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## **BAGO BITS**

By: Tyler Snake



On October 25th the Wildlife & Parks department planned to host a Buffalo harvesting and Brain tanning of the hide, things didn't go as planned, the demonstration will be held at a later date. Stay tuned for a new date. The crew decided to feed attendees bison soup with frybread. Pictured above is the Horaxjk: HoChunk Language Academy sharing a meal with the department and other attendees.



On Halloween, October 31st Educare sent their students around town to WTN's departments and surrounding businesses to trick-or-treat! The HCI staff invited the WIN & our HCI apprentice, Tylie Chilson, down to capture the moment! Tylie got the chance to practice her photography skills, here are a few pics. Hope everyone had a great time!



On November 3rd the HoChunk Renaissance department held a celebration for two wonderful ladies, Maria Scott & Elaine Rice-DeCorah. The gathering was held to recognize their time with the Winnebago Tribe of 20 years! Shoutout to their hard work and dedication over the years, may all their efforts be recognized with gratitude! (left to right) Pictured above is CEO Esther Mercer, Maria Scott, Elaine Rice-Decorah and HoChunk Renaissance Director Bleu St. Cyr

# General Welfare Exclusion Payment is Approved for the Winnebago Tribal Membership



By: Tyler Snake

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will be distributing a General Welfare Exclusion Payment to all enrolled Winnebago Tribal Members.

Members must be enrolled as of October 6th 2023. To qualify as an adult (18+) the cutoff date is October 6th 2023.

For pick-up bring a Valid ID or Enrollment ID. Located at the Black

Hawk Community Center Gym: the distribution days begin November 16th. 8am-10am is reserved for elders 55 years and over. 10am-7pm is open for all Tribal members. Disbursement will continue on November 17th from 9am to 4pm at the same location.

Those 18 years old and over will receive a check of \$500. Minors will receive \$250 deposited into their Trust fund account. Checks not picked up by 4:30pm November 17th will be

mailed to the address on file with the WTN finance department. Check with finance to make sure your address is updated. All checks not claimed within 90 days will be void. Checks can be released to a power of attorney. Those incarcerated will have checks mailed to the address on file. Check cashing will be on site for a fee.

Any questions, reach out to Talia Neff at 402-878-2272

# The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Seeks the Repatriation of its Children from Carlisle



Pictured is Edward Hensley, a Winnebago relative buried at Carlisle.

(Winnebago, NE) On October 16, 2023, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (the Tribe) submitted a repatriation request letter to the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of the Army (DOA), and the Office of Army Cemeteries (OAC) for the return of two of its children from the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery (Carlisle Cemetery), in Carlisle Pennsylvania pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

In 1895, two of the Tribe's chil-

dren, Edward Hensley, and Samuel Gilbert, were sent to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School (Carlisle) from the Omaha and Winnebago Agency located in present day Winnebago, Nebraska. Samuel died two months after his arrival and Edward died four years after his arrival. Carlilse officials failed to notify the Tribe of either of the boys' deaths and instead buried both boys in the original Carlisle Cemetery. In 1927, Army officials dug up the remains of nearly 200 Indian children, including Edward and Samuel, who died at Carlisle and reburied them at the current Carlisle Cemetery, where they are buried today.

"Our precious children hold a special role within our Tribe," said Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan. "The Tribe is committed to bringing Edward and Samuel home so they can be at peace and so our people can begin to heal from the trauma of all that took place."

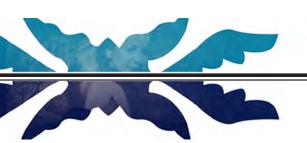
In 2023, generations of tribal members gathered at Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago, Nebraska to discuss the return of Samuel and Edward. Many generations of tribal members

shared about the effects that Indian boarding schools have had on themselves, their families, and their communities. Members of past Winnebago Tribal Councils were also present to discuss how many past Tribal Councils made efforts to bring the Tribe's children home from Carlisle. As such, the Tribe maintains that its role is to facilitate the return of Samuel and Edward on behalf of all its members.

OAC has characterized the return of children from Carlisle Cemetery as pursuant to OAC policies for the return of servicemembers from OAC cemeteries. The Tribe maintains that it is entitled to repatriation of the remains of Samuel and Edward pursuant to NAGPRA and that internal OAC policies are inappropriate to apply. The Tribe believes that Samuel and Edward have been waiting to come home for over 100 years and looks forward to the expeditious repatriation of the boys, in accordance with NAGPRA.

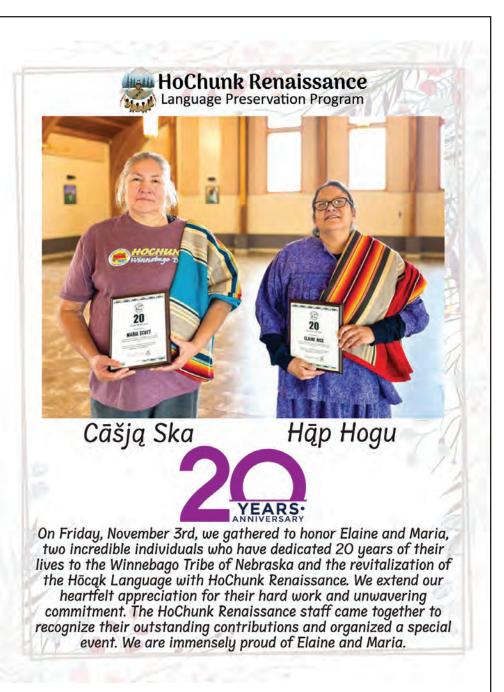
The Army responded to the Tribe's request but has thus far failed to provide an answer to whether the Army would repatriate the boys pursuant to NAGPRA.

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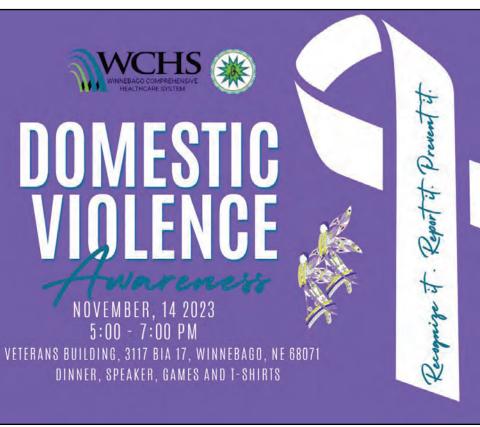


## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**









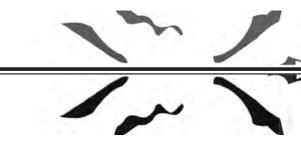








## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



#### **SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 37**

Developing Your Safety Plan

What triggers my suicidal thoughts?

Many suicide attempt survivors indicate that their suicidal thinking became almost automatic over time. When something negative occurred, they would start to have negative thoughts.

It may have been an event or behavior (called triggers), such as failing a test, not sleeping well, or arguing with a loved one, that led to suicidal thoughts. Some survivors noticed that their suicidal thoughts occurred with a certain mood, such as feeling angry or sad, while others started feeling suicidal when remembering a painful event from the past. No matter what the trigger, many survivors experienced a common theme: When something negative occurred, they would start thinking things like:

"I'm no good." "I can't do anything right." "I fail at everything I do."

- "I hate myself. I'm worthless." "I don't want to be here anymore."
- "Nobody cares about me."
- "I can't take it anymore. I wish I were dead."

Coping with these types of negative thoughts can be difficult. If you don't talk about how you're feeling with someone, the thoughts might start to escalate. One survivor indicated that it was like having "tunnel vision". Even though her negative thoughts weren't always true, the feelings they created became so strong that she

It's important to recognize what triggers your suicidal thoughts for several reasons, but the most important reason is to recognize when you're in crisis and that it's time to use your safety plan. The questions below can help you figure out what triggers your suicidal thoughts.

Think about what happened the last time you attempted suicide. What events preceded your attempt? Examples include: "Argument with a good friend." "Yelling." How did you react to those events? Examples include: "Couldn't breathe." "I ran

into the bedroom." "I slammed the door."

What were your thoughts or feelings, memories, or behaviors? This is what is meant by "triggers". The more specific you can be about your triggers, the more likely you'll be able to identify them and prevent another attempt in the future. Examples include: "I'm a failure." "Everybody hates me." "Memories of my mother screaming at me, saying that I couldn't do anything right." "Thoughts of how good it would feel if I could just get rid of the pain."

What can I do to take my mind off these thoughts?

You learned earlier that I can be common to have suicidal thoughts after an attempt. While these thoughts may be common, it's important to find ways to keep them from escalating into suicidal behaviors. One way is to do something that helps you feel better and takes your mind off your problems. For this step of the safety plan, you should think of internal coping strategies or things you can do when you're by yourself. These strategies vary from person to person. To identify your internal coping strategies, ask yourself:

What can I do when I'm alone and I start to have thoughts of suicide? What can I do to take my mind off my problems? Examples include: reading a book, playing computer games, exercising, playing with my dog, shopping, or writing down my thoughts and feelings in a journal.

"I journal, I call a friend, I remember what it would do to certain people. I remember how hard it is to recover physically and mentally if I don't succeed...I keep busy at work: I volunteer my time to others who are in need of support. I take a mood stabilizer; I wait one more minute; I think it through while I wait.'

"For me, recognizing automatic thinking was a big thing, challenging my thoughts, thinking of my suicidality as an entity rather than a part of me or who I am. I keep a folder of nice cards and emails I've received that make me feel like I've done something in my life or that I'm valued and cared about/for when I read them."

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



### Ho-Chunk Hope Class

A class to PREVENT Diabetes, for those with Prediabetes or at risk. The program proved to cut the risk of type 2 diabetes in half by losing 5-7% of body weight. Ready to learn about taking control of your health?

Cut your risk and sign-up for class!

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm Where: Whirling Thunder Wellness Center downstairs

classroom

Who should join Ho-Chunk Hope class?

TO JOIN CDC'S NATIONAL DPP\* LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM:



If you have questions or need transportation, please call 402-878-2272 and ask for Kerri or Rebekal



## **JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH**



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Meeting one's Maker"

With what shall I meet my Maker? That depends on how I understand, or I view, or I believe about - my Maker.

What have you been taught? Where did that teaching come from? What was that teaching based upon?

Put a different way - how do you view your Maker? Is your Maker just or unjust? Is He merciful or vengeful? Is He a push over or someone not to upset? Has your Maker made any promises to you? If so,

And finally, have you made any promises to your Maker? If so, how you kept your promises?

For some there is really no need to ever consider meeting one's Maker. These people think that there is no life after death and therefore no need to concern oneself regarding meeting one's Maker. For others there is no Maker therefore no one to meet.

I would say that the vast majority of people fear meeting their Maker. These people fear due to their knowledge that they have not always lived an upright life. They deserve to be judged guilty for their breaking their promises and living in opposition to the commands of their Creator.

Yes, many fear meeting their Maker in spite of hearing that their departed loved one is in a better place. The prevailing thought is that all one needs to do is to die. Death is the way to life everlasting. There is no getting around death, there is no way going over or under it. One must go through it in this circle of life.

The reading this past Sunday at Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church was from the prophet Micah. Micah wrote about

700 years before the birth of Jesus these words: 'With what should I meet YAHWEH? [With what] should I bow down before the high God? Should I meet him with burnt offerings, with calves one year old? . . Should I give my firstborn because of

Would any of these actions appease a just God? Would you rest at ease by doing these actions? Are your actions - best efforts ever enough? Are you sure?

The actions of bowing down to God and offering burnt offerings were commanded by YAHWEH, however the work of man never paid for his rebellious ways. Point in fact, these actions needed to be done again and again, day in and day out.

Well, how about the question regarding offering up one's first born as a burnt offering? Didn't YAHWEH ask Abraham to offer up his son Isaac as a burnt offering? Yes, however, it was a test to learn whether Abraham loved his son more than his Maker. YAHWEH stopped Abraham and instead provided a ram in its place.

It would be some two thousand years later, also on Mount Moriah, that God would give his firstborn and only Son as FULL PAYMENT for the sin of mankind. It is only by the bloody sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, that one is redeemed. Through faith in Jesus alone is one assured that God's righteous anger has been satisfied.

Jesus offers you his robe of righteousness - this robe received through faith in the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus is to be worn by those when they meet one's Maker. This is the one and only way to meet one's Maker.

## The Battle of Tippecanoe

November 7th marks the 212th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe, which took place on November 7th, 1811 between American militia and regular army forces and an intertribal confederacy of 14 Tribes which included the Shawnee, HoChunks,

For some background, this confederation was led by the Shawnee leaders Tenskwatawa and Tecumseh and his brother. The confederation had formed after a treaty had been pushed on Tecumseh's tribe and white settlers began to flood into the Midwest. In 1811 the capital or center of resistance was near modern day Lafayette, Indiana and was a village called Prophetstown.

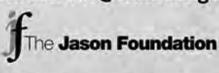
In November of 1811 Tecumseh was away trying to keep recruiting and building up the intertribal alliance, leaving Tenskawata in charge. Alarmed by this indigenous resistance the governor of Indiana led a force of mostly militia forces to disperse the forces gathered at Prophetstown. On the night of the 6th the American militia forces arrived outside of Prophetstown and the coalition led by Tenskwatawa called for a truce and ceasefire. The truce was a ruse and the next day the intertribal confederacy attacked fought a hard battle against the militia forces and were ultimately beaten and Prophetstown was destroyed. Tenskwatawa survived but was discredited after the failure at Prophetstown and Tecumseh and the remainder of the indigenous alliance yould join with British against the Americans in the War of 1812

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## Nov. 20th Lunch and Learn 12-1pm over Zoom To Register:

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"Choices: A Promise for Tomorrow"

Presents a positive look at how students can help friends who may be depressed or having suicidal thoughts. This presentation aims to provide information and strategies needed to be a lifesaving influence.

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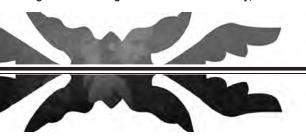
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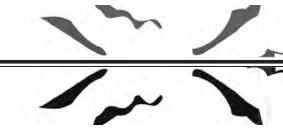
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|    | Louie LaRose             | Membe         |
| er | Eugene DeCora            | Membe         |





## **TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES** :



...Con't. from last issue...

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

TRIBAL MEMBER SERVICES: Discussion regarding services being

[Victoria Kitcheyan out, Vice Chairman Smith assumes Chair]

[Rona in]

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

[Victoria Kitcheyan in at 12:06 p.m., reassumes chair]

**NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS** Day Care Center

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:31PM. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

[Aric Armell out at 1pm] [Rona present at 1:03pm] [Coly Brown out at 1:26pm]

Kenny Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 2:00pm. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motion to authorize CEO to take all action necessary to resolve the personnel action.

VOTE: (3) yes (0) no (2) abstain Motion carried.

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the Thurston County Redistricting Lawsuit settlement as presented. Kenny Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes (0) no (2) abstain Motion carried.

Kenny Mallory motioned to adjourn at 2:13pm. Eugene DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes (0) no (2) abstain Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

#### WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL **MEETING** October 16, 2023

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Isaac Smith Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora Louis LaRose

Aric Armell (in at 5:04PM) **OTHERS PRESENT:** 

Sarah Snake Harvey Freemont Kristine Earth Lisa Chamberlain Kelly Snow Gordon Rave Kiana Lewis

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan called to order at 5:02 p.m. **OPENING PRAYER:** Kenny Mallory offered the opening prayer.

## **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded. (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain VOTE:

Motion carried. (Aric Armell in at 5:04pm)

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Aric Armell motioned to approve the October 4, 2023, Swearing in Ceremony meeting minutes. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the October 2, 2023, Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Motion carried. Aric Armell motioned to approve the October 6, 2023, Tribal Council Orientation meeting minutes. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the October 10, 2023, Physical Resource Report meeting minutes. Seconded by Rona Stealer.

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

Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the October 11, 2023, CEO Report meeting minutes. Seconded by Rona Stealer.

Motion carried. Aric Armell motioned to approve the October 12, 2023, Tribal Council Boards/

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

Committees and work group meeting minutes. Seconded by Rona Stealer. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

**RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:** 

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Tribal Member request. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-March 2024 Continuity Campaign. Seconded by Rona Stealer.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve WinnaVegas Bingo Department-40K Promotion. Seconded by Isaac Smith.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve to adopt resolution #24-03: Authorized Tribal Officials. Seconded by Rona Stealer.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve to adopt resolution #24-05: National Congress of American Indians membership. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to approve to adopt resolution #24-04: Tribal Member Applicants. Seconded by Rona Stealer. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-April 2024 Continuity Campaign. Seconded

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-\$70,000 Cash-O'-Pumkin Patch. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-\$28,000 Sot Tourney. Seconded by Rona Stealer. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Aric Armell motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-February 2024 Continuity Campaign. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve WinnaVegas Market Department-January 2024 Continuity Campaign. Seconded by Aric Armell.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Isaac Smith motioned to approve resolution 24-31 HUD ICDBG single Purpose Public Facility Protect Grant Veterans Units-Land Lease. Seconded by Aric Armell

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve resolution 24-30 Agricultural Lease Bid-Allotment 798 & 798-A Mary Buchanan Ewing with Douglas Johnson \$19,848.00. Seconded by Kenny Mallory

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve Tribal Council Travel 2024 Tribal Self Governance Conference April 15-18, 2024. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve \$1,000.00 donation to the National Indian Head Start Directors Association from Tribal Council Donations. Seconded by Aric Armell.

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

Motion carried. Isaac Smith motioned to approve the 2023 Veterans Celebration Budget \$8,400.00 as presented from Tribal Coun-

cil Donations. Seconded by Aric Armell. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

#### **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING** October 18, 2023

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Eugene DeCora Aric Armell Kenny Mallory

Isaac Smith (in at 9:15am)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cecelia Earth Esther Mercer

Michele Mitchell

Jasmine Lammers Kelly Snow Rebecca DeCora Danelle Smith

Tyresha Romero Lynelle Blackhawk

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (leave) Coly Brown (leave) Louis LaRose (leave)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan called to order at 9:12 a.m. **OPENING PRAYER:** Eugene DeCora offered the opening prayer.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Kenny Mallory seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

#### **UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Isaac Smith motioned to hold a special meeting on November 1, 2023 at 1:30pm, with Wildlife & Parks, Environmental Health, Mona Zufante, Danelle Smith, Ireta Frazier, Jasmine Lammers and acting Chief Walker. Seconded by Aric Armell. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:12am. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Kenny Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:04pm. Seconded by Isaac Smith.

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

Aric Armell motioned to strike the last sentence in Sub Section 1-Personnel Department will conduct the interviews. The Tribal Council shall direct the process. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to approve Tribal Member request J.B. from the Tribal Council donation. Seconded by Aric Armell. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve Tribal Member request D.G. from the Tribal

Council donation. Isaac Smith seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (1) abstain Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:29pm. Seconded by Eugene DeCora. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

#### **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING – GWE ANALYSIS** October 23, 2023

## TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Eugene DeCora Coly Brown

Motion carried.

#### Kenneth Mallory **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jasmine Lammers Tyresha Romero Lynelle Blackhawk Esther Mercer Billie Kitcheyan

#### Christina Parker TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Louis LaRose (leave) Rona Stealer (leave) Isaac Smith (leave) Aric Armell (leave)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 3:13 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory

#### offered the opening prayer. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to table the GWE payment discussion until tomorrow when we call to order. Coly Brown seconded

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to go into Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to reiterate the CEO's Compensation as per her contract. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, LD, KM, CB (0) no (1) abstain, ED Motion carried. ADJOURN: Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at

4:13 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried. Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

meeting at 4:13 p.m.

#### **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA** SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING - TRIBAL COURT October 24, 2023

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Louis LaRose (in at 9:30 a.m.) Aric Armell (out at 10:00 a.m.)

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Berridge Christina Parker Brandon Stout Jasmine Lammers Joy Johnson **Brittany Thomas** Michele Mitchell

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT: Isaac Smith (leave)

Rona Stealer (leave) CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

[Louis LaRose in at 9:30 a.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to modify the language to a General Welfare exclusion payment for Winnebago Tribal Members enrolled by October 6, 2023, payment amounts of \$500.00 for adults and \$250.00 for children with no deductions. The children's \$250.00 payment will go into the Minors Trust Fund, there will be a 90-day window to claim it from the distribution date. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to identify \$1.3 from the ARPA funds - Road Project for the General Welfare Exclusion payment. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

[Aric Armell out at 10:00 a.m.] Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the \$500 donation for the 2023 Masquerade Pow-wow from the Tribal Council Donations. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

### **RECESS:**

Eugene DeCora motioned for the Court Administrator to set up interviews for the Chief Judge with Jessica Bear and Ivy Wright-Bryan with the Tribal Council. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion arried.

ADJOURN: Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

#### **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA** SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING October 25, 2023

## TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Isaac Smith

#### Aric Armell (in at 1:20pm) **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dana Zagurski Esther Mercer Lynelle Blackhawk Sarah Snake Lauren Buchanan Tyresha Romero Lisa Chamberlain Christina Parker John St.Cyr Robert St. Cyr

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan called to order at 1:11p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Eugene DeCora offered the opening prayer. **APPROVE AGENDA:** 

agenda. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the

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

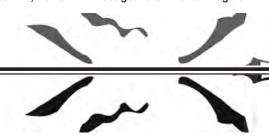
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 1:39p.m. Seconded by Isaac Smith.

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

Lorelei DeCora (out at 1:28 p.m.) Lorelei DeCora (back in at 1:40 p.m.) Eugene DeCora motioned to come out

of Executive Session at 3:22 p.m. Seconded by Isaac Smith.





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

Isaac Smith motioned to uphold the Monday October 16, 2023 CEO memo. The programs have until October 31, 2023 to have the FY' 23 evaluations in for approval. Seconded by Lorelei DeCora.

VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (1) abstain Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Isaac Smith motioned to adjourn at 3:29pm. Seconded by Eugene DeCora.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE DE-**PARTMENT REPORTS** October 30, 2023

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora. Sr. Kenneth Mallory Coly Brown Aric Armell

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kellie Snow Cecelia Earth Lynelle Blackhawk

Anthony Walker Angeline Little Killer Jonathan Grant Jasmin Lammers

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Isaac Smith Louis LaRose

**CALL TO ORDER:** Victoria Kitcheyan called to order at 9:06 a.m.

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

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Kenneth Mallory seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Acting Chief Walker gives verbal report. FIRE DEPARTMENT: no update.

Aric Armell motioned to approve \$1,512.50 for R-Eatz meal for the November 3, 2023 future of Water/Sewer Event by the Tribal Council for the Tribal Members. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

ADOURN:

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

## U.S. Senator from Nebraska calls for land back to Winnebago Tribe

By: Luke Malik (siouxlandproud.com)

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (KCAU) - U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) announced Tuesday that she had introduced a bill to the Senate that would transfer a portion of land to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

According to Fischer's statement, the legislation, called the Winnebago Land Transfer Act, "would transfer approximately 1,600 acres of land back to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska that were illegally seized in the 1970s by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a proposed recreation project that was never started." Fischer said that the Corps was wrong to "seize" this land.

SDSU professor explains Native American Heritage Month

The Corps condemned land on both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the river for the project and used eminent domain to get the land. The project was never started. The reservation land in Nebraska was returned to the tribe, but the land in lowa is still in the Corps' jurisdiction.

"After decades of inaction, it's time for us to make this right," she said.

The bill is also sponsored by U.S. Senators Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Chuck Grassley (R-lowa), and Joni Ernst (R-lowa). Ricketts called the seizure a case of

government overreach.

"My colleagues in the Nebraska and Iowa delegations and I want to see this wrong corrected, and the land returned to the Winnebago people," he said.

Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan endorsed the bill and celebrated its significance for the Winnebago

'We have been waiting for this wrong to be made right," Kitcheyan said, "and we are grateful for the leadership demonstrated by our congressional delegation. We look forward to the passage of this important legislation."

U.S. Representative Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) introduced the House version of the bill in February. That legislation is cosponsored by U.S. Representatives Mike Flood (R-Neb.), Adrian Smith (R-Neb.), Don Bacon (R-Neb.), Zachary Nunn (R-Iowa), Sharice Davids (D-Kan.), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-lowa), and Ashley Hinson (R-lowa).

In 2017, former U.S. Rep. Steve King of lowa also introduced a similar bill in the House, seeking to return the stretch of land in Woodbury and Monona Counties to the Winnebago Tribe. Local sportsmen objected to the bill at the time, fearful that they would lose access to significant hunting grounds.

## **Nurse McDaniel Receives WCHS's Daisy Award**



Winnebago, NE -Nurse Candace Mc-Daniel was honored as Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System's FY24Q1 DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by members of the family of Patrick Barnes. He was 33 years old when he died of complications of the auto-immune disease ITP. Like many families we see every day who go through this kind of horrific loss, the Barnes family wanted to do something posi tive to honor the very special man Patrick was so they came up with DAISY - an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. As they brainstormed what The DAISY Foundation would actually do, they kept coming back to the one positive thing they held on to during Pat's 8-week illness: the extraordinary care he and they received from Pat's nurses. The family was very impressed by the clinical

care Pat's nurses provided, but what really overwhelmed them was the compassion and kindness that his nurses brought to Pat's bedside day in and day out. The nurses' sensitivity made a great difference in the Barnes' experience, and the family created The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses to say Thank You to nurses for the extraordinary care they provide patients and families every day.

This quarter WCHS's awards recipient, who was selected by our DAISY committee from a pool of several very deserving candidates is Candace McDaniel. In the words of her nominator, "All of my nurses are terrific. I come to the IV clinic more than I would like but my nurse always inserts the IV into places that are convenient to live with. Nurses are nice to bring coffee or water to hydrate and fish when I am hungry. Most of the time, I can live with the IV, sometimes they hurt, but usually if they are too close to the joints. Love the care. The nurse always tries to wrap it and cushion the IV ends." On Monday, October 30th, WCHS hosted an awards ceremony to present to a surprised McDaniel with this award with her peers and leadership present to witness.

In the words of Chief Nursing Officer, Sara McIntosh, "What started out as a thank you from the Barnes family to their nurses has grown into a meaningful recognition program embraced by thousands of healthcare organizations around the world. WCHS is proud to partner with DAISY to help acknowledge the many extraordinary nurses here in Winnebago.'

## **WarHorse Omaha Launches City's Exclusive Sportsbook**



Winnebago, NEBRASKA - The first legal sports bet in Omaha was placed Nov. 1 with the launch of WarHorse Omaha's Sportsbook.

the area now have the opportunity to place wagers on their favorite sports. The facility offers two sportsbook windows and 10 kiosks where customers can wager on a wide variety of competitions.

Lance Morgan, the CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the parent company of WarHorse Gaming, LLC, expressed his excitement, stating, "Since collecting signatures for the ballot initiatives back in 2019, countless people in

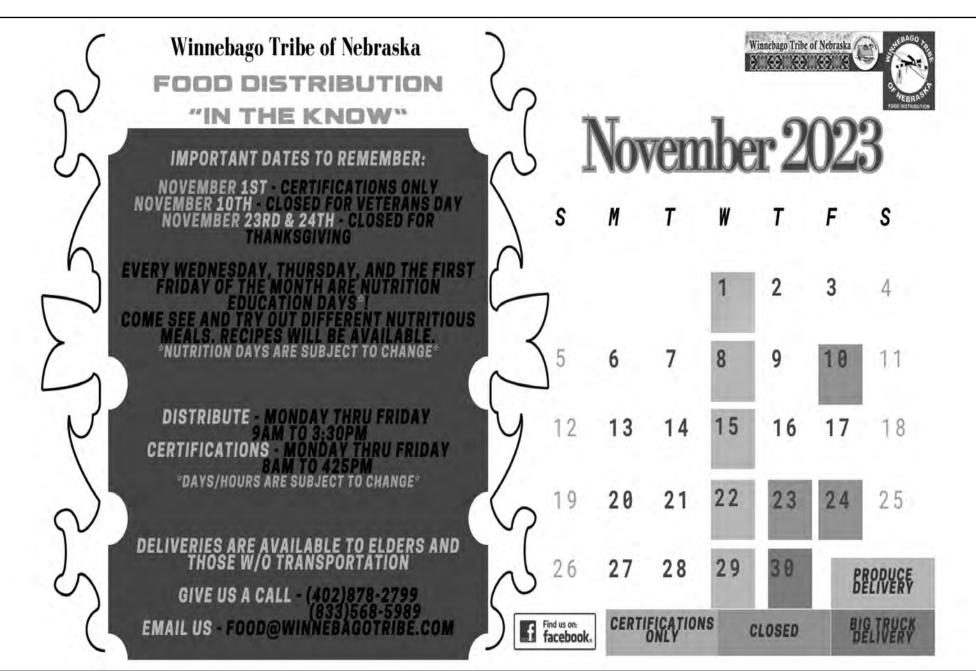
Omaha have told us how tired they are of having to drive to Council Bluffs just to bet on a game. We're thrilled to be Omaha's new and only home for sports wagering and help keep the money in Nebraska."

Winnebago Tribal Council member Ken Mallory placed the historic first bet in Omaha on the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team beating Michigan State.

Nebraska state law requires that sports bets be placed onsite. With the launch WarHorse mobile app, bettors can view live odds and build wagers in advance from anywhere, to place at the onsite kiosks or sportsbook window. Online wagering and bets on in-state college home games are currently prohibited under state rules.

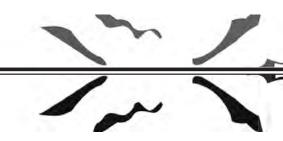
WarHorse Omaha, situated at 6303 Q Street, will offer simulcast horse wagering from renowned tracks across the nation alongside the sportsbook, catering to a diverse array of sports and events for customers to enjoy. Betting currently takes place in a temporary building as WarHorse develops a casino, racing and entertainment complex at the site.

WarHorse Gaming, LLC, is a division of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the award-winning economic development corporation of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. WarHorse Gaming, LLC will manage and operate the expansion of casino gaming at the existing horse racing tracks in partnership with the Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) in Omaha and Lincoln.





### ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

Little Priest Tribal College is now taking applications for the following positions:

- **Community Education Coordinator**
- Library Coordinator 0
- **Tutors**
- Student Interns
- **Extension and Equity Student Interns**

For more information, visit us on the web at: https://littlepriest.edu/jobs-openings/ LPTC is an equal-opportunity employer.

LPTC 601 E. College Dr. Winnebago, NE

## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH **NOVEMBER 2023** 

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9 AM-4 PM SCAVANGER HUNT

Museum to explore the history of the HoChunk people.





**NOVEMBER 14** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM **ROCK YOUR MOC'S** 

Rock your moc's, wear your best Ribbon Shirt, Ribbon Skirt, and don't forget your BLING: necklaces, turquoise, belts...

**NOVEMBER 15** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **MOCCASIN GAME** 

If you like playing handgames, then join us to play the Moccasin game-It's never too late to learn traditional games!



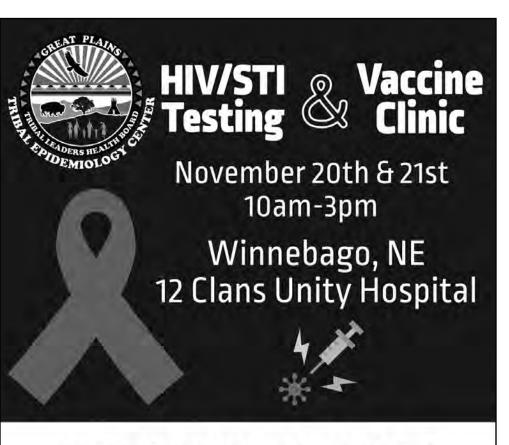


**NOVEMBER 16** 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Elk Building-Auditorium "Truthsgiving"

It's important to know that for many Native Americans, Thanksgiving is a day of mourning and protest since it commemorates the arrival of settlers in North America and the centuries of oppression and genocide that followed. Come be a part of this day.

Take part and get entered into our Native American Heritage Month raffle drawling for a Backpack or Movie Certificate Open to FT/PT/Dual Credit Students, Check in at Student services and/or make sure you sign in for each event so we can grab your name from the raffle.

601 Eat College Drive, PO Box 270, Winnebago, NE 68071 (402) 878-2380 X150



## GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.

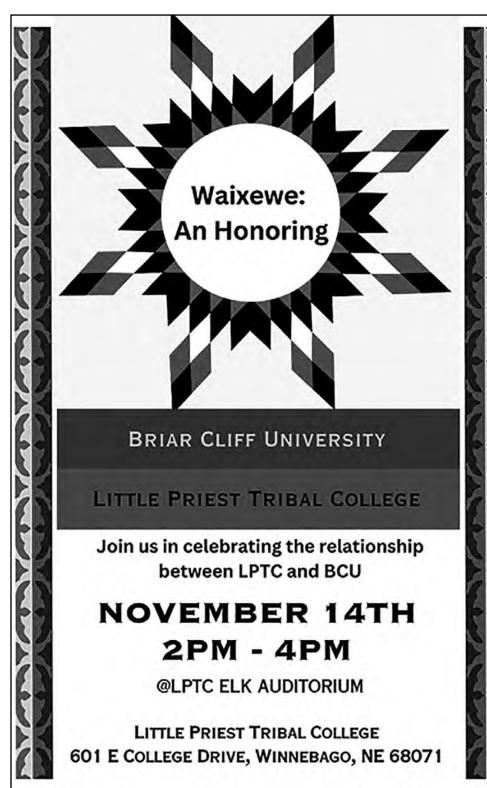
## For more info Contact

Tipi Means

Phone: 605-721-1922 | Email: tipi.means@gptchb.org

Shannon Wright (Public Health Nurse) 402-878-3619

Cannot have been tested in last 45 Days



## Attention Contracts Available

The Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC) is searching for several contractors to serve as cultural specialist and substance abuse treatment providers in the upcoming out patent treatment services offered by the YCIC. Under the DOJ PA9 tribal Youth Programs initiative the YCIC will be offering the DARTNA (Drum Assisted Recovery therapy for native Americans) treatment program for youth in our community, and we need to find contractors who are well versed in drum culture, substance abuse treatment and program instruction. Compensation will be at a rate of \$25 per hour.

If you are interested, please reach out to Daryl LaPointe Jr at the YCIC and Youth Shelter. Phone # 402-953-6370 or Email daryl.lapointe@winnebagotribe.com

**LEGAL NOTICE** Notice of Hearing Case No. CV23-135 In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: **ROCCO REINA** to ROCCO BERRIDGE

MOSES REINA ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV23-135 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing Case No. CV24-007AB In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: **DOROTHY HOUGHTON** In Re: A.D. (Born 4/2007)

E.F. (Born 9/2014)

TO: LONI FRENCHMAN, MOTHER HEATH THOMAS, FATHER AARON DEAN, FATHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-007AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing Case No. CV24-013 In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of: MERCI EARTH

**ERNEST HINZO JR** 

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You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-013 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing Case No. CV23-130 In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: Maxine Rice In Re: K.C. (Born 11/2007)

CAMILLO LOPEZ JR, 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. CV23-130 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.



## COMMUNITY



## 2023 Halloween Masquerade



This year's Masquerade M.C.'s (L to R): Kelly, Bethani, Eugene & Garan



A few from the Junior category costume contest.



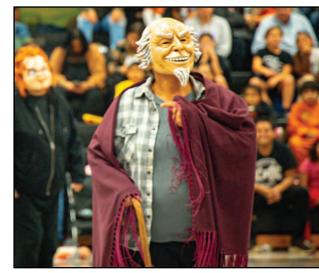
And the winner is... Tribal Vice-Chairman, Isaac Smith assisting as Arena Director



It's Wednesay and "Thing" from the Addams Family



There were plenty of "Chucky" costumes at this year's event.



The Adult costume competition is always fun for everyone.



Some jamming Junior girls all dressed up.

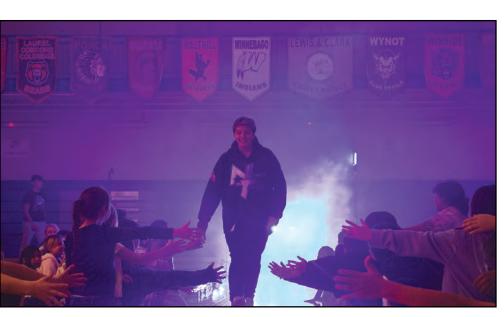


A butterfly and a princess dancing alongside an adult relative.



The Haylushka Singers kept the goblins and ghouls jamming.

## **WPS Football Championship Team Send-Off**









WPS School held a prep-rally, where the football players were introduced individually and received a family blessing prior to their departure for the All Nations Championship game held at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, SD on Saturday, November 4th.



# IT'S JUST MORE FUN



## **Every Saturday in November**

6pm to 10pm • Drawings every 30 minutes

Spin the Money Wheel and win up to \$10,000 CASH! Every Saturday we'll draw two winners every 30 minutes from 6pm to 10pm.

Each winner will spin the wheel and win \$100 to \$10,000! You could be one of the 18 winners!

Swipe daily for one FREE entry every day in November.
Earn additional entries for every point earned.

5X entries on Mondays!



Thursday\* November 23
11am - 7pm
\$18 per adult • \$9 per child

\*No \$3 buffet on this Thursday.

Enjoy this all you can eat Thanksgiving feast serving your favorites like oven roasted turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, au gratin potatoes, green bean casserole and much more!