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From left: Architect Harry Halvorson, USDA Area Director Dan Labat, Sharon Josephson representing U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, USDA RUS/CF Specialist Andrew Gag, Andy Martin representing U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, District Rep. I Irene Auginaush, Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, Spiritual Elder George "Joe Bush" Fairbanks, Secretary-Treasurer Bud Heisler, White Earth Project Manager Roy LaVoy, District III Rep. Gus Bevins, District II Rep. Terry Tibbetts, Executive Director Ron Valiant, Architect Leo Grobe.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Council breaks ground for new \$14 million tribal headquarters

White Earth tribal officials gathered to celebrate an historic occasion May 10.

Just two days after Tribal Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor signed a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, making White Earth the state's first tribal conservation district, she was on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new tribal headquarters building.

"There are a lot of good things happening for us," Vizenor said in an interview after the groundbreaking, noting that bids will be let for a

new White Earth community center later this month, and improvements to the White Earth Powwow grounds are set to begin immediately after this June's celebration concludes.

But on May 10, the celebration was centered around the start of construction on the new White Earth Reservation Tribal Administration Building.

The \$14.1 million building will feature two stories and 80,000 square feet, and is scheduled for completion by September 2008 "at the latest,"

according to Ron Valiant, executive director of the White Earth tribe.

"We start the earth work next week," he added.

The new tribal headquarters will be located west of the Biimaadiiziwiin Senior Apartments, near White Earth Village.

"This dream really got started in 2000," noted Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, the tribal council's District III representative, adding some brief comments about the other tribal projects currently in the works. "It just shows what can be done if we work togeth-

er."

Vizenor also emphasized the importance of collaboration in her interview, noting that because "money is at its leanest" right now in terms of grant and loan funding, the tribe has had to partner with other entities to make some of its dreams happen — such as a new nursing program at the White Earth Tribal College, which held its grand opening celebration May 9.

"We already have our first class

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White Earth, Clearwater County sign law enforcement agreement

By Gary W. Padrta
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After two years in the making, White Earth and Clearwater County officials, along with Ken Bergeron of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service gathered together to sign a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement May 23 at the Rice Lake Community Center.

"On behalf of the White Earth tribe I want to say welcome to a very, very exciting day. This day will ensure that we will have seamless law enforcement in a cooperative manner," said White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor. "The community of Rice Lake and the portion of Clearwater County within the exterior boundaries of the reser-

vation will be covered cooperatively between Clearwater County and the White Earth Tribe."

"It's been a long process to get here but I believe that the results will be worth the time that it has taken," said John Nelson Clearwater County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board. "I want to thank everyone for the effort they put into this agreement."

Clearwater County Sheriff Mike Erickson said, "It doesn't matter how many people we have at this table or who signs the agreement, it's not going to work unless the deputies and the police officers work together. That's what is going to make it happen. We do have a good relationship with tribal officers

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Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Secretary-Treasurer Bud Heisler signs a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with Clearwater County on May 23 in Rice Lake as District I Representative Irene Auginaush looks on.

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Chairwoman - Erma J. Vizenor

Recently, the Rainy River First Nations of Canada hosted the White Earth Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and a group of White Earth tribal members on their Reserve north of Fort Francis, Ontario. The event was Fish Week at Rainy River First Nations.

I had the wonderful opportunity to spend one day at Rainy River with our White Earth DNR, spiritual elder George "Joe Bush" Fairbanks, other elders, and youth. The rest of the White Earth group spent three days at Manitou Rapids, Rainy River First Nations.

We were treated very well by Rainy River people. We toured their fish hatchery, participated in spiritual sturgeon release ceremony on the Rainy River, toured their sawmill business, and visited their ancient burial mounds. There were feasts and a pow-wow throughout our visit. Rainy River tribal leaders were also with us.

Me-qwitch, Rainy River First Nations.

The White Earth Tribe and Rainy River First Nations have a partnership on sturgeon stocking of our lakes on the White Earth Reservation. Rainy River hatches the sturgeon, and White Earth stocks our lakes with their fingerlings.

Last October along with their spiritual leaders and elders, Rainy River First Nations came to



Submitted photo

From left: Joe Hunter, Director – Sustainable Sturgeon Culture, Emo, Ontario; White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor; Chief Jim Leonard – Rainy River First Nations, Ontario, Canada.

White Earth Reservation for the stocking of sturgeon in Round Lake and White Earth Lake.

I was present at the Feast of Fish and wild rice for our Rainy River partners held at Pine

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Anishinaabeg Understandings of Identity in the 1910s

By Jill Doerfler

In the last article I explained how non-Indians thought about identity during the early 1900s. While blood quantum and racial understandings of identity were common among non-Indians, American Indians had very different ideas at this time. In fact, Anishinaabeg at White Earth understood identity in a variety of ways that differed from racial identities pushed by the federal government.

During the early 1900s White Earth was the center of a national scandal due to fraudulent and illegal sales of land allotments. In *The White Earth Tragedy*, Melissa Meyer carefully details the fraud and corruption at White Earth. Meyer identifies the two primary political and cultural fractions at White Earth during this time as "conservative" and "progressive." She found that "conservative Anishinaabe bands located at a distance from fur trade outposts maintained a more subsistence-oriented way of life" while progressives "participated more fully in the market economy." The conservative fraction would eventually be known as "full-bloods" and the progressives as "mixed-bloods." It is important to note that these labels were reflective of culturally determined values and practices, not biological or racial ancestry.

During this time the federal government needed to determine who was "mixed-blood" as legally defined by U.S. courts to decide which land sales were legal. Those who were "mixed-blood" were allowed to sell their allotments but "full-bloods" were not. U.S. courts ruled that legally a "mixed-blood" was person who had

any amount of white blood, no matter how small. So, "mixed-blood" was legally a racial and biological term that was not tied to culture. There was an investigation in the 1910s during which many Anishinaabeg were asked questions about ancestry, blood quantum, and physical characteristics so that the government could officially decide who was a "mixed-blood." Many Anishinaabeg insisted that they did not use the categories of "mixed-blood" and "full-blood" to define an individual's identity or if they did use the categories they insisted the designations were cultural and not racial.

Several witnesses were confused by the investigators use of the terms "mixed-blood" and "full-blood" because racial categories based on biology did not make any sense to many of the Anishinaabe witnesses. For example, Nahwak-coming-skunk a sixty-year-old woman from Pine Point was called to testify. An investigator asked, "It is the practice or custom among Indians to talk about blood relations of other Indians and to distinguish the mixed bloods from the full bloods?" She said that she had never heard of anything like that. Jack Rabbitt who was born at Ottertail Lake but moved to White Earth around 1880 testified that it was not the practice of the tribal government to distinguish between "full-bloods" and "mixed-bloods." Ah-nah-me-ay-gah-bow noted that Anishinaabeg had not paid any attention to the categories of "mixed-blood" and "full-blood" until very recently. He said, ". . . we were foolish, didn't pay attention to things. I have heard said

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice of Availability is hereby given for an advertised Environmental Assessment. The proposed project is named: White Earth Community Center and Pow Wow Grounds Expansion. The proposed project has a legal description as follows; Township 142 N., Range 41W., and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 23 of White Earth Township, Becker County, Minnesota and the Community of White Earth, Minnesota.

Summary: The White Earth Tribe in conjunction with United States Rural Development and Housing and Rural Development are proposing to construct a new Community Center and Pow Wow Grounds Expansion. The project is located within the Community of White Earth, Minnesota. The undertaking is established by the use of Federal funding.

Any party adversely affected by, or wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so prior to June 11, 2007. Comments or concerns can be directed to:

Mr. Jamison Wark
Attn. White Earth Community Center
White Earth Natural Resources Department
2209 271st Ave. Unit #2
Mahnomen, MN 56557



Supplemental Youth Services Program (Formerly Summer Youth Employment Program) Applicants And Parents:

It is time to begin the application process for summer employment.

Notice for Social Security Benefits Recipients:

Due to new Social Security guidelines, Summer Youth applicants, parents and/or guardians, are now responsible for completing the Social Security Consent Form and mailing the form in to the Social Security Office for verification of the type and amount of Social Security Income you receive.

We are no longer able to request this information for participants in accordance with the new Social Security guidelines.

Application turned in without the required Social Security will be considered incomplete and return to the applicant.

The White Earth Nation

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The White Earth Nation has been established pursuant to a treaty entered into by the United States of America and the White Earth Band of Ojibwe; and

Whereas, The treaty was entered into on June 14, 1867; and

Whereas, The people of the White Earth Nation have celebrated the signing of the treaty between the United States of America and the White Earth Nation in June of each year; and

Whereas, The signing of the treaty has been celebrated by holding a pow wow on the third Friday in June in recent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman of the White Earth Nation, do hereby proclaim that the third Friday in June, shall be called "Treaty Day." I further proclaim that "Treaty Day" shall be a holiday for the people of the White Earth Nation.

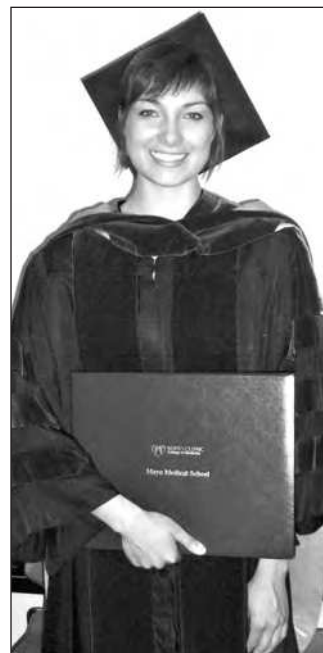
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the White Earth Nation to be affixed at the Tribal Government Center this 31 day of July, 2006

Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman

Clark graduates from Mayo Medical School

Patricia Clark graduated with her Doctorate of Medicine May 17 from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn.

Tricia was honored to stand among her 40 classmates as they were individually introduced as doctors for the first time, were hooded, and then received their diplomas.



In a small ceremony among Tricia's family she was robed with a Pendleton blanket entitled "Spirit Quest." It was a gift from Dr. Judith Kaur, Mayo Clinic Oncologist and the medical director for the Native American Programs of the Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr.

Kaur is one of only two Native American Oncologists in the country and has been a mentor to Tricia throughout her time at Mayo. Tricia was accepted to the Mayo Clinic College of Graduate Medical Education to continue her training in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

She graduated from Waubun High School in 1999 and received a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Zoology from North Dakota State University in 2003.

Tricia is the daughter of Eugene Jr. and Grace Clark of Ogema. Her grandparents are Eugene Sr. and Catherine Clark of Waubun.



Submitted photos

Dr. Patricia Clark received this Pendleton blanket from Dr. Judith Kaur.

Minnesota's manoomin gets protection

By Winona LaDuke

White Earth Land Recovery Project

After a three-year battle at the legislature and a long set of meetings with the University of Minnesota, manoomin, or wild rice, finally received protection, and, is, once again recognized, as not only the most sacred food of the Anishinaabe or Ojibwe peoples, but also the cherished state grain.

On May 8, 2007 Governor Tim Pawlenty approved the Omnibus Environment and Natural Finance Bill (H 2410/ S 2096), included in this bill was protection for wild rice. Andrea Hanks, the Wild Rice Campaign coordinator for the White Earth Land Recovery Project expressed great relief that the bill had passed, thanking all of those who supported it, "Protection for wild rice has been a long time coming for Anishinaabeg communities, many people on all levels contributed to moving this legislation, the tribes of Minnesota, tribal leaders, allied organizations, citizens and legislators, I'm thankful for the help and support that was given."

Spurred initially by the work at the University of Minnesota to map the DNA sequence of wild rice, the Anishinaabeg became concerned about possible genetic modification of wild rice in 2002. Anishinaabeg concerns were heightened when scientists revealed that ancient varieties of corn, deep in Mexico had been contaminated by genetically engineered seed varieties hundreds of miles away.

The White Earth Land Recovery Project,

joining with all members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and in 2005, the Red Lake Tribal Council (which grows paddy rice, but opposes genetic engineering) lobbied the University of Minnesota to forgo its right to genetically engineer wild rice. That controversy has been ongoing, since the University of Minnesota has the "test plots" which would be the most likely site for this type of seed modification. The University opposed the Ojibwe proposals as a limitation to "academic freedom," frustrating much of the Ojibwe leadership and the wild rice harvesters. White Earth Tribal Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor also requested a moratorium on genetic engineering at the University of Minnesota, underscoring the value of wild rice to the White Earth reservation, one of the largest producing tribes.

Unable to secure an agreement with the University, legislation was introduced at the Minnesota legislature to protect wild rice and secure a moratorium on genetic engineering. The initial legislation intended would have been a 10 year moratorium prohibited any genetic engineering of wild rice, over the years this was reduced to a two-year ban. At the start of the 2007 legislative session, Rep. Frank Moe (DFL- Bemidji) rewrote the bill, subsequently, HF 1662 and HF1663 combined they would become SF 2103 (Sen. Satveer Chaudhary).

Testifying this spring, George Goggleye Jr., Chairman of Leech Lake tribal government urged, "the committee to honor the

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Welcome To White Earth



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, along with RTC staffers and community members welcomed USDA State Director Steven Wenzel, left, and USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Perry Aasness to an informational meeting May 16 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. The tribe made a presentation on the cultural importance of wild rice.



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Fond du Lac Tribal Chairwoman Karen Diver (right) shares a Susan G. Komen "Promise Ring" with White Earth District I Representative Irene Auginaush.

Fond du Lac Reservation is first to host 'Komen on the Go' bus tour

Nine years ago, DeAnna Finifrock went in for her very first mammogram. She admits she was somewhat reluctant to go through with it, but because she is a public health nurse who spends her time urging other women on the Fond du Lac Reservation to safeguard their health, she felt she really had to.

"You were the ones who forced my hand because I felt guilty," Finifrock admitted to an audience made up primarily of women during a convocation at the Fond du Lac Gymnasium on May 15.

Finifrock went on to relate that when she had the mammogram, doctors discovered she had breast cancer, though the tumor was still small enough to remove and treat successfully with radiation and a six-year regimen of Tamoxifen.

"And you know what?" she posed. "I am alive! And I'm now one proud grandma to six grandchildren. I discovered it is well worth getting a mammogram every year, because now I plan on being around for a long, long time – and possibly even long enough to get to know my great-grandchildren someday!"

Finifrock now represents the Fond du Lac Reservation on the first-ever Susan B. Komen for the Cure American Indian/Alaska Native National Advisory Council formed a year ago, and her experience with that group gave her the opportunity to learn about the Susan B. Komen Foundation's "Komen on the Go" bus tour. And this week, Fond du Lac became the first reservation ever to host the tour, which Tribal Chair Karen Diver termed "a wonderful honor."

"I want to commend the excellence of our health and human services for helping to make this happen," commented Diver, "and for showing real innovation in helping combat the anguish that breast cancer brings into families."

As part of the "Komen on the Go" tour, a team of representatives from the Susan B. Komen for the Cure organization was on hand at the reservation Tuesday and Wednesday, taking part in the convocation and the cookout that followed and hosting visitors at the state-of-the-art pink display trailer that features surround-sound speakers, interactive displays and a long bank of personal computers with headphones so visitors can navigate through a program on breast cancer detection, treatment and prevention at their own pace.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure was founded in 1982 on a promise Nancy Brinker made to her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. The initiative has now become the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, investing nearly \$1 billion so far to help fulfill that promise.

The Komen tour is an innovative offshoot of that movement, with two mobile exhibits that travel to some 150 locations throughout the country each year promoting awareness of early detection of breast cancer at the community level.

Finifrock explained that four years ago the Fond du Lac Reservation submitted and received a grant to help fund a comprehensive

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RTC Offices Closed

White Earth RTC offices throughout the reservation will be closed Friday, June 15 for Treaty Day and will reopen on Monday, June 18 at 8 a.m.

World War II Veterans

There will be a bus trip provided for WW II vets and their spouses to the dedication of Minnesota's World War II Veteran's Memorial in St. Paul on June 9. Expenses will be paid. The bus will leave from the Mahnomen Legion at approximately 6 a.m. Pick-ups will be made in Waubun and Ogemaa if necessary. For additional information, call Mahnomen County Veterans Service Officer, Neil Toso at (218) 935-5062 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - noon. Please leave a message if Neil is not in.

Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic At Callaway

The next blood pressure/blood sugar clinic at Native Harvest in Callaway is Friday, June 8 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Native Harvest Open House

The White Earth Land Recovery Project and Native Harvest will have an open house to celebrate the Callaway Centennial on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will give tours of our new facility (the former Callaway school building) and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

June MICOE Meeting

The June Minnesota Indian Council of Elders meeting will be held at the White Earth ENP site (Congregate Living Facility) on Monday, June 4. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. with meeting following. Andrea Athman Luksik, RN, from White Earth Home Health will be giving a presentation on Emergency Preparedness. For more information please call John Buckanaga, MICOE Chairman at (218) 573-3104 or Carol Fabre, ENP Coordinator at (218) 983-3285 Ext. 1266.

Callaway Centennial/Reunion

The Callaway Centennial and All School Reunion will be held June 15-16. The All School Reunion and Dinner will be on June 15 at 5 p.m. at the Community Center. June 16 events include a craft fair, kiddy parade, pageant, carnival, blow up games, softball tournaments, bean bag, horseshoe tournaments, and food vendors. Native Harvest (old school) will be open for tours. The Firefighter's Street Dance, rain or shine, will be at 9 p.m. Looking for craft vendors and food vendors, please contact city hall at (218) 375-4691.

ALS Board of Directors Meeting

The Anishinabe Legal Services Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. at the ALS office in Cass Lake. Please call Carol at (218) 335-2223 for more information. The public is invited.

Diabetes Bingo

Diabetes Bingo will be held in Rice Lake on June 8, Mahnomen on June 11, and Elbow Lake on June 14. Bingo will begin after the noon elder nutrition meal. Bingo at Mahnomen will begin at 1 p.m. at Valley View Apartments. All are welcome to play.

TERO CONTRACTING	White Earth Band of Ojibwe	Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Ho-Chunk Nation	Stockbridge Munsee	Sisseton-Wahpeton
First preference given to Band members?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preference given to Band members with equal bids?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Percentage preference given to Band members above low bidder?	1.5% To 10%	No	10%	1.5% To 10%	10%	1.5% To 10%	10%
Is Band member contractor allowed to match low bid?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

White Earth Tribal Council answers questions regarding TERO Ordinance

This is the construction season, and many people have questions about White Earth’s Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO).

Individual tribal members who are seeking work on construction projects, and tribal members who are contractors each have preference to work on construction projects on the reservation.

For tribal member-owned contractors, the amount of the preference depends upon the size of the project as measured by the lowest responsible bid. The smaller the project, the higher the percentage above the low bid that is permitted a tribal member owned contractor; and the larger the project, the smaller the percentage above the low bid that is permitted the tribal member- owned contractor. The schedule of percentage preference from the White Earth TERO Ordinance illustrates the range of preference for tribal member-owned contractors.

The White Earth TERO Ordinance previously included a provision which permitted tribal member-owned contractors to

match the low bid, regardless of how high the tribal member’s bid was above the lowest responsible bid. This provision was referred to as a “trump card,” because it permitted a tribal member-owned contractor to match the low bid even if the bid grossly exceeded the low bid.

Because this feature of the TERO Ordinance resulted in a major reduction in bids being submitted on tribal projects, the Tribal Council removed the provision from the TERO Ordinance. Before the Tribal Council amended the TERO Ordinance, it surveyed various other Tribe’s TERO Ordinances, and could not find any other Tribe that permitted a tribal member-owned contractor to match the lowest responsible bid.

The TERO representatives from the other Tribes verified that they did not permit this practice because it greatly diminished the number of competitive bids submitted; and because the practice drove up the cost of tribal projects. A chart showing a comparison of various other

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White Earth Schedule of Percentage Preference	
When the lowest responsive Bid is less then \$100,000	10% preference upward is allowed;
When the lowest responsive bid is:	
At least \$100,000 but less than \$200,000;	9% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000;	8% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$300,000 but less than \$400,000;	7% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$400,000 but less than \$500,000;	6% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1 million;	5% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$1 million but less than \$2 million;	4% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$2 million but less than \$4 million;	3% preference upward is allowed;
At least \$4 million but less than \$7 million;	2% preference upward is allowed;
\$7 million and over;	1 1/2% preference upward is allowed.



Submitted photo

White Earth elders, youth and Natural Resources staff get a tour of the Rainy Rivers First Nation Manitou Forest Product Saw Mill May 18.

WE Nation represented at Rainy River First Nations Lake Sturgeon Release and Fish Fry

White Earth elders, youth, staff of Natural Resources Department and Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor attended the Rainy River First Nations Lake Sturgeon Release and 36th Annual Manitou Fish Fry from May 16-18.

During their visit, people went to the Lake Sturgeon Hatchery, Manitou Forest Product Saw Mill, Kay Nah Chi Wah Nung Historical Centre, tour the Cultural Centre and Burial Mounds site.

The group was welcomed by the community with a welcoming feast and opening remarks from Tribal Chief Jim Leonard II, Joe Hunter – Hatchery Manager and Willy Wilson – Tribal Elder. They then toured the fish hatchery where the Lake Sturgeon are stripped and hatched. More than 13,000 Lake Sturgeon will be coming to White Earth in the fall for stocking in White Earth and Round Lakes.

On the second day, the group participated in a ceremony in releasing Lake Sturgeon Fry back into Rainy River. To the Rainy River First Nation and all Anishinabe people, we believe if we take something out of nature, we must give thanks and put something back.

The group went on tours of the Rainy Rivers First Nation Manitou Forest Product Saw Mill, Kay Nah Chi Wah Nung Historical Centre, the Cultural Centre and Burial Mounds site.

People had a chance to meet actor, Gordon Tootoosis, well known for his role as Albert from the TV series "North of 60." He is acting in the up coming HBO special, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" on May 27. Gordon spoke to area schools and youth of his experience growing up on the reserve, not able to speak his own language "Cree,"



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Gerald "Jeep" Roberts (partially hidden) and White Earth elder John Buckanaga check out a sturgeon during a visit to Rainy River First Nations in Canada.

drug and alcohol abuse, and telling youth to follow their dreams.

The group finished the second day with supper with Gordon Tootoosis, and drumming and dancing at their Round House.

On the final day, the group attended Gordon speaking to the schools and youth.

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1st Time Homeowners

Financing Programs Available

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation is now administering two new programs to help first-time homeowners, who are enrolled members, buy or build a home. If your family income is \$40,920 or less, you may be eligible for one or both of these programs. The first program is an interest-free, deferred payment, sleeping loan of up to \$25,000 called a gap loan. The other program is an interest subsidy program that reduces the interest rate from 4% to 1% over the first 5 years of the loan. Come, take the first step to becoming a homeowner and meet with our friendly staff today!



MCT Finance Corporation

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Cass Lake MN 56633

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Summer Food Service Program

The Pine Point School/Mahnomen Elementary School/Naytahwaush Elementary School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children up to the age of 18 without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at three different sites and time as follows:

Pine Point Public School District #25

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Monday through Friday

Breakfast Snack

9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Lunch

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Mahnomen Elementary School District #432

Mahnomen, MN

Monday through Friday

Breakfast Snack

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Naytahwaush Community Charter School District #4155

Naytahwaush, MN

Monday through Friday

Breakfast Snack

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Lunch

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

June 4, 2007 to June 29, 2007

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White Earth Reservation 139th Annual Celebration and Pow Wow

June 15-17, 2007

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Murphy Thomas Jr. of Red Lake Nation, Ojibwe
Mickey Hodges of White Earth Nation, Ojibwe

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TBA

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Sunday, 1 and 7 pm

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From left: Graduating from the White Earth Tribal and Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree are Pat Moran - Native Studies, Lisa Zornes - Native Studies, Steve Dahlberg (Instructor), and Mary Tenorio Farley - Education.



Members of the Adult Basic Education get ready to receive their diplomas during commencement exercises May 15 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center.



White Earth Tribal and Community College Student of the Year Jessica Goodwin speaks to graduates and those in attendance.



Dr. Robert "Sonny" Peacock, White Earth Tribal and Community College President shakes hands with graduates after the Traveling Song, which was performed by the Little Red Tail Drum Group.

**White Earth Tribal and Community College
Class of 2007**

May 15 - Shooting Star Casino Event Center

Student of the Year
Jessica R. Goodwin

Graduate Student Speaker
Mary Tenorio Farly

WETCC Graduates
Associate of Arts Degree
Patricia Moran - Native Studies,
Mary Tenorio Farely - Education,
Lisa Zornes - Native Studies

MSCTC/WE Carpentry Program
Jeffery Butcher, Keith Clark, Mike
Keezer Jr., Brian Sargent Sr.,
Nathanial Sargent, Joseph
Thompson

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Amanda Alger, Ashley Bailey,
Susie Ballot, Amy Beaulieu,
Tammy Bellanger, Evelyn Boswell,
Sarah Bunker, Shari Burnette,
Alice Clark, Mary Edwards,
Barbara Engdahl, Jessica
Frederick, Michelle Frederick,
Angela Gonzalez, Randi Harluk,
Linda Johnston, Audrey Jones,
Karen Jones, Naomi Jones, Nora
Jones, Connie LaFriniere, Evelyn
Lang, Adrienne Levy, Page
Lhotka, Cheyenne Manypenny,
Sheree Millage, Angela Murray-
Whirlwindsoldier, Roxann

Trujillo, Shashana Raithel, Victoria
Seymour, Sheila Stevens, Natalie
Suleiman, Mary Sullivan, Holly
Thompson, Christin Van Nett,
Denise Vargas, Tammy Wadena,
Heather Williams

**White Earth
Adult Education Graduates**
Latoya Auginaush, Kayla
Bachmeier, Jimmy Ballek, Cindy
Bellanger, Richard Bevins, Amber
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Cheyenne Bunker, Sarah Bunker,
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Coming Together: A Discussion on Reducing Racial Disparity



Tuesday, June 5th, 2007

8:00 am—5:00 pm

Shooting Star Event Center

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When and Where

What

Join the ACLU and White Earth to take part in an in-depth discussion on the racial disparities in the criminal justice system in Northern Minnesota.

The day's schedule includes:

- ◇ A keynote address by Redditt Hudson
- ◇ A video presentation
- ◇ Problem solving dialogue—small discussion groups
- ◇ Action planning for the future

Lunch
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Featuring Keynote Speaker

REDDITT HUDSON

Redditt Hudson is the Racial Justice Manager for the ACLU of Eastern Missouri. He is a former police officer who uses his experience to help advocate for criminal justice reform.

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Who

For Questions and to RSVP please contact:
Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project of Minnesota, ACLU-MN
218-444-2285 - or email gwalters@aclu-mn.org

Application will be made for 2 elimination of bias CLE credits.

Conference Agenda

7:45 am ~ Registration: Coffee/Rolls

8:15 am ~ Opening: White Earth Spiritual Advisor

8:30 am ~ Welcome: Erma J. Vizenor, White Earth Tribal Chairperson

8:45am ~ Welcome/History of ACLU-MN and The Greater MN Racial Justice Project: Mr. Charles Samuelson, Executive Director, ACLU - MN

9 am ~ Keynote: Redditt Hudson, Eastern MO ACLU-MN, Racial Justice Mgr. "How Can You, as Professionals, Address Racial Disparity Within the System," from the perspective of a person that was within.

10 am ~ Questions/Answers

10:15 am ~ Morning Break

10:30 am ~ Video: "This is How We See It" 20 minutes, local Native viewpoints.

10:50 am ~ Formation of Group Discussion

Tables

11 am ~ Group Table Discussions; viewpoints on Racial Disparity within community and professional work.

12:30 pm ~ Lunch

1:30 pm ~ Video: "The Solutions, In Community Eyes" 15 minutes, local Native solutions for the problem of racial disparity.

2 pm ~ Group Table Discussions; solutions for Racial Disparity

3 pm ~ Presentation of Solutions/Ideas

4 pm ~ Closing: Audrey Thayer, Coordinator, GMRJP, ACLU-MN "Where Do We Go From Here and Who Will Do It?"

Questions, and to RSVP, please call Lorna Lague at (218) 983-3285 (White Earth) or Gina Walters at (218) 444-2285 at GMRJP (Bemidji), or email gwalters@aclu-mn.org.

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Honored graduates from left are: Kayla Iverson, Briana Thompson, Chelsey Martine, Jessica Frederick, Briana Goodwin, and Brodie Camp. Not pictured are Brandon Coyle, April Hvezda, Jacob Klostermeier and Isaiah Pemberton.

Bagely Native American banquet a success

The Bagley High School Title VII, JOM, and the Success For the Future programs organized a recognition banquet to honor all Title VII Native American descendant seniors on May 16 in the commons area of the Bagley High School.

There was a great turn out. The Anishinaabe team members and friends, led by Carol Bliss, decorated the Commons Area in traditional Native colors, and made a special candle for each of the graduates. Lou Iverson helped with registration, disseminating needs assessments, and collecting names for door prizes to be awarded that evening.

Janice Goodwin opened the evening with a welcome prayer to bless the graduates and the pot luck meal. The Eagle Spirit drum group sang a Welcome Song. After a

delicious pot luck feast, Tracy Clark had an inspirational message for the seniors. District I Representative Irene Auginaush and White Earth Education Director Joan LaVoy congratulated each senior present and presented them with plaques and certificates. Everyone followed in a circle to shake hands and congratulate each senior as the drum group sang an Honor Song.

Door prizes were donated by the Shooting Star Casino, the Bagley High School, Leech Lake Palace Casino, and the Seven Clans Casino.

Kathy Clark was the emcee for the evening, and everyone had a great time waiting to see if they had won a door prize. The Eagle Spirit Drum Group played a Traveling Song to end this celebration.

District I Representative Irene Auginaush, left, looks on as White Earth Education Director Joan LaVoy hands Bagley High School senior Brodie Camp a plaque and certificate at a recognition banquet that honored all Title VII Native American descendant seniors on May 16 at Bagley High School.



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 25 shall begin on July 3, 2007, and shall close at 4 p.m. on July 17, 2007.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007. At that election, four members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four years each.

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

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D.J. Vanas has used his dynamic programs to build warriors in 48 states and internationally to over 1,700 audiences at organizations such as IBM, NASA and hundreds of tribal communities, governments and schools – and he's ready to deliver his high-energy message to you! A motivated entrepreneur, author and professional speaker, D.J. uses traditional warrior concepts and colorful wisdom found in Native American culture to inspire others to achieve their best. D.J.'s celebrated book *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement* was first self-published in January 2002. Mr. Vanas will speak on "The Power of Vision."



Olga Trujillo, JD is an attorney with 12 years of experience working in the United States Department of Justice. She most recently was the Director of the Special Projects Division of the Office for Victims of Crime. Ms. Trujillo was also the General Counsel of the Office of Justice Programs. In that position, she led the agency implementation of the Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1994, including the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. She has brought and continues to bring her personal experience of growing up in a home filled with violence and sexual abuse to her work. Ms. Trujillo is now a consultant currently working with the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on issues of violence against women and children. Her presentation



Charlie Appelstein, MSW is a nationally prominent youth care specialist and author whose primary focus is on working with children and youth with serious emotional and behavioral problems. President of Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, Mr. Appelstein trains and consults all over the United States as well as internationally, with treatment facilities, foster care programs, parent groups, schools, and detention centers. Passionate, humorous, and informative, Charlie is a highly sought-after speaker and the author of three popular youth care books including *The Gus Chronicles: Reflections from an Abused Kid* and *No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Understanding and Responding to the Challenging Behavior of Troubled Children and Youth*. Mr. Appelstein's keynote is titled, "The Glass Ain't Half Full, Heck it's Overflowing."



Ada Alden, Ed.D., CFLE has coordinated Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs in suburban Minneapolis since 1974. She is currently Director of Family Educational Services for the Eden Prairie School District and is an adjunct professor at both the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University. She holds a master's degree in adult education with a minor in psychology. She is also a Certified Behavior Analyst. She earned her Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota Educational Leadership. Her doctoral research focused on parent-teacher conferences. She is a past President of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations. Ms. Alden will present information from her book *Parenting on Purpose: Red Yellow Green Framework for Respectful Discipline*.



Dr. Louis M. Rossetti is Professor Emeritus of Communicative Disorders at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He is an internationally recognized authority on services to infants, toddlers, and their families; and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences throughout the world. He is the author of five books on infants and toddlers with special needs. He is the author of the *Rossetti Infant-Toddler Language Scale*, the most widely used communication assessment scale for children under three years of age in the world. He is the founding editor of *Infant Toddler Intervention: The Transdisciplinary Journal*, and has been named a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. Rossetti will present his work on family issues and early childhood.

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Big Elbow Lake Fishing Pier



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The Big Elbow Lake community held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their newly constructed fishing pier during Families First Night on May 9. From left are Mary Hansen, Pam Annette, Pat Cobb, White Earth Natural Resources Director Mike Swan, District III Representative Gus Bevins, Secretary-Treasurer Bud Heisler, Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, Carla Soyering and Mary Farley. Hansen, Annette, Cobb, Soyering and Farley are on the Big Elbow Lake Area Community Council.

Alex Kent takes second place in contest

Alex Kent, a 7th grader from Waubun School, was recognized for his work in the 18th edition of Student Originals, a creative contest of The (Fargo) Forum Newspapers in Education Service, which was sponsored by Pepsi Americas and The Forum.

This contest showcased a sample of the talent and creative abilities of youth in the areas of editorial writing, editorial cartoon and advertisement design. The Forum received close to 5,000 entries from schools throughout Fargo, West Fargo and surrounding schools in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Area businesses invested in this project by purchasing advertising space for students to design their ads. Business sponsors looked over the student created entries and chose their ads.

Alex took second place in the advertisement design ad for the Fargo Theatre. He received a certificate, \$20 cash and recently attended a banquet held in honor of the 45 winners at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. His ad appeared in The Forum on April 26.

"I am really proud of my son and he is very excited with his accomplishments," said Alex's mom, Nicole Kent.

The following Waubun-Ogema students received

honorable mention in the advertisement design category: Sarah Lyons, grade 7, and Kelsey Corcoran, grade 7. That is three students from Waubun-Ogema School that either placed or were honorable mention.

They did not get an invite to the banquet, but their ads ran in the The Forum on April 26.



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Alex Kent, a 7th grader from Waubun School, won second place for this ad he designed for a contest sponsored by The (Fargo) Forum.



Class of 2007 - Clockwise from lower left: Andy Auginaush, Rachel Stevens, Janelle Bigbear, Jessical Lopez, William Fasthorse, Harry Kettle III, Johnathan Jackson, Sarah Fox, Stacy Stevens, RJ Auginaush, Alaina Thompson. Not pictured: Andrea Thompson.



Circle of Life School staffer Sue Brekke pins a flower on senior Sarah Fox before graduation begins May 18.



Family, friends, school staff and community members take turns congratulating graduates in the reception line.

Class Colors

Red, Black,
Silver

Class Flower

Red Rose

Class Motto

"In our hands we
hold today; in our
dreams we hold
tomorrow; in our
hearts we hold
forever."



Don Goodwin gives Stacey Stevens a hug after she received her diploma.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Circle of Life School Class of 2007

May 18, 2007 - Circle of Life School

Awards

Andy Auginaush
Raymond Auginaush Jr.
Janelle Bigbear
William Fasthorse
Sarah Fox
Johnathan Jackson
Harry Kettle III
Jessica Lopez
Rachel Stevens
Stacey Stevens
Alaina Thompson
Andrea Thompson

Robert Butcher Memorial - RJ Auginaush Jr.

Rita Burnette Memorial - Stacey Stevens

Arvig Memorial Scholarship - RJ Auginaush Jr.

SoDak Scholarship - Janelle Bigbear and Stacey Stevens

Presidential Education Award: Alaina Thompson

MCT & White Earth Tribal Council Awards - Andy Auginaush, Raymond Auginaush Jr., Janelle Bigbear, William Fasthorse, Sarah Fox, Johnathan Jackson, Harry Kettle III, Jessica Lopez, Rachel Stevens, Stacey Stevens, Alaina Thompson, Andrea Thompson

White Earth Village Parade - May 10



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Briana Thompson

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Andrea Thompson

Park Rapids High School

Cassandra Cloud
Jacqueline French
Derek Goodman
Trenton Greenlee
Winona Long
Jennifer Moran
Jessica Smith
Tyler Thompson

Waubun High School

Tara Bailey
Cory Bellefeuille
Heather Carrabou
Thomas Covington
Shauna Donner
Andrew Frigen
Dusty Hagen
Jana Ingebrigtsen
Allison Kemper
Jennifer Ladd
Chelsey McArthur
George Pederson
Andrew Short
Brittany Tibbetts
Ryan Warren
Sasha Munnell

Bemidji High School

Mitchell Anywaush
Tammi Beaulieu
Melvin Bush
Erica Busse
Luisa Gonzalez-Rivera
Andrea Goodwin
Zach Graham
Shalane Graves
Danielle Greenleaf
Stacie Johnson
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Christopher Michaud
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Shauna Perrault
Jamie Randberg
Derek Smith
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Amy Storey
Zachary Tanner
Abigail Theroux
Pearl Walker
Cynthia White
Timothy White

Mahnomen High School

Kaleb Accobee
Tasha Bellanger
April Bevins
Rachel Brunner
Joe (Levi) Bush
Ruben Espinoza
Jessica Genis
Heather Hanson
Nathan Ihry
James Jurina
Derek LaFriniere
Shauna LaFriniere
Victoria LaFriniere
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Andy Lundon
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Tyson McArthur
Kelsey Pavek
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Travis Roy
Christopher Strong
Matthew Tibbetts
Cody Turner
Curtis VanWert
Holli Zortman

Detroit Lakes High School

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Gabriel Avery
Hannah Bakke
Melyssa Belland
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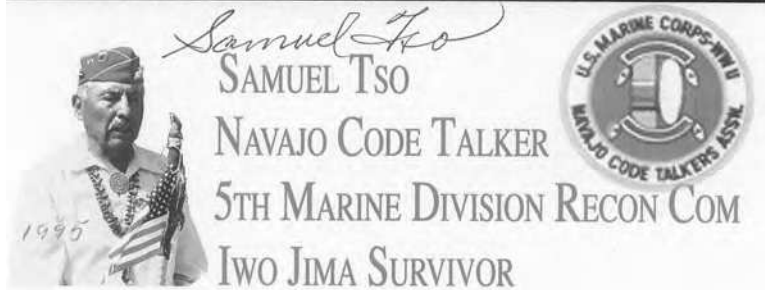
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Mt. Suribachi is Secured

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Bev Johnson, who works at White Earth Dispatch, met three Navajo Code Talkers April 26 in Albuquerque, N.M. Bev accompanied her daughter who was in town for a teacher’s convention. She noticed the three veterans at a table among the craft and display booths and she had a conversation with them. She said one of the many interesting stories was the Japanese trying to figure out the Navajo language. One example was the Navajo phrase “Dibe binaa naadzii,” which means “Mt. Suribachi is secured.” Bev said the Japanese translation was “Sheeps eyes is cured.”

June Food Distribution Calendar

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4	5 Nutrition Demo w/Colleen B.	6 Nutrition Demo w/Colleen B.	7	8 Bagley, RL, Ponsford, NTW, Naytahwaush Home Delivery
11	12 Diabetes Screening w/Cheryl S.	13 Nutrition Demo w/Colleen B. <i>Diabetes Screen w/Cheryl S.</i>	14 Mahnomen Waubun, White Earth Home Delivery	15 Closed for Treaty Day No Distribution
18	19	20	21	22 Detroit Lakes, Congregate Home Delivery No Distribution
25	26	27	28 Inventory No Distribution	29 Inventory No Distribution

June WIC Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	WIC (218) 983-6232 or 1-800-477-0125			1
4 Bagley Elementary School 9:30-3:00	5 Bagley Elementary School 9:30-3:00	6	7 White Earth Health Center 8:00-4:00	8
11	12	13 Pine Point Clinic 9:30-1:00	14 White Earth Health Center 8:00-4:00	15 Closed for Treaty Day
18 Gonvick Community Center 10:00-3:00	19 Bagley Elementary School 9:30-3:00	20 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-1:00	21 Naytahwaush Clinic 9:00-3:00	22
25	26 Mahnomen Riverland Apts 11:00-5:30	27 Mahnomen Riverland Apts 9:00-3:00	28 White Earth Health Center 8:00-4:00	29

June Diabetes Project Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Monte Fox - Coordinator Cheryl St.Claire - Program Nurse Gail Gardner - IHS Nutritionist Phone: (218) 983-3285			1
4	5	6	7	8
	Nutrition Education @ Ranch	Nutrition Education @ Ranch		Diabetes Bingo @ Rice Lake after lunch
11	12	13	14	15
Diabetes Bingo @ Valley View Apartments - 1	BP, BS @ Ranch 10-12, 1-2	Nutrition Ed & BP, BS @ Ranch 10-12, 1-2	Nutrition Ed @ Ranch Diabetes Bingo @ Elbow Lake after lunch	Closed for Treaty Day
18	19	20	21	22
	Wisdom Steps Conference at Hinckley	Wisdom Steps Conference at Hinckley	Wisdom Steps Conference at Hinckley	
25	26	27	28	29
			Dr. Ung @ White Earth	Dr. Ung @ Naytahwaush/ Rice Lake

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first people of this state by letting this pass.” “Wild rice is integrated into our lives,” added Bois Forte Tribal Chairman Kevin Leecy in his testimony. Leecy is also chair of the Indian Affairs Legislative Council. “History has shown that it is hard to contain these things in test plots, Leecy explained, noting, “ supposed improvements in white rice led to (genetic contamination) which cost the white rice industry \$100 million in the southern US.” In turn, the bill was opposed by biotech lobbyists Thomas Kelliher and Phil Griffin, arguing that the state’s soybean and corn crops would be impacted by requiring an environmental impact statement and other precautions for wild rice, recognizing that the majority of these fields are genetically engineered. The University of Minnesota did not oppose the legislation, and a number of senators (Steve Dille, R-Dassel) and others suggested that they would just prefer to just make the use of genetically modified wild rice seed illegal.

The final bill was a merger of several efforts: HF 1662, asked to implement a study of the environmental threats to natural wild rice stands including development pressure, water levels, pollution, invasive species, and genetic strains, the study would have to include recommendations for the state to act to increase natural stands of wild

and future protection. HF 1663, amended state statute to require an environmental impact statement be conducted in advance of open-air tests of GE wild rice and puts the matter under the authority of the Environmental Quality Board. The Environmental Quality Board would also be required to notify the state’s wild rice industry, the Legislature and federally recognized tribes within Minnesota if a permit to release genetically engineered wild rice was issued anywhere in the United States.

These bills were amended to be combined into one bill HF 1663 and SF 2103 and included in Omnibus Bill S2096 H2410. “The decision to drop the two-year moratorium and go with the revised legislation was a gamble but both bills combined protect wild rice,” Allen Richardson, a WELRP intern with the Organizing Apprenticeship Project explained, after his second year of working on the legislation. Richardson is hopeful, noting, “this bill establishes a precedent to protect wild rice I hope it encourages other states such as Wisconsin to consider seeking legislation to protect wild rice.”

The next steps for wild rice are to convene a committee to begin studying the span of threats to wild rice, including lake shore development, habitat decline and genetic engineering. This report is due back in 2008.

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139th Annual White Earth Celebration Princess and Brave Contest June 15-17, 2007

Princess and Brave Request for Application Packet

Request for Application Must be Postmarked by June 15, 2007

1. Participants must pledge to live a drug and alcohol free lifestyle at all times.
2. Participants (male and female) may not have any pregnancies past, present or during the year that the participant holds the title of Princess or Brave.
3. Must be an enrolled member or descendant of White Earth, documentation required.
4. Must live on or within 25 miles of White Earth Reservation, documentation required.
5. Participants must be age 9-12 for the Junior title. Participants must be age 13-17 for the Senior title.
6. Participant cannot hold any other title of royalty while applying or holding the title of White Earth Princess or Brave.
7. White Earth Celebration Princess and Brave title will only be awarded once in a lifetime.
8. Reigning Princess' and Braves' must agree to have their photograph taken and agree to have their picture displayed at the White Earth RTC or other building designated by the White Earth Celebration Committee. Photographs will be taken immediately on site after the titles are awarded.
9. Request for application must be completely filled out.
10. The White Earth Celebration Committee must verify Request for Application Packet information. **Request for Application Packet will be denied if information cannot be verified.**

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School _____ White Earth Enrollment# _____

Descendants parent or grandparent name and enrollment # _____

I, _____ understand and comply with the above stated conditions for application to the White Earth Princess/Brave Title. My Parent/Guardian and I understand and agree to have the above information verified by the White Earth Celebration Committee. This form gives the above named School and the White Earth RTC permission to release and verify information entered on this form.

Participant Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

An application packet will be mailed when the above information is verified. You will not be registered to compete for the Princess/Brave title until the White Earth Celebration Committee receives the completed application. Mail to: P.O. Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591 Attention: Dennis Hisgun.

Horizons Spruce Up Callaway



Submitted photo

Horizons is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Northwest Area Foundation that seeks small communities to assist in raising up local leadership to address the issue of poverty. Sitting Bull College administrates the local area. Meetings are open to all residents of Callaway. This is a recent community activity project done by Horizons participants in Callaway. Pictured from left are: Eric Albrecht, Harold Hagan, Jean Bakka, Ted Winter, Ramona Somdahl, Carol Erickson (Lake Park) and Dolores Struthers.



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- ❖ Breakfast: 8-9 a.m. (Monday through Friday)
- ❖ Lunch: Noon-1 p.m. (Monday through Friday)
- ❖ **Meals Service Dates: June 4, 2007-June 29, 2007**

Persons interested in receiving more information should contact: Circle of Life School, White Earth, MN 56591 Telephone: (218) 983-4180 or 983-3258

The Circle of Life School has participated in the Summer Food Program for 10 years and serves approximately 125 children per meal.

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Agreement from Front Page

already and we're looking forward to enhancing that and working on schedules so that the community is always covered with an available officer."

District I Representative Irene Auginaush said, "Today is very good day - one of my campaign promises when I was elected by the people was public safety. I have to let you know that since Sheriff Erickson came on board there have been more visibility of Clearwater County in our community," said Auginaush. "And I believe that this visibility has held down some crime."

In addition to Clearwater, White Earth has Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreements with Becker and Mahnomen Counties.

The purposes of this agreement

a. Coordinate, define, and regulate the provision of law enforcement services and to provide for mutual aid and cooperation between the reservation and the county relating to enforcement of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and laws of the White Earth Reservation, on that portion of the White Earth Reservation that lies within Clearwater County.

b. Establish a process by which the reservation and the county will work together cooperatively to enhance public safety efforts on the White Earth Reservation.

c. Preserve the parties' respective jurisdiction on the White Earth Reservation so that neither the Reservation nor the County is conceding any claim to jurisdiction by entering into this cooperative agreement.

White Earth Police Department

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Groundbreaking from Front Page

of 25 students for the LPN program, and 20 students for the RN program," Vizenor said. The program is being operated in partnership with Northland Technical College in Thief River Falls.

The \$14.1 million price tag for the new administrative building, however, will be funded through tax-exempt bonds, which will be paid off over a period of 15 years.

"The bonds are sold on the open market," Valiant noted.

Roughly 120 different tribal offices will be housed in the new facility, including human resources, law enforcement, tribal courts, tribal council headquarters, the finance department and "pretty much all of our administrative services," Valiant said.

Previously, the tribe's different governmental departments have been "scattered," with some offices housed in White Earth, others in Mahanomen, and still others in some of the reservation's other small communities, Vizenor noted.

"It will bring all (or most) of our programs together under one roof," Vizenor said. In addition, the building's semi-circular design will leave room for future expansion, in the form of "pods" that can be added to the original structure to eventually "complete the circle."

"The tribe is growing so rapidly ... we have to find a way to accommodate that," she added.

White Earth Health Services (not to be confused with the privately operated White

Earth Health Center), which has also grown, will make use of the present headquarters building for health programming, Vizenor noted.

"They can use all the space," she added.

Valiant noted that while the original concept of a new tribal headquarters was first discussed in 2000, it wasn't until about two years ago that the tribal council began working in earnest to put the funding in place.

The tribal council itself will oversee the project instead of a general contractor; "mostly local" sub-contractors will be hired to complete the various aspects of the project, such as earth work, cement work, carpentry, mechanical and electrical.

"We hope to put some of our own (i.e., native) people to work on this," Valiant added, noting that American Indians would be given hiring priority where feasible.

"It's going to be a beautiful building," Vizenor said, adding that one of the more exciting aspects of the project is that there will be a wind turbine constructed nearby to provide supplemental electrical energy for the state-of-the-art facility, making it "energy efficient, innovative and progressive," she said, addressing the crowd of about 200 or so area residents who came to the site for the groundbreaking.

Hunter-Grobe of Fargo was the Fargo architectural firm that drew up the design and specifications for the construction project. - **Detroit Lakes Newspapers**



Top: District III Representative Gus Bevins welcomes those who attended the groundbreaking for the new \$14.1 tribal government building on May 8. The site is located southwest of the White Earth Health Center. **Left:** Jean Dakota and Mike LaChapelle load up a plate during the community feast held after the ceremony.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Thank You

The family of Marvin "Monk" Kier would like to thank White Earth Maintenance and Naytahwaush Sports Complex for the use of the kitchen, the women who helped in the kitchen - Leah, Dolly, Loris, Eileen, and for all the food donations and cards. Monk will be missed dearly by his family.

Thank you,
The Kier Family

The SOS Committee would like to thank everyone for participating in the Families First Week activities in May. We would also like to thank the Tribal Council for their support during this week and the Community Councils for helping make this such a big success. A special thank you to the White Earth Police Department for the bike rodeo's and give aways, the Natural Resource Department for providing the staff and activities. We would also like to thank FASD Project for providing information at each community. We would also like to acknowledge a few community members for their assistance during this week-Bev Karsten, Sherri Mitchell their help was truly appreciated.

Kimberly Turner
Health Education Program

Student News

Jennifer Doerfler of Mahanomen was a member of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) at Bemidji State University.

Doerfler is a senior majoring in accounting.

VITA is a program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service to provide free basic tax return preparation for eligible taxpayers. Eligible customers are persons with an income under \$35,000 and have basic, uncomplicated returns.

Volunteers are students that have completed tax preparation courses and want to use what they have learned to help others in a process that is sometimes intimidating.

White Earth enrollee Victoria J. Prince will be receiving her masters degree in Education. She will be graduating Suma Cum Laude from St. Mary's University on June 3. Victoria graduated from Bemidji in 2002, with her undergraduate degree in Education. She received a teaching license for K-8 with a math specialty. She also graduated with a 4.0 GPA Suma Cum Laude.

Victoria presently teaches at Madison Elementary School in Blaine, Minn. She is the proud mother of two children, Robbie and Samantha.

Victoria is the daughter of Merlin Sr. and Mary Ann Williams of Coon Rapids, Minn., and the granddaughter of the late Margaret and James Williams of White Earth.



Identity from Page 2

that there was a French mixed-blood, --an English mixed-blood—just lately heard that." The testimony of these Anishinaabeg witnesses show us that the categories of "mixed-blood" and "full-blood" were new and had been introduced by the U.S. government.

Investigators also asked many questions about physical features, especially skin color. Despite their attempts to make skin color a primary factor in deciding if a person was a "mixed-blood," Anishinaabe witnesses frequently noted that skin color varied and was not necessarily indicative an individual's racial ancestry. For example, Bay-bah-daung-ay-yaush did not correlate the darkness of one's skin with a specific degree of blood. He was asked, "Wasn't she light complected? And replied, "Yes, she was light. Some Indians are light, but she was an Indian." In this case Bay-bah-daung-ay-yaush's use of the term Indian was a way of telling the investigators that the two categories of identity were Indian and non-Indian, not "mixed-blood" and "full-blood."

Investigators continued to press the witnesses about the skin color of others but the Anishinaabeg held firm that skin color alone was not a way to establish if a person was a "mixed-blood." For example, when asked if an individual was "pretty white" Mak-ah-day-wub responded that he had "never taken particular notice" Refusing to answer the question was a way to show that Mak-ah-day-wub did not think it was important or appropriate. When asked a similar question Shin-ow-waince testified, "I could not say whether he was lighter than the others because it is so long ago. I cannot recollect. I used to see him swallow bones about that long (indicating) in his incantation for eliminating sickness among other fellow men. Is

this the practice of a mixed blood?" In this case not only could Shin-ow-waince not recall the "lightness" of the person in question he actually turned the question on the investigator. These testimonies establish a pattern of resistance and refusal to accept the racial and biological definitions of "full-blood" and "mixed-blood" that the investigators were pushing.

After his attempt to say he could not remember the skin color of Ke-che-o-dah-num was not accepted by the investigators Ain-due-e-geshig (Andrew Daily) took another route to avoid using the terms the investigators wanted. He was asked, "Was Ke-che-o-dah-num, the second wife of Mah-no-me-ne-kay-zhe, a full-blood Indian?" He answered, "I do not know, because she was an elder person than I am, and even some of her children were older than I was; I could not tell who she was." The investigator pushed him further, "You used to see her?" Ain-due-e-geshig replied, "Yes sir, I did see her. You mean Ke-che-o-dah-num?" The investigator tried again to get him to talk about Ke-che-o-dah-num's skin color, "Yes. Judging from her appearance, what would you say she was?" Ain-due-e-geshig answered, "There are some Indians real dark and some not as the others, but she was a medium shade—she was not very dark. I do not say that she was light or dark." Ain-due-e-geshig refused to use the simple categories of light and dark set forth by the investigators, instead emphasizing the diversity of skin color that existed among the Anishinaabeg.

The next article will go into more detail about how Anishinaabeg at White Earth were thinking about identity by giving more examples from the testimonies taken in the 1910s.

White Earth Tribal College.

The mission statement of the new conservation district, which was distributed at Tuesday's ceremony, states: "There are several reasons we have formed this conservation board. First is we are located within three different counties, which have existing soil and water conservation districts that may or may not be providing the necessary assistance or communication to the tribe on their set priorities."

The new tribal conservation district will not have a different set of priorities for each of the three counties: Rather, its priorities will be the same for all parts of the reservation.

One of its biggest priorities, according to the mission statement, will be "to raise awareness of the natural resources we have, and how to preserve them for generations to come." - **Detroit Lakes Newspapers**

In Memory

In Memory of Isabell Stewart

Aug. 24, 1926 to June 2, 2005

Mother, you've given so much through the years, in so many wonderful ways. You've given such kindness and comfort and cheer, such warmth and encouraging praise. You've given your time and given your love, and mother, in giving all these, you give so many bright moments to others and so many... dear memories. We miss you, mom.

Your kids,
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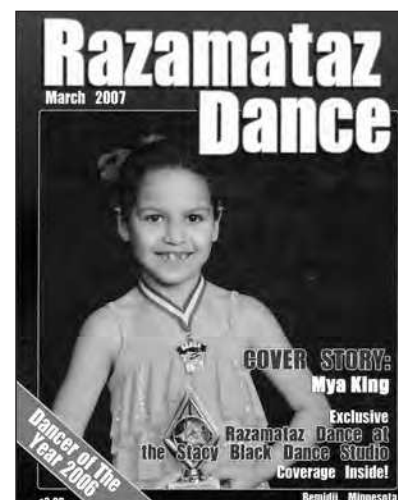
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It's been 12 years since you left us behind. There hasn't been a day gone by that we haven't thought of you. Remember son-we miss your smile and you playing the blues. You will always be in our memories and forever in our hearts. You will always will be missed and loved.

Love Mom (Sandy), Sisters (Carmen, Kim, & Kris)
Nieces, Nephews, & Great-nephew (Kaden)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mya King, an enrolled member of the White Earth Band for being selected as 2006 Razamataz Dancer of the Year for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students from the Razamataz Dance Studio in Bemidji. Mya has performed many choreographed dance routines throughout the year with her Dance team. Some of the places she performed were at Paul Bunyan Mall, Bemidji High School, and Eckles Town Hall all in Bemidji. Mya is finishing up 2nd grade at Lincoln Elementary.



Congratulations Polly and Marsha on earning your Associates of Science Degree in Early Childhood!



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Rey was also enthusiastic about the cellulosic ethanol project, noting that there is a proposal in the 2007 Farm Bill that includes \$2.1 billion in loan guarantees to help develop the commercialized production of ethanol from "mixed cellulosic feed stocks."

"We may someday be back here to cut the ribbon on a new ethanol plant for the tribe," he said.

The new White Earth Tribal Conservation District will have an elected governing board that includes chairwoman Dawn Kier; vice chairman William Bement; secretary/treasurer Leah Prussia, and others: Edward Snetsinger, pesticide coordinator; Curtis Bevins and Everett Goodwin III, agriculture department; Leslie Fain, Anishinaabe Center; Earl and Kathy Hoagland, Sah-Kah-Tay Indigenous Preservation Society; and Stephanie Williams, USDA Extension agent for the

Rings from Page 5

sive cancer prevention program on the reservation. Part of the mission of that program is to build partnerships, one of which was with the Komen for the Cure Foundation. Among those instrumental in arranging for this week's "Komen on the Go" visit to Cloquet were Fond du Lac Health Educator Deb Johnson-Fuller and Outreach Worker Deb Susienka, along with a six-member event planning committee.

"This is an excellent way to reach women and educate them about the risks of breast cancer," said Diver during Tuesday's convocation.

Diver then displayed her personal Susan B. Komen "Promise Ring," designed to represent a wearable reminder of the promise to work toward totally eradicating breast cancer. The rings are distributed in pairs, so each woman can keep one for herself to wear and then give one away to someone else, thereby spreading the "promise."

Diver chose to give hers to Irene Auginaush, a tribal council member from the White Earth Reservation who, along with Joe Moose of the Mille Lacs Band, was a special guest at the event.

"Partnering will lead to great advances in the treatment and prevention of cancer," stated Auginaush. She went on to say cancer

is the leading cause of deaths among Indians in Minnesota, often because it is not detected until it is late in its progression – and by then is often fatal.

"We have to change that fact," she said, "by seeking more funding, getting our people to screenings and adhering to proper exercise and diet."

She went on to talk about the need for "culturally appropriate" programs to educate Indian women about the importance of regular mammograms and physicals, pointing out that many – especially of her mother's and grandmother's generations – are very modest and reluctant to talk to their doctors about "female" issues.

Sam Moose, the commissioner of health and human services for the Mille Lacs Band, thanked Fond du Lac for "bringing this much-needed resource" to the people and stated the hope that Mille Lacs might one day do the same.

Nick Blake of the "Komen on the Go" group told those gathered that since breast cancer knows no limits on age, gender or race, it is important to "stop the silence about breast cancer" and develop not only awareness and education – but also empowerment.

- (Cloquet) Pine Journal

Chairwoman from Page 2

Point on the White Earth Reservation. An awards ceremony also was a part of the evening.

I am a strong proponent for relationships with other tribal nations. Together we can help one another, learn from one another, support one another, strengthen our sovereignty, and share our spirituality and cultural ways of life. Together we will become stronger Nations.

The sturgeon fish swim freely from First Nations waters in Canada to our waters in Minnesota, USA, and vice versa. The fish know no boundaries.

TERO from Page 6

Tribes' TERO Ordinance provisions illustrates how other tribes permit tribal member-owned contractors to have preference on tribal construction projects.

The Tribal Council left fully intact the Indian preference provisions for tribal member-owned contractors, so long as their bids are within the schedule of percentage preference included on the attached schedule. The

Long ago, we the Anishenabe Tribal Nations in USA and Canada were like the fish, going freely back and forth. International borders and boundaries did not separate us. We need to go back to those days, free exchange of our friendship and trading of our resources.

Me-qwitch to Mike Swan, Director of White Earth Department of Natural Resources, and his staff, to Joe Bush, our spiritual elder, our elders, and our youth for taking the three day trip north to celebrate with Rainy River First Nations. I was honored to be with you.

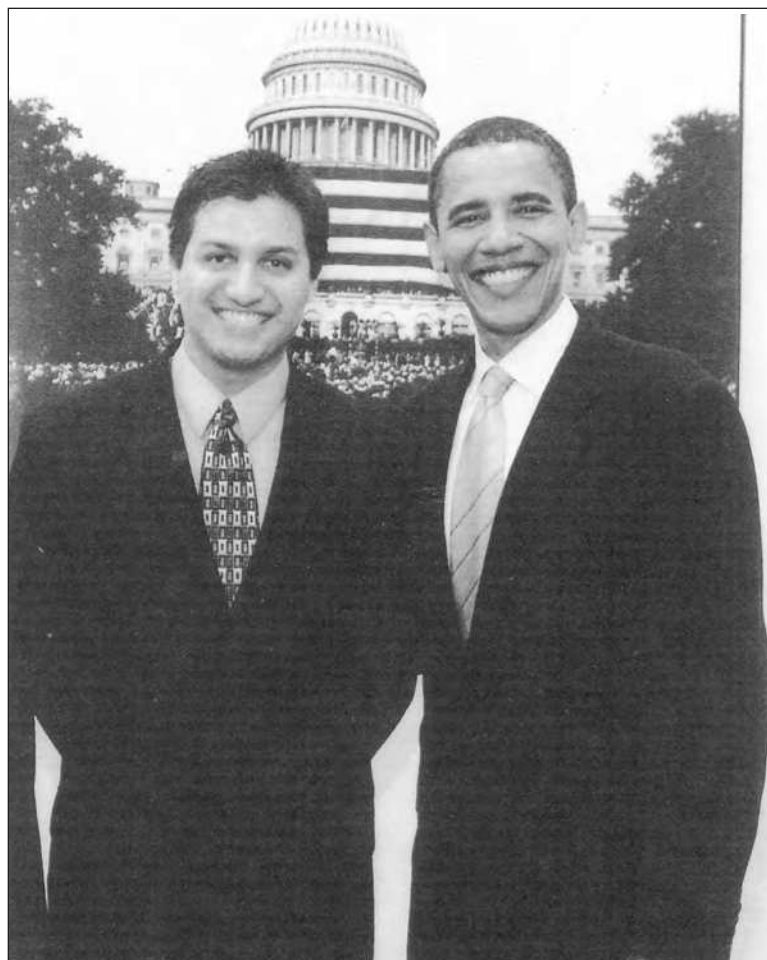
Tribal Council is fully supportive of Indian preference for projects on the reservation for both individuals seeking to work on the projects, and for tribal member-owned contractors.

For more information about the TERO Ordinance call Darrell Winter at (218) 983-4306.

Fish from Page 7

From there, they headed out to the 36th Annual Manitou Fish Fry. Some of the men in our group jumped right in and helped Rainy River prepare with the cooking of 400 pounds of walleye for the feast.

The group also had the chance to get their picture taken with Henry Boucha, former NHL hockey player from the 70s who currently lives and coaches in Warroad, Minn.



Submitted photos

Top: White Earth enrollee John Fetzer is the grandson of John and Donna Buckanaga. **Bottom:** Fetzer met presidential candidate Barack Obama while working as an intern in Washington, D.C.

Fetzer working for Senator Conrad

John W. Fetzer graduated from North Dakota State University on May 11. John received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. He was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and a member of the National Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. From February to June 2005, Fetzer studied Political Science overseas in Maastricht, Netherlands. In summer 2006 he was selected as a Morris Udall Intern and worked in Washington, DC. He had the pleasure of meeting presidential candidate Barack Obama of Illinois.

Fetzer is presently working on the staff of Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota in the Fargo office.

He is a White Earth enrollee, son of Clair and Nita Fetzer of Bemidji, and the grandson of John and Donna Buckanaga of Ice Cracking.

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Love your mom,
Sons Joe and Jake Robbins

Kathleen R. Richey
June 5, 1965 - June 3, 2005

Two years seem so long ago since we have seen your smile, but it still lighten's up all the hearts who miss you all the while.

The Richey Family

In Memory of Harold "Mark" Warren
who passed on May 1, 2001

God looked around His garden and
Found an empty place.
Then He looked down on this earth and
Saw your tired face.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew you never would get well
Upon this earth again.
He put His arms around you and
Lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He takes only the best.

Love you forever friend - Art and Wanda Bevins

In Loving Memory of Wayne Bellanger who
passed away two years ago on May 16, 2005

Wayne, how we miss you - but we know you are in a safe and happy place because of the person you were on this earth.

We remember you because the flowers are blooming now and the summer is starting with those hot and summer fun days. It is your best time of year. Wayne - you always made Art Sr., have a good day by your disagreements, but it was all in fun; he misses you very much.

The most that we will remember you by each day is you will always be near - for you live within our hearts.

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In Loving Memory of Grandma Marciana
"Blinks" Bevins who entered eternal life on
May 22, 2005

Grandma - it's been two years already and how we miss you.

Looking back our memories are filled with images of you cheering and hugging. We always let each other know that things would be alright; and still today our lives were so blessed because of your encouragement, your thoughtfulness that came so naturally.

For all the happy family times your love was such a part of us. We love you grandma - you always will mean the world to us.

Love you - Wanda, Art Sr. & Family

Obituaries

Robert L. "Otis" Hanks

Robert L. "Otis" Hanks, 56, White Earth, died May 12 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo as a result of injuries received from being struck by a car on Hwy 59 near Mahnomen.



Robert L. Hanks, known as "Otis" was born April 19, 1951 in White Earth to Charles and Margaret (Ah-Bedaush) Hanks. He was raised and educated in White Earth and, during his working life, worked for Ojibwe Wood Supply in Waubun, Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen and Congregate Housing in White Earth.

Robert enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going to the casino, fishing, the outdoors, helping out where ever he went. Robert always had a smile on his face, he loved to laugh and joke around with everyone.

Robert is survived by three children: Lori Jackson and Bobbi Faye (Chris) Smith both of Mahnomen, Alyssa Jackson of Elbow Lake Village; six grandchildren: Brittany Jackson of Waubun, Tyler Bloom, Ashley Bloom, Trenton Bloom all of Mahnomen and one on the way; five brothers: Charles "Punkin" of White Earth; Richard "Wayne" (Susan) of White Earth; Julius "Rat" (Melinda) of Waubun; Elvis of White Earth, Leroy of Mahnomen; three sisters: Marge Bellanger of Waubun; Ethel (Robert) Davy of Finley, N.D., Marilyn Teiken of White Earth; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: John, Dallas and Ron; and two sisters: LaVerne and Goldie.

Funeral services were held May 17 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth with Rev. Robert "Dub" Roy, Mother Lisa Smith and Mother Coke Smith officiating.

Interment: St. Columba Cemetery.

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Donovan "Ole" Kier

Donovan "Ole" Kier, 61, of White Earth, died May 12 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo.

Donovan William Kier was born May 26, 1945, in White Earth to John and Margaret (Keezer) Kier. At the age of seven, Donovan moved with his family to the Minneapolis area where he attended school. He later began working in the steel industry. On July 27, 1968, Ole was united in marriage to Beverly Smith in Mahnomen. The couple made their home in Minneapolis and began their family. Ole worked for Gralicks Steel in Minneapolis for the past 12 years. Upon his retirement in April 2007, Ole moved to White Earth where his family had made a home for the past several years.



Ole was an avid Nascar fan and loved to fish. He spent many hours over the past few years commuting from Minneapolis to White Earth to be near his family. He especially treasured his grandchildren and the time he was able to spend with his "little buddy" Marcus.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly of White Earth; two sons: Donovan Jr. (Simona) of White Earth and Kieron (Kathy) of Minneapolis; one step-son, Jeffery of Minneapolis; two daughters: Teresa Littlewolf of Naytahwaush, and Raone Littlewolf of Flandrue, S.D.; three brothers: Wallace (Kim) of Deer River, Minn., Duane (Donna) of Cass Lake, and John of Fairbault, Minn.; and four sisters: Ruth Kier of Mahnomen, Mary Lou Korner of Minneapolis, Delores (Glenn) Peterson of Bagley, and June Tollefson of Moorhead; as well as 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Ole was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held on May 17 at the Circle of Life School in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

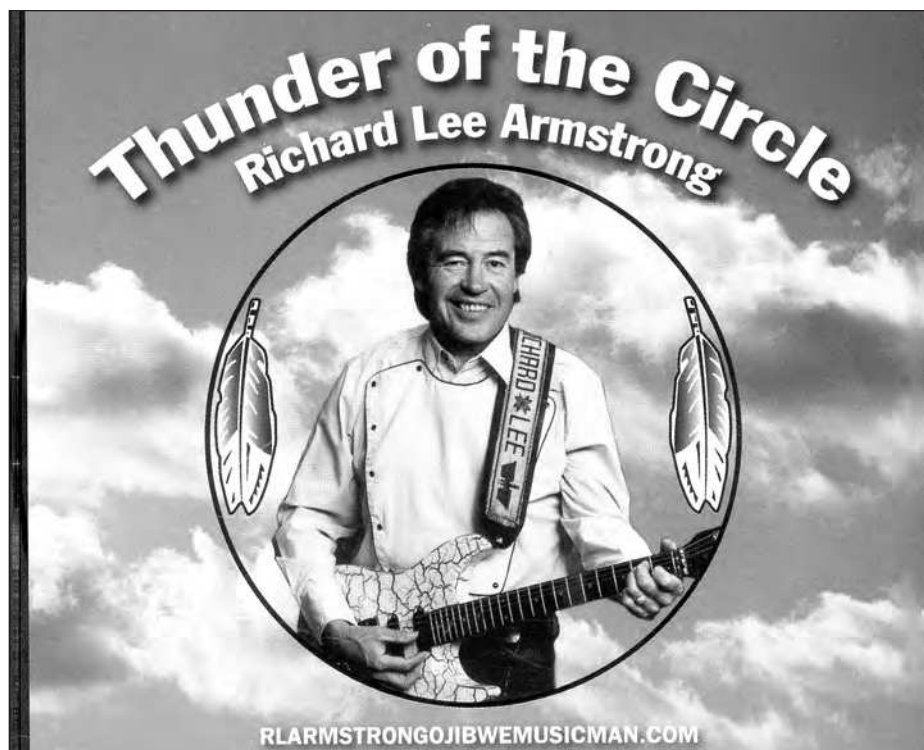


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Armstrong talks with Waubun students

Ojibwe music man Richard Lee Armstrong helped Waubun High School celebrate Native American Awareness Month May 18 by singing songs from his latest CD, *Thunder of the Circle*.

Armstrong is a graduate from Bemidji State University, and is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. In addition to sharing his experiences with music, he spoke about diabetes prevention. At the end of the concert students came down and thanked Armstrong for coming and said that they got a lot out of his presentation.

His crew included, Lacy and Reba Armstrong as backup singers, Wayne Schaumburg as slide show operator, Bridgett Beaulieu at camera, Steve Bellanger as drummer, Andrea Antell at sound system, and Tyra

Schaumburg.

Armstrong would like to thank Waubun Ojibwe Language Instructor Samuel Rock, Waubun High School Principal Helen Kennedy, and Janine Conklin for all of their help.

Thunder of the Circle CD's can be purchased at the gift store in the Shooting Star Casino or through Armstrong's web page at www.rlarmstrongojibwemusicman.com. His phone music site is (218) 694-5105. For a direct order send a money order for \$20 with name and address to Richard Lee Armstrong, P.O. Box 16, Bagley, MN 56621.

Ten percent of all CD sales will go to the American Diabetes Association for prevention and research.

His radio commercials can be heard on KRJM 101.5 FM.

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April 15
Madison Marie Thompson
8 lbs., 14 oz.
Cassie Warren and Mitchell Thompson
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April 18
Kylee Jade Chosa
8 lbs.
LeAnna Chosa
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April 20
Gordy Lee Burkhart Jr.
6 lbs., 5 oz.
Barbara Durant
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April 24
Dominic Michael Heinen
6 lbs., 5 oz.
Crystal and Ryan Heinen
St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes

April 27
Jordan James Flowers
9 lbs., 10 oz.
Indanis Kier and Joe Flowers
St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes

May 3
Lilyan Elizabeth Scofield
8 lbs., 9 oz.
Kristine Harstad and Andrew Scofield
St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes

May 6
Moses Jedi Stone
6 lbs., 6 oz.
Lucille Meyer
St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes

May 12
Julien Louis Brown
8 lbs., 1 oz.
Andrea Clark and Harold Brown
St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Standing from left: District II Rep. Terry Tibbetts, Secretary-Treasurer Bud Heisler, White Earth Spiritual Elder George "Joe Bush" Fairbanks, District III Rep. Gus Bevins, NRCS Tribal Liaison Dustin Jasken, White Earth Natural Resources Director Mike Swan. Sitting from left: White Earth Tribal Conservation District Chairwoman Dawn Kier, White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, and Mark Ray, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment for USDA.

White Earth Reservation becomes first tribal conservation district

In a move that has been more than two years in the making, an agreement was signed May 8 between the White Earth Tribal Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, making White Earth the first tribal conservation district in the state of Minnesota.

"We are very grateful and happy for this day," said Erma J. Vizenor, chairwoman of the White Earth Tribal Council, addressing a small audience gathered at council headquarters for Tuesday's formal signing ceremony.

"This is an important day, to memorialize all the work that's been done," said Mark Rey, undersecretary for natural resources and environment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., who represented the USDA at the ceremony.

The creation of the tribal conservation district will allow the USDA to "more easily provide technical and financial assistance for conservation work by tribal members and other landowners on the reservation," Rey said. Rather than dealing with governmental entities in three different counties, the USDA will now be able to work directly in partnership with the tribal conservation district.

Later, Vizenor noted that the agreement would allow the reservation "greater efficiency and effectiveness in controlling and preserving our natural resources."

Vizenor was particularly excit-

ed about the possibility of building a cellulosic biomass ethanol plant on the reservation.

The White Earth Band of Chippewa was recently allocated \$300,000 under the \$170 million Agriculture and Veterans Omnibus Bill that was signed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on May 4.

The \$300,000 will be used to conduct a feasibility study for a biofuels demonstration facility on the reservation.

According to Vizenor, this facility would be an ethanol production plant that used prairie grasses, forest materials, corn stover, wheat straw, rice chaff and other cellulosic materials previously regarded as waste to produce its ethanol.

The feasibility study is expected to be complete within six months, she added.

"I believe this effort in alternative energy (development) is apart of our philosophy as stewards of the land — to make sure we are not destroying the earth with pollution and excessive use of fossil fuels," she said, noting that such development would have the added benefit of reducing the country's dependency on foreign oil.

"I believe the tribe is on the cutting edge of finding new ways of providing energy," she said — a development that would also create new jobs and revenue to stimulate the region's economy.

See Conservation Page 23

NIGA Chairman Visits Shooting Star Casino



Photo by Jamie N. Miller

The Shooting Star Casino and the White Earth RTC welcomed National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Chairman Ernie Stevens to the casino on May 19. Stevens was in town for a basketball tournament held at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. Pictured from left are Shooting Star Casino Director of Gaming Jack Fabre, District II Representative Terry Tibbetts, District I Representative Irene Auginaush, NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, Shooting Star Casino Human Resources Director Diane Osceola, Shooting Star Casino Director of Non-Gaming Greg Pavak, and Shooting Star Casino Marketing Director LeAnn Persons.



COLS Pow-Wow

The Circle of Life School held their annual Pow-Wow May 11. **Top:** Students gather around a drum. **Left:** About 30 students dressed in regalia.

Photos by Gary W. Padrta