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IN HONOR OF Neola Walker

Chief Little Priest / Huk-xunu-ga (1829-1866) our featured masthead is the last great war chief of the hocak people. Our annual homecoming celebration honors the return of Chief Little Priest and the Fort Omaha Company A Scouts. Our tribal college also bears his name in honor of his dying statement, "Be strong and educate my children." In 2024, the Winnebago tribe will host the 158th Annual Homecoming Celebration during the traditional last full weekend in July, which is July 25th - 28th, 2024.

Tribal Leadership Pushes Progress



Chairwoman, Victoria Kitcheyan, testifies before Senate Committee.

By: Brian Chamberlain
Photo(s): Garan Coons / Brian Chamberlain / Kevin Ebert
[Continuing Coverage]

Chairwoman Kitcheyan during their several days long journey into the heart of our nation's capital where significant moves were pending approval in both Houses of Congress.

plans on how they will improve this land." As the vote passed the House, the Winnebago leadership members watched from The Gallery high above the House floor.

Leadership for the Winnebago tribe travelled to Washington, D.C. during the week of February 5th, 2024, making concerted efforts to move the process forward that will return land to our people. Tribal Council members and legal counsel joined

House Bill 1240 (HR 1240) sponsored in a bi-partisan effort led by Congressman Randy Feenstra (R) of Iowa (4th District) was presented for approval on the agenda for the House of Representatives on Monday, February 5th, 2024. During debate Feenstra stated, "I'm excited to see their

Following the historic vote Chairwoman Kitcheyan said, "Our house land bill passed. And we're here with the delegation feeling proud, feeling emotional... the ancestors were definitely with us today." With the successful support of HR 1240 by the House of Representatives, the tribe's actions now

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WTN Hosts Nebraska Senators



Councilman, Ken Mallory, delivers welcome to Nebraska Senators.

By: Brian K Chamberlain
Photos: Brian K Chamberlain

of the on-going effort of the tribe to bring awareness to the capitol about the tribe, and garner support within the legislature of our state for the important items set before the Unicameral.

Hospital, and office of General Counsel. Mr. Mallory opened the luncheon with a prayer as is customary for all tribal events and delivered welcoming comments. Mallory and Armell both spoke on behalf of the tribe throughout the occasion. The Senators were

[Lincoln, NE] On Thursday, February 8th, 2024, the Winnebago Tribe hosted the Senators of the Nebraska Unicameral during its annual luncheon here. For 34 years this yearly luncheon has been a part

Tribal Council members Aric Armell and Kenny Mallory were in attendance of the long-held event, as was the WIN and representatives from 12 Clans Unity

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BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



On February 8th the Angel DeCora Museum & Research Center hosted a going away lunch in honor of Ben Crawford. Throughout his time working in Winnebago Ben has created strong connections with the community. Ben shared his findings and knowledge of Winnebago's history with WPS's Immersion class, on-air of the Winnebago Talks radio show with "On this day in history", while giving tours to groups who stopped by from different countries and more. Thank-you Ben for your hard work, we will miss you! Goodluck on your next career moves! Big shout-out to Maria Scott for creating the beautiful star quilt, the Immersion class for praying over the food, and those who had good words for Ben!

Top: Pictured above is Ben Crawford with Sunshine Bear, ADCM Director. Middle: Pictured is Maria Scott and Ben after gifting him a star quilt! Bottom: Pictured below is the Immersion class from WPS enjoying catered R-Eatz.

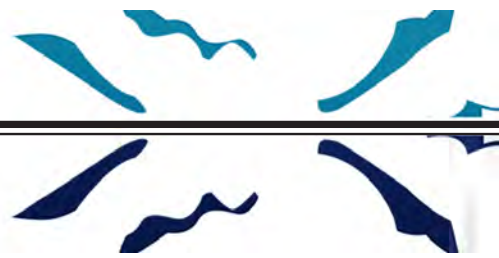


Winnebago Public School hosted a blessing ceremony & send-off for Precious DeCora and Darian "Hunz" Earth making their way to State! The 2024 State Wrestling tournament will be held February 15th and on depending on the outcome of previous matches. Terry Medina smudge'd the ladies & everyone in the gym, supporters gathered to cheer the team on as they left for Omaha. Good luck!

Top: Pictured above left to right is Darian "Hunz" Earth, Zariah George and Precious DeCora. Bottom: Zariah George had encouraging words for her former teammates; now Zariah is a coach for the team!



FRONT PAGE NEWS



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Tribal Leadership Pushes Progress

await the approval of the U.S. Senate, which has its own processes to follow.

On February 8th, 2024, Chairwoman Kitcheyan gave live testimony before the Senate committee responsible for pushing the companion bill forward. S. 3230 as introduced by Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer (R), is co-sponsored by Senator Ricketts of Nebraska (R) and both Senators Grassley (R) and Ernst (R) of Iowa.

During lively debate of several other indigenous matters, Senator Fischer eloquently stated, "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 this bill to the President's desk."

Nebraska Senator Pete Ricketts also added, "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 Iowa delegations and I want to see this wrong corrected, and the land returned to the Winnebago people."

In our continuing coverage of this story, the Winnebago Indian News will work to keep all tribal members apprised of the actions as they come about. One tribal member who watched the historic testimony and debate said, "This fight... over 50 years in the making, is nowhere near over, but we can see the pathway forward. I'm so proud of our people! I hope one day, all our land will once again be held in tribal hands." The WIN could not agree more. Stay tuned.

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WTN Hosts Nebraska Senators



Nebraska Senators participate in 34th Annual WTN Senators Luncheon.

treated to lunch and as much information as could be offered into the brief period of the day. A video short was played that contained up to the minute information as leadership for the tribe was also in Washington D.C. the same day.

In this legislative session the WTN is hopeful support for LB 1288 and LB 1131 remains in place as both measures are extremely vital to our people. LB 1288 authorizes state support for tribally issued EPC orders, as there is no protocol in place currently. LB 1131 seeks support for clean drinking water efforts. Both bills are from previous sessions that expired.

Senator Jen Day – Chair of the State-Tribal Relations Committee, helped facilitate introduction of the issues as well. The discussion is always driven and succinct due to the always hectic schedule of the Unicameral during live session debate. We have much appreciation for those in attendance and hold high hopes for the bills as they move through the process still pending approval. This WIN will report further on our bills once further action has been taken.



Senate Committee Chair, Brian Schatz (D) Hawaii, welcomes WTN testimony.

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Legislative hearing on "S.3230 - The Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023" February 8, 2024



Pictured (L to R): Lucas LaRose-Government Contracting Auditor, Isaac Smith-Tribal Council Vice-Chairman, Ann-Marie Downes, Theresa Littlegeorge-Tribal Council Member, Victoria Kitcheyan-Tribal Council Chairwoman, Rona Stealer-Tribal Council Treasurer, Danelle Smith-Tribal Attorney, Eugene DeCora-Tribal Council Member and Garan Coons-WTN Communications Officer



Nebraska Senator, Deb Fischer (R), urges support for WTN bill.



Iowa Congressman, Randy Feenstra (R), debates support in House vote.



Chairwoman Kitcheyan meets with Senator Fischer prior to committee hearing

JOIN US

- FEB. 21ST 2024

PRESENTATION WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. JOANNE OWENS-NAUSLAR

for 2 Sessions

First Session
2-3pm
This session will be open for students and Little Priest Tribal College Faculty

Second Session
5-7pm
This session will be open to the public

Serving a heart healthy soup with a side of fruit, crackers, and water

Secure your own mask first so you can be a healthy role model.

Providing a snack and water

You don't stop exercising because you grow old, you grow old because you stop exercising.

Living in a peak performance body and the numerous benefits of good health and wellness.

No deposit no return - Invest in annual screenings.

Location: Little Priest Tribal College Auditorium
Contact Information: Jordann.Blackfish@wchs.health C:402-922-2795

Funding support from Great Plains Leaders Tribal Health Board

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

February Birthdays

	1st	Kay Earth	
	2nd	Lorelei DeCora	
	2nd	Roberta Barclay	
	7th	Jerome LaPointe	
	7th	Sandy Scott	
	9th	Robin Bear	
	10th	Deb Picotte	
	14th	Jenny Whitebeaver	
	16th	Deidre Redhorn	
	16th	Chuskae Grasty	
	17th	Natalie Earth	
	17th	Sheryl Morris	
	19th	Jennie Parker	
	21st	Daniel Trailkill	
	22nd	Viola LaPointe	
	22nd	Carlo Baker	
	22nd	LaVerne Bird	
	22nd	Tania Bowman	
	23rd	Pearl Morgan	
	24th	Latricia Lucero	
	26th	Janice Barclay	
	28th	Wanda John	

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Greatest of these is love"

Mauna offers you three gifts - three blessings free of charge. These gifts from heaven above are faith, hope and love. The first two are necessary, but still of less value than the third.

Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit, less anyone should boast. The faith that God's Sacred Word speaks of is faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and His anointed One. Such a faith is assured. It is assured since Jesus paid the FULL price for the sin of the world.

Hope is a gift that comes to him or her who has placed his/her faith in Jesus. Hope is a promise to come. If you already lived in paradise then there would be NO need to hope. Hope comes to the believer in Jesus upon his or her death, or when Jesus returns in glory.

The third blessing from above is love! God is love - unconditional and steadfast and everlasting love! The love of people is at best - a shadow of God's love.

The apostle Paul wrote about what true love - the love of God is and what it is not. First, what such love is not. Love does not envy nor boast. Love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. Love is not irritable or resentful. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing. [see 1st Corinthians 13:1-13]

When you compare your actions to God's command to love then you will note

that you have fallen short.

Now what is true love: 'Love is patient, love is kind. Love rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.' This is who God is and these words describe His unconditional love.

Now can you better understand why one's so-called words or actions of 'love' are not comparable to the love of God? We have failed to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul or strength. We need a Savior. The Good News is that God in His love gave us His Son who suffered for our failures.

Now those who place their faith in Jesus, His followers, are given the Law as a guide on how one is to live. In the words of Jesus: He said on the night of the Passover: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." [John 13:34-35]

(Later that evening Jesus said:) "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. [John 14:15-17]

In conclusion, love is the source of joy, the assurance of hope and the basis for one to place his/her faith in God. When one is surrounded by God's unconditional love then nothing else matters. The greatest of these three blessings of faith, hope and love is love!

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 40

Moving Toward a Hopeful Future

After you've taken your first steps back into daily life, it might be time to consider taking on a few more challenges. You've already made it through the toughest part. Now it's time to think about doing some things that can give you a greater sense of wellbeing and happiness.

Many survivors talk about a "second chance", or slowly coming to value what would have been lost if their attempt had resulted in their death. Over time, they begin to reclaim a sense of purpose in their lives, a new sense of identity, and real reasons for hope.

Maintaining Hope

When you made your suicide attempt, you felt as if suicide was a way to end your pain. At that moment, in your mind, your reasons for dying outweighed your reasons for living. As you've learned, reconnecting with your reasons for living can help you build hope. Some survivors recommend putting together a "hope box" that can serve as a physical reminder of the things in your life that bring you joy. When you begin to feel bad about yourself or your life and feel depressed, the contents of your hope box can help lift your spirits. It also is a good place to keep your safety plan.

Staying in Control of Being Organized

Dealing with stress or emotional pain can feel overwhelming and lead you to neglect day-to-day tasks and responsibilities. Feeling like life is out of control can make anyone feel anxious. It might help to make a list of the things you have to do each day. That way, you won't forget important events or get distracted and not complete things you need to get done.

Checking items off a to-do list can also help you feel a sense of accomplishment. Keep it simple and short to begin with; you can always add more when you have more energy. Keeping a calendar and using a daily planner are great ways to help yourself stay organized and maintain a sense of control over your life.

Creating a Hope Box

Your hope box can contain anything that might help you put aside painful thoughts or negative emotions and instead remind you of things in life that you enjoy. Decorating the box can be fun, as well. Here are some ideas for things to include:

- Photos or letters from people you care about.
- Poems, books, or scripture passages that lift you up.
- Movies or music you like.
- Note cards with uplifting words or thoughts, things that have kept you going in the past, or memories of happy times.
- Special trinkets or mementos that help you feel grounded.
- Your safety plan.

Your box can contain actual objects or be a collection of links or digital files on your computer, cell phone, e-reader, or other device.

Getting in Touch With Your Spirituality

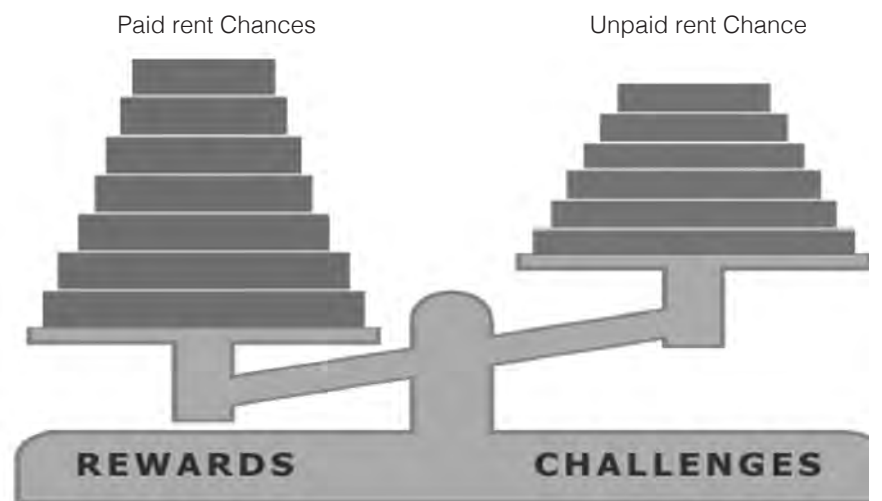
Some suicide attempt survivors find comfort in spirituality. Spirituality can mean different things to different people, and for some it can provide a feeling of being connected to something larger than themselves. Some may experience this by attending churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship. Others discover deeper meanings in nature, philosophy, or music. Would getting in touch with your spirituality bring you comfort and peace? Only you can answer that, but it does help some people.

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

Winnebago Housing & Development Commission

WHDC Staff is having a raffle at the end of the year for tenants who pay rent monthly, Pass Inspections & no lease Violations. Every tenant will receive a ticket on a monthly basis when they pay rent. The tickets will be placed in a secure water jug and three tickets will be drawn at our annual winter gathering. Please don't forget to put your name and number on your ticket or keep it updated at our office.

1 TICKET PER MONTH PAID IN FULL



If you need any assistance with your yearly budget, please contact
 Rena Brownrigg 402-922-1145
 Rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com

To: ALL Creditors of James Louis LaRose Case #: CV24-035

You are hereby notified that Anita LaRose has been appointed as Personal Representative for the Estate of James Louis LaRose, who died on November 7th, 2023. Pursuant to Winnebago tribal Code § 14-115, you have ninety (90) days from the date of this Notice to file a claim against the Estate of the Decedent with the Winnebago Tribal Court or be forever barred from exercising that claim.

Dated this 12th day of February 2024
 Signed: Anita LaRose,
 Personal Representative

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV24-072

In the Matter of the
 Guardianship Petition of:
 Jacobie Grant
 In Re:
 O.L. (Born 09/2010)

TO: ORLANDO LASLEY 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. CV24-071 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11TH day of March, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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 Theresa Littlegeorge.....Member
 Eugene DeCora.....Member



TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID - MONTHLY MEETING January 24, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan – *out 3:20 p.m.*
Isaac Smith – On PTO
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory – *in 1:12 p.m., out 3:05 p.m.*
Aric Armell
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Esther Mercer
Gordon Rave
Kellie Snow
Desiree Kitcheyan
Kathy LaRose
Elizabeth Johnson
Ely Painter
James Sun III
Brian Chamberlain

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 1:09 p.m.

PRAYER: Eugene DeCora

AGENDA:

Add: Under New Business #4 Blood Quantum Correction, #5 Tribal Enrollment
Add: Under Tribal Council Items #1 Land Buy Back, #2 Roberts Rules Training
Add 3 under Executive Session: EJ, BKC, KLR,

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 2, 2024 Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 10, 2024 Physical Resources Report Meeting Minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 15, 2024 Sp. TC. Meeting Emergency Response. Coly Brown seconded.

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

KM – in 1:12 p.m.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 18, 2024 General Counsel Meeting Minutes. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

Eugene asked if this Motion On Tribal Holidays can include “retroactive to December 22, 2023”. CB and TL agreed to the revision in their Motion.

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

RATIFY THE FIVE SIGNATURE:

Eugene DeCora motioned to Ratify the Five Signature approving the 11-7-23 Tribal Council verbal decision to cover the cost of \$4,705.00 for a cedar coffin for the late James Louis LaRose. Aric Armell seconded.

ABSTAIN: Kenneth Mallory
VOTE: (6) yes, LD, RS, ED, CB, AA, TL (0) no (1) abstain, KM Motion carried.

Eugene DeCora motioned to Ratify the Five Signature approving \$44,845.00 for the Thompson Group for repairs to the HVAC unit attached to the water treatment plant at WinnaVegas Casino. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

KM – out

Aric Armell motioned to Ratify the Five Signature approving \$333.00 to NPPD for a tribal member senior electric/heating bill. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

KM – back

Aric Armell motioned to approve the UNMC Indigenous Bench with the Full Tribal Name in Ho-Chunk and English. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve Tribal Council travel to attend the Winnebago Land Transfer Act Senate Hearing February 8, 2024 and other meetings in Washington, DC. Approve hotel coverage over the weekend and for Tribal Council to attend the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session 2024 in Washington, DC the February 11, 2024 – February 15, 2024. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to advertise for the 2024 Annual Homecoming Pow-Wow Committee and the Committee will get a stipend of \$1,200.00.

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

Enrollment

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution # 24-83 approving the blood quantum correction of #383-UO2709 and #383-UO7969, #383-UO8083, #383-UO7813, #383-UO7987, #383-UO7983, #383-UO 8466, and #383-UO8499. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-84 approving the enrollment into

the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska: A4264, A4265, A4335, A4354, A4355, A4384, A4385, A4386, A4400, A4406. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to support Chairwoman Kitcheyan travel to Washington, DC to testify on the Land Buy Back Program 1-29-24 & 1-30-24 on behalf of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Roberts Rules of Order Training
Aric Armell motioned to select the Native American Consulting for the Tribal Council training on Roberts Rules of Order. Training cost will come out the Tribal Council Training Budget. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 2pm.
KM- out at 3:05 p.m.

VK – out at 3:20 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.
Lorelei DeCora, Tribal Council Secretary assumes Chairing the Meeting.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve Chairwoman Kitcheyan’s Letter to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to refer BKC’s request to be sent to the General Counsel for revision and paid for by Communications legal account. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora, Tribal Council Secretary adjourns the Meeting at 3:39 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Tribal Council Secretary*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING WILD LIFE & PARKS January 24, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – *On PTO*
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell

OTHERS:

Esther Mercer
James Price Sr.
Trey Blackhawk
Kenny LaPointe
Sean Bear
D.C. McCauley
Ireta Frazier
Cecelia Earth
Desiree Kitcheyan
Danelle Smith
Jasmine Lammers
Rebecca DeCora
Brian Chamberlain
Ben St. Cyr
Garan Coons
Christina Parker
Teresa Littlegeorge
Pete Snowball
Annabess Preston
Leslie Brownrigg
Tyresha Romero
John Snowball
Tom Teesdale
Averi LaPointe
Barbara Pretends Eagle

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:13 a.m.

PRAYER: Aric Armell

AGENDA:

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Land Bill Website Update
Discussion

Wild Life & Parks Director will work with the Physical Resources Director on positions needed and FY 2025 Budget. Wild Life & Parks Director is working with the WTN Webmaster, IT and Finance on the On-Line Market for licenses & permits.

WinnaVegas Security
Discussion

General Counsel reports the BIA Police Chief issues the Special Law Enforcement Commissions for tribal officers pursuant to the MOA between the Tribe and BIA OJS. We also need written documentation or the SLECs under BIA Law Enforcement. Chairwoman Kitcheyan will speak with him about this. BIA Chief of Police is back on duty in Winnebago as of 1-23-24.

5 minute break

Animal Control Code

Wild Life & Parks Director is comfortable with the revised Code language. The Wild Life & Parks Commission members still need to review the revised Code language. There is a question whether the Housing Development Commission and the Village of Winnebago will contribute funds for Animal Control.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn.
Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER’S REPORT January 26, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan – *On PTO*
Isaac Smith
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora
Aric Armell – *out 12:45 p.m.*
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

David Edwards
Beth Wevel
Ray Thomas
Tom Teesdale
Angel Derochie
Lance Morgan
Mike Means
Jasmine Lammers
Brandon Stout
Michele Mitchell
Eli Painter
James Sun III
Cecelia Earth
Thomas Snow
Kellie Snow
Desiree Kitcheyan
Annabess Preston
Garan Coons
Kiva Free
Karl Baker
Charlie Earth
Esther Mercer
Christian Rogers

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Isaac Smith Called the Meeting To Order at 9:09 a.m.

PRAYER: Coly Brown

AGENDA:

Add: Under Tribal Council Items, EPC, LB 1288, February 1, 2024 to the beginning of the Meeting.

GraybaR to the beginning of the Meeting.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the amended agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to authorize Tribal Council testimony & travel to Lincoln, NE February 1, 2024 for EPC LB 1288. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

GraybaR – presented by Brandon Stout

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve GraybaR for the first step, for the Internet Service Provider (ISP) from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) grant for \$558,290.66. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Winnebago Tribal CFO Report – Jasmine Lammers, CFO

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the November 2023 Financials presented by the CFO. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 2023 Financials presented by the CFO. Eugene DeCora

seconded.

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

WCHS Financials – presented by Beth Wevel & David Edwards

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the November 2023 WCHS Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 2023 WCHS Financial Report with a correction on 4219 of COVID Funds. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Gaming Commission – presented by Thomas Snow

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the November 2023 Gaming Commission Financial Report. With correction of the typo error 2017 at the top of the page. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the December 2023 Gaming Commission Financial Report. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Five minute break

War Horse – presented by Angel Derochie & Lance Morgan

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the War Horse November 2023 Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the War Horse December 2023 Financial Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Five minute break

LD - out

WinnaVegas Casino – presented by Mike Means & Tom Teesdale

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the November 2023 WinnaVegas Casino Financial Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

LD – back

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the December 2023 WinnaVegas Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the \$28,000.00 Friday Night Faceoff Slot Tournaments in January and February 2024. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

AA – out 12:45 p.m.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the Revisions to the Marketing, Administration and Housekeeping Job Descriptions, Manning Doc., and Org Chart. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the \$40,000.00 President’s Day Box Giveaway. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the Konami Game Purchase of 8 Games \$156,970.00. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Carpet Purchase @ \$443,946.00 from Curry Floors. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Marketing Department Revisions to the Job Descriptions, Manning Doc., and Org Chart. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Slot Department Revisions to the Job Descriptions, Manning Doc., and Org Chart. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Vice-Chairman Isaac Smith adjourned the Meeting at 1:02 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

By: Dorcee Cleveland DV/SA Culture Planner Advocate

Some teens are at greater risk than others. Female students experience higher rates of physical and sexual dating violence than male students. Students who identified as lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) or those who were unsure of their gender identity experienced higher rates of physical and sexual dating violence compared to students who identified as heterosexual.

1 in 12 high school students experienced physical dating violence and 1 in 12 high school students experienced sexual dating violence. Unhealthy abuse, or violent relationships can have short- and long-term negative effects, including severe consequences, on developing teens. Youth who are victims of teen dating violence are more likely to:

- Experience depression and anxiety symptoms.
- Engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using tobacco, drugs, and alcohol.
- Exhibit antisocial behaviors, like lying, theft, bullying or hitting.
- Think about suicide.

Supporting healthy, nonviolent relationships could reduce TDV and prevent its harmful, long-lasting effects on individuals, families, and their communities. During the pre-teen and teen years, it is critical for youth to learn skills to create and maintain relationships, including managing feelings and communicating in a healthy way. Research also highlights the need for prevention efforts that address the uniqueness of teens who are at greater risk of experiencing teen dating violence.

I will be collaborating with the Boys and Girls club trying to set up a presentation on the subject at the end of the month in February and getting information for the teens of Winnebago and their families. If you are in need now, please call our office at 844-823-6240 from 8am to 4:30 or our Hot line number 402-922-3850. After hours.

Congratulations to Aaron LaPointe!



NCAIED – National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development – has awarded Aaron, an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, their prestigious 40 Under 40 Award.

Aaron lives in Winnebago and works as Senior Director of Business Operations for Ho-Chunk, Inc. – leading a portfolio of companies.

WCHS’s Behavioral Health Receives Donation from Tribal Tea



Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System’s Behavioral Health is pleased to announce they’ve received a donation from Tribal Tea, a company committed to supporting the health and well-being of Indigenous communities. This generous contribution is designated to bolster mental health services and further enrich the overall health of the Winnebago community.

Tribal Tea’s donation is a testament to their dedication to supporting initiatives that directly impact the well-being of communities like Winnebago. The funds provided by Tribal Tea will be earmarked for expanding and enhancing mental health services offered by WCHS, aiming to address the evolving mental health needs within the Winnebago community.

“We are deeply grateful to Tribal Tea for their commitment to the health and vitality of the Winnebago community,” said Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer at WCHS. “This was an unexpected, pleasant surprise. We know that there is more work that can always be done, and we will make sure that we use this funding to help support that work to move the needle on those Indigenous social determinates of health that impact our people’s health. This donation will play a pivotal role in fortifying our mental health services, ensuring that our community members have access to compassionate and culturally sensitive care. We believe that mental health is an integral component of overall well-being, and this support will enable us to make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.”

Tribal Tea’s collaboration with WCHS aligns with their shared values of community empowerment and cultural preservation. The investment in mental health services within WCHS will be utilized to expand mental health programs, implement educational initiatives, and offer specialized resources to address the unique needs of the Winnebago community.

Winnebago Tribe Expands Air Monitoring Efforts to Safeguard Community Health

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is actively working to improve its air monitoring capabilities to protect the air quality within our community. With the support of the Clean Air Act and funding from the American Rescue Plan, the Tribe is expanding its resources to monitor and comprehend the conditions in our airshed.

One key initiative is the monitoring of local mercury levels. Recognizing the toxic nature of mercury and its harmful impact on living organisms, including us humans, the Tribe has joined the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) and the Mercury Deposition Network (MDN). These programs play a vital role in collecting data on mercury deposition from across the United States.

Since September 2022, Winnebago has been an active participant in the mercury deposition network. Under this program, weekly samples are collected and subjected to a mass spectroscopy analysis to determine the levels of mercury (Hg) present in our rain and snowfall.

Mercury, a hazardous heavy metal, poses significant health risks as it accumulates in the environment. The contamination of ecosystems and aquatic life can result in elevated mercury levels within the food chain as larger organisms consume smaller ones.

Mercury enters the atmosphere both by human activities and naturally. In nature mercury emissions happen through volcanic eruptions and forest fires. Human activities, such as burning fossil fuels and waste incineration (such as municipal trash, medical waste, tires, and batteries), also contribute to atmospheric mercury levels. These global activities, including heavy industrial activity, economic growth, and warfare, have an impact on mercury levels in the atmosphere.

To address these concerns, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented various programs and regulations aimed at reducing mercury emissions from industrial sources, power plants, and other sectors. These efforts include the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) for power plants and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR).

Through our partnership with the NADP, the Winnebago Tribe has compiled and analyzed monitoring data to raise community awareness about the air quality situation. By actively monitoring and understanding the levels of mercury deposition, we are taking crucial steps to safeguard the health and well-being of our community.

For more information on our air quality initiatives and updates on the monitoring data, please visit our website: [<https://winnebagoTribe.com/air-quality/>]. Together, we can work towards a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

Kurt Lyons, EPD-Air Quality

WCHS Receives CMS Certification Number

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is celebrating a huge milestone in their organizations progress - they have officially received their CMS Certification Number.

A CMS Certification Number comes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. They are a federal agency that runs the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs. State Survey Agencies conduct initial surveys and periodic resurveys, including complaint surveys, to determine if healthcare providers and suppliers meet the necessary standards for participating in Medicare and/or Medicaid programs. These surveys evaluate the quality of care provided and ensure compliance with regulations found in the 42 Code of Federal Regulations. They also assess efforts to prevent environmental hazards and confirm that responsible personnel are effectively protecting health and safety.

“We have done so much preparation over the last 5 years to be ready for the moment for this actually happened. And when the time finally came for the

surveyors to come in April, we were ready,” states WCHS CEO David Edwards. “I’m so proud of this team. They have done so much work – even before I was ever here. It is really something to celebrate.”

What a CMS Certification means for WCHS, is that they can now receive funding from these government programs, furthering their progress in creating a safe place for the Winnebago Tribe and surrounding areas to access quality healthcare. It also means that they adhere to the federal standards that every hospital should follow, assuring the community that they can have confidence in the care they will receive.

“There is a fire lit underneath the WCHS team,” says Jim Rixner, WCHS Board Chairman. “It is obvious that their relentless efforts to grow and prove the past wrong will only continue to pay off. This organization has taken charge of healthcare in Winnebago, something the community has deserved for a long time. This is a huge step for building trust in the future of WCHS.”



HAKWE

Question of the Issue:

What is the Best Rez Valentine's Day Pick Up Line?

Garan: Are we related?

Brian: Shhht! 'mere (with lips and head nod)

Tyler: Come pick me up den!

Kevin: Would you like a shot?

Christina: I get per-cap.

Bethani: Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only 10 I see!

Food Review:

"The Definition of Yummy"

By: Kevin Ebert

Photos by: Kevin Ebert

Hey, you all, I wanted to give you my thoughts on a restaurant I went to the other day. My son and I were going on a Sunday cruise in the city. We were driving down the Ave in South Sioux City talking about where to go eat, when this restaurant about jumped out at us. It was called Yummy House and let me tell you it is the true definition of yummy.

[After arrival and being seated] I went for a little walk inside the restaurant and scoped the place out. It was clean and looked nice. Everything looked brand new and was filled with stainless steel appliances. Our server knew the menu and she was helpful with what we had to order.

My son, aka Bubby, orders the Yakisoba Noodles. It is a Japanese stir fry noodle dish cooked with mushrooms, cabbage, onions, carrots, bean sprouts and chicken. It really was good. You know I had to take that Dad Tax and try some of what I was buying. It was a little sweet to me, but not too much. I am not used to Japanese food being sweet. The whole dish was cooked to perfection as Bubby tore it up.

In my opinion, it is a must try if you like noodles.

Myself, I tried Yaki Udon. It is a Japanese Udon noodle dish cooked with eggs, carrots, bean sprouts mushrooms, and green onions. It is a larger entree than just noodles. But it is cooked fresh, and you can tell. It was the first time I had Udon noodles, so I was not sure what to expect. I was surprised how good it was, and filling. The noodles were fat and thick and filled with flavor.

I talked with the owner's wife, and she told me her husband was the head chef and had worked in many restaurants in his day. According to her, he designed the menu. The next time I go back I want to try their Pho. I saw most of the customers were eating Pho after we ordered, and it looked good.

Overall, our experience at Yummy House was a good one. On the Hakewe Haazzatt scale we are giving 3 ½ out of 5. We definitely will return for more yummy goodness.

Yummy House

1905 Dakota Avenue

South Sioux City, NE, 68776

(402) 241-5252



IT'S HAKWE! HAAZZATT!

By Brian Chamberlain

The Winnebago Indian News is excited to introduce "HAKWE"!

The exclusive content to be featured on our Page 6 will be the new location for all things related to society created by and grown by our people. The Winnebago people's diversity is certainly one of our many strengths. Hakewe (pronounced Haw kay way) is designed to help capture the vitality of our people, and share it with one another, helping to answer the rhetorical question, what does it mean to be a part of the Winnebago community and society?

Among limitless possibilities, Hakewe will feature reviews of music, books, movies, and events of all kinds. The perspectives offered will be tribal voices telling their points of view on the myriad of mediums out there. We will also have food reviews of all sorts, eclectic experiences like powwow and concerts described through tribal eyes, and unique stories told from tribal minds and memories.

Looking at life through the lens unique to us is one way we can ensure the strengths of our people endure. As part of our reporting, where applicable, these experiences we will also employ the new rating system called: Haazzatt! [pronounced: hawz zatt] With the greatest, the most-best reviews, receiving all 5 Haazzatts, and those not-so-great fairing as low as zero Haazs. Using our one-of-a-kind review system, we hope to keep you interested and informed on what is moving our people and what needs your attention.

Hakewe and Haazzatt are timeless. Surely some of the latest items shall debut with reviews coming as often as possible. Yet, we will also delve deep into what already exists, because sometimes things need another look, or perhaps absence has kept someone from knowing about a really good thing. No matter what the time, place, or reason, Hakewe is your source for the buzz with our people as we live our lives.

Hakewe began in the previous issue, and you can find all this content only on page six of the Winnebago Indian News. Welcome!

EDITOR'S MOVIE REVIEW:

GRISELDA – Godmother & Queen Pin

(By Brian Chamberlain)

A hot new release via Netflix has been garnering significant buzz in the entertainment world. Simply titled, "Griselda," the well-known streaming platform has another hit on its hands. Debuting around the globe at the number one spot in 89 countries following its January 25th release, this generously adapted retelling follows the real-life history of Griselda Blanco – infamous drug cartel leader of the 1970s and 80s. A 6-part mini-series that packs a wallop, holds its audience captive from beginning to end.

Griselda, (Unrated [Rated R]) loosely follows the rise and fall of the eponymous storyline anti-heroine taking the viewer into the depths of life inside one of the most torrential underworld stories ever told. Violence abounds within each segment, but do not expect the ferocity in the life of the crime boss to be the only focus here. The story is rich with nomination worthy performances in the cast of characters that shines in every role.

Directed by fellow Colombian Andres Baiz (Satanas/The Hidden Face/Narcos) and spoken nearly all in Spanish, the story created truly draws the best from each member of the well-chosen cast. Starring in the lead role, Colombian-born star Sofia Vergara (Modern Family/Machete Kills/AGT) also produced the mini-series along with Eric Newman. Vergara as the main character never fades into the background; quite to the contrary. Baiz's grip on the story is masterful, developing not only the growing madness within Vergara's character portrayal, but also the defining characteristics within each actor of this ensemble cast.

Vergara taking on this rare dramatic lead, gives an award caliber effort throughout. From the onset, her command of the screen is undeniable and raw. Truly visceral, captivating, her ability to embody one of the world's most notorious figures shows her incredible range; a side of her acting potential never before seen. Vergara's ascent from placated and exploited wife to sky-rocketing drug lord, I would not be surprised in the least to see her name atop acting awards lists next year.

The supporting cast is just as dynamic. Alberto Guerra (Narcos: Mexico/Vale todo/Crime Diaries: The Candidate) shines as Dario, Griselda's enemy, turned bodyguard, turned third husband. The chemistry between the pair is palpable. Martin Rodriguez as Rivi adds even more power to the powder keg waiting to explode. His character gives the most surprising twists and turns while the light fades in Griselda's shadowy underworld.

The entire cast is stellar from top to bottom. Each character gives the story a richness and depth that creates times in the story where you are almost rooting for the bloody queen of cocaine, while watching the world she lives in fall down around her. Intelligent, smart, sexy, desperate, and even lucky, Griselda's life made for one incredible spree of Netflix entertainment.

The binge worthy hours I spent watching Griselda were very well spent. I heard good things prior to viewing it and was not disappointed. Feeling engrossed by the mini-series, I could not stop watching. It is rare that any video story captures the page ripping feeling of an excellent book, but Griselda as directed by Baiz does just that. Noteworthy costume design all throughout and a well-used production design budget takes us back to this era with incredible accuracy. A well-appointed soundtrack also accompanies the mini-series. On our Haazzatt rating for this Netflix thriller: 4 of 5. Incredible story telling.

Movie Title: *Griselda* (Netflix)

Starring: *Sofia Vergara/Alberto Guerra/Martin Rodriguez/Juliana Martinez/Vanessa Ferlito/Christian Tappan*

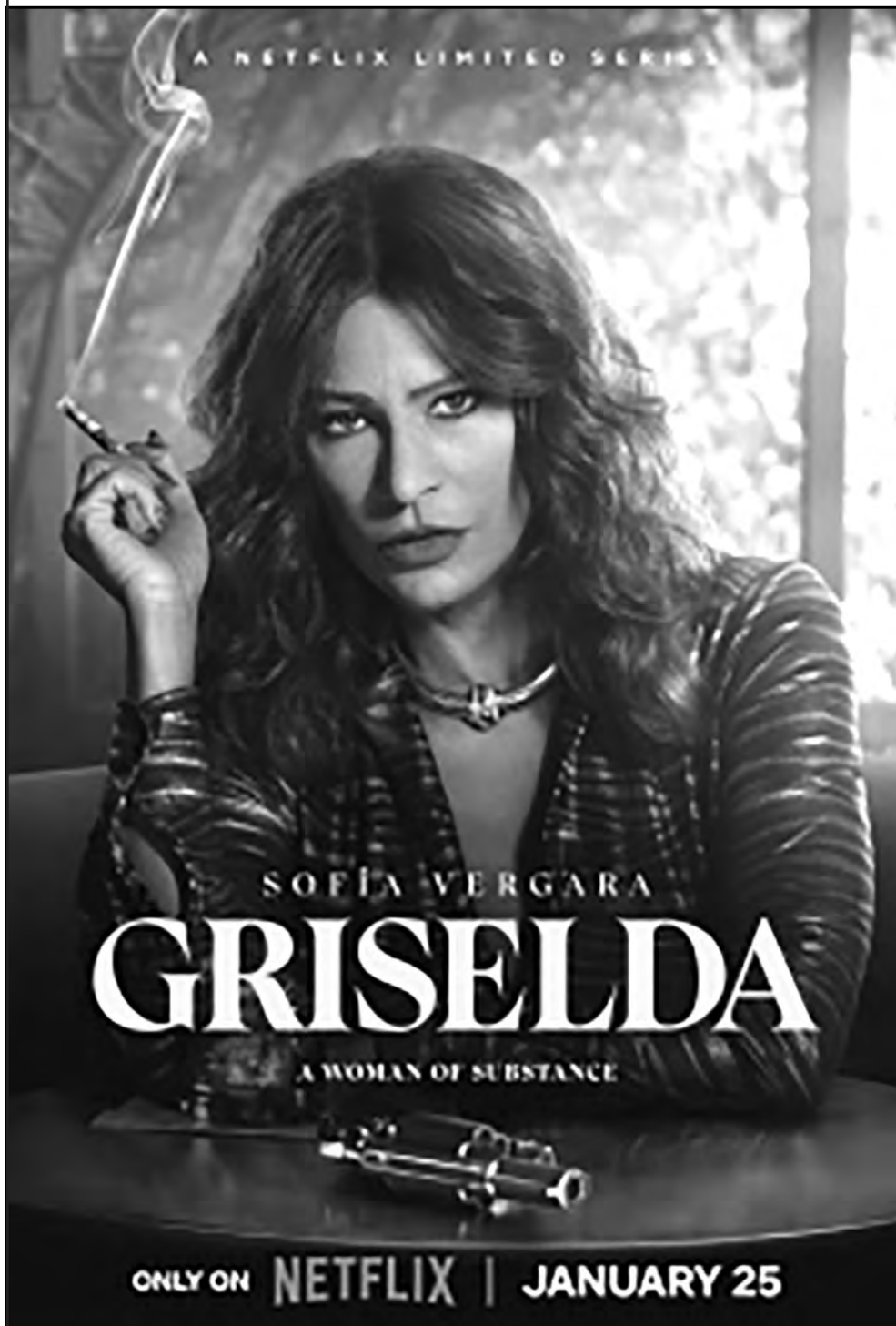
Produced by: *Eric Newman/Sofia Vergara/Andres Baiz/Luis Balaguer/Carlo Bernard/Ingris Escajeda/Doug Miro*

Production Co: *Latin World Entertainment/ Willfully Obtuse/Grand Electric*

Written by: *Doug Miro / Ingrid Escajeda*

Directed by: *Andres Baiz*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



An award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world. Screenagers reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

Feb. Tues. 27th 12-1pm over Zoom to register, email:
donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com

LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

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

- Admissions Coordinator
- Community Education Coordinator
- Director of Security/Housing/Maintenance
- Library Coordinator
- Maintenance and Security Assistant
- Project Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Adjunct – Early Childhood Education
- Student Interns
- Tutors
- Extension and Equity Student Intern

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



Notice of Holiday Closure

Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System will be closed on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024
 In observance of Memorial Day



HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY

The Inpatient and Emergency Departments will remain open at all times.

We will reopen for business on **Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.**



Is seeking contract work for the following:

- Hochunk Language consultant: 2 hours a day Monday-Friday to provide language assistance to classroom staff. Must be knowledgeable of the Hochunk Language.
- 1-2 community members to assist in the development of a curriculum outline to implement the Hochunk Language at Educare Winnebago. Must be knowledgeable of the Hochunk Language and familiar with curriculum development.
- 1 Hochunk Language speaker to pronounce words for an upcoming assessment developed with Cognitive Toy box, an online assessment tools used at Educare Winnebago. They are currently working to build an assessment around the Hochunk Language.

Please call Amy LaPointe Houghton at Educare Winnebago 402-878-4370 ext. 1701 for details if interested or email at amy.lapointe@winnebagotribe.com.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska FOOD DISTRIBUTION "IN THE KNOW"

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:
FEBRUARY 1ST - CERTIFICATIONS ONLY
FEBRUARY 28TH - CLOSED/HOLIDAY
FEBRUARY 29TH - LAST DISTRIBUTION DAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY ARE NUTRITION EDUCATION DAYS!
COME SEE AND TRY OUT DIFFERENT NUTRITIOUS MEALS. RECIPES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

NUTRITION DAYS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DISTRIBUTE - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9AM TO 3:30PM
CERTIFICATIONS - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8AM TO 4:25PM
 DAYS/HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DELIVERIES ARE AVAILABLE TO ELDERS AND THOSE W/O TRANSPORTATION

GIVE US A CALL - (833)568-5989
 EMAIL US - FOOD@WINNEBAGOTRIBE.COM



February 2024

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CERTIFICATIONS CLOSED BIG TRUCK PRODUCE

COMMUNITY

WCHS Hosts Community Blood Drive

Winnebago, NE – Last week on Tuesday January 30th, the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System hosted a community blood drive, aimed at bolstering the local blood supply and save lives. The donors who generously contributed to this cause underscore the Winnebago community's unwavering commitment to health, and healthcare.

This regular blood drive initiative allows individuals to donate blood voluntarily, which is then used to help patients in need of transfusions due to medical emergencies, surgeries, or chronic conditions. By participating in blood drives, donors play a vital role in ensuring an adequate local blood supply ultimately saving countless lives.

Health Promotion Educational Director, Felicia Masquat, emphasized the significance of hosting blood drives in communities like Winnebago. She stated, "Blood drives are essential for maintaining a steady supply of blood for patients in need. The support we've seen from our community highlights the compassion and solidarity that defines Winnebago. Together, we can make a profound impact

on healthcare outcomes." Felicia would like to extend a thank you to LifeServe, for working closely with WCHS to make this drive a reality for the community.

WCHS noted several acts of kindness. They managed three appointments, eight registered donors, and had seven eligible donors come forward. They welcomed two first-time donors and collected nine units of vital donations. These efforts may have potentially saved or sustained up to 28 lives. Additionally, they celebrated Hayley Hallstrom's induction into the esteemed 10 Galloner Club, acknowledging her commitment to donating blood. Each contribution, no matter how small, plays a vital role in improving the lives of others.

Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer at WCHS, expressed her admiration for the community's dedication to healthcare, saying, "I am deeply impressed by the commitment our community has shown to healthcare through their participation in the blood drive. This event exemplifies the spirit of unity and compassion that defines Winnebago, and I am immensely proud of our collective efforts to make a difference in the lives of others."

C.S.F.P

Commodity Supplemental Food Program



Eating Healthy for 60 and Older

Income Based Food Program for Seniors 60 years and older. Food Packages consist of Extra Food Staples to supplement your monthly food supply.

- Qualifications based on Income
- May be client of Food Distribution & SNAP

If you earn less than the following, you qualify for CSFP:

Household Size	1	2	3
Monthly Income	\$1,632	\$2,215	\$2,798

SERVING THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:
 THURSTON
 DAKOTA
 DIXON
 WOODBURY

To Sign-Up or for more details, contact the Winnebago Food Distribution @ (833)568-5989

ASK ABOUT "C.S.F.P."



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WAGES

NO DEGREE: STARTING AT 63K+
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W/ BACHELOR'S: STARTING AT 80K+

YEARLY STEP / PAY INCREASES UP TO MASTER PAY AT 101K+
(MASTER AT: NO DEGREE, 8 YRS. ASSOCIATE'S, 6 YRS. BACHELOR'S, 3 YRS.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS, HIRING TIMELINE, AND QUALIFICATIONS VISIT SIOUXCITYPOLICE.COM/CAREERS

Talking Circle for adults over 18 years old



Join us for a sacred space. Tues. Feb. 21st at 5:30pm at YCIC.



A traditional, respectful sharing circle.

The Talking Circle is a safe space to share thoughts and emotions through sharing.

Soup and frybread provided.

The Circle is a time-honored tradition that encourages deep listening and heartfelt communication. No daycare provided.

To RSVP email:
charles.hindsley@winnebagotribe.com

Every 40 seconds, someone loses their life to suicide.

SuicideTALK training over Zoom Monday Feb. 19th, 12-1pm To register, email: donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com



Ask.



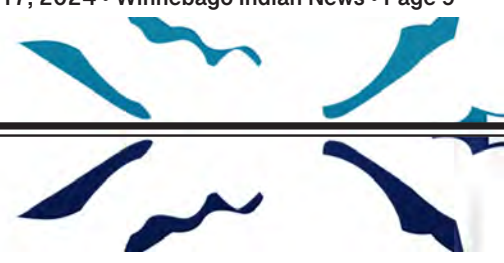
Listen.



Encourage them to seek help.

An exploration of suicide taboos & stigmas





LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW



LAST BEAR MOON
Winter Celebration
POWWOW
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024
WINNAVEGAS EVENT CENTER • SLOAN, IOWA

HEAD STAFF

HOST DRUMS:

HAY-LUSH-KA • HU-JOP
 GREYWOLF • NEW BREED

INVITED DRUM:

THE DESCENDANTS, NEW TOWN, ND

MC:

CRAIG "TUNNY" CLEVELAND JR.,
 WINNEBAGO, NE

ARENA DIRECTOR:

PETE SNOWBALL
 WINNEBAGO, NE

HEAD DANCE JUDGE:

AMY PAINTER
 WINNEBAGO, NE

HEAD SINGING JUDGE:

JOHN "JOHNNY MO" MORRIS
 THURSTON, NE

HEADMAN DANCER AND HEAD LADY DANCER

*SELECTED DAILY

LIVE STREAM

CORRESPONDENTS

GARAN COONS • ALLISON LEVERING
 WINNEBAGO, NE • LAWRENCE, KS

DANCE & SINGING CONTEST INFORMATION

*** 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM GRAND ENTRIES • POINTS START AT 12:00 PM

SINGING CONTEST (VISITING DRUMS ONLY)

1ST \$3,000 • 2ND \$2,000 • 3RD \$1,000

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55 +)

MEN'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY

WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55 +)

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL • JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL

ADULT CATEGORIES (18-54)

MEN'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY • WOODLAND
 SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL • SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL

JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL • WOODLAND SCRUB

1ST \$600 • 2ND \$400 • 3RD \$300 • 4TH \$200

TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)

TEEN BOY'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY • WOODLAND

TEEN GIRL'S TRADITIONAL • JINGLE

FANCY SHAWL • WOODLAND SCRUB

1ST \$200 • 2ND \$125 • 3RD \$75

JUNIOR CATEGORIES (6-12)

JUNIOR BOYS & JUNIOR GIRLS WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY

TINY TOTS (0-5) WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY

DANCER AND DRUM GROUP REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY

>> SPOTLIGHT DANCE SPECIAL <<

MEN'S WOODLAND (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)

WOMEN'S WOODLAND SCRUB (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)

General Information

ADMISSION: FREE

WINNEBAGO ARTS & CRAFTS

VENDORS ONLY Due to limited space

Vendor Contact Melanie Parker:

mparker@hochunkinc.com

No Food Vendors • No Raffles

The Kąsu Café and Event Center

Concessions will be open for food options.

No drugs or alcohol allowed in event center • Not liable for accidents and/or stolen property • No pets
 Winnevegass reserves right to change or modify this event



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