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Hūc wiconj ńa
First Bear Moon

Saturday, January 18, 2025



IN HONOR OF
Neola Walker

Our masthead for this first issue of 2025 features the icon representing the Elk Clan / Huwa Hikikarac. The Elk Clan holds many functions within our tribe, including those related to being messengers to the people, servants of the people, and caring for the environment overall. The Elk Clan is most well-known for being the primary distributor of fire throughout the villages, and while on hunts. When at war, the Elk Clan was in charge of the sacred fire. The Elk Clan is one of the eight Earth clans. Its friendship clan is the Deer Clan. Elk Clan members were considered fierce warriors as represented by the spear. Families belonging to the Elk Clan include: Smith. Our gratitude to the HoChunk Renaissance Department for their assistance in providing this information.

WTN INTERNET OUTREACH BEGINS



Winnebago Tribe Seeks Collaboration with Reservation Landowners to Construct High Speed Internet Network

The Winnebago Tribe is reaching out to landowners whose property is managed by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide consent for right of way enabling the high-speed fiber internet network to be constructed. The Tribe received federal funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) office Tribal Broadband Program to serve more than 600 households, 40 businesses, and 16 tribal institutions in the rural reservation and adjacent communities.

Bridging the digital divide in Indian Country means championing hurdles not normally

faced by typical telecommunication projects. The tribe has designed the 286 miles (1.8 million feet) project across the reservation to avoid cultural sites and to minimize environmental concerns related to the project. That has included multi-federal and state agency collaborations including, but not limited to, a permit process with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to cross underneath the Missouri River in two locations.

Victoria Kitcheyan, Tribal Chairwoman for the Winnebago Tribe shared, "This is an exciting and monumental undertaking for the tribe to allow residents and businesses to be a part of the 21st century. Not since electricity was made available to homes here approximately 75 years ago has something so significantly important to our tribal members and residents of the Winnebago

Reservation happened." The planning and design phases are completed. To be able to connect to individual buildings, the fiber optic network must be built on property owned and held in trust by the BIA for individual landowners, and the Tribe. A majority of the fiber optic network will be located within existing road ditches to minimize affecting current uses of the properties.

The last step to complete before construction can begin is to get consent from individuals whose property is held in trust with the BIA to allow an easement on the property for the construction of the fiber network. The consent of 51% of ownership on properties held in trust is critical to ensure

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WCHS Welcomes New Full-time Optometrist Dr. Christine James



By: Erin McElroy Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is thrilled to announce the arrival of Dr. Christine James, to their Optometry Department. WCHS is dedicated to creating and sustaining health in the Winnebago community, and having James as a full-time optometrist will greatly

increase the capacity of the department.

WCHS's Optometry Department has been staffed with two part-time contract optometrists, limiting the reach in care that the department can give. Dr. James's arrival will allow the department to schedule specialized appointments every weekday starting in January. WCHS's Optometry Department is set up to serve all ages through vision exams, optical services, and various treatments and care.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to expand our services and reach more of our relatives. Access to regular eye exams enables early detection of eye diseases that allow for more timely and successful treatment outcomes." States Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer.

Dr. Christine James began her journey in optometry when she graduated in 2018 from Concordia University Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. From there, she attend-

ed the University of Missouri St. Louis College of Optometry, graduating in 2022. Dr. James graduated as a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa honor society and received awards for "Excellence in Clinical Skills" and "Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care". Within optometry, she has a great passion for helping patients with binocular vision dysfunctions and is a member of the AOA (American Osteopathic Association), AAO (American Academy of Ophthalmology), and IOA (Iowa Optometric Association). Originally from Ida Grove, IA, Dr. James now calls Sioux City, IA home. When not in the office, she enjoys playing the piano, hiking, birding with her husband, Eric, and playing tennis in the evenings.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to join and serve the WCHS community," James states. "I am looking forward to caring for this community and widening eye care access services in Winnebago."

Nj̄šoc Nj̄gešana

Bago Bits

By: Tyler Snake



December 12th, HoChunk Renaissance hosted a Holiday HoChunk Bingo Night! Attendees were able to learn or recap Hocak words, win prizes and enjoy a Christmas meal. Thank you HoChunk Renaissance for revitalizing our language



Check out those gasoline prices. Shown above was the old 'Heritage Mall' gas pumps. Located next to the Neola Walker Human Services building. Check out more throwbacks in this issue!



December 13th, the Angel DeCorra Museum & Research Center hosted a book signing event with Cathy Coats, Author of "To Banish Forever: A Secret Society, the Ho-Chunk, and Ethnic Cleansing in Minnesota". Cathy's book highlights the Ho-Chunk peoples resiliency.

COMMUNITY

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construction can begin. Letters and consent forms have been sent to property owners that would be impacted by construction of the fiber network. The help of property owners in the path of construction are asked to assist the Tribe and this important project by providing consent to allow the easement by returning the signed consent forms.

The Tribe has worked closely with Tribal Council and BIA to ensure all documentation is in accordance with Tribal and federal rules and regulations. They are excited to see the community's support and participation in this process to move the project forward to strengthen our Tribal members and community creating a brighter future for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Winnebago Tribal Members, Landowners, or Community members that have additional questions may email: fiber@winnebagotribe.com or call the Toll Free Phone Number: 833-761-9444.

Amanda Walton Receives WCHS's Daisy Award



By: Erin McElroy Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) proudly honors Nurse Amanda Walton as the recipient of the 2025 Quarter 1 DAISY Award® for Extraordinary

Nurses. In a moving ceremony, WCHS celebrated Amanda's remarkable achievement, alongside the invaluable contributions of all its nursing staff, recognizing their unwavering dedication to patients and families.

Since its establishment in 1999 by the Barnes family, the DAISY Foundation has become a symbol of gratitude for the extraordinary care nurses provide. The foundation was created in memory of Patrick Barnes, whose family was deeply moved by the compassionate care he received during his illness. The DAISY Award® was born from this legacy, honoring the exceptional dedication and skill of nurses across the globe.

Amanda Walton was selected from a group of outstanding nominees by WCHS's DAISY committee. Her nominator highlighted her exceptional ability to consistently provide compassionate, skillful, and patient-centered care saying, "Her energy and smiles are contagious. When I'd come for a different appointment I would have questions, and she would always come out to talk to me and help me. She always asks if I have everything

I need for home, like equipment to help me walk, etc. Anytime I would call just to update on what was going on with me and my surgeries, she always paid attention because when I would come in for an appointment, my doctor was well informed due to Amanda's attentive care." Amanda's commitment to nursing excellence, combined with her dedication and attention to detail in patient care, has left an indelible impact on her patients and colleagues alike.

During the awards ceremony on Monday, January 13th, Amanda was surprised and humbled as she was celebrated by her peers and WCHS leadership. Sara McIntosh, Chief Nursing Officer, shared, "Amanda stands out as a shining example of nursing excellence. Her commitment to delivering exceptional care, as described by her nominator, reflects her profound empathy, skill, and dedication. Amanda embodies the true spirit of nursing, ensuring her patients feel cared for and valued in every interaction."

What began as a single family's gesture of gratitude has evolved into a global movement embraced by healthcare organizations worldwide. At WCHS, the DAISY Award® remains a cornerstone of our commitment to recognizing and honoring exceptional nurses like Amanda Walton, who exemplify compassion, excellence, and the highest standards of patient care.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF VARIOUS GAMES IN THE HOČAŦ LANGUAGE

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

WAŽŌŦI HOIŠĠAC HĀHE

CARNIVAL GAMES * BOARD GAMES * LANGUAGE GAMES *
FACE PAINTING * BALLOON CREATIONS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22ND, 2025
5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
WHIRLING THUNDER GYM

HoChunk Renaissance
Language Preservation Program

MORE INFO: MY SOUL EARTH HEARNS AT 402-878-4135 X2816

FREE 1st TIME HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Weds **January 29, 2025**
5:30-7:30pm
LPTC- Auditorium- Winnebago, NE

Join us for Part 1 of 2 classes

This Seminar will feature:

- ✓ Home Buying Process
- ✓ How To Get Qualified
- ✓ Prepare For Home Ownership
- ✓ Understanding Credit & Budgeting
- ✓ Obtaining a Mortgage Loan
- ✓ Down Payment Assistance
- ✓ Appraisal & Closing Costs
- ✓ Maintaining a Home and Finances



Please RSVP:
Seating is limited

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Open to the Public & Mandatory for all Winnebago Tribal Members to Qualify for Down Payment Assistance.

**** Attendees will receive a Home Buyer Certificate of completion ****

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST WITH COUNCIL

TOPICS:

- Winnebago Construction Projects**
Around \$100 Million In Projects
- The Fiber To Home Internet Project**
Get an update and learn more
- 911 Addresses**
Why it's important

Free Breakfast For All Attendees • Door Prizes!
Zoom Link for Tribal Members
Email: christina.parker@winnebagotribe.com

WHEN: Monday, Jan 20 at 9:00 AM
WHERE: Blackhawk Center Gym

Questions Call WTN Admin: (402) 878-2272
www.winnebagotribe.com

Next WIN News Deadline:
January 27th

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Letter to the Editor

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ25-005
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
Z.H. (Born 07/2012)

To: ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ25-005 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12th day of February, 2025 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Suspension of Parental Rights Hearing
Case No. CV24-135

In the Matter of the Adoption of:
J.S. (BORN 10/2015)

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
JERREN SPRINGS, Father

You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition has been filed and an Suspension of Parental Rights Hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV24-135 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ24-023
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
R.G. (Born 08/2011)

To: DWIGHT MORRIS JR, Father
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ24-023 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Service
CASE NO. CV24-112
In the matter of WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM V. MOHAMED HUMAD, M.D., M.B.A.

To: MOHAMED HUMAD, M.D., M.B.A., Respondent

You are hereby notified that the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System has filed a Civil Petition to Establish Debt against you in the Winnebago Tribal Court to recover an unpaid debt in the amount of \$120,000, plus interest, and all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in recovering such debt. You must file an answer to the Civil Petition to Establish Debt within thirty-one (31) days from the date of this publication or entry of a default judgment against you may be rendered, accordingly.

Pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Winnebago Tribal Code, this notice shall serve as service of process upon posting in the Winnebago Indian News.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV25-027AB

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
Salena Pedroza
In Re:
T.W. (Born 06/2012)
S.W. (Born 03/2018)

TO: CHERISE LYONS, MOTHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV25-027AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of February, 2025 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ25-009A
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
L.B. (Born 12/2007)

To: ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ25-009A has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5th day of March, 2025 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Suspension of Parental Rights Hearing
Case No. CV24-136ABC

In the Matter of the Adoption of:
A.E. (BORN 03/2012)
A.E. (BORN 02/2014)
A.E. (BORN 02/2014)

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
ERIC ELMORE, Father

You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition has been filed and an Suspension of Parental Rights Hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV24-136ABC has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV25-019
In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
Cynthia Earth
In Re:
J.W. (Born 08/2018)

TO: 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. CV25-019 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 16TH day of JANUARY, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

'Despair - Denial - or Delight'

What are the most terrifying words in the English language?

Nearly forty years ago - at a press conference a government leader said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

Let me change it up a bit - what if we were to reduce the most terrifying words to three. What three words do you think would receive the greatest emotional response?

How about: 'I am pregnant'? When heard unexpectedly these words could bring terror. Undoubtedly these words brought terror to King David's mind when Bathsheba informed him that she was pregnant. Yes, one response to terror is the feeling of despair! David was in despair!

While praying in the temple in Jerusalem Zechariah was told by the angel his wife Elizabeth, who was barren, was soon to be pregnant and they would have a son. His response was one of denial! Due to his unbelief he was left speechless - literally, until the birth of their son John.

However, these three words 'I am pregnant' can also be the most exciting words in the English language. The responses for Elizabeth and for Mary were not despair nor denial but delight - they were delighted or delight-full!

What response do you have regarding the news of the pregnancies of both Elizabeth and Mary? Do these words bring you delight? or denial - so what? or despair - anger!?

I would venture to write, when it comes especially to the pregnancy of the virgin Mary and the birth of her son, the son of God, that these are the three typical responses. Most people around the world are in denial of this story. Or should I write that most are ignorant even of this story. The miraculous birth of Jesus is impossible. In the words of Ebenezer Scrooge 'Bah humbug!'

Others respond much like King Herod the Great. When King Herod was visited by the

Magi he, along with many in Jerusalem, went into despair. King Herod's despair moved him to attempt to end the life of the baby boy born in Bethlehem. He had his soldiers murder every boy under the age of 2 in the town of Bethlehem.

You might be wondering how God could allow this to happen? Today there are many who end the lives of their unborn babies right here in America. This is sadly, tragically an all too often response to the three words 'I am pregnant.'

While Creator God is not the cause of the evil in the world, He did something to redeem sinners who do evil things. And His only begotten son was born to die, but not as a baby in Bethlehem. That was for a different time and a different place according to God's plan of salvation.

The usual response to the news of the birth of Jesus is either that of denial or despair! However, for a few the response is one of delight! Those who are delighted at this good news gather together to give their Creator glory and praise that He would love us so much as to send a Savior! Did you take time to offer your thanks on Christmas eve or Christmas Day in one of His houses of worship?

It is the love of our Creator that Jesus was born. Jesus took on flesh and blood in order that he would give up his life and offer to be the Savior of the world.

So what is your response to The Christmas Story? Are you in despair? Or are you in denial? Or are you in delight? Yes, delighted as you receive the Christmas gift in faith and with the angels sing praise and thanks to Jesus' heavenly Father!

This delight moves believers in Jesus to thank and praise God each and every day. This same delight moves His adopted sons and daughters to gather together each and every week. The good news that the angels shared with the shepherds moved them to worship Jesus. How do you respond to this same good news - despair, denial or delight?

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:13 a.m.
OPENING PRAYER: Vice Chairman offered the opening prayer.
APPROVE AGENDA:
 Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Eugene DeCora seconded.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [RS out 9:15 a.m.]
 CFO Tribal Financial Report: Jasmine Lammers
 Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the September, October, and November Tribal Financial Reports. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
APPROVALS:
 Winnebago Tribe Wildlife & Parks FY 25 Bison Project Funding
 Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-70: Winnebago Tribe Wildlife & Parks FY 25 Bison Project Funding. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 WTN Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development FY 25

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-71: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development FY 25. Coly Brown seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Rona in]
 Amending Resolution #22-05 HUD ICDBG (Housing and Urban Development Indian Country Community Development Block Grant) Single Purpose Public Facility Project Grant
 Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #22-05B: Amending Resolution #22-05 HUD ICDBG (Housing and Urban Development Indian Country Community Development Block Grant) Single Purpose Public Facility Project Grant. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Lorelei DeCora motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [LD out at 10:03 a.m.]
 Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
BREAK: Reconvened at 10:12 a.m.
WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT: David Edwards and Beth Wewel
 October 2024 Financial Reports
 Revenue Generation Report
 November 2024 Financial Reports
 Revenue Generation Report
 Eugene DeCora motioned to accept the WCHS October and November 2024 Financial Report. Coly Brown seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Isaac out]
GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: Da-

mon Payer and Nakia Mallory
 Eugene DeCora motioned to accept the October and November Financial Report from Gaming Commission Report. Coly Brown seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Isaac in at 10:40 a.m.]
WARHORSE REPORT: Lance Morgan and Angel Derochie
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the October and November WarHorse Financial Reports.
 Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Lorelei out at 10:42 a.m.]
 [Isaac out at 10:42 a.m.]
WINNAVEGAS REPORT: Tom Teesdale and Mike Grant
 October 2024 Financial Report
 November 2024 Financial Report
 [Kenny out at 10:43 a.m.]
 [Isaac in at 10:44 a.m.]
 [Kenny in at 10:45 a.m.]
 [Lorelei in at 10:51 a.m.]
 Rona Stealer motioned to accept the WinnaVegas October and November Financial Reports. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Coly out]
WGDC – NATIVE STAR/IRON HORSE REPORT: Sharon Redhorn-Chamberlain
 Isaac Smith motioned to set up a Special Meeting with the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation Board, Tribal Council and Native Star/Iron Horse Administration.
 Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 Isaac Smith motioned to accept the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation August, September, October, and November Financial Reports. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.
 [Coly in]
BREAK: reconvened at 11:58 a.m.
 [Aric Armell in at 11:58 a.m., via phone call]
TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:
 Boys and Girls Club
 Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-72: Investment Portfolio Drawdown – Boys and Girls Club Shortfall. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.
 Chair is voting on this resolution.
 VOTE: (9) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 [Aric Armell out]
 Jack's Uniforms Invoice
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve Jack's Uniforms & Equipment invoice of \$2,182.80 for the Veterans out of Tribal Council donations. Isaac Smith seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Rona Stealer motioned to go into the Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 Rona Stealer motioned to come out of Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
ADJOURN:
 Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn at 1:29 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.
 VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.
 Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary
 Winnebago Tribal Council*

LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

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

- Chemistry Instructor
- Community Education Coordinator
- Learning Lab Specialist
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 LPTC is an equal-opportunity employer.
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Long Vowels

TIME TO LEARN

The line above the letter is called a macron

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This mark tells us we have to hold this sound just a little longer. It's like the difference between how we say the words "grape" and "great"

We hold the "ay" sound just a tiny bit longer when we say "great"

HoChunk Renaissance Language Preservation Program

Find Community in recovery

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Meetings Every Monday and Friday

6 - 7pm
 206 Maple St,
 Winnebago, NE

Narcotics Anonymous
 Meetings Every Wednesday

WCHS
 WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO HUMAN SERVICES
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 Neola Walker Building
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Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred
 The curriculum offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible fatherhood as reflected in Native American values and beliefs. There is an immediate need to bring men back to strengthening families-they are the greatest untapped resource. Fathers are the solution to the problems that face communities and must take the leading role in keeping their families together. The 12- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families to fully realize their potential.
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The Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships
 This program is a curriculum offers participants the opportunity to learn the pros and cons of strong, healthy, and positive relationships. Our ancestors were a family centered people. To honor our ancestors and continue their culture, we must link generations and take care of our families by strengthening relationships. The 14- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families by enhancing their capacity to promote strong, healthy and positive relationships (i.e. Marriages, families, friendships, etc).
 ❖ Certified Facilitator:

Addressing Family Violence and Abuse
 This program is a 14 session program that was created to provide a more in-depth and focused resource for families and communities facing this devastating problem. The program defines domestic violence and abuse, identifies contributing factors, and provides ways to overcome the effects of abuse and much more. This program offers hope and healing to individuals caught in the cycle of abuse and violence.
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"I know of no tradition, belief, ceremony, or teaching that allows family members to abandon, abuse, neglect, ignore, harm, injure, or molest other family members, specifically children." -Albert M. Pooley

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Question of the Issue:

Winnebago is deep into the Winter season. What memories do you have about these frigid days?

Garan: The very first Last Bear Moon Powwow in 2018 it was predicted that we would have the winter storm of the century! I was part of the discussions to either cancel or proceed. We held an emergency meeting, and it was said that everything would work out fine. It did, the winter storm held off until everyone got there. Then during the evening grand entry it was a wicked snowstorm! Complete white conditions, 5ft drifts, and roads were closed. Funny thing is that we were all fine with it. We had music, dancing, and amazing singing. [Editor's Note: Goot one!]

Brian: Sledding as a kid was always so much fun. Back then we had snow as early as October, and the season seemed quite long. The hill where I grew up had a great icy track where we could use sleds with metal runners on them. Freezing days and nights, but it was worth it! My aunt Dorcee and her friends would join in too and we'd crash into one another. Do they even make those sleds anymore? Don't ask me about the time we used an old car hood! ;-p And the hot cocoa and soups afterwards made everything ok. Anyway... good times, good times (but give me Summer!)

Tyler: hmmm... I had a hard time thinking of a good memory for the winter. It's hard to say because I hate the cold I would say snow days, late starts and winter break! I'd rather hibernate.

Kevin: Back in elementary school I was attending school at St. Augustine's Indian mission. We used to sled ride down the big Mission Hill. This one-time, Lance Denny, just got a new wooden toboggan. It was about 10 to 12 feet long. We all jumped on the toboggan for its maiden run. We were going down the hill and we started heading for a tree. We all bailed off but Lance. He was stuck on the front of the sled; his knees were inside the chains. He could not get off in time, so he hit the tree at full speed and separated the toboggan into two pieces. We never rode it again.

Christina: As a child I remember the funnest times during winter was with my brother Gabe. We always played outside even in the rain. We used to live on "witch mountain" and theres a huge hill that goes down to "sunrise drive" and all the neighborhood kids would be there with just about anything you could slide down the hill in. I remember one of the kids had one of those kiddie plastic pools going down the hill in a big group. On one of the trips down, my brother and I jumped in and we flew down and I think we even tipped over at the bottom. I remember we all just laughed becuae it was so fun.

Bethani: A wintertime memory for me is going to be from when I was a kid. Sledding with my dad & big sister. He took us to the big hill by St. Augustine's, which was my first time ever going sledding on this hill. We shared 1 sled, so it was one at a time. The sled was circular & plastic, nothing fancy. I watched my sister go first, then my dad, and it came to my turn. I went last on purpose, I was so excited to try but once we were there & I had seen how much the hill sloped downward, I was trying to back out. Finally, it's my turn! O_O (my eyes, in that moment) After a good pep talk from my dad, I built up the courage to go. I was scared for good reason!!! I go flying down the hill, the fastest I've ever gone, & next thing you know, I am face first in the snow. The sled hit a little bump, flipped with me on it, 1 of my snow boots flew off & that was it. The sled did fly into the fence down at the bottom & so it was kind of a good thing that I wiped out, otherwise I would have crashed into the fence.

Editor's Movie Review: "Bitter and Unsweetened" Sugarcane

By Brian Chamberlain
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Any film about the life and times of tribal people is one that usually grabs the attention of Indian Country. Over the years there have been several, ranging from big budget Hollywood blockbusters to the small Indie style films that fight for their place in the cannon. In January 2024, National Geographic Documentary Films released the latest in that line of smaller movies, our review for this issue – Sugarcane.

Lately there seems to be a real push for entertainment offerings from the Indigenous communities of North America. Both American and Canadian voices have rose to become modern day storytellers, with the subject matter being widely diverse. Everything from pure nonsensical folly to hard-hitting docudrama have grown to become a factor in mainstream American society, and this is where we find ourselves when it comes to Sugarcane.

Set in a 'reserve' of 'the Grandfather-land', as one would call it, aka Canada, Sugarcane takes the documentary genre by storm. Under the direction of Julian Brave Noisycat and Emily Kassie the story unfolds around the time the graveyards filled with children were being discovered at many residential boarding schools across that nation. Shedding its typical documentary feel, National Geographic takes a story notorious for horrific tales of abuse and turns it into a personal journey but loses none of its power.

Sugarcane follows the storylines of two different protagonists. Men who could not be more disparate in their livelihoods but are inextricably linked within the all too familiar story. Taking place near the Sugarcane Reserve, the movie gets its name and begins just as so many have before – with the awareness of a legitimate horror. A terrible reality that remains all too real for many, and Sugarcane is no different.

However, the directors capture a real change in the way the people are displayed. With tears, with anger, with lives destroyed, and with resilience, Sugar-

cane is able to tell a terrible story with a depth that so many others somehow lose. From the stark reality of the people and their families to the empty and soulless interactions of tribal leadership with the outside world, the movie carries onward like a landslide.

The directors are adept at keeping the film going by increasing the vocal outreach of each of the storytellers, all who add wonderfully to the depth of what they are attempting to show each viewer. The absolute hollow heart of the government and the vapid deranged dismissal by the church have never been shown in such full and complete view. Those scenes are infuriating while at the same time tragic and somber.

Sugarcane was released to massive critical acclaim that I also feel is very well deserved. Its depiction of tribal people takes on a new tac that keeps the storytelling within those who lived it and directed by those who share in that experience. There is much to see, and much to learn here, even though we all understand the circumstances of the story. We know it all too well! However, this film captures the heart of one reservation and two men, each who find themselves incomplete because of this atrocious horror known only to Indigenous peoples. The North American genocide is a story that must be told. Sugarcane takes claim of one step forward. I hope there are many more to come.

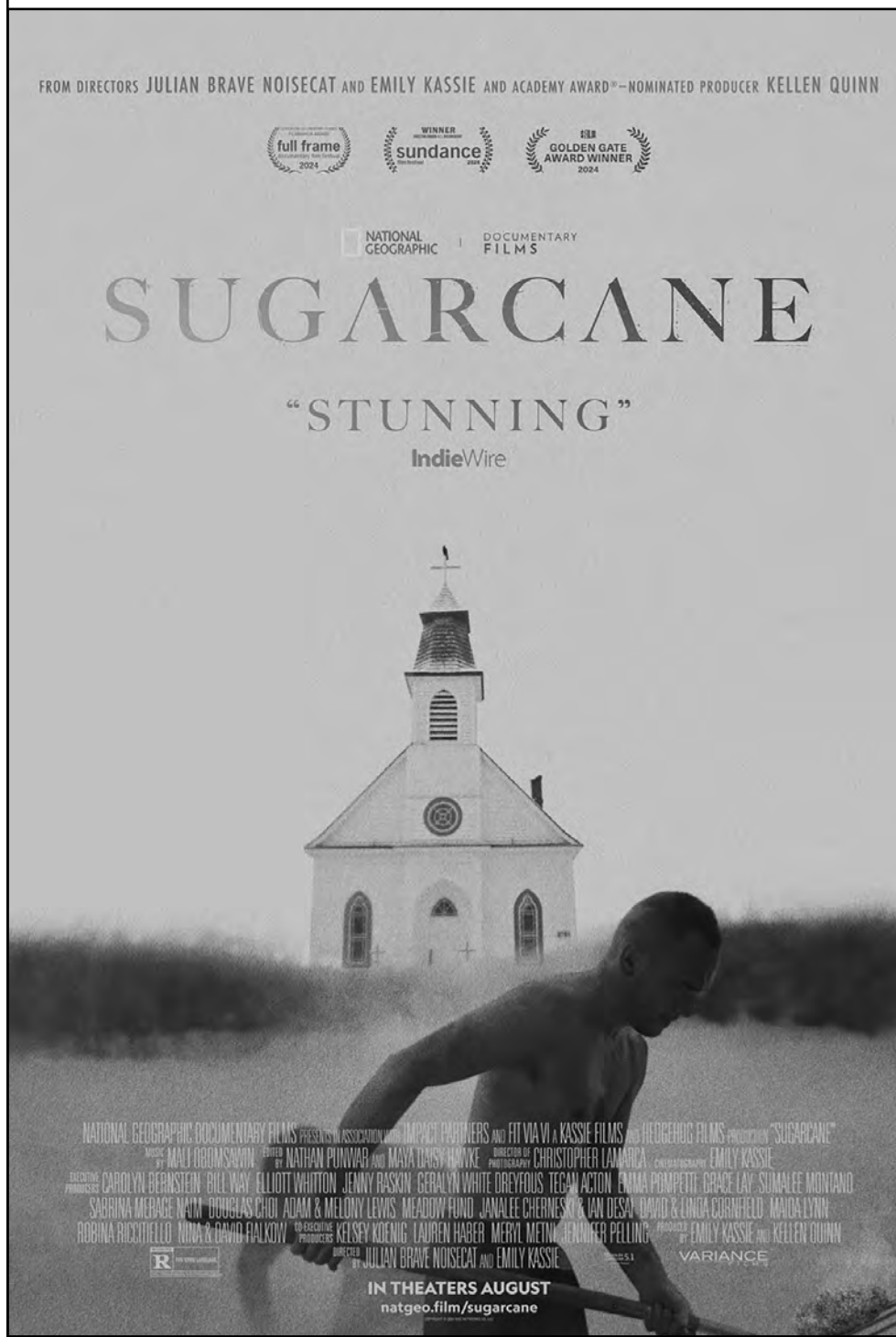
On our World-Famous HaazZaat scale Sugarcane gets all 5 Haazs. Sad, tragic, horrific, stark, funny, enraging, and resilient, take the time and watch this one. I watched it on HULU.

Sugarcane
Directors – Julian Brave Noisycat / Emily Kassie
Producers – Emily Kassie / Kellen Quinn
Cinematography – Emily Kassie / Christopher LaMarca
Distributed by – National Geographic / Variance Films / Films We Like

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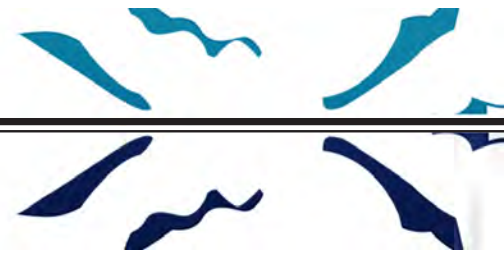


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