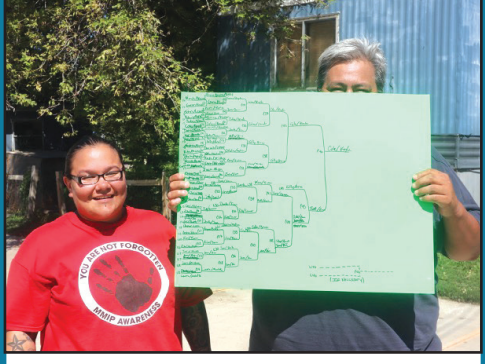
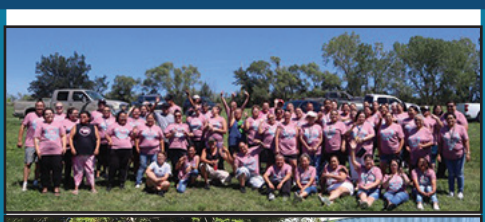




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BAGO BITS
By: Tyler Snake



A huge shoutout to Winnebago Tribe's Human Resources Department and all its contributors for giving us employees a week full of activities! Starting August 14th the week started with a scavenger hunt, teams were created to hunt down the farthest license plate, the WIN newspaper, group pictures in front of buildings around the community and more. A cornhole tourney and Ho-Chunk bingo started Tuesday. Wednesday a volleyball and kickball tourney were held, Robles and LaPalapa were feeding the crowd. Other events like an escape room, inflatable golf/basketball were stationed. The week ended with a prize pick-up! Safe to say the employees are appreciated! Thanks, WTN! (Pictured above is some of the WTN employees, and the first-place winners of the cornhole tournament Colee Brown and Brandi Brown)



The GS Sports team were the Men's Upper Division Champions at the 2023 Native American Fastpitch World Series in South Dakota! Winnebago Tribal Members Dubbz Berridge, Jeremiah Nieman and Cory Cleveland are pictured above, Congratulations and nice work guys!! (This picture was shared on ndnsports.com and their Facebook page, check them out)



August 10th Otoe-Missouria youth toured the Angel De Cora Museum and the Winnebago community. 15 high school students were able to experience the museum, Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago Statue Garden, and Meet with HoChunk Inc., Community Impact & Engagement Manager, Willy Bass, to share what HCI has to offer. On short notice the community was able to share great places within the community, Thanks to the staff and departments for showing our young guests' hospitality!

Winnebago Tribal Court Engages Nebraska Supreme Court on Discussion of State-Tribal Relations



Pictured Winnebago Tribal Court room with the Supreme Court and Chief Justice along with Tribal Court staff.

By Jennifer Berridge

The Winnebago Tribal Court, under the leadership of Court Administrator Jennifer Berridge and Chief Judge Patrick Runge, opened its doors on August 16, 2023, to the Nebraska Supreme Court Summer Tour group for a dialogue centered on the dynamics between state and tribal courts.

Chief Judge Runge discussed the complexities of overlapping jurisdiction with state courts, particularly those within Thurston County. With insight and expertise, he and Berridge guided the visiting group through the court building, while discussing the influence of native culture on the court proceedings, offering a unique perspective on justice.

Carmelita Parker, overseeing Adult Probation, and Matthew Cleveland III, responsible for Juvenile Probation, took the floor to present a comprehensive overview of the intersections, challenges, and future interactions of tribal probation programming. The event also welcomed area state probation officers, fostering an environment for mutual learning and brainstorming for potential collaborations.

As the morning advanced, the justices and their travel group visited the Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC), led by Daryl LaPointe.

This state-licensed 24-hour emergency and temporary housing facility caters to youths up to 19 years old. Distinguished by its commitment to stability, and cultural respect, the facility offers a safe place for children who are temporarily separated from their homes.

The location shifted midday as Winnebago Tribal Council members and Vice-chairman Brian Chamberlain extended a warm invitation to all participants for lunch at the Ho-Chunk Center. The tribal members greeted the guests with a traditional song, accompanied by drummers, several of whom had also been involved in earlier presentations. The lunch featured a main dish crafted from ancient corn grown through the youth facility's agricultural program.

Attorney Andrea Snowball initiated the afternoon discussion with a review of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Indian Child Welfare Act. Her presentation prompted an exchange of ideas and insights, contributing to a deeper understanding of the intersection of state and tribal courts.

The Winnebago Tribal Court's engagement with the Nebraska Supreme Court Summer Tour group marks another

milestone in fostering collaboration, understanding, and shared progress between state and tribal judiciaries.

Purpose of Nebraska Supreme Court Summer Tours:

According to Chief Justice Mike Heavican, summer visits are not only an opportunity to express the Court's appreciation to community leaders for their support but also to gain valuable insights into the implementation of policies throughout the state. The Supreme Court and Chief Justice pay particular attention to the effectiveness of various court processes and use the visits to identify areas where assistance is requested, especially in terms of technology and services.

All state courts operate under the administrative direction of the Supreme Court.

Shortly after Heavican was named Chief Justice in 2006, he established the goal of visiting every one of the 93 courthouses and communities in Nebraska. Having accomplished that goal, he has continued to visit courthouses across the state, often accompanied by his fellow justices.

WCHS X-Ray Room Installs State-of-the-Art Equipment Upgrades



By: Erin McElroy

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) recently upgraded its x-ray equipment to improve patient diagnostic capabilities. In May of 2023, the Radiology Department installed GE Healthcare Definium 646 HD Digital X-ray room. The Definium 646 HD powered by Helix 2.0 provides enhanced capabilities while positioning WCHS for future upgrades.

When a patient goes to receive an X-ray, a tablet-like cassette is placed behind the area of concern. This cassette holds the digital film negative that will be exposed to

the X-rays. When the X-ray enters the body, it passes through air and lung tissue, which don't absorb the energy of the X-ray. This non-absorbed energy reaches the digital film, creating the darker portions of the film. Soft tissues, like muscle, organs, and fat allow some of the X-ray through, resulting in shades of gray on the film. The dense portions of the body, like bones and teeth, or metal, will absorb all or most of the X-ray energy preventing it from reaching the film making the white components of the image. To begin understanding the complexities of breaks, fractures, and calcifications, contrast and clarity are critical to creating accurate X-ray images for providers to read when diagnosing and recommending treatments to patients. At WCHS, the Radiology Team of Registered Technologists specializes in understanding both the equipment and the human body to know what positions and techniques are used to create the best X-rays and CTs for our provider team around the clock.

"In its simplest form, a Medical X-ray is a high-powered camera that uses x-rays - instead of light exposure - to create an image," says Radiology Interim Manager, Elmasue Zylberberg. Zylberberg and her team have been using the new system for a couple of

months now and were quick to share positive comments. This new equipment has more flexibility allowing standing x-rays. The cassette is 17 by 17 inches allowing larger and better-quality images. The table can support nearly twice the amount of weight. The machine includes tracks, accessibility bars, and auto-adjusting tubes that allow medical professionals the flexibility to easily move both the machine and patients around to capture the angles. "We all agree - this machine is built smarter."

"This investment is on the cutting edge of X-ray technology" explained Austin Schanzenbach, Chief Transformation Officer. "At WCHS, we value staying ahead of the curve technology-wise, with the most innovative diagnostic medical equipment. This equipment aids in recruiting and retaining highly experienced medical staff while providing the highest quality of diagnostic care available on the market today."

Additionally, WCHS is exploring investing in upgrading our mobile x-ray unit that will be compatible with the system. This investment would allow us to do X-rays in the ER for immobile or critical patients when needed. WCHS continues to invest in producing the best possible outcomes for the community we serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indigenous DOULA TRAINING



September 12th - 15th
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM each day
 Free Training Course
 Register Now: Email jaralyn.bear@ihs.gov



JOIN US FOR Hōcāk Language Baseball TOURNAMENT

September 9th

HoChunk Renaissance
 The Official Language Program of the Winnebago Tribe



Winnebago Disabled Adults & Elderly Services

Together, we must all protect our Elders from abuse and neglect.


Call the 24-hour Nebraska toll free Hotline at **1-800-652-1999**.

If you feel you're in immediate danger call your local police at **402-878-2245**.

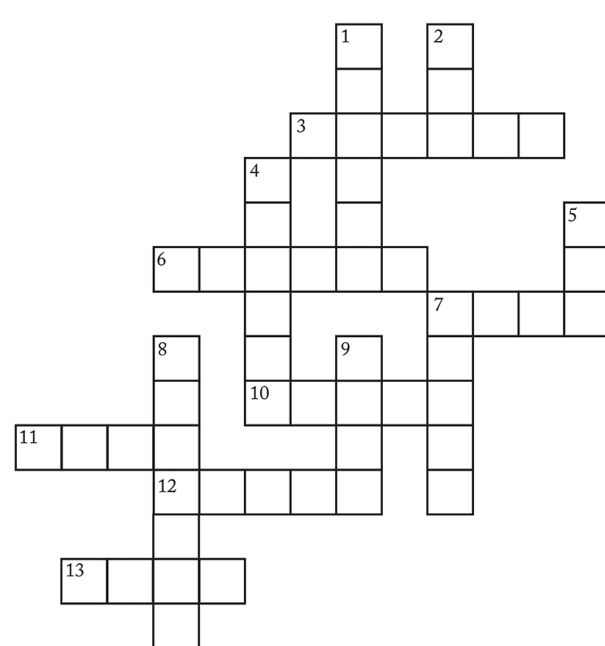
Lauren Buchanan, Elder Abuse Coordinator
 402-257-5586

HoChunk Renaissance

The Official Language Program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



Colors



Down:

- Hāpsjē hoco
- Pūzake zī
- Zī
- Šūc
- Xāwīco
- Māxico
- Cōsawa
- Zī rašep

Across:

- Wāžāzi
- Māš sga
- Māš zī
- Sgā
- Xoc
- Sēp
- Kēracō

Drive Inn Movie Thurs. Sept. 7th at large screen 5:30-7:30pm

Little GIANTS



Bring the entire family for a fun filled movie night! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and stop by for snacks.



2ND ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS POW WOW

Drum Groups- TBD
 Head Male Dancer- TBD
 Head Female Dancer- Amy Bearskin- Painter
 Arena Director- TBD
 Event MC-TBD

AFSP will provide honor beads for all who lost a loved one to suicide.
 AFSP Finding Hope training 10-12pm conference room

Winnavegas Casino & Resort

September 23rd, 2023- 1- 9pm

VENDORS WELCOME- REGISTER BELOW!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS WELCOME- REGISTER BELOW!



HEAL
Coming together to heal from our past traumas of suicide loss, grief, substance use, and mental health.



SHARE
Memories of loved ones lost helps all of us feel less alone and know we have a community to turn towards.



CONNECT
Learn about the many resources available to reach out to help you during a crisis and surviving afterwards.

JOIN US! PUBLIC WELCOMED!

Professional Mental Health Counselors available for participants
 Deadline for outreach and vendor tables to register is Sept. 15th
 To register for outreach table or vendor table, email Donna Wolff

Questions? Contact Donna Wolff at donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 33

Taking the first steps:

Making big changes right now might be out of the question for you. You may not even know where to begin. That's okay. Recovery is a process, and it's important that you move at your own pace. There are a few things you might want to do to ease your transition back to everyday life. Some important steps that others have found helpful are:

First, it might be less stressful to decide in advance how to deal with others' questions about your suicide attempt. The people around you may be surprised by your suicide attempt and have questions or comments about what happened. Thinking about what you might say in advance can help you prepare for their reactions.

Secondly, re-establishing connections may help you feel better. Often, the stress or depression that leads to a suicide attempt can cause people to disconnect from others who care about them or the things they used to enjoy doing. Reconnecting with the people and things you love or loved can help instill hope.

Third, because suicidal thoughts might return, you'll want to be prepared with a plan to stay safe. A safety plan is a tool that can help you identify triggers (like events or experiences) that lead to suicidal thoughts and can help you cope if the pain that led to your suicide attempt returns.

Fourth, finding and working with a counselor can help you start to recover. Unlike friends or family, a counselor is an unbiased listener who won't be personally affected by your suicide attempt. The counselor's role is to help you sort through your feelings and find ways to feel better. You may find it helpful to begin discussing with your counselor your experiences and feelings about your suicide attempt. A counselor can be a peer supporter, psychiatrist, social worker, psychologist, or other skilled person. If counseling isn't possible, there are also ways you can help yourself, but please remember that you don't have to go through this alone.

"After my attempt I needed to be able to talk and be heard – not counseled, not encouraged – to really be listened to, like what I had to say was the most important thing in the world at that moment, for someone to connect to my pain without losing control of themselves."

(After my attempt) "I felt exhausted. I felt empty; What now? I soon felt angry. As I told a therapist, staying alive means that now I have to rationalize being a loser, a failure. That is the way you can think sometimes."

"There are a lot of things that happen in your life that you have no choice over. But the one thing that can never be taken away from you is your ability to choose how to respond."

"The hospital was the first place where I felt like I could acknowledge my illness, to myself and to others. Even knowing I had depression, they still saw me as a human with great potential. That led me to understand that seeking help would not lead to me becoming defined by my depression, as I had feared. It inspired me with the most basic conviction that I was inherently worthy of health and happiness, regardless of what others thought of me."

"When I woke up in the hospital, I didn't feel positive about life. But I watched TV a lot and saw stories about people who went through worse than I had. It inspired me to stop focusing on what I couldn't do and start focusing on what I could do."

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911, After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Why y'all blaming God for your problems?"

Recently I saw a meme with the above ^ question. How would you answer that question?

Is your God at fault? Is He the reason for the choices that you made? Does your God make mistakes? Does your God lead you astray? Does your God force you to do what you do, or prohibit you from doing what you promised to do?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions then I suggest that you trust in another God.

May I make a suggestion? If you respond with a 'yes' or an 'okay' then read on.

I suggest that you place your trust, your faith, your direction in life in the one true God. The God who has revealed Himself through His Sacred Word. This one true God is the triune God - three persons in one God, i.e. God the Father, God the Son - Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit!

The complete meme read: "Why y'all blaming God for your problems? Most of y'all's problems came from not listening to Him to begin with!"

God offers more food for thought found in ready His Sacred Word. He speaks each and every Sunday - please take time to hear what He has to say. Bible study at 10 followed by a Divine Service at 11 at Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church, directly at the back of the Blackhawk Community Center.

The Big Voice would like to welcome and introduce our HCl apprentice! Stay on the lookout for Tylie in upcoming Radio shows!

Hello, my name is Tylie Chilson. My Hochunk name is "Walking in The Snow". I am a member of the Elk Clan. My mother is Alvina Chilson and my father is Ricky Chilson. My grandparents are Lillian Smith and Carl Blackfish.

I am a junior at the Winnebago Public School. I am a new apprentice and I'm looking forward to the experience of meeting new people, as well as being able to self-express and educate myself. The HCl apprenticeship program has been doing me so well. I've learned so much about formality and professionalism. Which will most definitely help me in the long run with opportunities, including work.

The worksite with The Big Voice Radio was the main option that caught my attention. As somebody whose hobby is public speaking and acting it fell into my interest immediately and seemed most like my calling. I am looking forward to continuing with this process and learning more as I go!

Killers of the Flower Moon Book Review

By Eben Crawford

Those of you who tuned into KWTN 100.9 on the 22nd heard my review of David Grann's "Killers of the Flower Moon", the book that inspired the upcoming Martin Scorsese movie of the same name set to go to wide release October 20th. The film has already had many glowing reviews by indigenous movie go-ers, and although its not specifically Hōcāk history I strongly recommend reading the book. The book itself is not too difficult a read and has a compelling if not deeply distressing plot detailing the true story behind the mysterious murders of Osage tribal members in the 1920's after oil is discovered on the reservation. But be warned, the content is upsetting and disturbing and you should be prepared before delving in. If reading is not your thing, try listening to it as an audio book while you drive, walk, or work.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. would like to congratulate Cynthia LaMere on her Retirement!



Employees, family and friends recently honored her with a luncheon in Winnebago. Many shared heartfelt stories how she's been a personal inspiration, and acknowledged her significant contributions to Ho-Chunk, Inc., the Winnebago community and beyond.

For the past 15 years, she's been a fixture across the company, retiring as Director of Benefits Administration at the end of July. Cynthia looks forward to traveling and spending time with family. We'll miss her dearly and wish her all the best!

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

pleted for the new Fiscal Year. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

TRIBAL CFO REPORT: Presented by Jasmin Lammers.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Tribal CFO Report. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

ARPA Budget Mod 19

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the ARPA Budget Mod 19. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Roads Department Semi Purchases

2018 Kenworth T680

Stock number MPR1454 \$79,900

Stock number MPR1421 \$69,900

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the request from the Roads Department Semi's Purchase for the amount of \$79,900 and \$69,900 for 2018 Kenworth T680 to come out of the BIA ARPA funds. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

AA/LD Executive session

Emergency Grant revisions

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Emergency Grant revisions as presented by the Tribal Council Secretary. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Revised Qualifications for Emergency Grant are as follows:

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY GRANT:

Only one (1) may be paid to any immediate family member*, per 12-month period. *family member defined as: Spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or adoptive child. With priority given to same house hold family members.

Grants are awarded only if the applicant is an ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA. The individual for whom the emergency grant is requested can only be used once per 12-month period. The enrolled Winnebago Tribal Member can request the Tribal Council consider their circumstance outside this Policy.

Grants may be awarded only in documented cases of death or serious/critical illness, who is an immediate family member of the applicant.

Grants may be awarded to assist with transportation costs associated with situations as mentioned above, but only once per immediate family, per 12-month period, per individual for which they are being requested, per 12-month period.

One grant may be awarded up to and

shall not exceed \$250.00 (two-hundred fifty dollars).

Grants that may not require the full \$250.00, shall be paid according to direct costs needed only. (Mileage calculated at current travel allowance GSA rate).

Executive Session
Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:01 a.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

BREAK:

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:06 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to suspend the Rules to add Child & Family Chafee funds resolution. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #23-173: FY2024 Winnebago Child and Family Services Chafee funds. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct WinnaVegas Casino Human Resources to remove the 1-day suspension, and 60 day PIP on KHF personnel file for incorrectly interpreting the non-disclosure agreement against her. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct the WinnaVegas Human Resources Administration to add language to the Associate Handbook Progressive Discipline that the note-to-file written warning and performance improvement plan, suspension with or without pay be removed from the Associates Human Resource file after 1 year. Isaac Smith seconded.

OBJECT: Louis LaRose and Kenneth Mallory

VOTE: (3) yes, LD, AA, IS (3) no, KM, LLR, RS (0) abstain T i e vote.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Treasurer Stealer adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT & LAW EN- FORCEMENT REPORT July 24, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cecelia Earth
Lynelle Blackhawk
Kellie Snow
Esther Mercer
Jillian Kelsey

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Isaac Smith (deconstruction project)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:30 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Fire Department: Unavailable, assisting with deconstruction of abandoned home.

Law Enforcement: Captain Jason Lawrence presents a report on the Winnebago/Omaha Nation MET Operation.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct Legal Counsel to draft a resolution to BIA Law Enforcement to have more than one contract for housing our prisoners to include Thurston County, Dakota County, Woodbury County and Juvenile services in Woodbury County to be done immediately for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Coly Brown motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

[Kenneth Mallory out due to close personal relationship.]

[Lorelei DeCora abstain from comments due to relationship.]

Coly Brown motioned to come out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Coly Brown motioned to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING – WINNEBAGO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION August 3, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tina Lewis
Billie Kitcheyan
Lynelle Blackhawk
Esther Mercer
Leta Gorrin

Ireta Frazier

Maggie Miller

Sarah Snake

Dana Zargurski

Tyresha Wolfe

Jasmine Lammers

Danelle Smith

Teresa Littlegeorge

Garan Coons

Angela Bigbear

Laun Doung

Silvia Wirba, Attorney

Pam Mahkuk

Duran Blackfish

Danelle Smith

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (leave)

Isaac Smith (leave)

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

OPENING PRAYER: Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

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

WHDC: NIFA Tax credit homes discussion.

TRIBAL MEMBER EMERGENCY:

Aric Armell motioned to honor the Tribal member request (R.W.). Brian Chamberlain seconded.

OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora

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

RECESS: at 11:06 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:15 a.m.

Lorelei out at 2:30 p.m. (leave)

Lost quorum at 2:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

Primary Elections will be held on September 5th!

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



2023 Primary Election Candidates

Elizabeth Bayer

Brian Chamberlain

Eugene DeCora Sr.

Lorelei DeCora

Victoria Kitcheyan

Teresa Littlegeorge

Thelma Whitewater

Approved by: Tribal Council

Date: August 5, 2023

Candidate: Eugene DeCora



Hanac Hinikaragiwi, I greet you all with good thoughts and feelings. My name is Eugene DeCora and I am a candidate for the upcoming Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council elections.

My grandparents Gaga Virginia Priest, and Gaga Juanita Maney Neff are direct descendants of our last great war chief, Chief Little Priest. I am also the grandson of my Choka Eugene N. DeCora, who served the Winnebago people as a youth coach and previous member of this tribal council and my Gaga Isabel Kelsey DeCora.

I am the son of Randy DeCora and Martina (Neff) DeCora. And I am the proudest father of 6 children with my wife Brooke DeCora.

My family and I have strived to impact our community in a positive manner and a forward approach. As a community, we all want the best for the membership and families. As a contributing member of this community, I wish to bring strategic thinking, problem solving and implementation to the table. The needs for our

membership and families are extensive and daily, which comes with creating relationships with families to better suit their needs.

In my work experience with the youth, parents, guardians and community members I will continue to affect various age groups with positivity and forward thinking. I have always tried my best to meet the needs and excel in anything I have done within the capacity that I have been given to do so in our community.

Previous activities that I have served my community in are:

Youth coach - basketball, football, softball, baseball, multiple sports for ages 3-18

Multiple levels of juvenile justice - Prevention, intervention, and case management

Collaboration with several community programs both in Winnebago and surrounding communities

Cultural activities involving preservation

Our community is moving forward, and this has been a very supportive and positive space for our youth and families thus far. I will help continue the growth within our community and keep shining a positive light on what our community is capable of and how we can enhance our sense of culture belonging.

I encourage you all to get out and vote to use your voice in this year's elections. As you consider this year's candidates, I ask for your vote in this year's primary and regular elections. With your vote and support, we can work together to create an impactful course of leadership for our people. Please allow me to bring my experience of working alongside our veterans, seniors, guardians and youth to help make decisions that impact our community in the best way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. I am always willing to listen and share ideas.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN LETTERS

Candidate: **Victoria Kitcheyan**



cDear Friends and Relatives,
I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. My name is Victoria Kitcheyan and I am a candidate in the 2023 Winnebago Tribal Council Primary Election. With gratitude, I humbly ask for your continued support. I was first elected in 2015. Since then I've served as the Secretary, Treasurer, Member, and in the most recent term, I served as Chairwoman. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Winnebago people. I do not take that for granted. As many of you know I was removed in 2020. That experience has come full circle for me and I'm thankful for the challenges I've faced. It made me a stronger leader and forced me to build understanding and respect even in adversarial climates.

I've learned so much serving on the Tribal Council. Your people will show you yourself and

teach you something if you listen. What I have learned is our people are struggling. Our people have unmet needs whether it be financially, spiritually, mentally or physically. We are a community that finds ourselves in constant crisis yet we suffer in silence. We make prayers everyday with those struggles in our hearts and minds. We start our day with hope and belief that it will get better. I've found myself asking every person or entity, "What are your intentions?" I've found myself in a defensive mode; always questioning whether this program or entity is answering the unmet needs of the Winnebago tribal members. I carry these burdens with dignity and strength so there are tangible outcomes for all tribal members.

Land Back – I support the tribe buying back as much land within the reservation that becomes available for sale. I support and testified for H.R. 1240, the Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023 to return land illegally condemned by the Army Corp of Engineers in the 1970s.

Culture - I support the community working together in culture and language revitalization and preservation.

Enrollment – I support the evolving tribal enrollment discussion and ways to meet the needs of the kids.

Housing – I support creating pathways to housing stability. We need quality housing that suits the need of the family and not profit margins. There are alternative things we could do like tiny home, double wide trailers, etc. Housing stability looks different for all of us. There's no right way to build a home.

Healthcare – I support the growth and transition of the Winnebago Comprehensive Health-care System. The tribe took over a broken hospital and continues to dig out. Proof of that hard work is evident by the recent CMS accreditation achieved for 12 Clans Unity Hospital.

Education – I support creating further mechanisms to financially support students.

Job Opportunities – I support creating a day labor force to offer work to those that want to work.

Behavioral Health – I support expanding behavioral health services throughout the community and tribal organization. I support destigmatizing services and breaking generational cycles of trauma.

Economic Development – I support challenging profit generating entities to reduce spending and stream lining additional financial resources to the tribe.

Per Cap – Per cap is no different than profit sharing. We need to reframe our thinking on what it means and looks like to share the wealth and prosperity among the tribal membership. We need to be responsible and intentional in the feasibility and sustainability of per cap. There are other ways to do this like utilizing the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014. In summary, I support it if we have the money.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard and do my best to contribute and meet the needs of the Winnebago Tribe. I've done my best to be transparent and straight forward in my interactions. I commit to use my strengths at the table and work on my weaknesses. Please consider supporting me in the upcoming primary and general election. Best wishes to all the Tribal Council candidates!

Respectfully,
Victoria "Tori" Kitcheyan

Candidate: **Elizabeth Bayer**



Hinikaragi, caxs'ep yakikarac s'ana, hocak nijs'oc haci na, hinu wa'uaje

I greet you, my Hocak name is Golden Yellow Feather, I am a member of the Eagle Clan. I was born and raised on the Winnebago Reservation. I am the hinu, first born daughter, Elizabeth Bayer is my english name. My mother is Cecelia Earth, and my father is the late Timothy (Little Walker) adopted name: Bayer. My maternal X'o]ke s'ak (grandparents) were Lillian DeCora Earth and Herman Brown Sr., my mother was claimed by Charles Earth. My paternal X'o]ke s'ak (grandparents) were Lois Cleveland and Steven (Little) Walker.

I have 5 sons, Gregory Bass III, Aspen, D'Von, Timothy, and Ashton LaPointe. While growing up I always stressed education is the key. Today my children have been successful, learned to reach their full potential and goals. Two of my sons have graduated with their

bachelor's degree, one is pending and 2 are in high school. Myself I have attend Nebraska Indian Community College, Little Priest Tribal College, Wayne State College, and Bellevue University. I have worked for the Winnebago Tribe for 15 plus years, in several different positions. I have gained knowledge and experience that would prepare me to be a successful Tribal Council leader.

In the 80's as a young girl after school I would walk to the Blackhawk Community Center and spend most of my younger years there. During that time Reuben Snake Jr. was the Chairman, my mother was Reuben's secretary. Back then we lived simple nothing fancy, one conference table, with chairs around it and chairs for the Tribal members located in the Tribal Chambers. Wall hangings of a buffalo and a deer head. I remember the past Tribal Council worked for the people, toward goals and trying to make life better for our Hochunk people.

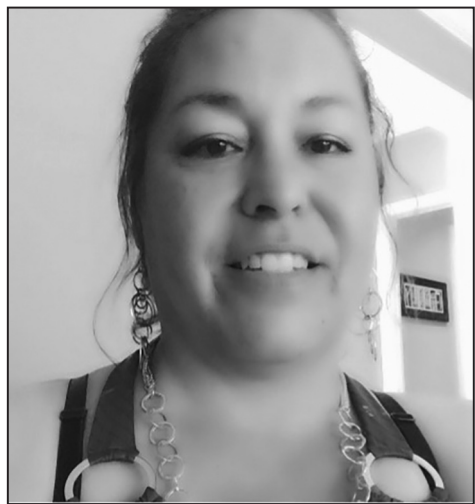
I recognize we have a lot of successful past Tribal Council members, they set the foundation for our people. If elected I would like to move forward in that same positive direction. My voice is for the people, our community, our elders, and our future generations to come.

My platform will be focused on these topics:

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Casinos
- Childcare
- Culture
- Elders
- Food Sovereignty
- Hemp
- Housing
- Language
- New/old venues
- Sports
- Tribal/Small Business
- Water
- Youth Programs

I humbly ask for your 2023 vote and support this election. Please feel free to contact me, you're welcome to attend my campaign luncheon, on September 5th at noon, located at 209 Mathewson. Pinagigi to all that are supporting me and that have encouraged me along the way, greatly appreciate it.

Candidate: **Teresa Littlegeorge**



Hello, Winnebago community,

I'm Teresa (Thomas) Littlegeorge, and I'm reaching out to earn your vote for the Tribal Council. As a proud member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, I'm deeply connected to our heritage and dedicated to our people.

Born in Winnebago, Nebraska, on the Reservation, my roots run deep. My clan is Wolf, and my name, nac]ge pi] ru'a] wi]ga means "Good Heart lifts us up."

My family's ties to our community are strong. My parents, Theodore "Mickey" Thomas, Jr. and Carole (Wilcox) Thomas, were lifelong Winnebago residents. Married to Joseph Littlegeorge, we're blessed with five children and five grandchildren. With four siblings, nieces, and nephews, our family is woven into our Tribe's fabric.

Throughout life, my commitment to our Tribe has been unwavering. Today, I ask for your vote to continue serving on the Tribal Council, dedicating myself to the Winnebago people's betterment.

Our family's legacy is harvesting Indian Corn, cherished for our heritage. Despite losing my father in 2014 and brother in 2019, I've upheld this tradition, nurturing Native Indian Corn, and passing its significance to my family.

My journey began in high school when the Winnebago Tribe chose me for summer youth employment. This marked my start with roles like WIN news assistant editor and Tribal Enrollment program support. After graduating in 1991, I was Chairman's Secretary for two years before performing diverse roles across Tribal departments. From cashier to Head Start Education Coordinator, I've gathered experiences that shape my commitment to our community.

In 2014, I earned a Liberal Arts Degree from Little Priest Tribal College. I serve on the Winnebago Public School Board, now as President. I've also supported the Native American community as Secretary of the Nebraska Inter Tribal Coalition. Recently appointed to the HCI Board of Directors, I'm excited to contribute once more.

Why run for Tribal Council? Because I'm prepared to work. It's not just a job; it's a commitment to our people. No task is too small; I pledge dedication to every challenge.

I believe in the potential of the Winnebago people. With open communication and careful consideration, we can build a brighter future.

Respectfully, please vote for me, Teresa Littlegeorge, to continue uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Teresa Littlegeorge

Candidate: **Thelma Whitewater**



Greetings to Everyone!

My English name is Thelma Jane Whitewater, this name was given to me by my sister Adelma Whitewater, Her best friend was Thelma Jane Earth, and when Thelma passed, she gave me that name. I'm also known to many as "Chickie" a name that was given to me by my father. My hocak name is Machupewinga, meaning Good Feather, I am an Eagle Clan Member. I was blessed to be born to Dr.

Stanford Whitewater Sr. and Marie Wolf Whitewater, I am also the youngest of 11 children. I have 5 Daughters and 2 sons, with 17 grand-children and 1 great-grandson. My Paternal Grandparents are Leonard Whitewater Sr. and Edith Prophet, Maternal Grandparents are Daniel Wolf and Alice Ricehill.

Growing up here in Winnebago, my family lived a modest, humble life. This life shaped me to how I am today, we learned to improvise, and survive out in the timbers most all my life, and to this day I still remain on our homestead from back when the land was allotted to my great grandfather Charles Prophet Jr. I have a rich family history. All my Grandparents were full blood Hocak. Which makes me full blood Hocak, I'm glad I chose to come to be born in this creation to Stanford and Marie Whitewater. We are a traditional family. I know a lot of our family history and ancestry. I know our tribes history and the struggles our tribe went through to be here today. I feel I carry my ancestors within me. That guides me to make the right decisions for our tribe.

From the time the white man came to our lands and they took over and colonized the Indigenous Peoples of America, it caused many of the indigenous to lose their real identity, we didn't value money or power, we had our own values that guided us, and things ran smoothly, we had our clan system that had their responsibilities. This is how our people operated. It was good and it was working. Nowadays money and power, like the white man is growing strong in our community, we need to get back to our old ways of thinking and living. How do we do that? Well it takes education and the wiliness to learn.

When I talk to individuals, I talk of what I know how things used to be, I was raised around old people and listened. I remember the old ones names, of long ago, I know their stories. I enjoy so much in speaking of them. This is what I am always willing to share with anyone who wishes to listen.

We claim we are sovereign. But are we really? I have to say no. We rely on the government for many things. We need to be self-sufficient and do for our WHOLE tribal membership. We need to direct any monies we get, to that self-sufficiency and not WASTE the money we get on nonsense. I see the community of Winnebago doing well, better than other reservations. So many thanks to those who made good decisions for our tribe. We need to collaborate on issues and tackle it together in order to make a change. That's leads me to mention, that back in the 1700-1800s our tribe was huge and we had around 13 villages scattered, and each had a chief and I think if at that time, all the 13 villages stuck together and collaborated and fought as ONE, things would be a lot better for us, at that time villages made different decisions, now here we are today, but my point is that we work together and we will be that much stronger and Things will be better for our tribe as a whole. I want the best for our tribe and I think a lot about our tribal members who live off the reservation, they need to be included in these decisions also. I also think of those who have addictions, we need to lift them up and support them in their recovery, they are part of us. I don't want them over looked and forgotten about.

Another thing is to know your relatives. If you need assistance I can help. We are all related.

It's your right to vote, make your vote count for our Tribe. Not just because it's your relative or friend, but what is needed at the table. A lot is common sense but also requires life experience and knowledge.

Someone who will do their best to make the right decisions for our people and who be your voice and advocate for the best interest for Tribal Membership. I am that advocate.

I carry these thoughts in my heart for my people. Machupewinga Niska

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ23-018AB
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
K.M. (Born 01/2023)
K.M. (Born 10/2022)

To: KIANDRA MERRICK, MOTHER
GARRETT WHITE LIGHT

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ23-018AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 19TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023 at the hour of 2:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-119B

In the Matter of the
Custody Application of:
Clint Free Jr
In Re:
C.S.

TO: Jake Maxwell, Father
All Possible Fathers

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-119B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 18th day of September, 2023 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-092

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Lloyd Hamilton
In Re:
K.L.
M.L.

TO: TAMARA EWING, MOTHER
KARLOS JOHNSON, FATHER
HECTOR DIAZ, FATHER
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS,

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-092 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12TH day of September, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-118

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Fred Arrow Sr.
In Re:
M.A. (Born 03/2007)

TO: ANGELA ARROW, MOTHER
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS,

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-118 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 28TH day of AUGUST, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

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This Presentation is to provide information on a variety of drugs and alcohol addictions. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at 402-878-2480 EXT 1110 at the Recovery Program.
Jayme Moore, CTAS Coordinator

Opening prayer by: Scott Aldrich, Substance Abuse Counselor

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PREVENTION SPECIALIST
YOUTH CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

THOMAS SNOWBALL SR.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL MEMBER

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Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-120AB

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Diana Decora
In Re:
J.P. (Born 07/2010)
J.P. (Born 03/2009)

TO: Amanda Decora, Mother
Greg Pearson, Father
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-120AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22nd day of August, 2023 at the hour of 3:00 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-119A

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Clint Free Jr
In Re:
M.S. (Born 01/2008)

TO: ROGER LOVE, FATHER
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS,

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-119A has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 28th day of August, 2023 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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