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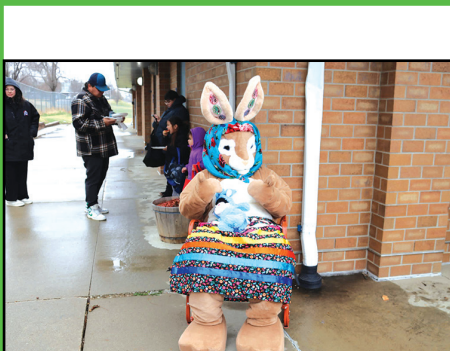
Saturday, April 11, 2026



In Honor of  
Neola Walker

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By: Tyler Snake



April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System hosted their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza. Over 16k eggs were scattered across WPS' football field; Kids 0-13+ were able to hunt in age groups. Families were able to enjoy pony rides, a petting zoo, prizes and more.



March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Little Priest Tribal College held a grand opening ceremony for their new 1.5 million carpentry facility named "Deer Clan". This new addition to the campus opened opportunities for different trades and workforce-focused education.



Recently, the Dollar General located on Buffalo Trail in Winnebago NE is closed until further notice due to an electrical fire. Check out Winnebago Dollar General's Facebook for more updates and reopening.

Three Decades of Fun: Celebrating 34 Years of Winna Vegas



By Bethani Redhorn  
Photograph from Archive

[Winnebago, NE] Tucked away 20 minutes south of Sioux City, WinnaVegas Casino Resort has stood as a beacon of economic development for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska for over three decades. As the resort celebrates its 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, it stands as a testament to the tribe's journey from a modest bingo hall to a sprawling 24-hour gaming destination.

Reflecting on the early years, WinnaVegas officially opened on April 30, 1992. In its earliest form as Winn-A-Bingo, the facility operated as a high-stakes bingo parlor out of interconnected double-wide trailers. This venture was a strategic move by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to create economic opportunity and self-reliance on Winnebago tribal land. Despite the humble start, the

operation was a success from the beginning. From navigating early gaming regulations, such as \$5 max bet limits, to establish a reputation for a family-friendly atmosphere that remains a hallmark of the property today.

Over the decades, the casino has grown through both investment and physical challenges. During the Missouri River flooding in 2011, the casino showed its resilience by remaining open and using duck boats to shuttle customers to and from when the main roads were submerged. A series of renovations totaling over \$60 million transformed the property to what we see today. This included the addition of a 54,000+ square foot gaming floor, the hotel, and the event center. The event center is also home to the Bingo Hall, big enough for 1,200 seats, which hosts everything from live concerts, powwows, and in the past, MMA fights along with amateur and professional

boxing.

Under the leadership of General Manager Tom Teesdale, the resort has been focusing on integrating more tribal history into the guest experience. A major highlight for the 34<sup>th</sup> year is the new display at the main entrance called, A Place of Honor for the Winnebago Tribe, and was created in partnership with the Ho-Chunk Renaissance program. In the Ho-Chunk language and English, it tells the story of the 12 Clans of the Winnebago Tribe. In the middle of the WinnaVegas exterior, right above the 360 Lounge entrance is the newly installed Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska seal. Other renovations include the entire exterior being painted and restored to its original colors along with the hotel tower; new lighting was installed for the Porte-cochère at the main

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WCHS Launches Winnebago's First Ever Patient Portal



By: Erin McElroy, Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System new patient portal, WinnHealth Portal, is now available to use. This WinnHealth Portal provides WCHS's patients with easy access to their health records online. This enables them to better advocate for their health.

In February of 2025, WCHS's [upgraded their electronic health record \(EHR\) system](#) to allow centralized records throughout the health system. The

WinnHealth portal will allow patients to securely view and access their health record in real time. Features of the portal include requests for appointments 24-7, access to labs, tests, and visit summaries, ability to message your provider, make changes to your personal information, and check in online for upcoming visits. Additionally, for families the portal will allow parents and guardians to set up proxy rights to assist their children with managing their WinnHealth Portal account. Elderly, spouses, and adults can give viewing access to any caregivers enabling their assistance.

"Patient Portals are essential to the modern-day healthcare experience. The WinnHealth Portal will empower our patients and families with the option to be more involved in their own care and make better-informed decisions regarding their health" explains Sharon Frenchman, Chief Administrative Officer.

Providing the option to use the WinnHealth Portal is a significant improvement in patient experience. By providing real-time access to health records, streamlining scheduling options, and removing barriers in communicating with your care team. WCHS is excited to empower their patients to take an active role in their health journey. Additionally, the portal user-friendly interface ensures that even those with limited technical experience can navigate their health information with ease.

"We are committed to offering tools that enhance the patient's experience and improve health outcomes. The launch of the WinnHealth Portal marks a significant step forward in transparency – providing another option for how we can build provider to patient communication and relationships." says David Edwards, Chief Executive Officer.

WCHS patients have the ability to create an account today! Simply, visit [www.wchs.health/portal](http://www.wchs.health/portal) or download the MHealth app and navigate to the tab that says, "Create your Account." For questions, simply contact Medical Records at [portal@wchs.health](mailto:portal@wchs.health) or by calling 402-745-3950.

"Hanċ wākšik ho'į na hiwaracak hikjawiñā. – Value all life."



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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entrance.  
To mark the anniversary, the resort launched an interactive ClubWINN flipbook for promotions available online and a new mobile app. This year's celebration revolves around the number 34 to match the anniversary year, featuring special promotional payouts of \$3,400. At the end of the month during the anniversary celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup>, one lucky guest will have the chance to win the grand prize of \$34,000! Find more information at: [www.winnavegas.com](http://www.winnavegas.com) While the resort features over 750 slots, bingo, and a wide array of table games, its core purpose remains serving the Winnebago community. The facility employs over 425 people and supports tribal social programs, infrastructure, and education. A newer initiative called Walk for a Cause started two years ago and invites visitors to experience the beauty of the tribal land while raising money for cultural events like the Last Bear Moon Powwow and now looks forward to the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Celebration Powwow on July 23-26, 2026, in Winnebago, NE. This year's Walk for a Cause will take place on May 30, 2026, at

WinnaVegas in Sloan, IA.  
"In my role as General Manager of WinnaVegas Casino Resort, I have maintained full operational oversight of the property, ensuring alignment with Tribal Council policies, regulatory requirements, and enterprise objectives. Over the past three years, I have driven performance, resulting in increased revenue and strengthened market share. I have prioritized the development of our leadership team, fostering a culture of accountability, professionalism, and continuous improvement. At the same time, I have upheld strict compliance with Tribal, State, and Federal gaming regulations, ensuring operational integrity across all departments. Through a sustained focus on facility enhancements and team engagement, the WinnaVegas team has made significant progress in creating a clean, safe, and secure environment. These efforts have directly contributed to delivering high-quality gaming and guest experience for all visitors. It truly has been my privilege to serve our Tribe and help the Winnebago people through the work we do at WinnaVegas every day. Wā'iniginap šaṇa (Thank you)." Shared by Tom Teesdale, WinnaVegas General Manager.

**WINHEALTH PORTAL**  
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- Direct Message Your Provider
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- Check In For Your Upcoming Visit Online

**CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY & PREREGISTER**

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HoChunk Renaissance Language Preservation Program

# Kāsu Tournament

**APRIL 25TH, 2026**  
**REGISTER BY APRIL 24TH**

ALL DAY TOURNAMENT  
HACĪJA: WHIRLING THUNDER

**FREE ENTRY**

- WINNEBAGO AREA COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- WINNEBAGO & HOCHUNK NATION MEMBERS
- MUST BE 16 YEARS OR OLDER
- TEAMS OF 2
  - FEMALE & FEMALE
  - FEMALE & MALE

**CASH PRIZES + KĀSU KIT**

1ST: \$1000  
2ND: \$750  
3RD: \$500

**CONTACT**  
Mysoul Earth Kearnes  
402-878-4135 ext 2816

**2026 Spring community clean-up**  
April 28<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>

Dumpsters and recycling trailers will be located on Mercer St. (Across the street from Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool)

**ATTENTION**  
Household Hazardous Waste will NOT be accepted

**Volunteers Needed!**

Scan the QR Code to sign-up!

A volunteer lunch will be provided each day starting at 12:00 PM at our office.

Located at  
920 N Mission Dr., Winnebago, NE 68071.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**  
WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

**Questions or Concerns?**  
Call our office at (402) 878-4060 or email us at [EPD@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:EPD@winnebagotribe.com)

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Winnebago Tribe Environmental Protection Department

# HONORING OUR GRADUATES

LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE  
OUR MISSION: "BE STRONG AND EDUCATE MY CHILDREN"

MAY  
**FRIDAY 08 3:00 PM**  
2026

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK  
WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN HONORING OUR GRADUATES AND CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND TRADITION THROUGH A POWWOW**

3:00 PM - OPENING PRAYER & GRAND ENTRY  
6:00 PM - COMMUNITY MEAL

EVENT TEAM  
• MASTER OF CEREMONIES: GARAN COONS  
• ARENA DIRECTOR: JUNIUS SNOWBALL  
• HEADMAN DANCER: MOSES WARNER  
• HEADWOMAN DANCER: LAILA PETITE  
• DRUMS: NEW BREED & MOTOWN

COMMUNITY MEAL  
WILD RICE & CHICKEN SOUP • VEGETARIAN SOUP • YEAST BUNS • FRUIT WITH NUTS • WATER

\$20 DAY PAY FOR THE FIRST 50 DANCERS TO PARTICIPATE  
FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: 402-878-2380

Morningstar Counseling Services presents:

## Mental Health Wellness Series

ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE AT 4:00 PM CST

WPS Mental Wellness Series recurring video call link:  
<https://meet.google.com/jwv-zpaz-oof>

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**FEB 16** Building and Nurturing Friendships  
**MAR 2** Healthy Boundaries and Communication  
**MAR 16** Identity Awareness  
**APR 20** Panic Attacks and Anxiety  
**MAY 4** Finding a Culturally Responsive Therapist

**THESE SESSIONS ARE 100% ONLINE.**  
Be sure to check your WPS e-mail for the calendar invitation and Google Meet link for each presentation.

**Supporting Mental Wellness**  
Join the Morningstar Counseling Services team for a series of culturally rooted presentations focused on supporting mental wellness for the students, staff, and faculty at Winnebago Public School.  
Come to connect, find support, and learn new information.

**Questions?**  
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## Letter to the Editor

**BREAKFAST**


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# MĀ'UNA WA'INIĞINAP

# HĀPHISACAHA JE NA!

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!



IN THE WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COURT

IN RE ESTATE OF ) CASE # CV26-063  
DAVID H. DECORA, )  
Deceased Person, ) NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
)  
MARK DECORA Sr., )  
Personal Representative. )

TO: All creditors of DECEDENT.

You are hereby notified that Mark Decora Sr. has been appointed as Personal Representative for the Estate of Mr. David Decora, who died on November 18, 2025. Pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Code §14-115, you have ninety days from the date of this Notice to file a claim against the Estate of Decedent with the Winnebago Tribal Court, or be forever barred from exercising that claim.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

*Mark Decora Sr.*  
Personal Representative

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ26-016  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
T.W. (Born 01/2009)

To: NATHAN WALKER, 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. JFJ26-016 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2026 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ26-015  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
K.B. (Born 10/2017)

To: MARK CLEVELAND, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ26-015 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2026 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

### 'Tragedy or Happily Ever After'

Have you ever began to read a book and stopped? There are some stories that bring back memories that we would rather forget. Last week I watched a story portrayed by some talented Winnebago high school students entitled Hadestown (teen edition by Anais Mitchell). I wondered what those who watching the play thought about it and especially the ending. More on this later.

This got me thinking about how many people have picked up a Bible and began reading from the book of Job. And they stopped in the middle of his story. Maybe they could relate to it all too well. Or maybe his story resonated with them and reminded them of their current situation.

I will sum up briefly the first couple of chapters of Job. Creator God allowed Satan to tempt Job, a God-fearing man, first by taking away most of the possessions that he had been blessed with. These blessings included seven sons and three daughters all who died in a wind storm.

Then Creator God allowed Satan to tempt Job further by giving him sores from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. Job goes on to write about his feelings: "I am a laughingstock to my friends; I, who called to God and he answered me, a just and blameless man, am a laughingstock" [Job 12:4].

"Men have gaped at me with their mouth; they have struck me insolently on the cheek; they mass themselves together against me. God gives me up to the ungodly and casts me into the hands of the wicked" [Job 16:10-11].

"My spirit is broken; my days are extinct; the graveyard is ready for me. Surely there are mockers about me, and my eye dwells on their provocation" [Job 17:1-2].

"He has stripped from me my glory and taken the crown from my head. He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree" [Job 19:9-10].

My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. [Job 19:20].

If God could allow a God-fearing man to suffer so much, why would anyone believe in such a cold-hearted, apparently distant and mean God?

Since the play Hadestown is over, I can reveal the ending to this tragedy. Eurydice ended up back in Hades (Hell) and was separated from her lover - forever and ever without end! Some people are drawn to such tragic stories. Some are not, one time maybe, but why see it again if you know the horrible ending.

The story of Job ends quite differently. If you read on you would see these words: "Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me" [Job 19:23-27 (NIV)]!

The end of Job's story is one of living happily ever after. The end of the believer in Jesus also ends in the same way - happily ever after. Jesus suffered a horrible death and was even banished for a time as he was separated from the loving presence of his Heavenly Father. He was placed in a tomb and rested for a day. Then on Sunday morning Jesus rose as the victorious warrior that he is!

How will your story end? Will it be a tragedy or one in which you live happily ever after?

## Thurston County Clerk's Office

106 South 5th Street, Pender, Nebraska 68047

Contact:  
Thurston County Clerk Steven Schneider  
clerk@thurstoncountyne.gov — 402-385-2343

### Help Your Neighbors Vote

Nebraskans, we need your help to ensure we have smooth elections in Thurston County this upcoming election cycle. The Thurston County Clerk's Office is looking for citizens to become poll workers for the statewide primary on May 12, 2026, and for the statewide general election on November 3, 2026.

On Election Day, more than 9,000 election workers are needed to serve voters at the polls in Nebraska. This is a great opportunity to serve our Thurston County community and to be involved in the election process. Our grandparents and retired neighbors are hanging up their hats after dutifully serving years as poll workers. Now, we need a new generation to step up and answer the call just as our older family members did.

To qualify as a poll worker, you must be a registered voter in Thurston County, and you must be able to read and write in English. Election workers cannot be a current candidate for office. Poll workers are paid for training time and for their service on Election Day.

**Please contact the Thurston County Clerk's Office for more information on how to become an election worker. Poll workers will need to attend one afternoon of training and will need to work 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.**

The State of Nebraska operates the most secure and accurate elections in the country – all due to the effort from our neighbors and friends who step up and become poll workers. Serve your county and help Nebraska vote in 2026.

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on April 25, 2026. DEADLINE for this issue will be April 21, 2026.



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# COMMUNITY

## Ho-Chunk, Inc. Attends Reservation Economic Summit 2026



LAS VEGAS, NV — Ho-Chunk, Inc. joined Tribal leaders, entrepreneurs, and partners from across Indian Country at the Reservation Economic Summit 2026, held March 23-26 in Las Vegas.

The annual summit brings together leaders from Tribal nations and Native-owned businesses to discuss strategies that strengthen economic development, expand opportunities, and support long-term growth across Tribal communities. Throughout the week, attendees participated in panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities focused on advancing Tribal economies.

A highlight of the conference was the participation of Ho-Chunk, Inc. CEO Lance Morgan, who joined a panel discussion centered on tribally owned 8(a) firms. The session explored the role these enterprises play in creating jobs, building capacity, and generating sustainable revenue for Tribe's. Morgan shared insights on the importance of strategic growth, partnerships, and

maintaining a long-term vision for economic development.

Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s presence at RES reflects its continued commitment to advancing opportunities for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and contributing to broader conversations shaping the future of Indian Country. The conference provided an opportunity for the organization to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and stay engaged in emerging trends impacting Tribal business and economic development.

Key themes throughout the summit included workforce development, diversification of Tribal enterprises, and the importance of collaboration among Tribe's. These conversations reinforced the growing momentum behind Native-led economic initiatives and the need for continued investment in future generations.

As Ho-Chunk, Inc. returns from RES 2026, we remain focused on applying these insights to support ongoing growth and create lasting impact for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and beyond.

## "WALK FOR A CAUSE"

## 5K RUN & WALK

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE'S CULTURAL EVENTS

**SATURDAY**  
**30**  
**MAY**  
**2026**

**WINNAVEGAS**  
**CASINO &**  
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- ✓ Hospital, assisted-living facility, nursing home record
- ✓ Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.)
- ✓ Nebraska college or university ID

\*ID must include name and photo

For more information on Voter ID, visit **VoterID.Nebraska.gov**

## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

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- **Carpentry Instructor**
- **Math Faculty**
- **Part-Time Maintenance Specialist**
- **Project Manager**
- **Recruitment Specialist**
- **Student Equity Intern**
- **Student Extension Intern**

For more information, visit us on the web at: <https://www.littlepriest.edu/human-resources/>

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**LPTC 601 E. College Dr. Winnebago, NE**

## Mā janaha wa'su naje?

(maw-ja-nah-hah-wah-sh-oo-nah-jay)  
**How old are you?**

## Mā [age] wā'ujaje na.

(mah- [age] - wah-oo-ah-jay-nah)  
**I am [age] years old.**

**HoChunk Renaissance**  
Language Preservation Program

COMMUNITY

**HVAC Spring Start-Up  
Bids Requested**

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska-Facilities is seeking bids for the Spring Start-Up for 30 office buildings owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

**Bids will be accepted from April 9-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.**

If you would like to bid, request further information by stopping at Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska-Facilities at 224 Industrial Drive, Winnebago, Nebraska, 68071, emailing Natalie Sawyer Davis, [natalie.davis@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:natalie.davis@winnebagotribe.com) or Jonna Price, [jonna.price@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:jonna.price@winnebagotribe.com), or by calling 402-878-2203.

Your bid proposal to James Price Sr., Facilities Manager, should include:

- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska as the client
- Your business contact information
- HVAC Spring Start-Up contract for 30 tribal buildings, the contract amount, and the terms and conditions.

<https://winnebagotribe.com/requests-for-proposal/>

**Summer Internship**

**Join our Public Health Team**

- Must have descended from or be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Preference to Winnebago Tribal members.
- Must have completed 1 and be enrolled in the next semester or have graduated > 1 year ago from an accredited college or university.
- Preference given to students majoring in health-related fields.

This Internship will strengthen the Winnebago's tribe's healthcare infrastructure, and foster careers in public health, while providing practical skills and diverse perspectives. We want to mentor two future health professionals by teaching them to apply scientific knowledge alongside Indigenous wisdom in the development of their assigned projects.



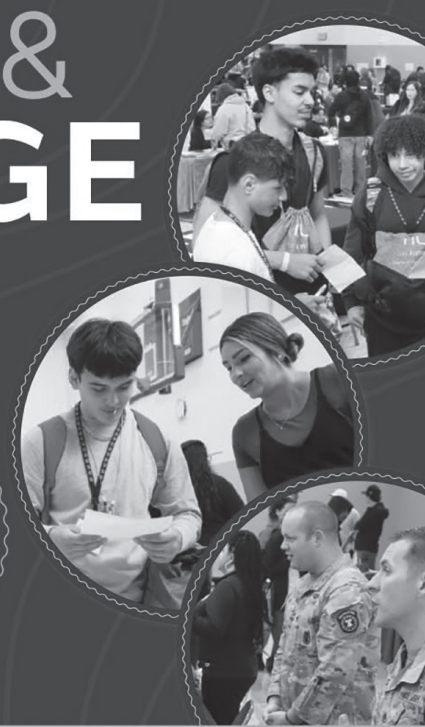
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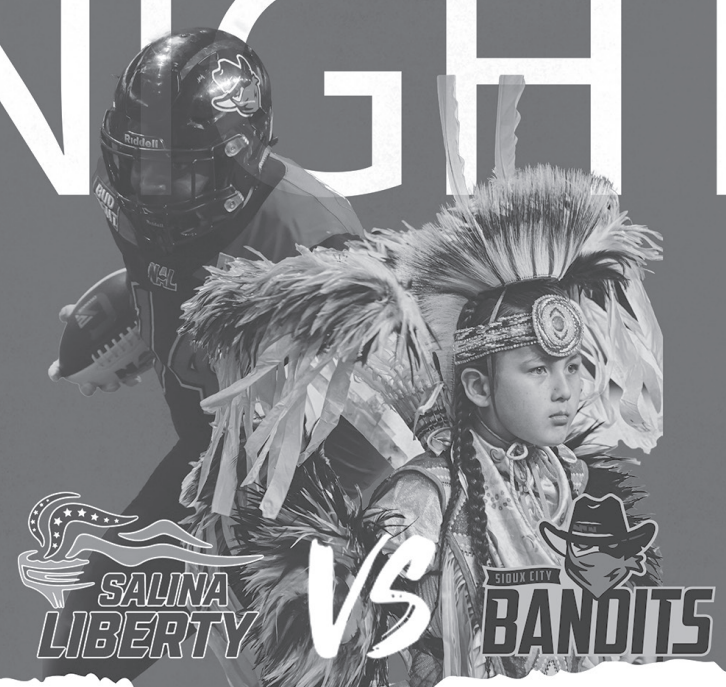


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**Wednesday, April 22  
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Winnebago Public Schools  
Practice Gym



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PERFORMANCES BY: WINNEBAGO  
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**160th Annual  
HOMECOMING  
CELEBRATION**

COMMEMORATING THE RETURN OF CHIEF LITTLE PRIEST & THE "COMPANY A" SCOUTS

**July 23-26, 2026**



WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA • VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



**BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT**

WCHS provides a variety of mental health resources, compassion, and support to help you navigate your way forward.

**EMERGENCY CRISIS**

- Kikijire Program (Mobile Crisis Response)  
Call 402-745-3968 or Walk-In
- Nebraska Crisis Reponse: Call or text 988
- Emergency Room: 402-745-3951
- Police/EMS/Fire: 402-878-2245

**NON-EMERGENCY CRISIS**

- Call 402-745-3950 to schedule a visit.
- In-Person - Behavioral Health Clinic
- Telehealth - Behavioral Health
- Telehealth - Psychiatrists



# HAKWEWE

## Question of the Issue:

**April is National Humor Month and National Poetry Month, what is your favorite poem that resonated with you? If you don't have one, tell us a joke.**

**GARAN:** My 8-year-old son is always looking up one-line jokes and tries them out on me. His delivery is what makes me smile and laugh more than anything. So, I decided to try to get him back, he got a kick out of this one. I said "Garrix, how does your dad catch a squirrel?" He says "How?" I say "climb a tree and act like a nut!" haha.

PS - If you see me climbing a tree and acting like a nut, don't worry...I'm trying to demonstrate the joke. Happy Humor Month!!!

**KEVIN:** One of my favorite high school memories was having a joke I wrote published in Scholastic Scope, a national student magazine. A Texas millionaire threw the biggest party anyone had ever seen. The place was packed with famous bands, celebrities, and people from all over. At the center of it all was a huge swimming pool filled with sharks. The millionaire stepped up on stage and announced, "Any man who can swim across that pool will get one million dollars and the hand of my daughter in marriage." The crowd went silent. Nobody moved. Then suddenly — splash! A man dove into the shark-filled pool and swam harder than anyone had ever seen. He kicked, splashed, and fought his way to the other side, barely pulling himself out alive. The millionaire rushed over, amazed. "Son, that was incredible!" he said. "Here's your check for one million dollars." The man, still gasping for air, pushed the check away. "I don't want the money," he said. The millionaire nodded and said, "Then here is my daughter's hand in marriage." The man shook his head. "I don't want your daughter either." The millionaire stared at him. "Then what do you want?" The man took a deep breath and said: "I want the name of the guy who pushed me in."

**CHRISTINA:** "Be the woman who fixes another woman's crown without telling the world it was crooked." ~Amy Morin

**BETHANI:** I love poetry and it would literally be like picking stars from the sky, so I am going to share a "joke" that was told to me by my 4-year-old niece Scarlett. I was sitting on the couch, and she came running up to me. "Auntie, what is your name?" I said, "Auntie Bet." She follows that with, "what is this?" (Pointing at her nose) I said, "your nose!" Then, she holds her hands in front of her, "what am I holding?" Me, all literal, "air!" She just shook her head in disapproval, "Auntie NOSE nothing!!" I cackled the loudest cackle ever. Ever since then, it has been her go-to joke. (So, for about a month now). =)

**TYLER:** I wouldn't call it a poem but a saying "don't wait for tomorrow" or make that someday today. It's just a reminder that time is going to pass regardless and putting off that goal only prolongs it. Sometimes starting is the hardest part of anything. Bethani and I always say it's like you're at the bottom of a big hill but before you know it, you get to the top and it wasn't so hard.

**AYDEN:** I will share this one because I find it funny. It is from Edward Lear, and it goes like this, "there once was a man from Peru, who dreamed he was eating his shoe. He woke with a fright, in the middle of the night, to find that his dream had come true."

**GAYLA:** One of my all-time favorite poems is "For Calling the Spirit Back from Wandering the Earth in Its Human Feet" by Joy Harjo (Muscogee Nation). This poem means a lot to me because it frames healing as a return to yourself. Through simple, intentional acts like rest, kindness, and nourishment. It talks about how our spirit is not lost, just waiting to be called back.

As a Ho-Chunk person of the diaspora, this message resonates deeply with me. The poem speaks to the impacts of displacement and trauma, while reminding us that our connection to spirit, culture, and identity is STILL there. On my own healing journey, it feels like permission to slow down, be gentle, and find ceremony in everyday life. It centers resilience and reconnection, reminding us that coming back home to ourselves is a sacred act.

## Winnebago Higher Education Dept. Spotlight:



Felicia (Brownrigg) Toga, daughter of Mamie (Redhorn) and Richard Brownrigg, is a proud member of the Winnebago tribe of Nebraska. Felicia recently graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State College, earning a 4.0 GPA in December 2025. She previously completed her Bachelor of Science in Business with honors (Suma Cum Laude) with specializations in Business Management and Supply Chain Management at Wayne State College in May 2024. Felicia began her academic journey at Little Priest Tribal College, graduating with an Associate of Science in business in May 2022. Currently, Felicia is pursuing her Green Belt Six Sigma certification and hopes to use her skills to contribute to her community.



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The flood of 2011 – here is an aerial shot of the berm put in place to prevent severe flooding at WinnaVegas Casino Resort. (Photo courtesy of Jerome LaPointe Sr.)



Bingo Hall employees pictured during a session of BINGO! Can you recognize any familiar faces??? (Message us on our Facebook page for a chance to win a prize).



A complete refresh for the exterior of the hotel tower was completed. This was the first major maintenance project since the hotel opened in 2012! Followed by the entire hotel exterior painted and restored to its original colors. Work expertly completed by Ho-Chunk Construction, under the direction of Mr. Jamie Chamberlin from HCI.



The late Kenneth DeCora and Wanda Lewis, Winnebago Tribal Members, pictured with others during a Winn-A-BINGO session.



A newly installed Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska logo is proudly displayed above the center entrance which leads directly towards the 360 lounge inside of the casino.



Winn-A-Bingo becomes WINNAVEGAS!!! Pictured during his speech is former Chairman for the Winnebago Tribe, John Blackhawk, alongside his colleagues.



In efforts to share more of the HoChunk culture, WinnaVegas Casino Resort collaborated with Ho-Chunk Renaissance for a display called, A Place of Honor for the Winnebago Tribe. This display features all 12 clans from the Winnebago Tribe and explains the importance of each clan's role in the tribe.



Into the early 2000's, here is a glance at what WinnaVegas looked like at that time.



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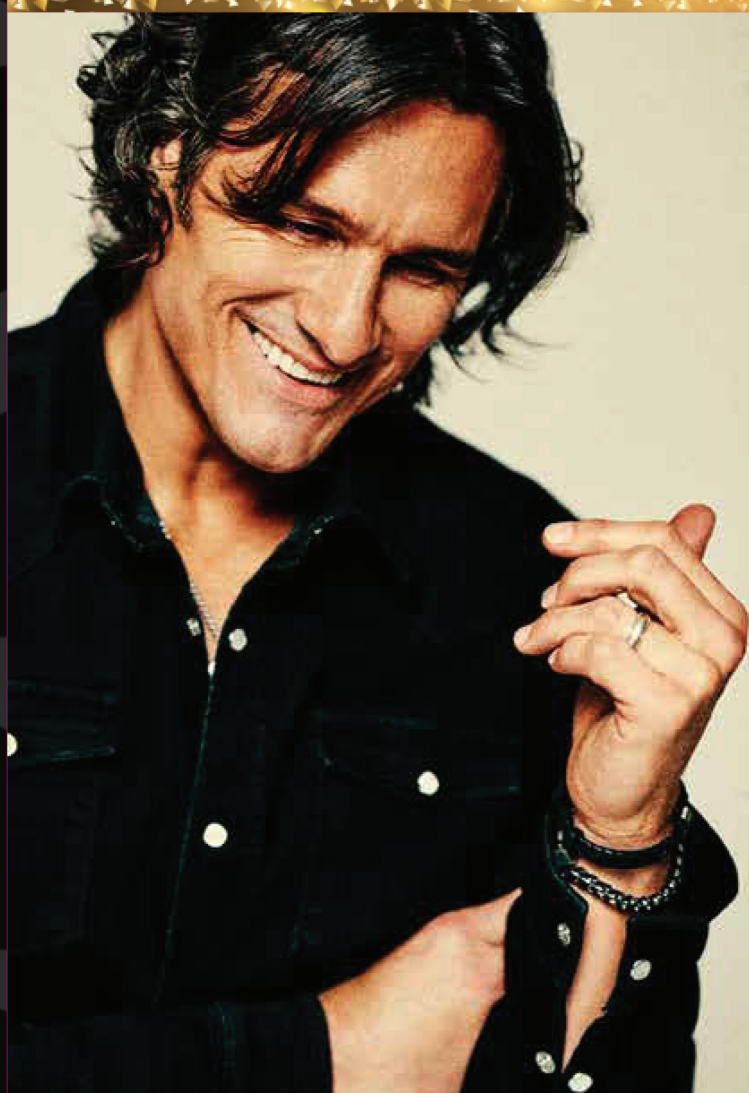
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