



IN HONOR OF Neola Walker



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BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



On September 27th, the Winnebago Public Health Department hosted a 'Walk to Remember' for Suicide Prevention Month. During the walk Les Painter and Silas Cleveland spoke about the importance of these events along with showing support to friends and family. Attendees walked close to a mile and received nice t-shirts with the phrase "good medicine". Thank you WPHD for bringing awareness to the community!



Thursday, September 14th, Acting Chief of the Winnebago Police Department, Officer Anthony Walker, deputized three conservation officers of Wildlife & Parks: Sean Bear, Pete Snowball and Kenny LaPointe! The new officers will assist by protecting and serving the Winnebago Community and supporting the Winnebago Police Department.



Wednesday, September 6th, Little Priest Tribal College held a ribbon cutting and groundbreaking ceremony for their new 6-million-dollar science building! The building is expected to be completed by the Spring semester of 2025 with two labs, three classrooms and a new Student Services center. Congratulations LPTC on their expansion!



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



Winnebago tribal court staff along with Big Fire attorneys greet visiting guests at the Winnebago tribal court building.

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State of Nebraska Judicial Branch
August 23, 2023

The Winnebago Tribal Court, under the leadership of Chief Judge Patrick Runge and Court Administrator Jennifer Berridge, 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.

Little Priest Tribal College builds opportunity 'pipelines,' STEM workforce

Deborah Van Fleet, Producer
Monday, September 25, 2023

Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago says its student body and campus are growing - and so are its options for people to study in STEM fields.

Little Priest has always offered some health and science courses, but college Vice President of Finance and Operations Mark Vasina said the two-year school is also creating pathways to higher education for its graduates.

It has transfer agreements with several area colleges - in many cases, with free tuition for getting a bachelor's degree - including Wayne State in Wayne, Nebraska, and Briarcliff University in Sioux City, Iowa.

Vasina said one Briarcliff agreement allows Little Priest health-science grads to earn a nursing degree in two years, tuition free.

"Here on the reservation, we have the Twelve Clans Hospital, and they have a constant need - as all over the country - for nurses," said Vasina. "But they also need other lab technicians, and people who are trained in science and technology applications."

This month, Little Priest broke ground on a 12,000 square foot science building. In addition to government agencies, the reservation is home to Ho-Chunk Farms, which employs some of the school's diversified ag students.

Vasina says Little Priest is helping to build a skilled workforce in an area where employers sometimes struggle to fill positions because of the town's small size and distance from metropolitan areas.

An ongoing issue on the Winnebago reservation is water quality, because of excessive mineral content and other contaminants. Vasina pointed to water monitoring as an

other local need for STEM-trained individuals.

"We also have our EPA," said Vasina. "We have water testing, we have our Department of Natural Resources - all of these programs are starving for qualified individuals who are trained in modern lab techniques."

And Little Priest offers dual-enrollment courses at three area high schools, which Vasina said is one way they generate interest and promote readiness in potential future students.

"We're reaching backwards into the high school and middle school," said Vasina, "as well as forward to the four-year schools, so that students can recognize that coming here leads them into something even greater and better beyond."

The college celebrated its 25th anniversary this month and is seeing record enrollment. Since summer 2020, tuition has been free for all students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waruc – Food

By: Ben Crawford

Winnebago today is a food desert — there are not many places where you can buy fresh foods. Because of this food desert, colonization, trauma, and perhaps even things like boil orders, there's a lot of unhealthy food and drinks that community members rely on. These unhealthy foods and the idea of "three square meals a day" are not Hōcāk. It's hard to say exactly, but probably at most there were two meals a day depending on the season and availability of food. Feasting and fasting are also a large part of traditional culture. People would fast as a coming-of-age rite, sometimes for four days without food and water. Traditionally clan feasts, naming feasts, and other feasts would be held. Today one of the things you do see is that some people do spirit bowl offerings. We shouldn't forget this because beyond the spiritual part, when we offer a little bit of what we will eat it shows respect for our food, ourselves and the world. There's a story in another culture about how when people started farming their food instead of gathering their food, it made the food weaker. I think that's a good way to look at it. Milk and cheese, sweets, soda, pork, bread, chips, breakfast cereals, unfortunately none of these are traditional foods. Cranberries, sunflower seeds, turkey and bison meat, beans, squash, corn, maple syrup, clams, water, and more are traditional foods.

We should not forget that food can be an addiction. For decades now, "weak foods" and poor relationships to food have sickened and caused many in the community to pass on.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Has life ever gotten so bad?"

Has life ever gotten so bad that you think that the end is near?

You are emotionally drained!

You are mentally spent!

You are physically worn out!

You are spiritual lost!

What is the use of living? You are to the point of no return -- in your relationship with your Creator -- you have given up - given up your faith in Him!

When life gets rough do you lean on God - on the promises found in His Word? Or do you attempt to put God to the test - God either you do what I say or else?

Sounds a bit childish doesn't it? As a child did you ever make demands on your parents so that you might get your way! Have you ever been in a relationship when you or someone else made threats -- either you do this or that or I will harm myself!

I would like to tell you a story of when life got so bad from God's Sacred Word. There is an extreme draught for several years. The prophet Elijah follows God's command and meets a widow who is gathering firewood so that she could prepare the last supper for her children and herself.

Then Elijah has the audacity to say these words: "Fetch for me, please, a

little water in the vessel that I may drink." So she went to fetch, and he called to her and said, "Fetch for me, please, a morsel of bread in your hand."

The widow responds "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land.' "

Elijah, a prophet of God, was asking this woman to place God first - even ahead of her own family. God asks you to place Him first, first and foremost - even above your family, your tribe, or yourself.

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. [see 1st Kings 17:8-16].

In loving memory ...

Marianne Ruth DeCora



Marianne Ruth DeCora 68 Passed away In Rosebud South Dakota among loved ones family and friends Thursday September 14th 2023.

Marianne was born in Sioux City, Iowa February 12th 1955. Daughter of Duwayne DeCora and Lilian Lebeau. She is the youngest of 3 sisters, including Loreli DeCora and Cheryl Painter of Winnebago Nebraska. Marianne was raised among the Indigenous community of Sioux City Iowa. Marianne Enjoyed her family, friends and grand daughters. Marianne was an active member of the American Indian Movement and she believed in her Lakota Life ways. Marianne was a wounded knee veteran as she spent most of her life helping our indigenous people heal and recover from intergenerational trauma, murder, theft, rape, failed assimilation and genocide. She was also a Sundancer and pipe carrier as she believed wholeheartedly in our Lakota Life ways. Marianne Loved to travel mother earth and enjoy new destinations to learn about other Indigenous cultures. She loved art, music, gardening, learning, and she was a very talented artist and known for all of her beautiful beadwork. She was there to help people she was always willing to be a good

relative. Marianne was into traditional medicines and healing herbs as she was always willing to share this knowledge with all of her family and friends.

Marianne graduated from Sinte Gleska University with a bachelor's degree in Mental health and Human Services. She later completed her Master degree in Science in counseling and human resource development with a minor in School counseling.

Marianne taught at Sinte Gleska University and worked various jobs all focusing on helping people to heal.

Marianne is survived by Her Mahasani and life long partner Burdette Collins clifford. Kevin Hoch DeCora, her oldest son. Her grandchildren Charlee ann witt, Jenaya DeCora, Kimimila DeCora, Caylani Medearis, Caileanna Medearis. Her great Grandchildren Kobe Karter Lee, and Kyre Curry Newborough. She is the youngest of 3 sisters, including Loreli Decora and Cheryl Painter.

Also her cat TUFFY. All other nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

In loving memory ...



Mitchell Wayne Armell

Mitchell "Mickey" Wayne Armell age 75 of Winnebago, NE passed away peacefully after complications from heart surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha Ne. Mickey was a member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Eagle Clan. His HoChunk name was Maxi Wakacak "Holy Cloud". Traditional services will be held at the Whirling Thunder Gymnasium in Winnebago with the Roadman Charles Aldrich, Jr. officiating. Visitation is from now until the final services on Friday September 22, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Mickey will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, Rebecca in the Armell Family Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Winnebago Wake and Burial Program. Mickey was born on February 19, 1948, to Peter and Eleanor (Hensley) Armell. Mickey attended school in Albert Lea, MN. He married Rebecca Earth and had two children. The couple made their home in Chicago, Il and eventually settled in Winnebago, NE. Mickey was a long-time contractor, building many homes and buildings in the local area. He retired as the Physical Resources Director for the Winnebago Tribe in 2015. Mickey was a lifelong member of the Native American Church of North America,

Winnebago Chapter. Mickey enjoyed golf, bingo, cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Mickey is survived by his two children, Aric "Dusty" Armell, Sr. of Winnebago and Michelle W. Armell of Wayne, NE, eight Grandchildren Arika Armell of Winnebago, NE, Aric Armell Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO, Akira Armell and Aric "Baby Aric" Armell III, of Gibson, ID, Hihanni Ojanjan Armell Moore, and Aria Armell of Winnebago, NE, Jacob Doescher of Hoskins, NE, MicKayla Armell, and Floyd Ward II of Wayne, NE. Three beautiful Great-granddaughters, Violet Abenicia Maliana Quinones-Armell, Tyleigh Mae Doescher and Eleanor Beth Doescher. Siblings Robert (Winona) Armell, Margaret "Marge" Gilpin, Jeffery Armell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mickey was preceded in death by his parents, wife Rebecca Earth Armell, and siblings Prosper, Peter Jr., Anna, Oliver, Pierre, Troy, Laverne and Baby Sister Armell. Pallbearers include Mitchell DeCora, Wallace Earth, Casey Earth, Eugene Gilpin Jr., Thomas Fayant, and Ian Seaboy. Honorary Pallbearers are John Smith, Ron Nohr, Damon Picotte, Marcel Picotte, Eugene "Bo" Gilpin III, Prosper Gilpin and James Fat

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ELECTION CAMPAIGN LETTERS

Candidate: Victoria Kitcheyan



Dear Winnebago Tribal Members,

My name is Victoria Kitcheyan and I am a candidate in the 2023 Tribal Council General Election. I am writing to ask for your vote, your family's vote, and your continued support to keep working for you. I currently serve as Chairwoman and have been working diligently for eight years. I've had productive terms and kept my word to represent the tribe with a fierce grace always pushing and challenging for a better outcome for the tribe. I have found my strengths in tribal advocacy work. I've taken Winnebago's issues and messages to the halls of Congress, the White House, and many national forums. There is always more work to be done. For instance, right now, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) needs to be reauthorized by Congress. Winnebago Tribe relies on this program. I support this and asked Tribal Council to send letters to our Nebraska and Iowa congressional delegations. Speaking of diabetes, the WCHS recently presented options on how to bring dialysis to Winnebago. It will cost \$1.5m in infrastructure and equipment. We need an additional \$1.2m for operations annually. These are the type of projects I have followed up on as a Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System board member. The funds have to come from somewhere and that is from our profit generating operations like HCI. The tribe needs additional funding to expand programs and services to tribal members; like a dialysis unit. I have no hidden agenda. I have been fully transparent in my leadership. My job is to ensure the tribal members receive the programs and services needed. I remain concerned and work to improve the quality of life for tribal members and community. I initiated and support updating the town water infrastructure. The tribe has the capacity to manage our own water system and I look forward to helping. Lastly, I want to mention the respect and appreciation I have for the tribal employees. They are the real ones effecting change every day. The Physical Resources Department in particular is the backbone of the tribe. These employees need raises. The tribal appropriations budget needs to support raises ACROSS THE BOARD and bonuses for our hardest working teams. The whole tribe works hard but those who work in inclement weather and strenuous labor, take a bow. Again, no ulterior motives... just want to be able to pay our people what they are worth.

Vote Victoria Kitcheyan and allow me to get these things done. My work demonstrates what I am about and what I am capable of contributing to the Tribal Council. I am grateful and committed to my tribe and responsibilities. I have the respect, love, compassion, and courage to take on the tribe's challenges. I am a doer and have worked hard to fulfill my service to the tribe. Creator has our back and we are going to be ok.

Respectfully,
Victoria Kitcheyan

TRIBAL COUNCIL REPORT CARD

Tribal Council Chairwoman 10/2020 - Present
Testified in Winnebago Land Transfer Act Bill to reclaim tribal land illegally condemned by U.S. ACE
Advocate for fairness and compliance with the Voting Rights Act, Thurston County's redistricting map to give American Indian voters the chance to elect our preferred candidates
Health and Human Services – at large member, Vice Chair for Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (Had to be nominated and selected by federal agency) 2020
Spearhead Nebraska intertribal advocacy to access state ARPA funds which led to introduction of funding bill LB 1191 Appropriate federal funds to improve tribally owned community drinking water
Tribal Council Member 10/2017 - 2020
Health and Human Services – at large member, Chair for Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (Had to be nominated and selected by federal agency)
Instrumental in making \$49 million available through appropriations for accreditation

emergencies in Indian Country. In spring 2013, advocated and got \$16million allocation to WCHS.

Instrumental Steering Committee member to finalize Winnebago Tribe Title 5 Compacting and Funding Agreement

Advocate in commitment to retaining hospital employees

Spearhead local, regional and national advocacy for increased access and quality of healthcare delivery in the Great Plains area
Testified in Washington, D.C.

May 12, 2018 - testified before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies regarding Indian Health Service

Tribal Council Treasurer 10/2015 – 10/2017
Drove the Winnebago Tribal offices to financial health by initiating a hard reset that included converting from paper to electronic methods of tracking and by utilizing the expertise of subject matter experts.

Achieved clean financial audits for a three-year period, allowing the tribe to participate in the self-governance program as outlined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 - Public law 93-638.

Joined the Native American Finance Officers Association as a member tribe.

Served as proxy to the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board, attaining appointments from this Health Board to serve on national committees representing the 18 Great Plains tribes. Committees include: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Vice Chair of the National Indian Health Board, Chair of Center for Medicare and Medicaid Policy Review Committee

Conducted research and managed path for Tribal governance of local hospital previously managed by Indian Health Services. (Medicare/Medicaid contracts terminated in 2015 due to allegations from a CMS investigation finding the facility caused immediate jeopardy to patients.)

Answered the call to testify numerous times in Washington, D.C.

June 13, 2017 - testified before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding S. 1250 "Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2017"

March 9, 2017 - testified before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs "Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities"

July 12, 2016 - testified before the United States House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs regarding H.R. 5406, "Helping Ensure Accountability, Leadership and Trust in Tribal Healthcare Act."

March 18, 2016 - testified before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies regarding Indian Health Services

February 25, 2016 - testified before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on "Reexamining the Substandard Quality of Indian Health Care in the Great Plains"

Tribal Council Special Term Secretary 05/2015 – 10/2015

Revamped Communication Department with policies, procedures and communication plan to ensure accuracy of information shared. This policy facilitated transparency and virtual mechanisms to attend tribal council meetings.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

United States Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee – Immediate past Chair, Vice Chair, Member at Large

Indian Health Service Contract Support Cost Tribal Advisory Committee

Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee – Great Plains Area Delegate

Great Plains Tribal Leader Health Board – Vice Chair

National Indian Health Board – Former Chairwoman

National Indian Health Board Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Reform Policy Committee – Former Chairwoman

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Tribal Technical Advisory Group, National Indian Health Board – Former Delegate

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, Tribal Technical Advisory Committee – Former Great Plains Area Delegate

Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Board of Directors – Vice Chair

Winnebago Land Corporation – Former Chairwoman

Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation Board – Former Member

Winnebago Education Committee Member

Winnebago Investment Committee Member

Winnebago Gaming Committee Member

Winnebago Community Development Fund Committee Former Member

Mercy Medical Center Inclusion and Collaboration Committee Former Member

Winnebago Health Foundation

Candidate: Brian Chamberlain



My Fellow Tribal Members,

Greetings! I hope this finds you in good health and spirit. As of 9/12/2023, there are 5,670 of us. Our numbers are growing. This is a good thing. Since it is tribal election time I wanted to offer you some topics to read and think about. Let's begin.

FIRST

Running for election back in 2020, I had the mindset that our tribal efforts needed to be protected. I still have this mindset.

In that election I gained the support of our membership because I also held the fundamental well-being of our people in my heart. This too remains true and unchanged.

Since that election I have grown and evolved as a person, and as a leader. Those experiences had provided a level of understanding and deepened compassion that I feel is good, and work as a benefit to our people. Being inclusive of 5,670 individuals requires a level of insight, fortitude, and vision that usually only comes through time and experience. I thank you for the opportunity to continue to grow.

As a perpetual student, learning how to be a better leader often times means challenging what is believed. This is a frightening prospect to some, which is why the word 'fortitude' came to mind. Since 2020 my path has required me to challenge my beliefs - sharply. At times, this was extremely difficult. Yet through the trials of the past three years, the updated result remains good; you have a leader who can with greater ease and efficiency, see past charades, see thru artificial dilemmas, and can determine which course of action is the best that will benefit us all.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent you and grow within our understanding. I have done my best to keep my decision making focused on our people, and how best to meet those needs using the limited resources we have.

NEXT

Unfortunately, tribal election time also means, to some, that it is time to bash those who've taken the courage to enter the ring as a candidate. I wish this would change, but know most likely it may not.

To the naysayers of my candidacy, those who like to speak about me without ever speaking with me, I can only say this: "prove it". Without proof, to which

there is none, the vile words are empty, and ignorant accusations even more so. Instead, how about we discuss our situations like adults, as mudslinging and name calling benefits no one. And this is all the time I'll waste on that unnecessary drama.

THEN

This election is about you – or it ought to be. To me it is. This election is about representing our people – all 5,670 of us. To me it absolutely is, without doubt! To be clear, this election is not about me. It's not about some rumor, or BS. It's not about something you never heard of, or person you've never met. It is about you, the people of our tribe. Yes, some people want to distract from the real matters at hand, because they know that's how divide and conquer works. Let's stay focused on actions providing for and benefiting us all.

I know you see the truth on your own.

LAST

This candidacy is one that has grown in good ways, because it had to, and I'm so very grateful for that. So it is absolutely clear, and without ambiguity or doubt:

I support our people. I support the efforts of our people. I support those efforts that work to include our people, and I support the efforts that require the advancement of our people.

I support the expansion of our organization, and every part under the tribal umbrella. I support informing our people using facts, and I support letting them ask questions no matter how hard the answer may be.

I support teaching our people by causing them to be involved and through active participation. I support requiring our organizations to advance our own people into decision making capacities at all levels, top to bottom.

I support the idea that every leadership position under the tribal umbrella will be filled with a Winnebago tribal member. I support the requirement of this idea as soon as possible. When Winnebago people are in decision making positions, we all are better off.

When something has used the resources of our people, it belongs to our people – plain and simple. And our people will decide how and when those resources are used. They won't be told how or when by those not elected to serve.

On Election Day, I humbly ask for your continued support and for the support of those who diligently work toward the same mentioned here. If you want to discuss details, reach out. You know where I am.

It was important to me to provide you with this message, because regardless of the election result, I support the Winnebago tribe. Our people deserve nothing but the absolute best, and I will never lower our standards or settle for less. Thank you for everything you've done.

With the best of wishes and warmest regards to all,

Brian Keith Chamberlain /
Wirukaniga

Candidate: Eugene DeCora

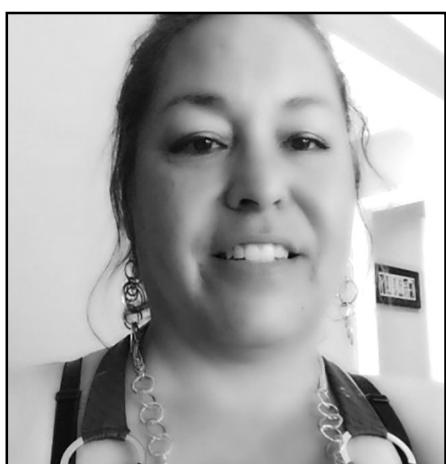


Hanac Hinikaragiwi, I greet you all with good thoughts and feelings. I have announced my candidacy for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council elections. My family has been a part of this community for many generations. My Gaga Virginia Priest, and Gaga Juanita Maney Priest are direct descendants of our last great war chief, Chief Little Priest. I also want to recognize my Choka, Eugene N. DeCora, he served his people as a youth coach and as a member of this tribal council. Without him I would not be who I am today. I am the son on Randy DeCora and Martina (Neff) 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 execution 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. 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 ask for your vote in this year's general elections. With your vote and support, we can work together to create an impactful course of leadership to 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. Pinagigiwi for your consideration.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN LETTERS

Candidate: Teresa Littlegeorge



My name is Teresa (Thomas) Littlegeorge. I was born in Winnebago, Nebraska on the Winnebago Reservation. I am an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and a member of the Wolf clan; my name is nacgepiru'awiga means "Good Heart lifts us up".

I want to take this time to Thank everyone for their support during the Primary Election.

I have witnessed our community growing my entire life, and genuinely believe Winnebago's are a beautiful people. I have always enjoyed working with the public, our students, parents, grandparents, and community members. I was raised to take pride in the work I do and to be persistent about completing my duties. I like to take the time to gather all the information I can on a topic before deciding what can be done.

The only promise I can make to everyone is that I will do my best to represent the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska in decisions that will move us forward.

Thank you all very much, and many blessings.

Teresa Littlegeorge

Candidate: Lorelei DeCora



To the Winnebago Tribal Membership:

I am humbly asking for your vote on October 3, 2023, to continue serving you on our Winnebago Tribal Council. I would like to continue working with our Winnebago Tribal Council on the following important future of our Tribe:

Water is Life – We will be circulating a Petition for the voters of the Village of Winnebago for a Special Election to approve turning over the Water & Sewer Assets and Water & Sewer Operation back to the Winnebago Tribe. We (the Winnebago Tribe) have obtained the funding to install a Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water System to come out of our faucets. We (the Winnebago Tribe) have also obtained the funding to install water meters in every unit on the reservation. That way your water bill is based on your own use and not some average the way the Village currently bills. But first, the Tribe must have the Water & Sewer assets and Operation back in order to do this. Please vote yes when the Special Election is held.

Housing Shortage – We are working on ways to increase our housing on the reservation for our Tribal Members. We will be building low to moderate income units with at least four bedrooms in the coming years. We are looking at ways to increase our Downpayment Assistance Program for Tribal Member Home Buyers. Also looking at increasing the amount of home purchasing funds under our Long Term Credit

Program to assist Tribal Members when buying homes rather than having to pay the sky high interest rates currently in mortgages.

Health Care – The Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System has achieved Certification from the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services that the Indian Health Services lost 5 years ago. That was why the Winnebago Tribe had to go under Self Governance to take over the hospital. We will now be able to bill for reimbursements for health care services from Medicare/Medicaid and bring that revenue back into our hospital to improve services. One of our most serious responsibilities is to build & implement Dialysis Care in our own hospital. We have our tribal members who suffer from having to travel in cold weather three times a week for Dialysis in Sioux City. They deserve to have this Dialysis Service right here in our own hospital.

Land – We currently have a Bill in the U.S. House of Representatives called "The Winnebago Land Transfer Act" for the return of our Iowa lands illegally seized over 50 years ago by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Once the House votes on it, we will still need a Senate Bill and are working to obtain Senate Sponsors. Winnebago people never give up! In this past year, we have bought land back within our reservation for the Tribe. It has good farm land and we will increase our land base as these opportunities come up and we have the funds.

I can go on and on, but will stop here. I just wanted to share with you some of the important work the Tribal Council is doing to continue to build our future for our coming generations.

One last thing. I am a believer in being accountable to the people I serve. I have kept a Daily Log on what I work on every day these past three years I have been on the Tribal Council. I submit these monthly to the Executive Assistant to the Chairwoman's Office. Any enrolled Winnebago Tribal Member can stop in and ask her to look at my daily logs. Thank you so much. I love my Winnebago People.

Lorelei DeCora

Candidate: Sunshine Thomas-Bear



Write In Sunshine Thomas-Bear for Tribal Council

My name is Sunshine Thomas-Bear and I am a member of the Huc Hikikikarac of the Hocak Nisoc Haci/Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. My biological parents are Louise Thomas, her parents were Erma Rose Kelsey and Bernard Thomas and my father is Wilbur J. Wolfe and his parents are Cynthia Baker and Dave Cleveland. I was raised though by my adoptive parents Charlie and Eva Bear. His parents were Josephine Baker and Earl Bear and my adoptive mother was Stockbridge Munsee, a Band of the Mohicans and her parents were Lyle and Rose Bowman.

I am grateful for the upbringing I had and was raised not only here in Winnebago but I spent summers with my adoptive mothers family in Wisconsin. I was always a part of my biological family although I was adopted and I am thankful for being lucky enough to have two fathers and two mothers. I have nine children and one grandson who I love dearly. I think that is my most important job is being a grandmother.

I am currently the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, NAGPRA Rep., Cultural Preservation Director and Angel De Cora Museum Director and my office is located at the Angel DeCora Museum & Research Center. I also sit on the Winnebago Health Foundation Board, Little Priest Tribal College Board of Trustees and the Cultural Committee at the hospital, the Pow Wow Committee. Past JOM Committee member as well as Enrollment Committee, and others.

After seeing the list of those who were running Winnebago Tribal Council, I felt compelled to run as a write-in because it worries me the direction our tribe is going and I don't want to leave a mess for our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

There are several things that I think council members should possess. I am not perfect nor have I ever claimed to be. But I do love my people, our lands, culture and language. I believe I have made that very apparent in the things that I do; in my home, work, boards, committees and things I do in the community without the thought of running for council in my mind, but to show my love for my community by being present and encouraging change, transparency and show that nothing can happen or change unless you go out there and help do it.

I was told by my father at a young age, and something he engrained in my head since; without our language and culture we are no longer the Winnebago people. I firmly believe that and try my best to stand by that belief daily in my home and everywhere I work. We have come to a time where change is needed, although I know I cannot make this change on my own, I hope I can be a person who stands by what they say and make our tribe a better place for our grandchildren and beyond.

There are so many different things that our council and tribe face that perhaps we weren't ready for or equipped to make the decisions on. But subjects like language, culture and enrollment should be at the forefront. We can't pass on a system that hasn't worked for us to the next generation. We have to make decisions that will give them the tools to be successful and allow them to continue on in our language, culture and education like our people wanted for them before us, like we want for them now.

Education isn't the only thing needed. When I think of education I don't just think of western education like schools and colleges or trade schools. These are important but education about who we are, where we have come from.

Where we are going. Where we want to go as a people. A focus on our culture and language. Standing firm in who we are and knowing where we have come from. This is the key to making us successful in other areas we aim to be in.

There are multiple issues we face today and below are a few:

- Bringing importance back in our culture and language, a culture and language building with enough space to hold cultural events
- Food Sovereignty; which to me, closely aligns with Culture and language, becoming a self sufficient tribe, with not only gardening but also bringing back hunting again and learning to store those foods, bringing back our plant medicines, an elders table consisting of elders with plant knowledge who are consulted during processes of this, plant knowledge and our departments being aware of medicinal/food plants so they don't get cut down, the reduction of mono cropping and a look at what contaminants are sprayed in and around our community that kill important plants and insects, having a seed bank for tribal use
- Elders; assistance for our elders and veterans in various ways, housing assistance, protecting our elders from abuse and those who choose to work to stay busy, investing more funding into PT jobs, invest in hearing and documenting their stories
- Enrollment and how to make the decision best to ensure we as a people, are still here generations from now
- Youth; Apprentice/Intern opportunities for more students, more culture and language activities and within their current activities, financial literacy, Boys & Girls Club structure and funding
- Education; more culture and language in our schools, focus on immersion, financial literacy, investing in more apprenticeship and internship opportunities within the tribe, ensuring our kids are getting the education they deserve from the earliest years to beyond
- Financial literacy and readiness; dividend information and meaningful open discussion with all members of our tribe, decisions that will help our future generations and preparing our youth to take our places in the future
- Health care; meaningful and correct care of our people, holding our hospital accountable and bringing back the importance of traditional knowledge (TK & TEK), mental and behavioral health focus, addiction and substance abuse, domestic violence

- Housing for our people; elders, our veterans, our young ones out of high school, attending college or fresh out of college and making all housing affordable, collaboration of housing entities in our community
- Employment; tribal member priority, focus on "developing our own" preparing our youth to be in a position to work and care for our tribe in their future, apprentice opportunities, career pathways, leadership, readiness and skill training
- Law Enforcement; funding more officers, a traditional court, an updated code and laws to tackle the issues we face as a community today

These and many, many other issues come to the forefront for our council and I believe change is needed to do this. To me, to be on the tribal council, it requires you to understand we are servants of the people. It is a public service to be in this position. Not something that puts me higher than anyone. We have unfortunately taken on a system that was meant to colonize us. With our constitution, legal system and how our tribal government runs. But we are in the position, being a sovereign nation, to change and make changes that benefit our people for years to come.

I can't do it alone. But by working together, as a people, I feel I can help lead us in that direction. Not because I know everything. But because I am willing to look at the whole picture, work with all entities within our tribe, communicate (like really open and transparent communication) with our on and off reservation membership to help produce successful choices and decisions that lead us in a positive direction for all our people, now and forward. My thought is not only for us now but more importantly that we are here for many generations after this.

Please help me change our community and make our tribe better for all of our membership. I am asking for your vote by writing me in for a seat on the tribal council and help me make the changes we need for our people and for our future as a Tribe.

Candidate: John Snowball



WRITE-IN JOHN SNOWBALL FOR WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

A new passion, perseverance, and dedication to our traditional ways of well being. Our timeless teachings and beliefs have been applied and are applicable to all manners of life from our original villages and into the future. Good health, long life, and happiness to us all.

*Respectfully,
John Snowball*



Vote Elizabeth Bayer

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



My voice is for the people, our community, our elders, and our future generations to come. 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, located at 209 Mathewson. Pinagigi to all that are supporting me and that have encouraged me along the way, greatly appreciate it.

A vote for me is a vote for you! I represent the HoChunk people.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Current Committee Listings

Would you like to help your community grow and thrive? Pick up your application today!

Enrollment Committee

One (1) Vacancy— Six (6) Month Term

General Qualifications:

Committee membership may consist of any person the Tribal Council deems appropriate. Applicants must meet the *Particular Requirements* according to the Committee or Board Bylaws to be approved.

Particular Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older
- Must reside within exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation

If you are interested in applying for the Committee, please stop at the receptionist desk located in the front lobby and pick up a Committee application or apply online at:

<http://www.winnebagoTribe.com/index.php.government/committees>

POSTING DATE: 9/13/2023

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

Please turn all applications into the tribal administrative office by 4:30pm on the closing date.



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Winnebago Hemp Commission

One (1) Vacancy – Two (2) Year Term

General Qualifications:

Committee membership consists of those qualified individuals which meet all *Particular Requirements* of the Committee or Board Bylaws and have undergone final review by Tribal Council for appointment.

Particular Requirements:

- Five (5) member board
- Members shall be over the age of twenty-one (21)
- Members shall not have felony convictions in any tribal, state, or federal jurisdictions
- Members shall not have any financial interest in, or management responsibility for, any hemp industry activity on or off the Reservation

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POSTING DATE: 04/12/2023

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Flandreau Indian School Board

Tribal Membership Appointment

One (1) Vacancy

General Qualifications:

Committee membership may consist of any person the Tribal Council deems appropriate. Applicants must meet the *Particular Requirements* according to the Committee or Board Bylaws to be approved.

Particular Requirements:

1. Must be an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
2. Shall not be less than 25 years of age.
3. Must have an interest in the education of children.
4. Must be willing to attend meetings.
5. Must be willing to give reports to their home constituents.
6. Shall not be a BIA employee, or employee of the Flandreau Indian School.
7. Members of the Flandreau Indian School Board may not hold membership on another high school board that is within the Flandreau Indian School's student boundaries.
8. A background check must be conducted before appointment.

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Credit Committee

Two (2) Vacancies—Four (4) year term

General Qualifications:

Committee membership may consist of any person the Tribal Council deems appropriate. Applicants must meet the *Particular Requirements* according to the Committee or Board Bylaws to be approved.

Particular Requirements:

- ◆ Applicant must have a background in finance
- ◆ Must be 21 years of age or older

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JOIN OUR CREW!

We are looking for contractors for:

- COMMENTATORS • CAMERA OPERATORS
- RADIO ANNOUNCERS • DISC JOCKEYS

APPLY TODAY!

DEADLINE: 9/29/23
(SEPTEMBER 29, 2023)

Interested in applying? Send an email to us at:
bethani.redhorn@winnebagoTribe.com

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 14 - 8am - 3pm

1st Annual Winnebago Rez Wide Rummage



Food, Art & Crafts Vendors Welcome!
Maps provided at the Ho-Chunk Village Market:

To register your Rez Rummage or for info contact:

Tony Wood or Too Sharpback
402-878-2192
twood@hochunkcdfi.org
tsharpback@hochunkcdfi.org



HOCHUNK RENAISSANCE

Wahaḡi Wōška

HARVEST CELEBRATION & GREEN CORN DANCE

Wednesday, October 4th

Located at the Blackhawk Center Gym

Dinner at 5pm

Grand Entry at 7pm

Head Man Dancer: Dillon Bearskin

Head Woman Dancer: Jaralyn Bear

Host Drum: New Breed

Arena Director: Isaac Smith

Master of Ceremonies: Craig Cleveland Jr.

Sr. Miss Harvest Celebration - Fiona Soap

Jr. Miss Harvest Celebration - Eliana Smith

Contests:

Harvest Princess

Two-step

Potato Dance

HoChunk Applique Special

Honorarium for All Dancers!

Vendor information:

Please contact Emily

@ 402-878-4135

Best Harvest Traditional Dish Contest

Sign-up by Oct. 2nd

Email: tyler.snake@winnebagotribe.com

1st place: trophy and \$250

2nd place: trophy and \$150

3rd place: trophy and \$100

The Winnebago tribe is not responsible for accidents or theft. Absolutely no alcohol or drugs permitted in Veteran's memorial park. Security: Bear Clan.



HoChunk Renaissance
Language Preservation Program



What is your name and Hōčak name if you have one?
Hāksi T'ā. (Haan-k-shi Ta-ah) Which means Flying High.

What is your family name and the clan?
My family name is Walker, my dad who was Garret Walker Sr. and my mom Alma Walker. I am Eagle Clan.

What have you learned while working with HoChunk Renaissance?
Firstly, I got confirmation on how to correctly pronounce my Hōčak name. Since working with HoChunk Renaissance, pronunciation of my tribal language has been my initial studying project. I'm comfortably at a level now where I can identify and read my tribal language. Speaking, memorization and translation is what I'm working on now.

If you were an animal, what would it be and why?
I wouldn't mind being a skunk. If anybody gives me trouble, I'd spray 'em. Nobody in the wild bothers a skunk.

How would you encourage people who want to learn the Hōčak Language?
The first time I was able to translate a Hōčak word during my studying on the job, it felt like lightning went off in my brain. In a sense, I was a complete beginner in learning my language and that moment for me told me it was possible. It is possible to learn your tribal language! HoChunk Renaissance has an abundance of resources for learning the language. They have multiple social media platforms and they also have language books available at the HoChunk Renaissance Office. Check out the website to see how you can get connected to these resources.

JACOB
THOMAS CAIN
WALKER

HOCHUNK RENAISSANCE
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



HoChunk Renaissance
Language Preservation Program



CASINO ♦ RESORT

IT'S JUST MORE FUN

The top prize will be \$5,000 for the drawing on Saturday, October 7th and October 21st. The winners will choose one of the twenty Pumpkins or Spooky Jars containing a cash prize.

The top prize will be a 2023/2024 Side-By-Side Utility Vehicle* for the drawing on Saturday, October 14th and October 28th. The winners will choose one of the twenty Pumpkins or Spooky Jars containing a cash prize or a 2023/2024 Side-By-Side Utility Vehicle*. That's 56 winners throughout the month!

\$70,000 CASH-O-PUMPKIN PATCH

**SATURDAYS
IN OCTOBER!**

7PM TO 10PM

**DRAWINGS EVERY
30 MINUTES**



MONSTER BALL BINGO

\$20 - 6 PACK - \$150

\$2 JACKPOT SPECIAL SHEET - \$350

MACHINE PRICE \$45

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28TH**
DOORS AT 10PM - SESSION STARTS AT 11PM

COSTUME CONTEST

1ST PLACE: \$500

2ND PLACE: \$300

3RD PLACE: \$200

4TH PLACE: \$100

For more information: visit WinnaVegas.com or call us at 800-468-9466