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Top: The Naytahwaush Community Charter School students, staff and community members walked from their temporary school next to the Sports Complex to the Naytahwaush Elementary School on May 5. **Bottom:** Charter School students sing a song in the school gym during a community feast.

Charter School gets new home

The Naytahwaush Elementary School sat vacant for 2005-2006 school year, but that will change when students and staff from the Naytahwaush Community Charter School move in this fall thanks to a deal reached by the White Earth Tribal Council and the Mahnomen School Board.

The tribe, which owns the building, will pay the Mahnomen School Board \$225,000 for all the equipment inside and outside the building. The tribe will pay \$50,000 per year until the balance is paid off. The Charter School will pay the tribe to lease the building.

The Mahnomen School Board

and the tribe officially signed the paperwork during a community feast held on May 5 at the Naytahwaush Elementary School.

"I am so happy today for the students, parents, faculty, staff and the community of Naytahwaush. This school truly belongs to you," said White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor during the festivities.

Mahnomen School Board member Jon McArthur officially presented White Earth Secretary-Treasurer Bud Heisler the keys to the school, Heisler then presented the keys to Joan LaVoy, the Chairwoman of the Naytahwaush Community Charter School Board.

Vizenor: Trust status is mandatory

Mahnomen County and the state of Minnesota are fighting an effort by the White Earth Band of Chippewa to remove the Shooting Star Casino from tax rolls.

The move has strained relations between the tribe and the county, which stands to lose \$450,000 a year in revenue if the casino's federal trust status wins final OK.

The U.S. Department of the Interior recently gave preliminary approval to the idea, but the county and state have filed appeals.

If trust status is finalized, the federal government would hold title to the casino on behalf of the tribe, rendering the casino tax exempt.

In its appeal, the county argues the tribe's application for trust status is flawed because at the time it was filed the casino's Stardust Suites

hotel property was owned by a private party.

Tribal Chairwoman Erma Vizenor could not hide her indignation when talking about the county's actions.

"It doesn't help our relationship," said Vizenor, who said the tribe has paid more than \$9 million in taxes on the casino since it opened in the early 1990s.

"We have overpaid our share for 12 years and never been given one tax break from anyone," she said.

Vizenor said the casino property qualifies for trust status because it was purchased with money the White Earth Band received as compensation for land taken from the tribe illegally.

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Welcome to the WETCC



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

A community picnic was held at the White Earth Tribal and Community College on May 8, during an Evaluation Site Team visit by members of the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Schools. WETCC Library Tech Claudia Seymour talks with Dr. Jerry Alexander who headed the Commission. Looking on is WETCC President Sonny Peacock.

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Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor

To all graduates, I give my heartfelt congratulations to you. I am proud of you and your accomplishments. My wish and prayer for you are in the words of this song.

Forever Young
Sung by Rod Stewart

May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam
And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home
And may you grow to be proud, dignified, and true
And do unto others as you'd have done unto you
Be courageous and be brave
And in my heart you'll always stay
Forever young, forever young.

May good fortune be with you
May your guiding light be strong
Build a stairway to heaven with the prince of Father's throne
And may you never love in vain
And in my heart you will remain
Forever young, forever young.

And when you finally fly away
I'd be hoping that I'd served you well
For all the wisdom of a lifetime
No one can ever tell
But whatever road you choose
I'm right behind you win or lose
Forever young, forever young.

The White Earth
Election Board,

located behind the Laundromat in Mahnomen, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **They have announced** they will also be open Saturday, May 27, June 3, 10 and Sunday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to noon for eligible members who want to vote via absentee ballot. For more information call (218) 936-5622.

Attention White Earth Health Center patients

This article is to inform you of a recent procedural change at the White Earth Health Center Pharmacy.

In order to serve you better, we are asking patients to stop by Pharmacy Registration after seeing your provider to let the pharmacy know that you are waiting for you medicine that day (or pick up the next day). When we know that you are waiting, we will be looking for your order and will fill it as quickly as possible.

You may decide that you want to pick up your medicine at a later date. If so, you may request the orders via our refill line at (218)

983-6380. Your medicine will then be ready the next business day if called in before noon, or in two business days if called in after noon. Your medicine will be kept on the shelf for one week after we fill it.

These changes are being made in attempt to decrease the pharmacy waiting times by concentrating on the orders of people that we know are waiting. Thank you for your help in this matter. As always, it is a pleasure to serve you.

Very respectfully,
White Earth Health Center Pharmacy

Bingaman/Smith bill would give Indian
Country access to anti-meth grants

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman recently introduced a measure aimed at giving Native Americans communities access to federal funds that would step up law enforcement related to methamphetamines and to assist children whose lives have been touched by meth. Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR) is the lead Republican cosponsor.

The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 was recently signed into law, but tribes and pueblos were unintentionally left out as eligible applicants under two Department of Justice initiatives it created: the COPS Hot Spots program and the Drug-Endangered Children program.

"Meth use has had a devastating impact in communities throughout the country, and Indian Country is no exception. Last month I was disheartened to read about a Navajo grandmother, her daughter, and granddaughter, who were all arrested for selling meth. We must correct the law to ensure that Indian Country has access to all the tools needed to fight this terrible problem," Bingaman said.

"Methamphetamine is a plague to Indian country," Smith said. "Tribes should have access to the same federal resources state and local governments utilize to create treatment and prevention programs that help

combat the spread of methamphetamine."

The Native American Meth Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2006 would ensure tribes are eligible for the following grant initiatives in the Combat Meth Act:

Hot Spots Grant Program: \$99 million in funding for the COPS Hot Spots Grant Program, which helps local law enforcement agencies obtain the tools they need reduce the production, distribution, and use of meth. Funding may also be used to clean up meth labs, support health and environmental agencies, and to purchase equipment and support systems.

Drug-Endangered Children Grant Program: \$20 million in funding for a Drug-Endangered Children Grant Program to provide comprehensive services to assist children who live in a home in which meth has been used, manufactured, or sold. Under this program, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, child protective services, social services, and health care services, work together to ensure that these children get the help they need.

The Native American Meth Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2006 has the following cosponsors in the Senate: Russ Feingold, Patty Murray, Ken Salazar, Tim Johnson, Max Baucus, Daniel Inouye and Maria Cantwell.

Future Issues

Deadline	Issue Date
May 31	June 7
June 21	June 28
July 12	July 19
Aug. 2	Aug. 9
Aug. 23	Aug. 30

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Northland College, WETCC to offer Native American Nursing Program

Northland Community and Technical College and White Earth Tribal and Community College recently announced their plans to offer a Nursing Education program. The program is being made possible through a \$98,000 matching grant from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Underrepresented Students Transitions Grant Program.

Northland College has a 20-year history of providing its Registered Nursing education program to the Northwest region of Minnesota. The percentage of Native American students enrolled in this program is extremely low. The RN Program will be directed toward Native American high school students and adult learners who desire to pursue nursing as a career. "Northland College's current Native American enrollment in the nursing program is only 2 percent," said Gene Klinke, director of enrollment management. "Our goal is to increase that number to 10 students per year through a comprehensive recruitment and retention program that incorporates culturally specific curriculum and intrusive advising activities," said Klinke. Northland College will partner with White Earth Tribal and Community College in this phase of the project implementation.

The program will address the needs of registered nurses in medical facilities on the White Earth Reservation and more specifically, the need for trained Native American nurses to serve the needs of the reservation population. The program aligns with data addressing a nationwide nursing shortage. The Bureau of Health Professions estimates that the supply of nurses will fall 29 percent below requirements by the year 2020, unless

dramatic interventions and significant investments are developed and implemented. The study also reports on factors that affect the nursing shortage in rural communities, including differences in education, practice setting, and population served.

According to Klinke, learning approaches will focus on simulations, case studies, and active learning. (The learning approaches will be developed by the faculty at NCTC in cooperation with MSCTC-DL.)

In an effort to promote awareness of the RN Program, activities are planned that will focus on youth and adult learners both during the summer months and the academic school year. This summer there will be two, two-week, Certified Nursing Assistant Camps offered to those interested at White Earth Tribal and Community College. Those camps will be held June 12-23 and July 31-Aug. 11. The camp's purpose is to train students as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) which is necessary for LPN and RN careers.

Program Coordinator, Lois (Petey) Olson, will work with existing employees from Northland College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, and the Northland Nursing department. The coordinator will serve as an advisor to the students and will assist with the academic concerns, financial worries, and connections to the colleges,

For more information on the Nursing Education Program, contact Gene Klinke, director of enrollment management, at (218) 681-0866 or Lois Olson or Emma King, WETCC retention coordinator at (218) 936-5731. Applications are currently being taken for the Certified Nursing Assistant camps and for the nursing programs.

Rice Lake Memorial Pow-Wow And Walk

(May 28-29, 2006)

Sunday, May 28

Grand Entry 7 p.m.
Evening Potluck

Monday, May 29

Memorial Walk 9 a.m.
Feast 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Grand Entries 1 & 7 p.m.
Evening Snack Lunches



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Canoe Drawing

There will be a public drawing for six canoes on June 8 at noon at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center.

Rules and Eligibility

- ☐ One entry per person.
- ☐ Enrolled White Earth Tribal members only.
- ☐ 18 years of age or older.
- ☐ Must be present to win.
- ☐ **Must have new style Tribal ID** to claim prize.
- ☐ *Anishinaabeg Today* entry forms (facsimiles will be accepted, send to 218-573-3009).
- ☐ **All entries mailed must be post marked no later than June 2, 2006.** Mail entry form to the White Earth Natural Resources Office, 41044 South Ice Cracking Road, Ponsford, MN 56575.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

- ▶ Age of entrants and WE enrollment will be verified.
- ▶ Double entries and entries that are illegible and/or incomplete will be discarded.

Entry Form Information

Send to White Earth Natural Resources Office, 41044 South Ice Cracking Road, Ponsford, MN 56575

Entry form must include:

Entrants Full Name (Last, First, Middle int.)

Entrants Full Tribal Enrollment number (408 X 0000000)

Entrants Date of Birth (mm-dd-yy)

Sponsored by the Shooting Star Casino, White Earth Reservation Tribal Council and White Earth Natural Resources Department

'First Class' Act

White Earth enrollee Karen Mortenson retired as the Postmaster at the Ogema Post Office on April 28. Her career began in the 1960s when she served in numerous postal positions throughout the area. On Sept. 18, 1993, she became Postmaster in Ogema.

Photo by
Gary W. Padrta



Pembina Chippewa Notice of Intent to Repatriate

The National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution plans to repatriate the following to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians.

The skeletal remains of six Chippewa individuals from North Dakota. Three individuals from near Walhalla, N.D., were killed in a skirmish between the Chippewa and Sioux in 1858. Their remains were exhumed in 1874 by U.S. Army Assistant Surgeon Ezra Woodruff and sent to the Army Medical Museum in Washington, D.C. They were subsequently transferred to the National Museum of Natural History in 1898. Historic records indicate two of the individuals were named "Shoggan" and "Mule." Historic records show that both men were members of the Pembina Band of Chippewa and Mule was a son of the Pembina chief Red Bear. No lineal descendents of Mule or Shoggan have been identified.

The skeletal remains of one individual were removed from an unknown site near Fort Pembina, N.D., and sent to the Army Medical Museum by Ezra Woodruff in 1874. They were later transferred to the National Museum of Natural History in 1898. Historic records indicate that these are the remains of "a daughter of Yellow Hawk a chief of the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians." No lineal descendents of this individual have been identified.

The skeletal remains of two individuals were removed from an unknown site near Fort Abercrombe, in southeastern North Dakota, and were sent to the Army Medical Museum by Curtis E. Munn in 1872. They were transferred to the National Museum of Natural History in 1898. Museum records identify these remains as Chippewa individuals.

After consultation with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, and a review of the available evidence, the remains have been found by a preponderance of the evidence to be culturally affiliated to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians. The remains of these six individuals will be repatriated to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, and the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians.

For further information, please contact Eric Hollinger before June 2, 2006 at (202) 633-0872, Repatriation Office, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, NMNH MRC 138, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012.

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council addresses election related offenses

White Earth Band of Ojibwe Election Related Offenses

Section 1 – Prohibited Conduct

It shall be unlawful for Election Officials, Candidates or Voters to engage in any of the following conduct with respect to any tribal election:

1. Election Officials - Any member of the General Reservation Election Board who willfully commits any of the following acts, with the intent to commit such act, is guilty of a Class 1 Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced as provided in Section 2. Any member of any Precinct Election Board who willfully commits any of the following acts, with the intent to commit such act, is guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced as provided in Section 2.

- a. Offers or accepts a bribe;
- b. Threatens or intimidates any voter, candidate or other election official;
- c. Falsely swears to any affidavit or other official statement;
- d. Furnishes a voter with a ballot other than the proper ballot;
- e. Causes a voter to cast a vote contrary to the voter's intention;
- f. Changes any ballot, or in any way causes any vote to be recorded contrary to the intent of the person casting the vote; or
- g. Makes or consents to make any false entry on the list of voters;
- h. Places or permits to be placed into a ballot box anything other than an official ballot;
- i. Takes out of a ballot box, or permits to be taken out, any ballot deposited into a ballot box;
- j. Destroys or alters any ballot which has been given by a voter;
- k. Permits any person to vote in a manner prohibited by law;
- l. Refuses or rejects the vote of any eligible voter; or
- m. Wrongfully performs any act, or refuses to perform any act to which he or she was required to perform.
- n. Discloses any confidential information pertaining to voters or which compromises the election process.
- o. Engages in any fraudulent conduct in the course of performing official duties that is not specifically itemized above.

2. Candidates - Any Candidate for elective office who willfully commits any of the following acts, with the intent to commit such act, is guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced as provided in Section 2:

- a. Offers or accepts a bribe;
- b. Threatens or intimidates any voter, election official or other candidate;
- c. Interferes with or hinders any voter in approaching a polling place, marking a ballot or interferes with the secrecy of a voter's ballot;
- d. Interferes with or hinders any election official in the performance of his or her duties;
- e. Offers or promises a position of employment if a person supports his or her candidacy; or
- f. Falsely swears to any affidavit.
- g. Engages in any fraudulent conduct in the course of the election process that is not specifically itemized above.

3. Voters - Any Voter who willfully commits any of the following acts, with the intent to commit such act, is guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced as provided in Section 2;

- a. Offers or accepts a bribe;
- b. Votes more than once in any tribal election; or
- c. Votes in any tribal election, when he or she is not eligible to vote in such election.
- d. Engages in any fraudulent conduct in the course of the election process that is not specifically itemized above.

Section 2 – Penalties

Whoever is convicted of committing any of the foregoing offenses shall be sentenced as follows:

a) Class 1 Misdemeanor: a person who is found guilty or who pleads guilty to a violation classified as a Class 1 Misdemeanor, shall be sentenced to no more than one year in jail, and/or a fine in the amount of \$5,000. The actual sentence will be proportionate to the severity of the offense as determined by the finder of fact.

b) Class 2 Misdemeanor: a person who is found guilty or who pleads guilty to a violation of this Ordinance where such violation is classified as a Class 2 Misdemeanor, shall be sentenced to no more than 90 days in jail, and/or a fine in the amount of \$1,000. The actual sentence will be proportionate to the severity of the offense as determined by the finder of fact.

If you have questions concerning the election, contact the White Earth Election Board at (218) 936-5622 or toll free phone at 1-866-211-9154.

Meeting Al Franken



Submitted photo

White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor and White Earth Tribal Judge Anita Fineday discuss politics with television personality Al Franken during the 7th District DFL Convention April 22 in Bemidji.

Rez Briefs

RTC Offices Closed

The White Earth RTC offices throughout the reservation will be closed on May 29 for Memorial Day and will reopen on May 30 at 8 a.m.

White Earth Health Center Open House

The White Earth Health Center invites you to an open house on June 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come tour the clinic, enjoy the fine artwork, and share refreshments. The open house is sponsored by the Health Center's Customer Service Team.

Congregates Sponsors White Elephant Sale

There will be a White Elephant Sale on Friday, May 19 from 3 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 starting at 9 a.m. Congregate Housing. They will be selling crafts, bake goods and lots of miscellaneous items; there will be something for everyone.

Diabetes Bingo

Diabetes Bingo will be held at White Earth on May 23, Rice Lake on June 2, Elbow Lake on June 5, and Mahnomen on June 12. Bingo will begin after the noon elder nutrition meal. Bingo at Mahnomen will begin at 1 p.m. at the Valley View Apartments. All are welcome.

Randy Travis Booked at Shooting Star Casino

Country sensation Randy Travis will perform two shows on June 3 at 7 and 9 p.m. at Shooting Star Casino. Tickets: Star \$38, Select \$28, Reserved \$18 and General \$12 are available at the casino or by calling 1-800-313-7469.

Elders Sponsors Bake Sale

The Minnesota Indian Council of Elders will hold a bake sale on Friday, May 26 at the RTC in White Earth starting at 9 a.m. This is a fund raiser to help with expenses for the national conference.

Next MICOR Meeting Travels to Pine Point

The Minnesota Indian Council of Elders (MICOE) will meet on June 5 at the ENP site in Pine Point. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. with the meeting following. Those members planning on attending the NICOA National Conference in September are requested to send your completed registration form along with a copy of your tribal ID to Carol Fabre by May 31. The mailing address is RTC, P.O. Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591.

WETCC Offering New Summer Course

White Earth Tribal and Community College will be offering their Field Biology of Plants course this summer. This is a 4-credit course focused on identifying and using the native plants of this region. There will be three instructors, each with different areas of interest and expertise. Date: Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Starting June 6 - Aug. 8.

Cancer Survivors

More people than ever are surviving cancer thanks in part to the dedicated volunteers who take part in the overnight Relay for Life rallies across the country. If you are a cancer survivor, you are invited to participate in the 10th annual Mahnomen County Relay for Life June 9 at the Mahnomen public school. Survivors will be honored with a supper at 5:15 p.m., a guest speaker at 6:30, and the survivor celebration walk at 7. Call (218) 473-2222 to register for this event.

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Tribal chairs focus on issues during forum

Sovereignty was a key issue brought up by all three tribal chairs who served on the panel of the Forum on Tribal Issues April 27 at Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center.

The event was part of American Indian Week at BSU and the setting incorporated the annual Ojibwe Art Expo, which was held through May 4.

On the panel were White Earth Tribal Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor, Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr. and Bois Forte Tribal Chairman Kevin Leecy. The panel was moderated by Anita Fineday, chief judge for the White Earth Band of Ojibwe and associate judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

"Without sovereignty we cease to exist as Indian people," Jourdain said. "National administration and state administration are direct threats to sovereignty."

The Red Lake Nation keeps a close eye on what happens with other tribes, he said. "All of us are in the same boat together as tribal nations."

Jourdain proudly held up a Red Lake Nation license plate during his time at the podium.

"We were the first Indian tribe in the country to have their own license plates," he said. "We use our sovereign power to get our own license plates. ... As a result of that, all Indian tribes in the country can have their own license plates."

On March 21, 2005, the day of the Red Lake shooting, "We had a horrible, horrible tragedy on our reservation," Jourdain said.

After the shooting, media entered the reservation in droves and the tribe laid down specific guidelines and restrictions for members of the media.

"We exercised our own sovereign power," Jourdain said. "We got together a strategy. All these people would not infringe on the rights of our tribal people."

Sovereignty inherent

Leecy, who was recently elected vice president of the National Indian Gaming Association, pointed to sovereignty as the reason reservations have Indian gaming.

"Sovereignty is not something new that anyone gave us or can give us," he said. "It is inherent."

Revenues from Fortune Bay Resort Casino have helped the Bois Forte Reservation tremendously, he said, pointing to improvement in housing, health care and infrastructure. "I could go on and on about the tremendous differences gaming has made."

But gaming has benefits for people other than American Indians, he said.

Fortune Bay has about 500 employees, 70 percent of whom are non-Indian, and an annual payroll of \$8.5 million. It makes contributions to dozens of charitable organiza-

tions such as the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes.

The Minnesota Indian Gaming Association has found that Indian gaming created 13,000 jobs in the state, 80 percent of them held by non-Indians, and brings in millions of dollars in tourism, Leecy said.

But Indian affairs still have a long way to go, he said. "Our unemployment rate is still 30 percent. It's a lot better than before Indian gaming, but it's still high."

Elder care, diabetes, early deaths and a lack of students entering college are among other issues that need to be addressed, he said.

"It takes a long time to fix problems caused by poverty, isolation and hopelessness. You can't mend that damage overnight, but you can make a start."

Land trust issue

Vizenor noted that she received a letter Thursday from Gov. Tim Pawlenty stating that the state is challenging the federal government's approval of trust status of the land on which the Shooting Star Casino sits in Mahanomen, a decision that placed the land under tribal jurisdiction.

"We are sovereign nations," Vizenor said. "It's written right into the American constitution. We can't be sitting listening to state staff and state commissioners. ... We are under a process of change with the state of Minnesota. Our hunting and fishing rights, our rights to govern ourselves, our lands – that's what we have to protect. I should not have to read about the state appealing our land going into trust status."

American Indians tribes have an array of issues: "Wide, far, deep and high," Vizenor said. "We must never forget our past. The spirits of our ancestors are here with us. They have prayed for the day when our people are free, healthy and strong. Those are the things I work for."

After the tribal chairs spoke, Fineday read written questions from audience members.

The chairs discussed the proposed state casino, which is favored by Vizenor but opposed by Jourdain and Leecy. All three said they respected the opinions of those who disagree.

Leecy says Pawlenty is using a "divide and conquer" tactic to overcome opposition.

Jourdain said states have historically held their own interests above the interests of the tribes. "We had to protect our own interests," he said. "We elected not to go forward."

"We knew that the state would benefit, but we knew we would benefit," Vizenor said. "That's how partnerships work."

Other topics discussed were gang and drug activity, tribal enrollment, tribal banishment, Ojibwe language retention and federal budget cuts. - **Bemidji Pioneer**

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Tribal members Only

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ELBOW LAKE - April 28 & 29

(to include Hwy 113)

RICE LAKE - May 5 & 6

(to include Mahnomen, Pine Bend, Ebro, Roy Lake, South End)

NAYTAHWAUSH - May 12 & 13

(to include County Rd 4 from Hwy 113 to Hwy 200, Perch Lake)

PINE POINT - MAY 19 & 20

WHITE EARTH - June 2 & 3

(to include Callaway, Ogema, and Strawberry Lake)

Disposal sites will be located at the Solid Waste Transfer Stations located in each village. Waste will be accepted from tribal members between the hours of:

Friday - 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Acceptable Waste:

Demolition waste
White goods
(stove, refrigerators, etc.)
Metal
Tires
Batteries

Not Acceptable:

Household garbage
Pesticide containers
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If you are an elder in need of assistance, please contact your community council and they will forward a list to White Earth Housing Authority for pick up.

Economic Development



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

White Earth Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor talks with William H. Largent (Ojibwe), National Director for Office of Native American Programs, U.S. Small Business Administration, at the *Accessing Capital for Economic Development: Lending Opportunities in Indian Country Conference* May 1-3 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. Organized by the American Indian Economic Fund, the purpose of the conference was to promote increased financing of American Indian businesses and economic development, on and off reservations.

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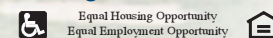
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Participants, volunteers needed for 5K Run/Walk

White Earth Pow Wow Diabetes Project 5K Walk/Run will be held June 10. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the east parking lot of the RTC Building. The 5K Run/Walk will be begin at 9 a.m. sharp! It was a fun event last year and all went away with something to take home. We are having medals and trophies again this year for the top 10 places in all age groups. We have

T-shirts and incentives for all participants. Plan on coming to join us!

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White Earth Head Start offering ECFE Fun Week during summer

The White Earth Head Start will be offering two fun weeks with children who will enter Head Start for the first time. The children will need to be age 3 before Sept. 1, 2006.

The children will be doing some fun math, science and art activities that are developmentally appropriate for their age.

Waubun, Elbow Lake, Naytahwaush and Rice Lake will be included if there are enough participants. Children from other communities are welcome so please send in the following form.

White Earth/Waubun: June 5 – 8 and June 12 – 15

Naytahwaush: June 19 – 22 and June 26 - June 29

Rice Lake: July 10 – 13 and July 17 – 20

Elbow Lake: July 24 – 28 and July 31 – Aug. 3

Please fill out the following form and return to the White Earth Head Start Program by May 28. Any questions please contact Carolyn Williams at 983-3285 Ext. 1418.

I am interested in sending my child to: (Please circle one)

Naytahwaush White Earth Rice Lake Elbow Lake

Name of child and birth date:_____

Parent/guardian:_____

Name & address:_____

Phone number:_____

2006 ELECTION CALENDAR

- June 13: General Election
- June 14: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election
- June 15: General Reservation Election Board publishes election results
- June 16: Deadline for Request for Recount
- June 20 (5 p.m.): Deadline for Notice of Contest
- June 21: Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
- June 30: Decision on Contest
- July 3: Deadline for appeal to Tribal Court of Election Appeals.
- July 6: Record of contest forwarded to Tribal Court of Election Appeals
- July 10: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
- July 18: Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Tribal Court of Election Appeals
- Ten days from
Hearing on Appeal: Deadline for decision of the Tribal Court of Elections Appeal.
- Day following
Decision of Appeal: Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office

138th Annual White Earth Celebration Princess and Brave Contest June 9-11, 2006

**Princess and Brave
Request for Application Packet**

Request for Application Must be Postmarked by May 27, 2006

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.**

Please Print Clearly

Name_____Birth Date_____

Address_____Phone #_____
Street/P.O. Box City Zip Code

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: Stephanie Williams.

WE member Henry Flocken selected as 2006 Bush Leadership Fellow

White Earth member Henry J. Flocken of Cass Lake and Lynda Sue A. Lawson of Duluth were named Bush Leadership Fellows in April. They were among 21 individuals from Minnesota, North and South



Dakota and Wisconsin chosen to receive fellowships.

The fellowships support full-time study in academic or self-designed educational programs. The Bush Foundation's goal is to help individuals at mid-career prepare for greater leadership responsibilities and enhanced contributions to their communities.

As former principal of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (a K-12 school in Cass Lake), Flocken believes it's important to develop visionary Native leadership programs steeped in language and culture for tomorrow's civic and spiritual leaders. In order to influence Indian education in this direction, he will pursue a doctorate in education at the University of Minnesota and obtain his superintendent licensure. Currently, Flocken is adjunct faculty for Indian studies

at Bemidji State University.

"The land is the lifeblood of its people and we are all caretakers of the land." As the rural planning director for the Center for Rural Planning, Lawson leads communities through participatory, democratic processes to resolve land-use conflicts and to build their capacity to make decisions in their best interests. She plans a self-directed study program aimed at studying and strengthening her skills in alternative community dispute resolution.

The 21 fellowships awarded for 2006 will support study in a wide range of fields, including immigration policy, history and law; Native American language preservation; public affairs; education; dispute resolution; social justice ministry; "smart" home technology for dementia patients; social work and organizational leadership. These fellows include arts and nonprofits administrators, K-12 and college educators, public employees and a corporate vice president.

The Bush Foundation also provides fellowships to artists and physicians and makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and the Dakotas that work in the areas of arts and humanities, ecological health, education, and health and human services.

Congratulations to the Class of 2006

Graduation for the Class of 2006 will be held on Friday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Circle of Life School Gym.

(A feast will follow the ceremonies)

Class of 2006 graduating Seniors are:
Nicole Marie Boswell, Melissa Sue Brown, Daccari Nadine Busse, Lacey Nicole Littlewolf, Christopher Lee Peake, Gina Marie Thompson, Samantha Jo Thompson - Fasthorse, and Terrance Dennis Tibbetts.

Good luck to each of you as you go on to the next step in your life!

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White Earth Reservation Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting April 6, 2006 ~ 9 a.m. Mahnomen, Minn

Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present:

Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman
Franklin "Bud" Heisler, Secretary/Treasurer
Tony Wadena, District II Representative
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

Absent:

Irene Auginaush, District I Representative

Others Present:

Ron Valiant, Executive Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Heisler to approve agenda, seconded by Wadena. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting Minute Approval

Motion made by Heisler to approve January quarterly and all special meeting minutes to present, seconded by Wadena. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Program Updates

White Earth Tribal & Community College: Sonny Peacock is present to give an update. Self study with North Central is completed and has been submitted. Site visit is scheduled for May 8 – 11 regarding accreditation. Received grant from NASA/Rural Development – used for computer purchase upgrade. Application will be resubmitted to TCCUA for funding. Peacock has been working with Jack Arnold, Peterson and Dayton office for million dollar seed funding for Title III construction money. Council stated they would help in any way needed. The nursing program will be in place this summer, also working on GIS/GPS program. College has had a good working relationship with Bemidji and Moorhead State with acceptance of credits for para program. Question was raised as to supervisor/management training, will it be offered? WETCC is willing to develop and will be working on course options.

Irene Auginaush arrives at 9:15 a.m.

White Earth Housing Authority: Kathy Goodwin is present to give an update. New apartment complex in Mahnomen is 50 percent completed. Applications are underway for Tax Credit III, guidelines and regulations need to be addressed. Russ LaDuke will be presenting HIP list upon his return from medical leave. HAP funding, putting halt on due to Minot home repairs. Twelve people want to be moved because of lead content in homes. Independent living – it is hard for elders to move due to apartment size, less space, being used to family presence – a lot of elders care for their grandchildren. Elders from off reservation who want to move back do not have to be on waiting list

for independent living.

White Earth Urban Liaison: Chris Warren was present to give an update. Dick Brudevold attended a meeting in Minneapolis for elder housing. Warren commented they are looking at possibility of building elder facilities in Twin Cities area. Recently the first feast and candidacy forum for Minneapolis area was held at Indian center. Community council members have been elected. The biggest concerns for Minneapolis members are health education and welfare. Warren's focus is on needs of Twin Cities communities, issues – blood quantum, transportation (van and driver needed). He is working on getting the trust from these members that White Earth is willing to help in some way. Urban offices needs more funding, look at possible 501(c)3 status and grant writer.

White Earth Financials: Frank Johnson is present to give financial update. The February 2006 audit is completed and has been published in *Anishinaabeg Today*. Overall the general fund cash balance increased from the balance at Sept. 30, 2005. Investments are up; HHA investment matured in March 2006 and was redeemed. Intergovernmental revenue is up over the previous year first quarter. Shared revenue from the state is up – we have four new programs from the state this quarter compared to last year at this time. Two of the new programs were ICW and Women's Wellbriety which brought in additional funding.

Community Council Updates

Elders: MICOE met Monday in Naytahwaush and are working towards the National Council Conference in September. MICOE meets every first Monday. There is a Wisdom Steps Conference June 20, which will be hosted at Shooting Star again this year – Shooting Star gave good rates. A reduction in hotel rates would be helpful. Concerns: IHS – elders are asking RTC to listen to concerns and issues of mistreatment, mismanagement affecting our members, and other issues that will be addressed at meeting tomorrow evening. Preference should be given to our members at IHS.

Iron Range: Jim Merhar is present to give an update. The housing project is moving along, expanding – one more unit added. Community will be getting a center – requires a different name for funding purposes. They are in need of site plans from Robert Durant. Community council has been approached by Hibbing Community College for White Earth Tribal flag. Send to Iron Range Community Council, Box 373, Bovee, MN 55709.

Leech Lake: Ken Perrault is present to give an update. Winter was very slow for snowplowing contractors, out only four times. Number of elders being serviced has increased to 91. They will be starting on lawn mowing services soon. A meeting has been scheduled with American Legion Post, working on bingo option. Community council has assisted with emergency services for two homes that needed repairs in which they utilized Leech Lake Tribal College. Constituent numbers continue to increase – growing population. Information ser-

vices are vital and important for our members. Community council working on 501(c)3 application. Ron Valiant stated that the White Earth grant writer and legal counsel will assist with the process.

Naytahwaush: Kathy Goodwin was present to give an update. Community council will be having Easter egg hunt, lunch, bike give away – anticipate 250 children. They now have a nine member community council. Elbow Lake is hosting all community council meeting tonight. Naytahwaush community council is discussing possibility of sponsoring candidate forum at the complex. Community cleanup is being worked on for this spring, in conjunction with White Earth Housing Authority. Question was raised as to ownership of old center – walls and bathroom need to be fixed. Can they utilize maintenance department? The community is also in need of new Head Start building – comment was made that Kevin Hedstrom is working on it.

White Earth: Sandy St. Clair was present to give an update. NASO will be doing fundraiser at bingo. Community council provided congregate with blinds in dining and commons area. The community council has been approached with a lot of resident concerns for congregate. The new convenience store is great – there will be an open house April 21. Community council is working on playground in partnership with childhood coalition for tots under 5. Burny Tibbetts, roads department, will help pay for pavement. Families First Day is May 9, there will be a parade. Community council would like to thank all involved for the new White Earth Community Center – ground breaking will be after this year's Pow-wow.

Open Discussion: Brief discussion was held regarding candidate debates and the formation of an elder council with representatives from each community. Question was raised as to MICOE group that is already in place. A request was made that Lucille Silk put together the format/structure that is needed for an elder council.

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m. for closed session.

Other: Election board brought to the attention that at the closing of previous election there was an ordinance drafted regarding fraudulent voting that was not approved. At present if the board was to have evidence of fraudulent voting nothing could be done due to ordinance not being in place. The ordinance would be all inclusive of election board, voters, and candidates. They would like to see the ordinance remedied and published before the general election in June. The Tribal council will review and approve the ordinance.

Adjourn

Motion made by Heisler to adjourn meeting at 12:05 p.m., seconded by Wadena. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

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	12	13	14	15
	19	20 Nutrition Demo & Diabetes Screening	21 Nutrition Demo & Diabetes Screening	22
	26	27	28	29 Inventory No Distribution
				30 Inventory No Distribution
				16 Mahnomon Waubun, White Earth Home Delivery
				23 DL, Congregate Home Delivery
				9 Closed for Treaty Day

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5 Bagley Elem School 10-12 & 1-2:30	6 Bagley Elem School 10-12 & 1-2:30	7 Shooting Star Training Center 11-12:30 & 1:30-5:30	8 Shooting Star Training Center 9:30-12 & 1-2:30	9 Closed for Treaty Day
12	13	14	15 Naytahwaush Clinic 9-12 & 1-3	18 White Earth Health Center 8-12 & 1-4
19 Gonvick Community Center 10-12 & 1-2	20 Bagley Elem School 10-12 & 1-2:30	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of the White Earth Reservation participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs State Alliance Youth Governor's Breakfast April 26 in Saint Paul.

Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth Reservation well represented at Governor's Breakfast

On April 26, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the White Earth Reservation participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs State Alliance Youth Governor's Breakfast in Saint Paul.

The Minnesota State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is made up of 10 Boys & Girls Club organizations with 23 Unit Clubs represented. The State Alliance hires lobbyists to attend Legislative meetings at the State Capital and lobby for funding for Boys & Girls Club organizations throughout the State of Minnesota.

In 2005, Governor Pawlenty signed a \$2 million appropriation over two years giving Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Minnesota some funding for Workforce Development with youth members. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the White Earth Reservation is a member of the State Alliance and received \$80,000 a year for two years to help with these types of Workforce Programs.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the White

Earth Reservation were represented very well at the Youth Governor's Breakfast. Tribal Council Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor and District I Representative Irene Auginaush were in attendance to show support for our Boys & Girls Clubs.

The organization had one adult representative from all three of our Unit Clubs, Robert Tibbetts represented Naytahwaush, Audrey Swan represented Pine Point and Chrissy Bement represented Mahnomen as well as two youth members, Emil Hanks and David Garcia from Naytahwaush and Mary Thompson and Cori Jones from Pine Point.

Also in attendance was Tim Reiplinger, Executive Director and Peggie Chisholm, Board Member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the White Earth Reservation. John and Donna Buckanaga, from the Pine Point Community, represented the White Earth Elders.

Mahnomen County Fair looking for volunteers

The Mahnomen County Fair is looking for volunteers for the weekend of July 21-23. If you like watching horses please help out with the horse shows and call Sarah Snetsinger for more information. The fair board would like to find a barbershop quartet to sing for the seniors, please contact Sharon Bisek. If you like to see cars crash you could help out with the demolition derby call Debra Richau for crash schedules.

Volunteers who help watch over the exhibits in the exhibit building have a great

time visiting with family and friends who walk through. School projects are a wonderful way to show off your kids talent and every kid that becomes an open class fair exhibitor will receive a ribbon and a monetary award for their efforts. With a host of categories ranging from quilting to grain, adults get to show their skills in the domestic arts, woodworking, beading, crops, gardens, the list is almost endless.

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April 26

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6 lbs., 12 oz.

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April 26

Chasity Ann DeGroat

8 lbs., 7 oz.

Ashley Bailey and

Ryan DeGroat

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April 28

Brandy Lynn Johnson

8 lbs., 6 oz.

Alicia Dibley and

Jess Johnson

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May 3

Nova Lynn Lamblez

6 lbs., 11 oz.

Jessica and

Zachery Lamblez

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May 5

Jolyssa Kathleen Snyder

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May 5

Levi Junior Burnette -

Rawley

7 lbs., 9 oz.

Jolene Kier

St. Mary's - Detroit Lakes

Calvary Cemetery Committee issues general gravesite rules

Calvary Cemetery Committee is preparing for spring cleanup prior to the Memorial Day weekend. The following are some of the general rules regarding gravesite maintenance. We would ask all persons to remain aware of these so as to avoid possible removal of items which family members desire to keep.

All decorations will be removed the week prior to Memorial Day weekend and after Labor Day. Items will also be removed periodically from graves when items appear worn or interfere with mowing, trimming, and general upkeep (e.g. fresh or artificial arrangements, flags, etc)

When driving through the cemetery, please keep on the gravel road and do not drive on the grass. There is no west (or back) road – these are unmarked graves. Please respect these and do not drive over them.

No decorative rock, gravel, or other material for covering graves is permitted anywhere within the cemetery.

No above ground structures are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as fencing, spirit houses, rock, brick, wood, stone, or plastic edging.

No permanent plants, shrubs, or trees may be planted anywhere on cemetery grounds without “WRITTEN APPROVAL” of St. Benedict’s Church Cemetery Committee.

The family and/or funeral homes are responsible for making arrangements to have the excess dirt removed from newer graves and leveled

St. Benedict’s parish office must be notified - regardless of whom or what group is conducting services - PRIOR to all burials.

The parish is not responsible for permanent stones/markers or any items left on graves or on the cemetery grounds.

*All burials must be in compliance with all Calvary Cemetery policies.

Thank you and we wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer. If you have any questions regarding these general maintenance regulations or Calvary Cemetery policies, please contact the parish office at St. Benedict’s Catholic Church, P.O. Box 417, White Earth, MN 56591 (218) 983-3519.

2006 Angling Season and Limits

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Limits</u>
<u>Walleye</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007	10
<u>Northern</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007	10
<u>Muskellunge</u> (Including hybrid)	June 3, 2006 – Feb. 25, 2007 Minimum size limit of 40 inches	1
<u>Bass</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007 Largemouth & Smallmouth in combination	10
<u>Trout</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007 All Species in combination	10
<u>Crappies</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007	20
<u>Sunfish</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007 All Species in combination	50
<u>Rough Fish</u>	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007	200
<u>Lake Sturgeon</u>	<u>Closed</u>	0

Dark House Spearing

December 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007
Daily Limits are the same as angling

Turtle Harvest

Snapping Turtles	May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007	10
All other Species	May 1, 2006 –April 30, 2007	200

2006 Rough Fish Spearing Regulations

Daytime Period:

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes during daylight hours from April 1 to April 16, 2006.

Nighttime Period:

Rough fish may be speared in rivers and lakes anytime from April 17 through May 28, 2006. A light may be used beginning April 17.

General:

- ▶ **It is prohibited to harvest game fish with a spear.**
- ▶ **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge** - hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- ▶ All lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, creeks are open to the harvest of rough fish.
- ▶ Tribal members are asked to respect private property.
- ▶ Please do not litter.
- ▶ Please be careful and do not damage stream banks or other access points.

Daily Limit:

200 rough fish; all species in combination.

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Raising \$\$\$ for Heart Association



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The White Earth Diabetes Project sponsored a team of walkers to raise money for the American Heart Association. Diabetes with blood sugar out of control increases your chances for getting heart disease. The walkers who participated were Phyllis nd Cheryl St. Claire, LuAnne Soyting, Kris, Tyler, Jordan, Clinton Jr., and Lauryn Manning, Sarah and Jordan Skadsen, Jesse Fain, Neil England and Donna Roy.

Egg-citing



Photo by Gary W. Padra

Georgia Davis, White Earth Housing, uses a backhoe to break an egg without it falling off a traffic cone recently during Heavy Equipment Safety Training at White Earth Public Works. The training was conducted by Native owned Michigan Tech/T-TAP. More than 30 employees from Housing, Roads, Public Works and Ojibwa Building Supplies participated in the training.

Mahnomen Wall of Hope Banner arrives

The community of Mahnomen and the American Cancer Society announces the arrival of the Mahnomen Wall of Hope Banner. This banner is part of a nationwide effort to collect the signatures and stories of people touched by cancer in every community. These banners will come together to form one large, four city block monument consisting of over 5,000 banners, as part of the 2006 Celebration on the Hill.

The Wall of Hope from across the nation will serve as a visual focal point of Celebration on the Hill to allow those touched by cancer to voice their desire that Congress and the White House make cancer a budget priority by memorializing those who have succumbed to cancer and celebrating those who have beaten the disease. The Celebration on the Hill will be held in Washington, D. C. Sept. 19-20. At the conclu-

sion of the national celebration the banner will be returned to the Mahnomen community to be displayed as a visual reminder that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, those who face cancer will always be supported, and one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public health threat.

The Wall of Hope banner for Mahnomen is made possible by generous funding from Dakota Clinic and Midwest Bank.

The general public is invited to sign the banner to celebrate loved ones who have survived cancer and honor the memory of those whom they have lost to the disease.

The banner will be displayed at Relay for Life June 9 and 10 at the Mahnomen Public school. This banner will be available at various locations around the area through August.

Head Start accepting applications for 2006-07

Attention parents of children that will be 3 years old before Sept. 1, 2006:

White Earth Head Start Programs are now accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Please apply early if you would like your child enrolled.

Head Start is offered to all areas of the White Earth Reservation. Program options are:

❖ **Center-base:** 3 to 5 year old children served in the classroom. (September – May); (Full days: Monday - Thursday).

❖ **Home-base:** prenatal and 0 to 5 year old children served in the home. (September – May); (weekly home visits)

❖ **Family Child Care:** 3 to 5 year old children served in three different daycares.

The Classroom/Center-Based children

are offered transportation to the centers if they reside within our bus route boundaries near the communities of Pine Point, Naytahwaush, White Earth, Waubun, and Rice Lake.

Preference is given to low-income families, White Earth Band enrolled members, descendants, other Native Americans, children with disabilities and other special needs, etc., per a selection point system

Serving: Native Americans and non-Native Americans residing on the White Earth Reservation. Families over our income guidelines accepted.

Please call (218) 983-3285 and ask for Head Start to request more information or an application.

Head Start wants to meet with parents/students

Parents, guardians and future students are welcome to come to the site of your convenience at the time and date listed.

- Introduce your child to their future center/classroom.
- Meet your child's future teacher, assistant teacher, and family service advocate.
- Fill out an application.

- Participate in a fun activity and have a snack.

May 19 - Pine Point School, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 22 - Naytahwaush, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 22 - White Earth, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 23 - Rice Lake, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 24 - Elbow Lake, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

May 25 - Waubun, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

MSUM American Indian 2005-06 graduates

Loreline Arevalos, BA Political Science

Jenny Belgarde, BS Community Health

Sue Bement, Master of Science, Special Education

Jaime Duggan, BA Communication Studies

Nadja Finch, BA Criminal Justice

Shacarah Gagnon-Kvale, BS Graphic Communications

Amanda Geiger, BA Criminal Justice

June Gourd, BA Criminal Justice

Genevieve Hall, BS Health Services Administration

Jennifer Hams, Bachelor of Social Work

Amanda Jerome, BA Anthropology

Jessica Kashmark, BA Psychology

Zachary Nowatzki, BA Sociology

Brent Schoenborn, BS Management

Julie Smith, Master of Science School Counseling

Ryan White, BA Art

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138th White Earth Celebration
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Shannon St. Claire and "Oreo" got to know each other during a recent four-day trip to the Badlands of North Dakota.

Local students experience riding adventure in North Dakota Badlands

Six local students took a horse riding/camping trip to the Badlands in North Dakota April 20 -23.

Emily Kulzer, Tim McCarther, Shannon St. Claire, Andrea Wadena, Julie Wadena, and Heather White along with group leaders Pat Cobb, Becky Halonen, and Dave McNamee traveled over 900 miles for a four-day horseback riding adventure in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Little Missouri National Grasslands.

The group camped in the CCC campground at the north Trail head of the Maah Daah Hey trail. This trail winds its way through 96 miles of the rugged badlands and rolling prairies of western North Dakota. The students put many trail hours on their horses and learned camp cooking as well. They coped well with a variety of weather conditions from 70 degrees and sunshine to 30 degrees and snow.

The trip was a reward for those participants in the Bagosendaan Program who have completed a full year in the program and plan to continue in the program this year. They will continue their learning this coming year while they help mentor new students.

The Bagosendaan Program is designed to help youth to develop trust and self-confidence by working

with a trainer and horses to support growth. The program's goal and vision is to build self-esteem, develop relationships and build life skills while teaching respect for all life.

Young people need roots as well as wings and Bagosendaan works to further youth development using horses to bring youth together in a positive, teaching environment. Participants work hand in hand with the White Earth Welbriety Movement and incorporate these teachings into their lives. The program uses the talking circle extensively as a tool to encourage participants to grow and share.

"The climbing and exploring the trails was the most fun part of the trip," said Andrea Wadena. Heather White said, "The country was really cool and beautiful." Shannon St. Claire liked "running in the hills, but the mud was slippery and made riding hard." Emily Kulzer said, "It was a good learning experience for me. I really liked the camping."

All the Bagosendaan participants want to thank their sponsors: White Earth Housing Authority, White Earth Tribal Court, Mahnomen County Working Together (Weed and Seed), Mahnomen County 4-H, Shooting Star Casino, and many private individuals who helped make the program and this trip a reality.



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Head Start Programs held their 20th Annual Pow Wow May 3 at the Rice Lake Community Center.

Circle of Life School Prom 2006



The Circle of Life School Prom was held May 5 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center



COLS Prom King R.J. Auginaush and Queen Lacey Littlewolf.



In back, R.J. Auginaush, Samantha Fasthorse, Ed Miller, and in front, Lainey Fineday, Craig Larson, and Tina Warren.

May crime prevention tips for lake home safety

Tips to deter a burglar:

- ❖ Install interior lights on timers to go off and on periodically, giving the appearance someone is in the home.
- ❖ Use Operation ID numbers to mark your property in case your property is stolen. These numbers can be obtained from local police or sheriff's department where your cabin or lake home is located.
- ❖ Place Operation ID stickers on your windows and any outside sheds to show that your property is marked.
- ❖ Take video or pictures of everything in your home and on the property for insurance purposes
- ❖ Lock all doors and windows and use

deadbolts, if you do not have deadbolts on your exterior doors, consider have them installed.

- ❖ Keep your lawn mowed and all bushes trimmed back to a maximum of 3 feet. This will give the appearance that you are there and trimmed bushes will make it harder for anyone to hide behind them
- ❖ Set up a neighborhood vacation watch with your neighbors. Ask them to report any suspicious activity at your residence, especially when you are not there.

For more information on crime prevention and safety contact Brenda Koester, Community Crime Prevention Coordinator, at (218) 983-3285.

Group needs help finding information on Civil War vets

Several of us from reservation have been working on a project for the past five years erecting new headstones for all the Civil War veterans from, or connected with, the White Earth Reservation. Most of them have already been erected with only a dozen or so left to go. When this is completed we would like to put together an article with brief biographies of each of them. We would very much like to include a photograph of each one of them, if any can be found. If anyone has pictures of any of the following soldiers would you please contact Budd Parker at P.O. Box 464 White Earth, MN 56591 (218) 983-4253 or Pete Fairbanks at (218) 983-3020.

The following is a list of some of the old soldiers, their year of death, and known places of residence.

Name

1. Aitkin, Roger B. – Beaulieu 1912
2. Aitkin, Salem – Crow Wing 1880's
3. Aitkin, Robert – Red Lake 1870's
4. Anderson, John B. – Richwood 1905
5. Bear (aka Tudochart), Peter Nay-be-nay-ke-shig – White Earth 1900
6. Beaulieu, Alexander H. – Hansville 1918
7. Beaulieu, Charles H. – White Earth, Bena 1904
8. Beaulieu, Henry H. – White Earth, Beaulieu 1904
9. Beaulieu, John B. – Beaulieu 1897
10. Beaupre, James – White Earth 1908
11. Belland, Edward – Faith, Popple Grove 1901
12. Bellecourt, Eustache Jr. – White Earth 1911

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Top Notch!



Submitted photo

Quinne Goodwin is congratulated by Miss Indian World 2006 for placing 2nd in the fancy shawl category at the Gathering of Nations 2006 in Albuquerque. Her parents are Dana Goodwin and Dennis Williams of Mahnomen and Bruce Chaffee of Bemidji.

Meet the candidates running for White Earth Secretary-Treasurer

Franklin "Bud" Heisler (Incumbent) ←

I want to thank all the White Earth Nation members who supported and voted for me in our primary election on April 4. I am asking for your continued support in the general election on June 13.



Thank you again for allowing me to work for you as your Secretary-Treasurer for the past four years. If re-elected, I will continue to represent all members of our White Earth Band regardless of age, gender, or social standing. I will continue

to provide the following:

- ❖ Quarterly financial disclosures;
- ❖ Budgets for all departments to abide by;
- ❖ No micro managing;

❖ Work with our respective managers to provide much-needed health care and affordable housing;

- ❖ Personnel free from council interference;
- ❖ Open door policy for all tribal members;
- ❖ Continue working to provide our reservation members a safe and secure environment;
- ❖ Remain in our endeavor to keep illegal drug trafficking off our reservation.

When I was elected into office in 2002, we were \$5.9 million in debt. Today, we have money in the bank. During my term as your Secretary-Treasurer, we've obtained clean audits and are now ranked as a "low risk" entity. This opens more doors for grants and other funding programs.

With deficits and audit issues behind us, the next four years can be spent on economic development to provide our members more job opportunities.

I have been married to Dorothy Safar for 43 years. We have seven children and 11 grandchildren. I am a lifelong resident of White Earth Reservation, except for seven years in South Dakota while I started my career in the Federal Government. I graduated from Waubun High School in 1957 and from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1979 with an A.A. degree in Business Administration. I retired in January 1998 from the Indian Health Service after 34 years of service. Eighteen of which were as Director of the White Earth Indian Health Clinic.

If elected, I will continue to provide guidance, honesty, integrity, experience, and continuity of our governmental issues and tribal programs.

I do not believe in making empty promises, I will be honest, fair, and accessible to you, the members of the White Earth Band.

→ Kenneth Fox

Hello, White Earth Enrolled Members and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Enrolled Members!

My name is Kenneth Fox and I am an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Reservation. I reside in Waubun with my wife Roberta and our five children.

I am running for the Secretary/Treasurer position on the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council.

The following issues that I feel are of utmost importance and need to be addressed are:

SHOOTING STAR CASINO: I see too many tribal members in low level, low paying positions. I will work to ensure that Tribal Members are hired/ promoted to Management positions. I also propose eliminating unnecessary management jobs and excessive contracts which I believe will provide monies to raise the wages for low paying positions. I would also eliminate the current occurrence system. I believe that it is being used in a biased manner by some Managers.

EMPLOYMENT: Many job requirements are set so high Tribal Members are discouraged from applying. I will support Indian preference in hiring and also propose reinstating the Tribes education plan. This plan allowed Tribal members to attend college up to 8 hours per week for job related education/training. I also support the Tribe's Community College in Mahanomen; we should promote and use it.

YOUTH and ELDERS: Every election Youth and Elders are used in campaigns and when the election is over they are forgotten. I believe that the Tribal government should respond quickly to our Elders needs in additions to investing in White Earth Reservation youth. I will be committed to our Youth and Elders.

BOARDS and COMMITTEES: White Earth

has too many boards and committees making important decisions. I will eliminate unnecessary boards and committees and put the decision making back where it belongs; with our elected tribal officials. I believe that tribal council members are accountable to their voting membership. As your Secretary/Treasurer I will not shirk from my duties nor shy away from decision making when it affects our tribal membership. My decisions will be based on the benefits to our tribal communities and tribal members.

TRIBAL BUSINESS: I want to see Tribal business owners getting all the contracts on the White Earth Reservation. I don't believe a board or committee should impose employment requirements on Indian contractors when tribal government and it's businesses don't abide by the same requirements. Tribal government shouldn't oppress their membership.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This has been neglected while past leadership has focused excessive time and money on an Urban Casino. When Tribes fight each other on issues it is only the lobbyist and attorneys who benefit. Tribes have enough individuals/groups who don't want them to prosper. White Earth doesn't have the money to win against the richer tribes. Money that was spent on the Urban Casino could have been better spent on the creation of new businesses within our borders. I propose creating new business in renewable energy and medical fields. Health care is big business.

HEALTH CARE: The state of health care services at IHS to tribal members is shameful. The tribal council must continually remind Washington, D.C. of our tribe's needs and fight for additional funding. This will be priority if I am elected.



TEC-MCT: Tribal members are kept in the dark as to what is taking place on the Tribal Executive Committee level. I will keep tribal members informed of TEC meeting dates, TEC issues and decisions and how and why I voted a particular way. TEC meeting minutes will be published in White Earth's tri-weekly newspaper. If elected as your Secretary/Treasurer I believe it is my responsibility as a member of the Tribal Executive Committee to share this information with you.

I want to see major decisions that will affect our Tribe be put to a referendum vote for our tribal members to decide.

I also want to take this opportunity to say that I will continue funding for our off reservation constituent programs. Many of our White Earth family members choose to live off Reservation; this does not erase their membership at White Earth.

And last but not least, I will strongly oppose any state/tribal casino that does not have the support of White Earth Tribal Members and the support of the entire Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

I respectfully ask for your vote on June 13, 2006.

Meet the candidates running for District I Representative

Irene "Rene" Auginaush (Incumbent) ←

I am asking for your vote on June 13 for District 1 Representative.

Next month will be 10 years that I have been in this position. My experience in this position is vital to the people of District 1. A new person will have to start all over to gain the credibility and knowledge of how to get things done. I don't want to see District 1 lose their voice. I am



focused on my work and know how to get things done. I am not afraid to speak up for the people and have been very vocal for the employees at the casino. Many employees come to me from all our programs so the word must be out there that I have helped employees because I get at least one or two calls a week.

We have many accomplishments; our new \$1.2 million community center with a full size gym is exactly what the people asked for. Our new water tower and mains totaled nearly \$1.5 million, after drinking contaminated water for years. Our new dam for the wild rice will begin construction this summer. I was just informed that we have now found the additional funding needed to complete it.

It hasn't been easy to say no to people needing assistance and to tell staff to cut programs; it is

disheartening and a challenging position. I have been an active team member with different council members throughout my 10 years in reducing the tribes' millions of dollars deficit to a positive balance today with a commitment to the future of the White Earth Nation.

I have become an effective public speaker by talking from my heart. I speak in front of Congress, the Senate and the House of Representatives about issues that affect our reservation. I represent White Earth Nation at many national conferences and meetings. I have good working relationships with congressmen from Washington and our state legislators and I am known to them by name.

I can organize and lead a group and I have many successes in my record. The 20th Annual Head Start Pow-wow, the 8th Annual Rice Lake Memorial Walk, and the 6th Annual Memorial Pow-wow are a few. We had the highest percentage age of new voters and voter turn-out on the White Earth Reservation than in the whole state of Minnesota. This state received awards for the highest voter turn-out in the nation, due to the Native voter. Lorna LaGue and I led the White Earth Reservation's "Get Out the Native Vote" committee in the last election and we have both been reappointed to represent White Earth again. LaPrairie Township had a record turn-out in the last sheriff's election because I organized a forum to ask questions of the candidates. I heard too many complaints of our people not receiving adequate responses from the Sheriffs office. For those who didn't attend the meeting, I called them or met with them personally to vote in the election.

I want to remind everyone how important it is to vote. Your vote does count! Just one vote kept me from moving back into my position without going through the general election. So you see - one vote does make a difference.

I am a family person who enjoys our "close knit" family. I have three brothers and two sisters. I raised three sons to adulthood and now I am an enthusiastic grandmother of three grandchildren. Our children dance at pow-wows at a young age. Respect for elders is strictly taught. Traditions like family dinners and are important as well as our spirituality. I am the secretary, lay reader and chalice bearer at St. Philips Church.

I am sincerely dedicated to you, the people and I am your voice in our government. I work for the people and I take my job seriously. I seldom miss meetings and I usually have a fair amount of input.

If I can't answer your questions, I will find someone who can.

My goal is for a safe house/ holding center/treatment facility for youth and adults. An Indian-owned convenience store is needed in Rice Lake. I have been asking the Boys and Girls Club to give us a chance in Rice Lake for programming funds. We are next on the list. We need a better ball diamond; the kids are now playing on the old one by the church. We have good golfers coming out of Rice Lake. The cost of a golf course would be very expensive but a driving range should not be hard to set up. Does anyone have any ideas?

Please vote on June 13.

My Vision for Better Representation

My vision of how to better represent the people of District I is based upon the following concept.

There should be a community council in every village within District I, and each of these councils would elect a representative who serves on a district-wide council. This council would meet regularly to discuss matters of concern. By establishing a district-wide council, each village would be heard on an equal footing with the other villages. The district-wide council would decide which issues are of greater importance to the district as a whole.

The villages in District I include (from the south and heading north and or east) Rice Lake, Pine Bend, Ebro, Beaulieu, Roy Lake, Mahnomen, and Bejou. Each of these villages would follow an election process to elect their own community council members.

One or two persons from my proposed district-wide council would accompany me to RTC meetings.

I believe this arrangement would provide a tribal government that is more responsive to the concerns of all the people; a tribal government that is more effective in responding to the demands of a whole; rather than being overburdened by the demands of a few; and would provide a more effective two-way communication between the Reservation Tribal Council and the people the RTC serves.

My goal is to bring a boarder presentation and to have a tribal government that hears the voices of elders, the young, and all the members of our reservation community.

Point-by-point issues that I feel are important for the people of District I:

Fair access

I will strive to remove the politics and the nepotism from jobs, job security, housing, services, etc. There should be equal access, regardless of who is in office.

Economic development

I will work to bring industries that will provide jobs.

Job advancement opportunities

→ Don Herchell Goodwin



I will work toward having more of our people employed in the Casino finding themselves eligible to advance into positions as leaders of their respective departments. Many of these positions are now held by non-Native Americans

Housing

We still have people living in homes with moldy walls, cold drafts, inadequate plumbing or total lack of running water, and other shortcomings that place our people into the worst of poverty-level living conditions. We also need emergency housing for those who are found to be homeless. The solution so far has been to let relatives take care of the homeless, whether they really want to or not.

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Meet the candidates running for District II Representative

Anthony "Tony" Wadena (Incumbent) ←

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me in the primary election. I have been busy visiting with tribal members on and off the White Earth Reservation. And I do appreciate those of you who have taken the time to visit with me. The following are some issues that I feel are important to our tribal membership.

Enrollment: The idea of opening up enrollment to accept other federally recognized tribe's blood quantum is being discussed at the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) level. This is something I would like explored more before deciding one way or the other. I would like to hear what our tribal membership thinks about it and we need to thoroughly examine the potential effects of this action.

The Nelson Act Settlement: This is a lawsuit that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe filed in 1989 against the federal government for timber that was taken illegally taken off MCT land. At that time the tribes agreed to a 176th split. In 1999, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe won the lawsuit and passed a resolution reaffirming the 176th split. The change in leadership at the TEC level since 2000 has created conflict over the settlement split. White Earth has asked Congress to settle this matter. Our Tribal Council is asking that the split be determined according to enrollment which would give White Earth a larger settlement although

much of the timber that was removed came from Grand Portage and Boise Fort Reservations. I believe that going to Congress to settle this matter would be going against tribal law. Your input on this matter is valuable and needed to settle this matter without federal involvement.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe: White Earth is seriously considering breaking away from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This decision should include input from our tribal members. We should take an educated look at this; weigh the pros and cons of this decision before pursuing it. Does our membership know what is taking place at the Tribal Executive Committee level? This level of our tribal government is part of our checks and balances. This committee is responsible for ensuring that our tribal laws and constitution is followed. Each Reservation and Tribal Council is subject to its authority. If White Earth breaks away from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe where will the oversight of our Tribal Councils come from? There has been continual talk of separation of powers but this cannot be achieved. The Tribal Councils hire and fire Directors of programs. The loyalty of these directors are to their employer. At the same time Tribal Councils need to ensure that programs are operating according to guidelines and serving eligible clients. Separation of powers is being touted much like democracy and patriotism is being used for blind

loyalty. We need your involvement in this decision.

Hunting and Fishing: There has been discussion by our Tribal Council related to an agreement with the State of Minnesota for our Hunting and Fishing rights. Again this would mean some income coming to the White Earth Reservation but what would we be giving up? There are some of us who remember being subject to the Minnesota Conservation Officer's regulation of hunting and fishing rights. I agree it would be income coming to the White Earth but I also believe it would be more personal fines for our membership. Tribal members hunt and fish to feed their families. I sincerely believe an agreement with the State of Minnesota would be a step in the wrong direction. And that would be a step backwards. Our tribal government should be moving forward and away from Federal and State involvement in our affairs.

I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming June 13 General Election. I hope to be visiting with some of you in the upcoming days before the election. I want to hear what you have to say on these and other issues that are important to you. My office number is (218) 935-5444 Ext. 3207 at the Naytahwaush Community Service Center and my home phone is (218) 935-5293.

→ Terrance "Terry" Tibbetts

Boozhoo-Ahneen!

I, Terry Tibbetts, would like to take this opportunity to say MiiGwetch to the District II voters who supported me in the primary election and ask for your continued support. For those who did not vote for me, I would like to say MiiGwetch for taking the time to participate and now ask for your support in the General Election on June 13.

- ☐ Traditional lifelong resident.
- ☐ Married to Carol for 27 years, 7 children, 4 grandchildren.
- ☐ Employed by WE Public Works -17 years.
- ☐ Vice Chairman of NayTahWaush Community Council - 6 1/2 years.
- ☐ Board of Directors - Naytahwaush Community Charter School.
- ☐ Naytahwaush/White Earth Powwow Committees.

With your help, I will work toward my overall goal: To strengthen our tribe by strong unified leadership. I will focus on the strengths of our Reservation which will come from unity and sharing of common goals. While keeping focused on our strengths, I will develop goals and objectives for the following:

► **EDUCATION-** Secure funding to support education in early childhood programs, K-12, and



higher education. I will work towards the development of a centralized middle school in our district and increasing academic performance of all students at the elementary and secondary levels. All students will have access to physical and health education to ensure that they stay fit and healthy. This point is crucial due to the epidemic of diabetes and youth obesity in Indian Country. I also want to increase the percentage of students that can speak and understand the Ojibwa language. It is my goal that all students will be knowledgeable about their culture and heritage as Anishinabeg people. We also need to showcase programs that support Native Youth- Early Start, Head Start, White Earth SOS programs, Naytahwaush Community Charter School, Boys and Girls Club, and Century 21. I will work to seek and secure funding to provide the latest technological tools for students and families, which is a huge need in our community and on our reservation as a whole.

► **HEALTH CARE-** I will work hard to find and secure funding to increase the current IHS

budget. Our enrolled members should have priority to services in our clinic as health care provided to federally recognized tribal members is a guaranteed treaty obligation and must be upheld. Services need to be increased for elders who need outside referrals necessary for their wellbeing i.e. cataract surgery, hip and knee replacement, dialysis. The need for more mobilized health care visits is a must.

► **HOUSING-** Our Housing program needs to be more family-friendly. We need more opportunities to own our own homes and land. The care and maintenance of our housing units are a must. We have to make our tenants responsible for their own yards, the wellbeing of their units, as well as any damage to these units.

► **LANDBASE-** Increase our land base by purchasing lands that have been lost to non-Indians, county and state. We have to use all available avenues such as the court systems, state legislature, etc. We also need to secure MCT lands, including lakeshore lots, held by non-natives and put them back into White Earth Reservation hands and make it available for more sites for homes.

► **CULTURALLY BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMS-** By encouraging our youth and

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Graduating from the Minnesota State Community and Technical College - DL/White Earth Carpentry Program were, Dianne Stenerson (MSCTC instructor), Rustin Hartland, Dennis Jackson, John Clark, Reginald Brown, Carl Wadenah, Bill Stech (MSCTC representative), Jeffrey Goodwin, Earl McDougall (instructor), and Jerome Neeland. Not pictured are Jami Brown and Jeffery Thompson.



Graduating from the Minnesota State Community and Technical College - DL/White Earth Tribal and Community College are Amber Fox, Elizabeth Hvezda, LaRae Auginaush, Angela Neeland, LeAnne Gordon and Latanya Soyring.



Graduating from the Para Education Program are Adrienne Levy, Felicia Finch, Judith Francis and Patti Anderson.



Lee Cook, Director, Cultural Center, Bemidji State University, delivered the Commencement Address.



Graduates of the White Earth Adult Basic Education Program get ready to receive their diplomas during Commencement Exercises May 11 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center.

**White Earth Tribal and Community College
Class of 2006**

May 11 - Shooting Star Casino Event Center

Student of the Year
Mary Jo Townsend

Desiree Weaver

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*Para Education Program -
Associate of Arts*
Patti Louise Anderson, Judith L. Francis, Adrienne Mischelle Levy, Felicia K. Finch

MSCTC/WE Carpentry Program
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Did you know Minnesota women of childbearing age drink more frequently than women in nearly every other state? If you're a woman who's drinking and pregnant, you're increasing the chances that your baby will be born with alcohol-related birth defects - such as mental retardation, delayed development or lifelong behavioral disorders. We as Native people need to reclaim our culture, which didn't include alcohol or drugs.

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Circle of Life School Honor Roll

Circle of Life School 3rd Quarter Perfect Attendance (Must have been enrolled by 01/27/06)	Good attendance *(1 – 2 Absences) (Must have been enrolled by 11/11/05) * 4 tardies = 1 absence; no skipping	C.J. Jackson Johnathan Jackson
<u>Kindergarten</u> Aleisha Fox	<u>1st Grade</u> Loretta Dakota	<u>Circle of Life School Honor Roll 3rd Quarter 2005-06 SY</u>
<u>2nd Grade</u> Raymond Barrett Roslyn Fritsch	<u>3rd Grade</u> Maureen Eischens	<u>7th Grade</u> Justine Fasthorse
<u>3rd Grade</u> Victoria Azure	<u>4th Grade</u> Eleigha Bower	<u>9th Grade</u> Tiffany Adams 3.521 Jessica Larson 3.353
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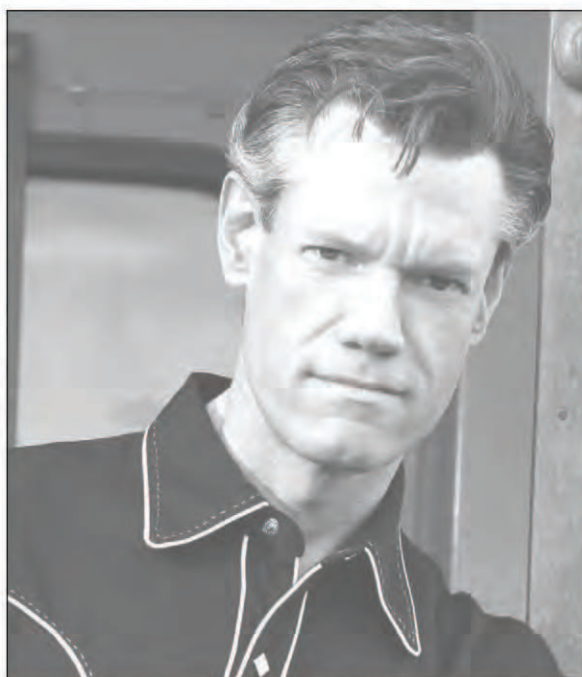
June Diabetes Project Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monte Fox - Coordinator Cheryl St.Claire - Program Nurse Kathi Murray - Dietitian Gail Gardner - IHS Nutritionist Phone: (218) 983-3285			1	2 Diabetes Bingo @ Rice Lake after lunch
5 Diabetes Bingo @ Elbow Lake after lunch	6 <i>Nutrition Ed. -Ranch</i> Honor the Beat Naytahwaush @ 12:30	7	8 Nutrition Education @ Ranch	9 Closed for Treaty Day
12 Diabetes Bingo @ Valley View -1 pm Honor the Beat White Earth@ noon	13 Weight Management Class @ Casino 5 - 6 p.m.	14 Dr. Ung Naytahwaush/ Rice Lake	15 Weight Management Class @ PP 11 <i>Dr. Ung - RTC</i>	16
19 BP, BS & Nutrition Ed @ Ranch 10-12, 1-2	20 BP, BS & Nutrition Ed @ Ranch 10-12, 1-2	21 Weight Management Class - Noon WE RTC	22 Honor the Beat Rice Lake @ 11:15	23
26 Honor the Beat Pine Point @ 11:30	27 Honor the Beat Elbow Lake @ Noon	28	29	30

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From left, Milli Oden, Sophia Wicklund, Brooke Klemetsrud, Helen Kennedy, Jesica Anderson, Rhiannon Bellanger, Tom Faix, Clarissa Pinske, Linda Munnell, Edward Gehrke and Diane Jolicoeur celebrate the Peace Pole dedication April 24 at Waubun School.

Peace pole dedicated at Waubun High School

About 450 people, including students, faculty and guests, attended a peace pole dedication at Waubun High School Monday, April 24.

The eight-foot tall cedar pole has the words "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in English, Norwegian, Swedish and German language on each of the four sides. The base of the peace pole was constructed at Waubun High School and is painted black, red, white and yellow representing the four directions.

The pole is a gift from the World Peace Prayer Society in Japan to One Heart One Mind, a peace organization in Detroit Lakes. Ed Gehrke, representing One Heart One Mind, in turn donated the pole to Waubun High School and presented it to Jesica Anderson and the student council who organized the dedication.

The dedication included comments from Helen Kennedy, principal of Waubun High School, a power point presentation of the history of the peace pole by Gehrke, drumming by the White Earth Drum Group composed of Michael Dahl, Michael Bower, Jesse Barrientez, Tino Barrientez, Bryce King-Hanks, Deon Wilson-Bellanger, Joseph Whitener, Craig Bower and Jason Hanks, poetry by Jesica Anderson, a presentation by Frank Rogers who talked about honor,

respect and peace represented in the greeting "Namaste," a choral presentation "Dona Nobis Pacem" by the Waubun Senior High Choir and concluding remarks by Diane Jolicoeur where the audience repeated "May Peace Prevail On Earth, May Peace Be In Waubun High School."

A history of the Peace Pole includes after the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima in World War II, a Japanese poet, Masahisa Goi (1916-1980), had the inspiration for words that all nations and religions could embrace, "May Peace Prevail On Earth."

More than 200,000 poles have been dedicated in over 180 countries. Peace poles have been dedicated by well-known people such as former President Jimmy Carter, Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama. The poles have been placed in locations such as the Pyramids of El Giza in Egypt, the burial sight of Confucius in Taiwan, Gorky Park in Russia, the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, the magnetic north pole in Canada, the Allenby Bridge between Israel and Jordan, the headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca State Park, the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the Detroit Lakes Community and Culture Center. - **DL Online**

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Pine Point School, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bring 2 forms of ID - driver's license, Tribal ID, Social Security Card, birth certificate, training certificates, we will make copies on site.

Administrative Professionals Day



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

More than 50 RTC administrative assistants were treated to a brunch on Administrative Professionals Day April 26 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center. Pictured from left are Sheila Anderson, Elizabeth Westlie and Kris Manning.

Remembering Our Nation's Armed Forces

*Memorial Day is a time to reflect upon our freedoms.....
.....and the high price paid to protect them.*

REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED TO KEEP US FREE!

AREA CEMETERY VISITATIONS

Conducted by the Ogema VFW 9880 & Auxiliary

Assemble at Ogema Hall.....	7:30 a.m.
White Earth Episcopal Cemetery.....	8:15 a.m.
White Earth Cemetery.....	8:30 a.m.
White Earth Catholic Cemetery.....	8:45 a.m.
Sugarbush Cemetery.....	9:15 a.m.
Callaway Cemetery.....	10 a.m.
Ogema City and Catholic Cemetery.....	10:30 a.m.
Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Ogema	10:35 a.m.
Waubun City Cemetery.....	11:15 a.m.
Waubun Catholic Cemetery.....	11:30 a.m.
Lake Grove Cemetery.....	Noon

Trust from Front Page

Trust status would have come sooner, but the tribe had to wait until the casino's mortgage was paid off, she said.

Tribal and county officials are in talks over how the tribe will pay for county services

It appears unlikely agreement will be reached anytime soon, however

Vizenor wouldn't talk about specifics, but said the tribe is looking to pay the county considerably less than the \$70,000 a year it has agreed to pay the city of Mahnomen, which she said the casino has a greater impact on

Wally Eid, a county commissioner involved in the talks, also wouldn't give details, but he described a payment figure suggested by tribal officials as "far from fair."

The tribe has requested a list of costs associated with the casino and Eid said the county is working on coming up with a total.

No date has been set for the next round of talks.

The city of Mahnomen is hoping for additional local government aid from the state to offset any lost casino tax revenue, City Administrator Dean Johnson said

Describing the tribe as a good neighbor, Johnson said the Shooting Star has provided a large number of jobs for the region.

"They're a big part of our community," he said, adding the tribe recently donated \$20,000 to the city to help it buy a ladder truck for its fire department

The Mahnomen School District will lose \$85,504 a year if trust status is granted, but Interim Superintendent Jerry Nesland said the shortfall would be made up through the state's school funding formula.

"The school is held harmless," he said.

Not so the county, according to County Attorney Julie Bruggeman, who said reducing services or increasing taxes would be the only ways to counter a deep loss in revenue.

"We're currently one of the highest taxed counties in the state," she said. "By raising taxes, we might end up where people can't afford to pay them," she said.

Bruggeman said she was not prepared to say how far the county will go to fight the issue, but she said appeals over trust status can be lengthy and there is the option of a lawsuit if an appeal fails.

Vizenor believes there can be only one outcome.

"When all is said and done, it (trust status) is a mandatory process," she said. -The Forum

Eagle Spirit Opens Denver Conference



Submitted photo

On April 18, the National Wellbriety Drum Group "Eagle Spirit" left for a "Taking a Stand Against Meth: Recovery is Possible" conference in Denver. It took us 38 hours to get there because of a snow storm in Wyoming and we finally arrived in Denver at 6:30 a.m. Thursday morning. That evening we sang to open up the conference for the weekend and that's when we got to meet Joe Garcia, the president for the NIEA. We are the very first drum for the Wellbriety Movement and by the year 2010 we want to have 100 drums to call the people. We are going back to Denver in October for the national conference and wish for all the support we can get.

Thank you,

The National Wellbriety Drum Group Eagle Spirit Ah-Oh.

Joe Garcia, Marlin Farley, Sonny Wadena, Louis Fox, Luke Hisgun, Henry Fox, Moss Tibbetts Jr., Greg Blue and Waylon Farley.

Wadena given probation for mail fraud

Darrell (Chip) Wadena, former chairman of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, was placed on probation for five years May 10 for a scheme to launder the titles of salvaged cars through licensing offices on two northern Minnesota reservations.

U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson also ordered him to pay an undetermined amount of restitution to fraud victims

Wadena, 67, of Naytahwaush, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit mail fraud under an agreement with prosecutors. Five counts of mail fraud were dropped

"I made a mistake, and I apologize," he told Magnuson.

The former tribal chairman was accused of conspiring with Guillermo Gonzalez, a Florida used-car dealer, to defraud state tax

officials and car buyers by laundering titles to hide the cars' histories.

Magnuson said he decided not to imprison Wadena, who faced up to a 21-month sentence under the plea agreement, because of his health and his role as caretaker for his disabled son

Wadena undergoes kidney dialysis treatment three times a week

Placing Wadena on probation also makes him better able to help repay victims of the fraud scheme, the judge said

Wadena was chairman of the White Earth Band for 20 years until 1996, when he lost an election and was convicted of 15 federal charges, including misapplication of tribal funds.

He spent about two years in prison and was ordered to repay \$585,000 to the tribe. - Star Tribune

Soldiers from Page 17

- 13. Blair, Joseph – Beaulieu 1901
- 14. Bleau (Blue), Etienne or Steven – White Earth 1903
- 15. Bleau (Blue / Blow), Felix – Richwood 1926
- 16. Bottineau, Charles – White Earth, Richwood 1921
- 17. Boutwell, Rodney C. – Ogema 1934
- 18. Brown, John – White Earth 1883
- 19. Cajune, John – Beaulieu 1911
- 20. Chaboillez, Alexander – Red Lake 1880’s
- 21. Charette, Joseph (Critt) – White Earth, Pine Point 1921
- 22. Charette, Louis – White Earth 1927
- 23. Charron, Henry – White Earth, Little Falls 1880’s
- 24. Cogger, William – White Earth, Saskatchewan 1915
- 25. Davids, Daniel – White Earth 1913
- 26. Dorross, Francis or Frank – White Earth 1903
- 27. Dufort, John B. (Jean Baptiste) – White Earth 1879
- 28. Fairbanks, Albert – White Earth 1922
- 29. Fairbanks, William – Winnebagoshish Dam 1913
- 30. Foster, Charles – White Earth 1883
- 31. Foster, Henry – White Earth 1884
- 32. Fox, Robert – White Earth 1889
- 33. Franks, William – White Earth 1876
- 34. Gardner (Garden), George Gah-goonce – Pine Point, Federal Dam 1933
- 35. Hanks, John H. – White Earth 1910
- 36. Jourdain, Eustache – Crow Wing
- 37. Johnson, George Kah-ge-gay-aush – White Earth, Jack Pine, Twin Lakes, Lengby 1932
- 38. Keezer, Sewell W. – Pine Point 1909
- 39. LaChapelle, Louis Gabriel – White Earth 1922
- 40. LaPrairie, Scott – Jack Pine, Rice Lake, La Prairie Twp. 1937
- 41. Lego, Benjamin – Beaulieu 1913
- 42. Lovely, Danford – White Earth 1919
- 43. Martin, Joseph – Faith, Mahnomen 1902

- 44. Mason, Charles – White Earth 1878
- 45. McDonald, John Sr. – Richwood, White Earth, Popple Grove 1916
- 46. McDougall, Duncan – Richwood 1898
- 47. McGillis, Edward D. – Crow Wing
- 48. McKenzie, Alexander Sr. – Beaulieu, White Earth, Detroit 1925
- 49. McKnight, John – Beaulieu 1903
- 50. Montreuille, Antoine – White Earth 1869
- 51. Morrison (Moores), William Ah-be-daush – Twin Lakes, Beaulieu 1903
- 52. Oliver, Edward (Mexican War) – White Earth 1898
- 53. Parker, Peter – White Earth 1926
- 54. Peake, George – Round Lake 1900
- 55. Pemberton, Henry A. – Beaulieu , Cass Lake 1904
- 56. Perrault, Joseph (possible vet) – White Earth 1931
- 57. Price, Edward B. (Mexican War & Civil War) – White Earth 1885
- 58. Reese, Edward – Ponsford, White Earth 1915
- 59. Roy, Frank P. – White Earth 1920
- 60. Scott, Courtland H. – White Earth, Minneapolis 1931
- 61. Swan, Thomas Shay-day – White Earth 1922
- 62. Tanner, Edward – White Earth 1917
- 63. Tebeau (Thiboux / Theibault), Frank – White Earth 1890
- 64. Turpin, Baptiste (aka Chupan) – Mahnomen 1927
- 65. VanWert, James E. – White Earth 1908
- 66. Wakazoo (Waukazo), Joseph – Big Bend 1910
- 67. Wahwun (Warren), Thomas - White Earth 1908
- 68. Warren, William V. "Tyler" (possible vet) – White Earth, Twin Lakes 1900
- 69. Weaver, Charles – White Earth 1883
- 70. Weaver, Simeon – Old Agency / Onigum 1899
- 71. White, William – White Earth 1899

Family Gathering

There will be a family gathering for Bellecourt and Morrison descendants on May 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Palace Hotel and Casino Paradise Room. All relatives are invited. For more information call Margaret Smith at (218) 573-2413.

Thank You

The Art Sr. and Wanda Bevins family would like to thank the Naytahwaush fire fighters for doing such a wonderful job burning around White Earth and down by our home. You guys do a wonderful job and your strategy was awesome. Take care because this is a very dangerous job. God bless you and so do I. - Wanda and Art Bevins

Thank you to everyone who attended my 75th birthday party. A big Chi Miigwech to all those who brought cards and food. We all had a good time! - George “Porgie” Auginaush

Community Feast/Giveaway

There will be a White Earth Community Feast and Giveaway on Monday, May 22 between 5-5:30 p.m. at the old projects or at Marlene Rogers house if needed. Everyone is invited. No need to bring anything. For more information call (218) 983-3404.

Memorial Potluck Dinner

There will be a Memorial Potluck Dinner and Giveaway for Billy Jo Lovejoy and Claudia Perkins on Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rice Lake Community Center. All family and friends are welcome. Directions/questions call Shannon Lovejoy at (218) 694-3670 or Lisa Marchaud at (218) 694-2739.

The Family of Craig "White" Person invites you to his Memorial Dinner on June 4 at 2 p.m. at the Rose Weaver residence. Bring your favorite dish to share. It’s been a year since we’ve seen him, but we still share his loving memories. When death touches our lives there is always that unbidden feeling we could have done a little more - the words are left unspoken and the bridge is gone. You are deeply loved and missed.



Congratulations

Cleone Heisler, I would like to say congratulations for the wonderful service and help you gave us in the past 31 years as postmaster for the White Earth Community Village. I wanted to come to your retirement party, but I didn’t make it - I’m sure it was a fun one. Bless your heart. I enjoyed our visits, it seems so different not to have you there - but the new lady is very nice. God bless you and so do I.

Wanda Bevins

Open House

Congratulations to Star and Ryan White on your 2006 graduation. There will be an open house for Star and Ryan on May 27 at 4 p.m. at the White residence.

Tibbetts from Page 20

adults to participate in established programs such as The White Bison Wellbriety Movement, Bii-Zin-Da-Dee-Daa, Sons and Daughters of Tradition, Peace-Making Circles, the Women's Wellbriety Center, and the Wild Rice Roundup, we will help to prevent drug/alcohol abuse and gang/domestic violence in our villages. I believe our people also need more prevention programs to help us deal with the ongoing epidemic of alcohol and drug abuse. Alcohol, meth, crack, and prescription pain medications are taking over our lives here on the reservation. Our children are suffering, families are being torn apart, stable housing is being lost, and money is being spent on drugs and alcohol that should be going towards our families. Prevention, intervention, and working together to defeat the power that these things have over our people are our answers to overcoming addiction.

► **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY-** Statistics show that 400-600 adult people per year are being sent to off-reservation treatment facilities at the cost of \$2,500 to \$2,800 per 28-day stay. This is a heavy burden for our CD program. By seeking and securing funding to create an inpatient facility on the reservation we could better combat this problem here. It would also create jobs for our people to have certified assessors, CD counselors, management personnel, etc., needed at the facility. This would keep our people close to home and family.

► **ELDERS-** Formation of an Elders Advisory Council to serve as guidance to the Tribal Council, Community Councils, and Youth Committees on important decisions concerning our well-being and sovereign rights. Our elders need to be involved in the decision making because of their wis-

dom and knowledge. My vision is to have the Elders voices be heard.

► **BURIAL SITE PROTECTION-** Develop a plan to locate and protect all traditional burial sites. There has been too many instances where known sites have been wrongfully disturbed by loggers, resort owners, snowmobile clubs, and private land developers for their own benefit. These incidents should be punished to the fullest.

► **TREATY RIGHTS-** To protect and maintain our rights of health, education, welfare, self governance, hunting, fishing, gathering, and practicing our cultural beliefs/ways.

► **SHOOTING STAR CASINO-** Work to develop a transportation system to ensure that employees can get back and forth to work on time. Work to review handbooks and policies to ensure that our enrollees have the opportunity for advancement in supervisory/management positions, which will be a priority. Increase our number of Native workers; currently there are only 38 percent of Native associates employed at the casino. The casino was built to benefit our people, not to support the county of Mahnomen's economy.

These are a few of the issues that I have and will work towards making a reality for our people. Positive changes take time and happen in small steps but can be accomplished if we work together as Anishinabeg people. AH-HO!

Chi-MiiGwetch!

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We hope to see all of you and more for next year. Thank you.

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In Loving Memory of Mike LaFriniere
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A million times we've thought of you,
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If our love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
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In our hearts you hold a place no one
can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you but
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For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
We all love you and miss you so.

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Heart of gold stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
God broke my heart to prove to me
He only takes the best
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
All I have now are memories
and your picture in a frame
A million times I've thought of you
A million times I cried
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died
It broke my heart to lose you
But you didn't die alone
For a part of me went with you
the day, God took you home.

Love always - your kids,
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Would you like to work part-time and have a flexible schedule?

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If you are interested and would like more information feel free to give Joy Rice a call at the Girl Scout Office in Fargo at 1-877-904-8168.

**Make your vote count in the White Earth
General Election on Tuesday, June 13!**

Goodwin from Page 19

Education

More Emphasis needs to be placed on higher education and on-the-job training so our people can find better paying and more fulfilling jobs. We cannot forget our people coming out of jails or prisons. They need education or training to help them end the circle of repeating crimes.

Alcohol and drugs on the reservation

We have all seen how alcohol and drugs destroy lives. It might mean the ruination of one man or woman, but all too often it destroys whole families. Alcoholism results in shortened lives, lost dreams, and children who suffer needlessly and it often leads to crime and is the stepping stone to using drugs. We have all seen the damage drugs bring to the reservation. These, too, bring destruction to the lives of individuals and ruin families.

The only way to eradicate alcohol and drug abuse is with prevention, we need to seek additional funding in the area of prevention. We need drug education and activities in all our communities to offer better choices for our youth. We need to awaken our own spiritual nature to overcome the diseases of chemical dependency. We currently have very good programs that address the treatment of alcoholism and I will continue to support the currant programs.

Beautification of our communities

Let's make our villages more attractive to the public and to those who live within them. I will work toward making people proud of where they live.

Enrollment

We need to look more seriously at enrollment. The current rule of 25 percent Minnesota Chippewa Tribe blood if unfair to those who have children with members of other Indian bands, and we find that our own children and grandchildren are not eligible, even though they are raised by Indian parents on the reservation, and are more than 25 percent Indian Blood. The current rule for enrollment means that many of our children and grandchildren are not eligible for federal scholarships and some other benefits.

My background

I was born in 1940 in White Earth raised in the Beaulieu area. I've been married 47 years to Lucille, and we have raised seven children and one nephew. We have 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

I began my career as a heavy equipment operator in 1959. In 1963 I went to Cleveland, Ohio, on the relocation program. I was employed at Ford Motor Co. for three years, and worked three years at the American Ship Building Yard.

In 1970 I returned to Minnesota. I operated heavy equipment and was a member of the Local 49 Union of operating Engineers. My life experiences developed my passion

for helping people, and I became involved in chemical dependency programs, advocating for Indian people in courts, schools, and wherever they needed help. I began volunteering in the prisons and jails in 1973 in the alcoholics' Anonymous program. This eventually led to employment with the State of Minnesota at the Stillwater Correctional Facility as a chemical dependency counselor. During this period I received diaconate training through the Catholic Church and earned a degree in theology.

I also served the Indian community on Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis. I spent six years at the Bois Forte Reservation and later moved to Fond du Lac Reservation in the Walks Tall Program, primarily with person just leaving prison. I returned to the White Earth in 1997 and was employed by the Tribal Council's Chemical dependency program. I have since retired, but still volunteer as a spiritual leader at jails and prisons, ministering to Indian People.

I currently serve on the boards of directors for the following: Circle of Life School, Healing Pathways, Upper Mississippi Mental Health Consortium

My Pledge to you

District I will be united district, with all voices heard, from our youth to our elders. No matter what the concern may be, your voices will be heard through my concept of the community councils and community representatives serving on a district-wide council. I will be here to serve- not to be served.

White Earth Tribal Council
Accepting Applications for the
following positions

Chemical Dependency Counselor
Deadline: Until Filled

High School Math Instructor
– 1Yr. Position
Deadline: Until Filled

Childcare Worker
Deadline: 05/19/06

Job Counselor/Naytahwaush
Deadline: 05/26/06

Surveillance Monitor – (2) positions
Deadline: 05/26/06
(See full job descriptions on our website)

Download applications at:
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Apply to: White Earth Tribal Council
Attn: Personnel Department
E-mail: terrip@whiteearth.com
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591

In Memory

In Honor and Memory of
Francis Margaret Fairbanks Charete
Jan. 21, 1910 to May 7, 1998

With love,
Marie Charete, Michael and Christopher Grant

In Memory of my brother - Mike Keezer
who passed away on April 2, 1987

Mike this is a sad day and also a happy one. My 30th wedding anniversary was on the same day you passed on - you are being missed greatly - all the laughs we had together. Miss you a lot.

Love you
Your sis - Wanda Bevins

In Memory of John (Goog) Hanks
who passed away on April 21, 1993 - 13 years ago

John, as time goes by we all think of you, just the other day Art Jr., said wonder what (Goog) would think of all the eight grand kids. I said he would love and care for them like he cared for you, Ash and Mike. We all miss you so much it hurts to write this. You are never forgotten.

Wanda, Art and family

In Memory of Wayne Bellanger
who passed away on May 16, 2005

Wayne, it's already been a year since you left us, we sure miss you greatly. Wayne, in you and Art's life that you shared together was a very strong bond and that bond will stay because you are always with us, within our hearts. Wayne, you were a wonderful person, friend, and family member, no matter what happens you will always be remembered for your good deeds you done while you were here with us. God, take care of him for he is missed greatly and take him through eternity safely.

Arthur and Wanda Bevins

I Loving Memory of Harold "Mark" Warren
who entered eternity life on May 1, 2001

Mark, you are missed greatly, there's not a day in our life that we don't think of you. It's really hard to believe that you are gone.

Love and miss you,
Wanda and Art Bevins Sr. family

In Memory of Mario DeGracia
March 10, 1984 to May 29, 2005

We can't know why some things happen, but we can know that love and beautiful memories outlast the pain of grief. And we know that there's a place inside the heart where love lives always and where nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten. We love and miss you Mario but you will always live on in our memories.



Your grandparents,
Florence and James Tadlock

Obituaries

Michael A. Clark



Michael A. Clark, 3 month old son of Clarence Clark and Gina Tiokasin, Ponsford, died April 24 at St. Mary's Regional Health Center in Detroit Lakes. Michael Allen Clark was born Jan. 10, 2006, in Park Rapids. He is survived by his parents, Gina Tiokasin and Clarence Clark of Ponsford; one sister, Brianna Clark of Detroit

Lakes; grandparents, Kileen Weise of Minneapolis, Debra Warren of White Earth; great-grandparents, Clarence and Bernice Bailey of Hot Springs, Ark., Pat Warren of White Earth. Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather, George Tiokasin. The funeral service was April 28 at the old Pine Point School in Ponsford with Joe Bush officiating. Interment: Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Ponsford. Arrangements: The David-Donahower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

Francis M. Bisson

Francis M. Bissorit age 85, passed away Dec. 26, 2005 at home in Camas, Wash. He was born July 25, 1920 in White Earth to Ernest and Celestine Bisson. Francis moved to Washington State when he was 20 years of age and worked as a log truck driver and auto mechanic. He moved to Ridgefield in 1959 and has spent the past eight years in Camas. Francis loved playing his guitar, his first love, and was a member of the Old Time Fiddler's. He also loved hunting and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Celestine; sisters, Ernestine,

Margaret, May, Gloria and Betty; and brothers, Ben and Ted. Survivors include his daughters: Cindy Fletcher of Vancouver, Sandra of California, Judy of California; son, Tony Bisson of Vancouver; sister, Julia Englehardt of Yuma, Ariz.; four grandchildren, four great-grand children, numerous nieces and nephews; and special companion Florence White of Camas. A memorial service was held Jan. 4, 2006 at Straub's Funeral Home in Camas. A private interment was held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Leroy Clausing

A military memorial service for Leroy Nelson Clausing, 85, was recently held at Kramer Funeral Home in Palouse with Potlatch VFW Post conducting the service. Mr. Clausing died from an apparent heart attack on March 31 at the Tri-State Memorial Hospital in Clarkston, Wash. He will be cremation and his ashes will be buried at the Zillah Cemetery. Born Dec. 8, 1920, Zillah to Arthur W. and Mamie Sturgiss Clausing, he attended school at Zillah, Wash., and graduated from high school in 1939. He joined the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific and the Aleutian Islands during World War II. After the war he worked for Biles & Coleman Lumber Co. in Omak, Wash., and married Violet Steinert July 7, 1948, at Wenatchee, Wash. They lived Omak and later at Wenatchee and Zillah before moving to Pullman, Wash., where Mr. Clausing was employed at WSU's receiving and delivery department. They moved to Palouse, Wash., in 1971, and Mr. Clausing retired after 35 years of WSU service. After his retirement they moved to Colfax, Wash., and then to



Clarkston in 2002. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, at the Clarkston home; three daughters: Charlotte Gassman, Everson, Wash., Linda L. Savelesky, Clarkston, Peggy Ann Clausing, Bellingham, Wash.; one brother, Leland Clausing, Yakima, Wash.; two sisters: Anna Laura Newman, and Phyllis Clausing, both of Yakima, and one grandson.

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In Memory

In Loving Memory of Lorena Lynn Jones
April 13, 1962 – May 21, 2005

God looked around his garden
And saw an empty space
Then he looked down here on earth
And saw your smiling face

He put his arm around you
And lifted you to rest
His garden must be beautiful
Because he only takes the best

A million times we'll miss you
A million times we'll cry
If love could have saved you
You never would have died

In life we loved you dearly
In death we love still
In our hearts you hold a special place
No one could ever fill

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day god took you home

-Unknown Author-

From all Your Family and Friends
"Forever our Love"

There is nothing I can do,
To make him come back
There are no words I can say,
that can replace the words you long to hear

There are no answer's I can give,
That will satisfy your questions
And, there is no love I can offer that will ever replace
the love we shared

I can not promise your broken heart will ever be
complete
I will not deny it was a tragedy
I will not lie and tell you he will come back

He never really left

I do promise he hears you when you speak
I will say he loves you no matter the distance
I will not deny he is in a better place
And, I will not lie; he is waiting to greet you someday

He is every step you take
He is in everything you do
He is the air you breathe
He is every beat of your heart

"He is like the wind. You can not see
him....but you will always feel him"

The Family of
Craig "White" Person



Ho Wah Ads

Happy 3rd Birthday
Carissa Englund

"Love
Mom
and
Dad"

May 17



Happy Birthday

Mister Man
Robert Butcher

June 2

From:
An Admire



Deborah
Happy 52!
May 16

Love ya

Aunties
Ruby &
Donna

Happy 4th Birthday
Brodie



From,
Mom,
Dad,
&
Parker

**Birthday Ads are \$5
with a picture or
\$4 without. All
payments must be
made in advance.**

Happy Birthday
Billy Jo Lovejoy

"Bugaboo"
May 26

Miss and love you
soooo much...

Love Lisa, Essence,
Roneisha, DeMarcus

Happy Birthday
Sage Thompson (3) 5-29
Aspen Thompson (4) 5-27



Happy 3rd Birthday our
beautiful little Princess



**Carissa
Mae**

Love You!

Gramma Char,
Great Gramma
Vee, Auntie
Alyssa, Uncle
Derek - **May 17**

Happy Birthday
Sunshine

Hvezda

May 26

Shannon & Kids

Happy Birthday

Bill Lovejoy

May 26

*There is not a day that
goes by that we don't think
of you*

Sadly missed by your family

Happy 60th
Birthday

Joseph Lagoo

June 18

Forever Young

Congrats

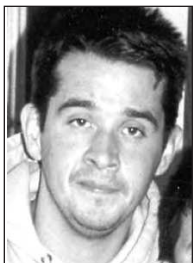
Adrianne Levy

on your
graduation
from
WETCC!

Love Mom
& Dad



Congrats
John Clark



on your
graduation
from
MSCTC
Carpentry

Love Mom
& Dad

Happy Head Start
Graduation

**Johnathan
Clark!**

Love,
Gramma
Denise &
Papa Hawk



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Waubun Post Office changing hours

The Waubun Post Office will be changing lobby and window service hours effective May 6.

Lobby Hours

Monday - Friday
7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Saturday

7:15 to 9:30 a.m.

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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Saturday

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

For more information call Judith Murray, Waubun Postmaster, at (218) 473 2183.

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Enrolled member looking for reasonable lake lot lease. No cabin necessary. Call (218) 844-5240.

For Sale: 48" round oak table with 2 leafs, 4 chairs, good condition - \$300. Call (218) 473-2157.

For Sale: Concession trailer, fully equipped, 8 ft. by 16 ft., tandem axle. Ice cream dipping freezer, pop, corn popper, lemonade dispenser, Smoothie "O" Machine, water heater, water tank, sink, waste tank, and more. For details and pictures contact Oscar Birkeland, Frazer, (218) 334-5307.

For Sale: 1996 Caddy, beautiful, senior driver, new tires, 155,000 miles, Kelly Blue Book - \$6,550, excellent condition, white. First \$5,000 gets it. Call (218) 694-6161.

For Sale: Partially furnished 3 bedroom mobile home w/deck overlooking Ice Cracking Lake. Includes pontoon and much more. Tribal leased land - \$29,000. Call Pam at (218) 573-3683.

I need donations of Ojibwe books, videos, tapes, or curriculum for pre-school children. I would be interested in purchasing materials as well, either new or used. Currently, I have 3 openings at my day care: Nokomis Day Care Hours: 7am – 5pm Longfellow Neighborhood (Near East Lake St. & Minnehaha)

Yard Sale: Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m. at 39898 Cty Rd 158 - Mike & Denise Levy. If rain it will be on June 2.. **NO early birds.**

For sale: 2001 Ford Windstar Van. Grey metallic, quad seating-7 passenger, CD, cassette, AM/FM radio, power seat, privacy glass, V-6 auto transmission (38,000 on transmission), new brakes and more. This is an exceptional vehicle, well maintained. Call Ken Badboy at (218) 983-3285 Ext. 1361 or (218) 473-3364. Firm pricing - \$9,700 (retails for \$10,600).

**Make your vote count in
the White Earth General
Election on June 13!**

White Earth Health Center staff earn national awards

The awards keep adding up for employees at the White Earth Health Center. One group award and three individual awards were highlighted at the USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards banquet recently in Bethesda, Md.

"It is with great pleasure that I recognize those individuals whose dedication, ingenuity, compassion, and hard work have improved the health and welfare of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Congratulations to everyone receiving recognition for their outstanding work for the Indian Health Service," said Charles W. Grim, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., Assistant Surgeon General and Director, Indian Health Service.

"Thank you for your outstanding performance, and congratulations once more on your award."

Outstanding Service Medal – Dr. David Vogt

Recognized for serving Native American people through both clinical care and leadership over a 24-year career. Dr. David Vogt started his career at Pine Ridge, S.D. He then served at Sault St. Marie as Clinical Director. Dr. Vogt is a family practice physician at White Earth and served as Clinical Director.

The White Earth Service Unit Facility Management Staff

The White Earth Health Center (WEHC) facilities staff, with assistance from the housekeeping department, completed major additions to the WEHC and the satellite facility located in Pine Point. The existing vacant ambulance garage and newly constructed space were converted

into providers' offices and conference space. Additional exam space was also created by converting other office space. At the Pine Point facility, 896 square feet of additional clinical space was constructed. Both projects were completed with in-house staff resulting in significant savings in construction time and dollars.

Dr. Darryl R. Zitzow

Dr. Darryl Zitzow is an outstanding therapist who is regularly requested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to serve as an expert witness in difficult cases involving American Indian patients throughout the region. In addition to his regular duties as a departmental supervisor, branch chief, and therapist, he has dedicated himself to the people of the White Earth Reservation after hours as a member of the White Earth suicide intervention team.

Dr. Zitzow frequently participates in consultations regarding very sensitive matters, especially those related to children. In this capacity he has also provided extensive services to the Red Lake Reservation.

Cheryl A. Namtvedt, RPH, BS CDR,USPHS

Commander Cheryl Namtvedt is the Assistant Chief Pharmacist at the White Earth Health Center. She contributed to elevating the overall quality of patient care through her volunteer services on the chronic pain management program. She also redesigned the drug formulary system and led the implementation of the pharmacy's automated dispensing system. She has demon-



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Top: Members of the White Earth Service Unit Facility Management Staff from left are Todd Scofield, Mike Bray, Al Leff, Doug Darco, and Pete Fairbanks. Not pictured is Paulette Halvorson. **Bottom:** Dr. Darryl Zitzow, Dr. David Vogt and Pharmacist Cheryl Namtvedt.

strated a sustained level of outstanding performance that strongly supports the mission of the Indian Health Service.

Families First Week



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Tribal Police Officer Nick Stromme makes root beer floats for children on May 8 during Families First Week in White Earth. Each community held fun events throughout the week.

Thanks!

A special thank you to friends and family, Shooting Star Casino, Native Harvest, Ice Cracking, and elders from Pine Point for their support in our fundraising and helping out for our trip to Mississippi.

Editor's Note:

Specialist Anthony Clark is currently serving in Iraq.

Thank you, Barb, Junior, Caitlyn, brother, Clarence & sisters

