

Published Bi-Weekly for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska • Volume 52, Number 24 • Saturday, November 25, 2023

BAGO BITS By: Tyler Snake



Starting November 13th, the Winnebago Tribe's Food Distribution department dispersed turkeys to head of household's tribal members. Thank you to the department, ATLAS program staff, and Robin Bear for delivering to local Seniors!



Following a one-act play "Tracks" WPS students received Outstanding Actor Awards! Congratulations to Devin Houghton, Zayne Bassette, Tylie Chilson, Shyleigh Horn, and Alen Whitewing!!



Fischer Introduces Bill to Return Improperly Seized Army Corps of Engineers Land Back to Nebraska's Winnebago Tribe



A photo of the Missouri river banks from the state of Iowa side

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week, U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) led the introduction of the Winnebago Land Transfer Act. The legislation 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.

In addition to Senator Fischer, the legislation is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa).

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was wrong to seize this land through eminent domain in the 1970s. After decades of inaction, it's time for us to make this right. My legislation will return this land to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and I look forward to getting to the Winnebago people," said Senator Ricketts.

"The introduction of the Winnebago Land Transfer Act by Senators Fischer, Ricketts, Grassley, and Ernst is a historic and beautiful moment for the Winnebago people. We have been waiting for this wrong to be made right, and we are grateful for the leadership demonstrated by our congressional delegation. We look forward to the passage of this important legislation," said Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan.

Background:

The Treaty of 1865 established the Winnebago Reservation in northeastern Nebraska along the Missouri River. Due to westward shifts in the river, portions of the reservation are now in Iowa.

In 1970, the U.S. Army Corps of

challenges.

Ultimately, the Nebraska tract of land was returned to the Tribe. However, both tracts of land in lowa that were illegally taken remain under the Corps' jurisdiction today and are maintained by the lowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Neither the lowa DNR nor the Corps has objection to the Tribe regaining control of the land. The latest renewal agreement of the license between the lowa DNR and the Corps includes a provision that anticipates the return of the land to the Tribe.

Senator Fischer's Winnebago Land Transfer Act would transfer administrative jurisdiction of the approximately 1,600 acres from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to hold in trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Winnebago Tribal Member, Virginia Snake-Bumann, attended the 2023 White House Tribal Youth Forum! Virgina wrote about the opportunity to connect with other Native Youth, represent her clan, engage in Mental Health and Substance prevention discussions and more. Congrats and thank you for representing the HoCak people.



On November 20th WTN's Human Services department held a Community Meal for Winnebago. The department prepared for 400+ people to attend, the HoChunk Center was packed! Back in the 90's Marian Thomas started the Community Thanksgiving dinner through donations from the American Relief Council, Shout-out to Marian for bringing the community together in a good way! Thank you to the Human Services Staff for cooking and continuing this gathering for the community. this bill to the President's desk," said Senator Fischer.

"The Army Corps of Engineers' decision to condemn and seize land from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was a classic case of government overreach. My colleagues in the Nebraska and lowa delegations and I want to see this wrong corrected, and the land returned Engineers (Corps) was performing stabilization efforts on the Missouri River's banks and condemned land on both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the river for a proposed recreation project. The condemned land included tracts of reservation land in Iowa. The Corps filed eminent domain proceedings to acquire the land, triggering years of legal U.S. Representative Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) introduced the House version of this legislation in February. In addition to Congressman Feenstra, the 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-Iowa), and Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa)

WCHS Offers Eye Care Screening

By: Erin McElroy

Winnebago, NE –Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is proud to announce our Joslin Vision Network (JVN) screening services in partnership with Phoenix Indian Medical Center Ophthalmology. JVN is an innovative retinal imaging device designed to detect these vision problems early on.

Diabetes occurs when the body's pancreas cannot make enough insulin or doesn't use it as well as it should. Insulin helps the body convert sugar into energy. When a diabetic person consumes sugars, and this process is not functioning correctly it causes too much blood sugar to stay in the bloodstream. When mismanaged over time, diabetes causes damage to blood vessels in the heart, eyes, kidneys, and nerves that can lead to serious health problems leading to everything from stroke, amputation, and kidney failure to permanent vision loss or blindness. This makes regular retinal imaging and monitoring of vision changes even more critical for diabetes and prediabetes patients.

"We are always looking to find new innovative ways to help support and find early interventions for our relatives. This JVN machine allows our staff to take a look into our relative's eyes and it could be said that this is a window into what could be happening in their kidneys. This will allow us to help our relatives sooner and that is what we are all about; prevention and intervention." says Dr. Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer.

WCHS sought out solutions to providing additional retina screening services that could be available Monday-Friday 8:00 – 4:30 PM and help increase access to care in our community. By using this new JVN specialized camera in collaboration with Optometrists at Phoenix Indian Medical Center Ophthalmology, we are able to better support members of our Wa I pi nagu Program, which is Ho-Chunk for "the Path to Good Blood" Program. When patients come to WCHS for their appointment, our trained technician will guide them through the process of getting a photo of their retina, attaching it to their electronic health record to transmit it to Phoenix Indian Medical Center, and then working to communicate with the provider results, send patient letters, and schedule/coordinate any recommended follow-up appointments.

"The process is simple, easy, and painless. We have already offered 50 screenings and we are not stopping there." Wa I pi nagu Program nurse, Michele Smith, "The Indigenous people we serve are at the heart of everything that our team does. At the end of the day, it is always about what is best for our people and how can we elevate our programs in order to meet the needs."

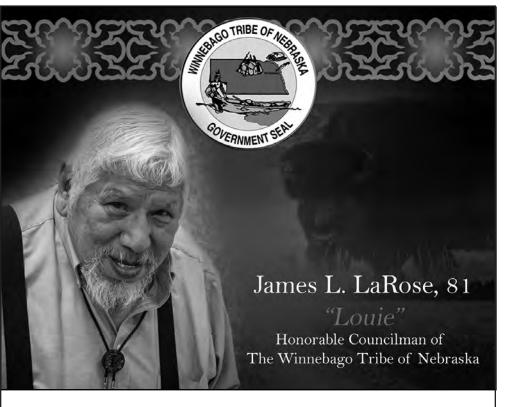
Visit us at winnebagotribe.com

Page 2 • Winnebago Indian News • Saturday, November 25, 2023



Saturday, November 25, 2023 • Winnebago Indian News • Page 3

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



JAMES LOUIS LAROSE

James "Louis" LaRose passed away November 7, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. He was 81 years old. Louis was a member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Bear Clan. His Winnebago name was Xatap Horaje ga "Travels in Bush."

Louis was born January 25, 1942 in Winnebago, NE to Anna Bess Mallory LaRose.

He moved to the Ute Reservation in Fort Duchesne, Utah when he was 1¹/₂ years old. He returned to the Winnebago Reservation at age 15 and graduated from Winnebago High School in 1960. He graduated from Phoenix Junior College and Cook Christian Indian Training School. In 1968 Louis graduated from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas with a bachelor's degree in education.

Louis returned to the Winnebago Reservation after graduating from college at age 26 and was elected to the Winnebago Tribal Council. He then became Tribal Chairman at age 28. Louis returned to the Tribal Council in the early 1990s, was appointed in 2015 and elected to Tribal Council again in 2019.

While Louis was Chairman the Army Corps of Engineers seized land from the Winnebago Reservation in Iowa and Nebraska for a proposed recreation project. The Tribe successfully challenged the Corps eminent domain proceedings and the federal courts held the Corps could not take the land in light of the Tribe's treaty rights. The case went to the Supreme Court, and the Tribe prevailed. However, the Tribe continues to fight for the return of the land, and Louis worked on lobbying for a bill that was recently introduced in Congress, the Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023, to return the land to the Tribe. Louis then worked on two bills in the Nebraska Legislature requiring repatriation of Native remains and burial goods and retroceding state Public Law 280 jurisdiction over the Winnebago Reservation. Louis worked with Robert Peregoy and James Botsford on both bills and with Walter "Bunky' EchoHawk on the repatriation bill. Louis' interest then turned to restoration of the bison to the Winnebago Reservation. He brought a herd of bison to the Reservation and established the Tribal Bison Program. He served for a number of years as Chairman of the Intertribal Bison Cooperative, now known as the Intertribal Buffalo Council, a national organization that advocates on behalf of and provides

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

is prohibited.

support to tribal bison programs, including facilitating the donation and transport of bison to tribal bison programs.

In the early 1990s Louis helped develop and operate WinnaVegas, the Tribe's gaming operation in Iowa, which has become an important source of revenue and employment for the Tribe.

In the 1990s at the request of the Native American Rights Fund Louis became one of the named plaintiffs in the Cobell litigation challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs administration of individual Indian money accounts. After many years, the litigation was successful, and Congress enacted a bill settling the litigation in 2010.

Louis believed education was an important means for Indian people to improve their lives and communities. He helped establish the Nebraska Indian Community College in the 1970's on the Winnebago and Omaha Reservations. The Winnebago campus later became Little Priest Tribal College, and Louis served as President of Nebraska Indian Community College and Little Priest Tribal College. Along with other tribal college presidents, Louis successfully lobbied for a congressional bill providing funding for tribal colleges. He was a founding member and served as Vice-Chairman of the

JESUS OUR SAVIOR **LUTHERAN OUTREACH**

By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"A better person"

'Knowing him made you a better person.' That is what I said at the funeral service of James Louis 'Louie' LaRose. Louie certainly made me a better person. He taught me many things including how the Ho-Chunks enjoy teasing. I was on the receiving more often than not with him.

Louie was what I call a visionary. He knew the past but did not dwell in the past or use it as an excuse for one's fate or lot in life. Rather he made plans to move forward toward goals that became realities for a better future for him, his family and his tribe. One example was his vision in having the Ho-Chunk tribe take over higher education and establishing Little Priest Tribal College.

Louie also taught me how his people relate to the bison in so many ways. Mauna made the bison as a strong animal which survived many hardships over the centuries. These powerful animals with their herd mentality have specific role for each bison of the herd, male and female.

Louie would come with his 'bison box' and share with our preschool children each year about all of the blessings that came from the bison. He told me of a time when he went to harvest one of the buffalos; it might be one he named 'soup.' This bison came and stood alone while Louie said a prayer to Mauna. Then with one shot the bison went down. The rest of the herd came by and attempted to nudge the fallen bison back to life, but to no avail. This bison had offered up his life for the good of others.

This natural cycle of life story has a parallel with the life of Jesus. Jesus was willing to offer his life on behalf of

mankind. As the hide of the buffalo was made into a robe so too Jesus offered others a robe of his righteousness to cover the sin and the shame of us sinners. However, there is one major difference - Jesus rose from the dead to offer forgiveness, life and salvation to those who believe in him.

Knowing Jesus makes you a better person! First, by the grace of God, one who knows Jesus (having faith in him) then has peace with Mauna, having had his sin paid in full. Such a person humbly extends forgiveness to others. Louie's life had been transformed by the grace of God and he was able to extend this kindness to his family and to others that he met along life's way.

I close with the words from God's Sacred Word that I read at Louie's funeral:

'Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly' [Romans 5:1-6 ESV].

Louie knew Jesus - he had been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Louie knew the love of Jesus. Some of my last words to Louie were "Jesus loves you and he promised to be with you always!"

My Ho-Chunk name is Hakikóx Walu Piga-"makes his way." I am Bear Clan, my parents are Marc and Elizabeth Mallory, and my Choka is Kenny and Twila Mallory.

On November 7, 2023, the Winnebago people suffered a tremendous loss. No words can capture the depth of pain, the shattered pieces of a broken heart, or the unbearable sorrow that comes from death. Everything falls flat

His is a colossal loss. For us, for the Winnebago tribe, and for Indian Country at large.

My Dega Louie was a wonder. He was a Choka, Jaji, Dega, husband, brother, and friend. A natural leader who spoke truth and walked with integrity. His humour disarmed his foes and his grace transformed his friends.

American Indian Higher Education Consortium, which advocates for tribal colleges.

Louis served on the steering committee of the Native American Rights Fund for six years. He served as a mediator and on the Dispute Resolution Council with the Office of Dispute Resolution of the Nebraska Court System. In the 1970s Louis served as Chairman of the Nebraska Indian Commission. In 2013 Louis received the Chief Standing Bear Humanitarian Award from the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs.

Louis is survived by his wife Anita, daughters Carla, Peggy and Vanessa, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his brother Kenny and sister Kathy and numerous nieces and nephews.

Louis was grateful to his mentors, Sterling Snake and Felix White Sr., who provided guidance on tribal issues.

Louis liked to spend time with his family, attend to his children and grandchildren's games and events, hunt, grill, garden, read, watch the news and sports, crossword puzzles and do presentations on the buffalo.

One memory I hold particularly dear is from an afternoon in July when I was studying for the bar examination. I was stressed and overwhelmed and I needed a calm and steady voice. Dega Louie was that voice.

He sat down with me in his kitchen and we recorded over four hours of his stories. I remember being in awe of his wit, his acumen, and his grace. His acknowledgement of our traumas but also our resilience as Native people.

I will miss so much about him. I'll miss hearing him call me chunshkeh whenever I was home for powwow. I'll miss hearing him tell stories at a slow and perfect pace. I'll miss the twinkle in his eye whenever he cracked a joke.

When my Jaji died... people only ever spoke to me about his death in an indirect way. It may have been the circumstances or the general phobia surrounding death. But all I ever wanted was for someone to say that they were sorry for what had happened to us.

So to you, Aunt Nita, Peggy, Nessa, and Carla, and to my beloved cousins, I'm so sorry. I'm sorry for a crushing and unspeakable loss. I'm sorry for questions that have no answers and pain that has no end.

I hope you'll find a small measure of peace knowing his legacy of love will live on in you and in your children and in your children's children.

We love you, Dega Louie. I know we will never stop missing you, and that you will never stop loving us.

May you forever run with the buffalo—uninhibited and free.

Pinagigi. Alex Mallory

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on December 9, 2023. DEADLINE for this issue will be December 5, 2023.



Per Column Incl



..Member



Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Current Committee Listings

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

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

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: _09-13-2023____

CLOSING DATE: _Until Filled____

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



EXERCISE EXERCISES EXERCISES

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Current Committee Listings

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

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 a 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.

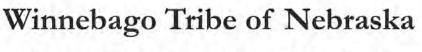
If you are interested in applying for the Committee, please stop at the receptionist desk located in the front lobby and pick up a Committee application, or visit the website at:

http://www.winnebagotribe.com/index.php.government/committees

POSTING DATE: 07-12-2023

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

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



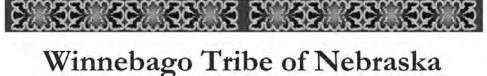
Current Committee Listings

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.



Current Committee Listings

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

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

- 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.



Diabetes in the United States

About **1 in 10** people have diabetes.





1 in 5 people do not know they have it.



Are you one of them? Take the diabetes risk test or get checked at your annual exam.



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

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 visit our website at

http://www.winnebagotribe.com/index.php.government/committees

POSTING DATE: 04/12/2023

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

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





PIZZA • MUSIC • PICS WITH SANTA Make your own cookies • Toys • Crafts

Saturday, November 25, 2023 • Winnebago Indian News • Page 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

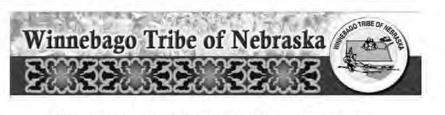
This chart is a qui	ck reference to help you make a hea	CONTACT INFORMATION – PLAN alth plan choice. It is not intended its may be limited to Medicaid cove	to include all rules and exceptions
Benefits	MOLINA	nebraska total care	UnitedHealthcare"
Contaci Information	Molina Healthcare of Nebraska Phone: 1-844-782-2018 TTY: 711 www.molinahealthcare.com/ne	Nebraska Total Care Phone: 1-844-385-2192 TTY: 711 www.nebraskatolalcare.com	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Nebraska Phone: 1-800-641-1902 TTY: 711 www.uhccommunityplan.com/ne
All Covered 100%	Primary Care Visits, Immunizations, Family Planning, Pregnancy, Hospital Services, Home Health Care, Wellness, and Emergent/Urgent Care		
Co-Pays	Children (18 and under), pregnant women and Native American members, and members living in an institution, alternate care facility, or receiving HCBS waiver services are exempt from Medicaid co-pays		
Prescriptions	Generic - covered 100%, Brand - \$3 copay Mail Order Pharmacy 90-day prescription fill on select medications	Generic - covered 100% Brand - \$3 copay 90-day prescription fill on select medications	Generic - covered 100% Brand - \$3 copay Mail Order Pharmacy 90-day refill supply available on select medications
	For Medicaid coverage only. Medicare and other insurance copays may still apply.		
Over-the-Counter Medication	Please contact the health plan for information about this benefit.		
Therapy	Covered 100% Adults not to exceed 60 combined visits (physical, occupational, and speech therapy).		
Dental Services	Services include, but are not limited to exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, crowns, fillings, dentures, oral surgery, and orthodontic services.		
Vision Services	Please contact the health plan for information about this benefit:		
Hearing Services	Covered 100%, hearing aids and batteries.		

Benefits	MOLINA	total care	UnitedHealthcare"
Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment	Covered 100%		
Member with Special Health Gare Neads	Coordination of services for members with complex conditions including High Risk Pregnancy, frequent emergency department utilizers, substance use disorder, early childhood, and chronic condition management.	Assistance with identifying providers and connecting to community resources. Coordination for members with Dual-Eligible Medicare plans.	Integrated Person-Centered Care Management: Every member has a dedicated clinical coordinator that is available to support connecting individuals to applicable services.
Care Management	Individualized support to assess member needs, coordinate miedical and behavioral health care, provide support through Transitions of Care, and address Social Determinants of Health through access to Community-Based Services.	Individual assistance for members with complex care needs, including Transitional Age Youth and Substance Use Disorder services. Includes assistance accessing community resources and meeting non-medical meeds. Care Management services are available by phone, in-person, or through a digital platform based on member preference.	ADHD, substance use, mental health issues, substance use disorder services, and assistance with seeking community-based services.
Pregnancy Management	Offers programs for pregnant mothers and bables.		bles.
Disease Management	Comprehensive support for members with chronic conditions, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, obesity, congestive heart disease, cardiovascular diseases, chronic kidney disease, and certain behavioral health conditions.	Individual assistance for members with complex care needs, including chronic diseases.	Assistance for members with chronic diseases, asthma, diabetes, smoking cessation, and heart disease.

Benefits	MOLINA	total care	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	<u>MTM</u> 1-868-889-0421 TTY: 711 fillps.//memberporial.net/	MTM 1-844-261-7834 TTY: 711 http://memberportal.net/?planCode=CTC	<u>Modivcare</u> 1-833-583-5683 TTY: 1-866-288-3133 www.modivcare.com	
	Please contact the health plan about eligibility for this benefit.			
Healthy Kids	Youth Club Memberships: Annual membership for members ages 19 and under to their local Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, or Salvation Army Kroc Center. Sports Physical. Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids: Vouchers for books or art supplies to encourage fun activities and less screen time.	Boys and Girls Club Membership: Annual membership for age- appropriate members. Sports/Camp Physicals. My Route to Health: Childrein's online books, videos, and activities focused on healthy lifestyle choices and positive decision making. Rewards Program: For well-child visits. NICU Support: Additional supplies and supports for infants admitted to the NICU.	Youth Club Organizations: Qualified members receive a voucher towards a membership or program participation fees to organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H programs, and the YMCA. Sports Physical. KidsHealth®: Members and their families can get online answers, advice, and fun. Back to School Programming: Promotes healthy habits and nutrition. Dr. Health E. Hound®: Mascot Delivers nutritional education and	

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL **SPECIAL VOTE SCHEDULE** December 11, 2023

November 20, 2023	Monday	Declare seat vacant Approve Special Vote date Nominate Election Board
November 21, 2023	Tuesday	Post Final Special Vote Eligible Voters List
November 21, 2023	Tuesday	First day of Notice of Intent-Special Vote
November 30, 2023	Thursday	Last day of Notice of Intent-Special Vote
December 01, 2023	Friday	Post Candidate List for Special Vote Send list to Automated Election Services
December 04, 2023	Monday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Request-Special Vote
December 05, 2023	Tuesday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Special Vote
December 11, 2023	Monday	Special Vote
December 12, 2023	Tuesday	Tribal Council appoints Special Vote Candidate with Highest vote
December 12, 2023	Tuesday	Oath of Office



Now Accepting Notices of Intent For the 2023 Special Vote

Special Vote** | Monday, December 11, 2023

**A Special Vote is to provide qualified candidates for appointment to the Tribal Council

Qualification of Candidates

Be twenty-five years of age or over and a qualified voter.

Sesame Street: Educational materials that teach families about the best ways to eat healthy with smart food guidelines.

Benefits	MOLINA	lotal care	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
	24-hour Nurse Advice Line and Behavioral Health Crisis Line.	24-Hour Crisis Line and Nurse Advice Line.	24-Hour Crisis Line and Nurseline ^{sa} .
	Client Assistance Program (CAP): 6 sessions of bnef solutions-focused behavioral health therapy.	Client Assistance Program (CAP): 5 sessions of brief, solutions-focused behavioral health therapy.	Client Assistance Program (CAP): 5 Sessions. Additional information can be found at www.liveandworkwell.com
	My Molina Mobile App: Manage your healthcare anytime, anywhere with the My Molina mobile app. The app gives members access to doctors, 24-hour Nurse Advice Line,	Mobile Apps for Education and Support: Manage your health and wellness and gel support whenever you need it from the convenience of your mobile device.	UnitedHealthcare Mobile App: An app tool to review benefits and other resources, such as finding a doctor and medication listings.
Value Added Services	member ID card and more. Car Seat or Booster Seat Program: Eligible members who complete a prenatal visit during their first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment can receive a car seat or booster seat. Postpartum Support Gift: New moms who sign up for Pacify, our online pregnancy and postpartum support tool, can receive a gift box that includes something fun for mom and baby. Community Baby Showers: A fun and educational event for pregnant members and new moms, Participants will learn about keeping themselves and the baby healthy during and after pregnancy. Pregnant members can choose from a variety of gifts like a pack no play or a month's supply of diapers when they attend.		

Benefits	MOLINA	lotal care	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
lus Added invices	Electric Breast Pump: New mothers can receive an electric breast pump. Healthy Baby Text Program: TextAbaby helps prepare members for motherhood by sending appointment reminders and personalized information on prenatal care, the baby's development, signs of labor, breastfeeding, and nutrition directly to members' phones: Dula Assistance: Eligible members can request doula assistance during labor and delivery to provide emotional and physical support to the mother and her family. Home Delivered Meals for High- Risk Pregnancies: Members can receive home-delivered meals to support their nutritional needs during pregnancy and when breastfloeding. Dental Services for Pregnant Members: Eligible members can receive one additional dental cleaning per calendar year WW (formerly Weight Watchers): Members can receive up to 13 weeks of WW services.	Electric Breast Pumps. Doula Services: In person pregnancy guidance and support from cartified Doulas for members who qualify. My Health Pays: Rewards for completing healthy activities like a yearly welness exam, annual screenings, infant and children's care and other ways to protect your health. Community Garden: Sponsorship for plots to grow healthy foods and education on nutrition and health. Care Kits: For members in clinical programs. Weight Watchers: Memberships for eligible members. GED Testing Materials: Study materials to prepare for GED testing. ConnectionsPlus: Cell phone for members who qualify without reliable access to a telephone. Practice Dental Visits: For children with special needs.	Purchase of Breast Pumps. Text4baby: Text4baby is a free mobile information service thal will help you through your pregnancy and baby's first year of life. Mom's Meals: Meal delivery during pregnancy or post discharge from a birth with a clinical referral. WellHop: Virtual group peer support for members who are pregnant. Substance Use Disorder Helpline: An anonymous confidential helpline to a licensed substance use expert for information on substance use disorder treatment. Online Mental Health Resources: Self-help tools and family support library for members. Self Care: A digital treatment support self-help app that offers mindfulness meditation for stress, anxiety, and depression. Members can download the Self Care app to receive on- demand support at any time. Doctor Chat: Members can video chat with a doctor 24/7/365 by downloading the UHC Doctor Chat app or learn more online at uhcdoctrochat.com

www.neheritagehealth.com

- Be a resident of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, defined as having a physical presence within the reservation for six consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election.
- Be an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.
- Not have been convicted, terminated, removed or resigned from any tribal position for ٠ reasons of theft, stealing, misappropriation of funds, embezzlement, conversion or any related offense from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

How to Apply:

- 1. Must meet all qualifications for candidacy
- 2. Submit your completed declaration for Notice of Intent and required drug test results to the Tribal Administration Office, of the Blackhawk Community Center
- Submit a fee of \$50; or a Petition in lieu of the fee containing at least 50 signatures of persons 3. eligible to vote in the 2023 Primary Election stating that they support your candidacy for office: this form is located in the Tribal Administration Office

PLEASE MAKE MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 30, 2023

CONT	CONTACT:	
LYNELLE BLACKHAWK	402-878-2272 EXT 1300	
TYRESHA ROMERO	402-878-2272 EXT 1002	
TAMMY LITTLEWALKER	402-878-2272 EXT 1000	

Monday through Friday Business Hours 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.



BIA Division of Environmental Services and Cultural Resource Management

YOUNG TRIBAL LEADERS ART CONTEST

Culture - Environment - Climate

Eligibility

Citizens of federally-recognized Tribes, ages 14-30

Prizes

Winning submissions will be featured in Washington, D.C. and online! Awardees will also be sponsored to share their work at the 2024 National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference.

Submit your work by **JANUARY 6, 2024**







YOUTH.ART.CONTEST@BIA.GOV https://www.bia.gov/service/art-contest



Val Ser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT (OPPD) NOTICE TO CONTROL VEGETATION AND PERFORM TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE ON WINNEBAGO/OMAHA TRIBE ALLOTMENTS DECEMBER 2023 THROUGH APRIL 2024

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) is committed to maintaining the safe and reliable operation of its electric transmission system which includes controlling vegetation growth. Federal, regional and electric industry regulations and standards require continuous maintenance and minimum safety clearances to ensure vegetation does not touch high-voltage overhead transmission lines. If vegetation located in a transmission right-ofway is not compatible with the safe operation of the system, it can result in widespread electric power outages and/or unsafe conditions for the public.

OPPD and/or its partnered contractors will be accessing transmission line right-of-way to perform the necessary vegetation management including, but not limited to, trimming and removing trees, mowing, applying herbicide, and eliminating hazardous tree/power line conditions. Herbicides used are tailored to land use and vegetation in the area, and will not harm other vegetation or nearby crops. OPPD may also trim trees adjacent to the right-of-way to eliminate trees that could potentially fall within 15 feet of power lines. Right-of-way widths in the area depend mainly on the size of the power line and typically range from 80 to 150 feet.

As part of this work, OPPD and/or its contractor/s will be accessing transmission line right-of-way to perform necessary maintenance work including various repairs, structure replacements and inspections. Inspections include assessment of the condition of poles, wires, insulators and hardware. This work allows OPPD to continue to provide safe and reliable power.

Work is scheduled for December 2023 through April 2024.

	HURSTON C	
WINNEBA	GO RESERV	ATION
238L	892	17W
947	892-A	366L
16L	T892-B	879
21L	T892-C	235L
233	608	
OMAHA R	ESERVATIO	N
142N	133-7	71
600-A	3015	63-1
620	133-4	201-2
619-1	133-2	200
3032	194-1	125
679-4	194-2	M375N
352N	199	731-1
680-3	203	728
680-4	206-1	680-2
687-2	206-3	639
687-1	206-4	619-2
687-3	T206-2	T254N
687-4	290-1	144N
688-C	290-2	

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
- Adjunct Early Childhood Education
- o Tutors
- Extension and Equity Student Interns

For more information, visit us on the web at: <u>https://littlepriest.edu/jobs-openings/</u> LPTC is an equal-opportunity employer. LPTC 601 E. College Dr. Winnebago, NE



From 11/20/23 - 4/1/24 the museum will be open by appointment only on the weekends for winter.

Email: angeldecoramuseum@winnebagotribe.com or call: 402-257-5587

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



Questions? Please contact OPPD Land Management Hotline at (531) 226-3062 or email us at landmanagement@oppd.com.



Winnebago Domestic Violence Program News:

Hello, my name is Dorcee Kearnes, I am the new Culture Planner DV/SA Advocate for the Winnebago Tribe Domestic Violence program under WCHS. According to Statistics from Women against Crimes, domestic violence increases over the holidays, for several possible reasons:

Stress from holiday shopping, finances, and planning can aggravate volatile personalities.

Abusers are more likely to partake of alcohol or drugs when they don't have to work. Abusers are home alone with their victims more than other times of the year.

Recognize the warning signs of abuse

Physical:

Bruises or cuts that are worse than their explanations.

Wearing inappropriate or unusual clothing to cover up.

Emotional:

Being unusually quiet, withdrawn, or even fearful.

Anxiety or apprehension, especially when away from the abuser.

Depression or discussion of suicidal thoughts.

Development of a drug or alcohol problem.

Changes in activity:

Being late or canceling last minute more often than usual.

Needing to "ask permission" to go or communicate with friends.

Avoiding parties or other activities they used to enjoy, especially with friends and family.

Lack of money or access to resources because partner has control of it.

The abuser's behavior may be the biggest red flag for you that your friend or family member is in danger. Keep an eye out for these red flags from survivors:

Excusing abusive behaviors as "moody" or "needy"

Minimizing the abusers use of drugs or alcohol.

Jealousy or accusations of infidelity from partner.

Constant "checking in" via texts or phone calls from partners.

Partners accompanying survivor to events unnecessarily.

I hope this was helpful and if you or someone you know needs help or just to talk, we have an Advocate on call 24/7. Just call our hotline at 402-922-3850. We are here to help you.

Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11TH day of December, 2023 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing Case No. CV24-026AB In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: JEAN WOOD In Re: G.R. (Born 2/2013) P.R. (Born 7/2015)

TO: PHILLIP ROBINSON SR., 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. CV24-026AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

To: 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. CV24-008AB In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: ANGEL BASSETTE In Re: J.R. (Born 11/2008) X.R. (Born 8/2010)

TO: PHILLIP ROBINSON SR.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-008AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 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.

COMMUNITY



"THINKING OF THOSE THAT HAVE JOURNEYED ON, THOSE THAT ARE HERE, & THOSE THAT ARE YET TO COME"

> SATURDAY DEC. 2, 2023 SIOUX CITY CONVENTION CENTER | 801 4TH ST, SIOUX CITY, IA Enter doors closest to courtyard hotel

AGENDA 4:00 PM DOORS OPEN MEAL SINGING BEGINS 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 10:30 PM MIDNIGHT SNACK HEAD STAFF MC REDWING THOMAS

STICKMAN HARVEY DREAVER

EVERYONE WELCOME!

INVITED SINGERS JOHN MORRIS JR. BRENDAN STRONG CETAN THOMAS Jason Kingbird Julius Sheridan Joel Wood tom hinman JERMAINE BELL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANGIE STARKEL AT (402) 922-0436 Sponsored by Ponca Tribe of Nebraska



BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 25, 2023 • Winnebago Indian News • Page 7

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

#1. TWO EGGS, AMERICAN FRIES, BACON OR SAUSAGE, & TOAST \$8.25

#2. TWO EGGS, CORN BEEF HASH, & TOAST \$9.50

#3. TWO EGGS, BACON OR SAUSAGE, & TOAST \$6.75

BREAKFAST SANDWICH \$5.50 SAUSAGE OR BACON, EGG, & CHEESE

BREAKFAST BURRITO \$8.50 EGGS, SAUSAGE, POTATOES, **GREEN PEPPERS, ONION & CHEESE**

BISCUITS & GRAVY \$5.75

SIDES PANCAKES FRENCH TOAST TOAST

\$3.50 \$4.25 \$2.00

402-878-2901

ACE YOUR

ORDER NOW



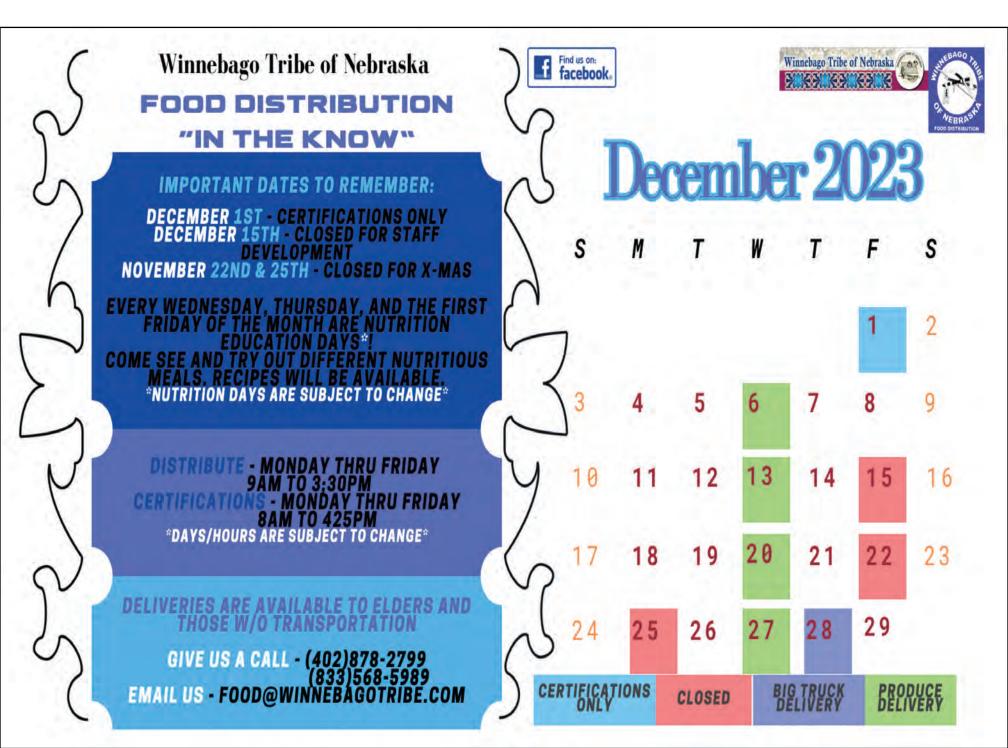
DS AS BEEF, EGGS, FISH, PORK, POULTRY, OR SHELLFISH REDUCES THE RISK OF FOOD E



9:00AM - 3:00PM (SETUP 8AM - 9AM) Whitling Thunder Wellness Gym

272 Ho-Chunk Plaza, Ste Winnebago, NE 68071







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!

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