



White Earth General Election is Tuesday, June 11

The 2024 White Earth General Election is Tuesday, June 14 and voters will decide who will be Chairman and District III Representative for the next four years.

Incumbent Michael A. Fairbanks and Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts will battle it out for Chairman. Fairbanks received 658 votes and Tibbetts gathered 605 votes in the April 2 Primary Election.

Only two candidates were certified to run for District III Committeeperson - incumbent Cheryl “Annie” Jackson and Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson.

MCT election rules state that if only two candidates are running for an open position, they bypass the Primary Election and run in the General Election. So they square off for the first time on June 11.

The order of the how the candidates will be placed on the ballot was determined by a drawing held at an open public

meeting at the RBC building. The names of the candidates are how they will appear on the ballot:

Chairman

Eugene Umsy Tibbetts

Michael A. Fairbanks (Incumbent)

District III Representative

Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson

Cheryl ‘Annie’ Jackson (Incumbent)

The public is invited to view the election results on June 11 starting at 8 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. The returns will also be live streamed on the White Earth YouTube page. The final results will be posted on the White Earth Facebook page, website, and in the July 3 *Anishinaabeg Today*.

If you have election questions contact the White Earth Election Board at 218-936-5622 or email election.board@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Nation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service celebrate signing of historic MOA for Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

On Tuesday, June 4, leaders from the White Earth Nation (WEN) and representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) gathered at a community ceremony at Shooting Star Casino to celebrate the signing of a significant Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The historic agreement, a testament to the strong partnership between the two governments, strengthens the enduring conservation partnership between the White Earth Nation and the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

The MOA simplifies the permitting process for various treaty-protected activities. This means that under the terms of the MOA, Band members will no longer have to acquire separate permits from WEN and the USFWS. The WEN will align its Conservation Code consistent with federal standards, sovereignty, and treaty rights and be able to issue a single permit, making important cultural and sustenance activities more accessible. This agreement also ensures the preservation of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, a vital ecosystem for future generations.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks said, “This agreement signifies a significant milestone in our longstanding relationship with the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. We are taking crucial steps to protect and support our citizens’ rights to engage in treaty-protected activities. We deeply appreciate the support and collaboration that has made this endeavor possible.”

Notably, the agreement also commits both parties to developing a co-stewardship

agreement. This significant step forward would empower the Band to play a more substantial role in safeguarding and conserving this refuge, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

“With deep cultural ties to this land, WEN has consistently regarded itself as its guardian and steward. We are excited about the opportunity to formalize a co-stewardship agreement that will enable us to contribute more to preserving this special place,” said Chairman Michael Fairbanks.

Tamarac Refuge Summary

What the MOA does:

- Delineates formal processes for water structures in the Refuge, which are essential for ricing, by providing that USFWS Refuge staff give due consideration consistent with Executive Orders and Federal law to WEDNR for the health and benefit of Manoomin (wild rice).
- Provides dispute resolution mechanisms in case of dispute over the MOA with USFWS and WEN.
- It provides for government-to-government data/information sharing, planning, and implementation in real-time and annually.
- Both parties commit to work expeditiously on future agreements and co-stewardship.

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Chairman Candidates



Michael A. Fairbanks
(Incumbent)



Eugene ‘Umsy’ Tibbetts

District III Rep. Candidates



Cheryl ‘Annie’ Jackson
(Incumbent)



Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson

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Head Start Pow Wow

The White Earth Reservation Head Start programs gathered for their annual pow wow on May 2 at the Naytahwaush Complex.

This was the first combined pow wow since 2020 due to Covid.

For the last two years programs held individual get togethers at each site due to social distance requirements.

Photo by Gary W. Padra

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August 28	September 4
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Highlights of Mother's Day Pow Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Mother's Day Pow Wow was held May 11-12 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. There were 528 registered dancers and 18 drums.




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JUNE 13TH, 2024
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WHITE EARTH ENP INVITES YOU TO THE 2024 Elders Picnic

Thursday, June 27th ❄️
at the Rediscovery Center in White Earth
11am - 2pm



BLISS SCHEDULE:

Pine Point: 8:55 am
 Congregate: 9:25 am
 Roundhouse: 9:35 am
 Bimaad Apts: 9:45 am
 Ogema store: 10:10 am
 Evergreen Apts: 10:25 am
 Rice Lake: 9:50 am
 NTW complex: 10:20

Contact your local ENP or ENP Management at 218-983-3286 Ext 1266 for questions

RBC offices closed for holidays

White Earth RBC offices will be closed on Friday, June 14 for **Treaty Day** and will reopen on Monday, June 17 at 8 a.m.

They will also be closed for **Juneteenth** on Wednesday, June 19 and will reopen on Thursday, June 20 at 8 a.m.

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!
 Ode'imini-giizis
 Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.
 Weweni-sago-na
 Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!
 It is June the Strawberry Moon.
 Everyone Be Safe.

Chairman's Update: Listening to Our Shared Concerns and Highlighting Accomplishments as Chairman.

This month I wanted to focus again on the work that's being done on behalf of our great White Earth Nation. I'm running for the elected position of Chairman again, a position that I've been greatly honored and humbled to serve in for the last four years. In last month's article I talked about our shared values and concerns about things happening in our communities, and what needs to continue to be done to address them. I talked about the legislative advocacy that I've been engaged in, and things achieved by being out there in state and federal systems, advocating for the things that we need. Working alongside our other elected leaders to create, develop, and implement things that meet the needs of our people has been an honor. I've listened to our community and devoted myself to making improvements for our nation. It's critical that we have a strong voter turnout at the election so that your needs and ideas can be addressed and move forward. I continue to bring hope and assure you that I'm someone who follows through on our shared concerns. As I'm asking for your vote, I want you to know I've been an effective leader who remains committed to the things which impact us as White Earth Nation people.

In this month's article, I'm going to continue talking about the items that I couldn't cover last month. The list below is in no particular order but are things most talked about when hearing from our membership. If you missed last month's article, you can find it online or on my facebook page and check out what's been addressed and accomplished.

- Shared Concerns and Needs of the Communities (In last month's article I covered:)
- Housing and shelter
 - Jobs, economic stability, and workforce/ work-place issues and needs
 - Economic concerns and food security
 - Safety and Security, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR)
 - Tribal sovereignty, self-governance, and infrastructure
 - Drugs, addiction, treatment, and healing
 - Mental Health, crisis response, and healing
 - Environment, land, and our natural resources
- (In this month's article:)
- Youth services, elder services, parent services
 - Education, post-secondary education, and trade school opportunities
 - Healthcare, access to healthcare, and quality of services
 - Individual issues raised by constituents
 - Culture & Language, Immersion school

We've made great accomplishments in these areas, including policy changes at national/state/local levels, as well as securing funding and resources.

Youth services, parent services, and elder services

Youth:
 Our RBC created a new youth division to invest in our future generations. We began examining the specific needs of our youth and creating programs and services to meet those needs. We hired a (tribal member) administrator, who's familiar with our communities,



programs, and needs. The administrator has been gathering information and analyzing improvements we can make to better serve our youth. The administrator has already begun looking at expanded activities, community accessibility, programs and services. The administrator has done an excellent job relaying the recommendations to the RBC and identifying how we can make those improvements.

We created a youth commission that can provide a voice for the youth in our communities. The youth commission also looks at needs and provides recommendations for the RBC. We established a youth fund and allocated \$50,000 that helps with individual youth needs. Things such as camps or fees for youth are paid with this fund so they can expand their opportunities, growth, and advancement. The fund has been utilized well this year, so we're excited to assist our youth in this way with new opportunities.

As a Council we've worked on plans for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Improvements were made to sites and services in different locations. We are working on renovations to the Elbow Lake site, and construction of a new site in Callaway. We're looking at other national clubs and learning how we can bring in sustainability and expanded services. As a Council we know how valuable our Boys and Girls Clubs are to our communities.

Parents, Guardians and Families:

I supported Minnesota legislation in 2023 that allows child support cases to transfer from district courts to tribal courts. Our White Earth Tribal Court has its own code that governs child support cases and allows us to follow a model that meets the needs of our families.

White Earth was at the forefront supporting the Indian Child Welfare Act when it was being challenged at the Supreme Court level. The importance of the SCOTUS decision cannot be understated and will provide protections for our children and nation. The Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) amendments passed during the 2023 and 2024 legislative session to provide additional protections for our Native families who become involved in a county child protection system. I testified and supported changes that strengthen supports for maintaining our children at home with increased services.

During the 2023 legislative session tribes were provided with a small allocation for Kinship Navigator programs but a lot of advocacy needs to continue to provide equitable amounts to tribes in this area. Kinship Navigator programs support relatives, especially grandparents, who are raising children and I know that impacts many of our families, so I will work for tribal allocation increases during the 2025 legislative session. Prevention dollars were expanded to tribal

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo

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

I will be featuring the White Earth Enrollment Division and travel updates.

Enrollment Division

This division is led by Shannon Heisler who is the manager of the Enrollment Division. This division has a total of six employees. These employees are made up of an Enrollment Coordinator, Enrollment Clerk, two Enrollment Technicians, and a Genealogy Research Specialist.

This division is available to assist individuals who are already enrolled or are seeking enrollment into the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The regulations for enrollment are governed by the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT). Members of the White Earth Nation comprise of almost one-half of the entire MCT.

The total General Fund budget is \$529,870 for operating and fringe for this entire division. They do take in revenue of approximately \$20,000 per year. This division did receive a grant for \$19,500 from the BIA for a microfiches machine and other equipment in May of this year.

Updates

I would like to inform all Membership that you can submit any Financial Data request to me at mike.laroque@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call me at 218-



849-1140.

I would also like to congratulate all graduates from Head Start to the college level and everyone in between. You are our future leaders, and I would like to quote our former Chairwomen Erma Vizenor by saying; "Education is Key to our Future!"

I hope everyone had a happy and safe spring season and look forward to a great summer with pow-wow season in full swing. We are moving forward into the future with 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

WE Mental Health encourages all to take care of well-being

Boozhoo from White Earth Mental Health. May was Mental Health Awareness Month. To raise awareness and provide education surrounding mental health, White Earth Mental Health hosted a poster and design contest for youth and adults! Miigwech to all those who submitted items. We love seeing your ideas and your talent. Shout out to our winners Lachlan Hanks (6 years old), Kaylene Dewey (11 years old), and Jayla Bellanger (17 years old).

A mental health staff member provided mental health awareness, education, and resources to

Emergency Medical Technicians in May to increase knowledge surrounding mental health. White Earth Mental Health also offered a SafeTalk workshop. SafeTalk is a four-hour face-to-face workshop that provides education on how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support.

Just a reminder that it is important to take care of your emotional and physical well-being and check-in on your relatives, not only in May but throughout the year!

Updates on White Earth Clinic Renovation Project

Starting June 17, the next phase of the White Earth Renovation Project will begin. Lab and Radiology will be undergoing a remodel expected to last roughly six months. A temporary Lab space will be set-up in White Earth, but X-ray and Mammography services will only be available in Naytahwaush during this time.

You may still receive CT, MRI, and Ultrasound

in White Earth. If patients are able to obtain X-rays in advance of their appointment we will help coordinate that care.

We appreciate your patience as we work through this last phase of renovation. We will have a beautiful new space and equipment to share with you when we reopen. Thank you.

Summary from Front page

- WEN agrees to amend the Conservation Code concerning Tamarac NWR to include permitting standards and enforcement protocols consistent with treaty rights, inherent Sovereignty, and federal law.
- Removes duplicative permitting requirements with Feds and WEDNR for band members for certain activities (ricing; furbearer trapping; harvesting leeches, turtles, and minnows; gathering wild plants; some wood cutting for dead and down timber and traditional wood products; ceremonies; and scientific activities) in the Refuge so USFWS will recognize WEDNR permits.

What the MOA does not do:

- Transfer ownership or management of the Refuge to WEN.
- Alter current hunting or fishing practices.
- Provide permitting processes for any additional activities not currently utilized.

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White Earth Home Health Car Seat Clinics

Car Seat Inspection

This is a great opportunity to get your child's car seat checked to make sure that your child is in the proper car seat! A team of safety specialists will be on hand to provide technical assistance and an appropriate car seat if eligible.



Car Seat Check Up Events

Mahnomen College Road Apartments:

Wednesday June 26 from 2-4 pm

Naytahwaush Head Start

Thursday June 27 from 2-4 pm

White Earth Community Center:

Thursday July 18 from 3-5 pm

Rice Lake Community Center:

Thursday July 25 from 2-4 pm

Pine Point Community Center:

Thursday August 1 from 12-2 pm

*** To qualify, the child's legal guardian must attend, have custody of child/children, live on the White Earth Reservation, and bring the child/children along. Legal guardians will receive one car seat per stage of development as needed.***

Any questions please contact Bryanna Chilton at 218-983-3286.



CAR SEAT CHECK

WE Urban Office

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

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

**The White General Election is June 11
The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

This month, I want to share the intricate history between the Tribe and Becker County. In 1855, the Ojibwe ceded millions of acres, creating what is now known as the 1855 ceded territory. Three years later, in 1858, Becker County was established. Twelve years after this, the White Earth Reservation was formed. Before the establishment of the reservation, the region was exclusively inhabited by Ojibwe and Dakota people, an area rich in natural resources, including over 400 lakes.

The first settlers arrived in 1868, following the displacement of the Ojibwe and Dakota to the White Earth Reservation to facilitate development. Detroit Lakes was founded in 1871, spurred by the establishment of a flour mill and the expansion of the railroad. However, a significant issue arose as two-thirds of Becker County became part of the reservation.

Over the years, numerous legislative acts and fraudulent activities were committed by counties to access these natural resources, benefiting surrounding counties. The theft of timber from the White Earth Reservation in Becker County involved historical instances of exploitation and illegal logging by non-Native entities.

Here's a summary of how the timber theft occurred:

Exploitation and Deception: Timber companies and non-Native individuals engaged in fraudulent practices, deceiving Native American landowners through manipulated land transactions and coercion.

Illegal Logging: Despite regulations to protect Native American lands, many loggers illegally cut down timber without proper authorization, often through trespassing or dubious legal means.

Government Complicity: Corruption and inefficiency within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) allowed illegal activities to go unchecked. Some government officials were complicit, either turning a blind eye or facilitating the theft.

Economic Pressures: The economic value of the timber created immense pressure from the logging industry, which often translated into political and economic leverage over Native American landowners.

Impact on the Ojibwe Community: The loss of timber resources had severe economic and environmental impacts on the White Earth Reservation, contributing to the broader pattern of dispossession and marginalization experienced by Native American tribes.

Recent Developments and Ongoing Challenges

Last month, I attended the Becker County Natural Resource Management Committee meeting, where I voiced concerns about the need for the Tribe to be consulted whenever Becker County permits clear-cutting sites. I explained the history of our land being taken, its cultural significance to both the Ojibwe and Dakota, and how decades of undermining the Tribe have led to the destruction of our sacred spaces and natural medicines.

Initially, it seemed my concerns were acknowledged, and I looked forward to a mutually beneficial relationship. However, on May 13, I was informed that loggers were cutting into a sugar bush on 336 Ave near Strawberry Lake, a Tribal road recently repaved. A Tribal member discovered heavy machinery cutting down trees while foraging for spring



foods like mushrooms, fiddleheads, and ramps. White Earth Natural Resources and the White Earth Police Department responded, along with the Becker County Sheriff's Office. When the Tribe requested to see the permit issued by Becker County, they were denied, despite this incident occurring on the Reservation.

Just months earlier, the same Becker County Sheriff testified to the Minnesota Senate against a bill that would return stolen land to the White Earth Nation, claiming his department would lose access to Tribal lands. Yet, here we were, dealing with illegal logging on a Tribal road within the Reservation, with loggers operating without Tribal permits. This suggests the Sheriff either misled the Senate or disregarded the law. The illegal logging site was shut down, and the State Historic Preservation Office issued a notice to Becker County to halt all permitting on the Reservation until the Tribe is consulted.

On May 17, a special meeting was scheduled with Becker County to discuss the illegal logging operation. The Tribe was informed at 10 a.m. about the 1:30 p.m. meeting. Present were Becker County Commissioners, attorneys, Natural Resources officials, and State Legislators Steve Green, Matt Bliss, and Paul Utke. Most legislators, except Utke, interpreted the law in favor of the County and suggested the Tribe improve communication with the County.

A THPO officer and I represented the Tribe, emphasizing that this was not Tribal Consultation, as the RBC was not present and we needed more than a few hours' notice. I questioned why legislators were involved in what should be a matter between Becker County and the White Earth Nation. The legislators claimed they were trying to understand the situation but continued to push for minimal compliance with Tribal Consultation requirements. I requested the meeting be adjourned and rescheduled so the RBC could attend.

Lake Shore Lease Violations

On May 15, reports emerged about non-Tribal members living on a Tribal lot on South Twin Lake. The original leaseholder had died in 2006, and the lot was being subleased by another party. A compliance check revealed that someone had been renewing the lease and posing as the leaseholder. During a site visit, we found two vehicles with Minnesota state plates, one a Mahnommen County Sheriff patrol car. The White Earth Police Department and Natural

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Attention Readers

The July 3 Anishinaabeg Today may arrive a little later than normal due to the Fourth of July holiday. Please be patient.

The 156th White Earth Treaty Day Celebration and Pow Wow is June 14-16

News From District III Rep. Cheryl 'Annie' Jackson

Boozhoo Everyone,

May has come and went way too fast. But here we are, loving the warm days and the rain, as it is much needed.

On May 1, I attended the American Indian Center Grand Reopening in Minneapolis. Met many wonderful people and I was honored to be able to be there. Need to give a shout out to Mary LaGarde and all that made this event possible and to those that worked diligently to make the much-needed improvements to the center. Our relatives now have a nice place to gather.

May 7 was our debriefing. Water was a huge discussion as we need to ensure that our water is taken care of and kept clean for future generations. Discussion was held on ground water wells being monitored more. Our DNR will update us as they move forward on this.

Timber sales in Becker County on tax forfeited land that is within reservation boundaries was discussed. The county never reached out to us on these sales. They auctioned off a lot of our maples to be cut near the Strawberry Lake area. This is not acceptable. Maple trees provide us with unique food and medicine, not to mention the destruction of our forest, which would deplete our medicine and our wildlife that depend on the forests. After this was brought to our attention on May 13, that cutting was being done. This was successfully halted, but not before they could do damage. The logging company stated that they would be asking Becker County for their money back. The state historical protection officer was contacted and now we wait for a meeting with them and Becker County. The next day, May 14, we held a small ceremony at the site for forgiveness and to move forward in a good way.

May 10, I was honored to attend the Urban open house. Our DMV was there processing IDs. The Wild Rice department was there, and our Enterprises was on site with shirts and other items. There was a lunch served, vendors, which consisted of our departments from White Earth and others that had items for sale. Activities were held throughout the day. I met many wonderful people and of course got to see many that I have not seen in a while. Always nice to see our members where they reside. Chi Miigwech for all that put this on, was a great event.

Wild Rice - We are waiting for a business plan



from enterprises. The plan is to move wild rice to Ojibwa near Waubun to have it sold there. This would allow our members to have more access to be able to purchase, as they are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. There will still be a small outlet store at the RBC but having it at our business location would allow more members to have access. More to come on this.

Elders' Homeowner Repair - The first phase is still finishing up. Once this is completed, the second phase will start. It was decided to wait until after the elections. All applications will go through White Earth Builders. No need to reapply if you already have an application in. This program is a need for our elders, not a want. We have been able to repair many roofs, old windows, exterior doors, etc. This has been a learning process for all as this is the first time that repair dollars have been set aside for our elders' homes. It wasn't an easy process as there is so much need, but thanks to White Earth Builders assisting in District III, we were able to assist many that had the most need.

Enterprises is looking at having our own propane company. This is something that is desperately needed here. As this moves forward more updates will be put out.

The property on the lake side of Strawberry is still in progress. We are currently cleaning up the debris from the old cabins that were there. Then it's on to planning. Watch for updates on this as it will be a good place for all to enjoy.

Community Clean ups are ending. I would like to say Chi Miigwech to all that had a part in this. It is so awesome to see all that participated and know you are all appreciated. Our communities look awesome!

The work started on the new playground and basketball court in White Earth where the old school used to be. Other communities should have work starting soon on theirs.

The addition to our homeless shelter in Mahnomen will opened on May 31. The number to call is 218-936-2224, or after hours 218-936-3212.

Need to say congratulations to all the Graduates good luck on whatever you choose to do. Remember the future is yours! So proud of all of you.

In closing, sending hugs and prayers to all and extra to those that need them.

Miigwech and Mi'iw,

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
District III Representative

White Earth Tribal 4-H Cultural Jiimaanike (Birchbark Canoe Build) Camp

June 18th – 29th, 2024

Canoe Activities: each day from Morning till Dusk;
Cultural Learning Activities: 11am-4pm most days

Little Elbow Lake Tribal Park, North of Tulaby Lake-off Hwy 113, Naytahwaush, MN

Celebrate Learning and Growing through Traditional Anishinaabeg Values

Who? White Earth 4-Hers, Families, Youth Groups, and Community are welcome to attend the first White Earth 4-H Birchbark Canoe Build Camp.

What? White Earth 4-H Teens have been working hard to plan this event, learn about Birchbark Canoes, and gathering materials for the canoe build. This will be a modern Canoe build Camp, with Canoe building happening each day. Other activities such as: Booleagan demonstration, rice knocker making, art activities, learning around wild/traditional foods, fishing, smoking fish, language, games, food, and more will take place each day of the camp.

A light breakfast will be available each day (attendees are welcome to bring something to contribute); and a lunch will be provided each day. Dinner is on-your-own, and camping is available on-site, on-your-own. Youth, please bring your parents or guardians (No youth drop off please). This event hosted by the White Earth Tribal 4-H Program, with funding support from NIFA through Women & Minorities into Science (WAMS) Grant and Generous Private Donors. Partners in this project include White Earth Public Health, and White Earth Tribal & Community College (WETCC) Extension.

The University of Minnesota Extension, Office of Youth Development, offers 4-H Community Programming serving the communities of the White Earth Nation. 4-H provides youth opportunities to learn, explore, and grow through leadership.

For questions and registration for this event, please contact:
Dana Trickey at 218-289-1193, trickeyd@umn.edu



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Summer Food Starts June 3, 2024 – Breakfast and Lunch will be served at all 6 sites.

Summer hours will be in transition with ramping up of staff.

We will start the summer hours at 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday, and as we obtain more staff will be moving hours to 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. We will announce these changes as they happen.

Human Resources and B&G Club will be hosting a Job Fair to hire staff, please be on the lookout for that information.

*Summer hours will revert to school hours on September 3, 2024



8 am – 4 pm starting at the following sites on May 28, 2024

- Naytahwaush
- Rice Lake
- Waubun
- White Earth

Pine Point moves to summer hours on June 10, 2024

Mahnomen Site is currently utilizing summer hours.

For employment applications please contact White Earth Human Resources.

ELECTIONS

WHITE EARTH URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Tuesday, June 11, 2024)
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

Community at Large Board Member

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

Main Entry Way



Nomination Forms will be available to fill out at the

White Earth Urban Community Council Office (Suite 201)
1308 East Franklin Avenue Mpls, MN 55404

Monday - Wednesday 12:00 - 2:00 PM
FMI: Char Lee 651.262.7602

Rain is delaying garden tilling

The White Earth Agriculture Department wants everyone to know that despite the wet spring weather and being shorthanded that we have been doing the best we can to get our elder gardens tilled. We will make every effort to finish up tilling the gardens on our list before it gets too late.

Wade Jackson
WEN Agriculture Manager

News From District I 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 homes. Five are for elders 55 and over and five are for 65 and over. We are in the process of getting all the appliances in the units along with the furnaces and the hot water heaters. Like all construction projects, it is still tough to get some materials for a lot of jobs. Lee's plumbing and Heating got the HVAC and Kevin Clark Electric got the wiring work and is about 80% done. The ground bids were sent out for taking all the transport doors and lumber holding the siding on, plus the porches on the five two-bedroom units. So we are getting close to wrapping up the construction project. Applications are coming soon!

Land Tamarack & State Forest

I went out to Washington, D.C., and testified on the Tamarack Refuge and also for money and grants that help our forestry and our roads and IHS. I'm working with the Land office trying to get our lots cleaned up that have been empty for years so we have more land base for our members. The White Earth State Forest comes down to that we are the owners. It's not a take back - I've seen so much fake history saying 'they have got land back what more they want?' I seen a Tik-Tok video about it and it should rightfully be ours. I look at it as its ours and really shouldn't be a take back, just give it back to the rightful owners.

Housing

Working with our District 1 Housing Board member James Hvezda Sr. The waiting list is long like all the districts so trying to get the remodels done. We should have six empty units - one in Ebro, one in Pine Bend, and four units here in Rice Lake. And hopefully soon we will be clearing out the land for four more homes on the side where the emergency storm alarm is. Mii-gwech.

Pow-wow Grounds

Every year the Community Council tries to do a little work on the grounds and BIA Roads helps with some brushing and road work - Mii-gwech! Plus, I found money for Clark Excavating to remove trees and stumps for more parking and space, they also painted and added on to the concession stand so we now have a registration stand. Awesome!

Water and Sewer

I've been working with Water and Sewer to get caught up on all our wells and sewers. COVID put them back at least a couple years. We need to get caught up.

Education

Our Education is very important for our members and more people going to college - young and



old. Head Start is my passion for our children and it's nice seeing and attending all educational events especially with graduations coming up and awards banquets.

Day Labor & TERO

We need to make these two programs for our members. So get signed up and make that Zhoonah.

Boys & Girls Club

It is always good seeing the kids in all communities attending the Clubs. Our Rice Lake Club members cleaned up the ditches and the older kids cleaned up from the corner to Roy Lake for the Memorial Walk.

Forestry

Our firefighters are busy not only fighting fires but they clear some of the trails and plantations with disease or beetles. Right now the corner on Lone Lake (north side of County Road 7) has pine beetles. I know a few years back we were trying to get a park there but because of the land issue it was hard to get close to the Lake. We will look now after it's cleaned up for what we can do there. Mii-gwech.

Urban Communities

I recently attended the Native American Indian Center grand re-opening in Minneapolis. 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, Elder Repair

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

White Earth Council of Elders

By **Tim Rindahl, Chairman**

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Boozhoo everyone, hope you had a good month of May! A lot of things happened. We had a community-wide clean up throughout month and what a great job they did. I want to say a big Miigwech to all who helped with the cleanup. Plus, we had plants and seeds passed out by Nashke Getigejig (attention gardeners), the Skin Cancer and Stroke Awareness Health Fair May 1 at the Shooting Star Casino, and the Mother's Day Pow Wow on May 11-12 at the Shooting Star Casino was a huge success with a lot attending. We also had a blood drive on May 21 at the RBC building. I really encourage all that can donate please do and save a life.

We are getting ready for the June Celebration Pow wow June 14-16 and we will have an Elder float to put in the parade on June 13 in White Earth.

We have sent out donation letters for our raffle so that we may have enough money to put on some day trips to the park, maybe do some fishing or walking, have a BBQ with refreshments either at Itasca or the Refuge. Hopefully, I hear Itasca has a paddle-boat ride. Taking a tour on the Chester Charles II 141-passenger boat is another must-do at Itasca State Park. The boat takes you on a cruise around Lake Itasca and offers a deck with 360-degree views, so you won't miss a thing. Let's see if we can book the whole boat with 141 Elders - now that would be fun. I have sent out a e-mail to Itasca to see how we can book the boat just waiting to hear back from them. Or just to get out and get some fresh air.

We held a WECOE meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at the Rice Lake Community Center. Our next meeting is July 2 at 5 p.m. at the Naytahwaush Complex. Looking forward to seeing you there. You know they say, "the more the better," so please join us and help us plan more things for us as Elders to do - our mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle.

We are also still looking for people to help with the little things that the Elderly need done that other programs can't do.

Don't forget we have the Elder's picnic on June 27 at the Rediscovery Center.

Upcoming meetings:

July 2 - Elbow Lake

Aug. 6 - Naytahwaush

Sept. 3 - Pine Point

Oct. 1 - White Earth

Nov. 5 - Rice Lake

Dec. 3 - Naytahwaush

Tim Rindahl (Chairman) / 218-261-0182

Sam Crowell (Vice Chair) / 218-252-9390

Colleen Blattenbauer / (Treasurer)

Monica Perrault / (Secretary)

Elders Commission Election Notice

The White Earth Elders Commission hereby announces that a general election will be held Aug. 12, 2024, for the following elected positions:

2 – District Representatives for District II

1 – At Large position from either District I, II, or III

Candidates wishing to file must meet the following eligibility criteria per White Earth Elders Commission By-Laws.

A. Is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

B. Is at least 55 years old on or before the

date of filing.

C. Must reside within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation or within 25 miles of said boundary.

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

1. Candidates shall file during regular business hours at the White Earth Compliance Department located at the Golden Eagle Bingo Hall by the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen.

2. **Filing dates:** June 17 – July 1



Your job search ends here

www.whiteearth.com



White Earth Delegate update and information

The White Earth Delegates hosted a community meeting on May 15 at the Shooting Star Event Center. We had 48 participants and our guest speakers were RBC council members, tribal council candidates, and tribal enrollment staff.

The meeting was to update our members regarding the recent Tribal Executive Committee motion to “remove the secretarial election” (Article XII) from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution. We also updated the group on the work we are currently doing.

Additional community meetings will be held locally and are in the planning stages. All members are welcome to attend to share your ideas, suggestions and opinions to assist the delegates in the work we doing. Future meetings dates and time will be posted through social media, RBC postings, Anishinaabeg Today, and Nijii Radio. We will be providing education on our constitution at these meetings and members can attend by Zoom also, we look forward to visiting with you!

White Earth currently has eight delegates and will be holding an election in September to fill two delegate slots - one delegate from District 1 and one delegate from District 3. If you are interested, please let us know. The only requirements to be a delegate

is to be a MCT enrolled member and to live in the district. We meet locally at least two times per month, attend one MCT delegate meeting each third Friday of the month held at one of the six reservations, and attend quarterly TEC meetings. Our delegates attend other community meetings (elder, community council).

We plan on having an informational table at the community picnics and will be scheduling educational meetings in our communities. We will have educational articles and MCT revised constitution booklets available.

Upcoming meetings that members are invited to attend:

June 21 or 28 (date and meeting location TBD) MCT Delegate meeting in Duluth, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., meeting is hosted by Grand Portage Delegates.

July 7-8 – Tribal Executive Committee meeting, Fortune Bay Casino Event Center (Tower, Minn.), 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

July 19 – MCT Delegate meeting in Minneapolis, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., meeting is hosted by White Earth delegates. Meeting details and location are being worked out. Information will be shared and posted when finalized.

JUNE 2024 Ode'imini-giizis Strawberry Moon



Cultural Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 9 AM Tobacco OMC MAT Berry Fast NTW 6-8 PM Mahnomen Drum 5:30-7:30pm	4 10 AM OMC Sweat Rebuild	5 11 AM Bongos, Big Bear, Ponsford Lake Offerings	6 10 AM Acute Care Sweat Rebuild White Earth Drum 5:30-7:30pm	7 11 AM Kush, Round, Shell Lake Offerings	8
9 Ceremonies	10 Mahnomen Drum 5:30-7:30pm	11 10 - 12 MAT&MOMS NTW AFT (4)	12	13 Circle Back Youth AFT (3) 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm White Earth Drum 5:30-7:30pm	14 156 th Annual WE Treaty Pow Wow	15 156 th Annual WE Treaty Pow Wow
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IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING

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

Tribal Enrolled Elder (55 years of age or older) - \$25

Tribal Enrolled Member (54 years or younger) - \$80

White Earth Business - \$115

Non-enrollee (any age) - \$185

Businesses - \$225

(You must reside on the White Earth Reservation)

B&G Club Summer Food Service Program

The Boys & Girls Club of the White Earth Reservation is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSF). Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the following sites, times, and dates/days during the summer as follows:

Site Name	Site Address	Dates and Days of Operation	Meals with Service Times
Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club	416 S Hwy 59 Mahnomen, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club	2531 310 th Ave Naytahwaush, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Pine Point Boys & Girls Club	48580 Pow Wow Hwy Ponsford, MN	June 10th- July 31st, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Rice Lake Boys & Girls Club	13830 Community Loop Rd Rice Lake, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Waubun Boys & Girls Club	1041 Dutch St Waubun, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
White Earth Boys & Girls Club	26310 Crane Road White Earth, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon - Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

*Hours are subject to change due to staffing.

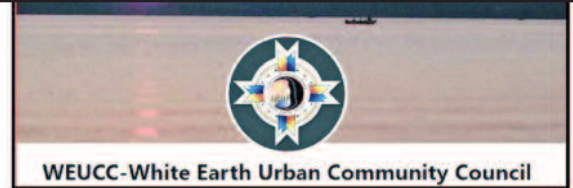
For more information, contact Aimee Drift at 218-935-3519

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

Submit your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by:

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

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2024 Annual Picnic & 4th Annual Carl Fransen's White Earth Has Talent Contest

WEUCC cordially invites White Earth Families & Friends to the Annual Summer Picnic where there will be great food, fun and door prizes.



Where: Wabun Shelter D
4343 Minnehaha
Minneapolis, MN
When: July 13th, 2024
11am-3pm

Meal served at 12:00 PM

Sign up for the Talent Contest by going to the White Earth Urban Community Council Facebook Business Page. In the Comments, list your name or names of those who are interested and what talent you will showcase. For more information call Char at 651-262-7602.

What's up at White Earth Land Recovery Project

White Earth Land Recovery Project (WELRP) is a non-profit corporation established in 1989 to engage our people to work towards the mission to facilitate the recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation while preserving and restoring traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency, community development, and strengthening our spiritual and cultural heritage.

Our current programs are WE Grow that assists with garden tilling, some starts, some tools, seeds, and encouragement as the growing season continues, the Indigenous Mind Body Medicine project brings self-regulation skills such as medication to community members through groups. Decolonize our Diets Meal Kit Project offers meal kits to 40 families from September through April annually, Elder Grow Boxes Project distributes grow boxes, soil, starter plants, and seeds to elders across the reservation on a first come first served basis that is limited to 10, and The Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference brings together Indigenous farmers, educators, environmentalists, and others to learn, share, and connect.

White Earth Land Recovery Project owns and operates Native Harvest, a local store carrying locally made products, food and art. Native Harvest purchases items from our local tribal members to resale in our store. Native Harvest invests in art and value-added products from tribal members. Native Harvest also purchases choke cherries and plums for syrups and jellies from local tribal members.

White Earth Land Recovery Project owns and operates KKWE Nijiji Radio, a community station dedicated to the mission of WELRP. KKWE can be heard on 89.9 FM or streaming at www.nijijiradio.com. Some of our programming includes Talking with Terry on weekday mornings from 7-11 a.m., Minnesota Native News, National Native News, Native America Calling, and many more programs.

We are in search of updating our Community Advisory Board. If you are interested in helping

direct station content, please call 218-375-2012. We are also in search of a youth representative aged 16-26.

White Earth Land Recovery Project is a corporation led by the membership who elects a board of directors. Currently, we are seeking memberships. Simply fill out the form below and return it to rousu20@gmail.com or mail it to White Earth Land Recovery Project, 607 Main Ave, PO Box 97, Callaway, MN 56521 to become a member.

White Earth Land Recovery Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate (month/day): _____

Please let us know why you are interested in becoming a member of White Earth Land Recovery Project.

SEND TO: White Earth Land Recovery Project, 607 Main Ave, PO Box 97, Callaway, MN 56521

White Earth Urban Community Council Hosts 1st Annual Traditional Pow Wow in Minneapolis

The White Earth Urban Community Council hosted their 1st Annual Traditional Pow Wow on May 18 for the urban community.

There were six drums, approximately 120 adult dancers, 120 youth dancers, 25 tiny tots, and approximately 800 in attendance,

Chii-Miigwech to the **WEUCC**; **White Earth Honor Guards**: Rebecca McCradie, Lorelei Morales, Bill Brown, Merlin Williams, Jerry Dearly; **MC**: Joe Bigbear; **Spiritual Advisor**: Jesse Bigbear and Tommy Butcher Jr.; **Arena Directors**: Lisa Bellanger and her team that took care of all specials and Princess/Brave Contest; **Head Dancers**: Herb Fineday, Monica Fisher, and **Junior Head Dancers**: Ogima Binase, Kimimina Day; and all the vendors.

Everyone's help made the 1st Annual Traditional Pow Wow in the metro a reality for the community members. What an awesome Team! Chii-Miigwech!!

The WEUCC is honored to have the 1st Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2024-2025 Brave - Warren Morrow and Princess - Tatianna Saros. Congratulations! We look forward to having you represent the White Earth Urban Community.

WEUCC would like to acknowledge the incredible 33 volunteers, EMS workers, and Roger

Newton, MAIC Operational Manager for their hard work. There were glitches that happened during the pow wow but everyone enjoyed themselves. Those that attended, your patience was much appreciated.

Chii-Miigwech to the White Earth RBC for the ongoing support and guidance throughout the planning process. Jeff Burnett, Miigwech for your expertise in pow wow planning.

Chii-Miigwech to the White Earth RBC, White Earth Behavioral Health Program, White Earth Public Health, Bois Forte, Prairie Island Indian Community for the monetary donations. You are all very much appreciated.

Sincerely:

White Earth Urban Community Council

- Al Paulson, Interim Chair
- Sherri Loken, Interim Vice Chair
- Annette Christensen, Interim Treasurer
- Char Lee, Secretary
- Alison Dakota, Community at Large Board Member

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

Birch Bark Basket Teachings



Submitted photos

Chi-miigwech to Becky Howard - Traditional Practitioner with the White Earth Behavioral Health Program for sharing her teachings, and her husband, Chairman Michael Fairbanks for his encouragement. Also to Tammi Jalowiec, Pathways-White Earth Tribal and Community College, and White Earth Head Start with Mary Tenorio-Farley who hosted two events for basket-making. It was great to receive these teachings and take home two baskets.

Mahnomen HS Groundbreaking



Mahnomen High School recently held a groundbreaking for a new 19,000 square foot addition, and renovation of 15,500 square feet of existing space. The new addition includes space for a new Indian Education classroom.

Submitted photos

All Nations Rise and Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative announce new partnership with foundation

By Beth Ann Dodds
All Nations Rise

All Nations Rise and the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI) is happy to announce our new partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF). AECF has dedicated to providing financial support for the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative Alumni Program.

AECF is a part of the Casey Philanthropies (Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs, Marguarite Casey Foundation), a private philanthropy that focuses on strengthening families, building stronger communities and ensuring access to opportunity.

In late April 2024, AECF Senior Associate Hannah McIntire and Tim Decker, Senior Policy Fellow spent a Saturday afternoon at the White Earth Rediscovery Center with IPLI Alumni and Staff. "The Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative led by All Nations Rise is having a profound impact on parent leaders and communities through cultural practices, knowledge and collective experiences that are clearly life changing.

The alumni spoke to us about their own learning journeys and how they are using this experience to create change on the local, state and federal levels. We were truly inspired, and we plan to connect them with other parent leaders around the country as well as continue to support their on-going advocacy to bring awareness to and change policies and practices impacting indigenous communities. They also hope to bring this innovative program to other indigenous communities after seeing the power of this experience within their own community of White Earth." – Hannah McIntire, Ed.M AECF

This commitment from AECF ensures that our graduates continue to make a positive impact for children and families at tribal, state, and federal levels. Additionally, it aims to foster the revitalization of Anishinaabe values, teachings, language, and the promotion of a healthy traditional lifestyle among program participants.

The Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative is a

FREE 23-week program that integrates child development, leadership, democracy skills and Ojibwe culture into a parent curriculum to empower the parent voice.

IPLI has graduated 21 White Earth parent leaders in cohorts 1 and 2, impacting 37 children prenatal-grade 3, 16 children grades 4-6, 20 children grades 7-12. Stay turned for more information about the children's and youth initiatives planned for 2025.

The IPLI Alumni Program supports our Parent Leaders after graduation as they continue to identify needs in the community, problem solve on current issues and bring parent voice to state, federal and tribal tables when decisions impacting children, families, and communities are being made. It is designed for our graduates to connect and learn from their peers and other community leaders, mentor new participants and continue their healing journey to revitalize their language and imbed cultural practices within their family and their community. Graduates receive support with continued professional development and offer skill-building support such as resume writing, grant writing and public speaking. The IPLI Alumni Program is being led by Kris Manning and Susie Ballot, Alumni Coordinators.

All Nations Rise, created in 2021 by Barb Fabre (White Earth Ojibwe) an Indigenous women led non-profit that is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of children and parents through multi-generational efforts. By supporting tribal communities, the organization emphasizes a cultural perspective in its initiatives to achieve lasting and meaningful change. All Nations Rise works with tribal, state, federal and philanthropic partners and champions tribal sovereignty through policy advocacy, systems improvement, parent empowerment and fostering successful tribal economic development.

Cohort 3 will begin in the White Earth tribal community fall/2024. If you would you like to learn more about the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative and All Nations Rise, follow us on Facebook, email Program Manager Beth Ann Dodds at bethann@allnationsrise.com or visit us at www.allnationsrise.com



Top row from left are Marlena Hanson, Tim Decker, Beth Ann Dodds, Pamela Morley, Christina Keezer

Bottom row from left are Lacy Armstrong, Ashley Bunker, Stephanie Longfield, Mykee Brown.



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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR FALL SEMESTER 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS / RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR, AMBER FOX:
218.935.0417 Ext. 8330 | AMBER.FOX@WETCC.EDU

2024 Election Calendar

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

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

June 13: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results

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

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

June 19: Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed (or 18 if request for Recount is filed before deadline)

June 28: Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election

July 1: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision (or within 3 days of decision of Contest)

July 5: Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals (at least 2 days prior to the Hearing date)

July 8: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal. (Hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)

July 8: Winning candidates assume office by operation of Law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.

July 18: Deadline for decision of Court of Appeal. (Or 10 days from Hearing on Appeal)

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

The WE Treaty Day Celebration and Pow Wow is June 14-16

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MAHNOMEN COUNTY FAIR

July 4th-7th, 2024

Wednesday, July 3

2-6pm Open Class Entry
4-7pm 4H Static Project Judging

Thursday, July 4

9am Livestock Entry
11am-8pm 4H Food Stand Open
1pm Poultry & Rabbit Judging
2-3pm 4H "Learn by Doing" activity
3-10pm CARNIVAL RIDES OPEN
3pm Bob Bohm Comedy Magic Show
3pm Horse Clinic and Horse Show
4pm Survivor Family Game
5pm FARMily Feud Game Show
6pm GRANDSTAND: BAJA RACING

Friday, July 5

10am Livestock Clinic
11am-8pm 4H Food Stand Open
1pm Livestock Judging
2-3pm 4H "Learn by Doing" activity
2pm Survivor Family Game
3pm Brain Bender Experience
3-10pm CARNIVAL RIDES OPEN
4pm Dazzling Dave Show
5pm FARMily Feud Game Show
5:30pm Challenge Accepted Show
6pm GRANDSTAND: WOJO'S RODEO
7pm Dazzling Dave Show
8pm Bob Bohm Comedy Magic Show
8:30pm Be the Star Show
9pm Dazzling Dave Show

Saturday, July 6

7:30-10:30am Breakfast at the Fair
10am 4H Livestock Premium Auction
11am-8pm 4H Food Stand Open
11am 4H Engineering Design Challenge
11:30am-2pm UMC CREST free activities
12pm Be The Star Magic Show
1-10pm CARNIVAL RIDES OPEN
1pm FARMily Feud Game Show
2-3pm 4H "Learn by Doing" activity
2pm Dazzling Dave Show
3pm Challenge Accepted Show
4pm Bob Bohm Comedy Magic Show
5pm Dazzling Dave
5:30pm Brain Bender Experience
6pm GRANDSTAND: WOJO'S RODEO
7pm Survivor Family Game
8pm Dazzling Dave Show

Sunday, July 7

10am Community Worship Service
11am-5pm 4H Food Stand Open
11am Dazzling Dave Show
11:30am Bob Bohm Comedy Magic Show
11:30am-2pm UMC CREST free activities
12-5pm CARNIVAL RIDES OPEN
12pm Challenge Accepted Show
1pm GRANDSTAND: TRACTOR PULL
12:30pm Dazzling Dave
1pm FARMily Feud Game Show
2pm Brain Bender Experience
3pm Survivor Family Game
4pm Be the Star Show
5pm Livestock & Exhibit Release



Visit our Webpage for more details or check us out on Facebook- Mahnomen County Fair!





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CONCERTS

- Little River Band | *June 21*
- Nitty Gritty Dirt Band | *June 28*
- Ashley McBryde | *July 12*
- Starship | *July 26*



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You are MORE than a babysitter.

When you care for the children of family, friends, or neighbors (FFN) while they work or go to school-- you are providing critical support in helping children, families, and the community thrive.



Please join our Indigenous FFN Childcare Network!

Scan QR code to register:



Indigenous FFN Childcare Member Advantages:

- Educational and cultural resources
- Mini-grants of up to \$1,200
- Training opportunities
- Assistance with becoming legally non-licensed or licensed
- Networking with other unlicensed FFNs, and more!



Contact: Doreen Lanoue, FFN Coordinator
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DATE APPLYING: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Would you consider your lawn to be small, medium, or large? _____

*****Lawn mowing will be done every two weeks; area needs to be cleared of debris.**
*****Dogs must be tied up, fenced in, or housed during service.**
*****Weed trimming, bagging of grass & mowing ditches will not be provided.**
*****Mowing service will end after Labor Day weekend.**

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 P.O. Box 418
 White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone #: 218-983-3202
 Fax #: 218-983-4350

E-mail address: Lisa.Donovan-Larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnhamtibtettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Diabetes Conference

June 20, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Shooting Star Casino

Join us for an interactive and fun event! Learn from health professionals about prevention, care, and management of diabetes.

Public health education sessions will be offered on the following topics:

- Insulin Pumps
- Meal Planning for One or More
- Podiatry
- Living Well with Diabetes
- Making Your Own Seasoning Packets

A healthy breakfast, lunch and a snack break will be provided!

Pre-registration is required. The diabetic conference is limited to 85 participants.

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For questions about the event, call 218-935-3573.








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A Free Sanford Health Community Education Series

Understanding your joint pain

Wednesday, June 19
3:30 p.m. | Social with light appetizers
4 p.m. | Presentation

Enter through the east entrance of the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.
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Take the first step toward understanding your hip, shoulder or knee pain by attending this free session with orthopedic surgeons Cody Sessions, MD, and Corey Wells, MD. They'll discuss both nonsurgical and surgical treatment options.

Registration is required.

Visit sanfordhealth.org/classes-and-events/doc-talk-bemidji to register or learn more.

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MCCC revising Cannabis Code and Regulations

The Medicinal Cannabis Control Commission would like to provide an update regarding the revisions to the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Cannabis Code and Regulations.

We are working diligently to ensure the Cannabis Code meets or exceeds industry standards. Currently, some final revisions in progress include band and community

members growing a limited amount of cannabis plants for personal use, and the development of a pilot program to create additional license classes for Band members.

These new revisions will go into effect upon completion of a final publication forthcoming in the near future.

Minnesota AG meets with Tribal Council



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

District II Representative Eugene Sommers, left, and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, right, along with the Tribal Council, discuss White Earth Nation concerns and issues on May 8 at the Shooting Star Casino. Ellison was in Mahnommen to attend the White Earth Expungement Clinic held at the casino. More than 160 people attended the event. There is the potential for another clinic later this fall. Minnesota passed the Clean Slate Act in 2023 that will automatically expunge non-violent, non-felony criminal records starting Jan. 1, 2025.



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<https://sites.google.com/view/ccbdconference>

White Earth Child Care and Early Childhood Programs 218-983-3285

Chairman from Page 3

nations during the 2023 legislative session after advocacy by myself and other tribal leaders. This is another area that is needed as we focus on ways that we can keep our kids at home with family safely. Initiative funds were significantly increased during the 2023 legislative session, providing the opportunity for us to put the Giizhawaaso family preservation program back into place. I supported this bill so additional resources could come to White Earth for prevention, intervention, family preservation services, and direct support to families.

During my time in office, I supported legislation that funded a new initiative called the Tribal Training and Certification Partnership, which provides training to county social workers by Native people, so that they can have an increased understanding of how to work with our families and tribes. In the future, county workers will need to go through certification to work on an ICWA case, and I believe that this will help decrease disparities while improving interactions with our families and keep more kids at home. Our tribal social workers are also working with the TTCP for training.

We have a short-range goal of expanding family peer support crisis response throughout the reservation. We know that crisis response has been an issue of concern for many of our constituents, so we are implementing a solution that will hopefully immediately make a difference. In the longer-range planning (one year out) we intend to build a crisis management unit. We've secured funding and a match from Behavioral Health to build it here, where families can have access to immediate substance use and mental health crisis services. This will include services beyond 4:30pm. It will also include a withdrawal management unit where individuals can access this service locally 24/7 when ready for assistance.

We are investing in Women's Wellbriety treatment to build a larger facility where women can bring their children and reside comfortably while in treatment, rather than experiencing placement of children. We plan to move forward with longer term housing in the Bemidji area for our families as well.

We are constructing a new childcare facility in White Earth to help families who are in need of childcare. This building is located by the RBC building and is looking great. As your Chairman I know the struggles of finding childcare, the expense of childcare for families, and the need for good childcare. I keep a close watch on legislative initiatives and advocate for policy that positively impacts all of our local providers. Chi miigwech to our providers out there.

Elders:

The RBC established an Elder's Commission to review the services and programs for elders and provide input and recommendations to the RBC about how to modify services to better meet the needs of elders. This provides two separate ways to voice the needs of elders and make sure everyone is heard at the RBC level by formalizing a process and elected positions within districts. We are a Council who doesn't just say 'we care about our elders' at election time. We've put our hearts into this and backed up what we said with real action and real funds specifically for our elders. I've personally been a strong advocate for thinking outside of the box for additional things we could put into place for our elders and I feel really good about the things we've initiated. I'd like the opportunity to continue to put more improvements into place.

The RBC spent over one million dollars on our elders' specific needs, including home repairs. An elder's fund was established by our Council to assist with individual identified needs. Additional money was allocated to supplement the elderly nutrition program. An additional \$100,000 was provided for the elders' picnic, Christmas party, elders' bus, elders trips, and snow removal was made a priority. Concerns with

healthcare services at the I.H.S. facilities were addressed as well. We also focused on building internal infrastructure to respond to individual elder needs.

Elder advocates were hired for our communities who could consistently be available to listen to the needs of our elders and be a resource. Looking at our resources and assistance funds used over the past year, we can see that this is making a positive difference for our elders. The RBC funded purchases of air conditioners, air purifiers, laptops, large and small appliances for many of our elders throughout our communities. Our staff assisted elders with links to other resources within the tribe as well as outside of the tribe.

Another project we're working on with the help of some of our great staff is to capture our elder's stories and history. We recognize the importance and value of our elders' experiences and knowledge and are being intentional about preserving it. We are focused on interviewing elders to learn about experiences and using the information to guide our educational curriculum, our approaches toward governance, and our ways of working with families. Chi miigwech to any elder who chooses to participate in this and help our nation.

Education, post-secondary education, and trade school opportunities

Congratulations to all of our high school graduates of 2024! Congratulations to all of our post-secondary graduates of 2024 also! We're hopeful that you'll share your talents and education by coming to work for the tribe. Chi miigwech to all of our teachers and support staff in our local schools. I appreciate what you do and hope that you can enjoy summer.

We have been operating a CDL Program in 2023 and 2024 training several new drivers. We are focusing on the trades because there's such a strong need for trades not only in our communities but statewide and nationally. We are pursuing training programs for plumbing, electricians, small appliance repair, etc.

We've got a G.E.D. program that received an innovation award this year, so congratulations and thank you for assisting our people with this accomplishment. Our TERO and 477 program has been working hard to expand jobs and training opportunities for our local people. These are just a few of the many accomplishments we've seen over the past two years by our programs. I'm proud to be part of this Council and thinking about new and innovative ways we can bring these opportunities here. I've always been big on training and figuring out ways we can bring in our members, provide advancement and better opportunities.

Healthcare, access, and quality of services

CMS-Four Walls:

White Earth worked with a team of Tribal leaders to persuade CMS to change their rule that would have negatively impacted almost all of White Earth's behavioral health and health care programs by limiting services to the four walls of a clinic setting. As your Chairman, I know the limitations of transportation in our communities and know that we need to be able to offer services such as home health nursing and CHR services in people's homes, especially our elders. This fight isn't over yet, but I will continue to fight for this at a national level. I understand it, can speak to it, and know the importance of the issue.

COVID Pandemic Response:

White Earth faced challenging times during the pandemic, but as your Chairman I balanced our response strategies. Vaccinations were readily available to our people and our community members who wanted them, keeping everyone as safe as possible by leading health care front and center! As your Chairman I advocated to keep people employed and transition back to our workplaces safely.

See Chairman Page 31

Day of Healing Event

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024
SHOOTING STAR CASINO
8:30 AM-3:00 PM

JOIN US FOR:

- BELT MAKING
- SUGAR SCRUB/BATH SALT MAKING
- SOUND BOWLS

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

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White Earth Nation TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH | CDC

2024 Community Picnics

TIME: 4-6:30pm

RICE LAKE: THURSDAY MAY 23RD, 2024
• COMMUNITY CENTER

CALLAWAY TUESDAY JUNE 4TH, 2024
• COMMUNITY PARK

MAHNOMEN JUNE 27TH, 2024
• CORNER OF 5TH ST & BIRKETT

WAUBUN THURSDAY JULY 11TH, 2024
• COMMUNITY PARK

WHITE EARTH TUESDAY JULY 23RD, 2024
• COMMUNITY CENTER

PINE POINT THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2024
• POW WOW GROUNDS

OGEMA THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH, 2024
• COMMUNITY PARK

ELBOW LAKE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024
• ELBOW LAKE SHELTER

NAYTAHWAUSH- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024- POW WOW GROUNDS

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Elder Day at The Market

June 27th, 3 pm-6 Pm

First 50 Elders (55 and Older with ID)

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COLA students bring awareness to MMIW and MMIP



Photo by Shannon Eck / Lens Lilly Photography

Students from the Circle of Life Academy recently held a walk to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP). The walk was a class assignment to honor MMIW and MMIP.

WELRP & NIJII RADIO PRESENTS

Jumpin' into summer

June 28th 4-7:00 PM

BOUNCE HOUSES, FACE PAINTING, DOOR PRIZES, ARTS & CRAFTS IN THE PARK, AND MEAL PROVIDED!

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Ojibwemodaa.2! Lets all speak Ojibwe!

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

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

Pronounce by syllables: Boo zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan. -
Greetings! How are you? Nimino-ayaa, giin dash?. I am well, you also?
•Pronounce each syllable: Speak consonant & specific vowel sound.

•"Agwaajiing, namadabiwig imaa desa'oning."

"Outside, they sit there on the bench."

•"Niminwedam niibing giuwedinong."

"I am happy as it is summer in the north."

•"Niminwedam bijibiisaa gaye."

"I'm glad when rain comes too."

•"Aaniin oshkabinoojii."

"Greetings little newborn baby."

•"Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan omaa?"

"How thusly-are you here?"

Gizaagi'in. - I love you.
Ninzaagi'aa.-I love him/her.
Eya'! Gizaagi'ininim. - Yes! I love you all.

Gizaagi'. - You love me.
Ninzaagi'ig. -She loves me.
Gizaagi'aa. -You love h/h.
Gizaagi'ig. -S/he loves you.

Niibin(g),...
It is Summer. (As/when it is summer,...)

Ninamadab agwajiing.
(I sit outside.)

Bezhig, Niizh
(One, Two)

Bezhigo, niizho
gwiuwizensag.
(1, 2 boys.)

Odaminodaa agwajiing!
(Let's all play outside!)

Giizis (Sun)

Zhingwaak(ig)
(Pine Tree(s))

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



Wiigawaam(an)
Wigwam/lodge(s)

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

"Imbaabaa. •Nimaamaa. •Niijikwe. •Bineshii. •Dewe'igan •Ayaan!
•Waabamojichaagwaan. •Zaagitoon! •Zaagi! (My Dad, My Mom, My friend(girl), Bird, Drum, Have it!, Mirror, Love it! Love him/her!)
"I think Ojibwemowin is cool to learn because it's a complex language. I liked learning Ojibwemowin so much I started thinking about going to college to become a teacher at an immersion school. "Others should learn it because our language is losing us."

Daga-please Ojibwemon!-(command to one person)
-Speak Ojibwe! Ojibwemog! (Command to 2+)
Speak Ojibwe you all!
Ojibwemodaa omaa!**Let's all** speak Ojibwe here! Anishinaabeg: Ojibwemodaa!
~Miigwech to Autumn (2014) for her wisdom~

Listen/Speak w/dictionary online. Goal: Learn one word a day. Make a weekly list: Ojibwemon!

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

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

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? Ode'imini-Giizis wa'aw giizis. -S/he is named Strawberry-Moon this moon. "Aaniin ezhi-ayaayeg noongom? Wiidookawishin!" indikid. "Eya', nimino-ayaa omaa." Biinichigeyaan, wiidookaagewag. Gichi-miigwech! Gaye, niwii-nawajiimin. Ninga-giziibiiga'ige anaamisagong, Indizhiwidoon ziigwebinigan gaye. "How thusly-are you all now/today? Help me!", I say. "Yes, I am well here." When I clean things, they help. Great -thanks! Also, we will-eat/lunch break. I shall do laundry/wash in the basement. I take out the garbage, too.

- g!
- n!
- daa
- Eya'!
- Daga

1. _____ Niminwedam. Nimbaap omaa! **Yes!** I am happy. I am laughing here!
2. _____ wiidookawishin! Ambe omaa!
Please help me! Come here!
3. Giminwendam ina?. Giin, minawaanigozi____! Niminwendam. Are you happy? You, be joyous/happy **you!** I am happy.
4. Ambe omaa! Eya'. Zoomiingweni____! Mino-giizhigad. Come here! Yes. **Let's all** smile! It is a good day.
5. Ojibwemo____! Gidogimaaw, Ojibwemowin-gidogimaaw. **You all** speak Ojibwe! You are a leader, language leader."

Ojibwemodaa! - Let's all speak Ojibwe! June ©2024 Shelly Ceglar

Nitaawigiwin

• Grownup

Biinjina - Inside the body
Niiyaw.-My body. Giyaw-Yours.
>>>>>>Niin. -Niinzob.

Niinindib.

Nipikwan.

Nimadwegamijiiz.

Nimisad. Gimisad.

Nikaad. Gikaad!

Nizid. Gizid.

Nininj. Gininj.

Key: Me.-My gallbladder. My brain. My back. My stomach growls. My stomach. Your stomach. My leg. Your leg!, My foot. Your foot. My hand. Your hand.

Patterns below for VAI's, the "S/he... verbs":
Wiisini. - S/he eats. Baapi. - S/he laughs.
Zhoomiingweni. - S/he is smiles.
Change any root VAI to a command for "One person" —suffix/add ending **n!** or change an ending **m** to **n** ending! Say Please - Daga.

- Eat! -Wiisinin!**
- Laugh! -Baapin!**
- Smile! -Zhoomiingwenin!**
- Speak a VAI "command" for "two or more Persons" - suffix/add -g ending! or change the ending "m" to "ng!"
- You plural eat!- Wiisinig!**
- You all laugh!-Baapig!**
- Zhoomiingwenig! - You all smile!**

Ziigwan.-It is Spring.
Niibin.-It is Summer.
Dagwaagin. - It is Fall.
Biboon. - It is Winter.
Gikinoonowin - a year

•WE Resources

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

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

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



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Bagley High School Powwow



Photos by Mikel Fox

The Bagley High School Indian Education program recently held their annual powwow. The new Bagley School Princess is Maleina Littlewolf (5th grade) and the Bagley High School Brave is Tyrel Auginaush (4th grade).

Bagley Indian Education Banquet



Photo by Mikel Fox

The Bagley High School Indian Education Banquet for seniors was recently held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. From left are Peyton Auginaush, Tristan Kaiser, Logan Lee, Shantay Beckman, Alexis Dahlke, Ariela Reynolds, Julia Estey, Breelee Neeland, Aubrey Woods, Logan Wright, and Billy Goodwin. Not pictured are Lanie and Taylor Olson.

Highlights of WEUCC Pow Wow



The White Earth Urban Community Council held a Traditional Pow Wow May 18 at the American Indian Center in Minneapolis.

There were six drums, and about 120 adult dancers, 120 youth dancers, and 25 tiny tots.

Approximately 800 people attended the event.

Photos by Char Lee



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

WETCC Graduates

Front row from left: Loretta Hoagland, Emily Tibbetts, Stephanie Longfield, Hannah Dalton, Jasmine Clark, Erin Kemp, Cameron Robinson and Arro Robinson. Back row from left: Ian Anderson, Wayne Somes, Melissa Brown, Amber Bevins, and Joel Jacobs.



ABE Graduates

Front row from left: Charlize Coleman, Bethany LaFriniere, Sophia Beaupre, and Keshawn Goodwin. Back row from left: Alayna Leighland, Robert Stevens, Jase Wells-Knox, and Shane Jacobson.

**White Earth Tribal & Community College
Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony**

May 9 - White Earth Tribal and Community College Drum Hall

A.A Degree -

Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Amber Bevins *** / Melissa Brown ***

Jasmine Clark / Hannah Dalton **

Erin Kemp ** / Stephanie Longfield

Gene Murray ** / Arro Robinson

Cameron Robinson / Emily Tibbetts **

Certificate Recipients

Ian Anderson ** - Ojibwe Language

Melissa Brown - Ojibwe Language

Wayne Somes ** - Ojibwe Language

Loretta Hoagland ** - Office Administration

Amber Bevins - Court Advocacy

Joel Jacobs - Court Advocacy

Nichole Warren - Office Administration

** Graduate with Highest Honors 3.5 and above

*** Graduates receiving a Certificate

White Earth

Adult Basic Education Graduates

Sophia Beaupre, Jasmine Hanks, Shane Jacobson, Alayna Leighland, Robert Stevens

Detroit Lakes

Adult Basic Education Graduates

Deziree Buckanaga, Charlize Coleman, Monica Crowell, Keshawn Goodwin, Alex Hardy, Shane Kilbourn, Bethany LaFriniere, Jase Wells-Knox

Ceremony Program

Opening Song - Maanomin Singers

Grand Entry - WE Veterans Honor Guard, WETCC Graduates, Certificate Recipients, ABE Graduates, Faculty, and Administration

Flag and Veteran Songs - Maanomin Singers

Opening Prayer

Naabek Liberty - Ojibwe Language Faculty

Welcome

Tracy Diefenbach - Dean of Student Services

Opening Remarks

Anna Sheppard - WETCC President

Keynote Speaker

Hannah Smith - WETCC Alumni

AICF Student of the Year

Lauri Zupan

WETCC Honor Student

Hannah Dalton

Presentation of Candidates

Tracy Diefenbach

Adult Basic Education Diploma Presentation

Melissa Widner - ABE Program Director

Amy Fish - Detroit Lakes ABE

Honor Song, Closing Remarks

Traveling Song



'Chief' Bender memorabilia gifted to White Earth

By Trista Ayers
Assistant Director of Education

Thomas Hebert, paleontologist and founder of the Earth Sciences Foundation Inc., recently traveled to White Earth from his home in Wisconsin to deliver an original autographed photo of Charles Albert "Chief" Bender. The autographed photo, including a certificate of authenticity, was given to White Earth by Hebert's colleague, Dr. Ken Ohm, who currently resides in Kansas.

Dr. Ohm knew Chief Bender personally and had many stories to share about the times they spent together. Ohm expressed his gratitude and excitement that he could return Bender's items to White Earth for future generations to view and enjoy.

Chief Bender, (White Earth) and a Major League baseball pitcher, is often credited as the inventor of the pitch known as the slider according to MPR News.

Between 1903 and 1914 Bender pitched for the Philadelphia Athletics, winning nearly 200 regular games and six World Series games; in 1910 and 1914 he led the American League in winning percentage. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1913. During his later years, Bender became a meticulous gardener. He loved to grow different fruits and veg-

etables but it is said that corn was his specialty.

Before Thomas Hebert departed for his dinosaur dig site in Wyoming, he was excited to share his love and passion for dinosaurs with our students at Pine Point, Circle of Life Academy, and the Mahnomens Boys & Girls Club.

Hebert shared some fun facts and real dinosaur bones, teeth, and toenails that got the kids talking and asking lots of great questions. Hebert also shared some ground-breaking work his non-profit foundation is doing in collaboration with other tribal nations to identify lost and/or stolen fossils and artifacts, new ways they're creating to digitally store and track artifacts, and how they're exploring ways to view and map artifacts underground without disturbing the soil. We are thankful for the time that Mr. Hebert shared with our students and we hope to partner with him on some future projects.



Photos by Trisa Ayers



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

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Photos by Megan Lhotka

Twelve students from the White Earth Nation recently attended an American Indian Youth with Stethoscopes summit at Hennepin Healthcare in the Twin Cities. Youth explored dental, nursing, OBGYN, phlebotomy, and traditional medicines.

WE youth attend medical summit

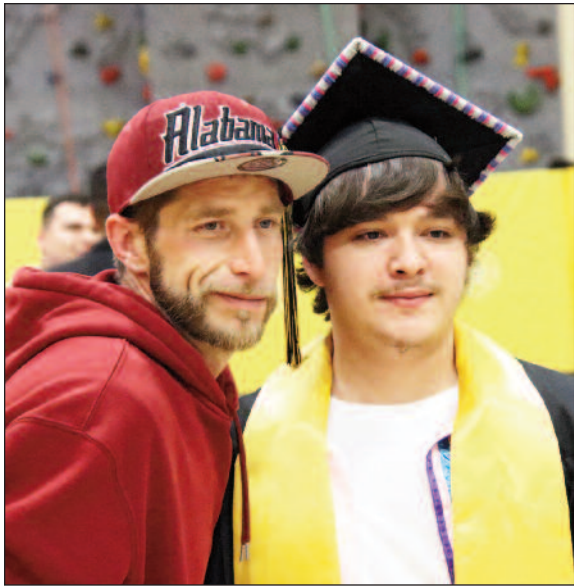
By Megan Lhotka
Center of American Indian and Minority Health

Youth from the White Earth Nation recently attended an American Indian Youth with Stethoscopes summit at Hennepin Healthcare. Attendees were submerged in health-related fields to spark interest and prepare them for a post-secondary education in a healthcare-related field. From ages 12-18, youth explored dental, nursing, OBGYN, phlebotomy, and traditional medicines.

Participants had the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of Native American physicians and medical students currently in medical school at the University of Minnesota. Quotes from the day included; "I've decided I am going to be a dentist," "I really know that I am going to be a nurse now after doing this," and "I didn't think I would want to be a doctor or anything, but now I am going to start looking into it."

The goal of the summit is just that. Giving our youth opportunities to expand their education after high school. This entire event was free and rooms were donated by the Canopy Hilton of Minneapolis.

Miigwech to Jen from Canopy Hilton Minneapolis, Jim with HCMC, the Mahnomens Indian Education department as well as the Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Education Department for supporting this effort and contributing to our youth! We look forward to seeing you again next year!



Circle of Life Academy Class of 2024

May 23, COLA Gymnasium

Graduates

- Timothy J. Annette
- Linden Beaulieu
- Carmen Mason
- Joseph A. Potter
- Michael A. Quinn
- Dyan F. Smith

- Family members speak about their graduates path of education
- Diploma, feather, certificate, gifts

Arvig Scholarship Winner

Joseph A. Potter

Parting Blessing

Bryce King-Hanks

Honor & Traveling Song

COLA Singers

Class Motto

"Finding your way doesn't mean you always know where you're going. It's knowing how to find your way back home that's important" - Clare Vanderpool

Master of Ceremonies

Mike Bunker

Opening Ceremony/Honor Song

COLA Singers

Welcome

Victoria Wind

Opening Remarks

Bryce King-Hanks

Individual Ceremony

- Students speak

Class Colors

Peach and Red

Class Flower

Pink Stargazer



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Six seniors from the Circle of Life Academy graduated on May 23. From left are Joseph A. Potter, Timothy J. Annette, Michael A. Quinn, Linden Beaulieu, Dylan F. Smith, and Carmen Mason.

Special Events

- **Diabetes Bingo**
 June 5th: Shooting Star
 June 12th: Pine Point
 June 20th: Elbow Lake
 June 27th: Valley View
 June 27th: Elder Picnic 10am-2pm
 @ Rediscovery center

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program
Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
Ode’imini-giizis (Strawberry Moon) June

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

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

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

Elders Suggested Donation \$4
Guest Meals \$6

Questions or comments please contact :

White Earth ENP Site (218) 983-3744
 Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
 Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
 Site Supervisors ~Angela Clark and James Bevins

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
 Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795
 Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chicken parmesan over pasta Cali blend veggies Garlic toast Mandarin oranges	4 BLT sandwich Broccoli cheese soup Pineapple	5 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	6 Meatloaf Wheat bread Baked potato Glazed carrots Grapes	7 Chicken Caesar salad Artisan roll Fresh fruit Cookie
10 Tuna hotdish Steamed peas Breadstick Sliced cucumbers Apricots	11 Pork fritter sandwich Roasted potatoes Sauerkraut Cranberry salad	12 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Milk	13 Manoomin hotdish Italian blend veg. Pickled beets Rhubarb crisp	14 Closed for Treaty Day Bag Lunch
17 Stir fry w/ rice Oriental veggies Egg roll Plums Fortune cookie	18 Steak bites & gravy over egg noodles Mixed veg. French roll Spinach salad Pears	19 Closed for Juneteenth	20 Birthday Lunch California burger Sweet potato fries Baked beans Birthday treat	21 BBQ chicken Mac n cheese Green beans Garden salad Tropical fruit
24 Baked fish Manoomin pilaf Brussel sprouts Wheat bread	25 Enchiladas w/ fixings Spanish rice Fiesta corn Mangoes	26 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	27 Elders Picnic 11am-2pm @ Rediscovery Center in White Earth	28 Potato soup Ham and cheese on croissant bun Baked chips Bananas w/ pudding

White Earth Food Distribution June 2024 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

June 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

June 7th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

June 10th: Mahnomen & Waubun

June 12th: WECARE Assessments

June 14th: Treaty Day - closed.

June 17th: White Earth

June 19th: Juneteenth Federal Holiday

June 21st: Detroit Lakes

June 28th: 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 June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings	*Locations and times are subject to change*	This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					1
2	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Pine Point Community Building 9:30-3:00	White Earth Tribal Health 8:30-4:00		8
9	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:30	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	CLOSED	CLOSED		15
16	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	CLOSED	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30		22
23	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:30	Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	White Earth Tribal Health 8:30-4:00		29
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Please call **218-204-0399** or **218-401-4247** to contact our department.



Keep Your Kids on Track

Your child needs vaccines as they grow!

Families have a lot on their plates. Thankfully, finding which vaccines are recommended for your child is simple! The CDC's immunization schedule makes it easy for parents to find the information needed. Scan here to find vaccine schedules for children 6 years and younger and children ages 7-18.

Logos: White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, CDC, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Bell Museum and Mahnomen 4-H present Family STEM Event

Mon, June 17, 3-6pm
Mahnomen Public School, Cafeteria

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

See a show in the Bell Museum's traveling planetarium, the **ExploraDome!** From inner space to outer space, and everything in between experience space in a unique and immersive environment. While waiting for your show, learn about what scientists do, create art, engineer an object, and so much more!

Sommers from Page 5

Resources served the residents with a trespassing notice, giving them two weeks to vacate the property. The occupants were descendants of the Tribe but ineligible for enrollment. White Earth land assignments are exclusively for enrolled members.

This incident prompted further reports from land assignments across the Reservation. Consequently, all land assignments in District 2 will now undergo compliance checks. The fraud and trespassing case is under investigation. I feel that disregarding Tribal Law is unacceptable and I wish everyone living with us on our Reservation can respect that.

Shooting Star Casino Section 5 Remodel

The Shooting Star Casino Section 5 remodel opened on May 24. Featuring new machines and a vibrant atmosphere, the sports bar is still under construction and is expected to be completed by July 2024. This remodel provides a refreshing update with modern machines and card tables, as well as additional dining options. The renovation also includes a smoking room equipped with state-of-the-art ventilation systems to accommodate all guests.

Celebrating Graduates

I've had the opportunity to attend graduations for Mahnomen High School, Waubun High School, Circle of Life Academy, and White Earth Tribal and Community College. I am incredibly proud and excited for our graduates. You are the future of our Nation, and I urge you to take advantage of our scholarship programs, internships, and employment opportunities. Please reach out; we have many jobs that need to be filled, and who better to fill these positions than our own graduates.

Project Updates

Naytahwaush Cell Tower: This project has been approved and recently completed the THPO review and all environmental impact studies. As of the latest update, the

tower company is coordinating a date to complete construction.

Naytahwaush and Mahnomen Playgrounds: The Naytahwaush site is prepared for the installation of playground equipment and basketball hoops. Meanwhile, the Mahnomen site is under assessment for potential defects and may require repairs. Playground installers have been on-site planning the installation of new playgrounds throughout the Reservation.

Mahnomen Roads Project: The White Earth Roads Department is awaiting approval from the City of Mahnomen to repave the entire stretch of College Road, from Highway 59 to Highway 200. This road is crucial for accessing key Tribal infrastructure, including supportive housing, Head Start programs, the Tribal College, and a cannabis manufacturing facility. Although a portion of the road is owned by the City of Mahnomen, repaving the entire road will ensure consistency and improved accessibility.

Naytahwaush Street Light, Sidewalk & Road Update: The sidewalk and street lighting plan has been approved and funded. Additionally, multiple road projects are planned throughout the village of Naytahwaush and estimated to be completed this summer.

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Diabetes Memorial 5k fun walk / run

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons for each age group.

Men's & Women's Age GROUPS
Age 5-14
Age 15-29
Age 30-39
Age 40-49
Age 50+

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH, 2024
Registration: 8:00-9:00am
Race starts at 9:00am

- ❖ All ages and physical activity levels are welcome, with no registration fees.
- ❖ Bring your friends, Saturday morning for a nice walk.

The 5K walk/run starts and finishes at the White Earth Health Division parking lot at 26246 Crane Road White Earth, MN. 56591

We have ordered T-shirts for those who participate in the 5K

Logos: White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

A General Election of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on **June 11, 2024** to fill the following positions:

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON - 4 Year Term

Eugene Umsy Tibbetts
Michael A. Fairbanks (incumbent)

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON - 4 Year Term

Laura Lee (Thompson) Erickson
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson (incumbent)

White Earth General Election Board

White Earth Election Office, 777 SE Casino Drive, Mahnomen, MN 56557
218-936-5622 / election.board@whiteearth.com

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557
Absentee Request cards me be sent to: election.board@whiteearth.com

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:

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

DISTRICT II:

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

DISTRICT III:

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

MARBLE, MN

Marble City Hall (Community Center)
302 Alice Avenue

MINNEAPOLIS

MCT Urban Office (Ally Entrance)
1308 East Franklin Avenue

CASS LAKE, MN

White Earth Family Office
220 2nd Street NW

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

White Earth Election Board

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

Fax: 218-936-5623

Email: election.board@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Or by mail at:

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

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

Election Board Hours

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

(Sample)

White Earth Absentee Ballot Request Form

Please send an Absentee Ballot for the upcoming White Earth election set for the 11th Day of June, 2024

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

District 1 _____ District 2 _____ District 3 _____

FIRST TIME VOTERS; you may select a District.

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

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

District 1: North of State Highway 200

District 2: From State Highway to State Highway 113

District 3: South of State Highway 113

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

Send submissions to:

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

Voting eligibly for White Earth Nation Election

1.6(A) Judging Qualifications

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

1.6 (B) Eligibility to Vote: Generally

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

1.6 (C) Eligibility to Vote: Absentee

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

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

New food shelf program established to help Rez Elders and disabled

We are a brand new food shelf established to help Elders and disabled and we are located in the Naytahwaush Complex.

The food shelf is available once a month and helps offset the cost of groceries.

As you can see below we have a schedule to follow to save on expenses as the cost of everything is sky high. If you are an Elder or disabled and in need of a food box please feel free to call during the day before your community delivery if you are unable to pick up at the designated drop off site so that we can make sure that you receive a delivered food box.

If for any reason you are in need of a food box either before or after we deliver

please reach out to your elder advocate or your community service officer to make sure that you receive a food box.

We are a dedicated and compassionate team and are proud to serve our community and if for any reason you need any kind of help, we will try to point you in the right direction and program to make sure that your needs are being addressed.

You can call Ronnielynn: Warehouse Supervisor or Kelly: Intake Specialist at 218-935-6314 or Tim: Food Shelf Manager at 218-935-6313. Thank you.

Sincerely,
White Earth Food Shelf Staff

White Earth Food Shelf June 2024 Delivery Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
In Take's	Intake	Intake	Intake	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	Walk in's	Walk in's	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	
10	11	12	13	14
In Take's	Callaway	Elbow Lake	W.E. Parade	W.E. Powwow
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon		
Stocking Shelves 9am-3pm	Nijiji Radio NTW CLOSED	ENP-Site NTW CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
17	18	19	20	21
NTW	Rice Lake	CLOSED	Pine Point	Cleaning, Inventory
10am-noon	10am-noon	Juneteenth	10am-noon	CLOSED
Sports Complex NTW CLOSED	ENP-Site NTW CLOSED	CLOSED	ENP-Site NTW CLOSED	
24	25	26	27	28
White Earth	Ogema	Waubun	Mahnomen	Cleaning, Inventory
10am-noon	10am-noon	10am-noon	10am-noon	CLOSED
ENP-Site NTW CLOSED	DHC NTW CLOSED	Community Center NTW CLOSED	Vet's Building NTW CLOSED	

Please complete an application. Applications are available at your Community and ENP Center. Delivery to elders and disabled only. Others must pick up in their community. If you don't have transportation to your community Center, please give CSO's a call. 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 until we are fully staffed Thank you

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$16.32-\$31.50 per month and business services are \$36.37-\$62.57 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in the Lifeline program, which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice service or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload to qualify.



A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html> for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.



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**"Free for all Students,
Tribal Members, and
Descendants"**

Second Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference

**Shooting Star Casino
Mahnomen, MN**

June 23rd & 24th, 2024

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/second-annual-anishinaabe-law-conference-tickets-867578048297>

A community gathering to continue the process of reclaiming our traditional laws and systems featuring Chairman Fairbanks, Dr. Darren Ranco, Dr. Aimee Craft, Judge Korey Wahwassuck and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Hosted by the Niibi Center

Judge Abby Abinanti currently serves as Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court. Abby was the first Native American woman to be admitted to the State Bar of California and is the first Native American woman to serve as a judicial officer in the state of California.

Judge Abinanti has served as a judge in the tribal court since 1997 and has held the title of Chief Judge since 2007.

Additionally, she has served as a commissioner for the San Francisco Superior Court.

Judge Megan Treuer joined the bench at Leech Lake in 2013 and since has performed judicial duties there as well as Bois Forte Tribal Court (where she served as Chief Judge), Fond du Lac Tribal Court, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court and White Earth Tribal Court.

Judge Treuer is admitted to the Minnesota bar and is a career-long member of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association.

Stephanie Autumn serves as the director of the Tribal Youth Resource Center at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute and is a senior technical assistance consultant at the American Institutes for Research. Her expertise includes developing culturally competent strategic planning tools and training for American Indian/Alaska Native tribes. She has directed national projects on American Indian juvenile domestic assault, restorative justice, pre-and post-release services for AI offenders, tribal mentoring, and truancy.

Chelsea Fairbank is a settler scholar of currently unknown ancestry. Chelsea is an educator and creative trained as a cultural anthropologist at Columbia University which occupies the homelands of Lenni Lenape and Wappinger peoples.

Currently she is a PhD candidate trained in environmental anthropology at the University of Maine. The University of Maine, Orono occupies Marsh Island in the Penobscot Nation situated within the Wabanaki Confederacy.

Dr. Aimée Craft is an Associate Professor at the Faculty Law, University of Ottawa.

She is a lawyer from Treaty One territory in Manitoba and is of mixed Indigenous (Anishinaabe-Métis) and settler ancestry. She holds a University Research Chair Nibi miinawaa aki inaakonigewin: Indigenous governance in relationship with land and water.

Craft is an internationally recognized academic leader in the area of Indigenous laws, treaties and water.

Judge Korey Wahwassuck serves as a Minnesota District Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial District. He previously served as tribal court judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court, was a founding member of the first Joint Tribal-State Jurisdiction Wellness Courts in the nation and authored "The New Face of Justice: Joint Tribal-State Jurisdiction" for the Washburn Law Journal and "Building a Legacy of Hope: Perspectives on Joint Tribal-State Jurisdiction" for the William Mitchell Law Review.

Working Agenda:

Sunday, June 23

- 1 pm - Lunch
- 2 pm - Welcome and Opening Prayer
Joe LaGarde, Executive Director, Niibi Center
- 2:30 pm - White Earth Tribal Representative
Eugene Summers
- 3 pm - Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI)
Judges Panel – Facilitated by Judge Korey Wahwassuck. Panel: Judge Abby Abinanti, Judge Megan Treuer, and Stephanie Autumn.
- 4 pm - Break
- 4:15 pm - Facilitated Table Discussion
- 5:15 pm - Dinner and Q&A with Speakers
- 6:30 pm - Doctrine of Discover Film Screening

Monday June 24

- 8 am - Breakfast
- 9 am - Welcome and Address by White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks. Updates on local land back initiatives on White Earth and the surrounding area
- 10 am - 1,001 Potentials for Land Back Initiatives – Chelsea Fairbank
- 10:30 am - Break
- 10:45 am - Keynote Dr. Darren Ranco on Rematriation and Landback Efforts in the Penobscot Nation and beyond.
- 11:45 am - Facilitated Q & A
- 12:15 pm - Lunch Break
- 1:15 pm - Keynote Speaker Dr. Aimee Craft. Water Sovereignty and Nature Guardians in Canada (working title)
- 2:15 pm - Keynote Speaker from Tribal Law and Policy Institute - Judge Korey Wahwassuck
- 3:15 pm - Facilitated Q & A and Breakout Session
- 4 pm - Break
- 4:15 pm - Summation and Final Comments
- 4:45 pm - Closing Prayer
- 5 pm - Dinner

Tribal Canoe Drawing

Wed, July 24, 2024

5 Canoes and Paddles will be given away!

Drawing will be recorded and posted to the White Earth YouTube channel and Facebook page. Winners will be notified.

Rules and Eligibility

- One entry per person
- Enrolled White Earth Tribal members only
- 18 years of age or older
- Must have valid tribal ID to claim prize

No Exceptions!

Ages of entrants and White Earth enrollment will be verified. Double entries and entries that are illegible and/or incomplete will be discarded. Winners from the past three years are not eligible.

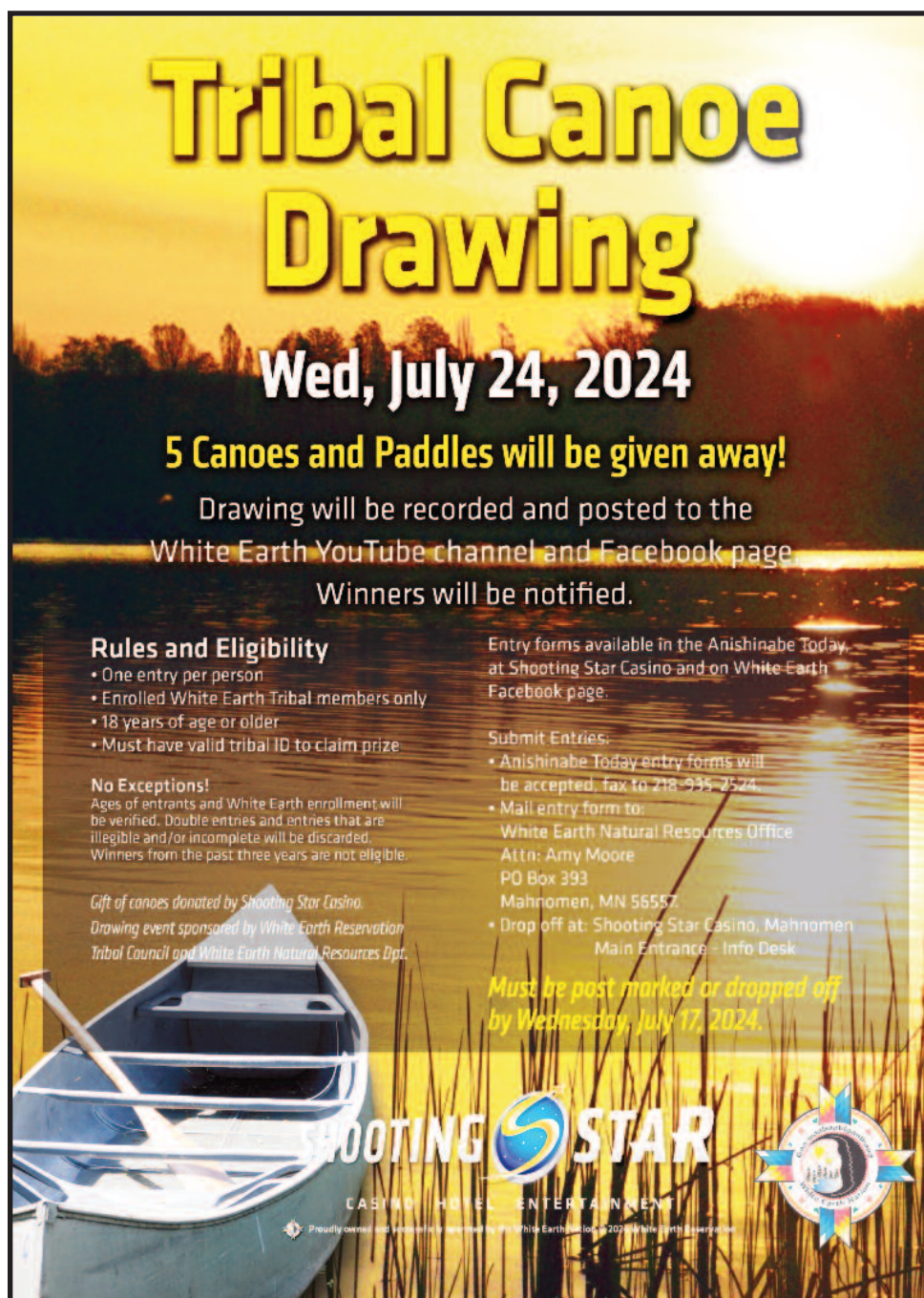
Gift of canoes donated by Shooting Star Casino. Drawing event sponsored by White Earth Reservation Tribal Council and White Earth Natural Resources Dept.

Entry forms available in the Anishinaabeg Today, at Shooting Star Casino and on White Earth Facebook page.

Submit Entries:

- Anishinaabeg Today entry forms will be accepted. fax to 218-935-2524.
- Mail entry form to:
White Earth Natural Resources Office
Attn: Amy Moore
PO Box 393
Mahnomen, MN 56557
- Drop off at: Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen Main Entrance - Info Desk

Must be post marked or dropped off by Wednesday, July 17, 2024.



Tribal Canoe Drawing Entry Form

There will be drawings for 5 canoes and paddles on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Drawing will be recorded and posted to the White Earth YouTube Channel and Facebook page. Winners will be notified via phone.

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Entry must be dropped off or postmarked no later than Wednesday, July 17.

Entrant's Full Name (Last, First, Middle Int.) _____

Entrant's Full Tribal Enrollment Number (408 X 0000000) _____

Entrant's Birth Date (Month-Day-Year) _____

Phone # _____



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Rice Lake 26th Annual Memorial Walk



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Waabigwan Mashiki's Dispensary is now open at our new location at 515 E. Jefferson Ave in Mahnomen

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

Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone: 218-936-1801



Around 100 people walked from the old Roy Lake landing to the Rice Lake Pow Wow grounds on May 27 in honor of loved ones. A grand entry was held after the walk.

Photos by Rita Swenson

Obituaries

Nevaeh AnnMarie Fairbanks

Nevaeh Fairbanks, 18, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., died unexpectedly on May 1 at her home.

Nevaeh AnnMarie Fairbanks, the daughter of Heather Wichern and Jacob Bachman, was born in Detroit Lakes on April 4, 2006. At a young age, she was diagnosed with Epilepsy. Her youth was not without a variety of trials and tribulations but with her positive outlook and easy-going spirit Nevaeh seemed to overcome them all. Her friends could always count on her as she was non-judgemental and whatever the issue she could always turn the negatives into positives. With her high school graduation from LPA-Lake Agassiz on the horizon, she was enthusiastically looking to the future as a beautician. Nevaeh had plans to further her studies and attend St. Josef's School of hair design in Moorhead, Minn.



Nevaeh was your typical teenage girl whose favorite things included hanging out with her friends, laughing, and goofing around. Together they enjoyed putting on make-up, fixing their hair, painting their nails, and listening to music. One of her favorite artists was Juice Wrld. When she wasn't with her friends, she could be found spending time with her siblings, and she had a soft spot for her mom's two cats and dog.

Although Nevaeh is gone from this life too soon and so suddenly, she will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Nevaeh leaves behind her mother, Heather (Cassidy) Johnson; father, Jacob Bachman; grandparents: Laurel (Papa Clyde) Fairbanks, Debra Jenkins, Faye (George) Johnson, and Julie Bachman; great grandpa, Bert Wichern; sisters: Ali Johnson, Dylann Bowdish and Zoey Chouard; brothers, Isaiah Johnson and Zayne Johnson; in addition to numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Alan "Sonny" Wichern Sr.; great grandma, Victoria Wichern; great grandparents, LeRoy and Annette Fairbanks; aunt, Landa Wichern; great aunt, Lorna LaGue and great uncle, LeRoy "Lee" Fairbanks.

Blessed be the Memory of Nevaeh Fairbanks.

A funeral service was held May 9 at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahanomen.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Christian David Roy

Christian Roy, 56, of Naytahwaush, died on May 19 at his home after a long battle with cancer.

Christian David, the son of Robert and Margaret (LaRoque) Roy, was born June 30, 1967, in Minneapolis. He spent his childhood in the Minneapolis area before moving with his family to Naytahwaush. As a young man, Chris found his talent working on cars and studied to become a mechanic. In 1991, Chris met Mary Lovejoy and in 1998 the couple was united in marriage. They have spent their life together, raising six children and many grandchildren. The family lived in various places over the years, including Flandreau, S.D., for a time, but always considered Naytahwaush their home. After being diagnosed with cancer two years ago, Christian and Mary returned to Naytahwaush to be closer to family.



Christian had a heart of gold and would help anyone he could. He loved being with family and friends. Chris teased those he loved mercilessly, terrorizing them with jokes and pranks any chance he could. A mischievous sparkle in his eye and sly smile was always present. He enjoyed being outside, especially while

hunting and fishing. He also liked to play cards and, in his younger years, he played softball. Chris especially loved fixing cars and spent hours tinkering to get vehicles up and running again for family and friends.

Christian is survived by his wife, Mary; children: Keahna Lovejoy, Lawrence Roy, Vincent Lovejoy, Christina Bruce, Teah Lovejoy, and Kyle Roy; father, Robert "Dubby" Roy; brother, Frank LaRoque; sisters: Roberta Roy, Rochelle (Talin) Richard, and Rain Roy Richard; many grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret; step-mom, Katherine; brother, Robert; granddaughter, Alisha; and nephew, Brandon Roy.

All night wake services began May 28 and continued until the funeral service on May 29, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Aric Michael RedHorse

Aric Michael RedHorse, 33, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., unexpectedly passed away on May 9. He departed peacefully while sightseeing in Wyoming.

Aric was born Sept. 16, 1990, in Detroit Lakes, the son of Julie Bevins and Jess RedHorse. Growing up, he attended school in Waubun and graduated with the Class of 2009. After high school, Aric entered the workforce and spent some time dealing blackjack at the Shooting Star Casino. After taking classes at Minnesota State Community and Technical College to further his education and skills in carpentry, masonry and building construction, he worked at Ojibwe Building Supplies and more recently, Dynamic Homes in Detroit Lakes until his health began to deteriorate.



From an early age, Aric had a great love for nature and all its activities. He spent countless hours with his uncles: Bug, Josh and Izaak, hunting, fishing, ricing and gathering berries. He loved spending time with all of them and looked to them for guidance and support.

When he wasn't outdoors, Aric enjoyed playing video games and anything family oriented, especially time with his children. Aric was proud of his heritage and eagerly passed on those traditions to his children. He shared with them the art of beading, making dream catchers and many other traditional customs. He was also a great cook and loved cooking for family and friends alike.

Aric and his wife, Erica, have spent the past several years in Detroit Lakes raising their family of five. Aric really was a "Jack of all Trades" kinda guy and would do whatever he needed to provide for his family. He was always doing selfless acts for the betterment of his family. He had an endless love for family, even if some days it was tough love, it was still LOVE. Aric was a bit rough around the edges but very kindhearted and generous. He would never complain and was always putting others before himself even though he had some dark days and health battles of his own. He gave it his all but when his all wasn't enough, he gave it to a greater power. One of his final wishes was to visit Devil's Tower in Wyoming, which he accomplished and then peacefully departed this life.

Aric leaves behind his wife, Erica and their children: Karleon, Brennan, Aubrey, Aric Jr. and Gavin; mother, Julie (James Beaulieu) Bevins; father, Jess (Michelle) RedHorse; grandpas, Mike Bray and Curt Bevins; grandma, Betty RedHorse; sister, Alisa Bevins; brother, Damon Bevins; in-laws, Ben and Jodi Bement; nephews, Donnie St. Clair and Myles Thompson; niece, Joeley Bement; many aunts and uncles which include special great uncle, Floyd "Bug" Person; great aunt, Aurelia "Zing" Brown; uncles, Josh Bevins and Izaak Bray; aunt, Lisa Bray; and of course his "luzzin" Estevon Dominguez. He is also survived by many from the Bement, Bray, Dominguez, Bevins, Brown, RedHorse and Hanks Families and all those he considered nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vernon and Rose Weaver; grandma, Amelia "Bitsy" Bray; grandpa, Courtney RedHorse; aunts, Donna "Niche" RedHorse and Judy "Sis" Libby-Kinslow; and special cousins: Paige Brown, Kelsey Borah and Jamie "Honker" Bevins Jr.

Erica would like to extend a special Thank You to the Devil's Tower Park Rangers, the paramedics, Crook County Law Enforcement, Deputy Coroner, Clarine Knighten and the entire community of Sundance who helped out in anyway at the time of Aric's death.

Blessed be the Memory of Aric Michael RedHorse.

A funeral service was held May 16 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth. A potluck meal and fellowship was held at the White Earth Community Center immediately following the funeral. Aric's ashes will be spread at a later date.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Celebration of Life

Donald (Sandy) Sanders passed away on Aug. 27, 2023, and a Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, June 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. at his home at Tulaby Lake - 38018 Tulaby Lake Drive, Waubun, MN.

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Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!

Obituaries

Dennis Jay Shambow

Dennis Shambow, 65, of Mahnomen, died unexpectedly on May 22 at the Mahnomen Health Center.

Dennis Jay was born April 1, 1959, in Virginia, Minn., the youngest son of Marvin and Darlene (Perrault) Shambow. He grew up and attended school on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota. Dennis was united in marriage to Margo Myhre and they were blessed with three children. After several years, the couple divorced. Over the years, Dennis worked as a Blackjack dealer at Fortune Bay Casino in Tower, Minn., and later at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.



He enjoyed spending time with family between Eveleth, Minn., and Mahnomen but has spent the majority of the past 20 years living in Mahnomen with his mom and brother, Marvin. Dennis also enjoyed hunting, fishing and tinkering as a mechanic but his pride and joy remained his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Dennis is survived by daughters, Hillary Shambow and Ashley (Randall Reicher) Callen both of Eveleth; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Donna Eck of Waubun and Margaret Myhre of Mahnomen; brothers: Marvin and Michael both of Mahnomen, Leonard of Hastings, Minn., and Gary of Eveleth; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his son, Preston; parents; sisters: Barbara, Dorothy and Lenora; an infant brother, Dean; and brothers-in-law, Bill Eck and Jim Myhre.

Blessed be the Memory of Dennis Jay Shambow.

No services are being held at this time.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Myrtle Amelia (Frazer) Woods

Myrtle Amelia (Frazer) Woods, 98, of Oklee, Minn., sadly left us on May 11 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth Minn.

Myrtle was born July 12, 1925, in Onigum, Minn., to Harvey and Amelia (Carpenter) Frazer, the oldest of 17 children. She grew up in a loving family with strong moral values. She attended Cass Lake Public School until she left to help care for her siblings.

On Aug. 22, 1942, Myrtle married Earl Francis Woods. They were blessed with four children: Shirley, Sharon, John and Alan. She traveled along with her husband while he was in the service. When he was discharged they moved to Carmel, Minn., where they lived with Earl's parents. In the 1940s, Myrtle and Earl moved to Roland, Minn., where they bought and ran a general store. When the store closed in the 1960s, they moved to Oklee. Myrtle worked for Oklee Manufacturing as a designer. While she was there, Arctic Cat had her design a few items for them. Arctic was so pleased with her work that they hired her as one of their designers. After several years with Arctic Cat she retired, yet continued working for Green Thumb in the Senior Gift Shop.



Myrtle was a very strong, independent, creative lady, who lived on her own after divorcing. She enjoyed visiting, reading, growing flowers, and surprising her family and friends with her delicious baked goods. Ordean Nelson was her long-time companion, who was by her side 55 years.

Children: Shirley Jensen, Sharon Rhoades (Doug), John Woods (Myra), Alan Woods; grandchildren: Thomas Jensen (Kimberly), Eric Jensen, Mindy Johnson, Sia (Marcia) Adkins, Jack Lee Jr. (Tracy), Kay Rhoades (Harold), Shawn Carlson (companion Tiffany), John Woods Jr. (Ashley), Toni Silverthorn (Mitch), and Jenny Bohlmann (Mike); great grandchildren: Jada Jensen, Ethan Jensen, Trinity Jensen, Serena Madden (Dave), Becky Broden (Mark II), Josh Senske, Shania Senske, Jack Lee III (Taylor), Brandon Lee (Lynsey), Kyla Rhoades (companion Angel), George Rhoades (companion Lauren), Sawyer Carlson, Beau Woods, Hannah Woods, James Silverthorn, Mataya Silverthorn, Amy Bohlmann, Brandon Bohlmann, and Abby Bohlmann, great great grandchildren: Lily Myrtle Broden, Mark Broden III, Jack Lee IV, Kooper Lee, Hattie Lee, Brynn Lee, Scarlet Lee, Kody Roman, and Vanessa Roman; and companion: Ordean Nelson.

Surviving siblings: Joyce, Sandi, Earl, Carl, Bobby, and Mike; and many nieces and nephews)

Preceded in death by sons, John and Alan; parents, Harvey and Amelia; siblings: Eugene, Denise, Lois, Jimmy, Gene, Harvey Jr., Shirley, Charles, Beverly and Norma; great grandchild, Jada Jensen.

Myrtle is dearly loved and greatly missed by her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held June 22 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 308 Lambert St., in Oklee. Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m.

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We are exploring an expanded role of our tribe in our local healthcare delivery. We want to do this thoughtfully, carefully, and through deliberate planning. We are arranging visits with other tribal health boards so we can learn more about their process, as well as the advantages and drawbacks. We need a local health board to assist in the oversight of our health and behavioral health programs, services and future planning. As your Chairman I am committed to learning more and listening to our community in these and other areas.

Joint Venture:

White Earth Clinic was the 1st Joint Venture in IHS Bemidji Area. This was groundbreaking administratively and legally. The Finance structure included tax credit financing, with the loan paid by I.H.S.; this creative structure was used to build an amazing healthcare facility in Naytahwaush, and realized Kathy Goodwin's vision to provide improved services to the residents of the district. As your Chairman, I fully supported this facility's construction and financing. At the end of the White Earth Joint Venture, White Earth Nation will be \$5 million in the positive with a brand-new facility which employs members and local community members. The Naytahwaush clinic is open and the renovation to the White Earth clinic is expected to be complete early summer. As your Chairman, I know the disparities of healthcare among our people as well as the importance of our healthcare services to our membership. I've demonstrated a strong commitment to making these service and facility improvements.

Individual issues raised by constituents

Separation of Power:

I understand the need for separation of powers within our government. Our Council created a Cannabis Commisison, Waabigan Mashkiki Board, empowered community councils further, continued efforts of a medical review board, created of a Tribal Utilities Commission, supported the COLA School Board, supported the WE Business Enterprises Board, among others.

Culture & Language, Immersion school:

Our nation is 17,000 + with only 1% fluent Ojibwe speaking members. We hired a Culture Director who is a White Earth band member and has vast experience in teaching Ojibwe language & immersion. He has been working diligently to bring back our Ojibwemowin & Cultural traditions and eventually our very own White Earth immersion school.

I was involved in state legislative efforts to protect Ojibwemowin, our language. The Indian Affairs Council was awarded \$850,000 each year to provide grants to Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe language and to foster education programs and services for Dakota and Ojibwe language. \$650,000 was secured each year for Dakota and Ojibwe language immersion schools. \$600,000 was secured each year for grants to preserve language through projects and services to support educational programs. \$50,000 was secured each year for a lan-

guage working group coordinated by MIAC as well as \$150,000 for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

1115 Federal Waiver.

There is some exciting news around a federal waiver that was just recently granted which recognizes the importance of traditional healing for our people. White Earth was at the forefront of advocating for this, and as your Chairman this is something I've pushed for at the NCAI and other national forums. CMS will recognize traditional healing services as part of our healthcare system and allow payment for these services. As a nation we decide who we hire for these services and we're able to bill for reimbursement. This is a huge step forward for our healing and sustainability.

Urban Areas

We have an Urban Community Council in the Metro area which keeps our RBC well informed of the issues and needs of our Urban constituents. We have staff who attend the meetings so they are also listening to the needs. As a Council we are intentional about listening to our Urban members, and as your Chairman I'm aware that over half of our population resides in the Metro area so I make strong efforts to be engaged, be present, and listen. We supported the first White Earth Urban pow wow in May. It was a nice turn out and we hope that this can continue each year. Thanks to our Urban Community Council and everyone else who assisted with it.

We are putting resources into our buildings we own in Minneapolis for services for our people. We've hired two people who can help build those services and improve outreach to our members. We have been talking to Minneapolis leadership about a land transfer that could further provide services to our people. We are exploring expansion right now in St. Paul and know that we have a large population that we haven't reached yet in St. Paul. Look for an announcement in the next month about this.

Please Get Out & Vote!
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Biinjwebinige - White Earth Nation

This election is equally as important as the last to continue to do the good work on behalf of our people and great Anishinaabe nation! I'm qualified to do this through experience and integrity. I've fought hard on a national and state level for our rights and to secure funding for our Nation. I'm going to continue to fight hard for the needs that you've identified and have a proven track record that I can do it. If you'd like to hear more before then, have questions or things you'd like to talk about, please feel free to contact me or check out my other forums.

Facebook: @ChairmanFairbanks

Instagram: @Chairman_Fairbanks

Gmail: fairbanks218@gmail.com

I am looking forward to our 156th Annual White Earth Treaty Days we are meeting our Lake Traverse Dakota Nation with the Horse Ride again also it will be a great time.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks



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Monday's:
6/3/24, 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
White Earth Tribal and Community College
2250 College Road
Mahnomon, MN 56557

Thursday's:
6/6/24, 6/13/24, 6/20/24, 6/27/24
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
White Earth Community Center
26310 Crane Rd
White Earth, MN 56569

Contact:
Brandon Kier @ (218) 401-0387

WE Election Board

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

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

Fax: 218-936-5623

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

Application and Participant Rules for Junior and Senior Princess and Brave Contests

156th Annual White Earth Celebration

June 14, 15 and 16, 2024

Deadline for submission of completed applications with documentation is 12 p.m. (noon) on June 3, 2024 to allow for verification of eligibility

- All portions of the princess and brave contests will begin at the 1 p.m. Grand Entry on Friday, June 14, 2024.
- This includes but is not limited to: Interview, Verification of Eligibility, Self-Introduction at Powwow, and Dance Competition scoring. Please note that an introduction in our language is very helpful to the contestants.
- All applicants and their parents/guardians agree, through submission of their signed application, that the contestant:
 - Pledges to live a crime, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle at all times prior to and during their reign as princess or brave, including but not limited to their social media presence.
 - Continues with successful academics and maintains a positive role within their school and community, including social media.
 - Is unmarried may not have any pregnancies past, present or during the year that the participant holds the title of princess or brave.
 - Is an enrolled member or descendant of White Earth Reservation, **documentation required.***
 - Resides on or within 25 miles of the White Earth Reservation presently and during the reigning year, **documentation required.****
 - If a princess or brave moves, it is the family/guardian's responsibility to contact the committee immediately.
 - Is age 9-12 for Junior title, or age 13-17 for Senior title.
 - Is willing to represent the White Earth Reservation throughout the reigning year by traveling to and dancing at other powwows.***
 - Cannot hold any other title of royalty while applying for or holding the title of White Earth Princess or Brave.
 - Will only be awarded the title of White Earth Celebration Princess or Brave once in their lifetime.
 - Will immediately relinquish his or her title to the first runner-up if White Earth Pow Wow Committee finds princess or brave to be in violation of these rules. Relinquishment includes returning of crown and/or sash to the White Earth Pow Wow Committee.
- Applications are available at the White Earth RBC Headquarters, via email and in the *Anishinaabeg Today* newspaper.
- Application and documentation materials must be filled out completely and submitted to Dana Goodwin by noon on Monday, June 3 to be verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee and White Earth Enrollment Office.**
- Please mail completed application and documentation to White Earth Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591. Contact Dana Goodwin at dana.goodwin@whiteearth-nsn.gov with questions or concerns. Do not rely on social media for communication.

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

Please Print Clearly

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ Clan _____

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

Phone number _____ Additional phone number _____

School _____ Grade in 2023/24 _____

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

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ WE Enrollment # _____

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

Participant Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

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

Howah Ads

Happy Heavenly Birthday
Mantha

Love you forever


Miss you always

~Tiffy



Happy Birthday
Matthew


I love you brother
~Baby Sis



Happy Birthday Dear
Love you forever & beyond

From your Wifey

Also Happy Fathers Day!



Happy Fathers Day
Dad, Jeffery & Mike

From Mom

Happy Birthday

Sharissa - June 7th
Jaiden - June 8th

Love You (tia wia)

Happy Birthday
Tyson Keezer Sr

We love you!

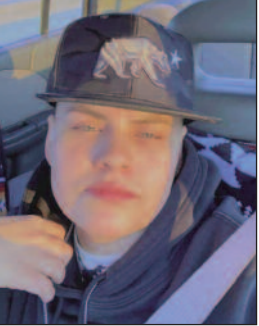
From Sister and Family!

June 2

Happy **21st** Birthday
Nana

We all love you!!

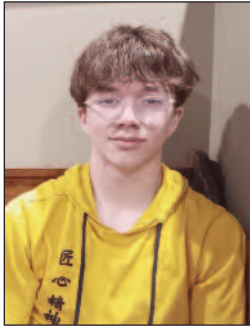
June 3rd



Happy **15th** Birthday
Michael Thomas

We All Love You!

June 7th



Happy Birthday Dad
Love - your family
June 23rd



Happy **6th** Birthday
Adeline Ortiz!

Love you sweet girl!!

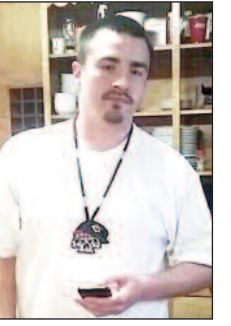
From your siblings, dad and Mariah! **June 27**



Jamie (Honker) Bevins Jr.

5 Year Memorial June 9th

Forever Loved And Missed



WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Any Man Coming Forward as the Father of the child of Sara Percy

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CP2022-00519**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 20, 2024, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in file CP2022-00519. An Admit-Deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 22, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: May 29, 2024
Tammy Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Lucille Meyer

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CC20-0498, CC21-0461**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 12, 2024, a Petition for Long Term Foster Care was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in files CC20-0498 and CC21-0461. An Admit-Deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: May 29, 2024
Tammy Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Tammy Wallace

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

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Dated: May 29, 2024
Tammy Swanson
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Kenneth Lee Jackson, DOB: 03/19/1978**

Summons for Appear in Court

File No: T2024-00028

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **June 26, 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: May 20, 2024

Iron Range Area CC

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



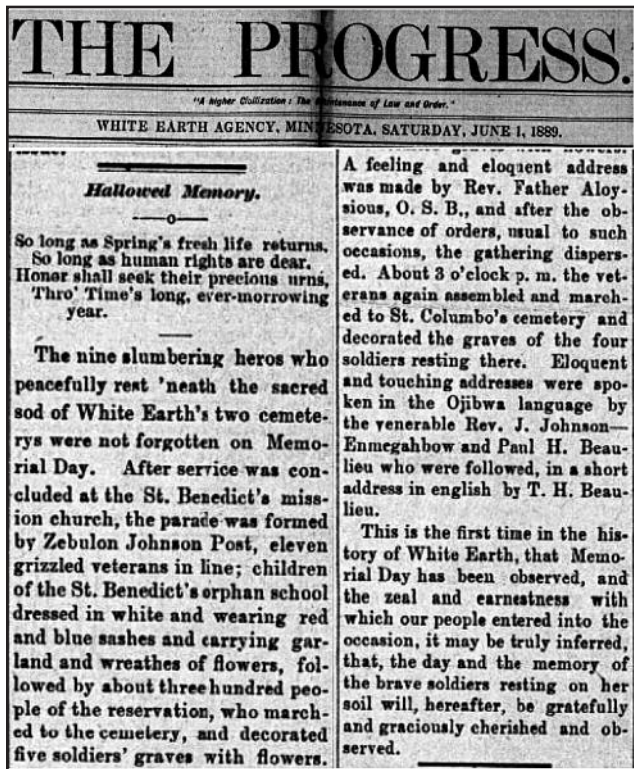
Debwe MC hosts Elder barbecue

The 2nd Annual Honor the Elders Barbecue was held May 26 at Roy Lake Park. Debwe MC sponsored and hosted the event. There was cribbage, bean bags and music. People were treated to pulled pork sandwiches, sides, chips, and drinks.

Submitted photo

Veterans who gave their lives

May 30, 1889, marks the first observance of Memorial Day on the White Earth Reservation



Reprint of the original newspaper article

May 30, 1889, marked the very first observance of Memorial Day on the White Earth Reservation.

By Budd Parker

Thus was the very first observance of Memorial Day on the White Earth Reservation. On that Memorial Day in 1889, there were only nine veterans buried on this reservation, however the Progress, apparently, got the number of veteran's graves in the two cemeteries turned around. There were four veteran's graves in Calvary and five in St. Columba. These nine veterans that were to be honored and have their graves decorated on this first Memorial Day observance in 1889 were:

Calvary Cemetery

- **Antoine Montreuil** died Jan. 8, 1869 – Pvt., Co. G, 4th Minn. Inf. He died just six months after the 1st removal to the new reservation.
- **Charles Mason** died Feb. 17, 1878 – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf.
- **Jean Bpt. (John B.) Dufort** died Dec. 6, 1879 – Pvt., Co. C, 4th Minn. Inf.
- **Henry Foster** died Feb. 16, 1884 – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf.

St. Columba Cemetery

- **William Franks** died June 15, 1876 – Pvt., Co. A, 4th Minn. Inf.
- **John Brown** died June 24, 1883 – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf.



Courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

Company G, 9th Minnesota Infantry of mostly Mississippi Band Chippewas - formed out of the Crow Wing Agency.

- **Charles Weaver** died Dec. 17, 1883 – Pvt., Co. K, 2nd Minn. Inf. Charles Weaver and John Brown were half-brothers.

- **Edward B. Price** died Jan. 27, 1885 – Sgt. He served both in the Mexican War and in Co. I, 1st Minn. Inf. in the Civil War. Wounded at Gettysburg. He was the husband of Charlotte Warren and brother-in-law of Wm Whipple Warren, the Ojibway historian.

- **Robert Fox** died April 19, 1889 – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf. He had died just one month before this first Memorial Day ceremony.

Ogema VFW Post 9880 and Auxiliary have every year, rain or shine, honored all of our deceased service women and men with solemn and dignified ceremonies in 12 cemeteries around the White Earth area. Some 300 residents of the village were estimated to have attended these two ceremonies in 1889 to honor these nine deceased veterans buried in the two village cemeteries. Presently, there are more than 150 veteran's graves in Calvary Cemetery alone. Yet, in recent years, there are maybe only a dozen or two in the community who come out.

Let's all remember what Memorial Day is about – what its purpose is. And what those before us offered up for our country. Although we are still a society very imperfect, yet because of those who stood on the front lines, often giving their lives, we live enormously more comfortable lives than previous generations and still live in relative peace.

It's impossible to fully comprehend, but of the millions of American women and men who have served these past 250 years, every single one had a name, a unique personality, hopes and dreams. Each one was someone's son, husband, sister, brother, mother, father, someone's best friend. Take a moment to ponder the gravity – the sheer magnitude – of what the countless service men and women throughout our history have sacrificed for each and every one of us as we enjoy this holiday every year.

Please, take a moment to thank the members of the Ogema VFW and Auxiliary for the wonderful service that they do each and every Memorial Day for our deceased veterans, as well as, for each one of our communities.

We tend to remember and honor the veterans that have passed away in the last 20 years or so, but in time, those who have passed away 40, 70, or 100 years ago are often forgotten. Remanences of them and their names are spoken less and less and, as smoke from a campfire dissipates, eventually their memory completely fades away. Many of us have never even heard of these many veterans – often our own relatives - from yesterday whose names and sacrifices seem to have faded from our collective memory.

Their names and deeds in total would fill all of these pages, but to briefly bring light to a few that some of their names might be once again remembered. In White Earth alone there are veterans who rest in the Catholic and Episcopal cemeteries who served in every U.S. conflict since the Mexican War.

White Earth Veterans that died in WWI



These are our people. They are all our people. When you hear someone say "Thank you for your service" think of the millions like these few mentioned and contemplate what this word "Service" truly entails.

Mexican War 1846-1848

- Edward B. Price – Sgt., Co. D, 1st U.S. Dragoons.
- Edward Oliver – Pvt., Co. A, Capt. Parker's Iowa Dragoons.

Both are buried in St. Columba Cemetery.

Civil War 1861-1865

More than 55 known Civil War veterans were from the White Earth Reservation. Of course, White Earth wasn't established until two years after the war. Many of these young men enlisted when much of our tribe were living at Gull Lake and Crow Wing, but many were also from other areas scattered throughout Minnesota such as Little Rock, Watab, Sunrise, Mendota, etc. Some of these who never made it home from the Civil War were:

- **Joseph Comptois** – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf. died Sept. 18, 1863 at Ft. Abercrombie, Dakota Territory,
- **Thomas Butts** – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf. died Sept. 24, 1864 at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas,
- **John Parker** – Pvt., Co. G, 9th Minn. Inf. died March 24, 1865 at Ft. Gaines, Alabama.
- **Peter Bottineau** – Pvt., Co. F, 5th Minn. Inf. was sent on sick furlough to his parent's home in Maple Grove where he soon died on March 14, 1865.
- **Xavier DeMarre** – Pvt., Co. B, 1st Minn. Heavy Artillery died May 30, 1865 in Tennessee.

Most of these Civil War veterans that afterwards removed to this reservation are buried in the village of White Earth, but others are buried in Beaulieu, Richwood, Ogema, Mahnomen, Wild Rice Mission Cemetery (St. Michael's Pembina Cemetery), Bagley, Twin Lakes, Big Bend of the Wild Rice River, Pine Point, Rush Lake, Fosston, Sugar Point on Leech Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, Little Falls, Minneapolis, one in Melaval, Saskatchewan, and one in Togus, Maine.

Spanish-American War 1898-1899

- **Joseph A. Vizenor** – Pvt., Company M, 8th Cavalry died in service at Puerto Principe, Cuba on Oct. 26, 1899, of "amoebic dysentery." He was buried temporarily in Cuba but his remains were returned to the U.S. in February 1900 for burial and became the first known Chippewa from White Earth to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

- **William Hole-in-the-day** is the second documented veteran of the Spanish-American War. During this conflict he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a grandson of the celebrated Chief Hole-in-the-day. Willie later went on to serve in the North Dakota National Guard on the Mexican border

in 1917 and again in Europe with the Canadian Armed Forces during World War I.

Hundreds of men and women from this reservation enlisted or were drafted in the two World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam. In these later conflicts in which our men and women were called to serve, there were many who never returned. There are possibly others, but the following are some of those confirmed:

World War I (1917-1919)

• **Fred H. Casebeer** – Pvt, Co. E, 137th Inf. Was wounded Sept. 30, 1918, on the field in Europe and died that same day at the age of 25 years. He is buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France.

• **Peter DeFoe (Default)** – Pvt., Co. HQ, 58th Inf., 4th Div. was gravely wounded on Sept. 28, 1918, in the northern edge of Bois de Septsarges, Meuse department of Grand Est in north-eastern France while helping to carry a litter. A high explosive shell struck near him gravely wounding him. Once first aid was administered, he was immediately sent to the hospital where he died Oct. 1, 1918. He was 31 years old. Peter is buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Departement de la Meuse, Lorraine, France

• **Charles Beupre** – Pvt., 301st American Tank Corps, British E. F. He was Killed in Action on . 8, 1918, at Saint-Quentin, Departement de l’Aisne, Picardie, France. He was 31 years of age. His remains were later brought back to the U.S. for burial and is the second known Chippewa from White Earth buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

• **Ignatius D. Vizenor** – Pvt. 1st Class, Co. F, 118th Inf., 30th Div. He was Killed in Action on Oct. 8, 1918, at Montbrehain, Departement de l’Aisne, France at the age of 23 years. His remains were later returned to the U.S. and he is buried in Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.

• **“Willie” Joseph William Rogers** – Pvt., Co. M, 341st Inf., 86th Div. He was Killed in Action on Dec. 11, 1918, in France at the age of 24 years. His remains were later returned home and is buried in St. Ann’s Catholic Cemetery in Waubun.

• **Ella Beaulieu** – Nursing Corps, died in service on Jan. 18, 1919, at the age of 29 years in Minneapolis. She contracted Spanish Influenza due to her refusal to abandon her duties and continued caring for the returning soldiers that were afflicted and suffering from this deadly pandemic. Her body brought home to White Earth where she was buried with full military escort and honors in Calvary Cemetery. Ella was the only female casualty of World War I from Becker County.

• **William Hole-in-the-day** – Pvt., Co. A, 1st Cen. Ontario Reg’t. After serving in two previous conflicts in the U.S. Navy and N.D. Nat’l Guard, he was rejected – physically and possibly for his age – for U.S. military service in WW I. A true warrior cut from the same cloth as his grandfather, Chief Hole-in-the-day, undaunted, he crossed the border into Canada and enlisted in the Canadian armed forces. In Europe, he was one of so many who were overcome from the German gas attacks. Willie was hospitalized and shipped back to a Montreal hospital but soon died on June 4, 1919, at the age of 36 years from the effects of being gassed.

• **Isaac Charles Bunker** – Pvt.; Co. E, 314th Ammunition Train, 89th Div. died on June 17, 1919. From Naytahwaush, Isaac has never been designated as dying in service, however, possibly due to a combination of long-term exposure, exhaustion, poor nutrition, etc., the seemingly healthy 22 year old collapsed and died suddenly only two weeks after being discharged from the Army. His is buried in Samuel Memorial Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

World War II 1941-1945

• **Clyde Richard Fairbanks** – PFC, USMC was Killed in Action at the age of 33 years on Aug. 7, 1942, at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. He had enlisted using his older brother’s name, Benjamin Warren Fairbanks. His remains were eventually brought home to the U.S. and buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno,

Calif., however, he is buried under his brother Benjamin’s name. His family has never been able to get this corrected and have his real name put on his military gravestone.

• **Harry Vernon Lewis** – SGT, U.S. Army. From Beaulieu, Harry was killed by a blow to the head on base at Camp Edwards, Mass., on Dec. 25, 1942, at the age of 34 years. His body was brought home to the Beaulieu area for burial next to his parents, however, the cemetery where he was buried has not been located.

• **Clarence I. LaDuke** – PFC, Co. A, 60th Signal Battalion, U.S. Army Signal Corps. Was killed on Feb. 12, 1943, in a motor vehicle accident in French Morocco, North Africa at the age of 21 years. After the war his remains were returned home and buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Bagley, Minn.

• **Charles V. Smith** – PFC, 15th Tow Target Sqd., U.S. Army Air Corps. Originally from Beaulieu, Pvt. Smith and seven other servicemen were killed on April 1, 1943, when their four motored bomber crashed taking off from a base in Alaska. Charles was 27 years old. He is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Cass Lake, Minn.

• **Clifford J. Antell** – Seaman 1st Class, USN, MIA. From Naytahwaush, Clifford was Killed in Action on Nov. 24, 1943, at the age of 18 years when his ship was torpedoed and sunk near Makin, the northernmost of the Gilbert Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Clifford was stationed onboard the USS Liscome Bay (ACV/CVE-56). On Nov. 24, 1943, “her munitions were catastrophically detonated by a torpedo attack by the Japanese submarine I-175 while she was acting as the flagship of Carrier Division 24, which was supporting operations on Makin. She quickly sank with the loss of 644 officers and sailors. Her loss is the deadliest sinking of a carrier in the history of the United States Navy.” Source: Wikipedia. Clifford’s body, like so many others, was never recovered.

• **Eddie H. Brown** – SGT, Co. B, 1st BN, 168th Inf. Reg’t., 34th Div., U.S. Army. Eddie was wounded by shrapnel on Jan. 30, 1944, near Cairra, Italy. He was Killed in Action less than a week later on Feb. 5, 1944, in Italy at the age of 25 years. His remains were brought home and he is buried in St. Columba’s Cemetery in White Earth.

• **Robert M. Belland** – PFC, 7th Inf., 3rd Inf. Div., U.S. Army. He was Killed in Action at Anzio beachhead, Italy March 1, 1944, at the age of 30 years. His remains were later returned to White Earth where he is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

• **William Pershing “Billy Mud” Potter** – PFC, 7th Inf. 3rd Div., U.S. Army. He was Killed in Action on May 24, 1944, at Anzio beachhead, Italy at the age of 24 years. His remains were later returned home and he is buried in Calvary Cemetery in White Earth.

• **George Brunette** – PVT, 190th Inf. TNG BN, U.S. Army. He was killed in service on May 24, 1944, at the age of 19 years in a training accident at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is buried in St. Anne’s Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

• **Fred T. Littlewolf** – PVT, US Army Air Corps. He was an aerial gunner/radio operator and flew on submarine patrols along the west coast, in England and then in North Africa. He was one of 10 airmen killed on May 26, 1944, when their B-17G Flying Fortress #42-107152 crashed, three miles west of Anthon, Iowa. He was 24 years of age. Fred is buried in St. Anne’s Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

• **Everett J. Armstrong** – PFC, U.S. Army, died in service on July 2, 1944, at the age of 27 years at Dalhart, Texas. He is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Cass Lake, Minn.

• **Richard Sailor** – PVT, 17th Airborne Division, 3rd Battalion, I Company, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment Combat Team, U.S. Army. He was Killed in Action on Aug. 26, 1944, at Saint-Cezaire-sur-Siagne, Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, France by a mortar shell while climbing up the steep terraced valley towards St. Cezaire. He was 23 years of age. His remains were later brought home and he is buried in Breck Memorial Cemetery in Pine Point.

• **Carl G. DeGroat** – TEC 5, 33rd Armored Div., U.S. Army. The 33rd Armored Div. landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy, fought battles in Villiers, Saint-Lô, Mortain, and



Falaise-Argentan pocket, France. They crossed into Belgium and captured Mons and Liege. On Sept. 12, 1944, they became the first regiment to cross into Germany. Carl was Killed in Action on Sept. 15, 1944, at the age of 20 years at Städteregion Aachen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. After the war, his remains were returned and he is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

• **Joseph L. Weaver** – SGT, 24th Cav. Recon Sqd., U.S. Army. He was Killed in Action Sept. 18, 1944, at Hürtgen Forest (Hürtgenwald), North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Joseph was 27 years old. His remains were returned to the U.S. and is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

• **Cleve E. Goodwin** – TEC 4, 895th Ordnance Auto Maintenance Co., U.S. Army attached to 20th Army Air Corps. He died in service on Oct. 8, 1944, at the age of 24 years when he sacrificed his life trying to save a fellow soldier who had fallen overboard from the boat they were in. He is buried in the Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial, Saint-James, Departement de la Manche, Basse-Normandie, France.

• **Daniel McKenzie** – PVT, Co. C, 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, U.S. Army. He was wounded on Dec. 6, 1944, at Linnich, Kreis Düren, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany and transported to the 48th field hospital in Holland where he died from his wounds on Dec. 7, 1944, at the age of 34 years. His remains were returned after the war and is buried at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Red Lake.

• **Hubert W. “Red” Williams**, SSGT, 253rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army was Killed in Action on Jan. 17, 1945, at the age of 30 years. He is buried in Luxembourg American Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.

• **Robert TeJohn**, PVT, 172nd Inf., 43rd Inf. Div., U.S. Army. He was struck by shrapnel in an artillery attack and Killed in Action at the age of 34 years on April 8, 1945, in

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the Battle of Luzon, Philippines. His remains were later brought home and he is buried in Breck Memorial Cemetery, Pine Point.

- **Charles E. Hart**, PFC, Co. L, 34th Inf., U.S. Army. Shipped out to the Philippines and on May 8, 1945, and was wounded by Japanese sniper fire on Mindano Island. He was brought back to the U.S. and hospitalized in Brigham City, Utah where he died July 19, 1945, at the age of 21 years. His remains were brought home and is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery in Waubun.

- **Frederick J. "Sonny" Critt**, MOMM3, USN. Originally from Lengby, Frederick was killed on Samar Island in the Philippines on Sept. 28, 1945, at the age of 23 years. He is remains were returned from Manila in Aug. 1948 and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake.

Korean War 1950-1953

- **Richard Marvin Fairbanks**, PFC, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Army; MIA. By October 1951, the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army was located in the area of Chongok, North Korea, close to the current day Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). On Oct. 3, 1951, units of the division's 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, were occupying the area adjacent to the town of Magori when the battalion received orders to take an enemy position known as Hill 272. During its approach, the battalion took several casualties from intermittent artillery and long-range automatic weapons fire. The battalion set up defensive positions on the slopes of the hill, from which they launched their assault. After protracted combat, the 2nd Battalion eventually withdrew from Hill 272. Following the fighting at Hill 272, PFC Richard M. Fairbanks was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on Oct. 4, 1951. He was 20 years old. PFC Fairbanks was presumed dead on Dec. 31, 1953. He was never reported as a prisoner of war, and is still unaccounted-for following the close of hostilities. Source: Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and Korean War Project

- **Irvin F. Vizenor**, PFC, USMC, 7th Marine Regiment, WPNS Co., 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Killed in Action from multiple fragmentation wounds on July 9, 1953, in Korea at the age of 21 years. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Coleraine, Minn.

- **Eugene Francis Hart**, CPL, A Co., 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army. Corporal Hart was seriously wounded by the enemy in North Korea on May 9, 1952, and returned to duty on May 12, 1952. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on Sept. 6, 1952, at the age of 23 years. His remains were brought home and is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery in Waubun. Eugene was a younger brother of PFC



Charles E. Hart who was killed seven years earlier in World War II.

Vietnam War 1955-1975

- **Leo V. Beaulieu**, PFC, USMC – Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Leo was Killed in Action on May 16, 1966, near Quảng Nam, Vietnam at the age of 21 years. His remains were brought home and he is buried at St. Agnes Cemetery in Island Lake Twp., Mahnomen County.

- **Kenneth J. Jacobsen**, SP/4, 173rd Airborne Brigade, U.S. Army. Killed in Action on his second tour in Vietnam on Nov. 20, 1967, in the Dak To Region Hill 875, Kontum Province, Vietnam at the age of 20 years. His remains were brought home and is buried in Kane Cemetery on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

- **Charles E. Olson**, HM3, US Navy. While serving with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in Quảng Trị Province, Vietnam, Charles was Killed in Action on Feb. 19, 1968, when he was hit by a burst of enemy rifle fire. He was 20 years of age. His remains were brought home and he is buried at Samuel Memorial Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

- **Michael E. Duval**, SP/4, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army. When he arrived in Vietnam July 3, 1969, he was assigned to HH Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, 199th Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army. He died from injuries sustained in a vehicle crash on May 30, 1970, in Long Khanh Province, South Vietnam at the age of 19 years. He is buried in Anderson District Cemetery, Anderson, Shasta County, Calif.

- **Mark Owen Charette**, SGT, 101st Airborne Division, B Co., 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, U.S. Army. He was Killed in Action from hostile wounds in Quảng Trị Province, Vietnam on April 6, 1968, at the age of 19 years. He is buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Puyallup, Wash.

The search continues for two unknown veteran's burial sites:

These two servicemen died on active duty from non-combat injuries stateside in different years, yet both were killed on Christmas day.

- **Earl Jay Brown**, a US Navy submariner of Naytahwaush who died on Dec. 25, 1932, in an auto crash returning to his base in California. Earl Brown's remains were returned to Naytahwaush for burial. He was the son of Wm and Maggie (White) Brown. According to his obituary, his funeral was at the Gospel Tabernacle and was laid to rest beside his parents. His brothers Emery, Hadley, Percy, Harvey, Hartley, and Wilbur Brown were pallbearers.

- **Harry Vernon Lewis**, US Army, of Beaulieu was killed on Dec. 25, 1942, on base at Camp Edwards, Mass. Harry Lewis' remains were brought home and buried in "a small cemetery in Beaulieu." He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lewis and a brother of Arley D. Lewis. He left a wife Dolly Londo Lewis of Beaulieu.

The cemeteries where these two are buried still haven't been located and their graves seemingly remain unmarked. Should anyone have photographs or information of these two, or any of these veterans, please email whiteearthhisto-

ry@gmail.com.

Let us never forget to remember, to honor, and to be grateful for these men and women who gave everything they had for our country and our communities – and to those who work so hard to ensure that they are remembered.

Additionally, all of us here on the White Earth Reservation, and those whose families are from here, are incredibly indebted to Tim "Pete" Fairbanks for all of the time and energy he has put into memorializing these fallen veterans from the White Earth Reservation. He conducted many hours of research, as well as interviewing their families that he was able to locate, in order to make individual shadow boxes for each one of these who died in service. Noticeably bringing attention to each veteran by creating the "Wall of Honor" at the White Earth IHS Clinic.

Selfless deeds such as this, those who dedicate themselves to preserving and caring for the graves and the memory of each of these fallen patriots, as well as groups such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, the National World War II Museum, the Korean War Project, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – Wall of Faces, do all of the things they do for one sole purpose – that not one of these men and women ever be forgotten.

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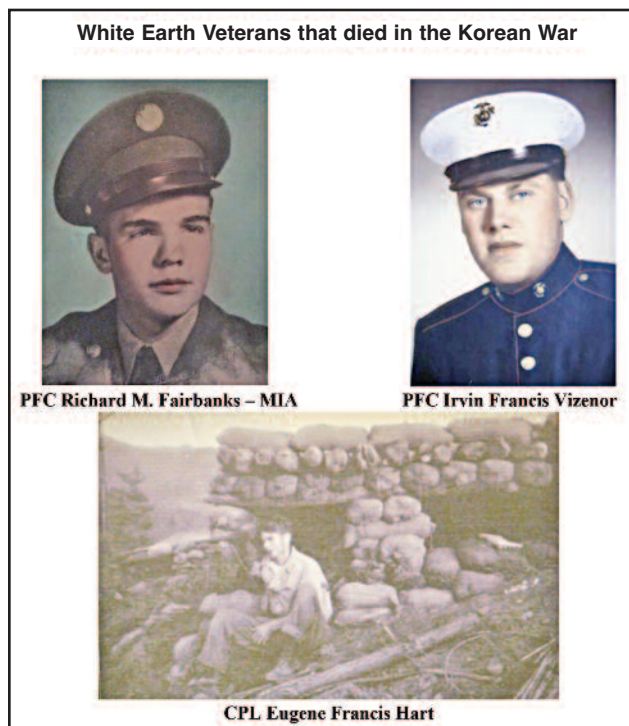
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If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact:

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or
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Tammy Bellanger
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The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.

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JUNE 7TH
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- Cotton Candy
- Face Painting
- Games & Prizes
- Bingo
- Lunch

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June 2024

June 5 th 2024	- Wednesday	Shooting Star Event Center
June 12 th 2024	- Wednesday	Pine Point
June 20 th 2024	- Thursday	Elbow Lake
June 26 th 2024	- Wednesday	Valley View, Mahnomen

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

July 2024

July 2 nd 2024	- Tuesday	Shooting Star Casino Event Center
July 10 th 2024	- Wednesday	Naytahwaush
July 24 th 2024	- Wednesday	White Earth - Congregate Center
July 31 st 2024	- Wednesday	Rice Lake

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

August 2024

Aug 1 st 2024	- Thursday	Shooting Star Event Center
Aug 7 th 2024	- Wednesday	Pine Point
Aug 21 st 2024	- Wednesday	Elbow Lake
Aug 29 th 2024	- Thursday	Valley View, Mahnomen

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On June 5th starting at about 12:45, enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of water with a light snack. Topping it all off you can play Diabetic Bingo starting at 1pm

Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the R.B.C or the E.N.P. site is closed Bingo will be rebooked to another date, if possible. Updated 5/29/2024




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May 7, 2024

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 3303 U.S Hwy 59
 Waubun, MN, 56589
 218-473-4663

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 8 days after this notice, the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority will submit a request to HUD for the release of the IHBG ARP funds under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") of the HOME-American Rescue Plan or "HOME-ARP" program of 2024 to undertake a project known as CARES ACT-homes, the purpose of this grant is to help reduce over-crowding homes on our reservation.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The White Earth Reservation Housing Authority has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at White Earth Reservation Housing authority 3303 US HWY 59, Waubun, MN 56589 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8A.M to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority. All comments received 15 days after this notice is published will be considered by the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The White Earth Reservation Housing Authority certifies to HUD that Michael Heisler- in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority (b) the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the White Earth Reservation Housing Authority have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Neil Whitegull, HUD administration office at 77 W. Jackson Blvd St., Chicago 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Heisler-Executive Director

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DIAMOND WILLOW FURNITURE

DINING TABLES



\$900.00

OUTDOOR WOOD PRODUCTS

PICNIC TABLES

- STURDY
- WEATHERSCALED
- SOLID PINE



6FT- \$280.00
8FT- \$320.00

COFFEE TABLES



\$300.00

CONTACT

218-616-2203
CREATORSPLACEPINEPOINT@GMAIL.COM
*LIMITED DELIVERY AVAILABLE

*In partnership with White Earth Maadaadizi Workforce Center




TRIBAL TRAINING - HIGHWAY CARPENTER

Free career opportunity

- Free five-week training in highway carpentry
- Receive all the tools you'll need to start your career as a carpenter
- Learn about the construction trades industry
- Gain essential skills to get you started as an in-demand highway carpenter
- Work directly with the carpentry union and a career planner to connect with industry leaders and network for job placement
- Get First Aid/CPR/AED training and earn OSHA 10 certification

All the above at no cost to you
Receive financial assistance for lodging or travel

When	Where
June 10 - July 12, 2024 Mon. - Fri. , 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	904 Paul Bunyan Drive SE Bemidji, MN 56601

Qualifications to attend

- Must be 18 years-old or older
- Must have a high school diploma or GED

Enroll today!
 Contact your tribal employment representative, or
 Katie Jaeckels, kjaeckels@carpentertraininginstitute.org, 651-289-5061



Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

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

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

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

Contact us at 218-983-3202



SEALED BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is seeking bids for a 1976 brick structure renovation.

Project Identification: Adaave-wigamig Business Incubator Meyer Group Project #: 23-050	Project Location: 23744 MN-1, Red Lake, MN 56671 (Beltrami County)	Architect: Meyer Group Architecture, PC 1600 Abworth Building 306 W. Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 727-1330
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Project Description:
 Project consists of a 19,561 SF interior and exterior renovation of an existing structure. The exterior work shall consist of removing the existing built-up and ballast roofing systems, and the installation of new parapets, insulation, and a new EPDM roofing system, and removing and replacing windows and doors. The interior work shall consist of interior finishes, MEP upgrades, and some reconfiguration of spaces. Red Lake Nation's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages, Equal Opportunity Clause, and Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Specifications shall be enforced for this project.

Complete Bid Package is posted on MBEX, QuestCON, and Construction Connect, or call 218-849-4252 for an emailed package. Sealed Bids Due By 6-14-24

For more information, questions, or to be added to the Amendment Notice List, please contact Sharon James, Project Manager at sjames@4directionsrl.org or 218-849-4252.

This project is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

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Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

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

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



2nd Annual NAAME GIIZIS STURGEON MOON
White Earth Community Council Pow Wow
JULY 26, 27 & 28, 2024
White Earth, MN

FRI, JULY 26 | WARM-UPS 7PM
3 GRAND ENTRIES
SAT, JULY 27 | 1PM & 7PM
SUN, JULY 28 | 1PM

All dancers must be in regalia to register.
All dancers must register prior to every grand entry.

FEAST - 5PM - FRI & SAT

HOST DRUM: SMOKEY HILL
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: ROB TIBBETTS
MCs: VINCE BEYL / FRANK STECH
ARENA DIRECTORS: TOM MASON / LUCAS HISGUN

DRUM SPLIT | TBD - No Drum Hopping
 Bring own chairs
 Drum contacts: Candice Smith 218-204-0129

CONTESTS: Luck of the Draw
SPECIALS: TBD

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT
3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:
3RD GRADE - ADULTS
 For more information call 218-401-3769

MEMORIAL 5K RUN/WALK - SAT, JULY 27 | 9AM
 Registration: 8AM-9AM
 Start at White Earth Health Division Parking Lot
 Open to everyone. No registration fee.

VENDOR CONTACT: Paula Smith 218-204-1400
 Shannon Heisler 218-368-2311

FOR MORE INFO:
 **WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
www.whiteearth.com

RULES FOR POW WOW GROUNDS & CAMPING AREA

- Camping at your own risk
- Free campfire wood
- Showers are available on Saturday and Sunday between 6AM & 10AM
- 24-hour security on-site
- 11PM Curfew
- No fireworks, weapons, alcohol or illegal substances
- No unruly behavior
- No ATVs
- The White Earth Reservation Business Committee, Police and Pow Wow Committee reserve the right to remove violators.

WERBC, SSC, WEPD and all associated entities will not be liable for people who are attending at their own risk nor be held responsible for accidents, losses, illnesses or short-funded travelers.

SHOOTING STAR
 CASINO HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT



Submitted photos

Top: The Teddy Bear Band has the kids jumping. **Left:** A boy tries his luck with picking the winning duck in a water pool. **Right:** A little girl shows off her new t-shirt.

NCCS Annual 5K Run/Walk



Photo by Stephanie Cossette

Students and community members get ready for the Naytahwaush Community Charter School Annual 5K Run/Walk on May 10 at the school.

Week of the Young Child 2024
 Kids entertained by 'The Teddy Bear Band'

The annual Week of the Young Child 2024 was held May 21 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahanomen.

"A special thank you to everyone who helped with this event," said Casey Francis, White Earth Child Care Program ECI Coordinator and Community Outreach Specialist. "What a fun and successful time for all our families to be able to come together and enjoy some family engagement, many resources, and fun activities with a live music from 'The Teddy Bear Band.'" This event was for all

the families to enjoy and was such an enjoyment to see all the happy faces with parents, grandparents and kiddos!"

Francis said more than 285 family members with kids ranging from newborns to 12 attended the event.

"Miigwech to all the sponsors: White Earth Child Care Program, White Earth Tribal Public Health, West Central Initiative, White Earth ECI, White Earth Head Start, all 18 vendors, and Bryce King-Hanks and the Circle of Life Drum group," said Francis.

Highlights of the annual Rice Lake Walk and Pow-Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The 26th Annual Rice Lake Memorial Walk and Pow-Wow was held May 26-27. There were 153 dancers, 11 drums, and around 100 people participated in the walk. The new royalty are Desirae Auginaush (15) and Frank Auginaush (8).

