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## DINING ON THE WINNEBAGO RESERVATION, R-EATZ, NATIVE STAR, IRON HORSE

Written by:  
Jordana R. Bass

WINNEBAGO, NE – We all love to eat right? I think that is one thing we all have in common. Whether you are craving tacos, Mexican or indian, pizza, prime rib, or salads. Local restaurants and food vendors have something to offer anyone that looks to explore their taste buds.

This week we loved to explore the variety of food options within the Winnebago reservation boundaries. To review and share what each restaurant has to offer. The first restaurant was Native Star Casino's Pizza Night promo. On Wednesdays starting from 5pm to 9pm is Pizza Night. The promo includes one large pepperoni pizza and a two-liter of Coca-Cola. Players earn this promo by earning 30 points on their player's club card. Non-members can also purchase the pizza special, and the price will only cost \$10. (no substitutions).

Other pizza options are Hamburger, Italian Sausage, Meat Lover's, Buffalo Chicken,



**Chef Reg of R-Eatz preps for the Birria taco and Pozole special in the first week of opening.**

and Supreme. Coming in two sizes, with a large starting at \$10, additional toppings will vary the price. You can also get a personal size starting at \$4.

The pizza had a thin crust, with a nice crunch on the outside, and soft dough biting into it. The sauce had a sweetness to it, the cheese had a nice pull to it as you take a bite. The pepperoni was cooked perfectly.

The WIN's apprentice's Marlin Mousseau III and Morgan Earth channeled their inner Gordon Ramsey and gave the pizza a food review. Mousseau said "I thought it was really good. The crust, cheese and sauce all went together. My favorite part was definitely the crust that has bits and pieces of sauce still on it. It's delicious. Even though I don't go to the Native Star, I might consider it for the accessibility and great taste. 9/10, on par with big restaurant names. (i.e Pizza Hut, Little Caesars)"

Earth said "Native Star's pizza is pretty good. The sauce was sweeter than others, the cheese tasted like an actual dairy product, and the pepperonis had that home cooked pizza taste in a way. While the pizza was good, I have my minor critiques. The sauce overpowered a lot of the other flavors, the crust felt a bit dry for my taste, and the cheese didn't feel that present around the edges of the pizza. I would say a little less sauce and more cheese around the edges would do it justice. Overall, I rate the Native Star pizza a 4.6/5 (Native) Stars."

On a Wednesday night, if you don't feel like cooking. Call down to Native Star Casino (402) 878-2901 and order you and your family a large pizza. And stop down and play a couple slots while you're at it. Location: 214 Industrial Rd, Winnebago, NE 68071

Need something to do on a Saturday night? Got a date night? Hungry? Well you should head on over to Emerson, Nebraska. On the west side of the reservation boundaries, you will find Iron Horse Casino. Where they serve the best prime rib around (no lie).

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See, FOOD

### BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



Winnebago Public School has once again sent wrestlers to state! Congrats to Adain Robles & Avani Wilkie on their hard work! Both wrestlers compete(d) on February 16th and 17th at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Ne! Depending on the outcome of those matches it will determine if they continue on. Nonetheless we are proud of our student athletes in their accomplishments and making it this far! Be sure to check out The WIN & Winnebago Tribe's Facebook page for real time updates and livestreaming!! #GoBigBlue



**If you hadn't had pizza from Native Star, you are missing out! Great prices, great taste, right in Winnebago!**



**Iron Horse Casino in Emerson, NE (west rez) has the best prime rib around. Head over and see for yourself, every Saturday beginning at 5pm.**



**The new guy in town is R-Eatz. Serving up daily specials. Above is top dish, birria tacos and pozole.**

**ATTENTION**  
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Update from Whirling-Thunder Wellness Program!! The pool has updated hours and a new age restriction on their new hot-tub, ages 15 and up only! Shown above are the pool hours (Picture courtesy of Whirling-Thunder Wellness Program)

# WINNEBAGO TRIBAL FARMS CONSTRUCTION OF GREENHOUSE IS UNDERWAY

Submitted by: HCI Communications



WINNEBAGO, NE - The construction of one greenhouse and three hoop houses is underway at the Winnebago Tribal Farm.

The goal of the project is to save money and extend the growing season for the Tribal Farm.

“Normally we buy our starter plants from the store, but we are hoping with the greenhouse that we can start the season early and make our own starter plants and cut those costs,” said Trey Blackhawk, Tribal Farm manager.

The Winnebago Tribal Farm was established in 2018 to address a shortage of fresh fruits and vegetables on the reservation. This limited access to fresh produce was believed to be a contributing factor in the high rates of diabetes and heart disease among Tribal members. Tribal leadership recognized the need to expand local food production efforts and

created the Food Sovereignty Task Force, which was comprised of several local entities—the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council, Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, HoChunk Community Development Corporation, Little Priest Tribal College Ag Extension, and Ho-Chunk, Inc.

From this, the groundwork for Tribal Farm was laid and is still a priority for today’s Tribal Council. This is why funding was dedicated to the greenhouse project, which will result in a higher and healthier crop yield.

In the past, Tribal Farm’s typical growing season has lasted from mid-June through late October. With the addition of the greenhouse and hoop houses, Trey hopes to increase that to early March through mid-November.

The main difference between the greenhouse and the hoop houses is that the greenhouse is temperature controlled, but the hoop house still provides valuable protection from the weather. Trey noted that this first season utilizing these structures will be a learning experience.

“I’ve visited different farms to see how they work, and I’m excited to see how we can use them here,” he said.

An additional benefit of installing the greenhouse and hoop houses is the decrease in pests and disease.

“Last year, ground squirrels and rabbits kept eating our starter plants,” said Trey. “That’s money lost.”

Continuing the theme of partnership established by the Food Sovereignty Task Force, Ho-Chunk, Inc. Maintenance and Facilities has been contracted by the Tribe to build the structures. The team, led by Trevor Wilkie (who

started with Ho-Chunk, Inc. in 2004), Kenneth Walker, and Josh Bassette, anticipate an early spring completion.

“The ground froze early this year, and the hoop house poles can’t be put into the ground with that frost layer,” said Trevor.

The facilities crew added that they are happy to partner with the Tribe and Tribal farms on this project and hopes to work with them on future endeavors.

“We appreciate the opportunity that they gave us, and we hope to do more for them in the future,” said Trevor.

Trevor, Kenneth, and Josh all gave credit to the rest of their crew for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

“Without them, we couldn’t do a lot of the things we do,” Trevor said.

An additional project this summer at the Tribal Farm will be a building that can be used for workshops and other classes so that the farm feels more community friendly.

“This is a community garden, and anyone can come out and help any time,” said Trey. “Adding this building should help with volunteers.”

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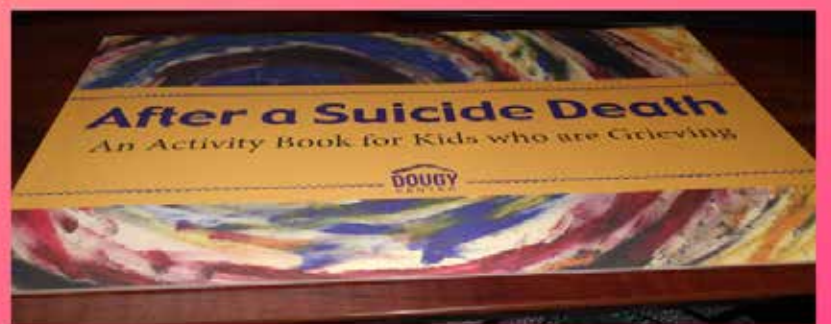
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To register, email: [donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com)



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*Sweetheart (close relationship):* Hokixap  
*I love you:* Wōnjgixete  
*Give me a kiss:* Sgū ra hisge hįk'y ŋe.  
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**A special night!** Winnebago community groups will participate in several aspects of the night, including the game ball delivery, coin toss, half time cultural performance, and promotions for kids and adults.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is also donating **650 tickets** to the community's youth, which will be distributed in the schools later this month.

**Winnebago Tribal, community members and community workers get \$5 off any ticket level.** Discounted tickets must be purchased at the Tyson Event Center box office. Show identification if you have it, otherwise just say you are eligible for the discount.

LEARN MORE AT [GOBANDITSFOOTBALL.COM](http://GOBANDITSFOOTBALL.COM)

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Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-004

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Diana Decora

In Re:  
F.L.FH (Born 10/2021)  
Loni Frenchman, Mother  
Henry Harden, father

TO: Loni Frenchman, Mother  
Henry Harden, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-004 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 23rd day of February, 2023 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2023.

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Case No. CV23-030

In the Matter of the  
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In Re:  
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ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

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Dated this 27TH day of January, 2023

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Case No. CV23-019

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Sherry Moniz

In Re:  
R.W (Born 08/2022)

TO: KENNETHA WHITEBEAR, Mother  
ROGER WHITEBEAR, Father

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### LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-029

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Allise Free

In Re:  
O.M (Born 09/2006)

TO: JERE FREE, Mother  
ROBERT MCCLELLAND JR, Father

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Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-040

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Wilhelmina Sharpback

In Re:  
M.F. ( Born 01/2021)  
Jasmine Harden, Mother  
Jared Frazier, Father

TO: JASMINE HARDEN, Mother  
JARED FRAZIER, Father

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Dated this 3rd day of February, 2023

### LEGAL NOTICE: 1/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-027

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Denise Lincoln

In Re:  
A.L. ( Born 05/2013)  
Reuben Horned Eagle, Father

TO: Reuben Horned Eagle, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-027 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 2nd day of March, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2023

## NOTICE TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE WINNEBAGO RESERVATION FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Rocky Mountain Regional Office (RMRO) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR]1500-1508), for current and future forest management activities and plans on trust lands located within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Indian Reservation (Reservation) in Nebraska and Iowa. The EA will analyze the potential impacts associated with the BIA's development/implementation of an updated Winnebago Reservation Forest Management Plan, which will consider annual allowable cuts, or the volume of timber that can be harvested each year under a planned harvest schedule, using the most recent Forest Inventory Analysis for the Reservation.

The BIA is seeking your input as part of the NEPA scoping process. Comments might include reasonable alternatives, mitigation measures, probable or possible adverse impacts, and other considerations. The public comment period will begin on February 15, 2023.

The BIA will accept written comments until close of business March 17, 2022. Please include "Winnebago FMP EA" in the subject line of any correspondence. Comments should be submitted via email or post-delivery to the environmental consultant assisting the BIA with the development of the EA:

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Northern Natural Gas (Northern) has implemented a vegetation management program to keep the operation of the existing right of way to ensure the continued reliability of the line. The program controls vegetation along the right of way in an environmentally sound that includes the combination of tree and brush clearing.

A contractor hired by Northern will be entering the right of way to remove any large growing trees or brush. Northern will maintain an area within 25 feet of the center line of each pipeline. Any trees that are removed will be logged and piled off the right of way for use as habitat cover. If this method of disposal is not agreeable, please contact us at the number listed below.

Reference the Allotment number  
Thurston County  
Winnebago Reservation 148L

Northern is committed to ensuring a reliable natural gas transmission pipeline and maintaining the right of way in an environmentally focused manner. Work is scheduled to begin between in February 2023 and will continue through December 2023, depending on the contractor's schedule. For questions or concerns, please contact us at (402) 580-1380.

# TOP STORIES

## FOOD

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**R-Eatz birria taco's are prepared by Chef Reg.**

the late Fannie Mae LaTray. He is the grandson of Geneva and Frank Ewing, and Rachael and Melvin Frazier (Isanti). He is also the chef and co-owner of R-Eatz.

You may have seen Reggie around as a solo food vendor at the Village Farmer's Market in Winnebago. Where he got his jumpstart selling birria tacos, and pozole. After seeing much success, he was encouraged by his wife to obtain an LLC.

"The push really came from Reetz. She pushed me to do it. She got the business plan together. I've been wanting to go to school since 2009. But I had some setbacks. I just wanted to have my own business. I'd rather do that than work in someone else's kitchen."

Ireta Frazier (Thunder clan) is the daughter of Monica Hunter and Charlie Blackbird. She is the granddaughter of Charlene and Frank Tebo, and Louise Hunter and Lloyd Hamilton jr. She handles the accounting and business side of the restaurant. She has also received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

She shared, "Tony Wood was actually played a big part in planning. He felt Reg could do more. He was pretty much saying you should start expanding a little bit more and opening up your options. He did mention to us about the business loans that they do over there for tribal members." (HCCDC)

The two then began the process of moving towards obtaining the LLC. Which was a long process with completing the business plan, and then obtaining the necessary certificates, inspections, and then finally purchasing the equipment, supplies, and food. She shared "it's not easy, but it's doable."

As of now, the restaurant is just starting off. But plans for the future are well underway. Reggie shared, "my main focus now is just to try to keep well, find out what the community actually wants. I know a lot of people on the survey want a lot of soups, bread, fry bread. I had an elder call yesterday and said I should do fry bread every day. And that's something I'd like to do with more help. We do offer free coffee for vets. We want to get the elders in here to have a breakfast, you know they like their coffee and breakfast. We plan on putting up TV's and stuff, just a place to hang out."

Temporarily his hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30am to 9 am for breakfast. He closes to prep for his daily lunch special. Opening back up from 11am - 2pm.

"When I get more employees I hope to be open for breakfast and dinner on the weekends. For people who are on the go to basketball games. And then on the weekend, they don't have to go all the way to Sioux City to eat. I'd like to catch a dinner for sure on the weekends."

As of now, he is offering fried foods and his daily lunch special. One of the customer favorites is the birria



**HCI Apprentice's Morgan Earth and Marlin Mousseau III got their inner Gordon Ramsey going and can now add food critic to their resume.**

taco and pozole special. The first week the line was out the door.

The birria is cooked the night before, and then the next morning it is mixed and blended with spices and peppers to make the broth. Upon so it is then thrown back into the oven to cook for an hour until it is ready to be prepped for the tacos and the pozole. Meanwhile the hominy is rinsed for the soup.

The birria is then placed into a corn tortilla and grilled to a nice crisp, topped with cheese. The pozole is topped with cabbage, a slice of lime, radish, and cabbage. If you hadn't had the opportunity, I suggest you follow R-Eatz reg-reetz on Facebook for updates on daily specials.

Support our small business owners, and our tribal members by checking out their restaurant looked in Ho-Chunk Village, at the Ho-Chunk Plaza building in Winnebago, NE.

If you're looking for more food options, check out Sweetwater Café in Winnebago where they serve delicious hot panini sandwiches like the grilled Italian, southwest roast beef, chicken bacon avocado, or the Sweetwater vegetarian. Also cold sandwiches like the chicken, egg, or tuna salad, the bistro ham & cheese, or the turkey pepperjack.

They also have salads such as the garden, chef, cobb, chicken caesar, thai, or chicken pecan. You can also add a side bowl of their daily soup special. They also serve breakfast sandwiches during the morning, with your bacon, egg, cheese, and sausage sandwiches. Wash it all down with a smoothie, frappe, or coffee!

Hours for Sweetwater Café are Monday - Friday 7:30am to 2pm

As you can see there are many great food option to try to fulfill whatever craving you have. Check them out



Walking in customers are greeted by a friendly staff. Iron Horse Casino is a hidden gem. Jaylen LaRose is the general manager of the casino. He said, "we actually offer a full menu from appetizers to salads, fryer foods, hamburgers, even steak or fish dinners. We are well known for our broasted chicken."

But what the WIN was there for, was the prime rib special. Where they offer 2 different cuts. Larose said "you can get a Sandwich cut, its slightly thinner. That comes with a Texas Toast. Our Dinner cut costs 29.95 and that includes your choice of potato the salad bar and Texas toast." My mouth was watering instantly as the server placed the juicy prime rib right in front of me, and then there was the baked potato and Texas toast. The prime was placed beautifully in au jus. The texture looked moist, and the edges of the fat had a little gristle to it (my favorite). Cutting into the goo-goo (meat) it was cooked medium well. The prime basically melts in your mouth. The baked potato and toast was a yummy touch.

Larose shared "the prime rib is seasoned with our secret seasoning, usually 24 hours before we cook it." In a recent episode of Winnebago Talks through KWTN - the Big Voice, discussing prime rib night. Brian Chamberlain comments "nothing compares to Iron Horse Casino's prime rib. I'd put it against anyone's." Other prime rib fanatics shared "it's the best prime rib around." Don't believe us? Go see for yourself. Located 1106 Main St, Emerson, NE 68733

About 98% of the staff are Winnebago tribal members, so as the meal was being served, they were joking around and the environment was very welcoming.

Larose said, "We are a very close group of workers who want to make you have a fun and enjoyable experience why not come have some great food and try some of our hot slots!"

The week of February 6th, the Winnebago community has gotten to experience a new restaurant. R-Eatz. Where local tribal members and small business owners Ireta and Reggie Frazier are bringing in more food options right smack dab north of Winnebago rez.

Reggie Frazier (Warrior clan) is the son of Ronald Frazier Sr. and



**Left to right; Sweetwater Cafe in Winnebago have tasty salads and grilled panini's.**

**Above; Customers begin to line up at R-Eatz before the lunch rush hits.**



# COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY CRAFTING

**FRIDAYS @ 6:00 PM**  
**HAWK BUILDING**

### COMMUNITY CRAFTING NIGHT

LPTC COMMUNITY EDUCATION, originally shared via Facebook

Are you crafty? Want to be craftier? Always wanted to learn to use a sewing machine? Already an expert crafter and want to join a community of people who love crafting in its various forms?

Community Crafting is a great way to have fun, build community, learn informally from that community, and more. This semester (January – May), Community Crafting is held on Fridays at the Hawk building from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Bring projects you are already working on at home. Did you buy material or a crafting kit years ago that you just haven't made time to use? Community Crafting is a great time to pull out those crafting materials and get those projects going!

Sign up for Community Crafting and more by Friday, January 27. Register by typing this link online:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/gWXMccN2xj>



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- Stepanek, Wanda H.
- Talayumptewa, Laura
- Thomas, Louise
- Vileta, Annelle C.
- Walker, Benjamin E.
- Walks Nice, Juanita S.
- Wolfe, Leisa

### Summer Internship Program

See yourself here.

Applications Open: March 1, 2023 (Deadline to Apply)

Internship Begins: May 15, 2023

Internship Ends: July 28, 2023

Apply: [bit.ly/ho-chunk23](http://bit.ly/ho-chunk23)

### Questions to ask yourself when you are referred to an outside Doctor:

- Did your WCHS/TCUH Provider submit a PRC referral?
- Did you consult with your PRC MSA about your referral?
- Did you provide your insurance card to the doctor's office during your visit?
- Did you inform the doctor's office that you are PRC eligible?

### Steps to take when you receive a Medical Bill in the Mail:

- Call the phone number that is located on your patient bill:
  - Inform the office that you received a bill in the mail.
  - Provide account number and any other information they request.
  - Inquire if they have your insurance information, if not provide it.
  - Inform them that you are PRC eligible.
- Bring your bill to the TCUH PRC Department.
  - Please do not drop your bill off before speaking with the Claims Specialist or PRC Supervisor.
  - Bring your most current updated insurance card, so a copy can be taken and updated in the WCHS TCUH system.

## FEBRUARY 2023

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
			1 Closed Inventory/Stock Certifications Only	2 DISTRIBUTING* 10AM-3PM	3 Food Tasting	4
5	6	7	8 Fresh Groceries 10AM-3PM	9 Nutrition Ed.	10	11
12	13	14	15 Fresh Groceries 10AM-3PM	16 Nutrition Ed.	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fresh Groceries 10AM-3PM	23 Semi Delivery Nutrition Ed.	24	25
26	27	28 Closed Holiday				

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA**

CALL AND SET-UP YOUR SHOPPING TIME  
PICK-UP/DELIVERIES FOR ELDERLY AND THOSE WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION  
FEBRUARY CLOSED DATES: 28TH  
FEBRUARY 3RD: FOOD TASTING  
FEBRUARY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD: NUTRITION EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 15TH, 22ND: PRODUCE DELIVERY  
FEBRUARY 23RD: DRY/FROZEN FOOD DELIVERY

"FOOD NUTRITION IS OUR MISSION"  
Our Contact Info:  
402.878.2799 P  
402.878.2877 F  
food@winnebagoTribe.com  
\*Distributing Hours May Vary\*

## Purchased / Referred Care (PRC) Department

### Patient's Medical Billing Concerns

Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) PRC eligible patients, please assist us so we can assist you. Working together and keeping the lines of communication open will ensure your bills are being paid in a timely manner and prevents bills being sent to collections, the addition of late fees and other charges, and potential legal fees. Timely notification and action will also help ensure your credit rating score is not negatively impacted due to unpaid claims or bills.

### Facts to know about PRC Funds:

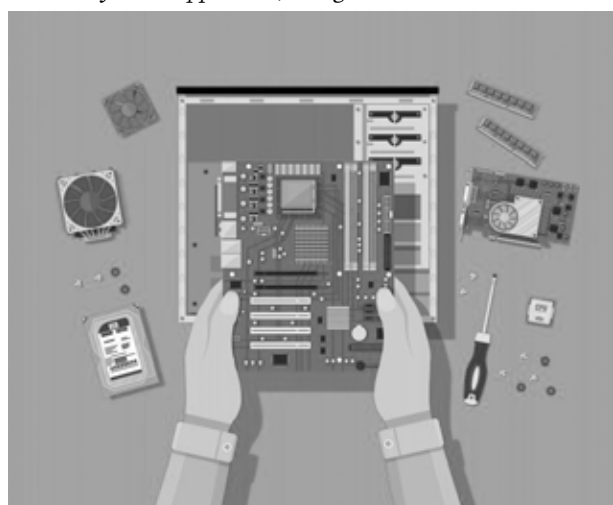
- PRC receives yearly funding. It is used from October 1st to September 30th.
- All PRC patient referrals must be approved, otherwise PRC funding will not be applied to your patient bill.
- PRC patients must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible (Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, and etc.).
- PRC funding is a payer of last resort. It pays only for costs not paid for by your alternate resources.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

## EDITORIALS

### THE TIME I BUILT A COMPUTER

Written by: HCI Apprentice, Morgan Earth



Right before the pandemic, I had just made it home from a necessary visit, and I just had the urge to build a computer. With a computer, I would've gained more creative freedom, I would've been able to have a lot more access than I previously had with a PlayStation or Xbox.

I began looking at computer components and found a lot of really helpful PC building YouTubers like LinusTechTips. Through his channel, I discovered the basics, the more

intermediate parts, and even the much more challenging parts of building a computer. In the middle of 2020, in June, I began ordering parts, but stopped when I realized that I wasn't going to get far with the budget I had.

Sophomore year went by, and minimum progress was made in the parts I needed, same with my Junior year. I had finally made it to my Senior year when I discovered I can take some of my graduation money out and use it for whatever I may need. I immediately knew what I had to do with it. I headed out to Sioux City's Best Buy and began getting the parts I needed, and even got newer, better parts than what I purchased previously.

When I got home, I started unboxing things and started assembling the behemoth of technology. I had spent an hour and a half putting it together, and another half an hour trying to figure out what I did wrong. It wasn't until the recent Tribal Allowance when I went and bought a new part to fix the thing.

That brings us to now, where it runs smoothly the majority of the time. I mainly

use the PC to record videos and play video games with my friends, but sometimes I spend a few hours writing my book.

The biggest struggle of PC building isn't always your budget, you can put any amount you want towards a computer and you can make one, but a lot of the time your main issue would be figuring out what mistake you may have made and finding a solution to fix that.

Overall, if you have the money to go overkill, you can go for something similar to mine, which cost me around \$1,200 and it is still at the higher end.

#### Main Components

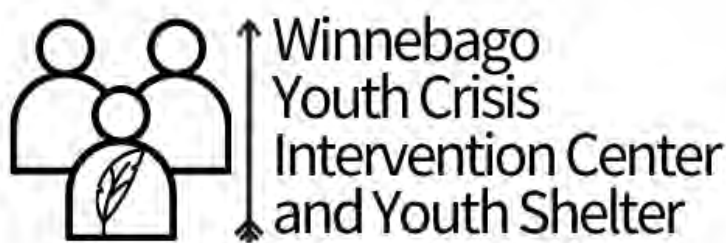
- CPU
- Graphics Card
- Power Supply
- Ram
- Storage drive (SSD, HDD, M.2 SSD)
- Motherboard
- Case

#### Quality of Life Components

- CPU Liquid Cooler
- Case Fans
- Extra Hard Drive Storage
- RGB Internal Lighting

### SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PT. 26

Submitted by: Youth Crisis Intervention Center



#### Rape and Suicide

Native Americans are at the greatest risk of sexual violence. On average, American Indians age 12 and older experience 5,900 sexual assaults per year. American Indians are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault compared to all races.

41% of sexual assaults against American Indians are committed by a stranger, 34% by an acquaintance; and 25% by an intimate or family member. 26.9% of AI/AN women have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives. Nearly 1 in 2 AI/AN women have experienced sexual violence other than rape. The offender is non-Native in 2/3 of sexual violence cases perpetuated against Native women.

The experience of being raped can lead to suicidal behavior as early as adolescence. Rape victims are four times more likely to have contemplated suicide after the rape than non-crime victims, and 13 times more likely than non-crime victims to have attempted suicide. 13% of women who are raped attempt suicide. 33% of women who are raped contemplated suicide.

- Innumerable victims of rape have attempted suicide.
- And, sadly, many have died by suicide.
- Rape is a horrible, disgusting crime that is perpetrated by individuals that can only be described as evil cowards.
- I do not know how a woman could be raped and not become depressed.
- Many have told me that they feel like the rapist sentenced them to a life of hell.
- Their pain does not end.

And every time I read an e-mail, call, or visit

from someone who tells me about being raped as a child, my heart breaks.

I do not know how a young girl could possibly cope with the physical and mental anguish associated with a rape.

And compounding the mental and physical hell that a woman goes through after the rape are the comments that people can make to her.

- Some will try to minimize the problem.
- Others won't believe her.

And others will blame her, with unbelievable statements like these:

- "You let him in your apartment, didn't you? Well, what did you expect?"
- "It was your fault too - you must accept your share of the blame."
- "You must have done something to deserve this."

So what should you do if you are raped?

- Reach out for help.
- Call the police immediately after a rape.
- Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE
- Get into therapy.
- Surround yourself with caring, helpful, loving, understanding, and supportive people.
- Reach out to other rape victims -- they can understand what you are going through.
- Read books written by other rape survivors.
- Be gentle with yourself.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or the

**Winnebago Behavior Health 1-402-878-2911**  
or After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

*minutes continued from last issue...*

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Garan Coons  
Jason Lawrence  
Esther Mercer  
Thomas Sno  
Cecelia Earth  
Brandon Stout  
Rena Brownrigg  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lynelle Blackhawk

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Chamberlain called to order at 9:10 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

## APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda adding executive session. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Rena Brownrigg

will be doing the candy gift from the Fire Department, usually on the last day of school before Christmas break, which is Dec. 20th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

will be hosting a Mutual Aide meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Fireworks 2023 display ordered. Amount is \$10,000.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the report. Coly Brown seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Jason Lawrence

Put in a request to add 2 Dispatchers on from a Four Year Grant from the Hospital. One full time and one part time. Needs a Tribal Council motion to approve the grant.

CEO needs MOU in place for this first. Chief needs to work with HR for positions Share grant award. CEO Report – ready to present December 14th, 2022.

Aric Armell motioned to table the WCHS Dispatcher Award until the CEO Report on December 14, 2022. Rona Stealer seconded.

OBJECT: Louis LaRose

VOTE: (5) yes, RS, LD, AA, IS, CB  
(0) no (1) abstain, LLR  
Motion carried.

## LOCAL UPDATES:

Aric Armell suggests a meeting with the Judges, Court, Police Department on Codes that need revision and include our Law Firm.

Aric Armell motioned to add the BIA MOU to the next General Counsel Meeting Agenda. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

\*Have Physical Resources put BIA Lease Issue on the Tribal Council agenda.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Kenneth Mallory in at 11:03 a.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes

Coly Brown motioned to accept Law Enforcement Report as submitted. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING – ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT November 28, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Isaac Smith (out at 2:26 p.m.)  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Rona Stealer  
Coly Brown (in at 2:15 p.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Bear Eagle  
Natalie Earth  
Esther Mercer  
Christina Parker  
Ramona Sheridan  
Linda Free  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lisa DeCora  
Danae Blackfish  
Karen Bass  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Danie Greene  
Tara Picotte

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 1:09 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:  
Disenrollment, sample ballot for Secretarial Election

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### ENROLLMENT:

1. Disenrollment – Discussion

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution 23-41: Disenrollment of Tribal Members not meeting the blood quantum for enrollment numbers 3674, 3672, 3589, 1929, 3590, 3674,3591, 3592, 2701, 3948, 3994, 3257, 3620, 1928, 3947, 2903, 3993, 3949, 3954, 3946, 3966, 3085, 3800, 1927, 3296, 1340, 2744, 2921, 3306, 3409, 2743,2741, 2742, 3304, 3305, 3406, 3407, 3408, 2824, 28013, 2812 and all descendants thereafter due to lack of current Winnebago Enrollment criteria.

Lorelei DeCora seconded.

OBJECT: Louis LaRose

VOTE: (4) yes, LD, AA, IS, BC  
(1) no, LLR(1) abstain, RS  
Motion carried.

Louis LaRose wants to see the code, and all documents.

2. Sample Ballot Secretarial Election – Discussion

[Coly Brown in at 2:15 p.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to sponsor a table at the Winter Gathering on December 9, 2022, to share information on the Sample Ballot. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Isaac out at 2:26 p.m.]

Lorelei DeCora motioned to grant Administrative Leave to the Tribal Enrollment Committee to attend the Winter Gathering. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to rescind the motion to adopt resolution #23-41: Disenrollment of Tribal Members. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

ABSTAIN: Coly Brown

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no  
(1) abstain, CB  
Motion carried.

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Brian Chamberlain Seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

### TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING November 30, 2022

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Coly Brown  
Isaac Smith  
Louis LaRose  
Aric Armell (in at 9:18 a.m.)  
Kenneth Mallory (in at 9:10 a.m.)  
Brian Chamberlain (in at 9:19 a.m.)

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (travel)

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Widdel  
Terri Mentink  
Sharon Frenchman  
Damon Payer  
Cecelia Earth  
Willy Bass  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lance Morgan  
Michael Michaud  
Mike Means  
Kiva Harden-Free  
Christina Parker  
Brandon Stout  
Alan Post  
Garan Coons  
Angel Derochie  
Fannie LaTray  
Lola Bernie  
Joy Johnson  
Manoj Patil

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Secretary Lorelei DeCora called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown offered the opening prayer

#### APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda with addition. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Aric Armell, Kenneth Mallory in]

[Vice Chairman Chamberlain in at 9:19 a.m., assumes chair]

#### WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Billing & Collections- presented by Terri Mentink  
2. Financial Report – Tom Widdel

Aric Armell motioned to accept the WCHS October 2022 report as submitted. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

#### GAMING COMMISSION:

Presented by Damon Payer.

Isaac Smith motioned to accept the Winnebago Gaming Commission October 2022 report as submitted. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the FY 2023 Winnebago Gaming Commission Budget as submitted. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

#### WARHORSE REPORT: Presented by

Angel Derochie and Lance Morgan.

[Isaac out]

Rona Stealer motioned to accept the War Horse Report as submitted. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

#### WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

[Lorelei out, Isaac in]

1. WinnaVegas Financial Report – presented by Mike Means

Aric Armell motioned to approve the WinnaVegas financial report as presented. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

2. FY2023 Marketing Performa – presented by Michael Michaud

3. Action Items:

a. Request from the Slots Dept., Re: IGT Purchase @ \$87,181.00

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Slots Dept., Re: IGT Purchase @ \$87,181.00. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

b. Request from the Slots Dept., Re: Aristocrat Purchase @ \$97,720.00

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Slots Dept., Re: Aristocrat Purchase @ \$97,720.00. Louis LaRose seconded.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

## TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

### 1. Wake & Burial Program Benefits

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Burial Assistance Option #2 (Increase amount to \$4,000 for every Tribal Member (both on and off res) a total increase to FY 23 Budget = \$110,000.00) through the end of FY 23. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### 2. Christmas Basket Proposal

Coly Brown motioned to approve Option #3: 800 x \$50.00 Hy-Vee gift cards for Tribal Members (one per household) date of distribution will be determined upon the availability of the cards. Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### 3. Land Management

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #23-42; Land Purchase – Henry Ricehill Allotment 397, in the amount of \$23,550.16. Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### 4. Planning Department

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #23-43: Red Nose Day Fund (RND) on behalf of the Educare Learning Network (ELN) for Calendar Year 2023. Aric Armell seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

## TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

### 1. Check from Richard H. Hayes Trust foundation

Aric Armell motioned to authorize the Chair to take all action necessary to thank the Richard H. Hayes Trust Foundation for the generous donation, which will be used with our language program. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### 2. Financial Report – presented by Alan Post

Louis LaRose motioned to accept the CFO Financial October 2022 Report. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### 3. Finance action items

#### a. Little Priest Tribal College

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from LPTC for \$450,000 Appropriations for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried*

#### b. ARPA Budget Reallocation

Aric Armell motioned to meet with Human Services on Building in 2.0 as soon as possible. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

## c. Executive Session

Aric Armell motioned to add Executive Session to that agenda. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Coly Brown motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 1:18 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

## ADJOURN:

Rona Stealer motioned to adjourn at 1:18 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Vice Chairman Chamberlain adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING December 5, 2022

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora  
Garan Coons  
Christina Parker  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Rona Stealer (in at 9:16 a.m.)  
Isaac Smith (in at 9:15 a.m.)  
Brian Chamberlain (in at 9:10 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Morry Conway  
Lorie Broberg  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Yatty Mohammad  
Vasina  
Brandon Stout

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:09 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

[Brian Chamberlain in at 9:10 a.m.]

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Addition of Tribal Member Emergency Assistance.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### READING OF THE MINUTES:

1. 11-21-22 Mid-Monthly TC mtg. mins.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the November 21, 2022, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. 11-22-22 War Horse Revenue Sharing mtg. mins.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the November 22, 2022, War Horse Revenue Sharing meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

3. 11-28-22 Emergency Services Report mtg. mins.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the minutes for the November 28, 2022, Emergency Services Report meeting minutes. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

4. 11-28-22 Special meeting – Enrollment Department mtg. mins.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the minutes for the November 28, 2022, Special Meeting-Enrollment Department meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

5. 11-30-22 Treasurer's Report mtg. mins.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the November 30, 2022, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

[Isaac Smith in at 9:15 a.m., Rona Stealer in at 9:16 a.m.]

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Little Priest Tribal College – Monoj Patil & Team

[Aric Armell out at 10:40 a.m.]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to schedule a meeting with the LPTC Board of Trustees on opening the door to the soul of the LPTC Organization. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Annual LPTC Report as presented. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. Dana Mastel Fastwyre Broadband (will meet during the Mid-Monthly meeting)

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Land Bill Update – Victoria Kitcheyan

a. Land Transfer Act Bill was introduced by Rep. Sherice Davis on Dec. 2, 2022.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

1. Flandreau Indian School Board Representative

Brian Chamberlain motioned to table until we can find out more information of the requirements. Coly Brown seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. Approve WPS Spring 2023 T-Shirt Advertisement

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the WPS Spring 2023 T-Shirt Advertisement for \$339.00. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

*Motion carried.*

3. Last Bear Moon Pow-wow discussion (Feb 25th)

Isaac Smith motioned to utilize all the same offices to do the Last Bear Moon Pow-wow on February 25, 2023. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

[Isaac out]

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

[Isaac in]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve \$344.00 Emergency Assistance by Human Services for G.S. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

## ADJOURN:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING – HOCHUNK RENAISSANCE MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2022

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (in at 9:10 a.m.)  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Coly Brown  
Isaac Smith  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Kenneth Mallory

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Lewis St. Cyr  
Students  
Michelle LaMere  
Elaine Rice-DeCora  
Mimike  
Mary Merrick  
Esther Mercer  
Christina Parker  
Tyresha Wolfe

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Chamberlain called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer; Students also offered a prayer.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan assumes chair.

Renaissance staff – Presents Curriculum materials, posters & billboards.

Presenting how they teach with slides.

**RECESS:** Five-minute recess at 11:55 a.m.

Director discusses the needs of the program.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lorelei DeCora, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council**

*Minutes to continue next issue...*

# Ho-Chunk, Inc. Community Update: *Developing Leaders*

Open to Winnebago Community  
& Tribal Members

*A limited supply of swag  
items will be available  
for attendees.*



WEDNESDAY,  
**March 1**

at the Blackhawk  
Community Center

COMMUNITY

WPS SENDS SEVEN STUDENTS TO THE THURSTON COUNTY SPELLING BEE



Here are the students who participated in the spelling bee! Great job!

PENDER, NE - Recently the Winnebago Public Student's participated in a spelling bee held at WPS.

Those top spellers were then selected to participate in the Thurston County Spelling Bee!

Students from Omaha Nation Public School, Walthill Public School, Pender Public School, and Winnebago Public School were amongst the competition.

The first round was the written spelling test, three students advanced to the oral round of the competition.

Three students from Winnebago made the top ten spellers within the competition.

The other students were from Pender. All three students made it to the top 6 spellers, and then the words got tough, even for a wordsmith.

The competition was getting intense, and the words were getting tougher.

One student made the top three spellers. However fell short in a tough round.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition. In a time of autocorrect, and acronymns like BRB or TTYL, it's great to see students take their spelling tests seriously, and hitting that pencil to the paper.



Event was held at the new Pender Community Center.



The written round was a list of so many words! It was a Monday, but they were serious as they could be.



Leo Holstein was one of the top three spellers during the oral round.

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o Senator Slama brought an amendment to the hearing that would replace the bill. Among the changes included in the amendment is a requirement that a voter wishing to vote by mail present their photo ID to a notary public, who then would stamp the envelope requesting a vote by mail ballot. The state would cover the cost of the notary's services. (portions of this taken from Unicameral Update <http://update.legislature.ne.gov/?p=33264>)

o LB626 (The Nebraska Heartbeat Act) was heard on February 1st as well. It was a long six hour hearing. This will be my personal priority bill and I feel confident that it will pass out of committee and go to the floor for debate.

Upcoming Bills

This upcoming week I have three bills being heard in committee.

• LB442 (Livestock Friendly County Funding) will be heard in the Agriculture Committee on Tuesday, February 7th at 9:30 a.m. This bill proposes legislation to allocate \$2 million dollars from the general fund to the Livestock Growth Act Cash Fund administered by the Department of Agriculture to provide funding to counties who participate in the Livestock Friendly County Program. Dakota, Thurston, and Wayne Counties are considered Livestock Friendly Counties and would potentially benefit from this program if this bill moves out of committee.

• LB636 (Natural Gas/Propane Bill) will be heard in the Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m. This bill allows Nebraskans to continue to choose the energy utilities of their choice.

• LB440 (Bonding Authority bill) clarifies that the special tax (building fund) under \$79-10,120, could not be used to build a new school building, add additional footage to an existing school building, or purchase sites upon which new buildings will be located. School districts looking to use the building fund to build new buildings, add additional square footage to an existing school

building, or purchase land for the site of a new building, must receive approval through a vote of its citizens at a general or special election under \$79-1098.

We have now completed 22 days in our 90 day session. There is much work to be done as we continue moving forward in this legislative session.

As always, I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions by contacting me by calling

(402) 471-2716 or emailing me at [jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov](mailto:jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov).



This week was the first week of full day hearings. It made for some long days. Many bills were hot topics and had many testifiers coming to share their viewpoints for or against the bills being heard.

Bill Updates

• LB535 (Voter ID) was heard on February 1st. Due to the voters supporting a change to the Nebraska Constitution in November, the Legislature is tasked with trying to figure out the best way to determine what type of photo identification will be acceptable. Senator Julie Slama introduced LB535 laying out the requirements for a valid form of photographic identification, including such document must:

o *Be issued by the U. S. government, the state of Nebraska, or a Native American tribe or band recognized by the U. S. government;*

o Show the individual's name, which must conform to the name on the individual's voter registration record;

o Show a photograph or digital image of the individual to whom the document was issued; and

o Not be expired, if an expiration date is included.

**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**

*Destin Vargas*  
**DESTIN VARGAS**

<b>HOMETOWN</b>	WINNEBAGO, NE
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	WINNEBAGO
<b>POSITION</b>	WIDE RECEIVER
<b>AWARDS</b>	2X 1ST TEAM ALL-NE 1X ALL-STATE ATHLETE 1X STATE CHAMP

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
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**LAST BEAR MOON**  
*Winter Celebration*  
**POWOW**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023**  
**WINNAVEGAS EVENT CENTER • SLOAN, IOWA**

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GREYWOLF • NEW BREED

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GOURD DANCE AT 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM  
**MC:**

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ERIC PAYNE, PONCA CITY, OK  
**HEAD LADY:**  
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**MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (50 +)**  
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TRADITIONAL • JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL  
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JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL • WOODLAND  
1ST \$400 • 2ND \$300 • 3RD \$200 • 4TH \$100

**TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)**  
TEEN BOY'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY FEATHER  
TEEN GIRL'S TRADITIONAL • JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL  
1ST \$200 • 2ND \$125 • 3RD \$75

**JUNIOR CATEGORIES (6-12)**  
JUNIOR BOYS & JUNIOR GIRLS WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY  
**TINY TOTS (0-5) WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY**  
**>> SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL <<**  
MEN'S NORTHERN TRADITIONAL (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)  
WOMEN'S FANCY SHAWL (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)



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