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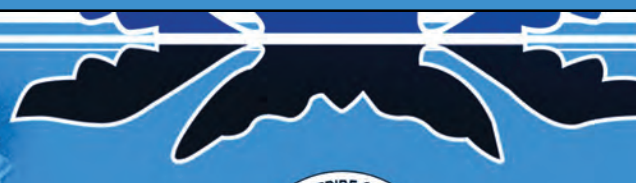
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IN HONOR OF
Neola Walker

Our featured tribal member on this issue of the WIN is Mr. Warner Earth / Cō ra gu [Coming of the Green] (1935-2018). Known throughout Indian Country for his fervent dedication to the Native American Church, Warner lived his life as a prayerful waksik helping sustain all beliefs. Sharing his life through teaching his convictions and being a spiritual leader of the community, Warner made an indelible impression on generations. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Warner led a life of service to our people. A pillar among all who shared in faith. His prayer filled legacy lives on. Our gratitude to his daughter for her kind permission in sharing his images here.

WTN HOSTS ENROLLMENT FORUM



Tribal Member, Emily Smith, addresses the Tribal Council during the tribal enrollment listening session.

By: Brian Chamberlain
Photos by: Brian Chamberlain

[Winnebago, NE] On the evening of Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, inside the Whirling Thunder Wellness Gymnasium, the Winnebago Tribal Council held a first of its kind listening session to hear directly from our tribal membership regarding pending changes to our Enrollment code. The changes that are being contemplated surround the issue of whether the next generations of tribal members can even become enrolled due to a number of factors. This listening session was a 'tribal members only' forum but held onto perspectives from many who

find themselves outside that definition.

A historical description of how we arrived in this place in relation to our enrollment criteria was provided to the membership by WTN General Counsel, Danelle Smith. Smith stood before those in attendance and online using the timeline of previous decision making to describe what the membership faces as it created an enrollment status for all those seeking to belong to the tribe. "Previous leadership felt it was necessary to provide a remedy to the dilemma faced by some as they try to enroll their children and grandchildren." Smith stated during her informative Power Point presentation.

Following the visual provided by General Counsel, the floor was opened to the membership to provide feedback, or to pose questions. With more than 125 people in attendance in person as well as online a 3-minute time limit was imposed, but most did not need that allowance. Questions came from all directions regarding a wide range of topics. From the basic, "what is a Secretarial Election?" to the personalized, "how will my grandchildren be enrolled?" The question pool varied greatly. Other perspectives also came in that ques-

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BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



The 12th Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza took place at the Land of Wellness on March 29th. Family-friendly activities included a petting zoo, door prizes, exotic animals, pony rides and the 14k plus egg hunt. Thank-you Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System for continuing this community event for families to enjoy! (Pictures courtesy of Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System)

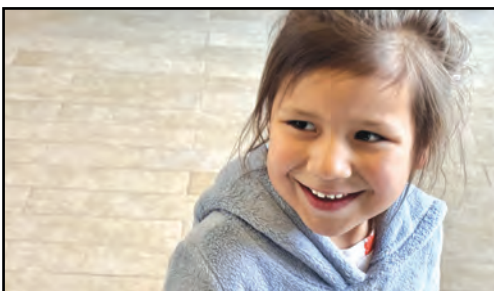


The Winnebago Public School is in the process of having a Multipurpose facility built. The building is located adjacent to the bus barn (top left on the hill). Ho-Chunk Inc predicts that the project to be completed in early October 2024. The multipurpose facility will consist of conference rooms, classrooms and areas for events/activities. More space overall.



The Little Priest Tribal College began construction on their \$6 million dollar science building in September 2023. Since then, the three-story stairwell/elevator shaft has had significant progress. The Science Building is predicted to be completed by Spring 2025. At 13k square feet this building will house 3 classrooms, 2 additional labs and a new student services center. Please exercise caution when driving through the East Beck Street entrance of campus as heavy machinery is moving. (pictures by TS)

Educare Winnebago Celebrates 10 Years



By: Brian Chamberlain
Photos by: Brian Chamberlain

[Winnebago, NE] On Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, at the campus of Educare Winnebago, the facility celebrated its 10-year anniversary here. Holding a small ceremony inside the main vestibule, their administration greeted parents and guests marking the happy occasion. Attendees were treated to light refreshments including a variety of cupcakes. The students of Educare were also able to participate in the ceremonies as their parents retrieved them throughout the day. "This place encompasses the future of our people" said Tribal Chairwoman Victoria

Kitcheyan who attended the event and briefly addressed the crowd. Her words continued to not only congratulate the facility for reaching an important milestone, but to also underscore the need to provide an even greater level of outreach to the tribal membership and our youth.

Former Tribal Chairman, John Blackhawk, was also in attendance. Blackhawk opened the ceremony with his blessings of congratulations, and he provided a historical context to the operation. "We didn't know if this would succeed. But you did the work and here it is. It is working." he continued. Blackhawk went on to describe one fundamental value behind the Educare effort – creating lifelong learners. This belief is imparted from the years of foundational work performed in collaboration with the Winnebago Tribe and Dr. Leona Zastrow, who worked alongside our people for years long before Educare came to life. "Your work isn't done." Blackhawk stated. The message was well received and understood.

Educare Winnebago opened its doors in March of 2014. Behind a planning effort that took years, the facility came to life combining several different funding sources, generous

donations from across the country, and the political will power of our leadership to create a higher standard of learning for our future generations.

Educare leadership expressed their gratitude for the support of the tribe throughout its tenure thus far. Director Amy LaPointe went on to also acknowledge the guidance received from those who spoke and from those who worked on the project who are no longer with us. "We understand what it took to make this a reality, and we know that we still have work to do." LaPointe remarked.

The first of its kind operation here in Winnebago has made national waves during its first decade of operation. Following Nebraska's redistricting for Congressional delegations, Rep. Adrian Smith (R) [Gering, NE] visited Educare Winnebago specifically during his introductory tour of our reservation. Aware of Educare Winnebago and its groundbreaking presence, Smith remarked on the effectiveness of the operation, including its overall importance toward the future success of the tribe and our people.

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COMMUNITY

Front page story: WTN HOSTS ENROLLMENT FORUM continued...

tioned, how do we stop or better control 'rez shopping'? A term which means those seeking enrollment based on the best financial arrangement options available to them. There were also questions regarding the enrollment of people who live among us but cannot meet the current blood quantum requirements despite being born and raised on our reservation by enrolled ancestors.

The current number of tribal members stands at 5703 (as of print date). This number alternates upward with the birth of new children eligible for enrollment outright, those who apply using the current legal allowance which utilizes the blood quantum(s) from other tribes, and of course the passing of those enrolled previously. Over time the number of those enrolled steadily grows, however.

Ultimately, what is being contemplated throughout this entire exercise is toward the (re)definition of "who are we?" The current use of pedigree has caused the intended outcome to finally arrive, which is to cause the mathematical elimination of ourselves due to the false premise that a one-quarter blood quantum is the bar that must be met. The fallacy is exposed when this equation is used as the only criteria upon which a person may gain enrollment. Therefore, this is the question that must be answered now, how will we determine for ourselves who is to be enrolled and under what set of criteria shall we maintain that standard?

With this first listening session our Tribal Council finally heard directly from our people, and they spoke loudly – as expected. One tribal member exclaimed, "If you want your children enrolled, you should have children with a [Winnebago] tribal member. Keep the blood lines strong!" Other comments made included sentiments of keeping the pedigree, while even more advocated for some form of lineal descent. "If your parent(s) were tribal members, you should be too," added yet another in attendance.

Defining who we are as a proud nation of Indigenous people is certainly no easy task.

"Ask a thousand tribal members this [question] and we'll get a thousand answers." said one tribal leader who spoke to the WIN following the close of the listening session. Each of the tribal council members who attended offered their perspectives toward the end of the night. Tribal Council Vice-Chairman, Isaac Smith, eloquently added to the discussion for the membership to remain true to our beliefs "every day." Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan summarized the entire evening by sharing her views as well as the challenge she faces individually to unlearn the belief that the pedigree must be maintained singularly. "I too must learn to let go of what we were given, but it will take time." she stated as she closed the gathering.

The event provided its purpose. The tribal membership was introduced to what we are facing as a people, and they were given the proposed set of options that are being considered. "I really enjoyed this tonight. I hope they do it again." said one tribal elder who sat and listened to the entire presentation. "I agree, but more people need to know what's going on." said another elder who commented and watched. Both declined to be identified. Whirling Thunder staff also provided a meal which began the night's activities in their typical fine style. Much gratitude was shared for those who created such goodness from the WTWC kitchen.

As of this print date, no further event is planned. However, much discussion regarding possible next steps was bantered about following the session's close. What is clear, our membership needs to be heard from even more.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story will have ongoing coverage throughout its evolution. What is clear from this initial forum is the need for greater education regarding the matter amongst our membership. Please visit our Facebook page Winnebago Indian-News for more information and discussion. As always, your involvement is crucial to the success of our tribe as it contemplates how best to move forward.

Front page story: Educare Winnebago Celebrates 10 years continued...

Congressman Smith, a former educator himself, felt passionately about the presence of early childhood educational opportunities and spoke about it during his visit.

The Winnebago Indian News also congratulates Educare Winnebago on its first decade of success. May you have many, many more to come.

You can find more about this story on our social media pages, including Facebook. We have asked about the first graduates of Educare and where they are today. Join the dialogue there.



L to R: Cassandra Horak, Michelle, Picotte, Tori Kitcheyan, Peggy LaRose, Alyssa Zediker, Trista Matthews, Kumiko Masquat, Amy LaPointe, Charisse Bass, and Brittney Stansberry



Tribal Chairwoman, Victoria Kitcheyan



Tribal Vice-Chairman, Isaac Smith



Tribal General Counsel, Danelle Smith



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WINNEBAGO SPRING CLEAN UP

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

CONTACT: (402)922-0442

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"The resurrection of the Son of God"

I would like you to STOP and to think 'what difference does the resurrection of the Son of God mean for you and for your family?'

Have you ever doubted or been skeptical of the bodily resurrection of Jesus? Have you ever thought: well that is a good story, but it is really foolish to believe such a fictional, man invented tale.

Over the past two thousand years, people have denied that Jesus, the Son of Creator God, rose from the dead one Sunday morning in the spring of the year. They reason that there is no way that he could do so! Maybe you are one who think this way.

Or maybe you are one who has been swept up in the trappings of 'Easter' - and you fail to teach your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews the reason for Easter.

Oh, the children have come to know and expect certain things to happen during the season of Easter. The children get to pet animals, ride ponies, collect Easter eggs, have one's picture taken with the Easter bunny, and if one is so blessed, to receive an Easter basket filled with all types of goodies!

What Easter has been transformed into is a time for children of all ages to search for the golden egg, or eggs filled with money

or prizes. All are 'blessed' to receive some candy or trinkets, while others are even more 'BLESSED \$\$\$'

The sad truth is that in reality these children end up missing out on the blessings from Creator God. When parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles fail to teach children about the resurrection of the Son of God then these children have nothing to live for but for the material things of this world. Children grow up to become material boys and material girls, always wanting more and more and enjoying life less and less.

Such children and adults live for the times of the year when gifts, presents, candy, prizes, jackpots, bonuses, payouts, and awards are received. The rest of the year is dull and boring in comparison.

However, if you would like to learn that there is more to life than to covet and yearn for being a winner in this world, then I would encourage you to crack open your Bible or to gather with the family of God at one of His houses and hear all about the resurrection of the Son of God and the blessings that he offers that are out of this world, figuratively and literally.

I close as I began, with this question: 'what difference does the resurrection of the Son of God mean for you and for your family?'

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-097AB
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Erich & Morgan Erdman
In Re:
J.V. (Born 05/2018)
H.V. (Born 01/2021)

TO: AUDREY VANDALL, MOTHER
ROBERT HENRY, 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. CV24-097AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of April, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-109ABCDE
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Lea Cleveland
In Re:
R.B.
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TO: ANGEL LYONS, MOTHER
RYAN BLACKHAWK, FATHER

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-095AB
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Mary Kearnes
In Re:
D.A. (Born 07/2017)
D.A. (Born 10/2018)

TO: LOIS WHITEWATER, MOTHER
MICHAEL ALDRICH, FATHER

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-094ABC
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Jalisa Horn
In Re:
J.S. (Born 11/2012)
E.S. (Born 03/2015)
N.T. (Born 01/2021)

TO: Shanelle Horn, MOTHER
James Saunsoci, FATHER
Reginald Galvin, FATHER

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-093

In the Matter of the
Divorce Petition of:
JANICE CROCKETT
vs
MANJARRA FATTY

To: MANJARRA FATTY

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-093 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29TH day of APRIL, 2024 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-096
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Richelle Kearnes
In Re:
D.A. (Born 07/2006)

TO: LOIS WHITEWATER, MOTHER
MICHAEL ALDRICH, 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. CV24-096 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of APRIL, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 44

What Are Suicidal People Like?

Generally, suicidal people are just like you and me. They have problems, we have problems. The difference between us is that, for the moment, we feel we can handle our problems and do not feel overwhelmed by them. The common purpose of suicide is to find a solution to a problem or, more typically, to many problems. To the sufferer, suicide has become the only solution.

If you, personally, have never been so distressed and hopeless as to consider ending your own life, it may be difficult to understand and feel empathy toward someone considering suicide. Still, we must make the effort. Because if we become as hopeless as the person we care about, we may become part of the solution. We must remain hopeful if we are to remain helpful. Hope, like hopelessness, is contagious.

As suicidal people approach the decision to die, they often withdraw and want to be left alone. They may become hypersensitive or pick quarrels and will often reject our efforts to make them feel better. As a result, people at risk of suicide are often a challenge to care for and get along with. Simple advice, like "Buck up, things will get better" or "Just pull yourself together," is seldom effective. And here's the reason: If they could have easily solved their problems, they would have already done so. But since they haven't, their frustration continues to feed their growing sense of hopelessness.

What Do Suicidal People Want?

Suicidal people generally want three things: (1) to end their suffering, (2) to escape from unendurable psychological pain, and (3) to gain more control over events and others.

Suffering

What is it, then, that suicidal people suffer from?

Typically, suicidal people are suffering from an overwhelming sense of helplessness and hopelessness - usually complicated by a clinical depression and often triggered by a

major loss. The loss may be real or imagined.

While in this mental and emotional state, clear thinking is difficult. The ability to reason and sort things out is impaired. "Tunnel vision" - a kind of narrowing down of creative thinking - restricts the suicidal person's ability to consider new and difficult solutions to the same old problems or how to deal with what seems an unacceptable loss.

Logic and reasoning may not convince the suicidal person that his or her problems are small and easily remedied - even when, from our perspective, they are. Insisting their problems are not worth dying for often causes suicidal people to feel even more useless, helpless and worthless, and they may become angry and withdraw even further.

Psychological Pain

The main thing to remember about suicidal people is that they are experiencing pain of a psychological nature, often felt as a wrenching, unremitting, physical and emotional pain that is worse than anything they have ever felt before. Wretchedness is a word that often describes this pain. Compared to this experience of endless, unendurable pain, death becomes more and more attractive.

Controlling Others

Sometimes threats and non-lethal attempts of suicide seem to be made to control the actions of others, especially if the other person is leaving the relationship. It's as if the suicidal person is saying, "I can't stand for you to leave me. If you do, I will die."

Only time, counseling and a careful understanding of the circumstances and situation can lead to an end to this kind of threat and to the problems that inspire such desperate cries for help. Being willing to die to control others is a powerful and desperate act. We must respond to it seriously.

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

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on April 27, 2024. DEADLINE for this issue will be April 23, 2024.



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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MARCH 22, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – out
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora – PTO
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Jasmine Lammers
Zeriah James
Josh Pitre
Esther Mercer
Leta Gorrin
Michelle Mitchell
Danelle Smith
Misty Jefferson
Kellie Snow
Lynelle Blackhawk
Thelma Whitewater
Kevin Ebert

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 1:03 p.m.

PRAYER: Was already offered in this morning's Meeting by Councilman Armell

AGENDA: Add: NPPD Sales Tax; BNSF Meeting; ATM Land Lease; U.S. Attorney Meeting; Census Director Meeting.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Federal Advocacy

Winnebago Land Transfer Act Update – by Josh Pitre and Danelle Smith S. 1149 Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) Senate Listening Session on Law Enforcement Issues on March 15, 2024

Update on General Counsel Conversation With John Burge, District One, BIA OJS. The Tribal Council should schedule an In-Person Meeting with District One, BIA OJS.

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Federal Funding for Tribal Project

Discussion on the Boys & Girls Building Construction Shortfall.

Aric Armell motioned to approve a Contract with Joy Johnson to submit an application to the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for Tribal Projects, for the Boys & Girls Club Building. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Federal Appropriations Committee – LPTC VIE Funding

Discussion

State Advocacy

State of Nebraska currently only funds non-Indian FTE students that attend Tribal Colleges. There is no State of Nebraska funding to Tribal Colleges.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to pursue Sate of Nebraska funding for Tribal Colleges in Nebraska. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

LB 1288 State recognition of Tribal EPC/Mental Health Commitment Orders

Bill is still moving forward in the process. LB 1262 Native American Voting Issues Study

Bill not out of Committee yet.

NE Class III Gaming Compact Negotiations

Discussion

Animal Control Code (tabled)

Thunder Way LLC/WHDC Agreement with NIFA Crown Program

Quarterly Meeting with the WHDC is April 5, 2024 at 9am.

Tribal Council Listening Session, RE: Tribal Enrollment

April 2, 2024 at 5pm in the BHCC for all Tribal Members

2:45 p.m. VK – out

Lorelei DeCora, Tribal Council Secretary assumes Chairing the Meeting

NPPD Sales Tax of the WTN – Discussion by Michelle Mitchell

Continued follow-up by the General Counsel

BNSF Railroad will attend the Physical Resources Meeting on April 8, 2024.

U.S. Attorney will attend the March 25, 2024 Meeting of the Fire Department and Law Enforcement Updates.

Upcoming U.S. Census Director meeting in Winnebago.

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

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (9) abstain

Motion carried.

In Executive Session at 3:06 p.m.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to come out of Executive Session. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Out of Executive Session at 3:38 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Secretary, Lorelei DeCora Adjourned the Meeting at 3:38 p.m.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 22, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – PTO, in 12:11pm, out-12:30pm
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora – PTO
Coly Brown
Aric Armell
Kenneth Mallory
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Tom Teesdale
Ray Thomas
Christian Rogers
Richard Lipprand
Mark Grant
David Edwards
Beth Wewel
Kevin Ebert
Lynelle Blackhawk
Mark Stout
Kellie Snow
Damon Payer
Garan Coons
Jasmine Lammers
Aaron LaPointe
Lance Morgan
Leta Gorrin
Kiva Harden-Free
Kristine Earth
Billie Kitcheyan

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:24 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Aric Armell

AGENDA: Add: PTO Cash Out Policy Revision

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

401 K Update – presented by Richard Lipprand. Gave a copy of the WTN Retirement Committee ByLaws to the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Lorelei DeCora asked Richard to forward the Retirement Committee Minutes from the past year for the Tribal Council.

WCHS – presented by Beth Wewel and David Edwards

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the WCHS January 2024 and February 2024 Financial Reports. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Winnebago Gaming Commission – presented by Damon Payer

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 2024 and February 2024 Winnebago Gaming Commission Financial Reports. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Five Minute Break

War Horse – presented by Aaron LaPointe and Lance Morgan

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 2024 and February 2024 War Horse Financial Reports. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Winnebago Laundromat Maintenance has been revamped.

WinnaVegas Casino Resort – presented by Mark Grant and Tom Teesdale.

Aric Armell motioned to approve Winnebago Veterans Association for the WinnaVegas Donations from the Slot Ticket Kiosk at WinnaVegas Casino. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Winnegas Financial Reports for January 2024 and February 2024. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

RS - out

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Request for Approvals in the March 19, 2024 Memorandum from Tom Teesdale, WinnaVegas General Manager:

Approve Revisions to the Facilities Department Job Descriptions, Manning Documents, and Organizational Chart. Addition of a Facilities Supervisor position.

Approval of the Capital Improvement Project to replace the roof of the Annex building. Requesting approval for the bid from NOHAVA Construction Company with a total estimate of \$89,256.00.

Approval of the Capital Improvement Project to replace the flooring in the heart-of-house areas of the Casino Facility, and the flooring in the Casino Gift Shop. Requesting approval for the bid from Curry Flooring Company with a total cost estimate of \$37,528.00.

Approve Revisions to the Human Resources Department Job Descriptions, Manning Documents, and Organizational Chart.

Revision: Position Name Change from Flex Floor Supervisor and Flex Floor Associate to Shared Services.

Approve Revisions to the Surveillance Department Job Description, Manning Documents, and Organizational Chart. Revision: Updating Department Job Responsibilities.

Approve April 2024 32nd Anniversary Hot Seat promotions on Friday, April 12th and Friday, April 19th. The promotional liability is estimated at \$29,400.00.

Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Winnebago Tribal CFO Report – presented by Jasmine Lammers, CFO

Lorelei DeCora motioned to move \$1,925,000.00 ARPA Funds from the construction set-aside for the Child Care Center Building to the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Building Project. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried.

RS – back in

IS – in at 12:11 p.m.

Credit Card Policy

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 1, 2024 revision of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Credit Card Policy. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Independent Contractors Policy

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Independent Contractors Policy as presented. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the PTO Cash Out Policy Revision. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the CFO January 2024 and February 2024 Financial Reports. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Construction Tax Agreement With the State of Nebraska STP-75-4(115). Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve \$400.00 to Mary Kelsey, Contractor and \$500.00 meal supplies for a total of \$900.00 for the Tribal Council Listening Session, RE: Tribal Enrollment on April 2, 2024 at 5pm in the Blackhawk Community Center. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Tribal Council sponsorship of the Employee Appreciation Meal out of Tribal Council Donations up to \$2,500.00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Tribal Council sponsorship of the Employee Appreciation Meal out of Tribal Council Donations up to \$2,500.00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the Treasurer's Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan Adjourned the Treasurer's Report at 12:30 p.m.

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agenda. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Fire Department Update – presented by Isaac Smith, Fire Chief

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve Tribal Housing to install fire escape mechanisms for every 2nd story window in all Tribal Housing Units and for Tribal Housing/Physical Resources to work with the General Counsel to revise the Policy and Code changes for fire escape mechanisms for every 2nd story window of all Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Housing Entities. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve Physical Resources to take all actions necessary to remove the volunteer fire department requirement of the Fuel Reduction Job Descriptions and grant requirements. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

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VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

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VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Break

Presentation by Lecia Wright, Assistant U.S. Attorney/Tribal Liaison and her team

Update on Federal Court Cases, October 2020 forward.

Discussion on Savannah's Act; MMIP position out of the U.S. Attorney's office, Grace Johnson; Victims Services out of the U.S. Attorney's office, Lorelei Ahjemeyer.

The next U.S. Attorney's update will be at the June 2024 Law Enforcement & Fire Department Update.

DS – out 11:02 a.m.

Break

Winnebago Law Enforcement – presented by BIA Chief of Police, Jason Lawrence

Discussion on Police personnel updates, Thurston County finally obtained a new DUNS number so we can start transporting for incarceration to Pender beginning 3/29/24.

The General Counsel has prepared a new Personnel Agreement and a new Deputization Agreement for the Winnebago Tribal Council to review and approve with the BIA Office of Justice Services, District One.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will be reaching out to Fred Davis and John Burge, BIA OJS regarding a Juvenile Detention Contract with Woodbury County.

Chief of Police Lawrence will be off from May 13, 2024 for six weeks. The District One, BIA OJS will appoint an Interim Chief of Police before May 13, 2024.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn. Eugene DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the Meeting at 12:19 p.m.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

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HAKWE

Question of the Issue:

What was your favorite fashion trend and how did you participate in it?

Garan: When I was in High School, FUBU was a big clothing company that would come out with some really cool gear. So, the process of going to the mall, trying to get the latest and newest designs before everyone else was the challenge. I had a FUBU 99 Jersey that was North Carolina blue which was my favorite.

Brian: So many to choose from. I liked the hairstyles of the 1980s. Guys had the mullet, or the dawn of the fade, with lines. All of which are back BTW. And the ladies ruined the ozone layer. Isn't that right, Class of 1990?! :-D

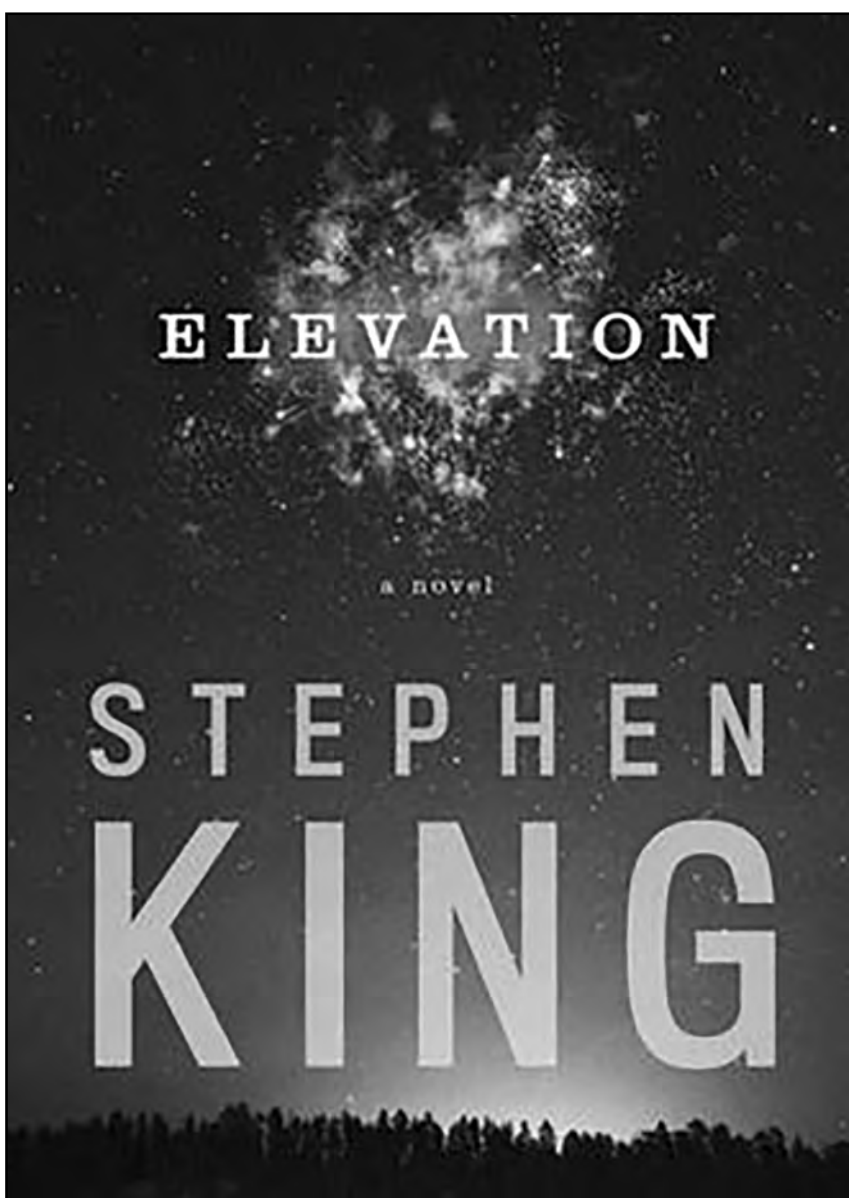
Tyler: I'm going to have to say skinny jeans! I'd be so mad when my mom tried to dress me in boot-cut jeans. Other than that, I remember a green military jackets with tan boots were thee fall fit lol ****EDITOR'S NOTE**** Tyler wore army pants and flip flops, so I got army pants and flip flops ;-p

Kevin: Well for me back in the day, early 80's, our biggest flex for fashion was Chess King at the mall, where Verizon is now. When we had a dance or any type of event we had to dress up for, Chess King was the spot. Or we can go with the rolled-up pants legs - both sides. One side is called Ghetto Leg "Ha-ha"

Christina: The tucked and rolled hem on your jeans in elementary school was a must!

Bethani: It was nice to reflect on the styles of the past. I had to laugh at one, in particular. I was actively participating in the boots with the fur & the infamous baby phat jackets!!! It was like your jacket had to go well with whatever outfit you chose for that day because the jacket was what brought it all together. I still love boots but not the same ones that I loved in high school :)

Editor's Book Review: "King Lifts Higher"



By: Brian Chamberlain
Photo by: Scribner

[2018] Stephen King is known world-wide as the undisputed "King of Horror". His novels and stories have sold millions of copies. Dozens of his works have also been turned into blockbuster movies from his classical tales of horror to the riveting dramas that have won countless awards. This week we are doing a review of his 2018 novella titled, "Elevation". It is a story with hope, a story of stark desperation, and a tale of perseverance even in the face of the unknown.

King opens the fictional tale in his beloved home of Maine. Castle Rock to be exact. His main character is named, Scott Carey. Carey faces an unknown affliction, one that appears to have him losing weight uncontrollably and from an unknown cause. But unlike the evil within Thinner, this time around you can cheer for the protagonist. The story ensues and in classic King style the rich involvement and evolution of his adept writing brings each of the characters to life wonderfully.

Carey lives a life that causes him to question his existence as his disease takes more and more of him. Yet even in his perilous situation he is capable of helping right social wrongs in the small town where he resides. King uses his exceptional story telling ability to describe with painstaking accuracy the feelings and emotions each of

the main characters endure. The relationship Carey holds with his physician is especially deep as the two discuss topics of all sorts. King also never abandons his roots and the horror of Carey's dilemma begins to hit hard as the story deepens.

I found this book when it was released. A long fan of everything King did in his early years, the master story-teller certainly made an impression with this shorter novella. Noted for his unwavering ability to draw intricate pictures that pull the characters right off the page, Elevation takes its place among the better stories King has put forth. The paperback includes chapter-head illustrations by Mark Edward Geyer who also provided artwork on other King works.

At a quick 144 pages, Elevation can be read over the course of an evening or as the mood strikes. For those of us who've been grown with King, picking up where you left off is rarely a problem. On our world-famous HaazZaat! scale, Elevation gets a solid 4 out of 5. Perhaps not the epic like his tales provided in The Stand, It, or Pet Sematary, yet this story is quite good. Next time you find yourself at the bookstore or online, pick it up. Elevation will not leave you hanging ... especially if you know Stephen King.

"Elevation" by Stephen King
Publisher - Scribner
Pages - 144
ISBN - 978-1-982102-31-9

Editor's Food Review: "Carp Returns Down South"

By: Brian Chamberlain

Photos by: Brian Chamberlain / Sharon Redhorn-Chamberlain

[Council Bluffs, IA] With a tear in our eye we might as well say it - we miss Joe Tess! Alas since the South Omaha icon closed its doors the fish scene just hasn't been the same. But with those emotions out of the way there is light for all you fish connoisseurs, and it is even closer than you think. In this week's food review, we are going to take you down to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to a small but lively place that can still give you that deep fried carp goodness. Welcome to Mo Fish.

Located just off the I-29 exit for 25th Street, Mo Fish is a place where you can get not only the venerated fried carp ribs, but also several other types of fish. Of course, like many after the mourning period ended and Joe Tess was no more, we began to seek other locations for our beloved carp dinner. A friend told us to go to Mo Fish and we saw it from the highway. So, one day we made to trek back south and ventured inside.

Mo Fish is a quaint and friendly fish shop open 5 days a week (closed on Sunday & Monday) and it features a variety of fish options. Catfish both whole and filleted fingers, walleye and even fish tacos. With a menu that is sure to satisfy those seeking fish, do not be afraid to try some of the selections from their nice list of appetizers. They also have occasional specialty fish depending on availability, so you might be able to sample a surprise when you drop in.

Of course, we went for carp and that is exactly what we got. Mo Fish serves carp ribs so no tails yet. The ribs are incredibly decent size and come deep fried with a breading that is quite different than South Omaha, but it is still deliciously tasty. You may choose from a single rib piece or the 2-piece dinner which also comes with two sides. I am always a fan of fries, so I doubled that order. My dinner companion always gets either baked beans, potato salad, or coleslaw. There are other choices too.

I like to drown mine in Trappey's Red Devil, so even though the presentations are different, there is still that - fire in the plate. Plus, Mo Fish offers their own sauce if you'd like. Paired with the obligatory bread and pickles basket, which does come separately and must be ordered, the whole setting is a nice, and very adequate replacement for the staple we miss so much just across the river.

We spoke to one of the proprietors and were told due to the nationwide shortage of carp their supplier was based in Illinois so at times they may run out and suggested we follow their social media for updates. Also, because of shipping the pricing on carp dinners is slightly higher than before. Regardless, we were pleased with the orders and have returned to Mo Fish several times since. The atmosphere is reminiscent of South O, but the service is quick, and the drinks flow freely.

Mo Fish is located at 2403 Nash Blvd, #B, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501. It is visible from the Interstate and is super easy to get to. They are on Facebook and have a website. Open Tuesday through Saturday if you are in the mood for carp cause you're just missing him, try them. I am sure you'll be pleased as we were. They are cash only so bring your paper money, but they have an ATM in case. On our world famous (fish)scale, Mo Fish gets a healthy 4 of 5 HaazZaats. We will absolutely be back. Certainly its own brand of fish, and we are happy the option is there.

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- 3-5 years minimum legal experience.
- Advanced Proficiency in Microsoft Office 365 applications, Adobe Acrobat and Cloud based software solutions.
- Excellent proof reading and editing skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills, detail orientated, results driven with exceptional analytical skills.
- Proven organizational and multi-tasking skills.
- Superior verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to work independently.

Preferred:

- Native American law experience.

Kelly Pond Update

Spring is here once again; temperatures are warming up and folks are getting back to their summertime activities. This being the case, it is a good time to remind everyone that there is still a 'Fish Consumption Rate' posted at Kelly Pond. Please take a moment to look at the table below to find out what fish are safer than others to eat.

Fish Consumption Rate: Kelly Pond

Sensitive Population Children 0 to 6 years old	Sensitive Population Children 7 to 18 years old	Sensitive Population Pregnant/Nursing Women 18 to 45 years old	Sensitive Population Elders: Men & Women 55 years and older	General Population Men and Women 18 to 55 years old
Black Crappie 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 1 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 2 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 3 meal/month	Black Crappie 3 meal/month
Largemouth Bass 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 1 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 2 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 3 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 3 meal/month
Common Carp 1 1/2 meal/month	Common Carp 5 meal/month	Common Carp 7 meal/month	Common Carp 8 meal/month	Common Carp 8 meal/month
Channel Catfish 1/2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 1 meal/month	Channel Catfish 1 1/2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 2 meal/month
Black Bullhead 1 meal/month	Black Bullhead 2 1/2 meal/month	Black Bullhead 3 meal/month	Black Bullhead 4 meal/month	Black Bullhead 4 meal/month
Bluegill 1 meal/month	Bluegill 2 1/2 meal/month	Bluegill 3 meal/month	Bluegill 4 meal/month	Bluegill 4 meal/month

Consumption limits are based on an adult weight of 150 pounds eating a one-half pound or an 8-ounce (precooked weight) piece of fish. To adjust the portion size for a lighter or heavier weight just subtract or add an ounce of fish for every 20 pounds of body weight.

Example: 170 lb. Adult = 9 oz.

80 lb Child = 4 oz.

Even though, the guidelines recommend 1 meal per month, you can divide by four to get rates in meals per week or eat smaller sized meals over the month. Also, be sure to space out meals throughout the month. For example, don't eat all your fish meals for the entire month within a few days.

Please, don't throw fish caught in other areas into Kelly Pond. Please, don't use fish caught in Kelly Pond for fish fries or selling to the community.

Also, please remind children that Kelly Pond is not a safe place to swim. Many areas along the shore have water plants growing that can tangle and trap a child and there are several places where the water gets deep quickly.

If you have any questions please call Denise Jensen, Environmental Protection Department at 878-4060 Ext: 2002. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great summer.



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- Retrieve, sort and disburse daily mail and respond to mail, as directed.
- Book and coordinate travel arrangements.
- Communicate orally and in writing with third parties via telephone, email, letter and in person.
- Assist with filing hard copy and electronic files in coordination with paralegals.
- Organize and maintain file room and library, including scanning and shredding items as directed.
- Assist with binder production and large copy projects.
- Order and maintain office supplies.
- Interact with vendors, building a positive working relationship.
- Proof, format, and send letters or other correspondence, as needed.
- Maintain an organized and professional office environment, including light cleaning when necessary.
- Assist with CLE registrations and recordkeeping for attorneys, as directed.
- Assist with scheduling meetings and maintaining accurate office calendar.
- Ensure conference room is properly set up for meetings.
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Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required.
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- Proven organizational and multi-tasking skills.
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Preferred:

- Prior legal experience.
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WCHS Celebrates 1,000th Daily Huddle Meeting

By: Wyatt Hoefler, Marketing Specialist

Winnebago, NE – As of March 27th, the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System will have held its 1,000th Daily Huddle Meeting. This is a benchmark in safety and consistency for the organization.

These quality assurance meetings involve upwards of 30 staff members per day and are an opportunity to consistently communicate important operational information and updates between all WCHS departments. It is a proven effective method of updating all staff on safety reports, daily staffing, events, etc. Participants range from executives to employee health, to primary care, to preventive, to acute.

“These meetings are vital in providing the best possible care we can, and to be able to say we have held 1,000 consecutively is something to celebrate,” says David Parks, WCHS Compliance & Risk Manager, Privacy Officer, and leader of these daily meetings. “This achievement is monumental in WCHS history, as it is a testament to our commitment to quality healthcare and an open, communicative, well-informed work environment.”

According to How Every Hospital Should Start the Day (2014) by Rishi Sikka, MD for Harvard Business Review on hbr.org. “[These meetings] connect leaders with work occurring throughout the hospital, focuses leaders on helping the front lines do their best work, and helps drive the organization-wide culture change needed to improve safety and quality across the board.” It is an invaluable opportunity to keep everyone safe, happy, and educated. It has been a vital asset to WCHS as they work toward their vision of leading the nation in health for indigenous people.

WCHS is proud to hold these meetings and is committed to growing through them every day. WCHS CEO David Edwards says, “It seems like a small thing - a simple meeting - but it adds up over time to create an accomplishment in transparency and accountability. This is yet another testament to our WCHS family’s dedication to being better every day. WCHS is committed to holding these critical touch points and growing stronger through them every time.”

WCHS Fitness Specialists and Community Partners Engage in SPARK Training

By: Wyatt Hoefler, Marketing Specialist

Winnebago, NE – This week the WCHS Fitness Specialists at Whirling Thunder Wellness Center, along with partners in the community gathered for a comprehensive training session focused on enhancing youth fitness programs. The training centered around SPARK, an evidence-based exercise curriculum widely recognized for its effectiveness in promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles among children and adolescents in After-School Programs.

SPARK is a program designed to engage youth in fun and developmentally appropriate physical activities, ensuring they receive the necessary exercise for optimal health and well-being. By following SPARK’s structured curriculum, Fitness Specialists and program leaders can create engaging and effective fitness sessions tailored to meet the unique needs of young participants.

“These trainings are crucial in ensuring that we maintain high-quality standards in our youth fitness programs,” said Pilar Aldrich, Wellness Program Director. “Staying up to date with the latest research and best practices allows us to deliver impactful experiences that promote not only physical fitness but also overall wellness.”

The collaborative effort among WCHS Fitness Specialists, community partners, and SPARK exemplifies a commitment to excellence in promoting youth fitness and well-being. Through ongoing training initiatives and strategic partnerships, the community aims to continue delivering high-quality programs that make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and adolescents.

“Our Whirling Thunder Wellness Program has continued to elevate their skills by utilizing curriculum and receiving training from entities like SPARK,” Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer. “Selecting evidence-based programs allows us to implement programs that we are able to adapt to meet the needs of our community and ultimately can positively impact the lives of young individuals that will lead to lifelong habits of physical activity and health.”



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WinnaVegas Donates \$7,554.34 to the Winnebago Health Foundation

By: Erin Mcelroy, Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Health Foundation is excited to share that they’ve received a

\$7,554.34 donation from the WinnaVegas Casino Resort. This generous contribution is designated to further enrich the overall health resources available in the Winnebago community.

The funds for this donation were provided by WinnaVegas’s “Rounding Campaign”. The “Rounding Campaign” is an initiative that allows the casino’s visiting customers to round their winnings to the whole dollar and then donate their surplus change to area non-profits, like the Winnebago Health Foundation.

“We are grateful for our customers for their ongoing generosity to our rounding campaigns that make gifts like this possible,” said Tom Teesdale, WinnaVegas’s General Manager. “We are excited to support the Health Foundation and their mission of creating and sustaining health in the Winnebago Community.”

The Winnebago Health Foundation is the non-profit, charitable arm of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System. This donation is a testament to both WinnaVegas’ and their customers’ dedication to supporting initiatives that directly impact the well-being of tribal communities, like Winnebago.

“We appreciate WinnaVegas and their

patrons for their commitment to the health and vitality of the Winnebago community,” said Danelle Smith, Foundation Board Chair. “This donation will play a pivotal role in ensuring that our community members have access to the healthcare and health resources that we deserve.

The Winnebago Health Foundation (WHF) is a 501c3 non-profit that utilizes relationships to maximize advocacy and philanthropy in support of the health of the tribal populations served by the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System. This organization is the health-centered charitable arm of Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System focused on creating healthcare resources and professionals to elevate population health in Winnebago www.winnebagohealthfoundation.org

Since its opening in April 1992, WinnaVegas Casino Resort has evolved as an area leader in the hospitality industry and continues to be a significant contributor to the local economy. WinnaVegas Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and is in its 31st year of operation. WinnaVegas has grown over the years to become the largest gaming floor in the area with a total gaming space of nearly 55,000 square feet with 10 table games and over 767 slot machines – the most in Siouxland! The resort features 78 first-class hotel rooms, an indoor pool, an indoor golf simulator experience, multiple dining options, a spacious event center, and multiple meeting rooms. www.winnavegas.com

Winnebago Health Foundation Opens Scholarship Applications

By: Wyatt Hoefler Marketing Specialist

Winnebago, NE- The Winnebago Health Foundation (WHF) is pleased to announce the opening of applications for its scholarship program to support individuals pursuing careers in healthcare within the Winnebago Community and the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS). These scholarships align with WHF’s goal of increasing healthcare capacity and fostering community health initiatives in Winnebago.

The WHF scholarship program prioritizes individuals considering a career in healthcare or seeking to advance their careers in the healthcare sector. Eligible applicants include enrolled Winnebago Tribal Members demonstrating financial need beyond existing Tribal support, followed by other Native participants, existing WCHS staff, and individuals interested in WCHS employment and committed to WCHS employment for a time commensurate with the WHF investment.

“We are excited to support aspiring healthcare professionals and existing staff members within our community through our scholarship program,” said Amy Encinger, WHF Scholarship Committee Chair. “These scholarships not

only invest in individual career development but also contribute to enhancing health care services and addressing community health needs in Winnebago.”

Criteria for scholarship consideration include academic achievement, financial need, commitment to Winnebago Community health goals, and community service involvement. Successful applicants will be expected to attend classes regularly, maintain good academic standing, and share the impact of their scholarships with WHF and the community. The amounts can vary based on funds availability and the strength of applications. Additionally, WCHS may match awards, up to a cumulative maximum of \$10,000 annually.

The application deadline for scholarships for the Spring 2023/2024 term is May 6th, 2024. All applicants will be notified of their status by June 3, 2024. The renewal process for scholarships is available on a case-by-case basis. For more information about eligibility criteria, guidelines, and the application process, please visit the Winnebago Health Foundation website at <https://winnebago-healthfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship/>.

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Every hour from 5pm - 7pm one player will be drawn to WIN a **\$1,000 Gift Card**.

8pm | **MEGA REMODEL DRAWING**
One Winner | **\$2,500 Gift Card**

Receive 1 entry for every 10 points earned.
Winners may choose free slot play in lieu of digital gift card.

Your Home, Your Choice!

THURSDAYS IN APRIL

<i>Earning & Activation</i>		<i>Drawings</i>
6am - 7:55pm		5pm - 8pm

PUNCH YOUR WAY TO RICHES

\$20,000 IN PRIZES

Every 10 Points will earn your entries!

Emerald | 3 Entries • Ruby | 2 Entries
Sapphire | 1 Entry • Member | 1 Entry

15 players will be drawn at 8pm every Saturday.

Choose your spot on the punch board and reveal your prize!

\$5,000 in PRIZES every Saturday!

The power is in your PUNCH!

Must be present to participate.

SATURDAYS IN APRIL

<i>Earning</i>		<i>Activation</i>		<i>Drawing</i>
6am - 7:45pm		5:45pm - 7:55pm		8pm

NEW MEMBER PROMOTION

Join WarHorse Rewards and get **\$10 free slot play**, with a chance to win

\$500!



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Must be a WarHorse Rewards member. Valid only at WarHorse Casino Lincoln. Management reserves the right to change or cancel promotions offered at any time without notice. Rules and restrictions apply. See website for complete details. Must be 21 or older to gamble. Gambling Problem? Call 1-833-BETOVER.

CASH PARTY

**Saturdays in April
Starting at 5pm**



**Join us for the 32nd Anniversary
Cash Party every Saturday in April
beginning at 5:00 p.m. You can win
\$320 in cash every twenty minutes or
the Grand Prize of \$3,200 in cash.**

**This anniversary celebration
culminates in the ultimate cash party
on Saturday, April 27th, where you
can win \$320 every twenty minutes
and \$3200 at the top of every hour
beginning at 5:00 p.m.**