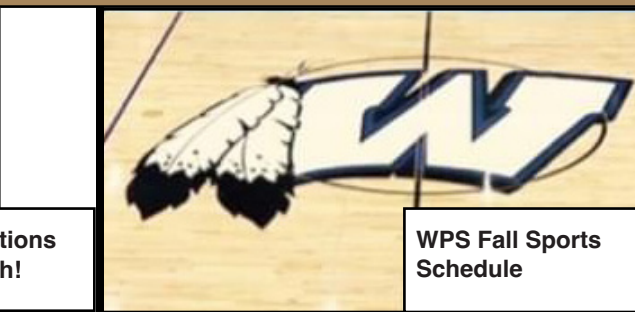




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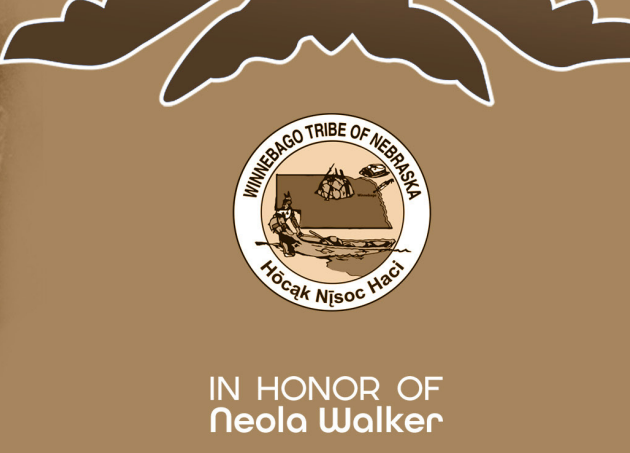
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Our masthead for this issue features the icon representing the Thunder Clan / Wakaja Hikikarac. The Thunder Clan is the clan from which the Chief was traditionally selected. The Thunder Clan is one of the four sky clans. Peacetime decisions were made by the Thunder Chief, while war related actions may have been decided by another clan leader. Pipe carriers from the Thunder Clan functioned also as the guardians of peace among the membership and outside people. Families within the clan include: Baker, Bassette, Bradford, Beaver, Bigfire, Blackhawk, Grayhair, Hanken (descendent of Smoke family), Hunter, Kelsey, Payer, Raymond, Smith, and Tebo. Our thanks to the HoChunk Renaissance Department for providing their guidance with the information shared here.

# VOTERS RIGHTS UPHELD



*Court Dismisses Village of Winnebago Challenge to Voter Initiative*

[CONTINUING COVERAGE] [WINNEBAGO, NE] — On September 4, 2024, a Thurston County Court dismissed a case that had been brought by the Village of Winnebago challenging the rights of the voters to weigh in on whether the Village of Winnebago or the Winnebago Tribe is in the better position to operate and manage the Winnebago Water and Sewer System. The Village is located entirely within the boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation and most of its residents are members of the Tribe.

In a resounding victory, the Court dismissed in its entirety the Village's challenge to the initiative petition, declaring that the voters have the right to make this decision.

Under Nebraska law the Village Board is now required to consider passing the measure contained in the petition—transfer of the Water and Sewer systems to the Tribe—within 30 days. If they fail to do so, the Village Clerk is required by law to set the matter for a vote at the next available opportunity.

**The Dispute**  
The Winnebago Tribe and the Village of Winnebago have a unique history because the establishment of the Winnebago Reservation pre-dates the incorporation of the Village. The development and construction of the Winnebago Water and Sewer System, as well as numerous improvements to the system over the years, have been funded by the Winnebago Tribe through Indian Health Service funding provided for the benefit of the Tribe and its members.

The improvements were transferred to the Village or both the Tribe and the Village.

These transfers occurred with the permission of the Tribe because, at the time, the Tribe believed that the Village had the capability of operating and maintaining the system. It became painfully obvious over the past 10 years or so that this is no longer the case. In 2015, the Tribe and the Village entered into a water and sewer boundaries cooperation agreement to address which of the two governments were responsible for portions of the system and set forth a clear basis for billing by the Village.

Instead, lack of responsible oversight has continued to result in numerous audit findings regarding the failure of the Village to provide proper financial oversight over billing for the services provided to residents of the Village, as well as residents located

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## Nįšoc Nįgešana Bago Bits

By: Tyler Snake



September 25th the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System's community crisis response program held a Mental Health Awareness Fair. The goal of the event was to spread awareness about the various resources and support that is available locally. Informational booths regarding mental health management, counseling and information on ways to support others were set up. Local services like Winnebago Behavioral Health, the Recovery Program, YCIC and Heartland Counseling were able to share life-saving information with the community. Thank you to the staff who contributed! (photos by Kevin Ebert)



September 25th, Isabel Casillas Guzman, the 27th Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, met with the Winnebago Tribal Council. Isabel currently serves in President Biden's Cabinet as the leading advocate for Americas 33 million small businesses and innovative startups. The group were able to touch base on the work accomplished and ways to strengthen the relationship.

# WHS HOMECOMING 2024



By Brian Chamberlain  
Photos by

[Winnebago, NE] The students and staff of their 2024 Homecoming Public High School held their 2024 Homecoming celebration events during the week of September 9th through the 13th here. The students took part in the week's activities, which featured themed days like "Adam Sandler". The theme of the Homecoming parade was loosely based on "The Wizard of Oz." "We had a really good time creating our float for this year's parade." one participant told the WIN.

As has become the norm during the Homecoming parade, the tribal organization and its various entities created parade floats to join the student entries for the event. Many versions of the theme came to life, even some having participants in full costume. The students in High School each had their own internal theme and color scheme. It was a remarkable sight watching their creations float down the main street of Winnebago.

The WHS Homecoming week was also going to be capped off by the football game against the McLaughlin Mustangs [South Dakota]. However, due to issues related to

players from that visiting team and their own codes of conduct, the game was forfeited. The notice of the forfeiture came early on Thursday of that week, much to the disappointment of the Winnebago team and fans. One parent told the WIN, "It's weird not having a football game during Homecoming week. I know the kids are disappointed."

Despite having no football game, the entire event still went off without a hitch. The kids all along the parade route left with literal bags of candy and other goodies, and the parents and fans of the Indians were still happy to help them all celebrate the week.



# COMMUNITY

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outside of the Village and serviced by the system, a vast majority of which are members of the Tribe or facilities owned by the Tribe. Both individual and Winnebago governmental accounts were billed irregularly for years, often with incorrect or missing substantiation for billings.

Billing disputes continued due to the Village's unwillingness or inability to substantiate bills to the Tribe, as reflected in the Village's yearly audits. In 2021, the Village terminated the boundaries cooperation agreement, and, in 2022, the Tribe requested that the Village consider transferring the system to the Tribe to manage and support the Tribe's efforts to obtain additional federal funds to update and expand the system.

After attempts at resolving the issues failed, the Winnebago Tribal Council agreed to support efforts to require that an Initiative referendum be put to the residents of the Village so that they, rather than the Village Board, would be able to decide this important matter. The Initiative Petition requesting that the matter of transferring the operation and management of the Winnebago Water and Sewer System be put to a vote was a last resort after years of fruitless efforts on the part of the Winnebago Tribe to work with the Village to improve the operations and administration of the system.

**The Petition**

After a successful petition drive, on December 15, 2023, Petitioner Isaac Smith submitted a petition containing 145 signatures, out of which 127 signatures were verified by the Thurston County Clerk's office as eligible voters of the Village—more than 20% of eligible voters required to qualify the Initiative for a Special Election. Unfortunately, before

the petition was even filed, the Village filed a suit challenging the voters of the Village's right to weigh in on the issue through an Initiative vote, effectively delaying any vote on the matter until now.

**Moving Forward**

The Board of the Village of Winnebago has a legal and fiduciary responsibility to act in a fiscally responsible manner on behalf of the residents of the Village of Winnebago, the majority of whom are Winnebago Tribal Members. At a minimum, the Board must stop using public funds to place roadblocks to the democratic decision-making process and place the question on a ballot to allow the voters to decide the matter.

The Winnebago Tribe continues to be willing to negotiate a process to transfer the Water and Sewer System that will benefit both the residents of the Village of Winnebago and those reservation residents who rely upon the system to provide clean water and efficient sanitary services and also continues its effort to lobby for additional federal and state funding to improve the system for the benefit of all users.

Currently, the Winnebago Tribe has been awarded funding for multiple major water and sewer system improvement projects that will benefit all users of the Water and Sewer System, and several are either in the planning and development stages or ready to move forward. It is the Tribe's intent to raise the standard for Winnebago and ensure the highest quality water and sewer services are provided to all residents, including the Village of Winnebago, and to do so in an operationally and fiscally responsible manner, which the Village has demonstrated it is unable to do.

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## HAUNTED HOUSE




Tues. & Wed. Oct. 29 & 30th, 5-8pm \$5.00 entrance.  
Children 6 and under are free. Start at front door. No parking in back.



Youth Crisis Intervention Center and Youth Shelter

In loving memory....

## Viola LaPointe



Viola Rave-Snake LaPointe, 93, started her journey to everlasting life on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at her and her daughter's home in Winnebago, NE. She was the wife of the late Peter John Snake-LaPointe. They shared 37 years of marriage together.

Viola was born in 1931 in Winnebago, NE. She was the daughter of Jeanette Houghton-Rave and Peter Rave, Sr. She attended St. Augustine's Indian Mission and St. Theodores Catholic School in Albert Lear, MN. She received a certificate in Early Childhood Development from Peru State College.

Viola was employed at Land O'Lakes Dairy for 17 years in Albert Lea, MN, and at Winnebago Head Start as a teacher's aide for six years, where she later become the Food Service Manager, serving daily breakfasts and lunches for hundreds of children, many of whom were own grandchildren. She retired in 1995 to stay home to care for her mother and several grandchildren.

Viola was a dedicated member of the St. Augustine's church for most of her life. She served on several boards and committees for the church, including the Parish Council and Kateri Circle.

Viola enjoyed playing cards and Yahtzee with her children and grandchildren and cheering at her grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting competitions. She will be remembered for her daily prayers and the love and care she gave all her family, faith community, family Christian Encounters Christ, and Oblate of the Benedictine Order of Missionary Sisters.

Viola is survived by her daughters Janet Bass, Sarah Snake, Cherie Tebo, and son Jerome LaPointe, Sr., all of Winnebago, NE. She had 25 grandchildren, over 100 great grandchildren, and over 25 great-great grandchildren.


Viola was preceded in death by her husband Peter John LaPointe, son Daryl LaPointe, Sr., daughter Diane LaPointe, and "angel son" Kenneth.

The Funeral services were held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 10am at St. Augustine's church in Winnebago, NE. Burial to follow at the St. Augustine's Catholic Cemetery.


## Hōcək Hoit'e

"The time of day is...(time)"

Hāp	Day
Hāhe	Night
Hąįnį	Morning
Wīra rōcąje	Noon
Wīra rōcąje haixa	Afternoon
Hoxjaᅇ	Evening
_____ jē ną.	It's _____.



**HoChunk Renaissance**  
Language Preservation Program




WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## Community Crisis Response Program Mental Health & Wellness FAIR

September 25th, 2024  
10am-2pm


Location: Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, outdoor west lower patio

Visit with representatives from a variety of community organizations to learn how to manage your your mental health, receive guidance on how to help loved ones and discover new ways to enhance your well-being.



Scan the QR code to register your booth!  
Registration ends  
September 18th @3pm

Questions?  
Contact Cassie Kitcheyan  
cassie.kitcheyan@wchs.health



Scan the QR code for HoChunk Language Quizlet.



# Wāgax hūk ra wāgax hokik'una

Letter to the Editor

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

### “WARNING labels”

Do WARNING labels work? Do you pay any attention to them? The government has enacted many regulations that insist that manufacturers place WARNING labels on various products.

There are WARNING labels everywhere on almost every item sold. Read all the directions before you plug in your new coffee pot, or appliance or power tool.

There are WARNING labels on cigars, cigarettes, and tiparillos. There are WARNING labels on alcohol products, especially for those who are pregnant or who operate heavy machinery. There are commercials and countless public service announcements that WARN one not to drink and drive.

The drug companies have commercials that pitch their products and then go on to WARN you of all of the side effects. I wonder who would be willing to try these drugs with all of the consequences that could happen.

This got me to thinking whether WARNING labels actually work. I also got to thinking whether spiritual WARNING labels would work. And what would such spiritual WARNING labels have on them? Can you image a sign outside various establishments with such spiritual WARNINGS?

God's Sacred Word is filled with spiritual WARNINGS. Most people have little or no clue what these spiritual WARNINGS are since they do not read God's Sacred Word or attend Bible studies or Sunday morning spiritual family gatherings.

Spiritual WARNINGS have consequences - both temporal and everlasting. Sadly most people do not heed such words since the consequences are not immediate. However, the consequences will become reality, no ifs, ands, or buts about it.

I will leave it at that for now. More on this next time . . . or you can take up God's Sacred Word and read it for yourself.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-077A

In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: GRYPHON ALEXANDER McCLELLAND to GRYPHON ALEXANDER MALLORY

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-077A has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-077B

In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: JOCELYN RAIYN McCLELLAND to JOCELYN EVALYN MALLORY

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-077C

In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: DANTE WILLIAM McCLELLAND to DANTE WILLIAM MALLORY

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-077C has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-144B

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: Tremaine Free  
In Re: C.H. (Born 04/2008)

TO: Henry Payer, 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. CV24-144B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of October, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-078

In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: ARIA ARMELL to ARIA HINAAKE ARMELL

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-078 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-145

In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of: JUAN GONZALEZ JR. vs AURORA LEAL

To: AURORA LEAL

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-145 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of October, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

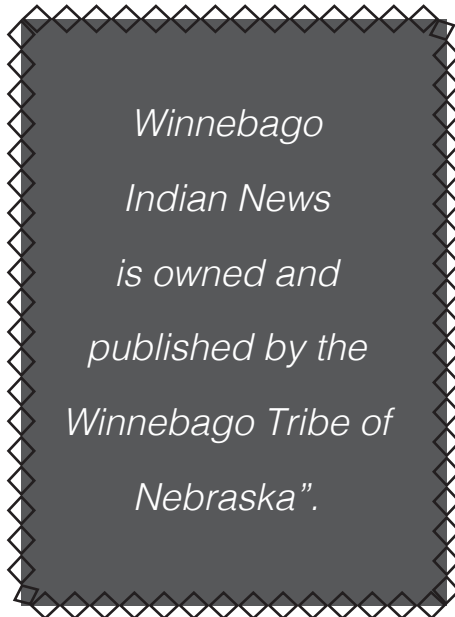
### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV24-107

In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of: SONYA ORTIZ vs WILLIAM CARTER

To: WILLIAM CARTER

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-107 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.



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- ✓ Nebraska college or university ID

\*ID must include name and photo

A message from the Nebraska Secretary of State.

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT August 12, 2024

### TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith – in at 9:06 .m.  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Eugene DeCora Sr.  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell – in at 9:14 a.m.  
Teresa Littlegeorge

### OTHERS:

Lynelle Blackhawk  
Cecelia Earth  
Esther Mercer  
Ireta Frazier  
Autumn Nieman  
Julie Smithart  
Brittany Thomas  
Fannie LaTray  
Robin Armell  
Kevin Ebert  
Jasmine Lammers  
Janelle DeCora  
Desiree Kitcheyan  
Billie Kitcheyan  
Erika Porter  
Kristine Earth  
Kellie Snow  
Annabess Preston  
Harvey Fremont

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:03 a.m.

**PRAYER:** Offered by Eugene DeCora

**AGENDA:** Add: Homesite Land Lease. Add Executive Session.

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

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

Land Management – presented by Fannie LaTray

Rona Stealer motioned to accept the August 2024 Land Management Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-177 approve the Home Site Lease with Katherine Rice and Kayla Greene for fifty (50) years in the amount of \$250.00 per year on T -2081. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Emergency Management – presented by Julie Smithart.

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

Hazard Mitigation 101 – presented by Erika Porter

Discussion  
Aric Armell motioned to accept the August 2024 Emergency Management Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Physical Resources Report – presented by Ireta Frazier & Autumn Nieman

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the Physical Resources June 2024 Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Break  
Native Star Estimate - \$466,500.00

Discussion:  
Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

In Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT September 9, 2024

### TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Eugene DeCora Sr. – Travel  
Coly Brown – PTO  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell 0 in at 9:11 a.m.  
Teresa Littlegeorge

### OTHERS:

Christina Parker  
Annabess Preston  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Cecelia Earth  
Esther Mercer

Jasmine Lammers  
Kellie Snow  
Fannie LaTray  
Harvey Fremont  
Robin Armell  
Barbara Pretends Eagle  
Billie Kitcheyan  
Kyle Urbanec  
Ron Nohr  
John Olsson  
Brian Jelinek  
Anna Berridge  
Julie Smithart

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:06 a.m.

**PRAYER:** Offered by Isaac Smith

**AGENDA:** Add under 5. Tribal Council Items A) Great Plains Public Safety and Law Enforcement Meeting; B) Tribal Member Request; Under Executive Session, Legal Update

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Emergency Management August 2024 Report – presented by Julie Smithart

Explains Security for the Shared Files for the Mitigation Plan. Discusses other monthly updates.

AA – in at 9:11 a.m.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Emergency Management August 2024 Report and approval of Security for the Shared Files for the Mitigation Plan. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Flood Report

Discusses data collection by HR for employees that worked on the flood & other flood related expenses and WinnaVegas breakdown of costs resulting from the flood.

Land Management – presented by Fannie LaTray, Harvey Fremon and Robin Armell

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-190, approve five (5) year agricultural lease for Terry Mathews at the rate of \$45,000.00per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt Resolution #24-191, approve a five (5) year lease for agricultural purposes for Keith Thomsen at the rate of \$90,312.00 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-192, approve a five (5) year lease for agricultural purposes Edward Rhodes at the rate of \$35,500.00 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-193, approve a five (5) year lease for agricultural purposes for Heath & Don Barclay at the rate of \$11,400.00 per year for the term of the lease. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt Resolution #24-194, approve a five (5) year lease for agricultural purposes for Jennifer Thompson at the rate of \$2,053.20 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-195, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for Curtis & Robert Albrecht at the rate of \$32,600.00 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-196, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for Ryan Heise & Kayden Hennemon at the rate of \$19,182.00 per year for the term of the lease. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-197, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for David Rohde at the rate of \$7,260.00 per year for the term of the lease. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-198, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for Ben Bonderson at the rate of \$9,602.00 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-199, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for David Rhode at the rate of \$19,576.00 per year for the term of the lease. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-200, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for Drew Rose at the rate of \$24,948.42 per year for the term of the lease. Aric Armell

seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-201, approve a five (5) year agricultural lease for Brandon & Dennis Victor at a rate of \$3,975.00 per year for the term of the lease. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-202, approve to cancel Reva DeCora's homesite lease. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #24-203, approve a homesite lease for Elaine Earth for ten (10) years with the Annual rental at \$25.00.00 Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Councilman Smith asked Land Management to make a map showing 100% Winnebago Tribal ownership and 50% Winnebago Tribal ownership..

Olsson - Fiber Project, presented by John Olsson & Brian Jelinek

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribe's GIS Project to share our GIS map with Olsson for the Fiber Project. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Physical Resources Report – presented by Ireta Frazier & Autumn Nieman

Ireta introduced the new Winnebago Tribe's Environmental Protection Department Manager, Anna Berridge.

Isaac Smith motioned to accept the Physical Resources August 2024 Report. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve Tribal Council Travel to Rapid City for the Great Plains Public Safety & Law Enforcement Meeting, September 12, 2024. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Olsson – Round About  
Bids will go out April or May 2025. It will take six months construction and will be operational by November 2025.

Discussion  
LD -out

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

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

In Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.  
Ld – back

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 11:56 a.m.

Aric Armell motioned for Land Management to prioritize land sales in FY 2025. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

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

## 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

## Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



## 2024 Election Candidates

**Teresa Littlegeorge**

**Keely Purscell**

**Isaac Smith**

**Rona Stealer**



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**Understanding the Air Quality Index: A Guide to Breathing Easy**

In recent years, the Air Quality Index (AQI) has become a crucial tool for individuals and communities striving to understand and manage air pollution. As concerns about environmental health and climate change grow, staying informed about air quality has never been more important. AirNow (airnow.gov), BreezoMeter (breezometer.com), and IQAir AirVisual (iqair.com/world-air-quality) are some sites and apps that can be valuable tools to make informed decisions about outdoor activities and health precautions.

The AQI is a standardized index to communicate how polluted the air currently is by reducing complex air quality data into a simple, color-coded scale that ranges from 0 to 500, with lower numbers indicating better air quality and higher numbers signifying more severe pollution levels.

**Decoding the AQI Scale**

Good	Moderate	Sensitive Groups	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy	Hazardous
0 to 50	51 to 100	101 to 150	151 to 200	201 to 300	above 300

The AQI is broken down into six categories, each associated with a specific level of health concern. An AQI of 0 to 50 is considered "Good," indicating that air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk. An AQI of 51 to 100 is "Moderate," where air quality is acceptable, but there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution. When the AQI reaches 101 to 150, it falls into the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" category. This level can affect children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory or heart conditions.

From 151 to 200, the air quality is "Unhealthy" for the general public, and everyone may begin to experience health effects. An AQI of 201 to 300 is "Very Unhealthy," and health warnings of emergency conditions are issued, indicating that the entire population is more likely to be affected. Lastly, an AQI above 300 is deemed "Hazardous," triggering health alerts and urging people to avoid outdoor activities.

**The Importance of Monitoring AQI**

For individuals with health conditions like asthma or cardiovascular diseases, the AQI serves as an alert system. It helps them manage their health by minimizing exposure during high pollution days. Schools, sports teams, and outdoor event organizers also rely on AQI data to ensure the safety and well-being of participants, particularly children who are more vulnerable to air pollution's effects.

**Taking Action for Sensitive to Unhealthy Air**

When the AQI reaches sensitive to unhealthy levels, you can help protect your health and the health of those around you by limiting outdoor activities, especially if you belong to sensitive groups, such as children, the elderly, or individuals with pre-existing respiratory or heart conditions. Opt for indoor activities where air quality is controlled. Close windows and doors to prevent outdoor air from entering your home. Use air purifiers to reduce indoor pollution, and avoid activities that can further degrade indoor air quality, such as burning candles or smoking. If you have respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, follow your doctor's advice and have your medications readily available. Ensure you have an emergency plan in place and know the symptoms of air pollution-related health issues, such as coughing, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

In conclusion, the Air Quality Index is more than just a numerical value; it's a lifeline for public health and environmental awareness. By understanding and utilizing the AQI, individuals and communities can take steps towards healthier living and a cleaner planet. As we navigate the challenges of air pollution, the AQI remains a vital tool for ensuring the air we breathe is safe and healthy for all.

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Sensitive Groups 101 to 150	This level can affect children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory or heart conditions.
Unhealthy 151 to 200	The general public may begin to experience health effects, with sensitive groups at greater risk.
Very Unhealthy 201 to 300	Health warnings of emergency conditions are issued, indicating that the entire population is more likely to be affected.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT (OPPD) NOTICE TO PERFORM TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE ON WINNEBAGO/ OMAHA TRIBE ALLOTMENTS OCTOBER 2024 THROUGH APRIL 2025**

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) is committed to maintaining the safe and reliable operation of its electric transmission system. Federal, regional and electric industry regulations and standards require continuous maintenance of high-voltage overhead transmission lines. OPPD and/or its partnered contractors will be accessing transmission line right-of-way to perform necessary maintenance work including various repairs, structure replacements and inspections. Inspections include assessment of the condition of poles, wires, insulators and hardware.

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Work is scheduled for October 2024 through April 2025.

**REFERENCE ALLOTMENT NUMBERS  
THURSTON COUNTY**

**WINNEBAGO RESERVATION**

238L	892	17W
947	892-A	366L
16L	T892-B	879
21L	T892-C	235L
233	608	

**OMAHA RESERVATION**

142N	133-7	71
600-A	3015	63-1
620	133-4	201-2
619-1	133-2	200
3032	194-1	125
679-4	194-2	M375N
352N	199	731-1
680-3	203	728
680-4	206-1	680-2
687-2	206-3	639
687-1	206-4	619-2
687-3	T206-2	T254N
687-4	290-1	144N
688-C	290-2	

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**Winnebago Indian News  
Ad Rate Update**

**New "Legacy" Rates**

Full Page Color	\$525
Full Page B/W	\$475
1/2 Page Color	\$300
1/2 Page B/W	\$250
1/4 Page Either	\$175
Personal Ad	\$50
Public Interest	\$50

"Other specialty rates apply."



**Effective 9/1/2024**



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## WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**TUESDAY, OCT. 8<sup>TH</sup>  
POLLS: 8 AM TO 8 PM  
BHCC Gym**

## Winnebago Tribal Council General Election Forum

Sponsored and hosted by Little Priest Tribal College

## 2024 General Election

# VOTE

October  
2nd

The forum will be hosted at Little Priest Tribal College in the Elk building auditorium from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

The forum will be broadcast on Facebook.

Lunch will be provided by LPTC

For any questions, please email [alexandrea.walker@littlepriest.edu](mailto:alexandrea.walker@littlepriest.edu) or call 402-878-2380 ext. 167



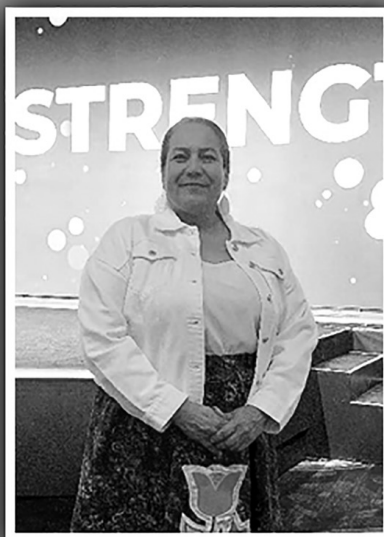
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TRIBAL COUNCIL  
CANDIDATE**

**Keely  
Purscell**



**WINNEBAGO  
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**Rona  
Stealer**



**WINNEBAGO  
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**Isaac  
Smith**



**WINNEBAGO  
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CANDIDATE**

**Teresa  
Littlegeorge**



**WINNEBAGO  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WRITE IN CANDIDATE**

**David  
Russell**







### Question of the Issue:

*The First Day of Autumn was 9/22, what are some of your favorite things about the Fall?*

**Garan:** Football!! High school football on Friday (Go Big Blue), Husker football on Saturday, Tennessee Titans football on Sunday... Monday night football and Amazon Prime Football on Thursday. *[Editor's Note: Chiefs Kingdom!]*

**Brian:** Summer is the vibe that lasts all year, here. (yup, just can't let it go) But as a child of the Fall, when Autumn arrives the cooler weather evokes a certain nostalgia that is undeniable. School days, hoodie/ sweater weather, birds gathering & leaves falling. The colours are amazing. But you can keep that pumpkin spice madness overkill to yourself – except pass the pie and cool whip (in Stewie's voice). :-p

**Tyler:** I'm going to have to say the weather! It's not super hot/cold. Can wear my hoodies n sweatshirts in peace haha.

**Kevin:** I love the cool weather, and the nice bonfires you can have.

**Christina:** Hoodies and hot apple cider.

**Bethani:** Fall is my favorite time of year! When it comes to Fall, hands down, my prized enjoyment is SWEATA WEATHA!!! I absolutely adore sweater weather. I also love feeling the cooler weather, seeing the changing colors in nature & the fact that Halloween is just around the corner. The joys of hitting up a pumpkin patch with my family. There's just so much to enjoy about Fall. :-)

### CHS Dental Not Accepting New Patients Until March 31, 2025

To our WCHS Dental patients,  
We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause; WCHS is placing a hold on our dental calendar until March 31st, 2025. This hold means that we will not be taking on any new dental patients or scheduling any new appointments until April 1st, 2025.

For all those who have scheduled appointments, please make sure you keep those appointments as we cannot reschedule until after March 31st. If you cannot attend, please cancel so we can get patients on our cancellation waiting list scheduled.

We have created a cancellation list for those who can come in when we have a cancellation. Emergency patients can be seen at 8:00 AM Monday through Friday on a first come basis.

An alternative list of Nebraska Dental Public Health Clinics is available at the clinic window. This list may be helpful for those who wish to seek care in private offices while we are paused in accepting new patients and appointments.

A small expansion to increase access to hygiene is ongoing and we will be hoping to increase access soon. A larger expansion that will hopefully greatly reduce the delay is planned but will not be ready for 18-24 months from now.

This decision was not easy or made lightly, we currently have a waitlist and are fully booked until March 31st, 2025. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to restarting scheduling on April 1st, 2025.

Sincerely,  
Winnebago Dental Clinic  
402-745-3950

### WCHS's Mental Health Awareness Fair

*By: Erin McElroy, Communication Manger*

**What:** Mental Health Awareness Fair to learn about self-care and recognizing the warning signs of mental health disorders and where the community can seek help.

**Who:** WCHS Behavioral Health invites the community to come and learn about mental health and other resources and the support available.

**Why:** To inform the community about the mental health resources and support that is available to them. Bringing awareness to an important health topic that impacts many on a daily basis.

**Who Should Attend:** Open to the public.

**When:** September 25th, 2024, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Where:** Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System 225 S Bluff St. Winnebago, NE 68071 - First Floor Patio

*Media Instructions: Please call/text 712-333-3746 if you plan to attend and when you arrive on-site to escort you to the Fair*

Point your phone's camera at the QR code to go to the Big Voice Radio webpage!



## KWTN 100.9 FM

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### VARSIY FOOTBALL

Aug. 29	Cheyenne-Eagle Butte	A	6:00
Sept. 6	Pine Ridge	H	3:00
12	McLaughlin (Homecoming)	H	2:00
20	Mahpiya Luta (Red Cloud)	A	3:00
26	Todd County	H	6:00
Oct. 4	Little Wound	A	4:00
10	St. Francis (Senior/Parents Night)	H	6:00
17	Omaha Nation	A	6:00
25	Playoffs Begin	TBA	TBA

### GIRLS GOLF

Aug. 23	W.P./Beemer Invite	Indian Trails C.C.	9:00
26	Wayne Invite	Wayne G.C.	9:30
Sept. 5	Stanton Invite	Elkhorn G.C.	9:00
14	Pierce Invite	Pierce G.C.	9:00
16	Battle Creek Invite	Evergreen Hill G.C.	9:00
26	Wayne Invite	Wayne G.C.	9:00
28	Laurel-C-C	Laurel C.C.	9:00
Oct. 5	Oakland-Craig	Oakland G.C.	9:00
7	Districts (7-8)	TBA	TBA
14	State (14-15)	TBA	TBA

### VARSIY CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 29	Hartington	Hartington Sports	4:30
Sept. 5	Wisner-Pilger	ITCC	5:00
12	LCC	Cedarview GC	4:00
16	Wayne	Wayne Golf	3:00
19	Pender	Twin Creeks	4:30
26	Maple Valley	Maple Valley Sports	4:30
Oct. 3	South Sioux City	Dribble Soccer	4:00
11	Conf.-Bloomfield	Rollings Hills C.C.	4:00
17	Districts	TBA	TBA
25	State	Kearney	TBA

### VARSIY VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 22	Jamboree @Wisner-Pilger	A	6:00
29	Tri-County Northeast (C/JV @ 5:30)	A	5:30
Sept. 3	Fort Calhoun Tourney	A	5:00
10	Hartington-Newcastle	A	5:30
12	Walthill/Omaha Christian	A	5:00
17	Ponca	H	5:30
19	Bancroft-Rosalie (JV @ 5:00)	A	5:00
21	Winnebago Tourney	H	9:00
24	Omaha Nation	H	6:00
26	Lyons-Dec./Tri-County NE	H	5:30
Oct. 1	Omaha Nation/Walthill	A	5:00
3	Winside	A	6:00
8	Whiting, IA/Homer	A	5:00
12	Wisner-Pilger Tourney	A	10:00
15	Madison/Cedar Bluffs	H	5:00
19	Lewis & Clark Tourney (19-22)	A	TBA
24	Homer/Wakefield	A	5:00
28	Sub-Districts	TBA	TBA
Nov. 2	District Finals	TBA	TBA
8	State (8-13) @Lincoln	A	TBA





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