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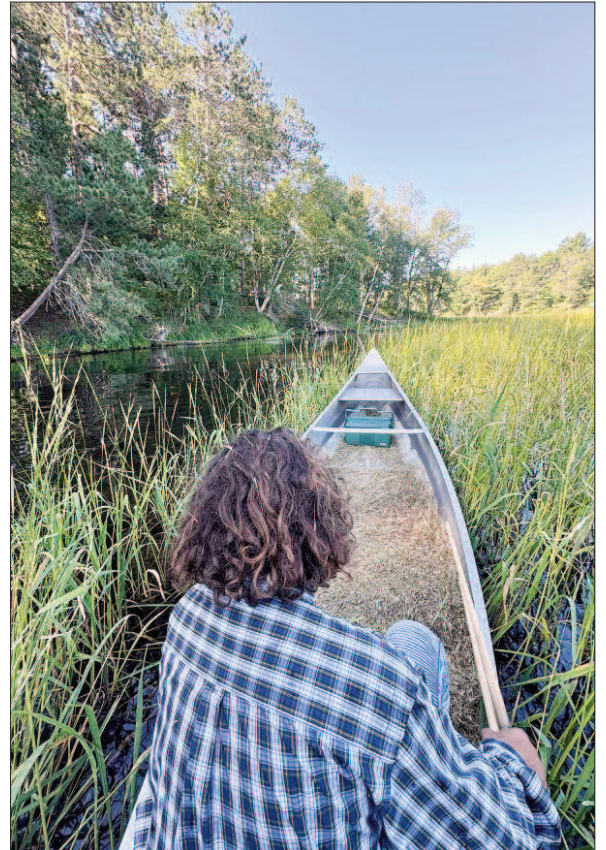
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Lt. Gov. visits White Earth Elders at picnic

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan (center) took time to visit with the White Earth Council of Elders recently at the 1st Annual Elders Day Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park in Richfield, Minn.

Submitted photo

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Children who died at a boarding school in the 1800s return to the White Earth Nation

The boarding school era stands as one of the darkest chapters in American history. These institutions were designed with the intent to “kill the Indian, save the man” by separating Native children from their families, languages, and cultures. Many children were taken from their homes against their will, while others were sent by parents who viewed these schools as their children's best hope for survival during a time when being Native was fraught with danger and despair.

Despite the profound trauma these schools inflicted on generations, details about the specific schools remain scarce. The U.S. government has never fully disclosed information on the children who attended, those who died, or what became of them.

The White Earth Nation Historic Preservation Office worked diligently with the institutions that operated these schools to build relationships and locate archival materials collaboratively. Each child matters. Their stories matter. They deserve to be named, remembered, and, when possible, returned home. During this process, four children from White Earth who died while attending these schools were located.

The closest next of kin holds the sacred right to determine what is best for these children, and the White Earth Nation and Historic Preservation Office are committed to supporting the families in these decisions.

We have located and notified the next of kin for three

of the four children. John Parker's family has chosen to bring him home immediately and requested a traditional service. The family of Joseph Roy has decided to bring him home with a burial only.

The family of Napoleon Giard will bring their child home at a later date. Felix Aemly, who passed away at the young age, has no living next of kin that were located. He was a child of White Earth; as such, it is our responsibility as a sovereign nation; we are his family. Reburial for Felix will take place at a later date.

The children rest in secure, respectful locations as families prepare for their reburial.

In accordance with the wishes of the family of John Parker, a traditional service was held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Both families of John Parker and Joseph Roy have asked that their relatives be buried at the Repatriation Cemetery on Sept. 29.

We hope these ceremonies will offer a measure of continued healing and closure for the families and the broader White Earth community, which continues to feel the profound impact of the boarding schools. We also know that healing is hard work and sometimes involves complex feelings, thoughts, and emotions. To that end, trauma counselors will be on-site to support anyone in need during the ceremonies. Counselors may also be contacted anytime at 701-401-0940.

What you need to know about changing from PCA to CFSS

You may have heard that PCA is changing. White Earth Home Health Agency would like to provide some information to help with questions you may have.

- PCA (Personal Care Assistance) is a program available to people on Medicaid that helps with a person's daily activities. This includes helping someone get dressed, take a bath, get out a chair, use the toilet, get in and out of bed, etc.

The state of Minnesota has been working to improve services and give people who use it more options and more flexibility. Minnesota has gotten approval from CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services) and just rolled out CFSS (Community First Services and Supports) on Tuesday, Oct. 1. People who receive services will transition from PCA to CFSS during their regularly scheduled annual reassessment.

- The process for getting PCA services is still the same.
- Reach out to a tribal or county agency for an assessment which determines how much/ if a person needs assistance.

- The changes for CFSS are that the person has more

options in how they want to get their services.

- The new programming allows two ways to manage their services. 1) Continue to work with a PCA agency, or 2) Choose to manage their services on their own.

- Additional changes under CFSS, family members can care for family members. There are also some types of equipment that can be purchased using CFSS dollars.

In hopes to explain the changes staff have been working to be educated and able to educate our clients.

- As a part of CFSS, there are new companies, called consultation providers that are licensed by the state to assist in educating people about their options also.

- After an assessment, the consultation provider (a neutral, third-party agency) will assist people in making decisions about what works best for them and how they want to have services provided.

We want to assure you that we will be alongside our clients, doing our best to assist people navigating this change. Thank you for continuing to trust our agency in caring for our community members.

Chairman from Page 3

In Minnesota, you can pre-register to vote until Oct. 15, or register on the day of the election at your polling location. Early voting is already underway, and you can find more information on polling locations, voter registration, and sample ballots on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/

Daga biinwebinigen weweni Gaawaabaabiganikaag and Anishinaabeg miziwe niizhiwenimaa.

Please take care and get out to vote White Earth Nation and Anishinaabeg everywhere, friends and families.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

White Earth Chairman
Michael Fairbanks

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WOMEN'S Night Out

OCTOBER 29, 2024
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 4:00PM
SHOOTING STAR CASINO & EVENT CENTER

Join us for a women's night out focused on your health and well-being! Hear from our panel of health and wellness practitioners and connect with other women while enjoying dinner, dessert, and prizes! You must be 14 years or older to attend. Due to limited seating, make sure to pre-register at 218-401-0550 or 218-401-3241.

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- Activities

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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Binaakwe-Giizis!

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Weweni-sago-na

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already October!

Everyone Be Safe.

As we head into fall season, I hope everyone had a great summer. Dagwaan is Ojibwe for fall season. With fall already here won't be long before all the leaves are turning into vibrant colors.

In the heart of our Ojibwe Noopiming, Woodlands, where the pines whisper secrets to the wind and the waters reflect the beauty of the sky, Mni Sóta, or Minnesota. Minnesota was originally named Mni Sóta by the Bwaan our neighbors the Dakota. There lived a wise elder named Nokomis. She was known for her deep understanding of nature's cycles and the stars' teachings.

One fall, as the sun dipped below the horizon, Nokomis gathered the children around her to share a story. "Tonight, we honor a rare gift from the Gichi-Manidoo, the Supreme Being" she began. "It is said that once in a great while, Dibikak-Giizis, Night Sun or moon, takes a rest, allowing Mama Aki, Mother Earth, to breathe and renew herself."

Long ago, Nookomis was taught when there was a second new moon—a moment of pause that only occurred when the universe aligned just right. This moon was called Gizhibaa, meaning "the hidden one." When Gizhibaa appeared, our gagizhaazh manidoo, guardian spirits, sent a message through the stars, calling for reflection and renewal.

During this time, the forest animals gathered under the dusk sky. Our nighttime protector, gookooko'oo, the owl hooted softly as dusk rolled in, reminding them they were protected and this was a chance for Mama Aki to rest. Makwa, the bear, knowing the power of stillness and rest, shared stories of the seasons and the importance of patience. Even the smallest creatures, like enigoonsag, the ants, joined in, showing how every being plays a part in the great cycle of life.

Anishinaabe people were inspired by this gathering and took time to reflect on their lives. They walked through the dusk quiet woods, listening to the gentle rustle of leaves and the soft calls of the night sky as it gently flowed in. They offered asema tobacco and gratitude to Mama Aki for her gifts and the spirits for their guidance. In this stillness, they learned to let go of burdens and fears, making space for new dreams to take root as they got ready to go home for the evening.

As Dibikak-Giizis shifted back into its cycle, Giizhebaa shone briefly before becoming a new crescent, a reminder of the renewal that had taken place. The Anishinaabe celebrated this transformation with dance and song, honoring the wisdom they had received.

Nokomis smiled at the children, her eyes twinkling like stars. "Now, as we prepare for the second new moon again," she said, "let us remember the lessons of Giizhebaa. Embrace the stillness, reflect on your journey, and honor the gifts that come from letting go."

As Ojibwe people we must continue to cherish



this sacred time, letting go of feelings, thoughts and behaviors that affect us negatively knowing that each second new moon is an opportunity to release and let go of the past.

So, let's keep moving forward as Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg, reconnecting with Mama Aki and each other through our beautiful ceremonies and Anishinaabe Minobimaadiziwin, the Red Road, and good, healthy lifeways.

We are the First People of Turtle Island which includes the "United States." With that in mind, it wasn't until 100 years ago our ancestors were granted voting rights in the United States. This year's election holds significant historical weight as we strive to elect the first Anishinabekwe Governor because the selection of Minnesota's Governor has opened doors for Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, from our very own Gaawaabaabiganikaag ishkonong, White Earth Nation to become the first Anishinabekwe Governor in the United States.

In Minnesota, five Anishinaabe - Native individuals hold office, including the highest-elected Anishinabekwe woman, Sen. Mary Kunesh, and three state house representatives. This representation is pivotal in ensuring that Native voices and opinions are heard in decision-making processes.

Significant victories have marked recent legislative sessions in Minnesota for Tribal nations and Native Americans. These victories, such as the return of over 11,000 acres of land to the Lower Dakota Sioux Community and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, investments in community development, free state higher education for Native students, Indigenous education initiatives, and more, underscore the importance of having the right people representing us at all levels of government. They are crucial for addressing unique issues such as Indian Health Services (IHS), Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), land rights, sovereignty, education, and cultural preservation.

Each of your individual votes holds immense power. In the 2000 Presidential election, a mere 537 votes determined the outcome. Local elections have been decided by even smaller margins. As Anishinaabe - Native Americans, it is crucial that we recognize the influence "WE" hold and ENGAGE, EDUCATE, and EMPOWER ourselves to cast our ballots. Your vote shapes the future for generations to come, and it's OUR responsibility we should all take seriously because our children and grandchildren depend on us.

See Chairman Page 2

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. This Monthly report will consist of a general fund update and a monthly travel report.

General Fund Update

I met with the White Earth Finance staff and the Executive Director, and the Deputy Director on the FY2025 budgets. We also met with divisional directors on their budgets for 2025. The divisions that were over 15% budget from FY2024 were looked at and corrected to stay even or under budget. It was a month-long process, but we got our FY2025 budgets within budget for this next year.

Travel Updates

I had attended the Tribal Legislative Summit with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Department of Children Youth and Families, and the Minnesota Department of Health at the American Indian Center on Sept. 11. Several Minnesota Tribal Council officials were in attendance.

The purpose of the summit was to follow Minnesota Order 10.65 Government to Government relationship with Tribal Governments. The agency must consult with Minnesota Tribal governments on legislative priorities in Human Services, and the Department of Health and Children Youth and Families - a new department with the State of Minnesota.



I attended the monthly Urban Community Council this month in the Twin Cities and I'm planning on meeting with the other two off reservation Community Councils, Cass Lake and Iron Range, next month.

Tribal leaders also held the first Grand Council meeting at the Lower Sioux Reservation. Discussions were held on issues affecting all 11 Minnesota Tribes. This Grand Council will give Tribes a stronger voice.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer/fall pow-wow season, and look forward to a great new year, while moving forward into the future for another successful year ahead of us.

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

WHITE EARTH NATION - URBAN ENROLLMENT & ID

WILD RICE, APPAREL, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND
INDIAN MONEY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS
(No Harvest Permits)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

STAFF LUNCH BREAK: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
(NO SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME)

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404

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Adults (16-54): \$12

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**Descendants must submit a White Earth Request for Verification of Descendancy form to the WE Enrollment Office by 10/14/2024 along with the required \$50 fee. For more information call (218) 983-3285 and ask for Enrollments.

EVENT INFORMATION: (612) 859-1530

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Office Phone: 218-983-4647

Jeanne Kozan - Licensor
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patricia.dawn@whiteearth-nsn.gov
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It takes a village to raise a child.

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The online issues feature more color and you can read them right away when the paper comes out on the first Wednesday of each month.

White Earth Enrolled Elders/Veterans/Disabled Snow Removal Program **Request for updates **

To provide better Snow Removal Services for our White Earth Tribal Enrolled Elders (55 years & older), Veterans and Handicap/Disabled, we would like you to call and inform us of any changes you may have, such as an address or telephone number.

If you have turned 55 years old after January 2024 and have not previously applied, please contact us ASAP so we may send you an application and assign you to a snowplow provider.

Apply: White Earth Water & Sewer Department
35674 Co Hwy 21
White Earth, MN 56591

Phone: 218-935-6411/218-983-3202
Fax: 218-983-4350

Contact: Elder/Veteran's Service Provider-Lisa Donovan-Larson or Manager-Burnham Tibbetts III
Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or
Burnham.tibbettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Notice to tribal land lessees, assignees, and any others utilizing tribal lands

The White Earth Land Office will be conducting periodic inspections of all sites, assignments, leases and contracts for any compliance issues on tribal lands. Please call to update your contact information with our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding compliance inspections or wish to update your information, you may contact the White Earth Land Office at 218-983-4650.

Feel free to visit us at:
www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00 am

- Set Your Clocks Back an Hour.
- Check Smoke Detector Batteries.

Fall Back 3 NOVEMBER SUNDAY

News From District 2 Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe,

This past month has been full of cultural activities and it brings me so much joy to see so many of our people harvesting wild rice. Alongside these important traditions, we've also had a busy month in the office. I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff for their hard work in revising program budgets while keeping our infrastructure projects on track. I'm excited for the year ahead and all the initiatives our team has planned for the continued growth and success of our Nation.

Wild Rice Season 2024

This season, we purchased an impressive 281,824 pounds of wild rice, with more than 200,000 pounds harvested from Lower Rice Lake alone. In total, we paid \$2,070,000 to our hardworking wild rice harvesters, marking yet another record-breaking year!

However, we encountered an issue again this year with individuals using mechanical equipment to harvest wild rice. The equipment in question was a small jon boat outfitted with a fan propeller on the rear and a combine attachment at the front. Not only was this makeshift machine harmful to our rice beds, but it also posed a serious safety risk to the operators due to its poor construction. The machine was confiscated, and the individuals involved were cited.

During the upcoming legislative session, I will be pushing for stronger protections on wild rice to prevent incidents like this in the future.

Miigwech to everyone for your continued commitment to preserving our traditions and protecting Manoomin!

Grand Council Subcommittee

I've been appointed to two workgroups alongside other Tribal leaders, focusing on cannabis and wild rice. My goal in these groups is to promote and expand our Waabigwan Mashkiki brand and support other Tribal Nations in entering the cannabis industry.

Regarding wild rice, with prices at an all-time high, it's critical we ensure that Manoomin remains accessible to our people, especially those who can no longer harvest. Being on the same page with the other Tribal Nations will allow us to maintain consistent pricing, keep green rice prices high for our harvesters, and most importantly, preserve our traditions for future generations.

Property Management

White Earth Nation currently offers multiple



supportive housing options, and I recognize the need for improvements across these properties. In collaboration with our Human Services division, we've been negotiating with a new property management company, Optima Property Management, to address various concerns. Our primary goal is to ensure our people have access to adequate and affordable housing.

Once we've achieved consistent maintenance and sustainability of our current properties, I would like to explore new housing projects. These would not only focus on our elders but also provide housing solutions for working families and single individuals.

White Earth Nation has experienced significant growth in recent years, and as we continue to explore new industries, it's crucial that we also invest in our workforce. Ensuring that Tribal members have access to housing options will help guarantee that we make up the majority of our workforce. By prioritizing affordable and accessible housing, we are not only supporting our people but also strengthening the foundation for sustained economic growth and prosperity within our Nation.

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Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants for tribal members

Region 2 Arts Council Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants are open to Indigenous artists, musicians, writers, filmmakers, actors, dancers, craftspeople and culture bearers who are enrolled tribal members and descendants residing in the following Minnesota counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, or Roseau.

This grant offers funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work, purchase of materials or equipment to create works of art, learning opportunities in the arts, and proposals for projects or opportunities to enhance the career of an individual artist.

Maximum Award: \$1,000

Application Deadline: Nov. 1, 2024

Grant Review by Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council: Dec. 11, 2024

Earliest Start Date for Funded Projects: Jan. 15, 2025

Create a Login and Apply Online: r2arts.org

Request a paper copy of the grant application: staff@r2arts.org

Questions? Need support? Inquiries about accessibility needs?

Contact the Region 2 Arts Council
Call: 218-751-5447 / 1-800-275-5447
Text: 218-407-2507

Email: staff@r2arts.org

In-Person: 505 Bemidji Avenue North, Bemidji, MN, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Rez Briefs

RBC offices closed for holiday

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 for Indigenous People's Day and will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 8 a.m.

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary meeting

Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary meeting on Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. in the Ogema VFW Hall. We are recruiting new members and welcome any questions you may have regarding joining. Please call Carol Fabre at 218-983-3443 for more information.

Calvary Cemetery cleanup

It's time for fall clean-up of the White Earth Catholic Calvary Cemetery. All flowers, trinkets, etc., on the graves should be removed asap if you want to keep them. Thank you! From the cemetery clean-up crew.

Visit the Diabetic Health Fair

A Diabetic Health Fair will be held Nov. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Rice Lake Community Center

Waubun School Forest information

Fall is here and hiking trails should be more pleasant. The trails at the Waubun School Forest all always open to everyone. It is located at 2541 State Hwy 113 (9.2 miles east of Waubun).

White Earth Urban Office

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

Iron Range Area Community Council

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

Anishinaabeg Today Readers

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Valleyview Commons

Valleyview Commons in Mahanomen has immediate openings for 1 bedroom units

Rent is based on 30% of your adjusted monthly income calculated per HUD guidelines up to a contract rent of \$615 and includes water, sewer and garbage.

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White Earth Natural Resources to hold Youth Deer Camp

There will be youth deer camp on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mahnomen High School.

There will be some general discussion on deer hunting safety, CWD awareness and demonstration on how to properly process a deer. Youth are encouraged to bring their deer head from their successful hunt for demonstration on how to extract tissue for CWD testing.

The event is free and open to all youth 16 and under. Each attendee will get some deer hunting essentials and a lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug McArthur at doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov or by calling 218-935-3655. You can also contact James "Jimmy" Uran Jr. at james.uranjr@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Tamarac NWR Trapping Drawing

The trapping drawing for zones in Tamarac NWR will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 5:30 pm at the Mahnomen Natural Resources Office (old tribal college building on Hwy 59).

Tribal members must bring their drivers license, Tribal ID card, and current harvest permit.

The White Earth Natural Resources Department encourages all interested trappers to attend, there are numerous opportunities for trapping of all sorts especially beaver.

If you have any questions please contact Doug McArthur at Doug.McArthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Thanks and hope to see you there!

News From District 3 Rep. Laura Lee Erickson

Aaniin Anishinaabe. I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. September brings Fall, time to clean leaves from gutters and preparing homes for cooler temperatures. As we embrace the changing of seasons, I am reminded of the resilience and strength of our communities. I encourage people to engage in outdoor activities: a walk or hike, a drive to enjoy the beautiful colors. Each month is a testament to our enduring community and bright future.

Meeting/Events

9-5 Tribal leaders, White Earth Enterprise staff met with Calista Corporation from Alaska and FHQ Developments from Canada to listen to ideas and what is working for them

9-6 Meeting with Optima Property Management company. Currently, Optima manages four properties: 1) Gwayako Bimaadizi (Housing First Project) in Mahnomen, 2) Giwanikimin in Naytahwaush, 3) Dreamcatcher Homes in Ogema, 4) Congregate in White Earth. They will also assist to manage the tiny homes in Rice Lake, Naytahwaush, Pine Point and White Earth. Topics discussed: property subsidies, pet policy, security, tiny homes, property budgets.

White Earth Finance Department held a meeting for contractors to submit bids for the remodel of the Elbow Lake Boys and Girls Club building.

9-7 I joined our White Earth Natural Resources staff and Waubun students and teacher at Tamarac Refuge to harvest wild rice and a science project. The class was split into two groups: how to properly harvest wild rice and science project: water testing, identifying water insects/species, snails and gathered information. The Natural Resources staff taught students the proper techniques how to harvest wild rice including how push the canoe with a pole, how to gently knock the grains into the canoe without damaging the rice plants. Miigwech to our staff for giving our youth this amazing opportunity.

The last community picnic was held in Elbow Lake Village. The Community Service Officers made a great meal. Again, miigwech to all the staff, programs that set up tables at the picnics.

The playground equipment is all installed throughout the Village. There was not enough room to install the equipment in one place.

9-12 Met with Representative Fox to look at the tiny homes in Rice Lake. We went to Ponsford landing to check out the pole and flags at the landings and checked in with conservation officers and wild rice staff.

9-13 White Earth Special Executive Finance meeting at the Shooting Star Casino

Tribal leaders made a decision to purchase green rice at \$9 a pound, updates on Shooting Star Casino.

9-17 An individual that was on Lower Rice Lake harvesting wild rice did not return to the landing or his vehicle. Randy Hanks Sr. was the identified individual still on the lake somewhere. Law enforcement, conservation officers and sheriff department worked through the night trying to locate him. A special drone and airplane assisted but were unsuccessful.

9-18 The search continued for Mr. Hanks. Several drones were flown. I joined family members, law enforcement, conservation officers at the landing. Prior arriving, White Earth Police Department and Conservation officers launched a rescue airboat to assist in the search. Richard Hanks, a relative to



Randy Hanks, brought his personal drone and was able to locate him! The airboat was able to get to Hanks and safely brought him to shore. Mr. Hanks was alone ricing and got lost.

9-20 A meeting was set with White Earth staff and Indian Health Services Director Roselyn Tso. Unfortunately she was called back to Washington, DC. Tribal leaders and Health staff were able to meet with IHS Chief of Staff and key IHS staff for a tour of the Naytahwaush and White Earth Health Center buildings. We discussed funding concerns, hiring process, housing for providers, traditional healing and the 1115 waiver process. IHS presented White Earth staff members with three nation-wide awards. This was a great honor for our IHS staff. We are very proud of the hard work they do each day to ensure our community members are being served and keeping our buildings clean.

9-21 Attended the 4th Annual Carl Franson's summer picnic at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. It was a beautiful day, good food, prizes and great to see everyone! Miigwech for all that organized the picnic.

After the picnic, we headed to a fundraiser for White Earth elder Gertrude Buckanaga at the Upper Midwest American Indian Center. The frybread tacos were delicious and the vendors had beautiful beadwork, ribbon skirts, clothing and other items. Gertrude has always been a strong advocate for the rights and well-being of Native American children. As an advocate, she always works to protect Indigenous children, often focusing on issues such as preserving their cultural identity, ensuring proper care and fighting against unjust child welfare practices that separated Native children from their communities. Miigwech for all your work.

9-23 White Earth tribal leaders attended the Inaugural Grand Council meeting at Lower Sioux. Eleven Minnesota tribes collaborated to identify issues that affect Indian Country and how to work together on the issues.

9-25 Senator Tina Smith's staff presented in a class at the White Earth Tribal and Community College. I was able to stop in to introduce a new White Earth staff member to them and followed up on some issues that affect White Earth.

I virtually attended the White Earth Constitutional Reform Delegation meeting that was held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. Issues discussed: enrollment, including other Ojibwe blood, blood quantum challenges, constitution, secre-

See Erickson Page 27



News From District 1 Rep. Henry George Fox

Boo-zhoo,
Hope all is well with our people of the White Earth Nation.

Elder Homeless Tiny Homes

We have 10 Elder Homeless Tiny Homes - five of them for 55 and over, and five for 65 and over. The porches and ramps are being built and they are getting central air put in all 10 units. Applications are close as we have been meeting with our new property managers OPTIMA

Tamarack and State Forest

We are working collaboratively to 638 the Tamarack National Wildlife Refuge for the Tribe to manage it. We are working together right now on permitting for our members to utilize for our medicines and our hunting and gathering and ricing.

The White Earth State Forest has a lot of our County Commissioners in a disagreement with it, but if you look at the history it is rightfully ours and it's not a give back or a take back. It's we want to do, the management of it is ours. And of course, if I was a senator or commissioner I would carry our own bill and just like Tribal if I'm doing it for a vote that totally wrong.

Housing

Working with our District 1 Housing Board member James Hvezda Sr. on the four new housing houses on Wild Rice Loop. We have five 55 and over homeless elder's homes, five 65 and over, four new housing units and five housing rehabs, which makes a total of 19 units to be filled very soon.

Chemical Health

Our Health Departments are doing a good job with our treatment on and off the reservation. In today's world we have a lot of drugs here and some of them are very dangerous. The biggest thing in recovery is will power and we need to find ways to stay busy the busier you are you will forget about what



you used to do and in time the temptation will never go away but in your mind you don't need it anymore.

Pow-wow Grounds

The pow-wow grounds is shaping up. We need an addition build, and Heidi Stevens is going to paint a mural on it.

Water and Sewer

We have some awesome guys at Water and Sewer to take care of our needs in each community with our pump houses. We do need water treatment facilities and hopefully we can get our reservation water at least drinkable.

Education

Schools are in full swing and all schools around the area Bagley, Circle of Life Academy, Mahnomen, Clearbrook/Gonvick, Fosston, Park Rapids, and the College in Mahnomen is doing good things with the communities also.

See Fox Page 26

White Earth welcomes business leaders

Tribal Council recently attended a meet and greet with Calista Corp (Alaska) and FHQ Developments (Canada), setup by White Earth Enterprises at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center.

Also included in the meeting was Jacob Acosta, Amazon Strategic Account Executive, Federal.

Representatives from the Calista Corp were Tonia Jimmie, Government Relations Tribal Liaison and Calista President, Andrew Guy, FHQ President & CEO Allan McLeod and FHQ Business Development Advisor Joseph Greatsky represented FHQ Development.



Photo by Richard Hanks

From left are Mike Spry - WE Enterprises Board, Tonia Jimmie, Rachelle Perkes - WE Enterprises Executive Director, Chairman Michael Fairbanks, President Andrew Guy, Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque, District 3 Representative Laura Lee Erickson, FHQ President Allan McLeod, FHQ Business Development Advisor Joseph Greatsky, Amazon Strategic Account Executive Jacob Acosta.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Aaniin Boozhoo,

During the Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Pow-Wow on Sept. 7-8, I heard a lot of stories about how much rice there was to harvest and it sounds like everyone had a good season. There were all kinds of boats just full of rice. I am happy for all that had a chance to get out - I myself only got one day in but it is enough to get me through the winter, Miigwech grandfather. I would also like to take the time to once again thank Tully and the guy's at the White Earth Acute Care for setting up our Elders hut at the pow-wow, you guys are awesome, thanks.

With the end of the harvest season, I would also like to thank Wade Jackson and his crew for all the fresh vegetables that were brought to us this summer. They are a hard-working bunch so thank you. Looking forward to next season and it sounds like we may have more vegetables next year, howah.

We also got a truck load of turkeys from Zach Wilson from Waabigwan Mashkiki - the medical cannabis program, who has connections all over! Zach and his crew helped the White Earth Food Shelf unload a truck full of turkeys into a rental truck until they were handed out to the public and programs on Sept. 26. That was a lot of work so a big thank you to all involved from Zach's crew to the food shelf's crew.

Now it is time to get ready for winter. I am glad to see that the ENP sites are opening again so that we have a place to visit because it is hard to get out and about in the wintertime and this is one place that we can sit down and talk with each other over lunch.

Don't forget about the Wellown Health Fair on Oct. 23 at the Naytahwaush Complex. They will have chili and cornbread with lots of booths full of information. It's free and open to the public and is brought to you by White Earth Public Health.

There is a TEC meeting on Oct. 29-30 in Leech Lake. We encourage you to attend.

Upcoming meetings

Nov. 5: Rice Lake ENP site after lunch

Dec. 3: Naytahwaush ENP site after lunch

Please remember to check in on your neighbors, friends and family just to make sure that they are alright.

As always please feel free to reach out to any of us on the council with any comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tim Rindahl (Chairman) / 218-261-0182

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- ❖ POLICY PROCEDURE & CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
- ❖ BUSINESS PLANNING & ADVERTISEMENT
- ❖ HEALTH & SAFETY TRAININGS
- ❖ CHILDREN'S PLAY-SCAPES
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Just Call and we will come for a visit to HELP answer your questions.

Contact Kim at 218-983-3285 x1215 or email

Kim.Lage@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

Hope and Healing event brings awareness, education and support to attendees

White Earth Mental Health held its third annual Hope and Healing event on Sept. 11 at the Naytahwaush Complex. The event brought awareness, education and support to attendees. Most importantly, it was a time to support families grieving a loss to suicide.

Often families get support from relatives and friends soon after a death by suicide, but when that support and togetherness tapers off, family members still carry a burden of loss. It's vital to our communities to keep in touch and support one another after a loss. Everyone plays a role in suicide prevention, and there are a few things we can do to stay connected with survivors.

Be there and listen. Let the person know you are there for support. Avoid judgement, criticism, or trying to provide immediate solutions. Allow them to express their feelings.

Stay connected. Continue reaching out regularly, even when it seems they are doing better. Isolation can intensify grief and loneliness.

Show empathy and understanding. Understand that they are going through intense emotions like guilt, anger, confusion and sadness. Let them know that these are normal feelings to be experiencing.

Encourage getting professional help. Grief is



overwhelming, gently encourage professional help with a trained professional who can provide valuable support.



Submitted photos

White Earth Mental Health held its third annual Hope and Healing event on Sept. 11 at the Naytahwaush Complex.

Women's Health Event



Friday October 18th
White Earth Health Center & Naytahwaush Health Center

The White Earth Service Unit is honored to host a Women's Health Event on Friday, October 18th at the White Earth Clinic and at the Naytahwaush Clinic.

This event will offer clinical breast exams and mammograms as well as patient education on self-breast exams and breast cancer prevention.

Please call to schedule an appointment for clinical breast exams and mammograms. If you are not able to make an appointment, join us for Breast Cancer education, snacks, and door prizes between 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

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For an appointment in Naytahwaush call 218-935-2238.

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White Earth Tribal Court Administrator Lori Thompson reporting on the White Earth-Becker County DWI Court to Becker County commissioners on Aug. 20.

DWI Court is no picnic

Participants are subjected to testing and ongoing surveillance

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lake Tribune

DETROIT LAKES — Things have been going well with the cooperative DWI Court run by White Earth and Becker County.

Only 3% of the 61 people who have entered the program since it started have been charged with a new DWI while they were enrolled, said Lori Thompson, court administrator at White Earth Tribal Court.

She gave an update to the Becker County Board on Aug. 20.

“It’s hard work being in this program,” she said. But when graduation from DWI Court comes after 19 months of hard work, “they feel like they’ve been saved,” Thompson said. “They’ve gained the skills they need to maintain their sobriety, so it’s empowering.”

The DWI Court has eight people enrolled this reporting quarter — April, May and June — seven men and one woman.

Participants appear in DWI Court every other week and are under surveillance and tested for alcohol and other chemicals at their home, workplace and during office visits about twice a week, she said.

“Probation agents and the surveillance officer continue to have direct contact on a random but continuous basis covering a wide geographical area within Becker and Mahnomen counties and the White Earth Reservation,” she said.

The completion rate for the White Earth-Becker County DWI Court is 56%, she said. Of those enrolled over the nine-year life of the program, 24

did not complete the program — one died, four transferred, two transferred to the companion White Earth-Mahnomen County Drug Court, one was not accepted at sentencing, and 19 were terminated from the program, she said.

Of the 16 people currently in both the Becker County and Mahnomen County White Earth Drug Courts, 10 were there for alcohol-related DWIs, six were there for drug-related DWIs, 12 were men and four were women. A quarter of them are white and the rest are American Indian. The median age is 40, most are working — only about 12% are unemployed — and 12 of the 16 are there after getting felony first-degree DWIs. The other four got second-degree DWIs.

Most have stable housing, 38% have their driver’s licenses, and 10 of them have completed treatment, with three of those continuing with medicated assisted treatment (dosing) and three currently in intensive outpatient treatment. The average days testing negative this quarter is 393 days, with the range being from 45 days to 743 days.

The overall recidivism rate for a new DWI charge for graduates of the White Earth-Becker County DWI Court program is 10%.

Save the Date!

A Diabetic Health Fair
will be held Nov. 13 from
2 to 6 p.m. at the Rice Lake
Community Center

THE DOCTOR’S CORNER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Deanna Pepper, WHNP
White Earth Health Center

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. There are many different types of breast cancer that can affect both women and men. Studies show that one in eight women in the US will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. In 2024, an estimated 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. An estimated 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. There are over four million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

This year, an estimated 42,250 women will die from breast cancer in the United States. Approximately 30% of all new cancer diagnoses in women will be breast cancer. Sixty-six percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at an early, localized stage when it is easier to treat. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States. While these numbers are staggering, there is hope. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the five-year relative survival rate is 99%.

Symptoms that people would want to watch for include: any change in the size or the shape of the breast, pain in the breast, any nipple discharge other than breast milk, a new lump in the breast or underarm area.

Risk factors for breast cancer would include: being a woman and getting older, any genetic mutations or inherited genes such as BRCA genes, starting menstrual periods before the age of 12 and starting menopause after the age of 55 exposes a woman to hormones longer which can increase risk, having dense breast tissue, personal history of breast cancer or certain non-cancerous breast diseases, family history of breast or ovarian cancer, previous treatment using radiation therapy, exposure to a drug called DES. Other risk factors with things we can change include: not being physically active, being overweight, taking hormones, drinking alcohol, reproductive history (such as having first pregnancy after age of 30, not breastfeeding and never having a full-term pregnancy), smoking.

Screenings for breast cancer include: Clinical breast exam: A clinical breast exam is an examination by a doctor or nurse, who uses his or her hands to feel for lumps or other changes.

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. At this time, a mammogram is the best way to find breast cancer for most women of screening age. Mammograms are recommended in women age 40-74.

As always, it is recommended that you discuss screenings or any questions/concerns with your primary care provider.

In October, we wear pink to honor those affected by breast cancer.



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White Earth Nation Youth
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White Earth Tribal & Community College



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The 2025 Energy Assistance Program will be accepting applications the first part of September, please call for an application at that time. You can also pick one up at the office in Waubun or watch and they will be on the White Earth webpage. For those of you that have applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail in September.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely with all necessary documentation, this will make for a faster process. Homeowners, please call if you are having furnace problems, we may be able to help you. Please remember to change your filters once a month for adequate maintenance.


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

No funds available until around the first week in November.


Any questions on the program or need to fax any information, please call the number or fax below. Hope everyone had a great summer!

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Editor's note: Anton Treuer, an American academic and author specializing in the Ojibwe language and American Indian studies, recently made a video in english and Ojibwe encouraging people to vote in the upcoming elections. The following is a transcript of the english video.

"Hi - I'm Anton Treuer and today I'd like to talk to you about voting in Minnesota.

Voting is a right for every Minnesotan who is a U.S. Citizen - who is over the age of 18 - and has not had their right to vote taken away by a court.

Your vote is your voice.

It's how you gain a seat at the table of government - to ensure your values are heard.

Minnesota has a proud tradition of voting.

Here - we regularly lead the nation in voter turnout.

And we want to keep that tradition going!

There are three things - everyone needs to know before they vote.

First - in order to vote - you must be registered.

You can register - any time - including on election day.

Registering is quick *and free* - at mnvotes.gov - or visit your local election office.

You can use your Tribal ID as your proof of identity and address when you register.

And - you can vote even if you don't have a permanent address.

You can register using the place where you

sleep as your location, whether it's with a family member, a friend's couch, or somewhere else.

Just describe that location on your voter registration form or have a registered voter from your precinct vouch for you at your polling place.

Second - in Minnesota - we have a voting season that starts 46 days before every election.

During that time - you can vote early by mail or at a local election office.

Minnesota also allows every tribal nation to have a one-day early voting site on the reservation.

Talk to your tribal leaders to find if there is one near you.

If you decide to vote in person - you have the right to take time off work to vote.

You can find out how and where you can vote at mnvotes.gov.

And third - all elections are local - administered by your neighbors - family - and friends.

You can get involved in elections by serving as an election judge.

Just reaching out to your local election office - their contact information is available on mnvotes.gov.

This year - make your voice heard by voting.

Keep our Minnesota Voting tradition strong.

Go to mnvotes.gov for all the latest election information."

There will be a Pop Up Voting Site at the White Earth Fire Hall on Saturday, Oct. 26



Screen grab from video

Anton Treuer is an American academic and author specializing in the Ojibwe language and American Indian studies. He is professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University, Minnesota, and a 2008 Guggenheim Fellow. He made a video in english and in Ojibwe. [Link: youtu.be/JKuwMmalPxE](https://youtu.be/JKuwMmalPxE)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Justin Stalberger
Community Advocate
White Earth DOVE Program

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), a time to spread the word about the serious problem of domestic violence and how it hurts people and communities. This year, the theme is #Every1KnowsSome1, to show that domestic violence affects people from all different backgrounds.

Domestic violence is more than just physical abuse. It involves emotional, psychological, financial, and sexual abuse and is used by one partner to control the other in an intimate relationship. Its impact is widespread, affecting not only the victims but also their families, friends, and communities.

Coercion and threats: The abuser uses tactics to create power and control.

Intimidation: The abuser uses gestures, facial expressions, or exaggerated signs to make the victim afraid.

Emotional abuse: The abuser provokes fear, diminishes the victim's dignity or self-worth, or intentionally inflicts psychological trauma.

Isolation: The abuser limits the victim's support system to make them dependent on them.

Minimizing, denying, and blaming: The abuser minimizes, denies, or blames the victim.

Using children: The abuser makes the victim feel guilty about the children, uses the children to relay messages, uses visitation to harass the victim, or threatens to take the children away.

Economic abuse: The abuser prevents the victim from getting or keeping a job, makes the victim ask for money, gives the victim an allowance, or takes the victim's money.

Male privilege: The abuser exploits societal privilege they may have over the victim.

For Indigenous communities, such as the Anishinaabe, domestic violence is even more devastating due to historical trauma, systemic racism, and ongoing marginalization. According to the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Indigenous women experience domestic violence at higher rates than any other group in the United States. This not only affects individuals but also disrupts the well-being of the entire community.

Breaking the Silence

One of the most important ways to stop domestic violence is to speak up about it. By sharing stories, supporting people who have been hurt, make safe places and standing up against abuse, we can create a world where it's not okay to hurt others and where people who are hurt can get help. This Domestic Violence Awareness Month, let's promise to listen to people who have been hurt, believe them, and work to keep them safe and make things right.

Educate yourself and others: Learn about the signs of domestic violence and how to support someone who may be experiencing it. Share this knowledge with your community.

Support local organizations: Many organizations provide crucial services to survivors of domestic violence. Consider donating your time, resources, or money to support their work.

Advocate for change: Use your voice to advocate for policies that protect victims and hold abusers accountable. This includes supporting legislation that addresses domestic violence and funding for survivor services.

Create safe spaces: Ensure that your home, workplace, and community are safe spaces where victims can seek help without fear of judgment or retaliation.

If you or someone you know is going through domestic violence, there are places you can reach out to for help. In our local area, the White Earth DOVE Program provides services designed specifically for our community.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, please call our hotline for help and services *when it is safe*. The White Earth DOVE Program is available to assist and can be reached at our CRISIS HOTLINE toll free at 1-877-830-3683 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You can also visit our website www.whiteearthdove.com with questions and/or support. Domestic violence is everyone's business. Also, the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE offers private support around the clock.

Violence Is Not Our Tradition. We can make a difference by raising awareness and taking action. Let's honor the resilience of survivors and commit to creating a safer, more just world for all.

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4	\$2,817
5	\$3,303
6	\$3,788
7	\$4,236
8	\$4,685

Each additional member add \$429

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Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Alt Contact: _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

Enrollment ID # _____ Spouses Enrollment ID # _____

Attach a color copy of ID.

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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

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Estimated length of driveway (new applicants only): _____

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*** Driveway needs to be cleared of vehicles and debris prior to plowing.

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

*** Signatures from elder's will be required on Snowplow Provider's timesheets.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
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WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council

NOTICE of DATABASE

We are creating a database of the members in the Twin Cities (Counties listed below) so we have more ways to improve our communication and notify you of our WEUCC activities other than our business page on Facebook.

Please complete this form and return to:

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council
1308 East Franklin Ave Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Enrolled Tribal Members that live in Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey, Washington, Wright, Carver, Scott or Dakota counties are in the WEUCC area for participation. Please also have your descendants fill out these forms as we include them in a lot of our activities. **PLEASE PRINT SO WE GET IT RIGHT=ESPECIALLY FOR MAILINGS**

Name _____ Enrollment Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ MN Zip Code _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ (Text? Y or N)

Email _____

If not enrolled, who are your parents (name and enrollment number)

Minor Children that live in your household:

Full Name Date of Birth Enrollment number (if enrolled)

Grandchildren that you are raising and therefore living with you:

Full Name Date of Birth Enrollment number (if enrolled)

Reminder to contact your ADULT Children OR children not living with you, to have them fill out their own form with address, etc. If they are not enrolled, they can fill in the descendant information.

WEUCC-White Earth Urban Community Council and Urban Office

November Pre-Thanksgiving and Social Event

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Noon to 3 PM

MCT Building-1308 East Franklin Ave, Mpls

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YOU HAVE TO PRE-REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 6TH TO ATTEND AS WE NEED TO COOK ENOUGH FOOD ETC

Name _____ Enrollment Number _____

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White Earth Urban Community Council (WEUCC)

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

WEUCC has two positions open: **Secretary and Community At Large Member**

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Minneapolis, MN 55404

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Forms will be accepted until October 31, 2024. Then interviews will be held in November and a list of candidates running for the positions will be posted on our WEUCC Business page and listed in the December paper. **The intention is to have these positions filled and seated in January 2025.**

Name _____ Enrollment Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ MN Zip Code _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ (Text? Y or N)

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Please tell us what you know about the council activities: _____

Why would you like to be a council member? _____

What strengths and skills do you have that would make you a great addition to the council? _____

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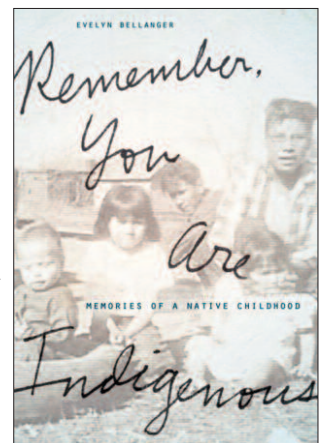
With unflinching honesty, Evelyn Bellanger tells a vivid account of her childhood in Pine Point, and relates her experiences to the networked histories of marginalization and oppression faced by Indigenous people in the United States. Through stories tragic and humorous, Bellanger's voice shines as she describes the early experiences that have shaped her work as a leader and activist.

About the Author

Evelyn Bellanger, an enrolled member of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation who lives in Pine Point, is an environmental activist and historical trauma presenter. She is a member of the Rights of Manoomin (Wild Rice) and the Elders Indian Affairs Commission and serves on the board of directors of the Niibi Center. She writes educational articles for *Anishinaabeg Today* and other publications.

For more information, visit the book's webpage:

<https://www.upress.umn.edu/9781517916664/remember-you-are-indigenous/>



By Evelyn Bellanger

University of Minnesota | 88 pages | February 4, 2025
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White Earth 2024 Fall Netting Season

Gill netting period:

1. Gill nets may be set from October 19 to December 31, 2024.

Lakes open to gill netting:

Bad Medicine, Big Bass (Mahnomen County), Big Elbow, Green Water, Ice Cracking, Island (Mahnomen County), Little Bemidji, Lone, **McCraney***, Net, **North Twin***, Pike, Roy, Big Rush, Snider, Strawberry, **South Twin*** and Tulaby. Additional lakes (Many Point, Round and White Earth) can be found under special seasons. *North Twin, South Twin and McCraney Lakes will have special regulation permit requirement due to zebra mussel and faucet snail infestations.

Gill net dimensions:

1. Gill nets cannot exceed 200 feet in length.
2. Gill nets cannot exceed 6 feet in depth.
3. Mesh size cannot be less than four inch stretched, two inch bar.

General:

1. The sale of game fish is prohibited.
2. It is prohibited to possess Lake Sturgeon.
3. No more than 200 feet of gill net per tribal member fishing at any given time.
4. It is prohibited to disturb, move, obstruct or interfere with any gill net of any tribal member, unless that tribal member is present.
5. Tribal members must have in their possession a White Earth Tribal Identification Card.
6. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 1800.01 Boats and Watercraft).
7. **Gill nets must be checked every 48 hours.**
8. **Note: Please reference special regulation lakes below for additional checking times.**

Location:

1. Gill nets must be set such that one end is in water less than 10 feet deep, as measured from the lake bottom to surface of water or ice.
2. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within 300 feet of a river channel, stream, inlet, or outlet of a lake.
3. Gill nets shall not be set within 50 feet of a previously set net.

Markings:

1. Gill nets must be clearly visible from the surface of the water or ice and marked with a float, buoy, pole or flag at both ends.
2. The name and enrollment number of the tribal member must appear or be attached to both ends of the gill net.

Limits:

1. No limit on the amount of tullibee, whitefish or rough fish.
2. Incidental game fish may be kept.
 - a. **Musky caught in gill nets do not need to follow length limits and may be kept.**

Early Season Elder Use Permits

1. Early Season Elder Use Permit Netting is October 5 to October 18, 2024.
2. An elder use permit may be filed with the Natural Resources Department for Elders 55 years of age or older for early season netting.
3. Elder's may have a helper(s) present under the age of 55 while setting and checking. However, the helper(s) may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens on October 19, 2024.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours during the early Elder's season.
5. The permitted parties must submit the request to Natural Resources prior to net placement.
6. The permitted parties must be enrolled members of White Earth and provide enrollment information at the time of application.
7. Information regarding dates and lakes to be netted will be filled out at the time of application.
8. The permitted Elder(s) and helper(s) must present be in the boat while setting and checking and each elder may not have more than 200 feet of net fishing at any given time.
9. The remaining netting regulations for the 2024 netting season apply.
10. Early Season Elder Use Permits will be available online via White Earth's social media sites. Please follow the instructions for completing and submitting the forms or contact will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov for a copy of the permit.
11. Elder Season Permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boat and Watercraft).

Lakes open to gill netting under Special Seasons

Many Point, Round and White Earth.

Special Season gill netting period

Gill nets may be set beginning November 2 to December 31, 2024 on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.

Special Seasons netting restrictions for Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes

1. Gill nets must be checked at least once every 24 hours on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lake.
2. Gill nets must be set such that both ends are in water less than 10 feet deep as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within 300 feet of a river channel, stream, inlet, or outlet of a lake. Gill nets shall not be set within 50 feet of a previously set net.
3. Gill net dimensions, markings, and limits are the same as posted above.
4. General rules are the same as the regular season with the exception that nets must be checked every 24 hours.
5. Live sturgeon must be returned to the water immediately after removal from nets.

Note: Efforts to restore Lake Sturgeon in White Earth Lake and Round Lake have included dam alterations to allow fish passage and the stocking of fingerlings. Please contact the Natural Resources Department and report any Sturgeon Mortality.

South/North Twin and McCraney Special Regulations Permit

Special Regulation Permit gill netting period

Gill nets may be set from November 2 to December 31, 2024 on North Twin, South Twin and McCraney Lake.

Special Regulation netting restrictions

1. A Special Regulation Permit must be filed with the Natural Resources Department prior to setting net in North Twin, South Twin and McCraney Lake.
2. Nets used in North and South Twin may be reset within North and South Twin only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
3. Nets used in McCraney Lake may be reset within McCraney. They may not be placed in another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
4. Watercraft launched and used for day use on North Twin, South Twin and McCraney Lake may not be used on another water body until they have been removed from the water and dried for a minimum of five days.
5. Watercraft which has been kept on a dock or lift on North Twin, South Twin or McCraney may not be used outside of these lakes until they have been cleaned and dried a minimum of 21 days.
6. All applicable clean, drain, and dry AIS preventions must be in place.
7. All other general netting regulations apply.
8. Special Regulation Permits will be available online via White Earth's social media sites or contact will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov for a copy of the permit.
9. Special Regulation Permits are non-transferable.

IHS agency visit White Earth clinics



Photo by Richard Hanks

Dr. David Bellware, right, gives IHS Chief of Staff Capt. Carmen Clelland (Cheyenne & Arapaho) a tour of the White Earth Clinic. Members of an IHS delegation recently visited the reservation to tour their three direct-service clinics. The IHS delegation also visited with the tribal council and staff to discuss obstacles faced by tribes in rural areas.

Annual POW/MIA Memorial Walk/Run



Photo by Jodi Flugel

Ogema VFW Post and Auxiliary #9880 held their annual POW/MIA Memorial Walk/Run on Sept. 20 at Waubun High School. Several individuals and groups participated in the 24-hour event. The Bly family from Waubun participated to honor Cindy Bly's father, Ansel Haugom, who was held as a POW. The Ogema VFW Post #9880 and Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who took time from their day to honor our heros. They are always looking for information on local veterans who were held as POW or are listed as MIA. If you have information to share, please send an email to: jflugel@gmail.com.

Making beargrease



Submitted photos

A Makobimide Beargrease Processing Class was recently held at the White Earth Community Center. Beargrease can be used for many purposes from joint pain to hair care. Teaching the class was Becky Howard from the WE Cultural Department and Behavioral Health.

Budding industry in White Earth prepares for product expansion, wholesale retail sales

By Barbie Porter
Detroit Lakes Tribune

MAHNOMEN — The White Earth Nation's cannabis industry has grown exponentially in its first year of operation.

The cultivation facility in Mahnomen underwent renovations to expand its product line, which will soon include gummies, tinctures and more. The business' retail store moved to a more visible location on Highway 59. As the state prepares to see an influx of recreational dispensaries open, the business 40 minutes north of Detroit Lakes is poised to meet demands. Increased production also means more career opportunities in the budding industry.

On average, the business sees a monthly revenue of six figures, according to Zach Wilson, CEO of White Earth Nation's cannabis production and sales.

"We've seen an increase (in sales) month over month," he said, attributing the steady growth to the store's location in lakes country, which attracts seasonal tourists and residents. "We saw that seasonal business come in, and that seasonal business gained us a ton of visibility."

With more retail and cultivation operations likely opening in the state in 2025, Wilson is not concerned about the sustainability of the business.

"There's enough room for everybody," he said, noting new retail stores opening equate to potential growth at the White Earth cultivation center. "If a business wants to grow their own strains, setting up the operation and growing the crop can take a year or more, and that is if everything goes right."

While cultivation centers may be in the business plan of some upcoming dispensaries, others may opt to purchase products wholesale. Wilson explained that White Earth already provides wholesale products to two Native American dispensaries, and is in the process of creating deals with three others.

"We're really fortunate that we're going to be able to supply them and just get our brand out there,"



An employee at the White Earth grow facility at Waabigwan Mashkiki checks a mother plant to see if a branch can be spliced to make a new plant. Mother plants are not allowed to flower so they grow big and bushy to create new plants.

Wilson said.

White Earth's mainstay brand is also the business name, Waabigwan Mashkiki. Waabigwan (pronounced Wah-b-gwon) means flower in Ojibwe, and Mashkiki (pronounced mush-key-key) means medicine. Four more brands are being developed and may be launched in the next several months. Wilson said those brands will also be given names that pay homage to Ojibwe culture.

In addition to being prepared to meet a significant demand for cannabis flower, a food scientist has recently been added to the Waabigwan Mashkiki team. The food scientist is being put to the task of creating edibles, such as gummies.

"We're trying to make sure we can kind of check boxes for all types of users and make sure that you have options to still be a part of the cannabis community," he said.

Luring experienced cannabis professionals to northern Minnesota hasn't been too challenging for

[See Cannabis Page 22](#)



Photos by Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Waabigwan Mashkiki CEO Zach Wilson has been in the cannabis industry for several years. He is overseeing the next product rollout, which includes gummies, tinctures and resin.

Highlights of the NTW Harvest Fest Powwow & Parade



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow was held Sept. 7-8. There were more than 250 dancers and eight drums. The 2024/25 NTW Princess and Brave are Emily Clark-Hanks and Hendrix Clark-Hanks.



Concealed Carry Class

Retired Sheriff Brad Athmann-Instructor

Law Enforcement Instruction for Clear Understanding of Minnesota Use of Force Laws

Protection For Family and Home

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 - ❖ Gun provided if needed
 - ❖ Register at class location. Cost is \$85
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- QUESTIONS? CALL 218-261-0266

Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund seeks grant proposals for programs that benefits women, girls

The Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund, a fund in the family of funds at Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF), is accepting grant applications for programs and services that benefit women and girls in Northwest Minnesota, which includes Red Lake Nation, **White Earth Nation** and the 12 counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau.

Applications are due Nov. 1 and must support the mission and vision of the Women’s Fund.

Priority will be given to applications that support the Women’s Fund goals:

- Developing entrepreneurial and economic opportunities for women
- Supporting programs that lead to a safer environment for women and girls
- Building networks of women in leadership positions throughout the region
- Encouraging and equipping women and girls to achieve their full potential

Grant funds can be used for speakers, educational materials, program delivery expenses, research projects, and for professional development. Grant funds

are not available for scholarships (higher education).

Criteria for selection:

- Relationship of the project to Women’s Fund mission and goals
- Evidence of grassroots support involving women
 - Identified purpose and need for project
 - Clear goals and action steps for completing the project
- Description of working relationship(s) with other partner(s) and/or funding sources
- Potential long-term impact of the project

About the Women’s Fund

The Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund develops resources and serves as a catalyst for improving the quality of life for women and girls. It envisions a region where women and girls reach their full potential, and work toward that end through grants, scholarships, education and recognition programs.

Please visit <https://nwmf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/> to apply. Anyone with questions should contact Dawn Ganje, Senior Vice President of Philanthropy, by email at dawng@nwmf.org

October 2024

binaakwe-giizis Cultural Calendar

White Earth Cultural Activities Monthly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 DOVE Pole renewal 10-12 & Sweat	2	3 MAH Pole renewal 10-12 Acute 1-3 WE Drum 5-8pm	4	5	
6	7 9 AM Tobacco OMC/MAT Staff AFT 2 OMC Spirit Pole	8 Acute Care Pole renewal 10-12 MAH BH Group 10-12 RL/NTW Women's Sweat 6:30pm	9 Pine Point AFT 9 10-12 WE MAT 1-3pm	10 Rice Lake Pole renewal 10-12 Circle Bk AFT 4-6:30 RL & NTW Sweat Men's 6:30pm MB	11	12	
13	Closed	14 Pine Point Pole renewal 10-12 NTW Moms MAT AFT 9 10-12 WE Men's Sweat 6:30pm KC	15	16 Gwayako AFT 3 10-12 Pine Point Men's Sweat 6:30pm MB DO	17 Strawberry Lk Pole 10-12 MH AFT 2 @ SSC MH Sweat 6:30pm WE Drum 5-8pm	18 Crafty Friday 10-3 NTW Full Moon 7pm	19
20	21 9 AM Tobacco OMC Youth/Wm sweat	22 Mpls. Urban Pole renewal 10-12 WE Women's Sweat 7pm MC	23 WE-WESA AFT 1 10-12 Mahanomen Healing Feast 5-7 WE MAT 1-3pm	24	25 Inini/Kwe Camp 9-4	26 Inini/Kwe Camp 9-1	
27	28 9 AM Staff Parenting OMC	29 MAH BH Group 10-12	30 CEREMONIES-----	31 -----Halloween			

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Schedule a campus visit and take the college Acceptance assessment.

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

Waubun High School students learn how to harvest wild rice, test water quality

By John Short
Waubun High School

On Sept. 11, a group of 11th and 12th grade students from Waubun High School met with the White Earth Tribal DNR, White Earth Tribal Elders and District III Representative Laura Lee Erickson at North Tamarack Lake in the Tamarack Wildlife Refuge.

The purpose was to learn about the history and importance of wild rice and ricing techniques. The students were given instructions by Jason Clark in the correct techniques and methods of ricing. The students were also given instructions on how to correctly paddle and pole a canoe. Other than one incident - good thing we brought changes of clothes - the canoeing went without a hitch.

The students were then shown the areas that would contain the most and ripest rice. They were given 90 minutes to see how much rice they could harvest. The students harvested approximately 60 pounds of wild rice. The most rice harvested in the 90 minutes was 10.5 pounds by Jack Zima and Dominick Teiken. The average amount of wild rice harvested per group was 6.7 pounds and the average harvest rate was 0.075 lbs./min.

Some of the comments made by students: "This is much harder than I thought." "People were very strong and intelligent to figure out how to handle, harvest and cook wild rice." "Balancing is very hard and my calves hurt."

The students also did several tests and sampling to assess the water quality of Tamarack Lake. Prior to the day on the lake, students researched the water quality parameters for the lake health on the Minnesota DNR websites. They then conducted the same tests. Students then were able to make comparisons and make determination about the health of Tamarack Lake.

The students also conducted a macroinvertebrate survey. Students were able to gather macroinvertebrates, count them and then depending on the species present, were able to make a determination as to the health of Tamarack Lake.



Overall, Tamarack is a healthy (B) lake. Other than a naturally occurring high phosphorus level that impeded the water clarity due to algae, the other parameters were within normal range for the Buffalo River watershed. The Macroinvertebrates also confirmed this with the majority of those found only occurring in pristine lakes and watersheds.

Harvest Fest features parade, games, and more

The Naytahwaush Harvest Fest was held Sept. 7-8. Events throughout the weekend included a powwow, games, parade, cook off, and more. The following is a wrap up of all the events.

Memorial Walk: 100 participants from tiny tots to Elders

Parade: - Featured 31 vehicles, including trucks, cars, airboat, side-by-sides, four-wheelers, as well as 7-8 horses.

NCC Youth Food Stand: 30 youth staffed the goodies for two days. Participants were from Naytahwaush, Pine Point, Mahanomen, White Earth, Park Rapids and a transplant from Fergus Falls!

Powwow: 8 drums with more than 250 registered dancers. New Royalty are Brave – Hendrix Clark-Hanks and Princess – Emily Clark-Hanks

Cribbage Champ: Reed Bjerk Sr.

Frybread Champs: 1st Place - Kristy Harr, 2nd

Place - Dennis Murray, and 3rd Place - Heather Murray

Horseshoe Camps: 1st Place - Shannon Burnette & Chad Messer, 2nd Place – Aaron Donovan & Kyle Zornes

Volleyball Champs: 1st Place - Mariah's Team!, 2nd Place - Sav's 2.0

Bean Bag Toss: 1st - Derrick Alvarado Jr & Dylon, 2nd – Rachel Stevens & Rudy Finseth

Pigeon Shoot (Men): 1st - Son Accobee, 2nd - Glenn Bunker, 3rd - Neveah Leslie, Worst Shot on the Rez – Will Peters

Pigeon Shoot (Women): 1st – Nicole Lafriniere, 2nd - Nahayla Londo, 3rd - Sara Roy, Best Berry Picker – Ellie Accobee

Pigeon Shoot (Youth): 1st – Kaleb Kessler, 2nd - Ray Connor Jr.



"NOTICE"

CHANGE IN PHONE/FAX NUMBERS

WHITE EARTH NATION CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

PO BOX 387 / WHITE EARTH, MN 56591

**PHONE: 218-935-3512 (Direct Line)

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If you are in need of a Well & Sewer system for your house/trailer home, you can contact the White Earth Water & Sewer Department

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 - Proof of home ownership
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- Must have electricity, heat source and interior plumbing to the home

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AGES: NEWBORN TO 17 YEARS OLD

Office use only:
Date Received by WEUCC _____
Date Submitted to RBC _____
Date Submitted to Marines Toys for Tots _____

Head of Household Information: Name _____ Birthdate _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ MN Zip code: _____ Cell Phone: _____ text Y / N
White Earth Enrollment Number _____ Total number of children: _____

Dependents:
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M or F Child or Grandchild
Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ WE Enrollment # _____
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Weurbancommunitycouncil@gmail.com

White Earth Food Shelf October 2024 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Callaway 10am-noon	Rice Lake 10am-noon	NTW Walk in's	Cleaning, Inventory
	Nijiji Radio NTW CLOSED	ENP-Site NTW CLOSED	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	CLOSED
7	8	9	10	11
NTW Walk in's	Elbow Lake 10am-noon	Pine Point 10am-noon	NTW Walk in's	Cleaning, Inventory CLOSED
Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	ENP Site NTW CLOSED	ENP Site NTW CLOSED	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	CLOSED
14	15	16	17	18
Closed Indigenous Day	White Earth 10am-noon	Ogema 10am-noon	NTW Walk in's	Cleaning, Inventory
	ENP Site NTW CLOSED	Dream Catcher Homes NTW CLOSED	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	CLOSED
21	22	23	24	25
NTW Walk in's	Waubun 10am-noon	Mahnomen 10am-noon	NTW Walk in's	Cleaning, Inventory CLOSED
Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Community Center NTW CLOSED	Vet's Building NTW CLOSED	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	
28	29	30	31	
NTW Walk in's	NTW CLOSED Cleaning	NTW CLOSED Cleaning	NTW Walk in's	
Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Inventory	Inventory	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	

Please complete an application. Applications are available at your Community and ENP Center.
Hours are subject to change depending on closures and weather thank you
On community day's Naytahwaush warehouse will be closed with no pick ups in NTW
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Wilson. The draw for many has to do with the mission of the business, he explained. While many corporations in the industry are solely focused on profit, Wilson said the White Earth Nation has also prioritized creating viable careers.

"Our entry-level wages start at \$20.75, which comes with full benefits, 401K and bonuses," Wilson said. "It's absolutely the most robust business I've ever been a part of, especially in cannabis, when it comes to the financial gains that team members are capable of getting."

When the retail operation opened in 2023, Wilson estimated there were seven employees in the store and about 20 at the cultivation facility, all full-time. Now, there are about 14 full-time employees working retail and 50 at the cultivation facility. He estimated the team will sprout to 100 members by next year. The anticipated growth coincides with the expansion of THC products and a possible dispensary in Moorhead.

"White Earth is a leader in the state on what we're doing, and we're really proud of that," Wilson said. "Everything is made and grown here."

Cultivation operation adds grow rooms and outdoor acres

The Waabigwan Mashkiki's cultivation center in White Earth has about 45,000 square feet of indoor space. When Wilson took over CEO operations last October, he said they were utilizing less than half of the facility. Now, the entire building is being used, and future expansion may be needed to keep up with demand.

Producing the cannabis flower is more intensive than one may imagine. Wilson noted that Waabigwan Mashkiki is the same flower, regardless if the customer purchases it for medicinal purposes or recreational use. The high-quality standards require a controlled environment and adequate nutrients.

The facility utilizes a coco coir medium to grow the plants, which are provided a forced airflow and natural nutrient drips in an 80-degree room with approximated sunlight. The plants are placed in segregated rooms, based on harvest schedules, nutrient requirements and canopy height, which comes into play for light distribution. Wilson explained the separation also provides assurance that if one crop is damaged, plants in separate rooms won't likely suffer the same fate.

The cultivation facility also has grafting rooms, where mother plants are spliced to provide quick growth of new plants. Those plants will either become mother plants or be grown to produce the cannabis flower, which is harvested and then cured before being packaged and sold.

Wilson said the harvest is typically done once a month, but with the addition of the two new grow rooms, he expects the harvest schedule to double. The increased production may lead to purchasing more packaging machines. They currently have a machine that packs flower into pre-rolled cones and another machine for larger packages.

The product is then stored in a controlled environment, although there is little concern of the product aging to the point the potency declines.

An outdoor grow area is also in full bloom, which will be used to create cannabis products that include gummies, tinctures and vape cartridges. Wilson emphasized when their products hit the market it will be cannabis, not hemp-derived.

White Earth was tribal nation in the state to open recreational dispensary

In 2023, recreational marijuana was legalized in Minnesota. Tribal nations were given first rights to open dispensaries, as sovereign nations could set their own cannabis regulations, whereas the state had to create regulations for the industry, followed by local governments.

After members of the White Earth Nation voted in favor of a recreational dispensary, Waabigwan Mashkiki opened in August 2023. A 1,200-square-foot recreational dispensary store was located next to the cultivation facility on the east end of Mahnomen. In mid-April, the dispensary moved to 515 E Jefferson Ave., into a 4,000-square-foot building along Highway 59 that is also adjacent to the Shooting Star Casino.

Budtender Grace Roberts said the new store offers customers a more welcoming experience, with orders being processed in 15 minutes, on average.

"It's very efficient now," she said, adding that people sometimes place an order on the store website so it is ready upon their arrival. "We're keeping the website up to date with our inventory."

She added that curbside delivery is also expected to be offered as soon as October.

WE Water & Sewer offers cold-weather tips

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

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

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

4. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures,

you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

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

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

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

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

A DAY OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH, SCIENCE, HEALTH AND MEDICINE

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Native American Students interested in a health related or science career are invited to join us for our first of three events on Oct. 11 from 9 am-1 pm. School districts being invited are: Waubu-Ogema-White Earth, Circle of Life Academy, Mahnomen Public School, and Detroit Lakes Public School. The targeted audience is Native American youth in grades 7-12. Registration forms will be sent to each district when school resumes in the fall. Traditional teachings and practices will open the event in a good way. Dr. Laura Lhotka (White Earth descendant) and Dr of Family Medicine will keynote this event.



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White Earth Business - \$115
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Businesses - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

Special Events

- **Diabetic Bingo**
 October 2nd~Pine Point
 October 3rd~Elbow Lake
 October 24th~Valley View

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program

Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige

“White Earth Elder Eating Good”

Binaakwii-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)- October

*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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 Site Supervisor ~ Angie Clark


Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
 Site Controller ~ Cheryl Rindahl

Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
 Site Controller ~ Thor Smith

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
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 Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	1 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green beans Breadstick Tropical fruit	2 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	3 BBQ Chicken Cornbread Sweet potato Garden salad Pear	4 Chicken sandwich w/ lettuce and tomato Broccoli salad Grapes
Tuna noodle hotdish Breadstick Steamed veggies Spinach salad	8 Beef roast Mashed potatoes Corn Wheat roll Mandarin oranges	9 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	10 Sloppy joe Loaded baked potato Coleslaw Jello fruit salad	11 Chick. manoomin soup French roll Garden salad Fresh cut fruit
14  Indigenous Peoples Day	15 Chicken and rice Italian veggies Dinner roll Pickled beets Mangoes	16 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	17 Pork fritter German potato salad Sauerkraut Wheat bread Black forest cake	18 Brunch for lunch Chefs choice
21 Pork stir fry w/ oriental veggies Brown rice Eggroll Apricots	22 Salmon Garlic mashed potatoes Mixed veggies WR cranberry bread Fruit crisp	23 Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	24 BirthDay Lunch Beef/mushroom stroganoff over egg noodles Glazed carrots Fresh fruit BirthDay Treat	25 Stuffed pepper Artisan roll Spinach salad Pudding with bananas and wafers
28 Turkey and Swiss On croissant bun Potato soup Crackers Pineapple	29 Lasagna Garlic toast California blend veg. Peaches	30 Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread 1% milk	31 Baked ham Scalloped potatoes Dinner roll Peas Pumpkin bar	

White Earth Food Distribution October Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

October 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education w/Shirley: October 7th, 17th, 21st and 29th.

Flu Clinic – October 9th 11 am – 1 pm

October 4th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

October 11th: Mahnomen & Waubun

October 14th: CLOSED – Indigenous People’s Day

October 18th: White Earth

October 25th: Detroit Lakes

October 31st: Store closed for inventory.

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	2 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	3 Available By Phone	4 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	5
6	7 Available By Phone	8 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	9 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	10 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	11 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	12
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20	21 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	22 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	23 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	24 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	25 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	26
27	28 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	29 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	30 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00	31 White Earth Health Center 8:15-4:00		

WIC follows RBC Schedule for closures *Locations and times are subject to change*

Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.

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Obituaries

David Peter Ahles

David Peter Ahles, son of Lewey M. Ahles and Marie "Belsvik" Martin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on Aug. 11 leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter.



Rooted in his Indigenous heritage from the White Earth Nation, David cherished the outdoors, finding joy in fishing, hunting, and nature. His creative talent shone through his self-taught beadwork and jewelry, reflecting his dedication and care. Known for his wit and humor, David brought laughter to all around him.

He shared 58 years of deep love with his wife, building a family filled with cherished memories. David's life embodied the values of family, friendship, and staying true to one's roots.

David has been preceded in death by multiple family members.

"Minawaa giga-waabamin - I'll see you again." Rest in peace. You will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Lenore Roseann (Greene) Moran

Lenore Roseann Moran, 77, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 23 in Mahanomen. She was born on Sept. 17, 1947, in Mahanomen, the daughter of Rose (Beaupre) and Helmer Greene.

Lenore enjoyed beading, playing dice games, crocheting, cooking, going to Shooting Star Casino, and watching movies. Above all she loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. Lenore will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



Lenore is preceded in death by her parents, Rose and Helmer; daughter, Darci Moran; son, Duane "Dewey" Moran; nieces, Rosemary Greene and Patti Boudreau; nephews, Wayne Greene, John and Richard Boudreau; sisters, Thelma Beaupre and Lila Holm; brothers, Bertram and Helmer "Sunny Boy" Greene Jr.

Those Lenore leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are her sons, Dean and Dale Villebrun; brothers, Gorman and Rodney Greene; sister, Corrine (John) Buchholz; 10 grandchildren; and two best friends, MaryAnn Columbus and Kathy Krause.

A Mass of Christian burial for Lenore was held Saturday, Sept. 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beaulieu with Father Andrew Obel officiating.

Arrangements: Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minn.
Online: www.northernpeace.com

Richard Charles Alvarado

Richard Alvarado, 72, of Naytahwaush, passed away on Sept. 10 at his residence with his sister Sheila and niece Liz by his side.

Richard Charles Alvarado was born on May 7, 1952, in White Earth to Ramiro Sr. and Elizabeth (Wadena) Alvarado, one of 11 siblings. In his early years, Richard attended various schools, and eventually found his calling working with his hands. He spent most of his life as a dedicated farmhand, working for local farmers, even driving beet trucks well into his 70s.



Known for his love of tinkering, Richard could often be found fixing cars or working on anything with an engine. He cherished the great outdoors, finding peace in hunting deer and fishing whenever he could. His competitive spirit shined through during games of bingo, dominos, and cribbage. Richard had an infectious sense of humor, always quick to bring a smile to the faces of friends and family. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and held a special place in his heart for his beloved nieces and nephews.

Richard's warmth, laughter, and caring nature will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his siblings: Harold Alvarado, Celestina DeRosier, Sheila (Lupe) Suarez, and Lorenza Alvarado; brother-in-law, Merle Bush Sr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; siblings: Ramiro Alvarado Jr., Ginny Bush, Martin Alvarado, Juanita Aguilera, Shirley Kier and Gloria Martinez; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Sept. 16 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.
Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.
Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Kenneth "Kenny" Peake-Rogers

Kenneth "Kenny" Makwaanakwad "BearCloud" Peake-Rogers, 29, of White Earth, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 19.

Kenny was born on July 21, 1995, in Minneapolis, to Kenneth Peake and Angela Flores. In 2001, he was lovingly adopted by James "Tam" and Marlene Rogers, joining a large and close-knit family in White Earth. Kenny attended school at Circle of Life Academy, where he graduated in 2013. He enjoyed playing basketball and made many memories on the court.



After graduation, Kenny traveled to Nebraska to reconnect with his biological family, continuing to expand the circle of people he loved. His greatest pride and joy came on Jan. 14, 2019, when he welcomed his beautiful daughter, Ziah Leigh Peake-Rogers, into the world. She was the light of his life, and he adored every moment spent with her.

Kenny had a strong, confident presence and wasn't afraid to speak his mind. He had a special gift for giving everyone around him a unique nickname, and his friends were seen as more family to him. His love for music, especially rapping, filled many of his days, and he enjoyed expressing his creativity through beading projects. Most recently, Kenny worked at the Shooting Star Casino, but above all, he treasured spending time with his loved ones.

Although gone too soon from this world, Kenny's vibrant spirit, warm heart, and deep connection to those around him will be forever missed. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew him, especially his beloved daughter, Ziah.

Kenny is survived by his beloved daughter, Ziah Leigh; parents, Marlene Rogers and Tam Rogers; biological parents, Kenneth Peake and Angela Flores; siblings: Wayne "Jumbo" Quinn, Christina Keezer, Danelle (Jamie) Keezer, Jeanie Rogers, JohnHenry Rogers, Beverly Rogers; biological siblings: Larissa Flores, Trisha Flores, and Zach Henry; best friends, Treyton Bloom and Erika Bellanger; mother of his daughter, Talia Brown; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Kenny was preceded by his brother, Dallas "Kojack" Quinn; brother-in-law, Jude "Juvee;" aunt, Jeanie Keezer; grandma, Rita; cousins: Phil Quinn, Kyle Quinn, Donovan Kier, Andrea Keezer; and best friend/brother, Tyler Bloom.

An all-night visitation and wake service began Sept. 24 and continued until the time of the funeral on Sept. 25, both at the White Earth Community Center.

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

Frank Sundahl

Frank Sundahl, 74, of Mahanomen, died Sept. 24 at his home.

Frank was born to Alex Sundahl and Geraldine LaRoque Sundahl on Jan. 14, 1950. Frank grew up in South Minneapolis and later moved to Long Lost Lake and then to his last home in Mahanomen.



As a young man, Frank showed interest in anything mechanical like fixing his "Ol' Harley" or a car he could start with using a screwdriver. Frank's patience was not the best while wrenching and the best language wasn't always used while concentrating, but in the end, he had that wide smile of success for a grand fix. He passed on his mechanical abilities to his sister, Mari.

Frank loved his large family of five siblings: Shari, Ricky, John, Mari, and Kelly. He also had many aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he spoke of with pride. He genuinely embraced his Native heritage. Frank cared deeply about his dogs and liked hunting and going to the casino. He was known as a repeat storyteller!

Frank enjoyed socializing with the south Minneapolis guys, old school friends, and family. Most nights involved sitting around the table at his mom's house playing crazy 8's, poker and Uno. He mostly loved teasing his young sisters, Mari and Kelly.

Frank joined the U.S. Marines in the early 70s. His tenure was short lived, and he was called home for a family crisis. Frank received an honorable discharge and received full medical services from the Veterans Administration in later years.

Some of Frank's ashes will be split between graves. Frank's wishes were to be close to his mother's grave in Naytahwaush, and at a later date the rest of his ashes will be interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in honor of his service.

Frank was an Elder in the Native community will be greatly missed by his family.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Alex; mother, Geraldine; sisters, Shari and Kelly, and nieces, Maggie Morrison, Debra Duckanaga.

Surviving Frank is his daughter, Calysta (Joe); grandson, Mason (Amanda); great-grandchildren: Colt, Annalee, Braelynn, Koltan and Scarlett; siblings: Ricky (Sue), John (Sandy), and Mari; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A family-led memorial service was held at Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church in Minneapolis on Monday, Sept. 30.

Obituaries

Michael LeRoy Heisler Sr.

Michael LeRoy Heisler Sr., 74, of Ogema, passed away on Sept. 14 at his home, surrounded by family.

Born on June 29, 1950, in White Earth, he was the son of Warren W. "Jiggs" and Phyllis "Doke" (Fairbanks) Heisler. Michael, affectionately known as "Mike," married Dawn in 1970. Together, they raised four children and cherished their time with grandchildren.



Family was at the heart of Mike's life; he often expressed his love by claiming each child as his "favorite." He looked forward to Christmas and holidays when the family would gather for food, stories, and gifts, and he was known for giving everyone unique family nicknames.

Mike enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. He also had a passion for snowmobiling and spent many Friday nights with his uncles and friends. His love for cars included a collection of trucks and a racing car; he frequently attended races as both a spectator and participant.

In his early career, Mike trained as a barber in Bloomington, Minn., and excelled in an international hairstyling competition. He later returned to White Earth for carpentry training and worked as a carpenter before becoming the Executive Director of White Earth Housing. After moving to Alaska for 15 years as a road construction inspector, he retired back to Minnesota to be closer to family.

Michael is survived by his wife, Dawn; daughters, Tina Heisler, Annie (Jeff) Haverkamp, and Lynn (Walter Skramstad) Heisler; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren (with one on the way); brothers, Bradley (Julie) Heisler and Kenneth Heisler; brothers-in-law: Daniel (Patty) Englund, Richard (April) Englund, Patrick (Jeanie) Englund, Michael (Jeanette) Aldrich; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael "J.D." Heisler Jr., brothers, Warren W. Heisler Jr. and Steven J. Heisler; sister, Kathy Bevins; brother-in-law, William W. Englund; sister-in-law, Carrie Hudlin; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Kyson.

Michael will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A visitation was Sept. 19 held at White Earth Community Center, and the funeral service was held Sept. 20 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in White Earth with Father Greg Gallagher officiating.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: David-Donohewer Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.DavidDonohewer.com

Tyler Jordan Sargent

Tyler Sargent, 37, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Sept. 2 at North Memorial Hospital.

Tyler Jordan Sargent was born in Minneapolis on July 25, 1987, the son of Lisa Carpenter and Brian Sargent Sr. His youth was spent in the metro where he attended grade school. Around the age of 10, his family moved to the White Earth Reservation and made their home in Naytahwaush. Tyler continued his education in Naytahwaush and high school in Mahanomen. After his schooling, he entered the workforce. Tyler worked at the casino, and in Crookston, Minn., and also independently leeching and ricing. He has spent the past couple years in the Minneapolis metro area.



Tyler liked to look good, but he had a laid-back personality that allowed him to go with the flow. He had a great big heart and would always lend a hand to anyone whenever the need presented. In his spare time, he enjoyed beading, attending pow wows and just getting in his car and going where the open road took him.

Above all, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Tyler is survived by his mom, Lisa Carpenter; son, Tyler Jr.; brothers: Brian (Mara) Sargent, Syrus Sargent, Gage (Hope) Sargent, Jonah Sargent and Alex Beaulieu; sisters: Amber Carpenter, Neka Sargent, Lydia Sargent, Gracie Sargent, Hannah Sargent, Jewel Sargent and Emmah Sargent; many nieces, nephew and cousins in addition to several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; dad, Brian; brother, Noah Sargent; niece, Haylee Londo; and aunts and uncles.

All night wake services began Sept. 9 and continued until the time of the funeral service on Sept. 10, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Free Gospel Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Orville Eugene Borchardt

Orville Borchardt, 95, of Waubun, passed away on Aug. 29, under the loving care of his family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Orville Eugene Borchardt was born on June 18, 1929, in St. Paul, Minn. As a child he lived in rural Hassan Valley, Minn., and worked on the family farm. He served in the U.S. Army before starting his career in the early 50s in road construction where he often traveled for his job. He later met the love of his life, Peggy Rawley, in Cass Lake, Minn., and the couple was married on June 18, 1955. Orville and Peggy were blessed with two children, Gene and Joanne. The family moved to rural Jordan, Minn., in 1968.



As a family they enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and water skiing. After the kids were grown, Orville and Peggy enjoyed vacationing together, attending auctions, and collecting Farmall Tractors. He retired in 1994 from WG Pearson, Inc. In 1995, they moved to a farm west of Bagley, Minn. Due to Peggy's failing health, they moved from the farm and relocated to the Waubun area.

Later in life Orville enjoyed his grandchildren, having coffee in the morning with friends, lunch with the elders and spending time with his favorite, Maggie Mae, his border collie.

Orville is survived by his son, Gene (Becky) Borchardt; daughter, Joanne (Dan) Pelham; grandchildren: Rachel (Bryant) Gast, Lena (Nigel) Haney, Aaron Pelham, Victoria Pelham, Vanessa Pelham, Bryson Pelham and Star Pelham; great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sisters, Beverly (Jim) Zuehls and Gloria (Dick) Sindlinger; and many other nieces, nephews and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; mother and father, Louise and Ora Hvepenbecker, and one great grandson.

A Celebration of Life was held Sept. 21 at Pinehurst Resort in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Thomas Allen Keezer Sr.

Thomas Keezer Sr., 67, of Naytahwaush, passed away on Sept. 14 at his home under the care of his family and Essentia Hospice.

Thomas Allen was lovingly brought into this world on Nov. 11, 1956, to Robert Keezer Sr. and Cecilia LaFriniere. Growing up in northern Minnesota, Thomas attended school in Ebro and further honed his skills in construction through trade school. Thomas lived for a time in the Minneapolis area before returning home to Naytahwaush. In the early 1980s, Thomas was united in marriage to Diane Bush. He adored his family, and over the years he was blessed with seven children. Through his relationship with Tina VanPelt, Thomas received the love of several stepchildren.



A true outdoorsman at heart, Thomas found solace and joy in the natural world. His days were filled with hunting, snaring, and fishing, and he spent countless hours in the woods gathering traditional medicines. His hands also crafted beautiful canes, dream-catchers, and Native American crafts, each piece a testament to his deep connection to his heritage and his boundless creativity.

Thomas worked at the Shooting Star Casino as a blackjack dealer before his health began to decline. Thomas will be remembered as a man whose personality could light up any room. He was known for his mischievous sense of humor, his irresistible charm, and his devotion to his family. Thomas lived life with a zest and enthusiasm that touched everyone he met. His legacy is one of joy, love, and an adventurous spirit that will be fondly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Thomas is survived by his daughter, Nicolle King; sons: Thomas King, Joseph Keezer, Naythan Keezer, Louis Keezer, Dustin Keezer, and Eugene Olson; stepchildren: Kristina Littlewolf, Kyla VanPelt, Walter VanPelt, and Gary VanPelt; brothers, Michael Keezer and Louis Fox; over 40 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Cecilia; sisters, Susan Elizabeth Keezer and Tina Louise Fox; brothers, Tony and Boozie; companion, Tina VanPelt; stepson, Zackary VanPelt; and several aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 18 at the Mike Keezer residence in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Craige Joe Simon Brown**,
DOB: 07/09/2000

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2023-00066**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. a Continued Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648.

Dated: September 6, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Dylan Francis Smith**, DOB:
04/21/1982

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00099**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648 Ext. 5757.

Dated: September 13, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Thomas William Crowell**,
DOB: 03/25/2005

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2023-00093**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648.

Dated: September 6, 2024

Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup

It's time for fall cleanup of the White Earth Calvary Cemetery.

All flowers, trinkets, etc. on the graves should be removed asap if you want to keep them.

Thank you!

From the cemetery cleanup crew.

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



Courtesy photo

D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai took to the 2024 Emmys red carpet on Sept. 14 with a powerful symbolic message. The *Reservation Dogs* star painted a red handprint over his mouth to stand in solidarity with missing and murdered Indigenous women.

'Reservation Dogs' Star D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai brings symbolic message to Emmys

By **Carly Thomas**
The Hollywood Reporter

Dogs. The show was also nominated for best comedy series.

D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai took to the 2024 Emmys red carpet on Sept. 14 with a powerful symbolic message.

Woon-A-Tai previously told *The Hollywood Reporter* that he connected with his character, Bear Smallhill, from his first audition, even before he read the whole script.

The *Reservation Dogs* star painted a red handprint over his mouth to stand in solidarity with missing and murdered Indigenous women. According to the organization Native Hope, it's a symbol of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement and stands for "all the missing sisters whose voices are not heard" and "the silence of the media and law enforcement in the midst of this crisis."

"The writers room was all Indigenous, and they knew that they wanted to tell their stories, and in telling their own stories, they told the stories of a lot of other Native kids out there as well, me being one of them," the actor said. "I related to Bear right off the bat, and I see a lot of similarities within myself, within my cousins and my nephews, and with family and friends. There are definitely a lot of Bears in the world and in what we call Indian Country, just like there are Willie Jacks everywhere or Elora Danans or Cheeses everywhere."

Woon-A-Tai has been outspoken about making Indigenous stories more visible in Hollywood, including with *Reservation Dogs*, which aired its final season of the FX on Hulu series earlier this year.

The 2024 Emmy Awards, co-hosted by Eugene Levy and Dan Levy, were held Sept. 14 at the Peacock Theater in downtown Los Angeles.

The actor also earned his first Emmy nomination this year for best lead actor in a comedy series for his role in *Reservation*

The hit-and-run death of 28-year-old Emily Stevens on White Earth remains unsolved

By **Matt Henson**
WDAY News

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION, Minn. — It remains a mystery five years later, who killed a mother on the White Earth Reservation and then left her body in the road?

The family of Emily Stevens is remembering and honoring her on the tragic anniversary of her death, and they are making a public plea for answers.

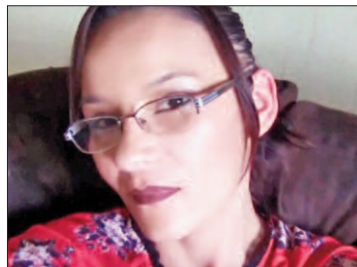
On Sept. 12, 2019, Stevens was walking home from the Shooting Star Casino near Bagley, when the 28-year-old mother of three was hit and killed by a car.

"I have one picture of Emily in my house, because it's that hard, I do not want to have her pictures around," said Jenna Messer, Emily's sister.

Police believe they have located the car that hit and killed Stevens and they know who was involved. However, detectives say they need more evidence, and that potential witnesses have become less talkative and some have dodged investigators.

"It's hateful knowing that there's people out there that know what happened and they didn't try to come forward and help," said Tessa Stevens, Emily's sister.

What makes it harder for Stevens' sis-



ters, they believe some of their own family members hold some of those key clues.

"It's hard, it really is hard, if at least one of them just spoke up, I'd think we would get somewhere in the case," Messer said.

For now, the family of Emily Stevens is patiently waiting for justice — five years later.

"Think about those children, think about my mom, think about my siblings, we would like to have closure," Tessa Stevens said.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson said his office is still working the case, but there have not been many new leads.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

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Day Labor & TERO

We have day labor in Naytahwaush that goes throughout the reservation so get signed up.

Boys & Girls Club

It is always good seeing the kids in all communities attending the club here in Rice Lake and all the other clubs though out the reservation. The staff do good things with our youth especially the trips too baseball games, zoos, etc.

Forestry

Our firefighters are busy, some are out in Washington fighting fires. They also help with a lot of our community projects. They clear brush and gather Spirit Firewood for our loved ones that have passed on to the Spirit World.

Urban Communities

Went the Native American Indian Center Grand Re-opening this month and we work closely with the Urban Office as they offer a lot of services off the reservation for our members.

Elder Advocates, Elder Commission, Elder Council and Elder Repair

We have a voice with our Elders in different capacities for their needs and the Elder repair is in Phase 2 and all applications go to White Earth Builders. Our Elder Advocates are a big help with our Elder members

Henry G. Fox

District 1 Representative
White Earth Nation
218-407-2729 or 218-850-0753

HOUSING WALK-IN CLINIC

Advocates will be available to provide Legal advice on any of your housing issues.

FREE HOUSING LEGAL ADVICE

- Are you being evicted?
- Are you living in substandard conditions or facing other housing repair issues?
- Need help understanding housing forms?

WHERE: The Sports Complex
2531 310th Ave, Naytahwaush, MN 56566

WHEN: October 9th, 2024 1:00 - 3:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JENNA FINN
218-335-2223 ext. 112 or jfynn@alslegal.org

Fall is Upon Us

WE Natural Resources looking for help with CWD testing

By Doug McArthur
White Earth Natural Resources

Fall hunting and gathering season is upon us and it is time to get ready for winter. Once again, the White Earth Natural Resources Department will be asking everyone to drop off deer heads for CWD sampling. Last year there were 117 heads submitted for sampling and thankfully all came back negative for CWD. We would like to thank everyone who submitted heads last year again it was a great effort.

Head drop-off: Freezers will be located at the RBC Headquarters at the entrance door to the Land Office. It's the first door/sidewalk north of the main entrance. The other location will be at the White Earth Natural Resources Office in Mahnomen on Highway 59. Hunters will only be able to drop off heads Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hunters will fill out registration online and staff at each location will be on-sight to assist and give out bags and tags needed for the deer head. Deer heads must be antler free and cut just a few inches behind the skull. More specific directions will be posted at each site and on social media for better viewing. There will be bags and numbered ear tags to be attached to the head. This ear tag and number will be used for online registration portion.

Recording requirements: There will be the same recording requirements for this year that will hopefully help streamline and make it easier for drop offs. There is a hyperlink: <https://areg.is/1qrW90> that will be used to register deer heads. Drop off stations will also have a barcode that can be scanned by your smartphone and opened directly for data input. Each location will have staff that can also help with registration as needed. Deer must be harvested within the reservation boundaries and **please record the**

most accurate location as possible.

Deer head incentives: There will be new and exciting incentives for CWD submissions this year. We will be conducting three separate raffles for individuals submitting samples:

- Fully enclosed, custom deer stand (top prize)
- Two-person ladder stand
- Yeti cooler
- Each person will have an equal chance to win, i.e. one entry per person regardless of how many samples they registered.

- There will also be drawing for a \$500 gift cards to Reed's, for Tribal member's submitting samples and a \$500 gift card for non-Tribal members.

- Hunters will have their name in the drawing for the number of heads that were registered, so if you register five deer heads, you will have five chances in the raffle.

Tribal members will need to show your ID card and non-Tribal members will have to show their Minnesota nine-digit license number to register for the \$500 gift card at the end of the season. Please provide accurate contact information so that we can get test results to each of you in a timely manner, email address is encouraged! **You can register as many deer as you like provided there is accurate harvest location for each deer.**

If anyone has questions, please contact Doug McArthur at 218-935-3655 or doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Good luck, happy hunting and be safe!



M Mahnomen American Indian Education's 3rd Annual Indigenous Peoples Day

ROUND DANCE

October 14th
1:00-3:00pm

Mahnomen Public School
Outside by the Baseball field

All are invited to Celebrate & Honor the Culture of our local Indigenous People

EMCEE: FRANK STECH **STICKMAN: CRAIG BOWER**
INVITED SINGERS: WAABINOO LITTLEWOLF, JEDEDIAH DESJARLAIT SR., ANTHONY BUCKANAGA SR., DAYTON JONES, ANTHONY BUCKANAGA JR.

MORE INFO: DESIREE LINDEN 218-935-2211 EXT. 248
DLINDEN@MAHNOMEN.K12.MN.US

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tial election. We encourage tribal members to follow the delegation.

9-27 White Earth RBC Regular monthly meeting at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. The regular meetings are held on the last Friday of each month.

9-28 Pine Point Community Council, John Hopkins University, Indigenous Health group and White Earth Behavioral Health hosted a culture camp. Moccasin making, beading, hand drum making, ribbon skirt making, pipe making demonstration and a meal.

Election

As we approach election day, it is important to make our voices heard. Voting is our opportunity to impact the issues that matter to our communities.

Pop Up Voting Site will be at the White Earth Fire Hall on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Wild Rice

Our White Earth Natural Resources purchased green rice for 26 days for a grand total of 281,824 pounds this year. Several people were lost on the lake this year. We are planning to have community meetings to identify what worked and what didn't.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

White Earth Constitution Delegate Reform Meeting
Oct. 10 at Cass Lake, Minn., at 6 p.m.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Subcommittee Meetings and Tribal Executive Meeting
Oct. 22-23 at Cedar Lake Casino in Cass Lake.
www.mnchippewatribe.org/meeting_notices.html

I encourage community members to share your stories, ideas and experiences along with participating in local meetings to share your thoughts. Your voices and contributions are essential to make our tribe stronger. Lets continue to support one another so we can achieve great things together!

Miigwech for allowing me to work for you all.

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Facebook: VOTE LAURA LEE

Tiffany Swiers

Assistant for District 3
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tiffany.swiers@whiteearth-nsn.gov

You can reach the AT at
218-935-3569
or email
today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

The White Earth Veterans Day Pow Wow is Nov. 9-10

PP School Meeting Minutes

**Pine Point Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.**
Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 4:32 p.m.

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

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks, Winona LaDuke, Ethan

3.0 Approval/Amendment of Agenda – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the agenda as amended: Add 3.1 Solar Panel Project, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

3.1 Solar Panel Project Site – Motion by Michael Swan to accept Option B for first preference and Option C as second preference for solar panel site, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

4.0 Approval/Amendment of Minutes – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the July 1, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Finance

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Marva Aitken to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July 2024 as presented, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.2 Payment of Bills & Electronic Funds Transfer & Debit Card Transactions – Motion by Michael Swan to approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$108,611.90 for check #33597 through check #33665 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 2024-2025 Calendar Change – Motion by Michael Swan to approve calendar change to take off January 20, 2025 for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, seconded by Sara Hunt. All in favor. Motion carried.

8.0 Principal’s Report – Discussion on Float for Rez Car Parade on 8/9/24; Early Out & Family Fun Day on 8/16/24; Brain Conference on 8/14-/15/24; 1st Quarter; Vision/Hearing on 8/21/24; Culture Days in the afternoons – 1 day per quarter; Inauguration school will be a regular day. No action needed.

9.0 Public Participation – Pine Point Pow Wow, Rez Car Parade, Demo Derby

10.0 Adjournment – Motion by Michael Swan to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m., seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Pine Point Special School Board Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.**
Pine Point School Staff Room

1.0 Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman John Swan at 3:32 p.m.

Members present – Michael Swan, Gerald Roberts, Allison Jones, John Swan
Members absent – Marva Aitken, Sara Hunt
Ex-officio – Christopher Schulz, Principal

2.0 Recognition of Visitors – Bonnie Meeks

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

4.0 Extended Leave of Absence – Motion by Gerald Roberts to approve the 5-year extended leave of absence request from K.Hoffmann-Thompson, seconded by Allison Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

5.0 Adjournment – Motion by Michael Swan to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Gerald Roberts. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH,
WHITE EARTH, MN**

**FALL LUNCHEON &
BAZAAR**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**OGEMA COMMUNITY CENTER
OGEMA, MN**

WILD RICE SOUP, FRY BREAD & PIE

RAFFLE, FISHPOND, COUNTRY STORE & CAKE WALK

ADULTS: \$12.00
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5 & UNDER: Free

ALL MEAL TICKETS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 4 Door Prizes

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Hosted by: White Earth Behavioral Health & White Earth urban programs

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•Open to the community!
•Light snacks and refreshments Provided
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218-935-2238

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Same day appointments now available!
Physical & Occupational Therapy
PT - Monday & Thursday
OT - Tuesday & Friday
Mammo - Thursday
Dental - Thursday

White Earth Behavioral Health Walk-in Clinic Tuesdays 8-12
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WIC - Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.

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Naytahwaush Community Council & NCC Youth Stand Volunteers

would like to express our appreciate and gratitude for your support this year! Our youngsters were able to practice their customer service skills, hone their financial management abilities and develop leadership practices as a team.

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MAHONOMEN AREA BOOSTERS CLUB

kln Family Bank **AFFINITY PLUS**

Mahnomen Healing Feast

Speaker: TBA
Spiritual Advisor: Mike Bunker
Drum: NFW Noise

OCTOBER 23, 2024
AT SSC
5:00 - 7:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 218-401-6626

WAABIGWAN
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Waabigwan Mashkiki's Dispensary is now open at our new location at in Mahnomen

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone: 218-936-1801

WE Police Department welcomes new K-9

We would like to introduce K-9 Akim, our newest addition to the White Earth Police Department, donated by the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

K-9 Akim will be working alongside his handler, Officer Jordan Johnson, who grew up on the White Earth Reservation.

Officer Johnson and K-9 Akim began special-ized training in August to become certified in Narcotics Detection, Tracking, and Apprehension.

This dynamic duo will play a crucial role in enhancing public safety and supporting our efforts to combat crime in our community.

Join us in welcoming K-9 Akim. We wish K-9 Akim and Officer Johnson the best of luck in their training!



Officer Jordan Johnson and Akim.

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Mino Dibishkaan!



Donovan Burnette Jr.

Happy 9th Golden Birthday!
May you always walk in beauty! We love you!

Oct. 14th
Happy 5th Birthday, Son!
Love Mom



Happy 1st Birthday

Elliot Ortiz

Love Mom & Dad
October 21st



Happy Birthday from the
CC Crew to Sue Heisler!
Sept. 21



Happy 23rd B-day

Chris McDougall

on Oct. 13th



Happy 11th B-day

Alby & Mikey

on
Oct. 18th



Reservation softball teams shine at tournament



White Earth men's and women's softball teams played well at the recent Battle of Nations Softball Tournament in Bismarck, N.D. The teams consisted of players all enrolled in the White Earth Nation.

The White Earth men's team won the championship and the players on that team where Joseph Bower, Dion Bower, Monte Bower, Kevin Hanks, Jordan Manning, Tyler Manning, Clint Manning Jr., Terrence Smith Jr., Kevin Smith, Danny Miller, and Charles Rice.

The women's team came up a little short but still played well. Players included Shelley Weaver, Tatum Weaver, Kris Manning, Lauryn Manning, Keshawn Goodwin, Mercedes Bellanger, Madison Bellanger, Maxine Smith, Nelly Weaver, and Angie Bellanger.

Both teams fought hard and represented our tribal nation. The men's team and the Red Lake women's championship team brought back the banners to northern Minnesota.




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LOOSE ITEMS ONLY**



VOTE NOV 5th
JON WEAVER
 Mahnomen Public School Board

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children." - Sitting Bull

VOTE
Kimberly Scott-Neisen
 For
 Mahnomen School Board ISD 432
 November 5th, 2024

Life Long Resident of Mahnomen
 Enrolled Member of White Earth
 Graduate of Mahnomen High School
 Graduate of MState in Accounting and Payroll
 Currently Attending Bemidji State University
 Volunteer for Thunderbird Football & Wrestling


Employed by White Earth Education Department as the
 White Earth Student Financial Services Program Manager
 Manages White Earth Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program
 Manages White Earth Scholarship Program
 Member of White Earth Self Help Board

VOTE
ALICIA AVILA



MAHNOMEN MAYOR
VOTE NOVEMBER 5TH
****WRITE IN CANDIDATE****

GERILYN LOPEZ
 TWIN LAKES TOWNSHIP



- DEDICATED MOTHER OF 2
 - PROUD MEMBER OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY
 - GREEN ENERGY ENTHUSIAST


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REGISTER TO VOTE AT
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 VOTING DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH!

MAHNOMEN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ISD 432

VOTE
LUCAS HISGUN
NOV. 5TH

I AM A LIFE LONG MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY WHERE I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO BETTER FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THESE PAST 9 YEARS. I HOLD OUR TRADITIONS AND OUR TRADITIONAL VALUES CLOSE TO MY HEART. I WANT A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR KIDS AND I AM WILLING TO INVEST MY TIME AND ENERGY IN THEIR EDUCATION.





Honoring Our Children and Community With Integrity

Boozhoo inawemaaganidogi Hello My Relatives!

Biniizi Zibi Ikwe Indigo, My Spirit Name is Clean River Woman. Lacy Armstrong Nindzhinikaaz. Lacy Armstrong is my English name. Maang Nindooden, My clan is Loon Clan. Mahnomen Indaa.

I am a dedicated individual with a unique family dynamic, as I have four bonus children in addition to my own two children. My educational background includes graduating from the Minnesota School of Business with a focus on music business audio production. I have also pursued a career as an addiction counselor at White Earth Behavioral Health and have completed the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative cohort 1.

With a passion for promoting healing, wellness, community engagement, and cultural stability, I am committed to empowering and serving our students and community. I hold the values of honor, children, and community with the utmost integrity in all that I do.

Vote Nov. 5 **LACY ARMSTRONG**
 For Mahnomen Public School Board

lacy.armstrong1987@gmail.com



WHITE EARTH DOVE PROGRAM
 Wear Purple Challenge

DOVE is asking our Tribal Departments & Community to support Domestic Violence Survivors by wearing purple on October 17th, 2024

Take a picture of you or your department wearing purple and send to DOVE for a chance to win a PRIZE!

Please submit pictures and direct any questions to Justin Stalberger at justin.stalberger@whiteearth-nsn.gov or by text to 218-850-5054



VOTE Nov 5th

Register to Vote at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/>

TWIN LAKES TOWNSHIP CANDIDATE
Sheri Snetsinger
 PARENT | VOLUNTEER | RESOURCE MENTOR

Ballots are mailed to registered voters approximately 30 days before the election. Ballots are available at Mahnomen County Auditor-Treasurer Office. Mail your ballot back or drop it off at your polling place on Election Day.

Mn Election Call Center
 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)

VOTE 11/05/24 at
 Mahnomen County Courthouse
 211 N MAJAN ST.
 MAHNOMEN, MN 56557

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 LET'S PROTECT OUR WATERS


Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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

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



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WHEN: Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.


WHAT: Self-help law clinic can assist free of charge with:

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- Landlord-Tenant
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Adults (18 & older) get 24 hour access 7 days a week.



White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Present. Promote. Protect

Thank You

On behalf of Ogema VFW Post 9880 and Auxiliary, thank you to the Waubun School for use of the track field and facilities for our 6th Annual POW/MIA Walk/Run held Sept. 20 on (National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

It was a beautiful sunny day and was great to see students participating. Thank you also to all who took time to walk around the track in memory and honor to those who gave all.

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Learn the skills. Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

ASIST's impact in 2016

87,567 participants

15,201 suicide attempts prevented

ASIST works

Studies show that ASIST participants gain:

- ✓ Knowledge about suicide
- ✓ Skills to reach out
- ✓ Confidence to help save a life

ASIST changes lives

Odds of improvement after receiving an ASIST intervention (2013 study):

- ▲ 35% more hopeful
- ▲ 31% less depressed
- ▲ 46% less overwhelmed
- ▲ 74% less suicidal

ASIST is cost-effective

50:1 return on investment in decreasing long term costs of suicide (2013 study)

Learn more about ASIST and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/ASIST

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Carsonville Fire Rescue

Please join us for the
Carsonville Fall Fundraiser

October 19, 2024
Events Begin at 4pm

DINNER,
GUN RAFFLES, GAMES,
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All proceeds benefit the
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Osage, MN 56570

Minnesota Charitable Purpose
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We Have MOVED

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Firefight Recovery Meeting

Serenity Prayer
God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things
right if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and
supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen
Reinhold Niebuhr

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Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

We are planning to have bingo. Unfortunately, not all our bingo supplies have been received. So please bring your own poker chips, loose change, washers, beans, whatever will work for you. (please no daubers)

October 2 nd , Wednesday	Pine Point
October 3 rd , Thursday	Elbow Lake
October 24 th Thursday	Mahnomen – Valley View

Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the school in the E.N.P Dining Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room in Valley View at 1:00pm.

November 7 th , Thursday	Naytahwaush
November 14 th , Thursday	White Earth – Congregate
November 21 st , Thursday	Rice Lake

Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, E.N.P. dining hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in White Earth is at the Congregate Housing, Dining Hall after the 11:30 elder meal.
Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 elder meal.

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

Other Events that are coming up in October:
The Naytahwaush Health Fair is scheduled for October 23rd, 2024
Women's Night Out is scheduled for October 29th at the Casino Event Center
Must be pre-registered (meal count)
Women older than 14 only.
Dr. Ung Clinic was rescheduled to October 28th – 31st
October 28th and 29th in White Earth in the Dialysis Wing of the Tribal Health Building
October 30th in Naytahwaush at the I.H.S. Clinic 9:00 to 3:00
October 31st in Rice Lake at the Community building 9:00am to Noon

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MRRA Meeting for Minnesota Tribal Members

What:
Join Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Paul Schnell to learn more about the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA).

The Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA) will shift our focus from how much time people spend in prison to how people spend that time. The MRRA creates incentives for people in the custody of the Department of Corrections to participate in and make progress toward individualized goals that aid in setting when they start their time in prison. Policy development is underway and is expected to be published January 2025.

When:
September 16, 2024, 6:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

How to Register:
Please register in advance for this meeting by scanning the QR code below or by typing in the following website into your browser: <https://doc.mn.us/zoomapp/meeting/register/vl3c-6rqDkHWNvYvQ10JDeoG4X0I>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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MRRA ROAD MAP

MRRA Roadmap
(from start to completion)

An Incarcerated Person (IP), committed to the Minnesota Department of Corrections, goes through the **Intake and Assessment** process. Based on their assessment results, they will work with a team to develop an individualized **Rehabilitation Plan**. From there, the process will be transferred to the **Appropriate Facility for Programming**. During their incarceration, they will **Engage in Identified Programming** which can lead to earning **Early Incentive Release credits**. Individuals will attend **Pre-Release Meetings** and if appropriate, participate in **Job Readiness Training**. Prior to release, the individual, along with the case manager and assigned agent, will create an updated individualized **Rehabilitation Plan**. The plan will support their successful **Reintegration, Goal Attainment, and Community Supervision**. As individuals realize the goals in their supervision plan, they can begin earning **Compliance Credits** and, ultimately, **Supervision Abatement**. From intake through **Supervision Discharge**, the focus is on providing support to promote improved outcomes.

WE Reservation enjoys a successful ricing season



Photos courtesy of Gaawaabaabiganiikag Maanoominike Facebook page

It was another great year for ricers on White Earth Reservation. The White Earth RBC bought 281,824 pounds of green wild rice, with more than 2000,000 harvested from Lower Rice Lake. They paid out \$2,079,000 to tribal members.

IHS employees receive awards



Photo by Richard Hanks

The IHS headquarters staff recently visited White Earth Reservation. In addition to touring the reservation's clinics and meeting with the tribal council, they presented several IHS employees with federal awards.

New NTW Harvest Fest Royalty



Submitted photo

The new Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Royalty are Brave – Hendrix Clark-Hanks, and Princess – Emilyn Clark-Hanks!

COLA Homecoming Week



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The Circle of Life Academy held Spirit Week festivities on Sept. 23-27. There were several activities held throughout the week to include volleyball games with Red Lake. The Lady Warriors JV team congratulates Red Lake after a hard-fought match.