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Corn Popping Moon

Saturday, August 31, 2024



# NO PRIMARY

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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August 5, 2024

In accordance with Tribal Code Section 5-218(6) of the Election Code, a Primary Election is **NOT** required to be held this year due to the number of candidates and number of vacancies. All four candidates will advance to the Regular Election to be held on **October 8, 2024**.

*Lorelei DeCora*

Lorelei DeCora  
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary

[Winnebago, NE] Normally the Winnebago Tribe is gearing up for the Tribal Council election primary at this time of year. However, this year due to the low number of candidates entered in the election the Primary is not being held. There are only four (4) listed candidates. This provision to not hold a Primary is allowed under the Winnebago Constitution for any candidate total not greater than six (6). "I had hoped for more people to choose from. It's really kind of discouraging.", said one tribal

member who declined to be identified in speaking to the WIN.

Current Tribal Council Secretary, Lorelei DeCora, issued a written statement, which was printed in the last issue of the Winnebago Indian News remarking on the unnecessary nature of the Primary Election this year. That statement is reprinted here in case anyone missed it last time around.

The Winnebago Tribal Council has nine (9) seats open to the membership who are also eligible voters as defined by the

Winnebago Constitution. Using a system of staggered terms, three (3) of the seats are open every cycle. The top three (3) winners of each Regular Election gain a three (3) year term. This is done to prevent the entire table from being turned over, allowing for institutional knowledge to live on, even if Tribal Council members leave for any reason.

The Primary election was scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024. This will not be held. The Regular (General) Election is set for Tuesday, October 8th, 2024.

## Njšoc Nįgešana

Bago Bits

By: Tyler Snake



Wednesday August 28th, the annual Employee Appreciation Event took place at the Land of Wellness. Cook-out food was catered by R-Eatz, Staff received new WTN t-shirts and La Palapa had a variety of "Mexican street snacks". Gifts to each staff member were distributed the following day. Thank you to WTN Human Resources for planning this event and those who are employed with WTN! Pictured above (left to right) is Tania Masquat, Alyssa Wolfe, Tara Hernandez, Ofelia Cordova and Kim Sulsberger. Also pictured above is Kevin Ebert, Multimedia Coordinator of Communications, in line for LaPalapa.

## Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System holds annual 'Teen Health Fair'

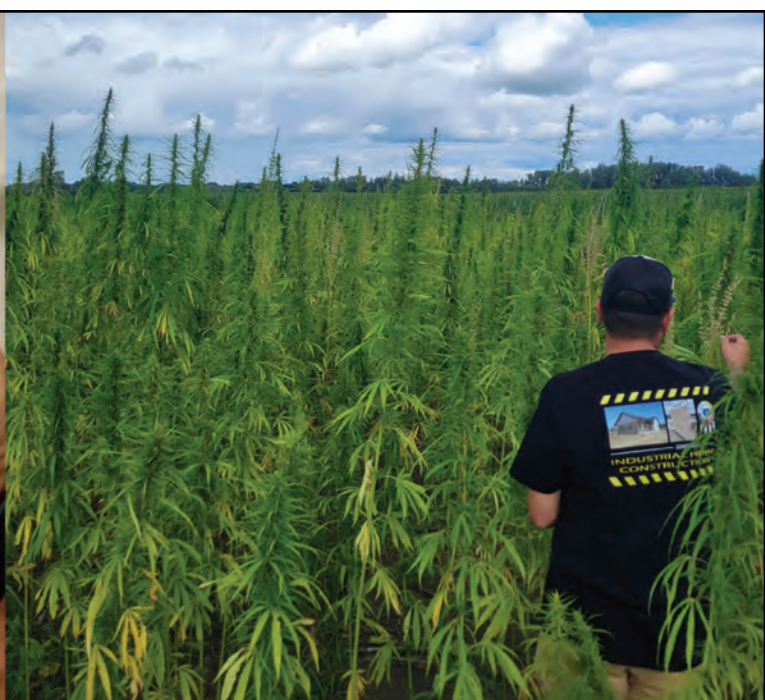


Monday August 26th, the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System hosted their yearly teen health fair at WPS. The goal of the event is to inform and educate the youth about proactive and preventative measures. Booths were set up to share different areas of information regarding things like diabetes, substance abuse, nutrition, and more. Pictured above is Channel 4 KTIV covering the event



Construction update: Little Priest Tribal College has begun their Fall semester. Construction of the Science/Student Services building is expected to be complete Spring 2025. Exercise caution when using the Main West Beck entrance, as heavy machinery is in use. Here is a look at the current progress inside.

# WTN ATTENDS HEMP TOUR



By Brian Chamberlain / Lynelle Blackhawk  
Photos by Lynelle Blackhawk

[Winnebago, NE] Several years ago the Winnebago Tribe began looking into hemp and all its then and still growing applications. On Friday, August 9th, the Winnebago Hemp Commission and Tribal Council were invited to Morton, Minnesota to tour the Lower Sioux Indian Community's hemp farm and processing facility located there.

The Winnebago delegates were able to witness the Lower Sioux Tribe's hemp fields, processing plant, and hempcrete-integrated tribal housing. The Winnebago representatives attended this tour to learn more about how neighboring tribes are using hemp, specifically as it relates to housing devel-

opment and other benefits.

The Winnebago Hemp Commission aims to bring the knowledge and networking gained from the tour back to the Winnebago Tribe in hopes to inspire local businesses and individual community members to apply for a license to grow, process, and/or sell hemp products on the reservation.


In a similar vein, Little Priest College still offers classes in the cannabis sector of this ever-growing field. With a full curriculum of courses established toward exploring this area of instruction, LPTC continues to seek students who are interested in learning about the diverse areas related to one of the oldest plants set for human use. Previously, LPTC President, Manoj Patil stated, "LPTC remains committed to delivering quality ed-

ucation to our students, while simultaneously offering classes that they find interesting and useful. Our cannabis courses are a part of that goal."

Hemp and cannabis are certainly not the same thing, especially when it comes to uses, legalities, and storylines. However, with the advent of new jurisdictional changes in law, as well as in public sentiment, the field remains open and growing wildly.

The Winnebago Hemp Commission and Tribal Council would like to thank the Lower Sioux Indian Community Tribal Council and Lower Sioux Industrial Hemp for their hospitality, generosity, and sharing of information. Pinagigi!

# COMMUNITY



## Hočak Language Baseball TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024 / LAND OF WELLNESS / STARTS AT

### What is HoChunk Language Baseball?

*Hočak language baseball is an interactive language learning activity that consists of the traditional baseball game & atmosphere, yet, is structured to integrate the Hočak language. Each player will be challenged in recalling terms & phrases by tossing a mega die which will determine the difficulty of the term or phrase. No physical activity is needed.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 5 Players per team - Limited amount of teams
- Must include atleast 2 adults (18+) & 2 youth (5-17 years old)
- Advanced speaker will determine final ruling of verifying terms or phrases
- Date of location is subject change in the event of weather or for other reasons

For more information contact Mysoul Earth Kearnes at 402-878-4135



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

We will reopen for business on  
**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024.**






## Hočak Hoit'e

“I like to drink...(drinks).”

Nītašjak tāxu	Coffee
Nī	Water
Nītašjak nā'ap	Tea
Nīcak	Soda
Cēwaznī	Milk
Kšē nī	Apple Juice
___ racga haipī na.	I like to drink _____.





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Missing 2 days a month =


- 20 days a school year
- 30 hours of math over the school year
- 60 hours of reading & writing over the school year
- Total = 1 year of school by graduation

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- 40 days a school year
- 60 hours of math over the school year
- 120 hours of reading & writing over the school year
- Total = 2 years of school by graduation



## BACK TO SCHOOL



# Wāgax hūk ra wāgax hokik'una

Letter to the Editor

## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 54

Is suicide a choice?

No. Choice implies that a suicidal person can reasonably look at alternatives and consequences and select among them. If they could rationally choose, it would not be suicide. Suicide happens when all other alternatives are exhausted – when no other choices are seen. Everything has failed. It happens at the point of hopeless despair. It happens when they have one slender, last thread of control over their lives. If a suicidal person could choose among alternatives, he would not have to kill himself. The only choice or decision a suicidal person makes at the point of total hopelessness is to decide "The time is now!"

Is suicide a behavior?

Yes. One has actually to commit some action to hurt or kill oneself. There are degrees of suicidal behavior. Suicidal behavior is on a scale, or continuum, from zero to a hundred with only one hundred as death. Every behavior below one hundred is a frantic, and finally despairing attempt to find solutions other than death.

These include obvious behaviors such as threatening or attempting suicide, reckless driving, or abusing illegal drugs. These are often attempts to find solutions other than death for overwhelming emotional pain.

Most people who write or speak about suicide start with the danger signs, but that is almost too late. The danger signs are up around 95 on that behavioral scale. To reduce suicide, it is necessary to go back to 20 or 25 on the scale when the symptoms of mental illness first show themselves.

Are people who talk about or attempt suicide just trying to get attention?

Yes and no. They are calling attention to their extreme emotional pain and "crying out for help", but society has a callous attitude that says we should ignore these cries for help and pleas for attention. Self-destructive behaviors under 100 on the behavior scale are trivialized and declared "not serious". We get by with this indifference because nine out of ten people who attempt suicide never try it again.

Presently, we wait to see who of that ten actually dies before his behavior is declared "serious". People who talk about or attempt suicide need immediate medical and psychological help. They are "just trying to get attention" the same way people shout for help when they are drowning or injured in accidents.

Will talking about suicide give people the idea to do it?

No. If they are not suicidal, they will reject the idea. If they are suicidal, they usually welcome the chance to talk about their desperate feelings, and are relieved to do so. This is why most suicidal people talk about suicide before they do it.

Sometimes the words are indirect, such as statements about hopelessness, helplessness and worthlessness. The taboo and stigma affect suicidal people too. They hope someone will pick up their clues, which they may be too ashamed to make directly. Still other suicidal people make frank statements about suicide.

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

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

### "The source of happiness"

Why are people so unhappy? People are unhappy when they do not have what they want. 'Their search for happiness,' writes Dr. Norman Nagel (one of my seminary professors), 'is a striving to get what they want. If they get what they want, then that brings a new set of wants that must, in turn, be pursued, and so on and on in a restless circle of wanting and getting and wanting again and getting more and wanting. In this there is no contentment, no happiness. The whole direction of grasping, wanting, getting is the reverse of the way in which happiness lies.'

In our fallen nature - we are unhappy, since so often we are unsatisfied due to our desire to want . . . more. Part of the secret of happiness is in giving. Yes, I said part of the secret - not all. The Good News is found in the Giver - I am not talking about you giving - that is Law talk. The Good News is found in the Giver -> our Creator - God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

When we twisted ourselves around from giving and set ourselves to get, our happiness is destroyed. No more the happy, quiet mind and contentment. No more joy in the gifts and the giving. Now the fretful, coveting, grumbling restlessness of grasping, wanting, getting, and wanting more. Man is set against man, each striving to get for himself what he wanted, and happiness is driven . . . far . . . away.

However, this is not the most dire destruction of happiness. People also deal with God in such a way that they will not be given to by God. No, what they got they would get by themselves. They insisted that if they got anything

from God it was not a gift but had to be earned. They would do their bit and claim their reward.

The secret to happiness is in God. He has nothing to get; He has only everything to give. In giving away His gifts, God has His happiness. Here is the true happiness that lives not in getting but in giving.

So He might give, God needed those to whom He could make His gifts. There must be somebody to receive them. Therefore, God created us. He designed us as the recipients of His gifts. Thus God would fulfill His happiness. This happiness was not for Himself alone but for His creatures whom He created and equipped for similar giving, for similar happiness.

So God created the complementarity of husband and wife. God designed the giving of themselves to each other, the one flesh, the shared happy life of mutual giving. This giving, which is the action of love, is never static but ever growing.

All He asked of His creatures was that they should receive His gifts from Him, allow themselves to be given to, and find their happiness as [God] finds it in giving.

The greatest gift from God is His Son. Here is the height of giving. For those who rebelled and refused His gifts, God gave His Son to die and rise again so to us He might give forgiveness achieved by Christ's atoning death and his triumphant rising from the dead - offering life victories over sin, death, and everlasting banishment. From all the wretched unrest of getting and wanting and getting and wanting again, we who believe in Jesus have been set free.

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Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-110

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Laura Buchanan  
In Re:  
A.H (Born 06/2011)

TO: STEPHANIE HARLAN, MOTHER  
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-110 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 19TH day of August, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M

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A message from the Nebraska Secretary of State.

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

### Candidate: Keely Purscell



for many of our families. We must find a way to honor our cultural identity and values, while ensuring that our tribal membership remains inclusive and meaningful.

3. I support Supportive Housing: It is crucial that we have supportive housing available for those who may benefit from a group home setting, ensuring that all our community members are cared for in a respectful and dignified manner.

4. I support Dual Language Classrooms: Students and staff are proving that our HoChunk Language and Culture can help all HoChunk children. By increasing funding and providing teacher support for dual language classrooms, we can continue to share our rich culture with all our children.

5. I support a transparent tribal council: Transparency is vital in fostering trust and unity within our tribe.

6. I support a tribal member-only addition to our website: Some tribal matters and tribal business are intended for tribal members only and are not meant to be seen or discussed in front of the general public.

Our culture and history have laid the foundation for who I am. I would be honored to have your vote and to represent you on the Winnebago Tribal Council.

Respectfully,  
Keely M. Purscell

Dear Tribal Members,

I am asking for your vote on October 8th for the Winnebago Tribal Council.

My name is Keely Bassette Purscell. My HoChunk name is Ni hiro hap pi wiga. I am the daughter of the late Sharon Rose Bassette and granddaughter of the late Howard and Pamela (Earth) Bassette. I am a member of the Water spirit Clan.

I am writing to you today with a vision for our community that is rooted in care, support, and progress. As we head toward the future, I believe there are several key areas where we can make meaningful differences and improvements for all tribal members:

1. I support a per cap for tribal members.
2. I support dependency for enrollment in our tribe: Enrollment is a complex and sensitive issue

### WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 & OCTOBER 8, 2024

May 6, 2024	Monday	Draft of Eligible Voters List Posted
June 10, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Monday	Update & Approve Eligible Voters List Nominate Election Board
June 10, 2024	Monday	Post Eligible Voters List-Five (5) Days to Challenge
June 14, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Challenges to Eligible Voters List
June 28, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Friday	Challenges to Eligible Voters List Approved Election Board Officially Appointed
June 28, 2024	Friday	Post Final Eligible Voters List & Tribal Election Code
July 1, 2024	Monday	First Day of Notice of Intent
August 2, 2024	Friday	Last Day of Notice of Intent
August 5, 2024	Monday	List of Candidates Posted
August 5, 2024	Monday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Primary
August 23, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
August 26, 2024	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Primary
<b>September 3, 2024</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>
September 4, 2024	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
September 4, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
September 5, 2024	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
September 20, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
September 24, 2024	Tuesday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular <i>(WTN closed on 9/23/24 due to Tribal holiday)</i>
<b>October 8, 2024</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>REGULAR ELECTION</b>
October 9, 2024	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members Oath of Office Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members

### Candidate: Rona Stealer



ing. In those 4 years, the tribe has claimed clean unmodified financial audits, tribal-wide and governmental-wide. Staying up-to-date on new and upcoming treasury changes in rules and regulatory policies is a challenge I accept and will continue.

I am grateful for the opportunities we have come across throughout Native Country. I have made many connections through the Reservation Economic Summit (RES), Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) that have benefited the tribe in one way or another. Networking across the country has brought me to a place where I confidently and proudly introduce myself and represent my tribe standing up and advocating for the tribe's needs at the state and federal levels.

Lastly, I am beyond blessed to have been on the team that fought long and hard for our 1600 acres of land back by continuing the work of previous councils and assisting in lobbying in the halls of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Many footprints were traveled in the capitol meeting and speaking with the House and Senate representatives.

It's been one the most memorable experiences and priceless knowledge gained in those steps at the capitol along with Louie, wanigire.

Pinagigiwi, and thank you for reading. Wonigixete.

I kindly ask for your continued support in the upcoming General Election, on October 8, 2024. Please vote to:

Re-elect Rona Stealer for Tribal Council

Hanac Hinikaragiwina

Four years ago, a colleague and mentor approached me and asked if I would run for Tribal Council. I denied the thought of leading my people during my time of mourning. In 2020 I was ready to share my knowledge with my people and positively contribute to the community.

I have served my people for 4 years on tribal council. Every subject, challenge, and endeavor was approached with a disciplined mindset, and tough choices were made, but they were made with confidence in my people. Research always helps to make an educated decision.

My knowledge and education have come far and wide; from the south in New Mexico, to the North in Alaska, to the East in Virginia, and to the west. I have trusted my education through my travels to lead me in my role as Treasurer. A major part of my role is fiscal responsibility. I did not do this alone, I had a whole department of responsible colleagues to help along the way. For four years we committed to accurate budget-

## Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



### 2024 Election Candidates

**Teresa Littlegeorge**

**Keely Purscell**

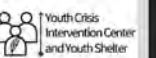
**Isaac Smith**

**Rona Stealer**

Approved by: Tribal Council

Date: August 5, 2024

## QPR Training over Zoom



Elevate Your Skills to help others!

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide

◆ Date : 16 Sept. 2024

◆ Time : Start At 12:00 PM

◆ Location : Zoom

Reserve your spot now → [donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com)

COMMUNITY

**WCHS Completes Duplex Project for Healthcare Personnel**

By: Erin McElroy, Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) Staff Quarters Project is complete. This summer, WCHS was responsible for a two-unit home that will be used to provide temporary housing solutions as needed.

As a 24/7 healthcare facility, providing local convenient access to suitable overnight, and short-term accommodations for providers, potential employees, and service teams has been a consistent need since the hospital was assumed by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska in 2018.

“WCHS is always striving to ensure enough doctors, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare professionals are available to serve the community,” explains David Edwards, CEO. “This investment represents a huge advancement in overcoming accommodation obstacles as we seek to recruit more talented professionals to serve and transition to the area.”

Designed to provide a comfortable, temporary environment for WCHS staff or invited guests, these living quarters can also offer proximity, which can be beneficial for staff who need to work extra hours, or during an initial period before long-term contracts for housing or employment are signed. Located in Winnebago’s Ho-Chunk Village 2.0, the new construction includes a unit with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, and 1-stall garage, and a unit with 2-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, and a 2-stall garage. Both quarters will come with a state-of-the-art kitchen, in-unit laundry, new appliances, front porch, and back deck and will be furnished over time.

Funded by a grant from the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, and built by HCI’s BluStone Homes, a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk Capital this duplex will be a welcome addition to WCHS and will be used to support and improve staff recruitment and retention.



**WCHS First In-Person Orientation Training Day**

By: Erin McElroy Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) held the first monthly in-person orientation training day. This full day of training is for recent hires, throughout WCHS, who have been employed for at least a month.

Currently at WCHS all new employees go through an on-boarding which includes online education videos, modules, and quizzes called HealthStreams as well as on-the-job training with their teammates and/or supervisors. This new in-person orientation training day will expand on these on-boarding materials by providing refreshing education on WCHS Strategic Plans, History and Culture of Winnebago Tribe and WCHS, Understanding Tribal Healthcare, Patient Experience, Compliance, and most of all Safety Procedures. WCHS’s onboarding and orientation process is focused on setting up solid and safe expectations of work conduct and patient centered care in every WCHS employee.

“It is vital for our new hires to have a vast

knowledge of WCHS and the community.” explains Brook Donovan, Human Resources Manager. “When our employees are educated on the culture and history of the tribe and WCHS they are better able to serve in a way that aligns with our patients’ expectations and values.”

The Orientation Training Day underlines the importance of our policies and safety measures that ensure WCHS maintains CMS certifications. At WCHS, our mission is to create and sustain a healthy community. “This new training initiative represents WCHS’s investment into our people and our mission.” shared Sharon Frenchman, Chief Administrative Officer. “Enhancing our orientation process ensures our employees are well informed and better equipped to provide compassionate and culturally centered care to those we serve.”

All employees hired in 2024 will be invited to attend the now monthly sessions of orientation training. WCHS is committed to improving our patient outcomes, quality of service, and overall access to culturally centered care.



**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

**Rare Bird Survey for new Forest Management Plan**

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska with offices in Thurston County on the Winnebago Reservation is hereby requesting letters of interest with details of qualifications from Wildlife Biologists who have an interest in providing rare bird data including nesting and migratory path site identification. Data will be collected throughout Winnebago, Nebraska. The biologist selected will be expected to perform baseline inventory services to be specified in further detail in a contract agreement after interview process and negotiation. Funding will be provided by the Winnebago Tribe through a grant with the DOI.

The following information shall be submitted in response to this request:

- A. Qualifications of Biologist: Qualifications of biologist, specifically as they relate to this Project.
- B. Biologist Experience on Similar Projects: Related project experience and the individuals who would be assigned to the Project. Experience with similar scope projects on Native American U.S. Trust Land Projects.
- C. Professional References: Provide names and contact information for professional references.
- D. Statement of familiarity with ARP funding program: Discuss applicable familiarity with Wildlife Inventory and funding as pertaining to federal programs related requirements for the proposed project.

Statements of Qualifications are expected by Friday, September 20, 2024 at 2:00PM Central Time. Include (3) three bound copies “RFQ – Rare Bird Survey” and (1) one electronic copy in PDF format via USB drive. If you have any questions please contact Jewel Parker, Lead Conservation Officer @ 402-922-3489 or email @ jewel.parker@winnebagotribe.com

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## Question of the Issue:

*Labor Day weekend and the summer is coming to its end. What are some of your memories from summers past that keep a warm place in your heart all year long?*

**Garan:** When I was teaching at NICC, I took a sabbatical one summer to perform with Brule in the Black Hills. Me and my family used a bunkhouse camper, and my kids still talk about it to this day. We would fish during the day, perform at night, and explore the hills during our days off. Certainly, one of the best summers of my life.

**Brian:** Summer never ends for me. (gee just can't let it go) :-D ... but I have to say the times we spent being outside and just chilling around the house and doing a cookout were always a favorite time. Fires were nice and of course there was always music playing. And the start of Fall sports has that certain feel around now too. It's a good thing to be in those moments sharing the vibe with those who make life worth living. But no, summer never ends here. We have until late September to celebrate it.

**Tyler:** The best summers of mine were when my son was a tiny baby n we would just sit outside/ go for walks. I think the greatest luxuries are being able to take your time and spend it with those you love most. Now he's big and likes to run around ha-ha.

**Kevin:** When I was a child, we would go on camping trips with my father. He took us to Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and of course Nebraska. So, wanting to be like my father, I take my children on camping trips. But now-a-days, I am a little older and wiser, so I have a camper/AC. It's still as much fun without all the headaches getting wet or too much heat. I need that AC.

It's crazy cause we decided to go camping last minute, we went for a cruise, we didn't know where we were going, we just kept driving and we ended up at Sylvan Lake in Custer State Park in South Dakota, I knew I've been there before, we started driving around it, I recognized this big rock in the lake. You could crawl on it and jump off. Thats when I knew for sure that I have been there before, my dad had taken us there when I was about 10 years old, and we would crawl on that rock and jump off it was amazing the fun we had.

So, we got to a campground. But going camping last minute I didn't know you had to have a reservation to camp. There was no camping spots left, and we did not have a clue what to do. So, we sat outside the Ranger's station talking and looking at our phones, trying to find other places to go. And then, like in a horror movie, the ranger came knocking on our window. He scares the you know what out of me, to let us know somebody canceled out and they had an open spot for us. It was awesome. We were on the backside of the campground, like our backyard, there was a mountain, not really huge but exactly right for my older girls to climb and explore.

**Christina:** I enjoyed summers at my Grandparents houses on both sides, my mother's, and Father's parents both.

My Moms parents lived "down bottom" in Macy, and they always had different farm animals that roamed around in their big yard along with lots of different fruit trees. So it wasn't hard to find a snack. I remember a big oak tree that my grandpa Oliver used to sit under on an office couch (the furniture with the metal frames and plastic cushions). He would feed the chickens with us, and I thought it was the coolest thing. I remember one time my brother was still in diapers and was playing with the geese and one of them bit him on the butt. From that point on, us kids stayed away from the geese. [Editor's Note: GOOSE! :-p]

My Dad's parents' house was just as fun. Me and my sisters would make mud pies, make forts in the woods and have our fill of gooseberries, blackberries and rhubarb. They lived near the cemetery and us kids would go for walks up there and look for fool's gold in the rocks on the roads and my Kaka Bunk would put some of them in her big fish tank. Sometimes someone would take us to the river to swim when you could still swim in any spot. Those were the good 'ol days.

**Bethani:** Memories from my childhood summers consisted of being outside. I grew up living in the country, where we spent all our time playing outside. It was almost like being in timeout when you couldn't go outside to play. Living in the country, it was an adventure every day. I always remember stepping outside on a lovely summer morning & the whole driveway would be full of butterflies. Such a beautiful sight to see first thing in the morning. Then, we moved to Sioux City for a brief time. It was way different than the country, but we lived near the skatepark/public pool & that was cool.

Once we moved back to Bago, we lived in town. We would play outside from the earliest we could & stay out playing until the streetlights came on. I will always cherish the times I got to make good memories with my sisters Madisyn, lone, Wihtha, & Parrish. When our imaginations connected, the possibilities were endless! From playing fear factory with my sister Madi, to playing Barbie's with lone, to playing BRATZ with P, to riding bikes EVERYWHERE & picking berries with Wheatz. It was always something fun for us to do.

## FOOD REVIEW:

By Kevin Ebert

### La Palapa Food Truck

First, I wanted to thank the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and its appreciation for the Winnebago tribal employees. The Food was excellent. They invited down a food truck "Lapala"

I tried the cucumber water, and it was so refreshing. It tasted like cucumbers running through my mouth and dancing happily – like they were at the oldest powwow in the nation. I also tried the corn elote. It's sweet corn with mayonnaise, parmesan cheese, and butter all mixed. They had other options for it with more spice, but I thought I would take it easy on my co-workers and not get the spicy. It was fairly good, but it was not as good as the cucumber water by far. That could have been just because I was pretty full from the huge meal that R-Eats cooked up for us.

In fact, it was a hard decision on what to get. It took me a while before I decided, I was so glad there was a really lengthy line. I hit up R-Eats first for the cookout food, before I stood in line for Lapala. So, I was scarfing down my cookout food while looking and researching Lapala's Menu. Like a true hefty kid and cake, I didn't make any eye contact of conversate while my takeout box was open.

Once I finished, it was a really good time hanging out in line and visiting with other employees. It was cool to see all the smiling faces and full bellies. Also thank you to all the departments that took part in making this event with a very good meal and a great time at the Land of Wellness this afternoon.

So, to give them a rating, I would have to give them a 3 out of 5 [HaazZaats]. Keeping in mind that nobody I've rated so far has been over four.

Kevin "Eebz" Ebert

## EDITORIAL STATEMENT

By Brian Chamberlain – Editor Winnebago Indian News

[Winnebago, NE] The Winnebago Indian News has been a voice for our people for more than half a century. As part of the necessary dialogue among our people in the four directions, we take our role seriously. We not only want to inform our people, but we also seek to enlighten, entertain, and include as well. Because each of us here at the WIN, knows and understands these values as being part of the core of who we are as tribal people. With this awareness there are two things that we will bring forward in this first of many "Editorials" to be featured here in the WIN. They are:

First – our people have a right to know what is going on with our tribe. While questions may stem from seemingly uninformed, and even odd places, we know that if someone asks a question, we ought to help them find the answers they seek. Along with this basic awareness we here at the Winnebago Indian News understand that sometimes questions require bravery to be asked. Not because of some draconian scenario or nefarious activity, but because there can be a climate where the position of some takes on too much hype. The members who are not 'in the know' can be deemed quarrelsome or the like, just because they want to ask questions.

We will work to change this climate. That will come with the re-introduction of Winnebago Indian News Editorials. Points of view to be offered by our staff, from our membership, and from our leadership that works to foster the better environment where all points of view are included, and a healthy discourse between our membership can be had. By offering a place and a format for the free expression of ideas and the positioning of questions that work to better all of us, the WIN is helping to fulfill its responsibility of keeping our people informed.

Editorials posted to the WIN are the points of view of our people and we hold those vantage points in high regard. Our people are diverse and hold extremely good sentiments that can help us enrich our lives. Culturally, we once had long conversations with one another, taking time to express our positions, and taking time to listen to what was being offered. We weren't scared to speak our minds and share what was in our hearts. Our place in the circle was recognized as being one that included the well-being of our people, even though it may have differing points of view in its expression.

So, with the return of the WIN Editorials, we will seek to find out what our people are thinking about, what matters to them, and what they have to say. It's true, some language may sound course or even harsh, but we all must admit that sometimes this is who we are. The point will not be lost, however, when we say we will value listening (reading) just as much as speaking. Of course, all submission policies will be adhered to – so no, there won't be profanity and the like allowed. Instead, the voices of our people, whether in person, or speaking through one of the staff, will be on display. Let's not be afraid to speak with one another. Let's enjoy hearing from our own people, because we don't fear alternative points of view or people who see things differently. Who knows, maybe we'll even learn something.

Second – near the onset of my tenure with the WIN, as Editor it was important to bring

the paper forward and capture and showcase what life is like here in our community. To me, our culture is a living, breathing thing. It is not a dead black and white blurb on some page somewhere. We live our culture daily, sometimes that means traditional expressions like powwow and language. But other times it means living our daily lives in the way we do as Hocak people.

When we began Hakewe [Page 6], the purpose was to help capture what life was like here in Winnebago. As community members we all lead eclectic lives. Our social media pages have literally thousands of examples of how we are living our lives. Hakewe was designed in part to show those of us who may not get to reside here, or be home, what's going on. So, I asked some of our staff and others to contribute to Hakewe. I asked them to open up their non-office existences and share their lives with us. Where did you go? Who did you see? What was it like? And they did. I want to thank them all for that. Tribal people were out living life and taking part in some really cool experiences. We even received positive feedback on those experiences shared. We opened some eyes and expanded minds. I'm glad we did it.

However, recently we received an anticipated question about the Hakewe activity and its contributors. 'Are they getting paid?' 'Did the tribe pay them to go?' and the like. As I said, I knew at some point this would happen. And it did. Only took 6 months. But the answer is: No. The WIN contributors, especially for Hakewe, share their lives because they were asked to. They contributed to Hakewe to help fulfill the goal, and I thank them all yet again. Furthermore, it was individually questioned about me and my WIN social media posts from regional powwows as well. 'Did we pay him to go?' 'What did he get to go there?' Again, the answer is: nothing. I am fulfilling one of my job duties and that is keeping our people informed "on and off the reservation". From the number of views on each of those posts, it looks like our people enjoy seeing those places and activities too.

The previous Editor was Jordana Bass. When I took the position, she wrote something to me that I try to uphold with each and every issue. Her advice was to remember not all our people can come home and some are even kept away because they are incarcerated. She said not to forget about them. That hit me hard and took hold. Hakewe is meant to help keep those members of our people connected as well. We won't easily forget how large and diverse our circle is.

Last – cexji hikikarac hiza waa'u haje. Hocak ras ra Wirukaniga higiaire na. As a clan member the added level of responsibility for me is even greater and I'm happy to accept that. We will continue to do our level best to ensure each of the tenets set before us are fulfilled.

So, I thank you all again for being avid readers of the Winnebago Indian News. Neola did a great thing that lives on. Her legacy is alive and well. We will continue to evolve in the hopes that we complete our tasks and duties in the best ways possible. And we will never forget why we do what we do. Look forward to what we are bringing to you and know that from each of our perspectives here at the WIN – we are all one people no matter where we live.

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