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# LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE STUDENT CO-HORT & SUCCESS AT AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Written by:  
Jordana R. Bass

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Recently Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) sent off a student co-hort of seven to compete in different competitions against other tribal college in the nation. Although this was their first time attending the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), and their first time competing against other teams in Hand games, the team came out first place.

The first AIHEC student conference was held back in 1980, and since then the event has grown and students, faculty, and staff come together each spring to compete in academic, cultural, and artistic exercises. Also sharing stories, and participating in workshops and plenary sessions; while celebrating the tribal college movement.

The WIN had the opportunity to catch up with them to get the “low down” of their experience.

Denise Milford (Huc Hinuk coní wingo Huc Hikikuruc Wauna wak sana) is currently



The gang's all here. Student co-hort are welcomed back with a trophy in hand. Photo credit: LPTC

pursuing her Associates degree in Indigenous Science Health, and was also the captain of the LPTC team.

“We managed our time really well, we had team camaraderie. That’s what got us there.”

Prior to attending the conference the students had to go through and sign a code of conduct with LPTC. She added “it stated we would be a certain way, with a clear mind, clear thinking, and clear hearts. I think that was a huge advantage for us.”

In preparing, the team met with tribal members Kristine Earth and Cassie Kitcheyan to teach them to play the hand games since it was all seven of the students first time playing.

Milford said “one thing that stuck in my head was Cassie said you have to remember it’s a mind game, and the opponents will try to intimidate you. We just walked in there and we had it down.”

Nakia Mallory (bear clan – Winnebago) is the son of Cleve Lyons jr. and Lou Ann Mallory. He is also the grandson of Louis Mallory sr. and Eloise Whitebear. Currently he is pursuing his degree in the Diversified Agriculture program and will transfer to Wayne State College for his Bachelors in Agribusiness.

Mallory was the High Point Man for the whole handgames tournament. He shared “I have never played handgames before. When I was awarded high pointman for the whole tournament I wasn’t sure what it meant. In the championship round I went on a vibe and a roll and scored seven sticks (points) for us. This was due to hiding and keeping the opponents guessing.” He also participated in chess, archery, and the 5K walk/run.

If you’ve never played handgames before, different area tribes may have different set of rules. But the idea is still the same. It’s a guessing game where different players are selected to hide the bones behind their backs, and in one hand. Finally giving the opponent a chance to guess. Often trying to look for a reaction of the hider. Teammates may dance, cheer, sing, clap, and drum to raise the energy of the game. Similar to the Moccasin game.

This year there were 37 tribal colleges that participated in the hand game tournament. Milford expressed “walking in there and seeing all those colleges. There were like 900 Native’s in there and they were jumping and shouting. That confidence was all there. To walk in was like, wow it was just us seven. We had one male, and they’re supposed to be our leaders. Nakia sufficed and did great. When we walked in that room I remember feeling like, holy smokes we got to beat all these people?”

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## BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



Winnebago Public School Art Students traveled to Wayne America for their conference art show! Surrounding displays had their art work on display which gave WPS’s advanced art class some inspiration! During the trip students were able to join in on workshops covering watercolor painting, ink work, mono-printing and more! We hope WPS students enjoyed their field trip!!



March 29th HoChunk Renaissance partnered with Little Priest Tribal College for an Elders Gathering! The conversation started with past times, cultural dos and don'ts, passed down and lost teachings. The Horaxij: HoChunk Language Academy were able to show our elders and community their extensive knowledge of our language by introducing themselves and singing for us. Thank you to the class! Thank you to the speakers, and both organizations that opened this conversation up for our community, we hope to have more in the future!

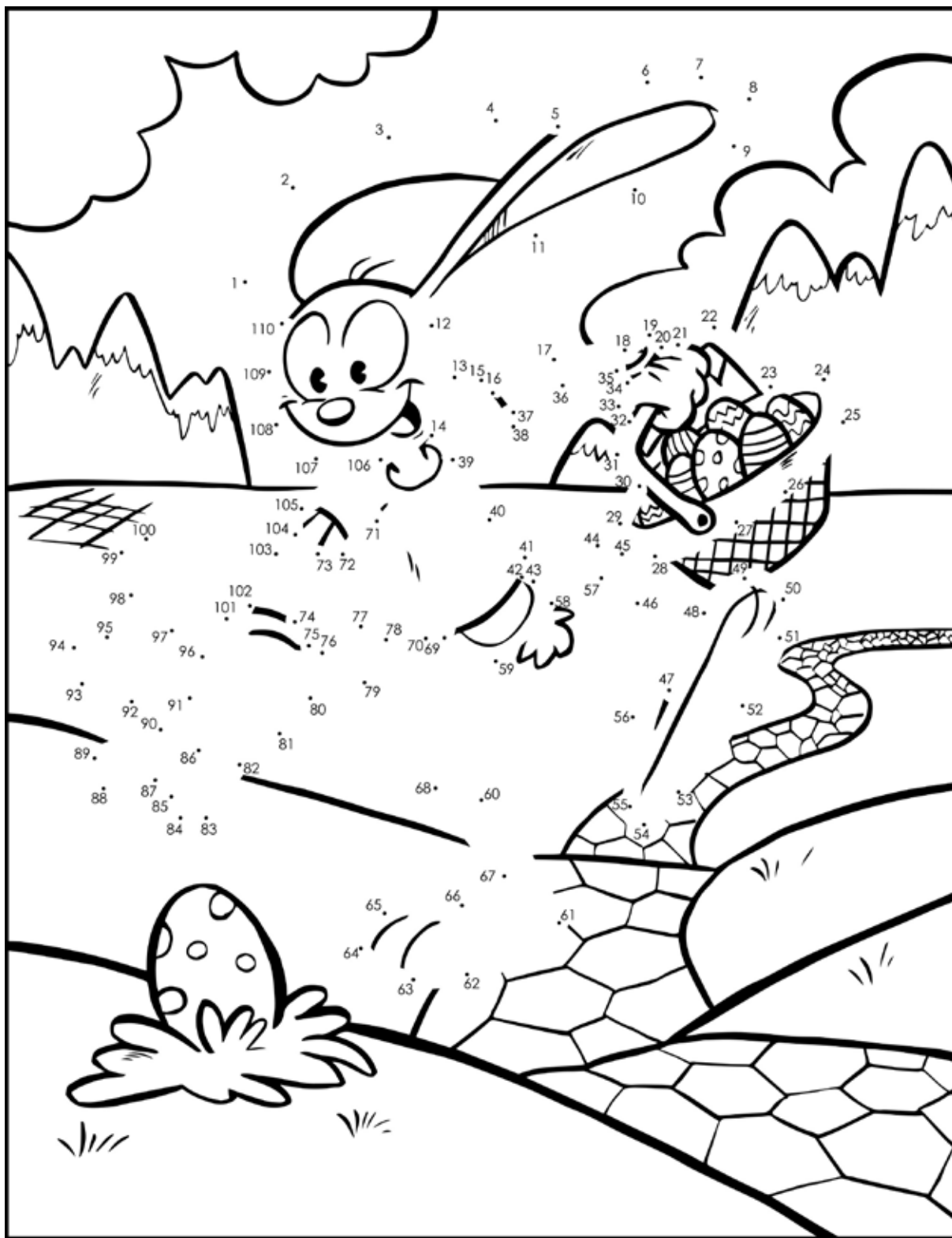


Students participated in Handgames, traditional plants, and herbs, archery, and the 5K fun walk/run

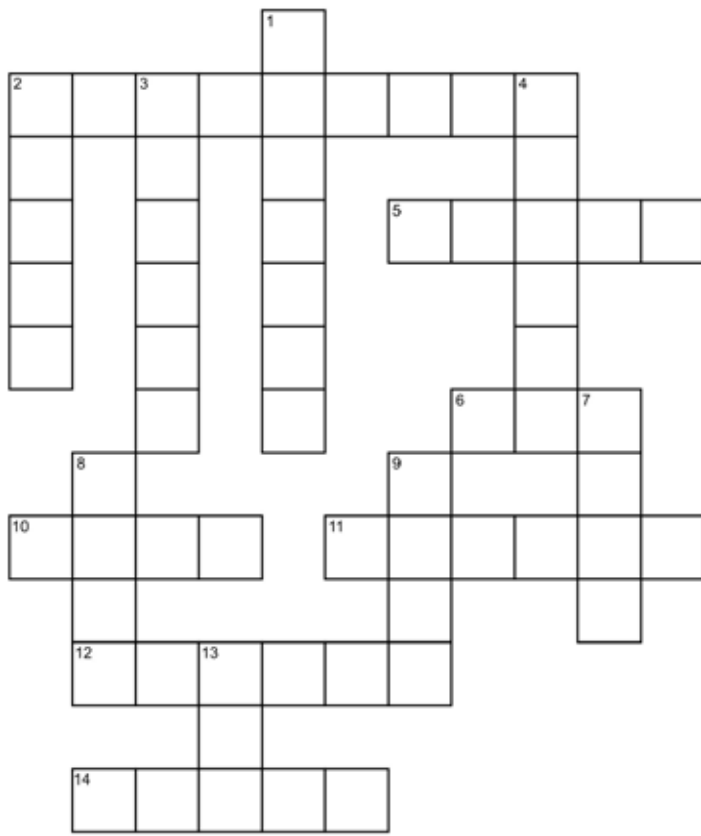




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- Across**
- 2 - A mother duck keeps a close eye on her \_\_\_\_.
  - 5 - Easter's month.
  - 6 - Which came first, the chicken or the \_\_\_\_?
  - 10 - A mother cow gives milk to her \_\_\_\_.
  - 11 - Easter is always on this day of the week.
  - 12 - Carry your Easter Eggs in a \_\_\_\_.
  - 14 - The Easter \_\_\_\_ hops around the world and delivers presents.

- Down**
- 1 - April showers bring May \_\_\_\_.
  - 2 - Cows give milk for \_\_\_\_ products.
  - 3 - A mother hen watches over her baby \_\_\_\_.
  - 4 - Easter's season.
  - 7 - A baby \_\_\_\_ is called a kid.
  - 8 - A baby sheep is called a \_\_\_\_.
  - 9 - In the backyard, the kids are having an Easter Egg \_\_\_\_.
  - 13 - The \_\_\_\_ warms the earth and brings light to the world.



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# TOP STORIES

## HANDGAME CHAMPS

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Seven students representing LPTC had great success. But who were the other students and which tribe did they represent? These students attend LPTC and represented the community with great intentions.

Rochelle May (Red Lake band of Chippewa) is pursuing her degree in Early Childhood Education. “My experience at AIHEC was phenomenal. I loved seeing different types of natives from different states, all over, and different colleges. When we were in the championship there were three other colleges behind us cheering us on.”

Stephanie (Tobacco and Red Running into the Water People clan – Dine) (editors note: I was too engulfed in the conversation I forgot to ask her last night). She added “even some of their guys were drumming and singing for us. We had no hand drums going.”

LPTC also had success during the 5K Fun/Run, where the ladies took first place.

Marquesa Tapia (Nitowi – Thatara clan) of the UmoHo tribe, who was the senior Sr. UmoHo Nation 2022-2023, and is currently pursuing her degree in Business Administration expressed “it was connecting with so many different tribes, networking, and seeing where people are at and building

their foundations.” She also placed seventh overall in the 5K Fun walk/run.

Madeline Casseus (Rosebud Sioux) studies Environmental Science and expressed “I really enjoyed AIHEC and all the people that I got to hang around. We all got along well, it makes a world of a difference when you have people who support you.” She also placed 5th overall in the 5K fun walk/run.

Mallory’s experience he shared “it’s a must for all TCU (tribal college or university) students. The networking, the overall vibes. I was flooded with so many emotions. One thing I took away was we was native people are connected through so much, the biggest is spirituality. I felt like a big family, everything flowed together. Especially being around all the tribal diversity.”

With that, next year if you’re a student at LPTC who may be interested in attending AIHEC, there is a process you must go through.

Mysoul Earth-Kearnes (Nizu Winga – thunder clan) was one of the coaches of the LPTC co-hort. She mentioned “you have to have at least a 2.0, be passing your classes with nine credit hours, and must be able to pass a UA.”

Milford adds “so it’s that

uniqueness of how we got there. It didn’t surprise me when we were down there and doing well. We were having fun, we were so busy, and we were full of energy. It really felt empowering to be a Native at AIHEC and then to come home with a trophy.”

Other winners were Tyler Lamere who tied for first place in Traditional Plants and Herbs. (article on page). Next year AIHEC will be held in Minnesota which is in the Ojibwe and Hochunk territory, where many of Winnebago plants and herbs can still be cultivated.

The student group have a plan and vision to bring an archery and hand game club to the community of Winnebago. Milford concludes “we’re just going to keep going so we can start something in the community that’s a positive and sober activity for our youth. We need those.”

LPTC will also be honoring the 2023 AIHEC hand game champs on March 31st at the Elk Building on the LPTC campus.

**Congratulations to the LPTC student cohort, and pinagigi for representing the college, your tribes, families, and your selves in an honorable way. Best of luck to you on your future endeavors.**

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF HOCOK NISOC HACI AND MENTORING WINNEBAGO YOUTH

*Written by: Jordana R. Bass*



WINNEBAGO, NE- Back in the day it was called the Teen Center, and it was a hangout spot for the youth in our community. Around that time the living space had a pool table, foosball table, and a row of computers. A big screen TV in the backroom, and movie nights and popcorn would occur.

Today that building still stands across from “the slab” and is the Boys and Girls Club of Hocak Nisoc Haci (BGC). The mission still remains the same, to provide a safe space for Winnebago youth to go after school.

This week the WIN met with the Greg Bass III (bear clan – Winnebago tribe), he is the son of Elizabeth Bayer and Greg Bass jr. He is the grandson of Cecilia Earth and Timothy Bayer, as well as Janet and Greg Bass sr. Currently he is serving as the CEO of BGC, with his associates degree from LPTC in liberal arts, and Bachelors from Wayne State College in Business Admin.

“The month of April we’ll be focusing on the teens.” He shared. On April 1st they will host a lock in for the Winnebago Public School post prom party. As well as other educational opportunities.

The Draw the Line Program’s last day will be held on April 3rd from 4pm-5pm, and that program had a number of eight students who participated. In that they learned about HIV/AIDS and pregnancy prevention. It was taught from Sanford Center in Sioux City, IA from the Fitzgerald grant.

The My Future Mondays class is a learning platform provided by BGC of America. Which will begin April 17th, from 5pm-7pm. Bass added “it’s a lot of learning opportunities, learning growth, and it’s really focused and based on knowledge or interests of the age groups and demographics. It’s focused on what you want to do.”

Tuesdays at BGC they will host Power Hour Homework Help. Bass said “they’ll come down and bring their homework and our staff is going to help

them.”

Every Thursday during the month of April they will host the Diploma’s to Degrees class. He shared “it’s basically giving them a mentor and they can get help with a plan to set in place. So when they go to college, they’ll know what to expect.”

In the goals for Bass III, he expressed “the ideas we have for fundraising are is we will have a gala, a golf fundraiser, and the month of October we’re collaborating with Hochunk Farms, Winnebago Tribal Farms, and Winnebago Wildlife and Parks to set up a scary farm or maze.”

Most of the funding for BGC activities come from tribal appropriations, as well as grants, and donors.

The impact a role model can last a youth up to adulthood. So individuals who see the youth walk through the doors of BGC may not realize it now. Bass expressed “I was a member at BGC. It was chartered back in 2006. My dad was the unit director for a time being, I’d be down here a lot. But during that time it was a log more busy. When I was in grade school and onto high school I had mentors like Wilhemena (Sharpback), my dad, and Melissa (Modlin). They really helped guide me into the person I am today. That’s a big reason I wanted to take on the role as a unit director.”

Goals at BGC are to continue to improve safety for both youth and staff, as well as hiring more community members to help with the youth, and to make “the club” ore marketable to the teen crowd.

One big update that is worth mentioning is the new Boys & Girls Club building. How far along do you ask?

Joy Johnson who is the Director of Planning and Development for the Winnebago Tribe shared “the environmental assessment is in the process of accepting comments from the public, and accepting comment and questions until April 7th. Once the comment period ends we will submit the assessment to HUD for their approval. HUD will then provide official release of funds document so we can proceed with the construction process to be completed by the end of Summer. Ideally we will then be able to see the site being prepared yet this fall.” Contact Joy for your inquiries at: 1833.568.5132 ext. 2702, or email joy.johnson@winnebagotribe.com

Currently BGC is looking to hire a Unit Director, and it would be a great time to begin the process. While working with youth could be

rewarding. When asked what her favorite thing about working at BGC Kaileah Walker expressed “the interactions and just really getting to know the kids. They’re all so different.”

When asked the same question Bass shared “it kind of shifted. When I was a unit director it was more of the connections I made with people, not just youth. I networked with a lot of smart individuals within our town and outside of our scope. As CEO it’s the bigger picture of our organization. From the kids, all the way through our safety police. I go home every night satisfied with the work that happens and knowing I’m able to help keep the doors open, and for the youth to have a safe space. That means much more to me.”

If you would like to get involved and make a positive impact on the youth, BGC of Hocak Nisoc Haci is a great place to start. You can submit your resume and cover letter to Gregory.bass@winnebagotribe.com and apply through the BGC Indeed portal at www.indeed.com. Any questions or assistance with applying feel free to reach out to Greg via email.



**Above: BGC CEO, Greg Bass III  
Below: Pizza Party at the Club**





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*Written by: Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer*



Each year, National Public Health Week provides a chance for all of us to come together to restore and strengthen the public health of our Community and our Nation. This week, we celebrate the progress we have made to revitalize our public health, recommit ourselves to the work that still remains an recognize all of the remarkable health care workers and public health professionals whose extraordinary sacrifice and courage on the front lines have carried our Community through one of the most difficult periods in our history.

This year's theme is about Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health. Our cultures have always shaped our health. We learn from the communities we are born in and that we build together. We look to community leaders and celebrate the unique and joyful ways different cultures focus on health. We look to how we can learn from each other with humility and openness.

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- Apr 18** Tuesday 12pm @ LOW Office  
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- May 16** Tuesday 12pm @ LOW Office  
*Plan for June and summer events, Learn about current May events with PL and in community, Share ideas for 0-8 youth. \*\*Light lunch provided\*\**
- Jun 20** Tuesday 12pm @ LOW Office  
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To: SIMONE ALDRICH, Mother SHAQUILLE MONIZ, 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. CV23-018 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 18th day of April, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2023

**LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3**

Notice of Hearing  
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The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of: S.S.B (Born 02/2023)

To: AARON CURRY, FATHER ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

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Notice of Hearing  
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Sincerely, Tribal Court Judge



## TYLER LAMERE TIES FOR FIRST AT AIHEC FOR TRADITIONAL PLANTS AND HERBS

Submitted by: Tyler Lamere (He/They)



Traditional Plants and Herbs crew.

Hinikaragi! My English name is Tyler Lamere (He/They), and my real name is Hucpiga which translates to English as “Good Bear.” I am a member of the bear clan and one of the two-spirits in the Winnebago Tribe. My mother is Michelle Free-LaMere, and my grandparents are Jack and Emma LaMere and Pat and Delmar Free. I briefly attended the Winnebago Public School’s Academy program prior to being homeschooled for the rest of my high school years by my mother. I am now an Indigenous Health Science student attending Little Priest Tribal College and considering teaching. Preparing for the plants and herbs competition was both difficult and exciting. My mom is an herbalist and has raised me to inherit her knowledge and abilities in traditional plant medicine. Walking into preparation for this competition originally, I felt extremely confident in my knowledge and abilities until I started researching just how vast the plant life is in the Southwest areas like Arizona and New Mexico and that we had to memorize 100 different plants and their multiple names and uses within a month’s time span. Within the first two weeks of announcements about AIHEC at LPTC, students and coaches immediately got to work to prepare for the competition in Albuquerque.

Since there were numerous tribal schools, especially many hosting the conference, I was intimidated because they have access

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Needless to say, I was completely shocked when the final day of AIHEC came around for the awards banquet and I found out I had tied for 1st place. I remember running across the hall to tell the coach, Mark Keck, the agricultural instructor at LPTC, about the win. I genuinely feel that the help and guidance from my coaches, Al Martyn and Mark Keck, and my mom who supported and assisted where she could, helped guarantee the win for us.

Learning about the medicinal and cultural values and benefits of our tribe is so vital yet so often overlooked. Many people have no idea that most of the plants and trees you see every day are filled with medicinal, nutritional, and cultural importance. We as indigenous people need to do better when it comes to complaining about “weeds” and try to get rid of them when we are taking for granted our ancestor’s traditional food and medicine. One way we can take steps to decolonize and revitalize our culture can be in our very own backyard.

## THE MERCIFUL ARE BLESSED

Submitted by: Pastor Ricky



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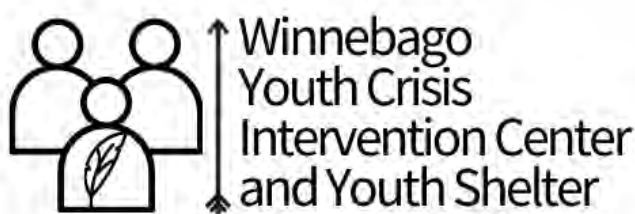
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## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PT. 27

Submitted by: Youth Crisis Intervention Center



### Media Guidelines for Suicide Reporting

Great care should be given to the way in which suicides are reported in the media. Improper reporting techniques can lead to suicide contagion (copycat suicides).

One of the best examples of suicide contagion was that of the Vienna train suicides of the 1980s. For about four years, from 1984 to 1987, several individuals died by suicide by running or jumping in front of oncoming trains. The media coverage of each suicide was sensational and extensive, and caused numerous “copycat” suicides.

Finally, in 1987, a campaign was launched to alter the way the media reported the suicides. The result of the campaign was dramatic – suicides and attempted suicides dropped by over 80% after only six months.

Thus, the way suicides are reported in the media can either CAUSE suicides or PREVENT suicide

Minimize coverage of suicides. Keep the stories relatively brief and do not run too many stories. But it is important to run stories!

ALWAYS provide suicide prevention information with suicide stories. This is CRITICAL.

So a statement like the following can SAVE LIVES:

Anyone who is suicidal may receive immediate help by calling 1-800-SUICIDE. Suicide is preventable, and if you are feeling suicidal, you must get help.

Feel free to use the above statement verbatim in your coverage. Or alter it in a way that would be best for your story.

Emphasize the number one cause for suicide:

The number one cause for suicide is untreated depression.

And then indicate that depression is treatable, and thus anyone suffering from depression needs to receive IMMEDIATE help.

Do not hesitate to talk about suicide in stories. But ALWAYS do so in a way that provides help, hope, and resources for the suicidal and suicide survivors.

There is a strong stigma associated with suicide, so it MUST be talked about. Sensitive articles about suicide can help REDUCE this stigma; but please be EXTREMELY careful about how you talk about it and how you cover stories about suicide.

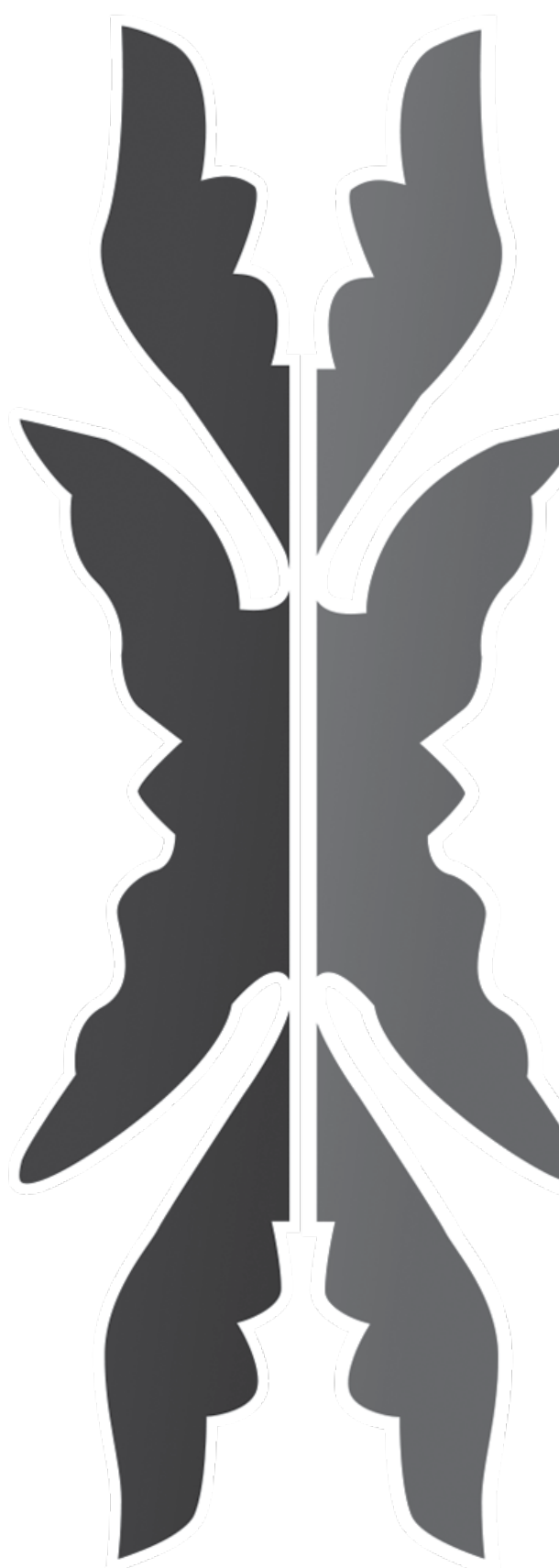
- Do not begin a television newscast with a suicide story.
- Do not place suicide stories on the cover of newspapers or magazines.
- Do not sensationalize suicides.
- Do not romanticize suicides.
- Never portray suicides as heroic.
- Never say that a suicide “ended pain” or “ended suffering.” Suicide CAUSES excruciating pain for suicide survivors.

Also, people need to be alive to feel relief from pain. Suicide CAUSES pain.

- Be careful about describing the methods used. Do not go into great detail about the methods, and do not show detailed pictures of the locations where the suicides occurred.
- Do not say suicides occur because of one event. (Suicides rarely occur because of one event.)
- Be careful with the wordings of headlines.
- Be careful with all of the words that are used in the story.

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.



## Make a connection. Help save a life.

**Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.**

- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
- Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

**safeTALK's impact in 2016**

82,189 participants

64,107 interventions

**8,975** suicide attempts prevented

Estimate based on studies

**safeTALK works**

Studies show that participants gain confidence:

- Asking people about suicide directly
- Connecting them to life-saving resources
- Keeping them safe until those resources take over

**People making a difference with safeTALK**

**Upcoming safeTALK training**

Date: April 20, 2023 12-3pm

Location: YCIC basement

Hosted by: YCIC

Cost: Free

To inquire or register, call 402-841-3834 or email: [donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com)

Learn more about safeTALK and see the evidence at [www.livingworks.net/safeTALK](http://www.livingworks.net/safeTALK)

# suicideTALK

An exploration in suicide awareness

**Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**12-1pm and 5-6pm**

**YCIC Basement**

To register: email:

[donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com)



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

*minutes continued from last issue...*

## 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kenneth Mallory motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:46 a.m.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:39 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Louis LaRose motioned to authorize the Secretary to formalize the CEO Evaluation. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

### ADJOURN:

Coly Brown motioned to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING – WAGES & PAY SCALE January 11, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Brian Chamberlain (in at 2:12 p.m.)  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Isaac Smith  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Tina Lewis  
Cheryl Painter  
Tara Hernandez  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Esther Mercer

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the Special Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

### OPENING PRAYER:

Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

### WAGES & PAY SCALE ANALYSIS:

CEO presents.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve increasing employees wages/salaries to median levels as identified in the Pay Scale Study. Lorelei DeCora seconded. [Lorelei out]

**OBJECT:** Kenneth Mallory, Coly Brown

**VOTE:** (2) yes, BC, RS, (2) no, KM, CB  
(0) abstain

Chair votes yes to break tie.

### FINAL VOTE TALLY:

(3) yes (2) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve an increase in the appropriations Budget of 222,528.00, IDC Budgets of \$166,868.03, and Grants in the \$291,548.14 to support the proposed salary increases. Rona Stealer seconded.

**OBJECT:** Kenneth Mallory, Coly Brown

**VOTE:** (3) yes, BC, RS, LD (2) no, KM, CB (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Brian Chamberlain motioned to increase be retro active to October 8, 2022. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the Treasurer and Acting CFO to research 5% increase to those employees not impacted by wage study and further that employees that received less than 5% be granted up to the 5%. Coly Brown seconded.

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

### ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 2:33 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Rona Stealer  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown  
Isaac Smith  
Kenneth Mallory

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Danelle Smith  
Christina Parker  
Esther Mercer  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Dave Edwards  
Michele Mitchell

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:10 a.m.

### OPENING PRAYER:

Brian Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

### LAND LEGISLATION:

Update presented by Danelle Smith.

### ENROLLMENT CRITERIA:

Update presented by Danelle Smith.

### VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO:

Update presented by Danelle Smith.

### DOLLAR GENERAL:

preparing a letter to Dollar General regarding public safety issues.

### NARF – LEGAL REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT:

Update/discussion.

Aric Armell motioned to draft a resolution for the NARF and return it for approval.

Rona Stealer seconded.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Louis LaRose motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:26 p.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct the CEO to follow up with the tribal member J.H. request. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize a letter to the BIA Special Agent in Charge regarding the Tribal Member Law enforcement Complaint. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the chair to take all action necessary to contact IHS and follow up with the Special Accreditation request. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

### ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 12:33 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING January 27, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory  
Louis LaRose  
Isaac Smith (out at 11:25 a.m.)  
Brian Chamberlain  
(in at 9:23 a.m.)  
Aric Armell (in at 9:46 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Angel Derochie  
Thomas Snow  
Cecelia Earth  
Na'gupi\  
Michael Michaud  
Mark Grant  
Damon Payer  
Terri Mentink  
Christina Parker  
Garan Coons  
William Bass  
Kellie Snow  
Kiva Harden-Free  
Cheryl Painter  
Lance Morgan  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
David Edwards  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Michael Blackfish

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:07 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Additions: CEO Evaluation tool, Supper break for Last Bear Moon, Travel – Broadband wiring the Rez.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Coly Brown seconded.

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

### WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Billing & Collections: Presented by Terri Mentink and David Edwards.

2. Financial Report: Presented by Terri Mentink and David Edwards

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the WCHS Billing and Collections and Financial Report for December 2022. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:

Presented by Damon Payer.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the Winnebago Gaming Commission Report as presented. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (1) no, CB (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

(Coly would like to see who the list of dignitaries are that are getting free play during Last Bear Moon Pow wow)

### WARHORSE REPORT:

Presented by Angel Derochie and Lance Morgan.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to accept the Warhorse Report as presented. Louie LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

### BREAK: reconvene at 11:05 a.m.

### WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

Presented by Michael Michaud and Mark Grant.

[Isaac out at 11:25 a.m.]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to place the Tribal Council Free play request to Warhorse be placed on the next Regular agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

**VOTE:** (4) yes, AA, BC, CB, RS  
(0) no (3) abstain, LLR, KM, LD  
*Motion carried.*

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the WinnaVegas Financial Report as presented. Aric Armell seconded.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to suspend the rules to add Executive Session items to the Agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

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

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING – BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT January 31, 2023



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
 Victoria Kitcheyan  
 Lorelei DeCora (out at 3:00 p.m.)  
 Isaac Smith  
 Louis LaRose  
 Agent in Charge  
 Kenneth Mallory  
 Jason Lawrence  
 Coly Brown (in at 1:46 p.m.)  
 Esther Mercer

*Motion carried.*

**BIA LEASE EXTENSION:**  
 Timothy LaPointe requests a 3 month extension to resolve or cure the lease issues.

Bart Stevens, Deputy BIA Director; negotiate increases and get lease signed by end of 3 months.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**  
 1. Jan. 11, 2023 – Closed Special Meeting – Wages & Pay Scale

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

**OBJECT:** Coly Brown

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

2. Approve Tribal Council Travel for 2023 Tribal Land Staff National Conf.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve Tribal Council Travel for 2023 Tribal Land Staff National Conf. Isaac Smith seconded.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
 Lynelle Blackhawk  
 Aric Armell  
 Autumn Nieman  
 Rona Stealer (leave)  
 Ireta Frazier  
 Brian Chamberlain  
 James Price

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the BIA request for a period of 3 months extension to resolve or cure the lease issues.

**OBJECT:**  
 Brian Chamberlain and Isaac Smith

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

2. Jan. 16, 2023 – Mid-Monthly Tribal Council mtg.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 16, 2023 Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

3. Tribal Member House Fire Policy

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct tribal administration to develop a Tribal Member House Fire Policy. Aric Armell seconded.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
 John Roberts Burge,  
 Special Agent in Charge BIA OJS District 1  
 Eric Shoemaker, Aberdeen Assistant  
 Special Agent in Charge

**VOTE:** (5) yes, LLR, LD, KM, RS, CB (3) no, BC,IS, AA (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Isaac Smith motioned to submit a written complaint on Edelma Galarza-Valentin regarding the BIA Lease issues. Aric Armell seconded.

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

3. Jan. 18, 2023 – General Counsel mtg.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 18, 2023 General Counsel meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION Tribal Member request (L.K. & M.D.)

Brian Chamberlain motioned to go into Executive Session at 2:36 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
 Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 1:14 p.m.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

4. Jan. 27, 2023 – Treasurer’s Report mtg.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the January 27, 2023 Treasurer’s Report meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
 Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 1:53 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the January 27, 2023 Treasurer’s Report meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize Human Services to approve the 20% cost of the prosthetic at \$2,146.29. Aric Armell seconded.

Discussion on BIA Law Enforcement Issues.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the January 27, 2023 Treasurer’s Report meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

[Lorelei DeCora out at 3:00 p.m.]

**ADJOURN:**  
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 3:04 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to come out of Executive Session at 3:13 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

5. Jan. 31, 2023 – Special Meeting – BIA Law Enforcement

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the January 31, 2023 Special Meeting – BIA Law Enforcement minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (1) abstain, LD  
*Motion carried.*

**ADJOURN:**  
 Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

**ADJOURN:**  
 Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

**ADJOURN:**  
 Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**  
 1. Approve \$1,000 Emergency Assistance for Tribal member to assist with House Fire

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving \$1,000 Emergency Assistance for Tribal member to assist with House Fire. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING - BIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT February 2, 2023**

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

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

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING February 15, 2023**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
 Victoria Kitcheyan  
 Brian Chamberlain  
 Lorelei DeCora  
 Rona Stealer  
 Coly Brown  
 Kenneth Mallory  
 Isaac Smith  
 Aric Armell  
 Louis LaRose

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
 Victoria Kitcheyan  
 Brian Chamberlain  
 Lorelei DeCora  
 Coly Brown  
 Isaac Smith  
 Aric Armell  
 Louis LaRose  
 Kenneth Mallory

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

2. Adopt resolution #23-69: FY23 BIA Bison Funding

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #23-69: FY23 BIA Bison Funding. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING February 15, 2023**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
 Victoria Kitcheyan  
 Brian Chamberlain  
 Lorelei DeCora  
 Rona Stealer  
 Coly Brown  
 Kenneth Mallory  
 Aric Armell  
 Isaac Smith  
 Louis LaRose

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
 John J.R. Burge  
 Timothy LaPointe  
 Nilah Solomon  
 Esther Mercer  
 Lynelle Blackhawk  
 Bart Stevens  
 Ireta Frazier  
 Autumn Nieman  
 Jordana Bass  
 Garan Coons  
 Edelma Galarza-Valentin

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
 Thomas Snow  
 Lynelle Blackhawk  
 Kellie Snow  
 Garan Coons  
 Christina Parker

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

[Kenneth Mallory in]

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
 (per motion) WarHorse Free Play request

*Discussion*

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
 Esther Mercer  
 Tyresha Wolfe  
 Danelle Smith  
 Michelle Mitchell  
 Lynelle Blackhawk  
 Kellie Snow  
 Garan Coons  
 Cecelia Earth  
 Christina Parker

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
 Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
 Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 1:35 p.m.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**  
 1. Approve Tribal Council Travel for RES 2023

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve Tribal Council travel for RES 2023. Isaac Smith seconded.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**  
**Lorelei DeCora, Secretary**  
**Winnebago Tribal Council**

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
 Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
 Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Isaac Smith seconded.

**Minutes to continue next issue...**

**AGENDA:** BIA Lease Extension, Executive Session

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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*HoChunk Values*

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## Easter Terms

Nāpə



*Basket*

Wašjikik



*Bunny*

Wanigicge



*Egg*

Xāwioxere



*Flowers*

**COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR**  
**APRIL 19TH**

15+ COLLEGES  
MILITARY ACADEMIES  
LOCAL BUSINESSES



WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL PRACTICE GYM  
9AM-2:30PM

9AM-12:45PM STUDENTS ONLY  
1:30-2:30PM OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



### "FEATHER OF COURAGE"

Illustrates the trials and tribulations of our relatives as we come to an understanding, a cross roads.

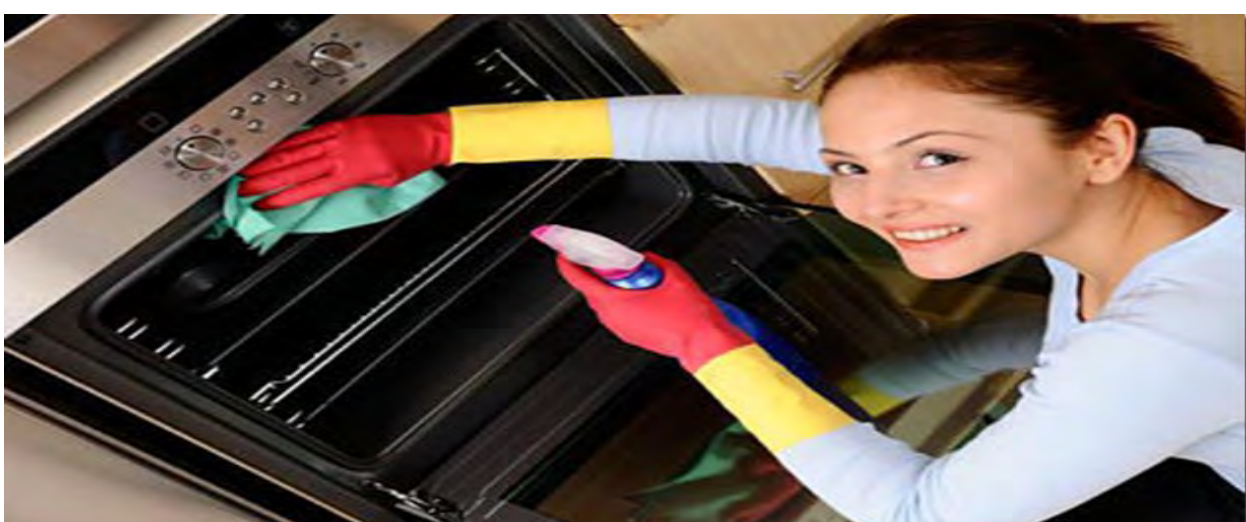
The spirit bird is a messenger... a sign that prayers have been answered... our destiny.

The circle of life comes in focus... the red storm above is the creator awakening our inner spirit to face another day, to walk the road of survival... the blessings from the prayers of seven generations are encircling me as awake to see, hear, smell, taste and touch again for the first time... descending amid a sea of energy, colors of spring emerge like I am born again.

The ribbons of red, black, yellow, and white are a reminder that I will walk in balance and harmony all the days of my life.



Second Notice: WHDC is going to start Annual Housekeeping/Maintenance inspections. This is the only early notice Resident Services will be giving out, be sure to check your mail. Regardless if you checked your mail or not, you are scheduled and we will arrive on that date and time, 15 minutes before or 15 minutes after depending on the unit before yours. Please do not call the office to find out when your is, you will be told to check your mail. Questions, please call Rena Brownrigg at 1-402-878-2241 or drop me an email at [rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com](mailto:rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com) Leave me a message and I'll call you back.





# COMMUNITY

## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE SIGNS TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY

Written/Photography by: Jordana R. Bass

WINNEBAGO, NE – Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) and Briar Cliff University (BCU) met on March 23rd, 2023 to sign an agreement between the two colleges to assist in financial assistance for students who are looking to pursue their Bachelors degrees upon graduating from LPTC.

LPTC President Manoj Patil opened up the ceremony by greeting everyone, and the ceremony was led off with a word of prayer. Many students and faculty were in attendance to learn more about the agreement. “Thanks to Briar Cliff, President, the Board of trustees, and our Board of Trustees. We now have a little priest Tribal College, Briarcliff University Transfer Grant.”

Patil shared “I have a pretty close relationship with Briar Cliff. Since 2005 and it’s blossomed since then. In 2020, a few months before the pandemic hit I had signed an agreement for our first agreement in social work. In February of 2021 we signed two more agreements with BCU on business and indigenous health. Turning towards Nursing.”

Therefore students who are currently attending LPTC for Indigenous Health have the option to continue their education at BCU if they want to continue into the nursing program.

However, the big news for the day was the transfer grant. He added “what it means in simple words, is when our graduates transfer to Briarcliff universities, they actually get a transfer scholarship, and that means they don't have to pay their tuition and general fees after they have exhausted their PELL Grant”. The whole process took at least 8 months to complete the agreement.

“I don't have to say this again. How things are expensive in education and these agreements have really helped our students move forward, not only get an associate degree, but also get a bachelor's degree and hopefully to graduate school. So really, these relationships partnerships are helping our graduates. So once the documents are signed, we will be placing it on our college website for students to access it. If anybody has any questions about our scholarship, you can either talk to Dr. Lori Groberg from Little Priest Tribal College or Dr. Todd Newlin from university to learn more about it.”

Briar Cliff University President Dr. Patrick Jacobson-Schulte was also in attendance to share on behalf of BCU, “It's a key piece, and a key focus between both institutions is how are we serving the students and the students' needs and meeting those needs. This partnership, again, with articulation agreements previously, as noted in areas of accounting, Business administration, international business, pre-licensure, BSN and social work, however, we knew the need for these partnerships was even greater. Briarcliff University is excited to welcome Pell eligible Little Greece Tribal College students. In accordance with today's agreement, these students will receive full tuition aid when transferring to BCU a little priest tribal college students who are not Pell eligible but who meet the criteria, also receive significant financial aid to help them attend BCU to further their education and persistence alongside little priest Tribal College. We are happy to further break down the barriers to pursuing a four year education and partnership.”

Currently students have the options to transfer to Wayne State College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and now Briar Cliff University. Patil expressed “when I was looking into this agreement, we looked at basically how easy is it for our students to just travel back and forth if they want to stay in the dorms? Briarcliff has excellent dorms facilities, but if they want to just commute in our reservation and back and forth with the campus, this is probably the nearest school we have an agreement with, and I really want you to take that into consideration. our goal is not just to get you an associate degree. Our goal is to provide a pathway for you to get a bachelor's degree and make a living wage when you graduate so that you can provide your families.”

The agreement was signed by both LPTC and BCU presidents with smiles on their faces, and the room filled with applause.

Therefore if you are a student who is looking to stick close to home, BCU could be your best option and if you're a current student at LPTC who is looking to inquire, please visit with Student Support Services at LPTC.





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