military career. He was selected to lead the Seabees in 2005, a position he held through 2008.

Fairbanks later served as Command Master Chief, Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Miss., where he lived with his wife Denise. While there, Fairbanks helped to open Gulfport’s Armed Forces Retirement Home in 2010.

Fairbanks died in Alabama in 2011 at the age of 59.

Master Chief Fairbanks was a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class of 1985. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from the University of Phoenix.

Master Chief Fairbanks received the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Fairbanks received numerous commendation medals from the Navy and Marine Corps during his long military career.



Top: Image of the ship to be named after Master Chief James D. Fairbanks. **Middle:** Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro introduces Paulette Fairbanks Molin, Master Chief Fairbanks’ sister who will serve as a co-sponsor of the USNS James D. Fairbanks. **Bottom:** Fairbanks Molin cuts the cake. **Left:** Dr. Gordon Henry, nephew of the Fairbanks family, sings a song during opening ceremonies

Photo courtesy of the U.S. Navy

White Earth Nation Chairman Michael Fairbanks addresses the audience during a ceremony naming a ship in honor of the late Master Chief James D. Fairbanks on Feb. 21 in Washington, D.C.

Photos by U.S. Navy



EUGENE "UMSY" TIBBETTS CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Members of the White Earth Nation,

I am Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, and I am honored to stand before you as a candidate for Chairman of the White Earth Nation. With deep gratitude, I thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support for my candidacy in the upcoming Primary Election on April 2, 2024, and the General Election scheduled for June 11, 2024. To my fellow candidates, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your courage and dedication in stepping up to serve our people. It takes profound bravery to advocate for change, and I commend your commitment to serving our people.

Having previously served as the District 3 Representative on the Tribal Council from 2016 to 2020, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of dedicated leadership. During my tenure as Vice-Chairman, we achieved significant milestones for the people of White Earth and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, including providing crucial COVID assistance to our members, establishing a family center in Cass Lake, MN, and championing treaty rights with the 1855 Treaty Authority. Together, we invested in our veterans, supported our homeless population, and paved the way for sustainable growth and prosperity.

My vision for the future of our nation is rooted in dedication to our members, communities, and their families. As your Chairman, I am committed to prioritizing the following areas:

- 1** Elder Affairs Commission: Dedicating additional funding and resources to assist with Elder programming. Elders are the backbone of our communities.
- 2** Treaty Rights: Advocating for our 1855 Treaty Rights so that all of our members have the right to hunt, fish, and gather in the 1855 Treaty Territory.
- 3** Financial Accountability: Ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of our resources, fostering economic growth, and safeguarding our financial future.
- 4** Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Accountability and Restructure: Advocating for reforms within the ICW Department to better serve our families and prioritize reunification.
- 5** Open Referendums: Supporting the membership by having them make key decisions and referendum votes on important matters
- 6** Land Reclamation: Working towards reclaiming ancestral lands such as the White Earth State Forest and the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge.
- 7** Prioritizing Tribal Businesses: Supporting the growth and success of Tribal enterprises to create jobs and foster self-sufficiency.
- 8** Expansion of Tribal Cannabis and Tribal Hemp Businesses: Investing in initiatives that promote health and economic prosperity for our community. I would like to license Tribal members to conduct this business as a Band.
- 9** Community Centers: Establishing educational and cultural hubs to nurture the growth and development of our youth and families.

Of particular urgency are the issues surrounding Tribal Cannabis and financial accountability. We cannot afford to delay action on these critical matters. We must be ready to license our members to operate their own cannabis businesses. The White Earth Nation has a duty to support Band members to grow their businesses and to not let government regulation stifle economic growth. Additionally, as we continue to grow our reserves and explore new avenues for economic development, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in protecting our resources and fostering sustainable growth for generations to come.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman, and I humbly ask for your support and your vote for the Primary Election on April 2, 2024, and for the General Election on June 11, 2024. Whether you choose to cast your ballot in person or request an absentee ballot from the Election Board, your voice matters, and your vote will shape the future of our nation. Together, let us continue to build upon the legacy of our ancestors and create a brighter, more prosperous future for all members of the White Earth Nation.

Miigwech for your unwavering support and faith in our shared vision. May our journey ahead be guided by strength, unity, and the enduring spirit of our people.

**In solidarity and with
deepest respect,**

Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts



Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
March
- **Diabetes Bingo**
March 7th—Shooting Star
March 14th—Naytahwaush
March 21st—White Earth Cong.
March 28th—Rice Lake

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige “White Earth Elder Eating Good” Onaabani-giizis (Hard Crust Moon)- March

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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Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
March 7th: Elders Conference at Shooting Star Event Center 10am-2pm	“Growing Old Gracefully”	Booths, Lunch, Health screenings, Door prizes, and Comedian Rob Fairbanks “Rez Reporter”	29 Chicken alfredo Broccoli Breadstick Spinach salad Fruit mix	1 Fish tacos w/ fixings Seasoned rice Coleslaw Fresh pineapple
4 Chicken pot pie w/ mixed veggies Beets Wheat bread Fruit cocktail	5 Pork roast w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Wheat roll Fruit crisp	6 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	7 Turkey club wrap Manoomin soup Fresh fruit	8 Brunch for Lunch Chefs choice
11 Chicken Caesar salad Garlic flatbread Fresh fruit Cookie	12 Lasagna Garlic bread Cali blend veggies Mangoes	13 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	14 BLT sandwich Potato soup Crackers Fresh fruit	15 Salmon loaf Rice pilaf Squash Wheat bread Mandarin oranges
18 Corned beef sandwich Sauerkraut Roasted potatoes Jell-o fruit salad	19 Chicken dumpling soup Crackers Fresh veggies w/ dip Banana	20 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	21 Birthday Lunch Pecan crusted chicken Mashed potatoes Roasted zucchini Dinner roll Birthday Treat	22 Enchiladas Spanish rice Black bean/corn salad Applesauce
25 Manoomin hotdish Glazed carrots Wheat roll Fruit cocktail	26 Cordon bleu sandwich Sweet potato fries Baked beans Pears	27 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	28 Meatloaf Baked potato Country blend veggies Wheat bread Apricots	29 Tomato tortellini soup Ham and cheese on a croissant Berry yogurt parfait

White Earth Food Distribution March 2024 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

March 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

March 8th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

March 11th: Mahnomen & Waubun

March 15th: White Earth

March 22nd: Detroit Lakes

March 29th: 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 March 2024

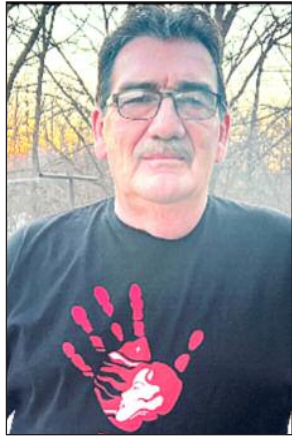
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WIC follows RBC schedule for closings	*Dates and times are subject to change*				1 Naytahwaush Waabinokwe Health Center 9:00-3:30	2
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Meet the Candidates for White Earth Chairperson

Eugene Umsy Tibbetts



Dear Fellow Members of the White Earth Nation,
I am Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, and I am honored to stand before you as a candidate for Chairman of the White Earth Nation. With deep gratitude, I thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support for my candidacy

in the upcoming Primary Election on April 2, 2024, and the General Election scheduled for June 11, 2024. To my fellow candidates, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your courage and dedication in stepping up to serve our people. It takes profound bravery to advocate for change, and I commend your commitment to serving our people.

Having previously served as the District 3 Representative on the Tribal Council from 2016 to 2020, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of dedicated leadership. During my tenure as Vice-Chairman, we achieved significant milestones for the people of White Earth and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, including providing crucial COVID assistance to our members, establishing a family center in Cass Lake, MN, and championing treaty rights with the 1855 Treaty Authority. Together, we invested in our veterans, supported our homeless population, and paved the way for sustainable growth and prosperity.

My vision for the future of our nation is rooted in dedication to our members, communities, and their families. As your Chairman, I am committed to prioritizing the following areas:

1. Elder Affairs Commission: Dedicating additional funding and resources to assist with Elder programming. Elders are the backbone of our communities.
2. Treaty Rights: Advocating for our 1855 Treaty Rights so that all of our members have the right to hunt, fish, and gather in the 1855 Treaty Territory.
3. Financial Accountability: Ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of our resources, fostering economic growth, and safeguarding our financial future.
4. Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Accountability and Restructure: Advocating for reforms within the ICW Department to better serve our families and prioritize reunification.
5. Open Referendums: Supporting the membership by having them make key decisions and referendum votes on important matters
6. Land Reclamation: Working towards reclaiming ancestral lands such as the White Earth State Forest and the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge.
7. Prioritizing Tribal Businesses: Supporting the growth and success of Tribal enterprises to create jobs and foster self-sufficiency.
8. Expansion of Tribal Cannabis and Tribal Hemp Businesses: Investing in initiatives that promote health and economic prosperity for our community. I would like to license Tribal members to conduct this business as a Band.

9. Community Centers: Establishing educational and cultural hubs to nurture the growth and development of our youth and families.

Of particular urgency are the issues surrounding Tribal Cannabis and financial accountability. We cannot afford to delay action on these critical matters. We must be ready to license our members to operate their own cannabis businesses. The White Earth Nation has a duty to support Band members to grow their businesses and to not let government regulation stifle economic growth. Additionally, as we continue to grow our reserves and explore new avenues for economic development, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in protecting our resources and fostering sustainable growth for generations to come.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman, and I humbly ask for your support and your vote for the Primary Election on April 2, 2024, and for the General Election on June 11, 2024. Whether you choose to cast your ballot in person or request an absentee ballot from the Election Board, your voice matters, and your vote will shape the future of our nation. Together, let us continue to build upon the legacy of our ancestors and create a brighter, more prosperous future for all members of the White Earth Nation

Miigwech for your unwavering support and faith in our shared vision. May our journey ahead be guided by strength, unity, and the enduring spirit of our people.

In solidarity and with deepest respect,

Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts

Donovan G. Burnette



Boozhoo Aaniin White Earth Members,

I am excited to announce my run for White Earth Chairman. My name is Donovan Burnette and I am a lifelong member of the White Earth Reservation. I have lived in the Naytahwaush area my whole life and am a father of 6. I hope one day my children and all children have the opportunity to live good lives on our beautiful reservation. I work full time and volunteer for the Naytahwaush Community Council and serve my community as a firefighter on the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. I love serving our members trying to make a difference in the community. I would love to make a difference for all of White Earth.

My Priorities:

Caring For and Assisting members - No matter what, we can all use help from time to time. Unplanned emergencies happen more than we like and knowing we have support from our Tribal Government is critical to our wellbeing.

To accomplish this, we need to strengthen the programs we have now. With over 100 million in expenditures, we should always be able to take care of our people. We need to look at what isn't working and what we aren't offering. As your Chairman I will work hard to ensure we are meeting the needs of the people. No person should ever have to worry about not knowing where to turn when they need help. Working with Federal and state departments to

ensure we have the right support is critical. But more important we need to strengthen our economic development.

One immediate example is to start the One Call number again, expand this to after hours and weekends. This was used over COVID and the need is still there. No matter what the problem or issue is, we should be directed to the right resource immediately.

Housing - I have worked for DW Jones for almost 9 years, I know and see the need for Housing for our members. I have volunteered as a surveyor for the Homeless Survey multiple years and the numbers have not changed and are actually growing. We need safe housing, housing repair, and new housing development. I have many ideas on how we can accomplish this. This also means focusing our resources on an assisted living and/or nursing home for our elders, so they do not need to leave the Reservation.

Economic Development - Not only for our Tribe but for our members. I will focus on ensuring we have a solid entrepreneur development program for members. A healthy Tribe includes many different employment options. To create real stability we need to focus on developing and supporting our members' dreams and helping develop our talents.

Sobriety - I am practicing sobriety, I have been in active addiction, both with drugs and then when I started in my sobriety, with gambling. I was never alone in my sobriety journey and I am so proud to see so many achieve their sobriety as well. I know first hand what led to my addiction and I never want to see another young person go down that road.

To do this we need more support for our future generation, we need to support families when problems start,

have an immediate response to trauma, and overall support young people throughout the community. We need to focus on prevention so we don't need intervention. Everything we do needs to be intentional, we must focus our resources on prevention.

We, as members, deserve better and I am here to offer my word, I will listen to everyone. I will bring issues to members before we make them. I will keep communication open and be in the communities and visible. I will work hard to make sure we are making progress for each and every one of our members. I am confident that our tribal nation will thrive and grow, we need strong leadership, one that is collaborative and empowering. We need to put the power back into our members' hands and listen to their voices. We cannot be afraid to challenge the status quo. We can bring positive change so let's come together and make a real difference

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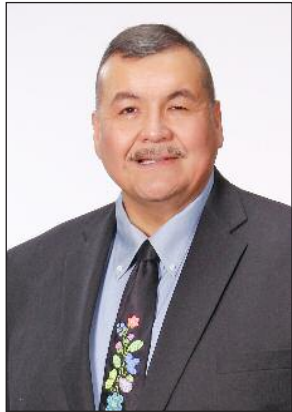
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Meet the Candidates for White Earth Chairperson

Michael A. Fairbanks (Incumbent)

Aaniin Gaa-waabaabiganikaag nindinawemaaganidog. Greetings my White Earth Relatives.

Mii-Gwech for all of your support in this upcoming primary election; our campaign has brought strong voices together, speaking from our hearts and we have been heard.



I believe that my professional experience, education, and most importantly, how I live my life spiritually and culturally, offer the leadership qualities needed to be your Chairman again as I am asking for your vote on April 2.

My education consists of two Associate of Science degrees: Business Management and Nutrition, Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies, a Post Bachelor's in the Naadamaadiwin Tribal Special Education Program and a Master of Arts in Education from Augsburg University.

I have worked in tribal administration in various capacities for the last 23 years, including White Earth Chairman since July 2019. During this position, I established an expansive overview and gained valuable knowledge of the diverse programming and services provided for our members on and off the White Earth Nation. This experience allowed me to work alongside tribal, state, and national leaders, which is critically important for any Chairman.

My education and experience have all given me an understanding of the importance of Tribal Sovereignty. At its most basic, sovereignty is not something that is granted to White Earth through treaties, it is something we as Tribal

Nations have always had, it is inherent to our existence as Anishinaabeg.

Maintaining White Earth's Sovereignty is important to our survival as a nation and as a community. There are threats both internal and external to our sovereignty that we as Anishinaabe people must be knowledgeable of and be able to respond to. These external threats include legislation, judicial challenges, and a lack of understanding of the trust responsibility, and relationship between the White Earth Nation and the United States. Internally, our sovereignty is challenged when things like White Earth's organizational infrastructure is undermined by shortsighted policies that allow micromanagement of programs by leadership, whose focus needs to be on providing vision and leadership.

As your Chairman, I have been working hard at not only maintaining White Earth's sovereignty, and whenever possible, expanding upon it. I have started the process of taking our Gaawaabaabiganikaag Aki, White Earth Land back to our nation. I have begun the process of the return of White Earth State Forrest back to our Nation as the bill is in now in legislation; it will be monumental.

Our Ojibwe language is a priority and we have hired a fluent White Earth band member who has immersion experience and is doing awesome. We are the largest tribe of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, yet we have a very low number of speakers at roughly 1% who are fluent Ojibwe speakers.

I would like to talk about something very personal to me yet something that has shaped and defined my life in a very positive manner. That is my sobriety; it is perhaps one of the most important aspects of my life combining my belief in traditional Anishinaabe values with my vision,

goals, and objectives for White Earth Nation. Communities, such as White Earth have many positive qualities, such as our children, our elders also how we overall treat one another. But it's no secret our communities have an unhealthy side, which impacts the everyday lives of our families, friends and relatives.

Chemical addiction has had such a negative imprint on our communities and Anishinaabeg struggle. One of the most important lessons recovery taught me is that just because someone is chemically dependent doesn't mean a person is bad, it means that they are struggling to live Mino-Bimaadiziwin, The Red Road - Good Life. Our White Earth Nation programming is one of the best at guiding our people to Minobimaaziwin because it incorporates our Anishinaabe traditional cultural ways of transitioning to sobriety.

Family is a very important part of my life. I am a pipe carrier; drum keeper and I am seated on a Big Drum. I am also a traditional dancer, and find a strong sense of Mino-Bimaadiziwin, through our Seven Grandfather teachings. I stay true to in heart, mind, and spirit, endaaso giizhig-everyday. Throughout the past years as your Chairman, I have worked hard on issues that are important to me: healthy families, education, and traditional Anishinaabe values.

I believe in transparency and have an open door policy, so please feel free to stop by and visit.

I humbly ask for your vote on April 2.

Mi'iw Mii-Gwech bizindawiyeg weweni,
Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Karen Marie Manypenny

My name is Karen M. Manypenny I am no kin to the late Marvin Manypenny or his wife Karen Manypenny. I graduated from Waubun High School in 1978. I received my A.S, degree in Law Enforcement from Minneapolis Community College. While attending the Saint Paul Police Academy I was awarded and received the highest L.E.O. medal for outstanding achievement with high honor and marks bestowed on a Native Indian.

I volunteered 18 years of my time with the Saint Olaf Catholic Church. I worked with grandmothers, grandfathers mothers, fathers, foster parents, and Vets who had no where to go. I also worked with people who were less fortunate than others that couldn't afforded to provide their families with everyday necessities.

Here are some of my duties and responsibilities:

1. Delivering food baskets during holidays.
2. Delivering Christmas presents, Easter candy
3. I paid the Vets hotel, motel rooms for two weeks so they were never living on the streets.
4. I paid the Vets doctors bills, meds and a home health care house keeper for those who had their own homes.
5. I bought the kids school clothing, and back packs full of school supplies.
6. I paid their rent, mortgage notes, water bills, electric bills, property taxes, and home owners insurance making sure no one would lose their homes.

While living in the Metro area, I worked 14 years for the National Bank of Minneapolis. In the five years of hard work in the cash vault as a director/boss I revamped, reorganized, and reprogramed the whole cash vault system for

deposits, counting cash money, and coins cutting down on theft, stealing, embezzling from the main company. I saved the bank and their largest and smallest depositories large sums of money. I was promoted to CEO for my loyalty, dedication, and trust.

When I moved home 10 years ago there were no programs available to better myself, no job opportunities even with a college education, no housing available, no training programs so I decided to run for tribal chair to insure our kids, their kids, and their kids have a future to come back to. When you decide to come home there will be opportunities for you or your family. I would like to start food shelves where tribal members can go when hungry, training programs to insure a better life for you and your family, clothing for success where tribal members can look professional for job interviews. Tribal members can voice their opinions regarding issues plaguing our tribal government or any issues regarding themselves. Tribal members should have the right to vote on issues. After all, White Earth belongs to you.

I was told 9 to 10 years ago these wind turbines were placed here to supply electricity to heat our homes, garages, schools and to sell off all excess electric back to the surrounding electric companies. Since these wind turbines have been just sitting idle, we could generate our own electricity. Why not build our own electric company using these wind turbines. Think of the endless possibility of owning our own electric company. We could be self-sufficient not dependent on anyone but ourselves. We could have our own logging/lumber yard, saw mill, shipping our raw lumber

material all over the USA to construct private and commercial structures. Think of the endless possibility this electric company could bring.

I want tribal members to feel free to stop by for any reason, my door will always be open. My phone will remain on morning, noon, and night. I will not be making any empty promises I can't keep. If elected, I will take no salary and still do the best of my ability to ensure the future generation of White Earth will always have a place to call home.

I will always ensure tribal members that their wants, needs, and interests are priority #1.

My main concern will be the future of our children, their children and their children. If we can't stop drugs making their way onto the rez that are destroying the lives of our younger generation, then what does our future generation have to look forward to? That's why I will be working close with our tribal police and tribal lawyers to rid the rez of all illegal drugs and prosecuting to the fullest. I will over see that tribal members lose their tribal membership if caught with drugs or found guilty in a court of law and banished from the Reservation for life.

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Meet the Candidates for White Earth District III

Cheryl Annie Jackson (Incumbent)

Boozhoo, my name is Cheryl "Annie" Jackson, and am respectfully asking for your support for reelection as your District 3 Representative for the White Earth Nation Reservation Business Committee.

I was born and raised on the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota to Grace (Bevins) Jackson and Dennis Wayne Jackson. Having my roots deep in White Earth on the reservation, I have always been an active member, and proud member of the community. After graduating in 2018 with my degree in Human Services from the White Earth Tribal and Community College, I felt better and even better equipped with useful knowledge to move our Reservation forward, while still fighting for all.

During the past 3 and half years, I have been a vocal and passionate advocate for all constituents, working to improve access to healthcare, education, and services. I have a strong passion for protecting White Earth's tribal sovereignty and treaty rights and will always do what's in my power to be a champion of those for our people. I grew up hearing and living with the struggles that our people faced in fighting for their rights and freedoms, so at a young age, I was very involved with all those that fought against injustices and vow



to continue to do so. I've gained knowledge from a plethora of teachers but would like to particularly say Miigwech (thank you) to my mother, Grandmother: Charlotte Jackson and Marcianna Bevins, Dale Hanks, Ray Bellcourt and Marvin Manypenny, all my Aunties and Uncles and not to mention all of those that have taken the time to instill their knowledge of tradition (too many to mention), but also their fierce advocacy and love for our Anishinabe people. I would like to continue this fight and ensure that tribal sovereignty and treaty rights are respected and upheld ensuring all voices are heard.

I am actively involved in the community and will carry on being your voice at the highest levels of tribal, state, and federal government. It continues to be my oath to work hard to remove barriers and allow access to the best services for our people.

My dedication and commitment will always be to the constituents and communities of our beautiful White Earth Nation, finding ways to move us all forward. There are so many great things happening. To name a few; a new child-care center here in White Earth, a warming house in Pine Point, as well as continuing work on a new Boys and Girls club in Callaway. One of my goals is a boys and girls club in each of the larger communities. I believe one of the greatest investments as a nation is our children who deserve to have a safe place to spend some time and be able to grow and learn with those in their own communities.

I am not one to take credit for anything, yes as a council member, I do fight hard for the betterment of our District, but

the real work is done by our many employees, they are who deserve the credit. Having been a lifelong resident of District 3, I'm blessed to have worked tirelessly alongside so many of you throughout the years. Whether it's been through employment or community functions, living and working here has brought many of you into my life, to which I'll forever be grateful for.

Family is also a huge focus in my life. I'm a proud mother of 10 children and grandmother of 26, not to mention all those that became my family, over the years. In my free time, you'll always find me spending time with my family and friends and bargain shopping with my mother Grace and grandkids or enjoying a quiet moment on Strawberry Lake.

In closing I'd like to say a big Miigwech for the opportunity to serve you as your District 3 Representative. It's truly been my honor and am humbly asking for your support in this upcoming election to continue the work we've done together.

Mi'iw and Miigwech,
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
District III Representative

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Laura Lee Erickson

Boozhoo, my name is Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson, I am running for White Earth District 3 because I want to see our Band thrive and give back to our communities. My parents are Harriet "Dove" Keezer-Thompson and the late Jerri Thompson. I am a lifelong resident of the White Earth Reservation. I graduated from Waubun High School, attended MSUM and Northland Community and Technical College. I enjoy hunting, fishing, sports and being with family and friends.



Currently, I am the Government Relations Coordinator for the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC) working with county, tribal, state and federal government officials. I have worked in various capacities over the last 23 years including: Legal Assistant for White Earth Legal Department, Administrative Assistant for our tribal leaders, a bartender and cocktail server at the Shooting Star Casino. Working in these different areas and capacities has given me the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge about our tribal programs. Throughout the years, I have worked directly with our members regarding a number of issues and with our programs to familiarize myself with how they operate on a day to day basis. I am uniquely qualified because I understand the inner workings of the Tribe and my experience has given me valuable knowledge of diverse programing. This experience would help me hit the ground running.

My experience and public service include:

- Mentored elementary students at Roosevelt

Elementary School in Moorhead, MN

- Completed Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program with White Earth, Leech Lake and Red Lake members
- Youth Girls Basketball Volunteer
- Facilitator for Bii-Zin-Da-De-Dah (BZDD) - A 14 Week Family Centered Ojibwe Substance Abuse Prevention Program in White Earth, Mahnomen, Rice Lake Community
- SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training
- Former Secretary/Treasurer for the White Earth Community Council
- Mii-gii-way-win Advisory Board
- Self Help Board
- Waubun School Board Member

I am familiar with our tribal issues: education, enrollment, housing, opioid epidemic, need to reduce homelessness, revitalization of language and culture, health, economic development, improving our youth programs, return of land, etc. I'm committed to taking on the challenges, ready to bring ideas and find solutions to help move our Tribe forward.

I would like to see a strategic plan for White Earth to increase transparency and gain community feedback on priorities. By creating a strategic plan, prioritizing our projects, working with the community and management in setting goals, a timeline to meet the goals, we can measure results. A strategic plan is key to ensure we secure funding and have a plan to sustain our infrastructures also. By doing this, our community members will be involved. I would love to hear your ideas about what you would like to see.

Tribal Member Input Process. I believe in collaboration through listening and seeking tribal member input to make informed decisions. One way to ensure community input and community involvement is to have surveys, community meetings, reaching tribal members by email, call in number, reaching our elders through Elderly nutrition program, home

health program, elder advocates.

I support efforts to continue asserting our sovereignty. We have witnessed firsthand, private companies exploit our resource rich land, that negatively impacts our water and natural resources. I believe we are protectors of Mother Earth, Nimaamaa-aki. I would like to see regular natural resource cultural camps to teach our children to trap, snare, hunt, rice, leech, properly process, make a meal. This will help empower our youth with life skills to make them aware how important our environment is.

Cultural loss and historical trauma has shown to have adverse health effects throughout generations. Revitalizing our language/culture through teaching, curriculum development, videos while collaborating with our schools and community is necessary. I support improving education for all ages both on and off the reservation. We need to educate our youth with as much knowledge as possible.

Inadequate healthcare and lack of providers in our rural area is an ongoing issue. Our healthcare is underfunded. The U.S. government has a trust obligation to provide health care for our members. We need to ensure we are at the table so our voices are heard.

Through innovative ideas, partnerships and listening to each other, we can build a community that is safe, strong and healthy. I look forward to listening to your ideas and concerns. I respectfully ask for your VOTE on June 11, 2024.

Good luck to all the candidates.

Miigwech

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Where the Sky Touches the Earth - A Great Leader

By Winona LaDuke

President's Day is not really an Indigenous thing. Here's a different story.

When America was young, there were many Anishinaabe and not so many Gichi-mookoman, the Americans. When America was young, we referred to her as the 13 fires. The Anishinaabe were part of the Three Fires confederacy and dominated the Great Lakes region.

There is no equivalent to President for the Anishinaabe. Our traditional territory encompasses the northern part of five American states and the southern portion of two Canadian provinces. Distributed representational leadership is how we created our nation. Monarchy and European forms of government concentrated power and wealth. Anishinaabe governance shared responsibility and wealth.

Mayzhuckegeshig or Where the Sky Touches the Earth, signed the 1863 and 1867 Treaties. He was the son of Quewezance who was one of the primary leaders of the Mississippi Anishinaabe in the 1830s and 1840s. Quewezance was killed in a battle with the Dakota near present day Stillwater. Consequently, Mezhučkegezhig assumed leadership responsibilities at 16, and proved strong and adaptable enough to continue leadership until his nineties.

His traditional home was Rabbit Lake, in the Crosby and Ironton area, where his community led a good life with plentiful fisheries, hunting, gardens, and wild rice, and was a part of the extensive trade routes of the Mississippi River which had existed for millennia between Indigenous nations in North America.

The lay of the land for the 1855 treaty was bleak. The Anishinaabe people had just witnessed the brutal Sandy Lake starvation of 400 tribal members who had been forced to come from Madeline Island to Sandy Lake for treaty guaranteed food and trade goods instead starved to death. They now knew that the word of the American president was a lie.

In turn, the US was in an aggressive move to take as much Indian land as possible, signing the Anishinaabe treaty of 1855, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Treaty, Yakima, Duwamish and Nez Perce treaties of the same year, covering vast portions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Think about the hardship. To travel from Northern Minnesota to Washington, D.C. involved travel by canoe, or perhaps horse, but also walking. The steamboat to Washington originated in St. Paul if the river was open, or alternatively, Waterloo, Iowa. From there, the boat would travel to Chicago and then the Iron Horse, the train would move passengers to the east. The 1855 Treaty was signed on Feb. 22, 1855.

Travelling was neither pleasant, nor did it place people in a position of power. There was no 'home team advantage'. Previous treaties, such as the 1854 had been negotiated in Anishinaabe Territory, and now, the Anishinaabe were forced to go to Washington to make peace.

Nonetheless, the Rabbit Lake reservation (today Crosby Ironton), Pokegama (today Grand Rapids), Gull Lake (Brainerd/ Baxter) Sandy Lake, Rice Lake and Mille Lacs were all protected under the 1855 treaty which affirmed the Anishinaabe title to 11 million acres of land and then "ceded" it to the United States.

Of these reservations, Rice Lake Indian Reservation was never established. Gull Lake, Pokegama Lake and Rabbit Lake Indian Reservations were extinguished. Later, the three Pillager Chippewa



Mayzhuckegeshig - Where the Sky Touches the Earth

Reservations were consolidated to form the Greater Leech Lake Indian Reservation.

As pressure from the logging companies and land speculators moved into the 1855 territory, the US pushed the 1863 treaty which took more lands from the Anishinaabe and then finally the 1867 treaty which was for the preferred lands of the White Earth reservation- the one which would not be stolen. The treaty created the 837,000 acre reservation and protected the land.

"... the lands so held by any Indian shall be exempt from taxation and sale for debt and shall not be alienated except with approval of the Secretary of Interior and in no case to any person not a member of the Chippewa..." Article 7 of the 1867 Treaty.

That treaty was broken by the American President, and today the largest landholders on the White Earth reservation are the federal, state and county governments, who hold almost one third of the reservation, in violation of the treaty. Less than ten percent of the reservation is held by the tribal government.

"The red man's sun was setting in the upper Mississippi Valley, an alien race with another manner of life had come to dominate the scene...from this day forward, the Chief devoted his influence to the development of his people in the ways of peace..." historians would write. He pled and challenged the injustice of federal government, facing Senator, then Governor Knute Nelson whose Nelson Act violated the treaty and opened up the reservation to allotment and subsequently land theft.

In 1911, in his 80s, he traveled "... to meet with the powers that be in Washington for a more intelligent and conservable administration of Indian Affairs as pertains to the Chippewa..." By that year, 99% of the reservation lands had been stolen by government agencies, land speculators, loggers and more.

During the course of his life, Mayzhuckegeshig met all US Presidents from Lincoln to Roosevelt, and was personal friends of Theodore Roosevelt. His descendants are the Wright Family, among others on the White Earth reservation. It is because of his commitment, determination and ability to adapt in cruel conditions, that the Anishinaabe people are still here to tell the stories, harvest wild rice and stand for justice.

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Obituaries

Bobby John Weaver

Bobby Weaver, 22, of Naytahwaush, died Feb. 2, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Bobby John Weaver was born June 1, 2001, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Shelly Weaver and Tracy Zornes. Bobby was lovingly raised by his mom and father figure, Joseph "Chico" Sudar. He attended school at St. Michael's, Naytahwaush Elementary, Waubun High School and Mahnomen High School. He had a special relationship with Chico and continued to look to him for support over the years.



At a young age, Bobby entered the workforce and became a father. He and Susan were blessed with three precious children whom he loved more than anything. Bobby worked for a short time at the Shooting Star Casino and was currently working in the Maintenance Department at the Behavioral Health Building, in addition to helping out with Bevins Towing. Bobby also enjoyed turning wrenches and fixing on anything. He was a self-taught mechanic and could fix anything with a motor. He overcame the trials and tribulations of being a young father and always worked hard

to provide for his family.

When he was younger, he played football in high school and danced in pow wows and more recently, he spent his spare time playing Fortnite on his PS4 with his siblings. Bobby really enjoyed the great outdoors, fishing, leaching, riding 4-wheeler, playing softball, and harvesting wild rice, especially with his mom. He was an easy-going kid with patience and a great sense of humor. He constantly had a smile on his face, kept a positive attitude, never complained and was always willing to lend a hand when it was needed. Bobby loved meeting people and bs'ing with old and new friends alike. He didn't judge them and always seemed to leave a lasting impression on everyone he came across over his short time here on earth. Above all, he loved his family and will be greatly missed by many.

Bobby is survived by his girlfriend and mother of his children, Susan Rohrbach; children: Bobby, Bailey and Bellarose; mother, Shelly Weaver; sisters: Taytum Weaver, Sheynelle Weaver, and Kyri Goodwin; brothers: Joseph Sudar, Kade Weaver, and Kvan Weaver; grandmas, Toni Weaver and Suzanne Zornes; in-laws, Violet Stately and Jack Rohrbach; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandpas, Vernon "Buggs" Weaver and Joseph Sudar; his meme, Doreen Sudar; uncles, Shawn and Jay Weaver and several extended family.

Traditional services began with an all-night wake on Feb. 8 and continued until the funeral on Feb. 9, all at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Duane "Dewey" Dale Moran

Duane "Dewey" Moran, 45, passed away suddenly on Feb. 5 at his home near Beaulieu.

Duane Dale, lovingly known as Dewey, was born on Oct. 16, 1978, to Dale and Lenore (Greene) Moran, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He grew up in Detroit Lakes and attended school there. Over the years, Dewey worked various jobs in the area. He spent most of his time working in sales and construction. He married Dana Austin, and they were blessed with two sons. They welcomed other family members into their home and Dewey always loved them as his own. The couple later divorced and several years ago, Dewey moved to Beaulieu to be near his mother.



Dewey was lighthearted, sociable, and loved to laugh. He was a jokester and brought smiles to any gathering. He had an adventurous spirit and didn't mind taking risks. He loved to gamble, play poker, and shake dice. He also spent many hours working on cars and fishing. Dewey was always willing to help others in need

and had many close friends.

Dewey is survived by his mother, Lenore (Greene) Moran; father, Dale Moran; sons, Tyler Moran and Zachary Moran; daughter, Isabelle Austin; brothers, Dean Villebrun and Dale Villebrun; and uncles: Gorman Greene, John (Corrine) Bucholz, and Rodney Greene.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Darci Moran; grandparents; uncles, Berman Greene and Helmer Greene Jr.; aunts: Thelma Beaupre, Lila Holm, and Judy Greene; and other extended family members.

A memorial service was held Feb. 13 at the Anderson Family Funeral Home.

Interment: St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Beaulieu.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Robert "Bob" Paul Beaulieu

Robert "Bob" Beaulieu, 68, of Bagley, Minn., passed away Feb. 15 at his home under the care of his family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Robert Paul Beaulieu was born Aug. 14, 1955, in Sauk Centre, Minn., to Robert H. and Esther (Hallquist) Beaulieu. Over the years, Bob moved from place to place. He spent many years in Minneapolis where he owned and operated an automotive and towing company. Bob loved working on vehicles, it was his passion. He has spent the last few years making his home on the White Earth Reservation near Ebro.



Bob was a unique individual, a man with no filter. He was also a ladies' man, constantly trying to impress them with his charm. Bob was a good man, always keeping to his word and respecting his elders. He enjoyed playing a variety of music, cutting wood, planting plants and attending pow wows. In addition to his love for cars, Bob loved cooking and his breakfasts were the best! He also had a great love for family and friends. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and treasured the time with family. He was lucky

enough to meet his newest granddaughter, Leilanie, shortly before his passing. Bob will be greatly missed by many.

Bob is survived by his mother, Esther; daughters: Christina Thomas, Evelyn Maskewit, and Anita Beaulieu; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sisters: Diana Piipke, Rose (Wyatt) Freithe, and Roberta Lindquist; brother, Dwight Erb; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; sisters, Becky and Pamela; grandson, Robert and nieces.

A funeral service was held Feb. 27 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

The kindness shown is deeply appreciated by Robert's family. The family would like to offer a special thank you to Hospice of the Red River Valley; his nurse, Jodi Walsh; and his PCA, Francine Day.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Aaliyah Renae Iron Cloud-Brown

Aaliyah Iron Cloud-Brown, 19, of Mahnomen, died Feb. 2, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.



Aaliyah Renae Iron Cloud, born on May 2, 2004, in Bemidji, Minn., to Shalene (Iron Cloud) Brown and Troy Aamodt, was a resilient soul who found her place in the world through determination and love. Lovingly raised by Shalene and Reginald Brown, she navigated life's challenges with strength and grace. Her educational journey took her through schools in Minneapolis and Mahnomen over the years, and was currently working towards obtaining her GED. She worked day labor for the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Despite her busy schedule, she always made time for her loved ones, finding joy in their company.

She was a talented artist, pouring her creativity into her drawings. A perfectionist by nature, she took pride in her appearance, mastering the art of hair and makeup with precision, often practicing on loved ones.

But beyond her talents and achievements, Aaliyah will be remembered for her kindness and warmth. Her beautiful smile brightened the lives of those around her, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Though she may be gone, Aaliyah's spirit lives on in the hearts of those she touched, her memory serving as a reminder of the power of love and kindness.

Aaliyah will be forever missed by her parents, Shalene and Reginald Brown; brother, Reginald Brown Jr.; sisters, Reignbow and Shayvaughn Brown; papa, Francis Brown Jr.; uncles: Troy (Crystell) Donovan, Brady (Nancy) Donovan, Patrick (Stacey) Donovan, Sonny (Desiree) Wadena, Anthony (Apple) Fairbanks, and Travis Thompson; aunts: Laura Iron Cloud, Dena (Jason) Iron Cloud, Lisa (Paul) Donovan, Fran (Sam) Brown, Lolly (Mike) Johnson, April (Joe) Thompson, Stacey Wadena, Nicole (Dan) Nolan; and many beloved extended family members.

Aaliyah was preceded in death by siblings: Shaylene, Angel, Avishai, and Beloved; grandmothers: Henrietta Bedeau, Lois Brown, and Debbie; grandfather, Robert Tote; uncles, Frank Brown and Manny Wadena; cousin, Joseph Thompson Jr.; and biological father, Troy.

An all-night wake service began Feb. 8 and continue until the funeral on Feb. 9, both at the Wings As Eagles Fellowship Church in Naytahwaush.

Interment: St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Ponsford in the spring.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Obituaries

Marie Julia Byrd

Marie Julia Byrd, 80, of Ebro, Minn., died Feb. 23 at Cornerstone Senior Care in Bagley, Minn.

Marie was born on Sept. 26, 1943, in Bagley to Harry James and Laura Gladys (Marshand) Byrd. She moved to the Cities in 1969 and worked various jobs including at a video manufacturing company. Marie moved back up north to Rice Lake in 2000 and then to Ebro.



She was a good provider and loving mom. She had a big heart and was always helping others any way she could. She took care of many people over the years. Marie loved to go to the casino, playing cards (particularly gin rummy), and visiting family and friends. She loved all animals, but especially loved her dogs.

Marie is survived by her son, Duane; granddaughter, Amber Berrard; and many nieces, nephews, and other loved relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Laura Byrd; sisters: Josie, Joan, Daisy, and Cece; grandson, Russel; and nephews, Myron and Alvin.

A wake began Feb. 28 and continue until the time of the funeral service on Feb. 29, all at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley.
Online: www.ceasefuneralhome.com

James “Jim” Edward Bevins

James “Jim” Bevins, 70, of White Earth, died Feb. 24 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home.

James Edward was born Aug. 13, 1953, in Ann Arbor, Mich., the oldest child of George and Lois (Smith) Bevins. At a young age, the family moved to Detroit Lakes, Minn., for a short time before relocating to the White Earth area.



During high school, Jim was active in football, boxing and wrestling and graduated from Waubun High School. After graduation, he married Lillian Paulson but the couple later parted ways. Jim attended Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Wadena, Minn., where he received his welding certification.

In the early 1980s, Jim met Margaret “Peggy” Nelson. Together they raised their family and over the years made their home in Detroit Lakes, Callaway, Fargo, N.D., Mahnomen, and Florida. Jim and Peggy made their union official on April 15, 1995, when they were united in marriage in Detroit Lakes.

Over the years, Jim worked as an EMT for White Earth, at the Shooting Star Casino but mainly as a welder, working many years for Fargo Foundry. Peggy passed away in 2011 and Jim remained in Callaway with his daughter, Tiffany, until his health began to deteriorate. He later moved in with his granddaughter, Kailene. Jim and Kailene had a special bond, and she was able to open her home to him and help him through all the ups and downs he was facing. Jim only recently moved to the nursing home in December 2023 to make his home.

In his younger years, he was known to be something of a partyer but later he enjoyed watching old westerns on television, tinkering on vehicles and gambling. He had both a sweet tooth and a great sense of humor. Jim was known to prank and terrorize anyone he could, but on the flip side he loved to spoil his grandchildren and great grandchildren whenever possible. He will be greatly missed by many family and friends.

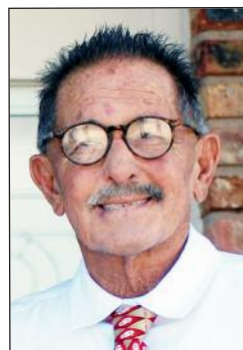
Jim is survived by a son, Jamie (Danelle Keezer) Bevins Sr. of White Earth; daughters: Jennifer Pinneo of Wasilla, Alaska, Tiffany Bevins and April Bevins, both of Callaway; stepsons: Richard, Charlie, David and Norman Hayes; sister, Jeanine Bellanger of White Earth; sister-in-law, Dorothy Watson; numerous grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy; daughters, Jessica and Collette; grandson, Jamie “Honker” Bevins Jr.; sister, Avis Pederson; brothers, Gary Bevins Sr. and Samuel Watson; brother-in-law, Francis “Butch;” and nephews, Matthew Bevins and Ethan Berry.

A funeral service was held Feb. 29 at St. Benedict’s Catholic Church in White Earth.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Douglas Norman Pemberton

Douglas Norman Pemberton, 75, passed away Jan. 31, at his home in Anadarko, Okla. He was the husband of Anne Watkins-Pemberton. They shared 35 years of marriage together. Doug was an active member and a faithful servant of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in the Bishopric for many years. He was born in Flint, Mich., on Jan. 11, 1949, to Norman J. Pemberton and Anna Lou Williams.



He attended school and graduated from high school in Big Piney, Wyo. Doug received his Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. He later earned a Master’s Degree from Arizona State University, and moved to Oklahoma and attained a Master’s Degree at the University of Oklahoma and his Ph.D. from OU.

Doug worked as a federal reviewer for Head Start for 20 years, he was also a federal grant reviewer for 10 years. The last four years he has been employed at Apex, Inc., working as a job coach with adults with disabilities. He loved his job and the people he worked with.

Doug was a devoted OU fan and never missed a home game, he and his football buddy Jimmie Gaunce had season passes. He followed the Anadarko Warriors football and basketball teams. Doug loved playing basketball and traveled the country playing in many Native American tournaments. He played softball and was an avid cyclist, he rode his bicycle from Tulsa to Phoenix, Ariz. He was a runner and ran in the first Annual Oklahoma Memorial Marathon and many 10K runs. He earned the name “Fastrunner” from his father-in-law Jim Watkins.

He is survived by his wife Anne; children: Quanah Pemberton (Macrina) of Taos Pueblo, N.M., Marie Luman (Ronnie) of Mustang, Okla., Brett Taylor of Anadarko, Laquita Cruz (Mikey) of Taos Pueblo, Deschand Pemberton of Billings, Mont., and Rainbow Pemberton (Wis) of Moencopi, Ariz.; grandchildren: Miguel, Isabella, Kiya, Cameron, Elias, Michael B., Noah, Austin, Sariah, Hanson, Frankie, Antonio, Ellis, Selena, Sienna, Ruby, Blake and Xavier; sisters: Inga Potratz (Egbert) of Hamburg, Germany, Anita Mohler (Jon) of Long Beach, Calif., Nancy Akana (Chester) of Santa Ana, Calif., Debbie Kay (Jeremy) of Long Beach, Mary of Tustin, Calif., Jodi (Napoleon) of Temecula, Calif., and Sherri of Temecula; brother, Richard Pemberton (Stacy) of Valle Vista, Ariz.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John L. Pemberton and Louise Deagan-Pemberton; maternal grandparents, Joseph Williams and Fanny Jane Williams; father, Norman J. Pemberton; mother, Anna Lou Williams-Sanders; step-father, Dugan Sanders; brother, Dugan Sanders; grandson, Deon Taylor; and great grand daughter, Kaylani Finau.

Marley Grey Reed

Marley Grey Reed, 14, passed away Feb. 16 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born with the rare seizure disorder CDKL5.



Given her restrictions, she never fell short of conquering any adventure. She loved Dunkin’ Donuts, going for walks, baking with mom, cuddling with her sisters, and watching football with dad. She took road trips to Disney World and Michigan, and flew to San Diego and Texas. She rode rollercoasters and soaked up sun at the beach. She loved many, was loved by more and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her mother, Monique Fox; father, Wesley Reed; sisters, Ana Baxter and Niyah Reed; and her grandparents.

A viewing was held Feb. 20, followed by a wake on Feb. 21 and continue until the time of the service on Feb. 22, all at the Rice Lake Community Center with Rev. Jackie Bernacchi and Delores

LaDuke officiating.

Arrangements: Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley, Minn.
Online: www.ceasefamilyfuneralhome.com

Save the Date!

The 155th White Earth Annual Treaty Day Pow Wow will be June 14-16

Let the us know if you moved so we can cancel your old address and update your new address. Email Anishinaabeg Today at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Obituary

William (Bill) A. Murray

William (Bill) A. Murray passed away peacefully the morning of Jan. 19 of natural causes.

Bill was born Feb. 6, 1935, in the small village of Ebro in the lakes country of northern Minnesota. Henry and Evelyn Murray were his parents, Marvin his brother and Phyllis his sister. All predeceased him. Bill descended from three distinct nationalities: Norwegian, Syrian and was a member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. He attended grammar school in a one-room school house in Ebro where a teacher recognized and encouraged his talent for art. His high school years were spent in Bagley, Minn., after which he enrolled in the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Art Education. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany where he was the base commander's secretary. On discharge, he joined his family in Portland, Ore., where he lived for the rest of his life.

Starting in the early 60s, Bill was recruited into the children's treatment arena. Initially hired as a treatment specialist at Parry Center and Waverly Children's Home, he often worked the night shift

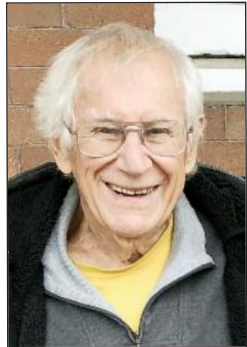
while he pursued advanced art studies. He then moved into a supervisory position at Edgefield Children's Center and later was a founding staff member and assistant director at Poyama Day Treatment Center. At the end of the decade, he resumed his traveling life, backpacking in Europe.

On returning to Portland, Bill began seriously exploring the art field. He was offered a job, this time as a co-partner in the new Graystone Gallery, known for outreach and exhibits of new artists' work. The gallery closed in 2004 and once again Bill retired and went traveling, this time following the Grand Slam Tennis Tournaments in London, Paris and Sydney.

Bill was a gentle, kind and wise man. He was curious and inquisitive and an engaged listener. Outgoing with an easy laugh, he possessed a remarkable balance of rootedness and wanderlust. His most obvious trait was his love of people of all stripes. In addition to his family and neighbors, he reached out to each of the circles that made up his life - those in the helping professions, artists' communities, his knitting group, Ashland's theatre folk and tennis buffs. We all loved him.

A Celebration of Life was held May 18 at Catlin Gabel School East Campus (formerly Oregon College of Arts & Crafts) in Portland.

For further information, contact: Celebratebillmurray@comcast.net



Urban community gathers for Elder Valentine party



The White Earth Urban Elder Valentine Party was held Feb. 17 at the MCT building in Minneapolis.

The event featured a dance and karaoke contest.

Around 40 people enjoyed music, food, gifts, candy, and a gift card drawing.

Photos by Char Lee

2024 Election Calendar

April 2: Primary Election
(Polling place open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.)

April 3: General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8 p.m.)

April 4: General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.

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

April 5: Deadline to Post Regular Election Notice without Primary.

April 9: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

April 10: Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed. (If allowed or 8th or 9th if earlier request)

April 19: Deadline for Decision on Contest

April 22: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision. (Or within 3 days of decision on Contest)

April 24: Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals. (At least 2 days prior to the hearing date)

April 29: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal. (Hearing within 7 days of appeal)

May 9: Last Day for Decision on Appeal. (10 days from hearing on appeal).

May 10: Notice of General Election (or earlier if no appeal)

May 10: TEC provides ballots for General Election (or earlier if no appeal)

June 11: General Election
(Polling Places open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

June 12: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8 p.m.

June 13: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results

June 14: Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5 p.m.)

June 18: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

Community invited to receptions

An Artists' Reception for Jayme Littlewolf (piano) and Jesi Rae, (photography) will be held April 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Circles of Faith United Church of Christ in Waubun.

Jayme Littlewolf's piano program will start at 6 p.m. followed by artist talk with photographer Jesi Rae. The last hour will be open for visiting and refreshments.

Jesi Rae's photography will be on exhibit through May.

Jayme Littlewolf of Naytahwaush loved listening to piano at a young age and began playing. He is self-taught - he started a little over a year ago on a small keyboard without music! At 12 years old he has already captured the hearts and admiration of the wider region.

After seeing his talents while traveling for a football tournament, the Tribe purchased him his own baby grand piano for home use. He recently played for a nursing home in Bemidji and loves to play for people whenever he can. This is one way White Earth can honor his talents.

(Sample)

White Earth Absentee Ballot Request Form

Please send an Absentee Ballot for the upcoming White Earth election set for the 2nd Day of April, 2024

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

District 1 _____ District 2 _____ District 3 _____

FIRST TIME VOTERS; you may select a District.

If you choose not to select a District, you will receive a ballot to vote for only the at-large position.

* Once your district is declared you cannot change your District until you move back to the new district 30 days prior to the election, until then you will only be allowed to vote in the District you select. The Enrollment Office has an Address Request Form you will need to fill out. The boundaries are listed as follows:

District 1: North of State Highway 200

District 2: From State Highway to State Highway 113

District 3: South of State Highway 113

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

*Absentee voters in the Primary Election will automatically be mailed a ballot for the General Election held on June 11th, 2024.

Send submissions to:

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

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on **April 2, 2024** to fill the following positions:

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON - 4 Year Term

Eugene Umsy Tibbetts, Donovan G. Burnette, Michael A. Fairbanks,
Karen Marie Manypenny

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON - 4 Year Term

Only two candidates - NO PRIMARY ELECTION

White Earth General Election Board

Shooting Star Casino RV Office, 777 SE Casino Drive, Mahnomen, MN 56557
218-936-5622 / election.board@whiteearth.com

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

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Absentee Request cards me be sent to: election.board@whiteearth.com

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:

Bejou - Community Center, Main Street
Pine Bend - Church Parking Lot
Rice Lake - Community Center (Rice Lake Village)

DISTRICT II:

Mahnomen - Tribal College, 2250 College Road
Naytahwaush - Fire Hall, County Road 4
Waubun - Community Center, 1004 Central Avenue

DISTRICT III:

Callaway - Community Center, Highway 59
Ogema - VFW Hall, Main Street East
White Earth - Community Center, Martin Drive
Elbow Lake - Elderly Nutrition Center, (Elbow Lake Village)
Pine Point - Community Center (old school)

MARBLE, MN

Marble City Hall (Community Center)
302 Alice Avenue

MINNEAPOLIS

MCT Urban Office (Ally Entrance)
1308 East Franklin Avenue

CASS LAKE, MN

White Earth Family Office
220 2nd Street NW

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

White Earth Election Board

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

Fax: 218-936-5623

Email: election.board@whiteearth.com

Or by mail at:

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

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

Election Board Hours

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

Voting eligibly for White Earth Primary Election

1.6(A) Judging Qualifications

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6 (B) Eligibility to Vote: Generally

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All Eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6 (C) Eligibility to Vote: Absentee

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General

Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.



Even if you are not required to file a Minnesota income tax return, you may be eligible to receive the **new and refundable Minnesota Child Tax Credit** up to \$1,750 per child dependent under age 18. Find out today!

Questions?
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White Earth Investment Initiative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
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White Earth Mental Health offers concho belt making and two suicide prevention workshops

Boozhoo from White Earth Mental Health.

In early February, White Earth Mental Health hosted Mental Health Connections: Concho Belt Making Workshop.

Twelve attendees were provided with instruction and materials to create their own concho belt. We hope in the future, attendees will be able to create their own belts and share their knowledge and skills with their community.

White Earth Mental Health partnered with White Earth Public Health to host the Heart Health and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives event on Feb. 14. During this event we invited community members to remember and honor their missing and murdered indigenous loved ones. The event also included health screenings, educational presentations, and interactive demonstrations. The event had a total of approximately 275 attendees.

White Earth Mental Health also offered SafeTalk and ASIST workshops. SafeTalk is a four-hour face-to-face workshop that provides education on how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support.

ASIST is a two-day face-to-face workshop where individuals will learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, providing a skilled intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone alive and safe for that time. The ASIST workshop had a total of 10 attendees and SafeTalk had 16 attendees. In total, 26 attendees learned about suicide, being able to have a conversation about suicide, and connecting the individual to the further supports or keeping them safe for that time.

In March, White Earth Mental Health is partnering with White Earth Public Health to host Women's Empowerment Night. The event will include educa-



Photo by Kristy Melina

White Earth Mental Health hosted a Concho Belt Making Workshop. Twelve attendees were provided with instruction and materials to create their own concho belt.

tion surrounding public health, women's health, cultural supports, and skills to keep yourself safe. Stay tuned for more information about this event and other upcoming events!



Photo by Judy Simpson

White Earth Mental Health recently offered SafeTalk and ASIST workshops at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. The workshops focused on suicide recognition and prevention. This group graduated from the ASIST workshop.

WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS

(April 2, 2024)
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please take note of the White Earth Urban Community Council Election for Open Officer Seats

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Community At Large Board Member

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building
1308 East Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

2nd Floor in the Board Room



Nomination Forms will be available to fill out at the *White Earth Urban Community Council meeting on March 12, 2024 (6:00 PM-8:00 PM)*
Also in the Office (Suite 201) at 1308 Franklin Avenue Mpls, MN 55404
FMI: Char Lee 651.262.7602

NOMINATION FORM

WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination Deadline: March 20, 2024 Must be 18 years old

Take the form to the WEUC Office

MCT Bldg 1308 East Franklin Avenue Suite 201 Mpls, MN 55404

Nominator Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

WE Employee Yes: No WE Enrollee Member Yes No

Fill out this box ONLY if you are nominating an individual to run for the WEUC.

Nominee Name _____ Nominee Phone _____

Nominee Email _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee: Family Friend

How long have you known the nominee? _____

Please tell us why you believe the nominee would enhance and contribute to the goals of the WEUC. Include the skill and perspective the nominee would bring to the Council.

Self Nomination (Fill out ONLY if you are nominating YOURSELF to run for WEUC)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please tell us why you are interested in being on the WEUC. Include the skills you would bring to the WEUC. What would you like to accomplish.

WE Election Board

White Earth Election Office
777 SE Casino Drive, Mahanomen, MN 56557

election.board@whiteearth.com
218-936-5622 or 1-866-211-9154

Fax: 218-936-5623

Hours: Monday through Friday / 8 am to 4:30 pm

ICW honors advocate for WE children

White Earth Indian Child Welfare celebrated the retirement of Donna Newgren-Isaacson on Feb. 12. Donna has served as the Child Protection Social Worker for the Duluth Urban Office for 12 years. However, Donna's ICW child welfare experience extends for many years prior to us, serving other tribes in the area of ICWA.

It's been an honor to have Donna advocate for our White Earth children and families in St. Louis County and surrounding counties. The work she has done for the children of White Earth will never go unnoticed. We are incredibly grateful to have her on our team and she will be greatly missed.

Good luck on your future endeavors, enjoy your retirement!



Submitted photo

White Earth ICW Director Laretta Blakely, left, recently gifted Donna Newgren-Isaacson with a blanket and certificate. Donna is a Child Protection Social Worker for the urban office in Duluth, Minn. She is retiring after 12 years with ICW.

LaRoque from Page 4

Towing Savage and Rescue ship. He is a White Earth Enrolled member from the Pine Point area. The ceremony was held at the National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C. The James D. Fairbanks family was in attendance. This was a great honor for the White Earth Nation and the James D. Fairbanks family.

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

The White Earth Mother's Day Powwow is May 11-12

Heart Health / MMIW Event



A Heart Health/MMIW Event was held Feb. 14 at the Shooting Star Casino. There were blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, glucose monitoring and interactive demonstrations from a variety of exhibitors. The event also featured several displays honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Legal

Affidavit of Publication

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

In Re the Matter of:

White Earth ICW, obo: child,
Petitioner,

and

Reuben Edwards., DOB: 12/29/2002;
Respondent.

SUMMONS **File No. OP2024-00002**

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

An Order for Protection has been issued on **January 11, 2024**, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter.

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

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

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

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

Chairman from Page 3

in the marketplace because of the vision and foresight lead by myself and the Tribal Council. The facility is top of the line. Next steps would be to work with other Tribes on a variety of products, job creation, building up the brand and marketplace, and expanding statewide.

Land Back:

White Earth State Forest:

White Earth Nation's goal is management and return of the White Earth State Forest to protect the resources in an environmentally positive manner for the benefit of present and future generations and to ensure the forest lands on the White Earth State Forest are managed in an environmentally sensitive, sustainable, and economically viable manner. And manage the forest land in balance with conservation of natural, aesthetic, and cultural values.

Tamarac:

The Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge encompasses approximately 42,724 acres. A little over half of the Refuge (24,162 acres) is located within the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Reservation, and the rest of the Refuge is located within the 1855 Treaty Territory wherein the Band retains hunting, fishing and gathering rights.

Under the 1867 Treaty with the Band, the land on which the Refuge sits was to be included as part of the White Earth Reservation. Under the legally and morally fraught allotment policies starting in 1887, the federal government issued some 226 individual allotments to Band members within the land area now comprising the Refuge. When only 13 of the original allotments remained in 1935, the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") and the Biological Survey ("BS") entered into an agreement (the Collier Agreement), which led to the establishment of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge was formally established in 1938 to further the goals of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act in the area known as the Mississippi Flyway.

Because of the concentration and diversity of surface water sources (7,800 acres of lakes, 12 miles of streams, bogs, marshes, swamps and wooded pot-holes) as well as the presence of both deciduous and coniferous forests and open meadow landscapes, this area within the Reservation and 1855 Treaty Territory is a rich and productive one for flora and fauna and is critical for the exercise of the Band's reserved hunt-

ing, fishing and gathering rights.

Under the leadership of President Joe Biden and Secretary Deb Haaland, the United States, as elucidated in Joint Executive Order 3403, has prioritized the restoration of Tribal homelands to Tribal ownership as well as the co-stewardship of federal lands to protect treaty rights and Tribal interests. The Department of Interior has hundreds of co-stewardship agreements in place, 13 of which have been signed since the publication of Executive Order 3403.

While federal agency officials and the Band are moving forward with co-stewardship agreement for the Tamarac NWR, federal agencies have been much more ambivalent regarding return of the underlying title for Tamarac NWR. Provisions in the National Wildlife Act seemingly prevent administrative action on title transfer without legislative action explain, at least in part, the reason for federal agencies' waffling on return of title to Tamarac NWR. A legislative fix proposed this year could alleviate federal agencies' concerns regarding their authority to transfer title to Tamarac NWR to the BIA to be held in trust for the Band.

Sovereignty:

Water Protector:

I have consistently stood up against MPCA and MN DNR encroachment on Tribal resources. I've held accountability to the Government-to-Government relations.

Line 3:

I maintain and continue to stand against any pipeline through the ceded territories.

Law Enforcement:

Concurrent jurisdiction:

638:

Establishment of Boards:

Coming soon, health board

I would appreciate your continued support in the Primary Election on Tuesday, April 2.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabamininim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Exhibit from Page 40

Pamela and Tessa had formulated a few questions that Tessa asked the models while they danced and Pamela and daughter Jessica took photographs, lots of photographs. The resulting narratives are the dancers' answers. Some models were very open to all questions, while others were uncomfortable answering as they felt the information was too personal. Pamela very much wanted the exhibit to be as much about the dancer as it was about the painting; the varying sizes of the narratives say as much as the information in them.

"Respect, Honor, and Humble" were three common words that came up often by the models as they danced, were being photographed and painted while wearing their regalia. "Respect" for family, tradition, elders, and nature. "Honor" and be honored. "Humble," models offered this information, knowing it's not about them; it's about respecting and honoring their regalia and dance and the people who wore the

regalia and danced before them.

The artist talk continued as Pamela introduced each dancer/painting on display. She shared stories each dancer told, along with the meaning behind their regalia and some of the specific items present within the regalia. Pamela also shared the techniques she used in creating the exhibit, from photographing the dancers dancing to the completion of the final product.

Pamela Edevold is a fiscal year 2023 recipient of a "Creative Support for Individuals" grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the art and cultural heritage fund.

The gallery show will be in Fosston at the "Aurora Center for the Arts," March and April. Returning to Bagley Public Library in May.

Howah Ads

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ROSE MURRAY

MARCH 8, 2004

Happy **28th** Birthday **KristaRae**

We love you bunches!

From grandma, grandpa, all our kids and myself

April 5

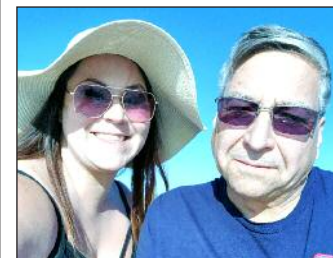


Happy Birthday to my **Handsome Cub, Dean!**



Happy Birthday **Mr. Swiers**

I love you March 13th



20th Annual
**Communities Collaborative
Brain Development Conference**

Save the Date

August 14th & 15th, 2024
with Preconference August 13th
Shooting Star Casino & Event Center Mahnomen, MN

Watch for more information coming soon.

White Earth Child Care and Early Childhood Programs
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CIRCLES OF FAITH
 United Church of Christ
 Spring French Toast Breakfast



Sunday, April 14th
 Serving from 9 am to 1 pm.
 At the Waubun Community Center

Menu:
 French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
 Toppings Bar, Juice & Coffee

There will be a silent auction benefiting
 Mahnomen County Agricultural Society
 (help with expenses for the 2024 Mahnomen County Fair July 4-7)

Adults - \$8
Children 12 and younger - \$5
Preschoolers - free

NEED MORE ENERGY?

JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY!

Located in the Manitok Mall, Mahnomen

Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 935-0808 or 218-401-2421 to fill out an application

NEW KEY CARD HOURS:
 Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10:00p.m. (age 15-17)
 Saturday &-Sunday 6 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (age 15-17)
Adults (18 & older) get 24 hour access 7 days a week.



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SAVE THE DATE!

WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1ST ANNUAL METRO TRADITIONAL POW WOW

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

American Indian Center
1500 East Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404



Grand Entry: 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM
 Feast: 5:00 PM
 Payouts at 8:00 PM


Staff to be announced
 Vendors Welcome (Fee charge)
 Sponsored by White Earth Nation

Inter-Tribal Dancing
Honor Guard TBD
Invited Drums Split
Men & Women Specials
Youth & Tiny Tots Specials

Everyone is Welcome to join in celebrating the 1st Annual Urban Pow Wow
 Drug and Alcohol Free
 For More Information, please contact Char Lee @ 651-262-7602
 (Flyer to follow)

Detroit Lakes Public Schools Powwow 10AM - 4 PM
Thursday March 21, 2024
Grand Entry 10AM

Detroit Lakes High School - Lakeshirts Fieldhouse
 Open to the Public - Open to Student and Adult dancers



Emcee- Terry Goodsky
 Spiritual Advisor- Mike Swan

Arena Director- Jeremy Clark
 White Earth Honor Guards

Co-Host Drums- Smoke Stack Singers & Smokey Hills
 Invited Drums- Young Warriors, Northland Eagles Drum Group, Buffalo River, White Earth Juniors, Red Lake
 Honorarium for Invited Drums only

Princess & Brave Contest for Detroit Lakes Students Only

Honorarium for registered dancers (students & adults) in regalia

Invited Vendors Only

Meal provided for Powwow Staff, Drum Groups and Registered Dancers

More to be announced

Contact: Joe Carrier: jcarrier@detlakes.k12.mn.us

IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING?

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

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

(You must live on the White Earth Reservation)

Eagle View Township

Eagle View Township will hold its annual meeting on March 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Elbow Lake Community Center, 39944 N. Elbow Lake Drive.

Gail Gardner, Clerk
 Eagle View Township

Twin Lakes Township

The next Twin Lakes Township meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Pinehurst Resort Dining Room

Amber Simon, Treasurer
 Twin Lakes Township

Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

If you are in need of a Well and Sewer System for your house/ trailer home you can contact White Earth Water & Sewer for an application as we receive grants.

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:


- * Tribal Enrolled member
- * Reside on the White Earth Reservation
- * Show proof of land (Land Deed/Tribal Land agreement) and proof of homeownership
- * 18 years of age or older
- * Must have electricity, heat source, and interior plumbing to the home
- * Income verification (some existing home owners grants require)

Contact us at 218-983-3202

Mahnomen Country Club Winter Wonderland Rules:

- Ski, snowshoe or walk with a partner. **One adult (18 or older) must be present.**
- Activity must occur during the daylight hours.
- Stay away from the river water and areas marked with poles and tape.
- Plan ahead, use the restroom before arriving, dress appropriately and bring a cell phone for emergencies.
- Unauthorized motor vehicles, ATV's and snowmobiles are NOT allowed.
- Take litter home with you.
- The use of drugs and alcohol are prohibited.
- Adult Cross country ski and snow shoe lessons are provided by White Earth Tribal Public Health. Make an appointment by calling 218-401-2421 Monday-Friday 8 until 4:30.
- Have fun enjoying the fresh air, beautiful scenery and outdoor exercise!

Bonus: Draw prizes will be awarded if you find the 7 foot Sasquatch on the property and take a picture of yourself with it every time you visit the MCC in the winter months. Text or email the photo along with your contact information to 218-401-2421 or Jackie.haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov



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Thank You

We want to thank everyone who attended Bobby's funeral services, who stopped by the house comforting our family, people who brought food, cards, wood, gifts, flowers, and helped with his fire, etc. We also would like to thank WE forestry, Anderson Family Funeral home, Puggy Goodwin, Erika Bellanger and helpers, Buddy, Zach, Kyle Zornes, WE Water & Sewer crew, and anyone else that we may have forgotten to mention. There were so many of you that were here for our family, and who showed so much love for Bobby. We want to thank you all from bottom of our hearts, we are forever grateful for each and every one of you.

Car For Sale

1993 Mercury Grand Marquis 117,000 miles. New tires, brakes, oil, plugs, antifreeze. No rust. \$6,000 OBO. 218-694-3468. Serious call only.

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- Emergency Medical Responders (EMR)
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- Child Development Associates (CDA)
- Special Boiler Operator License
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- Individuals lacking stable housing
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Breastfeeding Celebration

Expectant moms & new moms welcome

*Join us for a discussion about all things breastfeeding—from barriers to our favorite tips.
*Breastfeeding stories shared from moms in the community.

March 13 11am-1pm
Shooting Star Casino

REGISTER NOW BY TEXTING or CALLING:
Phone: 216-401-7799

White Earth Tribal Home Visiting- LIFE and PAT Program

PP School Meeting Minutes

**Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 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 – Gerald Roberts, Marva Aitken, Michael Swan, John Swan, Allison Jones
Members absent – Sara Hunt
Ex-officio – Chris Schulz, Principal
- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors** – Bonnie Meeks
- 3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda** – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes** – Motion by Allison Jones to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.0 Finance**
- 5.1 Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023 as presented, seconded by Marva Aitken. 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 December 2023 in the amount of \$62,115.56 for check #33104 through check #33160 and the EFT for Federal/State/TRA Payroll Tax & Debit Card Transactions, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business**
- 6.1 No unfinished business
- 7.0 New Business**
- 7.1 Reorganization of Board
- 7.1.1 Chairman – Motion by Michael Swan to keep John Swan as Chairman, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.1.2 Vice Chairman – Motion by Michael Swan to keep Marva Aitken as Vice Chairman, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.1.3 Clerk/Treasurer – Motion by Michael Swan to keep Allison Jones as Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.2 Selection of Official Publication – Motion by Allison Jones to utilize *Anishinaabeg Today* as the official publication for the school district, seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.3 Selection of Depositories – Motion by Michael Swan to authorize the use of the following depositories: Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF); US Bank of Minneapolis; and Northview Bank of Park Rapids, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.4 Superintendent/Principal and Business Manager Authorization – Motion by Michael Swan to authorize Christopher Schulz, Superintendent of Schools/Principal and Bonnie Meeks, Business Manager, to conduct financial transactions and Electronic Fund Transfers on behalf of the school district, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.5 Schedule of Monthly Board Meetings – Motion by Michael Swan to schedule monthly board meetings on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7.6 Salary for Board Members – Motion by Michael Swan to set salary at \$150 per meeting and \$50 per special meeting which includes Tribal Consultation meetings, seconded by Marva Aitken. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8.0 Principal’s Report** – Discussion on 3rd Quarter; Monthly headchecks; Tribal Consultation on January 23rd; Eye Clinic on January 25th; Skiing Grades 5-8 on February 2nd; Tubing Grades K-4 date will be set; Science Fair on February 16th; Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 16th; Snowsnakes on March 1st; NIEA conference. No action needed.
- 9.0 Public Participation** – Culture Camp on February 10th; Winter Camp on January 20th; CSO Program basketball on March 27th & April 14th 6p.m.-9p.m.; Dog Training on Thursdays 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m February 8th to March 14th.
- 10.0 Adjournment** – Motion by Marva Aitken to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Michael Swan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

February 2024

Feb. 8 th , 2024	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Feb. 15 th , 2024	Pine Point
Feb. 22 nd , 2024	Elbow Lake
Feb. 29 th , 2024	Valley View, Mahanomen

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

March 2024

Mar 7 th 2024	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Mar 14 th 2024	Naytahwaush
Mar 21 st 2024	White Earth – Congregate Center
Mar 28 th 2024	Rice Lake

Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm
Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, E.N.P. dining hall after the 11:30 meal.
Bingo in White Earth is at the Congregate Center, Dining Hall after the 11:30am meal
Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.

April 2024

Apr 4 th , 2024	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Apr 11 th , 2024	Pine Point
Apr 18 th , 2024	Elbow Lake
Apr 25 th , 2024	Valley View, Mahanomen

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

On Feb 8th starting at about 12:45, enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of water with a light snack. Topping it all off you can play Diabetic Bingo starting at 1pm
Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the R.B.C. or the E.N.P. site is closed Bingo will be rebokod to another date, if possible.
Updates 1/31/2024

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 24-28 2024

White Earth Natural Resources along with Alabama Fire College will be offering a free 40 hour HAZWOPER certification course. More details coming soon.

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KIMBERLY BLAESER

Ancient Light
by Kimberly Blaeser

Wednesday, March 13th
5:30-7:30pm
Feast, Author Talk, Book signing & giveaway.

MAHANOMEN PUBLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA, DOOR #2

Kimberly Blaeser is a Mahanomen School alumna and an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation and an Anishinaabe activist and environmentalist. She is an author of six poetry collections -including her newly released volume *Ancient Light*. Kim is founding director of Indigenous Nations Poets, past Wisconsin poet laureate and Professor Emerita of UW-Milwaukee.

MAHANOMEN PUBLIC SCHOOL AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM
CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY WISCONSIN
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Gizaagi'in Round Dance



Photos by Wes Jourdain

The Gizaagi'in Round Dance, held Feb. 20 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center, was made possible by an Opioid Allocation from DHS that was given to help combat the opioid epidemic with preventative services. What better way to do that than with a sober, free, safe event where we get to heal/dance/sing together? We wholeheartedly believe that culture is prevention. The event was sponsored by Indian Child Welfare in collaboration with First Thunder Beings House, WE Public Health, Dorene Day, Wendy Roy, Rob Tibbetts, Maria Cloud, Dana Goodwin, Carlos "The Candy Man," Jessica McArthur, ICW staff, WE Business Products, Bud Day and our head staff. There were over 30 hand drum singers and close to 200 attendees throughout the night.

Event honors MMIW



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The Heart Health/MMIW Event was held Feb. 14 at the Shooting Star Casino. In addition to health screenings, the event honored Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives.

Pamela Edevold's

paintings of local dancers in full regalia on display in Fosston

By Pamela Hagen-French
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Artist Pamela Edevold has her 10 acrylic paintings of local Indigenous dancers in full regalia on display at the Bagley Public Library BAAC Community Room. The exhibition has been on display since the beginning of February. This is Pamela's first solo gallery show. The show will move to Fosston March/April.

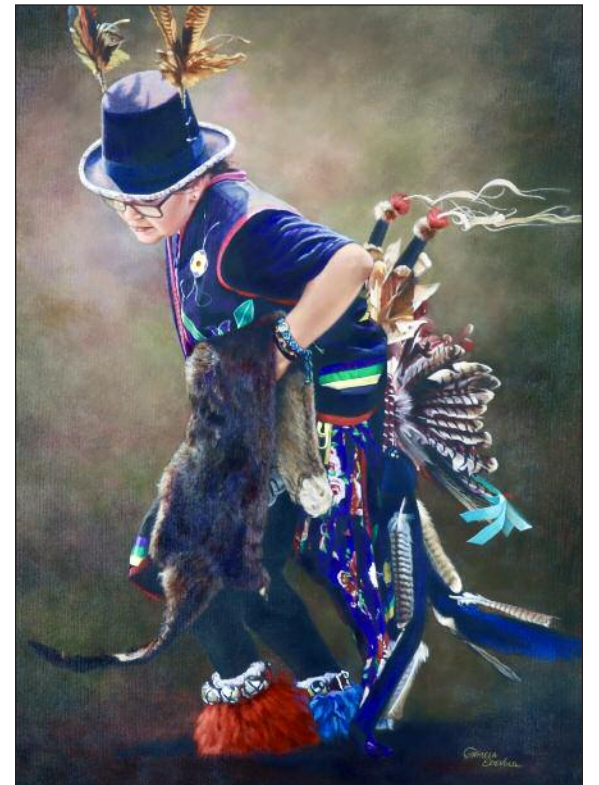
On Feb. 24, an Artist Talk/Reception was held at the library. 45 people attended the reception, including Henry Fox - Rice Lake District 1 Representative (White Earth), and six of the indigenous model/dancers.

Pamela began by thanking the staff at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school (Cass County), who she contacted Spring of 2022 to see if such a project was even possible. She thanked her family for their part; daughter Tessa and her husband Seth Wiegele, who work at the school, Jessica Whaley; photography and Alicia Clooney; online and physical invitation and photo editing. And, she especially thanked the models, some who responded response to a letter sent to the school, and others who were literally pulled out of pow-wows and asked to dance for photographs and be interviewed.

Pamela gave each dancer a framed/matted photograph of their picture. The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School received matted and framed pictures of all 10 paintings along with narratives to hang in their facility.

The impetus for this project came from Pamela's strong desire to learn about the native community that resides in Clearwater Co and close surrounding communities. Pamela has been a resident of Clearwater County for over 25 years and felt she knew very little about the local indigenous culture.

This exhibit is not intended to teach, but rather to share, and to encourage, non-natives, like Pamela, to notice, pay attention to, acknowledge, and quite possibly learn from this beautiful culture we live among.



One of 10 acrylic paintings of local Indigenous dancers in full regalia by artist Pamela Edevold.

Pamela did not do research regarding the types of regalia, dance, and cultural practices other than what her daughter Tessa, who works at the school, told her. Pamela didn't want to think she knew what she was talking about. Tessa did share the different styles that would be important to represent, how to conduct herself at school and pow wows; especially what she could and could not photograph, ie drummers and singers who were praying. No photographs were taken of any dancer who hadn't yet given her permission to do so. Thus, the dancers were photographed away from the actual dances.

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Artist Pamela Edevold and District 1 Rep. Henry Fox with six of the model/dancers featured in the exhibition in Fosston, Minn.