

## COVERING ISSUES OVER A BREAKFAST WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL, PART 1

Written/Photography by: Jordana R. Bass

WINNEBAGO, NE – The Winnebago Tribal Council recently held a community event and invited Winnebago tribal members to attend the first ever Breakfast with Council event. A breakfast of biscuits, gravy, eggs, and bacon was served.

The event was held at Whirling Thunder Wellness Center gym, and walking in the tables and chairs were set up in the center and placed in a circle. On the east side of the gym, the council was seated, on the west side was the podium. Where community members had the opportunity to voice their concerns, offer their opinions, or asked questions.

Garan Coons, Communications Office Manager expressed “Secretary Decora had the idea to sit in a circle here, the circle is powerful to us. There’s no beginning and there’s no end. Everything is equal here. As you notice we’re sitting in 12 clusters. 11 tables plus the podium. We run out of tables, so there’s a reason we’re all here. I’m going to ask the audience to help



The Breakfast with Tribal Council was set up in a huge circle for TC and community members to engage in discussion

### BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



To those who may have missed the past 5 issues or aren't on our mailing list yet: We have the most recent issues available around Winnebago at the Pony Express, Sweet Water Café, Blackhawk Community Center lobby, Pony Market (Heritage) and its lobby!! Feel free to catch up on the latest issues!



Recently HCI and WPS's student apprentices visited Twelve Clans Unity Hospital to explore the local career opportunities available in health care! Shoutout to the program for showing our youth the different occupations Winnebago has to offer, the program itself will greatly impact upcoming generations!



Tribal Farms update! Starting in May the planting season has begun, 3,000 acres of Corn, Soybeans, Organic Oats, Organic Soybeans, Organic corn and Alfalfa are to be planted! Shoutout to the department for continuously working towards food sovereignty!

us out, because I know the council want's your feedback.”

The purpose of it was to engage in discussions between the tribal council and community, about topics or issues that affect them. Topics included, Blood Quantum, Law Enforcement Compacting, new roundabout, and land buy back opportunities. This will be a series of articles starting off with the topic of the newly proposed roundabout.

During the regular tribal council meeting on March 10th, 2023. A motion was passed to adopt resolution #23-84 for the construction of the Sacred Children Care Center. It will be placed north of Winnebago, just off interstate highway 77.

It will be built across from the Ho-Chunk Village 2.0. Coming northbound through Winnebago you drive passed the Pony Express store, and around the bend the speed limit is 65 miles per hour. Driving into the historical land marker area, the speed limit descends to 45 miles per hour. In order to slow that traffic down sooner, it was proposed to implement a third roundabout.

Tribal Council member Isaac Smith said “a part of the hiccup is getting the state to understand

we need this for safety. We need it for a turning lane. There’s people that live on this side of the highway, and there’s a childcare center on this side of it. There’s a 60 mile an hour speed limit coming around. A turn doesn’t make sense. Put a roundabout there.”

Tribal members also had the opportunity to speak or ask questions. William Bass said “if you guys think about the need for childcare, it will always be a priority. Parents need a safe and reliable place to take their kids.”

Clarissa Rave also expressed “something happened years ago in town, and I feel like maybe if those roundabouts were there, we could have avoided what happened.”

Some of the barriers it takes for Tribal Council to develop the western side of the highway is due to the train tracks that run through the reservation.

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan said “it’s been difficult because of the train tracks. But the Human Services team worked with the planning department and architect. They identified a series of places. It’s like a huge campus. Being that it was too

### TOPIC: Proposed 3rd Roundabout

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See ROUNDABOUT



Left: Semi truck with livestock pulls out in the roundabout near St. Augustine's Dr.



Right: The roundabout south of Winnebago is an intersection near Twelve Clans Unity Hospital. It intersects with 75 south and I-80



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEDERAL RULING ON NEBRASKA TOBACCO SALES VICTORY FOR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

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### Federal ruling on Nebraska tobacco sales victory for tribal sovereignty

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# TOP STORIES

## ROUNABOUT

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large to fit in the Ho-Chunk Village. The Human Services leadership and council decided it would be better suited across the highway.”

Another issue that hinders the construction of the highway is getting the State of Nebraska to fund it. She added “the state has no interest in building that roundabout. This is a safety concern of ours and we’re trying to find solutions, and for State their not willing to fund it. They built the state highway through our reservation and they have a responsibility. Yet we’re trying to use the tribes money to pay to have a turn off lane. That’s not our responsibility, but it is our responsibility to build out our community and count on our partners to do their part.”

Anywhere between 6,000 to 10,000 cars come through Winnebago each day. If you come through the reservation and are stuck behind a semi-truck with livestock There is a chance when driving through the roundabouts that you’ll get “splashed”. Creating a funky smell and tracking animal feces through town is one issue that some tribal council members find with having the roundabouts in town.

Tribal council member Aric Armell expressed “it’s kind of a health hazard and we’re talking the livestock semi’s that go through spilling their sewage on those roundabouts. Making it slippery, stink, and I just don’t find that very well suited. Especially when you got parents taking children through there.”

Smith added “what it does it becomes a bio hazard. These semi’s go through town and were our children cross the road. That feces is lying there, kids are on their way home. Walk through it, thinking it’s mud, taking it home, go in their house where their new baby brother or sister is laying on the floor getting tummy time.”

Human exposed to pathogens from poorly managed animal feces,

particularly in communities where animals live in close proximity to humans. Exposure to animal feces has been associated risks of E-Coli, diarrhea, soil transmitted helminth infection, trachoma, environmental enteric dysfunction, and growth falter. (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

Roundabouts are considered to be a safer alternative to traffic signals and stop signs. Where it forces drivers to slow down. The most severe types of intersection crashes are unlikely. Such as head on collisions, and blind sided left or right turns. Research shows traffic flows improves after traditional intersections are converted to roundabouts. They are also generally safer for pedestrians, where they walk on sidewalks around the perimeter and cross only one direction at a time. (ihs.org)

“There’s pros and cons to everything. We’ve had so far with the roundabouts incidences where we had a 95,000 lb. concrete truck that tipped over because it was coming in too fast. Incidences where a car jumped the curb in high-speed pursuits.”

Vice-Chairman Brian Chamberlain shared “there’s a series of resolutions that is sitting with the General Counsel right now, going through legal review. One of them is in relation to connecting the exterior borders of our reservation. What that resolution will essentially do is set forward the pathway for all of the entities to provide support, to where highway 77 would be re-routed entirely.”

While that sits in legal review, tribal members are encouraged to provide their input on whether or not they are in support of the roundabout. Smith expressed “looking at that, I think that in order to get change around here, you got to be willing to speak up in order to get something done. You got to be boisterous about it. That’s what we need, to hear back from more of the people.”

Armell concluded with “I encourage a lot of our enrolled membership to come to the (tribal)

chambers and listen. Throw out a question to keep us on our toes. We look forward to doing this again.”

The enrolled membership can look forward to more community forums and discussions such as the Breakfast with Tribal Council. Tribal Council member Rona Bearskin concluded the event by expressing “I want to thank everybody for coming and your comments. That kind of leads into what’s possible next. Maybe it’s lunch or dinner with council so that more people can attend.”

Prior to the next event, the tribal council plans to put out an agenda of topics for the membership so they can take the time to research the topics, and come with questions or concerns to voice their opinions on.

The Breakfast with Council ended on a positive note. Many community members were appreciative of the opportunity to voice their concerns.



below: Winnebago Tribe CAO, Lynelle Blackhawk dishes out some biscuits and gravy catered by R-Eatz.




Tribal members listening to the opening remarks.



Above: Tribal Council Secretary, Lorelei Decora speaks on topic of blood quantum

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KELLY POND UPDATE

Submitted by: Angel Decora Museum



WINNEBAGO, NE - Spring is here once again; temperatures are warming up and folks are getting back to their summertime activities. This being the case, it is a good time to remind everyone that there is still a 'Fish Consumption Rate' posted at Kelly Pond. Please take a moment to look at the table below to find out what fish are safer than others to eat.

Consumption limits are based on an adult weight of 150 pounds eating a one-half pound or an 8-ounce (precooked weight) piece of fish. To adjust the portion size for a lighter or heavier weight just subtract or add an ounce of fish for every 20 pounds of body weight.

Example: 170 lb. Adult = 9 oz.  
80 lb Child = 4 oz.

Even though, the guidelines recommend 1 meal per month, you can divide by four to get rates in meals per week or eat smaller sized meals over the month. Also, be sure to space out meals throughout the month. For example, don't eat all your fish meals for the entire month within a few days.

Please, don't throw fish caught in other areas into

Kelly Pond. Please, don't use fish caught in Kelly Pond for fish fries or selling to the community.

Also, please remind children that Kelly Pond is not a safe place to swim. Many areas along the shore have water plants growing that can tangle and trap a child and there are several places where the water gets deep quickly.

If you have any questions please call Denise Jensen, Environmental Protection Department at 878-4060 Ext: 2002. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great summer.

Sensitive Population Children 0 to 6 years old	Sensitive Population Children 7 to 18 years old	Sensitive Population Pregnant/Nursing Women 18 to 45 years old	Sensitive Population Elders: Men & Women 55 years and older	General Population: Men & Women 55 years and older
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## CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLE GUTIERREZ STONE!

Submitted by: HCI Communications



Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Senior Director of Retail Operations.

She recently attended a prestigious professional development program at Harvard University.

The program, "Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities," was organized by Harvard Business School and the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA.)

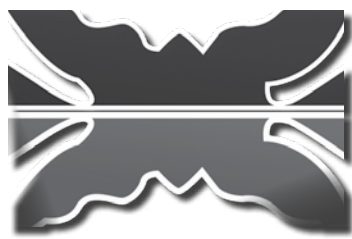
The program was designed to inspire and support Native professionals and leaders, as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative communities and organizations.

Danielle is an enrolled Winnebago Tribal Member and has been employed with Ho-Chunk, Inc. for 16 years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's of Science in Organizational Management (MSOM) from Wayne State College.

She serves on multiple boards in Siouxland including Junior League of Sioux City (currently VP of Finance & 2023/2024 President Elect), Girls Inc. Board of Directors,

Boys and Girls Home, and Leadership Siouxland. She is also a member of Toastmasters, Top of the Morning Club and serves as VP of Membership. In addition to serving as a board member, she helps and supports multiple project committees.

She recently completed her Reiki Master Certification and started her own business, StoneReiki LLC.



## DO YOU FEEL BLESSED?

Editorial by: Pastor Ricky

Maybe you heard of Jesus' sermon on the mount. It was written down for us by Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples. Jesus spoke words of blessing. One such promise of blessing was: The merciful are blessed, because they will be shown mercy!

Just who are the merciful? Are you merciful to others, all others? Are you holding a grudge? Are you blaming your actions on others who did you wrong?

What does it take for one

to be merciful? First, it takes someone who has pleaded with one's Creator to have mercy on him or on her. There is no man, woman, or child that has not rebelled against his/her Maker. A person who realizes that he/she deserves Creator God's wrath should humbly appeals for His mercy.

The Holy Spirit leads one to seek Creator God's forgiveness. Creator God is merciful. Through the innocent suffering and death of God's Son Jesus, He offers pure unadulterated mercy! Then one who has been moved to seek God's mercy, empowered by the

Holy Spirit, extends mercy to others.

In what I refer to as the Spiritual Warrior's Prayer, one is taught to pray these words: 'And forgive us for our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

Who taught these words? The Victorious Spiritual Warrior, Jesus the very Son of God as well as the son of Virgin Mary, who rose from death to life.

Jesus is merciful. Jesus extends mercy to the one who seeks his mercy and who places one's faith in his sacrificial death

and his resurrection from being dead. One who believes in Jesus has been relieved from the fear of punishment, and thereby is moved by God's Spirit to forgive others.

'The merciful are blessed, because they will be shown mercy!'

## WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DONATE TO WINNEBAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



WINNEBAGO, NE - On Monday May 8th, 2023 the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation donated a check to the Winnebago Volunteer Fire Department. The check was in the amount of \$1468 to go towards any necessary funding.

Pinagigi to the Winnebago Volunteer Fire Department for your continued hard work in fighting fires! Always stay healthy and stay safe.

## TRIBAL MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO DEMOLITION APPLICATION

Submitted by: Winnebago Land Management

The project is funded by ARPA funds and will be subject to funding availability. The Winnebago Tribe is committed to improving housing standards to for the health and safety of those who live within the Winnebago community.

Eligibility, approval, and prioritization will be based on need, emergency, and hazard of property. Approval will be made by the Land Management Manager, Physical Resource Director, and Construction engineer. Demolition will be through the Winnebago Tribal Roads. Maximum program contribution shall not exceed the amount of \$10,000 per demolition. Any amount over will be the responsibility of the owner and must be paid directly to the Winnebago Tribal Roads program.

### Eligibility:

- Applicant must have ownership of the property
- Homeowner must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
- Abandoned houses/trailers within the exterior of the boundaries of the Winnebago reservation
- Only one location per applicant will be approved.

For more information contact: 402.257.5602

To apply: Come by the office between 8am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Located at, 912 N. Mission Dr. Winnebago, NE 68071.

# LEGAL NOTICES



## ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE POSTED ON BEHALF OF: Winnebago Tribal Court

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### LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-026

In the Matter of the  
Adoption of:  
Z.W.M (BORN 12/2019)

In Re:  
M.A. ( Born 09/2017)  
Simone Aldrich, Mother  
Shaquille Moniz

TO: SAVANNAH WALKER, Mother

You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition has been filed and an Abandonment/ Consent Hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV23-026 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17th day of May, 2023 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023.

### LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-020

In the Matter of the  
Estate of:  
KENNETH A. DECORA, Deceased,  
DAVID DECORA, Petitioner.

To: JOSETTE DECORA

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) estate in case no. CV23-020 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11TH day of MAY, 2023 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. If you wish to contest the appointment of DAVID DECORA as Administrator/Executor of estate you shall appear at said date and time to do so.

Dated this 25TH day of April, 2023.

### LEGAL NOTICE: 1/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ23-006AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
A.G. (Born 12/2019)  
A.G. (Born 03/2022)

To: TERRANCE GIVENS, FATHER  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ23-006AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11TH day of JULY, 2023 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Dated this 9TH day of May, 2023.

### LEGAL NOTICE: 1/3

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV23-060

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
TRISHA LYNN ETRINGER  
to TRISHA RAELYNN RIVERS

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV23-060 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of MAY, 2023 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 9TH day of May, 2023.

Sincerely, Tribal Court Judge



### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is Hereby Given that the Winnebago Two-Spirit Corps. has been organized under the law of the State of Nebraska on April 17th, 2023. Registered Office is 212 Chief Little Priest Dr. Apt 201, Winnebago, NE 68071. The Initial Agent is MARGARET SCOTT. The Incorporators: Curtis Alexander, Jr.; Melanie Paul; Margaret Scott. General nature of business: Advocacy and philanthropy to support the Winnebago Two-Spirit Community. It shall be a public benefit corporation, with no shares or members.

WinnebagoTwoSpirit.com



### NOTICE OF WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

#### BANISHMENT ORDER

GEORGE LOPEZ

The Winnebago Tribal Council has issued Banishment Orders against individuals who have committed criminal activity and who present a serious threat to the health, welfare, safety, and well-being of the Winnebago Tribal community.

These actions were determined to be necessary in response to the increase in drug activity, the related rise in criminal activity and violent crime within the community.

The Winnebago Tribal Council remains committed to helping prevent substance abuse and to supporting our people in their recovery from substance abuse disorder. However, we believe that we must take these actions now to protect our community from those who, by their actions, show a complete disregard for the safety and wellbeing of other members of the community.

The individuals against whom the Tribal Council has taken these actions include individuals who have been convicted of violent and/or drug related offenses.

Pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Council Resolution #23-91 adopted March 27, 2023. The following individual has been Ordered to either not return to, or to remove themselves from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Reservation or face additional criminal charges:

George Lopez, DOB 04/27/1981

Violation of the Banishment Order by failure to leave or by returning to the Reservation once removed shall result in charges of Criminal Trespass.

This Notice shall be considered service by publication upon the individuals identified herein that they are prohibited from entering upon or remaining within the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Reservation.

This Notice shall be published in the May 13<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and May 27<sup>th</sup> issues of the Winnebago Indian News.

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Pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Council Resolution #23-87 adopted March 10, 2023, the following individual has been Ordered to either not return to, or to remove themselves from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Reservation or face additional criminal charges:

Jalyssa Harlan, DOB 10/12/1992

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Curtis Kearnes, DOB 01/17/1979

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## TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL HIRES NEW CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Submitted by: Robert Iron Shell, WCHS Marketing Coordinator



has worked in various hospitals and healthcare organizations across several states, including North Carolina, Virginia, Oregon, Michigan, and Georgia. He has held positions ranging from Hospitalist to Division Director of Hospitalist Medicine, Medical Director of Hospital Medicine, and Section Chief of Hospital Medicine.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kini has demonstrated a commitment to providing the best care to patients while also focusing on improving the efficiency and quality of healthcare systems. He has been involved in various initiatives aimed at reducing the length of stay, mortality rates, and readmissions of patients, and has helped develop successful palliative care and pediatric programs. He holds unrestricted medical licenses in nine states, including Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

“I feel fortunate to be part of the great team of staff and providers at TCUH, with the common goal of providing the best care for our patients,” said Dr. Kini.

Dr. Kini brings his passion for improving healthcare systems to TCUH and looks forward to making a positive impact in Winnebago and in the surrounding native communities.

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Twelve Clans Unity Hospital is a division of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. The 13-bed healthcare facility serves an estimated 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. Health care services provided by the hospital and the Tribe’s Public Health Department include an ambulatory care clinic, inpatient care, express care clinic, pharmacy, radiology, emergency care, medical laboratory, physical therapy, social services, dental, optometry, audiology, behavioral health and more.

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - May 8th, 2023

Winnebago, NE - Twelve Clans Unity Hospital (TCUH) is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Ganesh Kini as its new Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Kini brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in the medical field, having served in various leadership positions throughout his career.

“Our team is thrilled to welcome Dr. Ganesh Kini to the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital family as our new Chief Medical Officer. His extensive experience and dedication building teams to provide outstanding patient care, experience, and outcomes make him the perfect addition to our team.” – David Edwards, WCHS CEO

Dr. Kini received his Doctor of Philosophy in Organic Chemistry from Utah State University in 1983 and went on to complete his medical education at St. George’s University School of Medicine in the West Indies in 2002. He then completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia.

With over two decades of experience in the medical field, Dr. Kini

## WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR EVENT

Submitted by: Winnebago Public Health Dept.

Ladies, it's time to prioritize your health! Join us on May 17th, 2023 for the Honor Every Woman Health Fair Event. This special event, hosted by Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, will be held on the Lower-Level Patio and is dedicated to empowering women to take control of their health and wellbeing.

May is Women's Health Month, and we believe that it's essential to empower women to understand the steps they can take to improve their health and lead a healthier, more fulfilling life. That's why we've organized this health fair, to bring together a variety of resources and experts to help women achieve their health goals.

In addition, we're proud to have the Winnebago Public Health Department

on-site to offer a variety of clinical services and screenings, including well woman exams, blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol screenings. If you're unable to attend the event but would still like to take advantage of these services, the outpatient department PARS will be available to help you schedule appointments at your convenience.

So, mark your calendars and join us on May 17th at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital's Lower-Level Patio. We can't wait to see you there! Let's come together to honor every woman and empower each other to take control of our health and wellbeing. Plus, as a special treat, there will be shirts given away at the event!

Winnebago Public Health Department

### Honor Every Woman Women's Health Fair Event

May 17th, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Located at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Lower Level Outdoor Patio

▼ May is Women's Health Month ▼

The goal is to empower women to make their health a priority and help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health

Contact Public Health Nursing: (402) 878-2258 or jaralyn.bear@ihs.gov for more information

## DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EOB AND A BILL?

Twelve Clans Unity Hospital

An **EOB** is a document from your insurance company that gives you a detailed printout of what your medical charges are and how much your insurance company is going to pay. This document is sent to you for your records and knowledge. **THIS IS NOT A BILL.**

A **BILL** is a request for payment from your health care provider that shows the amount due after your insurance has paid. This is the time to pay the provider.



## Pre-Summer Diaper Giveaway Event

Meet the sponsors, and take-home diapers & wipes to kick off the summer!

May 18th, 2023  
2pm - 4pm

Located at Educare Winnebago

317 Frenchman St. Winnebago, NE 68071



Healthy Blue

Presented By: Winnebago Public Health Nursing, Healthy Blue, Project Launch and Winnebago WIC Program

# EDITORIALS

## THOUGHTS FROM A COURTROOM

Submitted by: Lance Morgan



Twenty-five years ago, a lawyer for the State of Nebraska called me and told me the State settled their lawsuit with Big Tobacco. Big Tobacco had agreed to raise the price of cigarettes to pay the settlement and that it would apply to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. The state got \$36 million a year from the settlement so I asked how much did the tribe get? The answer was we didn't get anything, just the right to pay into their settlement. I replied that they couldn't impose their private settlement on the Winnebago Tribe without including us financially. The state asked me what I was going to do and I said, "Get into the tobacco business."

Since that meeting, we have been fighting a legal and economic battle for our rights to not have their illegal regulations and taxes imposed on us. They tried everything and nothing stopped us. In 2018, they somehow talked the ATF into raiding us and

seize all of our product. Dozens of heavily armed men came to take our tobacco products, but mostly they were here to put us back in our place.

The states and federal government had been taking from us for so long that they no longer questioned its fairness. They didn't want to believe that we had the resources to fight back. The State can usually control tribes indirectly by pressuring the companies who sell to tribes. However, we had our own stores. We had our own distribution company. We had our own factory. They were all protected by tribal sovereignty. Our rising economic growth protected us, and the state didn't have anyone to threaten.

Big Tobacco wanted us out of business. They threatened to withhold money on several occasions from Nebraska unless they figured out how to shut us down. I have emails to the state from Marlboro where they actually drafting the a state law to stop us and had added comments about "Getting the Indians."

When the ATF showed up in 2018, we had been fighting this issue with the state and their partner Big Tobacco for 20 years. I asked the ATF agent why he was seizing the cigarettes. He said they didn't have a Nebraska tax stamp on them. I showed him the letter from the State of Nebraska Attorney General saying we didn't need it because we had built a factory and that a tribal tax now preempts a state tax. He said he was with the feds. I then showed

him a similar letter from the U.S Justice Department, but he told me was taking our products anyway.

The ATF raid was always about power. The power of the government to keep us in our place. The power of Big Tobacco to shut us down and protect their economic interests.

After fighting for a year and a half, we needed to end the ATF case because the gaming issue was about to be put on the ballot and we could not have it lingering as an issue. Therefore, we settled the issue with the ATF by agreeing to a civil fine.

Right after the ATF seizure, we also filed a federal lawsuit arguing the state and Big Tobacco could not impose their private settlement regulations on the Winnebago Tribe. A federal district court just ruled what we have thought for 25 years: The state cannot make the Winnebago Tribe comply with their private settlement.

What happens next? Who knows? The state can appeal. The state can stop trying to push us around. Perhaps we can figure out a way to sell our products going forward both on and off the reservation. It is hard to say what will happen because Big Tobacco lingers in the background, and they don't ever give up. However, neither does the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

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## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PT. 29

Submitted by: Youth Crisis Intervention Center



- Strong feelings of despair, worthlessness, or hopelessness.
- Finding it hard to think or concentrate.
- Feelings of excessive or inappropriate guilt.
- Thoughts of suicide.

You may not notice some of these symptoms, but people living and working around you may see them.

Depression is treated with medicines, talk therapy (where a person talks with a trained professional about his or her thoughts and feelings; sometimes called "psychotherapy" or "counseling", or a combination of the two. Ask your doctor about the benefits and risks of adding talk therapy to your treatment.

### What do the letters SR, CR, XR, and XL after the brand name mean?

Medicines with these letters are forms of the medicine that delay or extend the release of the medicine in your body. This means that the medicine stays in your body for longer periods of time and you may be able to take the medicine less often.

- Wellbutrin SR is a sustained-release medicine. You take this medicine twice a day.
- Paxil CR is a controlled-release medicine. You take this medicine once a day.
- Effexor XR, Wellbutrin XL, and Prozac Weekly are extended-release medicines. You take Wellbutrin XL and Effexor XR once a day. You take Prozac Weekly once a week.

Antidepressant medicines help improve the way your brain uses certain chemicals that control mood or stress.

All of the antidepressant medicines work about as well as each other to improve the symptoms of depression and the quality of life for people with depression.

All of the antidepressant medicines work about as well as each other in keeping depression symptoms from coming back.

Research has found some specific information about the benefits of a few medicines:

- People who took mirtazapine (Remeron) started feeling better faster than they did on other antidepressants. Remeron took about 1 to 2 weeks to start working. All of the other antidepressants showed signs that they were

**How well do these medicines work?**

Although all the antidepressant medicines work about as well as each other, it is important to remember that some people will not feel better with the first medicine they try. They may need to try several medicines before finding one that works for them. Others may find that although the medicine helped for a while, their symptoms came back. It is important to follow carefully your doctor's directions for taking your medicine for it to work.

**Only three people out of five will see their depression improve the first time they start taking an antidepressant.**

working by 4 weeks.

- Prozac Weekly and Paxil CR worked as well as regular Prozac and Paxil.

Fewer people stopped taking venlafaxine (Effexor, Effexor XR) because it was not working, compared with other antidepressants. People who did stop taking venlafaxine stopped it because of side effects such as nausea and vomiting.

### Can antidepressants help with other problems related to depression?

- Anxiety. People with depression saw improvements in their anxiety. The medicines studied all showed about the same amount of improvement.
- Pain. Paroxetine (Paxil) and duloxetine (Cymbalta) both helped people with depression and chronic pain about the same amount.
- Insomnia (when you cannot fall or stay asleep). Fluoxetine (Prozac), mirtazapine (Remeron), paroxetine (Paxil), and sertraline (Zoloft) helped people with insomnia about the same amount, but there is not enough research to know this for certain.

**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.**

### Antidepressant Medicines\*

Brand Name	Generic Available?	Drug Name
Wellbutrin <sup>®</sup> ; Wellbutrin SR <sup>®</sup> ; Wellbutrin XL <sup>®</sup>	Yes, for some doses	Bupropion
Celexa <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Citalopram
Pristiq <sup>®</sup>	No	Desvenlafaxine
Cymbalta <sup>®</sup>	No	Duloxetine
Lexapro <sup>®</sup>	No	Escitalopram
Prozac <sup>®</sup> ; Prozac Weekly <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Fluoxetine
Luvox <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Fluvoxamine
Remeron <sup>®</sup> ; Remeron SolTab <sup>®</sup>	Yes, for some doses	Mirtazapine
Serzone <sup>***</sup>	Yes	Nefazodone
Paxil <sup>®</sup> ; Paxil CR <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Paroxetine
Zoloft <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Sertraline
Desyrel <sup>®</sup>	Yes	Trazodone
Effexor <sup>®</sup> ; Effexor XR <sup>®</sup>	Yes, for some doses	Venlafaxine

\*Your doctor may use a medicine that is not included in this list to treat your depression. The listed medicines were the ones studied in the review of research used for this summary.  
 \*\*The brand name Serzone<sup>®</sup> is not available in the United States. Only the generic form of this medicine is available.

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

*minutes continued from last issue...*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to go into Executive Session.  
Aric Armell seconded.

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

[Lorelei in at 11:58 a.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.  
Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

## ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA STATE OF NEBRASKA DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH March 3, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (Virtual)  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Coly Brown  
Louis LaRose  
Aric Armell (in at 10:17 a.m.)

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (leave)  
Isaac Smith (leave)  
Kenneth Mallory

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mona Zuffante  
Cecelia Earth  
Charity Menefee  
Sara Morgan  
Caryn Vincent  
Echohawk Left Hand  
Matthew Donahue  
Linae Bigfire  
Sharon Frenchman  
Danelle Smith  
Becky Wiezell  
David Edwards

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 10:09 a.m. and asked Vice-Chairman Chamberlain to proceed with the meeting.

### OPENING PRAYER:

Danelle Smith offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Discussion with Nebraska DHHS.

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Introduction and Discussion around the table.

Echohawk Left Hand - LISTENING SESSION: April 25th and 26th, 2023 in Sioux City, IA

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Vice-Chairman Chamberlain adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING March 8, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora  
Louis LaRose  
Brian Chamberlain  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell (in at 9:10 a.m.) Isaac Smith (in at 9:25 a.m.)  
Rona Stealer (in at 9:38 a.m.)

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (leave)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Joy Johnson  
Cecelia Earth  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Liz Bayer  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Christina Parker  
Miskoo Petite  
Ramona Sheridan  
Desiree Kitcheyan  
Kellie Snow

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:07 a.m.

### OPENING PRAYER:

Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Additions: NE Transportation, NAGPRA Grant

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda with additions.  
Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

[Aric Armell in at 9:10 a.m.]

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

1. CEO REPORT:  
Presented by Esther Mercer

Lorelei DeCora motioned to set up a meeting to have a joint follow up meeting with WCHS and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska on 105(1) leasing, i.e. shared space.  
Aric Armell seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora will follow up with EduCare Policy Council as to why they close EduCare when the Winnebago Public School closes.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the CEO Report as presented. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

2. CAO REPORT:  
Presented by Lynelle Blackhawk

[Isaac Smith in at 9:25 a.m.]

[Rona Stealer in at 9:38 a.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to accept the CAO Report as presented.  
Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

### HUMAN SERVICES:

1. CHILD CARE CENTER – presented by Miskoo Petite

BIA-477 Workforce Development

Miskoo Petite will work on a resolution and bring back on the Regular Tribal Council meeting.

2. Adopt resolution: NAGPRA – Joy Johnson, Planning Dept.

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #23-83: Native American Grave Protection Act (NAGPRA) Consultation and Documentation Grant for FY23.  
Aric Armell seconded.

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

### WAKE AND BURIAL:

1. Budget Modification

Aric Armell motioned to approve Wake and Burial Budget Mod, Minor Contracts to cover all overages for Nov.'22, Dec. '22, Jan.'23, and Feb.'23.  
Louis LaRose seconded.

ABSTAIN: Lorelei DeCora

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

### TRIBAL MEMBER SERVICES:

1. TMS Director Introduction – Liz Bayer

Tribal Council discussion on vision for the position.

### TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION MEETING:

1. 2023 Tribal Transportation Conference Agenda – March 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve Tribal Council travel to attend the 2023 Tribal Transportation Conference on March 22, 2023.  
Aric Armell seconded.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.  
Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

[Isaac Smith out]

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 11:56 a.m.  
Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING March 8, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan

Sharon Chamberlain  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Kenneth Mallory  
Louis LaRose

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (leave)  
Isaac Smith (attending another meeting)  
Aric Armell  
Coly Brown (leave)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Tyren Wolfe  
Caroline Bassette  
Sandi Olivarez  
Kellie Snow  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Esther Mercer  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Delila Kearnes

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 2:04 p.m.

### OPENING PRAYER:

Brian Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

Discussion on Class III Gaming.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to schedule a Special Meeting on Class III Gaming in Nebraska to be held with Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation Board.  
Louis LaRose seconded.

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

### ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 2:27 p.m.  
Louis LaRose seconded.

**OBJECT:** Kenneth Mallory

**VOTE:** (3) yes, LD, LLR, BC (1) no, KM (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Louis LaRose  
Aric Armell  
Isaac Smith  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer  
Kellie Snow  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Thelma Whitewater  
Jennifer Berridge  
Jamie Pixler  
Wally Earth  
David Russell  
Lola Kearnes  
Fiona Soap  
Hahewi Morgan  
Alexander George  
Lula DeCora  
Breezie Treglia  
Tristan Earth  
Ayden Littlegeorge-Cloud

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:23 a.m.

### OPENING PRAYER:



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.	Week April 23-28, 2023.	and U.S. Probation office. Further no medical services access is granted on the reservation.	[Isaac out at 9:16 a.m., back in]
<b>APPROVE AGENDA:</b> Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #23-85: Crime Victims Week April 23-28, 2023 and direct Communication to set up on the Tribe's Website all natural proclamations by the tribe throughout the calendar year. Aric Armell seconded.	Violation of this Banishment Order shall constitute Criminal Trespass pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Code 3-321(2)(A). Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.	2. Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 865 Walking Soldier  Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution 23-77A: Amending Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 865 Walking Soldier. Louis LaRose seconded.
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	Kenneth Mallory motioned to authorize the Winnebago Tribal Council Gaming work group to follow up on Tribal Member (W.E.) request. Louis LaRose seconded.	<b>VOTE:</b> (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>
<b>READING OF THE MINUTES:</b> 1. 2-20-23 Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes	3. Academy Student request	ABSTAIN: Aric Armell	3. Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 812-1 – Alice Ricehill Allotment 814-H. Whitewater
Rona Stealer motioned to approve the February 20, 2023, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.	Alexander George, Hahewi Morgan, Ayden Littlegeorge-Cloud, Lula DeCora, Breezie Treglia, Tristan Earth, Fiona Soap, Jamie Pixler	<b>VOTE:</b> (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, AA Motion carried.	Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 23-78A: Amending Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 812-1 – Alice Ricehill Allotment 814-H. Isaac Smith seconded.
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	• Trip to Washington DC and New York, NY	<b>ADJOURN:</b> Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:31 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	<b>VOTE:</b> (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>
2. 2-20-23 Special Meeting – War Horse Revenues meeting minutes	• Request for \$200 gift cards	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	4. Thurston Bar Building - Discussion
Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the February 20, 2023, Special Meeting – War Horse Revenues meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.	Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the Treasurer to take all actions necessary to honor the \$200 Student Academy request. Kenneth Mallory seconded.	Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.	Isaac Smith motioned to table the purchase of Thurston Bar Building. Kenneth Mallory seconded.
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT March 13, 2023</b>	<b>VOTE:</b> (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>
3. 2-24-23 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes	4. METH Committee Work Plan	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:</b> Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Kenneth Mallory Aric Armell Louis LaRose Isaac Smith Rona Stealer (in at 9:15 a.m.)	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:</b> Julie Smithart out for training, Submitted report.
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the February 24, 2023, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.	Aric Armell motioned to approve the Winnebago Public Health Department METH Committee Work Plan as presented. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:</b> Cory Cavan Chris Hobe Brian Chamberlain Erika Dunn Billie Kitcheyan Coly Brown (leave)	<b>WATER QUALITY:</b> Denise Jensen, WTN Water Quality Specialist
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> Fannie LaTray Ireta Frazier Lola Bernie Autumn Nieman Esther Mercer Cecelia Earth Lynelle Blackhawk Joseph Painter Teresa Littlegeorge Christina Parker Desiree Kitcheyan Tyresha Wolfe Denise Jensen Steve Peterson	WTN Awarded a grant for Ground Water Assessment (USGS) of Winnebago Reservation Surface and Ground water. Discussion with Steve Peterson, Director of U.S. Geological Survey, Cory Cavan, and Chris Hobe on water issues.
4. 3-2-23 Special Meeting – Office of Justice Services	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b> Victoria Kitcheyan called to order at 9:11 a.m.	<b>PHYSICAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:</b> 1. Monthly Report – Presented by Ireta Frazier, and Autumn Nieman
Aric Armell motioned to approve the March 2, 2023, Special Meeting – Office of Justice Services meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b> Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.	2. 911 ADDRESSES – Discussion
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	Aric Armell motioned to Come out of Executive Session 12:19 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.	<b>APPROVE AGENDA:</b> Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Isaac Smith seconded.	Isaac Smith motioned to authorize the Chair and Physical Resources to bring forward a resolution to adopt the Thurston County 911 addresses. Aric Armell seconded.
5. 3-3-23 Meeting with the NE HHS	<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>
Aric Armell motioned to approve the March 3, 2023 Meeting with the Nebraska Health & Human Services meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.	Aric Armell motioned to provide \$1,000 to Lola Kearnes for Fire. Louis LaRose seconded.	[Rona Stealer in at 9:15 a.m.)	Chair to follow up with P.D. on car wrecks on D. Avenue for the past 10 years.
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	ABSTAIN: Brian Chamberlain	<b>LAND MANAGEMENT:</b> 1. Ref: T-2064 Agricultural Lease, Ho-Chunk Farms	[Kenneth Mallory out]
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> Fire department donation for fireworks display 2023.	<b>VOTE:</b> (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, BC <i>Motion carried.</i>	Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution 23-88: Ref: T-2064 Agricultural Lease, Ho-Chunk Farms. Isaac Smith seconded.	4. Land Use plan – Proposal  <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b> Discussion with: Autumn Nieman, Ron Nohr, Fannie LaTray, Leta Gorrin and Erika Dunn
Aric Armell motioned to approve the \$1,000.00 for fireworks insurance (Pyrotechs are volunteering). Brian Chamberlain seconded.	Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #23-86: Banishment of Tribal Member C.K. (DOB: 2-17-79) and to notify the Winnebago Police Department, Winnebago Tribal Court, U.S. Attorney Office, and U.S. Probation office. Further no medical services access is granted on the reservation. Violation of this Banishment Order shall constitute Criminal Trespass pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Code 3-321(2)(A), and Direct General Counsel to look up Disenrollment.  ABSTAIN: BC	<b>VOTE:</b> (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded.
<b>VOTE:</b> (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (7) yes, LLR, LD, RS, KM, CB, IS, AA (0) no (1) Abstain, BC <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>VOTE:</b> (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain <i>Motion carried.</i>	<b>Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:</b> 1. Adopt resolution: Ni kja\k Waka\ca\k (Sacred Children) Care Center North Construction Project Approval.	Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #23-87: Banishment of Non-Tribal Member J.H. (DOB: 10-12-92) and to notify the Winnebago Police Department, Winnebago Tribal Court, U.S. Attorney Office,	Volume 52, Number 10 • Saturday, May 13, 2023	<b>Minutes to continue next issue...</b>

# COMMUNITY

## ANGEL DECORA MUSEUM ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Submitted by: Angel Decora Museum Curator, Ben Crawford



**TREYN BEAR**  
 Bear Clan  
 Mixed Media Art: Protista

I have always been making art since I was a child. This particular piece came to me after coloring a picture out of a book that featured a buffalo covered in moss. I was inspired to mix floral and fawn in a different medium. The process started with painting my buffalo, then gathering all the little flower and plant additions. In the end I just wanted to see what I could create.

As a Hochunk, to me art is a way to express my beliefs, my culture, and my talents. It is important to always be you and be proud of what you can accomplish when you put your mind to it, and say to yourself “yes I can.”

**Winnebago Public Health Department**

# Kidz Café

## 2023

HEALTHY KIDS  
**THE KIDZ CAFE**  
 EAT HERE

**June 5th - July 14th**  
**Serving time:**  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**

**Ages 1-18**

**Location: Whirling Thunder Wellness Gym**  
**100 Bluff St. Winnebago, NE 68071**

MAY 19, 2023

# Mā hina'u hī wīra

## EARTH CULTIVATING MOON

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# Hōcāk Wōšga

## HoChunk Values

Hakīš'ak hįwa'ųajawi ną.  
 We respect each other.

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# Hi'ųni hāp pī hanį ne!

## Have a Good Mother's Day!

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Complete this puzzle and come up to HoChunk Renaissance office to get a free promotional item.

### Tic Tac Toe

Rules: Translate the word before your opponent and place your x or o to get a tic tac toe.

1. Waisgap taxuxu hī
2. Hikirupąnų hī
3. Tākac ho'u
4. Pēc
5. Wōrok'į
6. Waža hosįņhi
7. Nįtašjak tāxu ho'ų


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## A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Suicide can be prevented. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide.

Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe.

**Date**  
Monday May 15th

**Time**  
12-1pm and again at 5-6pm

**Location**  
YCIC basement  
Augustine Dr. #2 Mission Dr.  
Winnebago, NE 68071

**RSVP**  
Donna Wolff  
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## Mental Health Awareness



### EARLY WARNING SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviors can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Yelling or fighting with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head
- Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others
- Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school

### CAUSES OF POOR MENTAL HEALTH

There is no single cause for mental illness. A number of factors can contribute to risk for mental illness, such as:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences, such as trauma or a history of abuse (for example, child abuse, sexual assault, witnessing violence, etc.)

### CAUSES OF POOR MENTAL HEALTH (CONT)

- Historic Trauma
- Experiences related to other ongoing (chronic) medical conditions, such as cancer or diabetes
- Biological factors or chemical imbalances in the brain
- Use of alcohol or drugs
- Having feelings of loneliness or isolation

### IMPORTANT FACTORS OF NATIVE MENTAL HEALTH

Native American communities share similar cultural threads such as having a close attachment to land and nature, sharing connectedness with the past and with others in the community, nurturing strong family bonds, following the wisdom of Elders and fostering meaningful traditions are commonly shared as part of one's Indigenous identity.

Many of these shared cultural experiences are protective factors for mental health, but members of Indigenous/Native communities also shoulder many burdens, including economic and political marginalization, education disparities, discrimination and mental health challenges rooted in a long history of trauma.

Created by Morningstar Counseling

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Is now ACCEPTING BIDS  
For the  
157th Annual Homecoming  
Celebration 2023 for the following:**

## Food Vendors

All Applications are taken on a first come, first choice basis

Please send or drop off applications to:  
laura.huffman@winnebagotribe.com

With \$150.00 Deposit due by May 12th, 2023

Full Payment Due No Later Than June 12th, 2023

Money Orders should be made out to WTN Pow Wow Committee

Inquiries please contact: wtnpowwowcommittee@winnebagotribe.com



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## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14th  
8am to 2pm

\$18 per person  
\$9 for children up to 12 years old

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chicken, omelet station, fresh  
fruit, bacon, cheesy  
hashbrowns and much more!



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