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Fish Appearing Moon

Saturday, April 25, 2026



In Honor of Neola Walker

Our masthead scene for this edition of the Winnebago Indian News features the ladies participating in the swan dance during the 156th Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration Powwow which was from July 26th through July 31st, 2022.

## Bridging Culture and Connection: Winnebago Community Night



By Bethani Redhorn  
Photography by Jerry L Mennenga

[Winnebago, NE] The recent collaboration between Ho-Chunk, Incorporated and the Sioux City Bandits was more than just a game; it was a powerful display of cultural exchange and community pride. What started as a lifelong passion for one tribal member, has now grown into a four-year partnership that brings the spirit of the Ho-Chunk people to the professional arena.

From just a fan to facilitating the entire event, Caden Cleveland's connection to the Bandits is personal. A member of the Buffalo Clan, his Ho-Chunk name is Hakja Mani, which means "Walks Behind." He is the son of Craig Cleveland Sr. and LeeAnn Acoya Cleveland, and shares a daughter named Aurelia with his companion Destiny Grant. What began as childhood trips to the arena with his jaji (father), has continued to blossom into a significant cultural collaboration between the Winnebago Community and the Sioux City Bandits.

His journey with the Bandits started in 2012 as a dedicated fan. "I was always a

Sioux City Bandits fan," Caden shared. "My dad would always take me to the games since 2012." Years later, while pursuing his education at Wayne State College, he chose to center his 2023 internship around the team he grew up cheering for. This move wasn't just about professional development; it was about community impact. During his internship, a conversation with Bandits President Brett Funk sparked the idea of a formal partnership. From there, Caden reached out to his brother, Cory Cleveland, and Willy Bass, who helped coordinate the leadership approvals and planning. Today, he continues to spearhead this effort through his role in the Community Engagement department at Ho-Chunk, Inc.

"The idea around it is to bring in the Winnebago culture, like the singing and dancing, into the Siouxland area. And then, reverse is bringing in the indoor football arena into the Winnebago culture. My biggest vision was to try and bring in all these professional realms into Winnebago, so that all our youth can see it and even some of the ones that just graduated can see that opportunity to go into that. Like, the Sioux City Explorers, the Sioux City

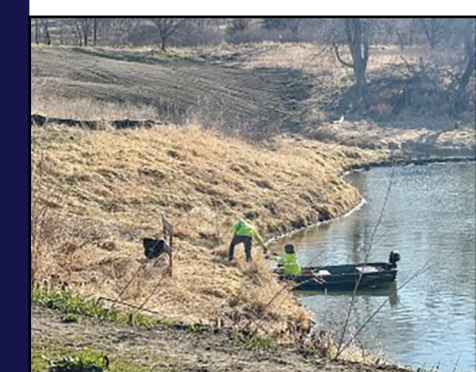
Musketeers, and obviously, the Sioux City Bandits." Shared by Caden during a special guest appearance on the Big Voice Radio for Winnebago Talks.

Players like Sterling Clark, Tony Kennedy, William Rollins, Monalo Caldwell, and Dajon Emory joined him for the special guest appearance. An important part of the partnership is the community engagement and the mentioned players joined Caden for a presentation at Winnebago Public School, where the youth got a chance to speak to the players and hear about their athletic and academic journeys. They also visited with the elders at the Winnebago Senior Citizen Center and helped disperse the meals for lunch that day.

The Winnebago Community Night event has seen steady growth since its inception, starting with 200 attendees in its first year and reaching a consistent crowd of over 300 tribal members this year. "The dancers themselves were about 30 plus, and with their parents, that equals out to about 100 people right there," Caden noted, highlighting the significant community turnout. To track participation, he utilized color-coded vouchers for employees,

## Nī šoc Nigešana

By: Tyler Snake



March 27<sup>th</sup>, the WTN Environmental Protection Department worked with JEO Consulting Group for a Bathymetric (depth) survey of the Kelly Projects pond. With this data, steps are being taken to restore the Kelly pond, natural resources, and surrounding environment.



April 14<sup>th</sup>, HoChunk Renaissance started their Hocak Language Workshop. WTN tribal department employees who signed up learned simple conversational phrases, orthography, greetings and leavetakings. An end-goal is to introduce themselves in HoChunk.



April 12<sup>th</sup>, WTN's Higher Education Program worked with Winnebago Public School and local entities for the Summer Youth Employment Programs Job Fair. This gives students experience of job interviews, different opportunities, and encouragement for work ethics.

## Child Abuse Awareness Month in April



By Bethani Redhorn  
Photography by Human Services

[Winnebago, NE] April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, raising awareness about child maltreatment and promoting support, resources, and education for families. On Thursday, April 16, 2026, the Winnebago community gathered at the Land of Wellness (LOW) for the annual Child Abuse Awareness Walk/Run, an event dedicated to fostering hope and shifting reaction to prevention. The event was planned and coordinated by Mary Petite, assisted by Jackie Littlegeorge, Janelle White, Miracle Gomez, Maxine Rice, Olivia Parker, Danna Grant, Antonia Williams, and Lexi Mullet

from the Winnebago Tribe's Human Services department.

The event saw a significant turnout this year with 224 participants, a notable increase from the previous year. Participants received a T-shirt and lunch for walking 2 laps around the Land of Wellness. A powerful visual at the event was the display of blue pinwheels. Introduced in 2008 by Prevent Child Abuse America, blue pinwheels are the national symbol for prevention of child abuse; it represents the happy and healthy childhoods every child deserves. A personal touch added to this year's event featured little blue handprints on white pots, painted by the little ones from the local daycare. The customized pots were then used

to hold the pinwheels, symbolizing the community's hands-on commitment to protecting its youth.

Antonia Williams (Caseworker) and Danna Grant (Licensing and Support Specialist) shared current statistics regarding the state of foster care and child welfare in locally, statewide, and nationally. In the United States, there are approximately 390,000 children in the foster care system. In Nebraska, there are over 4,000 children in foster care. Currently in Winnebago, there are 111 children involved in Child and Family Services, 29 relative placements, with 1 in 4 children entering foster care under the age of 5. Another critical statistic is that 21 youth in Winnebago foster care will age

"Wanajojašge kjaše. – Be humble."



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ...Con't from front page: Bridging Culture and Connection: Winnebago Community Night...

community members, and students from both local schools (Winnebago Public School and St. Augustine's).

This year's event on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, IA, was headlined by a halftime performance featuring Winnebago youth dancers, coordinated by Kristine Earth. Winnebago Drum Group, New Breed, rendered the flag song at the beginning of the event and sang again during the halftime performance. The halftime performance was the result of weeks of dedicated preparation and coordination. Under the guidance of Kristine, the youth dancers met regularly to practice their routines. These practice sessions were more than just rehearsals; they were spaces where the youth could connect with their culture and build the confidence needed to perform in front of a large audience.

As the Bandits secured a thrilling comeback win to put the cherry on top

of the night, plans for next year are already underway. Caden is planning to expand the advertisements and hopes to increase participation by the community. While the youth often take center stage, he emphasizes that the performance is open to everyone, from adult age groups to golden age. He encourages any Winnebago community members interested in participating in the next Winnebago Community Night to keep an eye out for any announcements that will be shared on the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Community Engagement Facebook page.

\*Editor's Note: The WIN would like to extend a special thank you to Caden for sharing the background story about how the Winnebago Community Night began and sharing his vision for the collaboration. We must agree, it would be amazing to see one of our very own Winnebago tribal members become a Sioux City Bandit, Explorer, or Musketeer.

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out of the system in two years or less. 60% of children enter foster care due to neglect, ranging from lack of safe and adequate housing, substance use in the home, or inability to meet basic needs.

The department's goal through the Preserving Native Families (PNF) unit is to implement safety plans that keep families together whenever possible. Winnebago currently has 29 relative placements, but the need for foster parents remains high. Notably, 21 youth are expected to age out of the system within the next two years. Within the department, there is a range of programs such as Child & Family Services, PNF Unit, Early Childhood, Social Services, Support Services, Elder Abuse Program, Title IV-B and Independent Living, Family Support and Licensing and Recruitment, Employment, Education, and Financial Assistance. The department currently has two locations: 218 Industrial Rd, in

Winnebago, NE; and 600 4<sup>th</sup> St, Suite #502, in Sioux City, IA.

For May, which is National Foster Care Month, the Winnebago Human Services department has planned several initiatives to recognize and support foster families. A Foster Care Appreciation event is scheduled for May 14, 2026, to honor the contributions of local foster parents. The month serves as a focused period for recruitment and education, highlighting that while there are currently 29 relative placements, more licensed foster homes are needed to support the children involved in foster care.

Everyone is a mandatory reporter; if you suspect abuse or neglect, you can call the 24/7 anonymous hotline at (800)652-1999. For more information about programs in the Human Services department, visit: [afgty5rfcww.winnebagotribe.com/human-services/](http://afgty5rfcww.winnebagotribe.com/human-services/)

**JAVIER GUSTAVE NUNEZ  
2ND MEMORIAL**

*Wapa u higa*

**APRIL 26, 2026 @ NOON  
HOCHUNK CENTER**

**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**

**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 2026 3:00 PM**

**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  
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## Letter to the Editor

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17 WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

A meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) will be held at 4:00 PM, on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 & 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. The board will conduct a hearing to determine whether to cancel or continue the employment contract of Daniella Gant and will take action on the matter. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at 202 Osbourne, during normal business hours.

### JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

#### ‘The Good Pastor’

Who is ‘the Good Pastor?’ The word ‘pastor’ is the Latin word for ‘shepherd.’ Put another way then who is ‘the Good Shepherd?’

If you have ever read the Bible [the book of books] - God’s Sacred Word - you would learn that the tribe of Israel had a vital tie between sheep and shepherds. Abram [Exalted Father] was a shepherd. Abram was chosen by God to be the father of the faithful. His name was changed by Creator God [YAHWEH in the Hebrew language] to Abraham [Father of many nations].

Jacob and his twelve sons were shepherds. Jacob and his family settled in Egypt away from the Egyptian people because they were shepherds with their smelly flocks.

Moses was also a shepherd, serving his father-in-law when Creator God [YAHWEH] appeared to him at the burning bush. Creator God had the tribe of Israel sacrifice a lamb so that the angel of death would passover their houses, as they applied blood on the door posts and lintels.

Each year the children of Israel were to observe this Passover festival. They had a need for sheep for the sacrifice and thereby they needed shepherds.

Samuel went to Jesse in order to anoint one of his sons as the second king of Israel. Seven sons of Jesse were presented and Samuel did not anoint any of them. He asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse said ‘yes’ and that David, the youngest son, was shepherding his flock.

David would go on to write many psalms including Psalm 23. ‘The Lord is my shepherd [Pastor] I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he

restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.’ [Psalm 23:1-4 NIV].

When the children of Israel strayed from their faith in Creator God a prophet named Ezekiel recorded these words: ‘I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will let them lie down, says the Lord YAHWEH. The lost I will seek; the expelled I will bring back; the injured I will bind up; the weak I will strengthen; the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will shepherd them in justice’ [Ezekiel 34:15-16 Hummel translation].

The one whom YAHWEH was referring to was His son, Jesus. Jesus would go on to proclaim these words: “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.” [John 10:11 NIV].

And so the answer to my earlier question, ‘Who is ‘the Good Pastor?’’, is Jesus. To those who needed discipline - Jesus would discipline. To those who needed a shoulder to cry on - he would draw up alongside and offer his shoulder and a listening ear. To those who needed healing - he would heal. Jesus even had the power to bring back the dead to life!

Now the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd [Pastor] of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with every good thing, so that you may do his will, working in us what is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom [be] the glory forever and ever. Amen’ [Hebrews 12:21-22 John Kleinig translation].

## Hōcək Wōšgə

### HoChunk Values

Rō hašjnĭ ńa hirakikara wiāje.  
Take care of your health.

HoChunk Renaissance  
The Official Language Program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV26-104

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
Mary J. Painter-McCauley to Mary J.  
painter

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. CV26-104 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2026 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

#### 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.

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#### 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.

### Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Request of proposal for Soft Skills Class Facilitator

#### 1. Background Information

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska “Tribe” is announcing a request for proposal for a graphic designer and class instructor for the Career and Technical Education “CTE” project under the Education Department. The CTE goal is that low-income, Native Americans in the Winnebago Community will access and complete appropriate education and skill building STEM-related education/career tracks necessary to obtain credentials and quality employment within five (5) years.

The class facilitator will build a soft skills/job readiness curriculum and instruct the classes to the current CTE students. Bidder will meet with the CTE project staff bi-weekly to ensure that the classes are going as planned and that the curriculum meets the project topic requirements.

#### 2. Contents of Proposal

In its proposal, Bidder shall submit, at minimum, Bidder’s credentials and qualifications, and a brief summary of any prior experiences which makes Bidder qualified to perform the scope work requested.

#### Timeline

Bidder shall be submitted no later than 4:30pm CT Friday May 1, 2026, to LaTeasha Bass, CTE Project Director. Email: [lateasha.bass@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:lateasha.bass@winnebagotribe.com). Delivery: hand deliver to 201 Ho-Chunk Plaza, Unit 8 in Winnebago, Nebraska.

The Tribe shall notify the successful bidder of acceptance of the bid in writing. Prior to performing any services, the successful bidder and the Tribe shall enter a contract for services, which will be negotiated and finalized after the bid has been awarded.

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on May 9, 2026. DEADLINE for this issue will be May 5, 2026.



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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING March 18, 2026

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Trey Blackhawk  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora  
Isaac Smith (in at 10:32 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Danelle Smith  
Joy Johnson  
Brandon Stout  
Brittany Thomas  
Sharon Frenchman  
Tom Teesdale  
Kirstin Lowry  
Sarah Herring  
Anna Bess Preston  
Tyresha Romero  
Christina Parker  
Joey Adler-Ruane  
Kiana Lewis  
Tiffany Buchanan  
Larry Watts  
Tyler Smith  
Danielle Lazore-Thompson  
Cecelia Earth  
Todd Morman  
Josh Pitre

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Ireta Frazier (travel)  
Eugene DeCora (travel)  
Rona Stealer (travel)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called to order at 9:12 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Council member Victoria Kitcheyan offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### BROADBAND FIBER PROJECT:

**ACTION:** Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Easement – HCIMSC to WTN

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #26-92: Approval of Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Easement Agreement with HCI Management Services Company and Related Subordination of Deed of Trust in Support of the Winnebago Tribe Broadband Connectivity Project. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adopt resolution #26-93: Approval of Request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Biological Survey in Support of the Winnebago Tribe Broadband Connectivity Project. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Project update – Joy Johnson presented and Brandon Stout.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Tribal Gaming – WVCR GM -Job Descriptions

Trey Blackhawk motioned to enter executive session at 9:40 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to exit executive session at 10:15 a.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

WinnaVegas HR Dept request: Director of Database Marketing Position

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the WinnaVegas HR Dept. request for final approval of the Director Database Marketing position. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

WinnaVegas Administration Department request: update of the General Manager Job Description.

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adopt resolution #26-94: Approval of Revisions to the Job Description for the General Manager of the WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

IHS TITLE V FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR WCHS

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-95: Approving Title V Construction Project Agreement – Fuel Tank Replacement Project No. GP25W1400H07. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO STREETS REHABILITATION PROJECT FISCHER CDS APPLICATION: Presented by Brittany Thomas

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-96: Sen. Fischer FY2027 Appropriations Congressionally Directed Spending - Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Highway Infrastructure Projects: Winnebago Street Rehabilitation Project. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

BREAK: 10:27 a.m., reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

[Isaac in at 10:32 a.m.]

STATE ADVOCACY – LHM: Presented by Joey Adler-Ruane

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct General Counsel to draft a letter to the Nebraska Commission Indian Affairs from Chairman Brown explaining our priorities and requesting them to advocate for those priorities. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

\*Next Legislative Luncheon date is January 12, 2027.

[Trey out at 11:09 a.m.]

[Coly out at 11:10 a.m. Vice Chairman Smith assumes chair]

Break: loss quorum; 11:12 a.m., reconvene 11:28 a.m.

[Coly in at 11:15 a.m., reassumes chair]

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES: Presented by Danielle Lazore-Thompson

Crisis Intervention Incidents  
Body Worn Cameras

[Teresa out at 11:45 a.m., in at 11:48 a.m.]

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Crisis Intervention Incidents, Body Worn Cameras, and Child and Dependent Adult Safety Policies as presented. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

TRIBAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – SECRETARIAL ELECTION:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-97: Submitting Amendment Language and Reaffirming Request for Secretarial Election. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

OBJECT: Isaac Smith

**VOTE:** (4) yes (1) no, IS (0) abstain  
Chairman Votes: yes

FINAL VOTE: (5) yes (1) no, IS (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 4. Limitation on Enrollment  
Beginning on the date this amendment is

approved by the Secretary of Interior, no person aged twenty-five (25) or older may apply for enrollment with the Winnebago Tribe if that person was previously enrolled in another federally recognized Indian tribe.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FORMULA:

Meeting this Friday, March 20, 2026 in Omaha, Nebraska.

[Isaac out at 12:11 p.m., in at 12:12 p.m.]

WTN RADIO STATION UPDATE:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-98: Approving Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services for the Sanchez Law Firm P.C. for the WTN Radio Station.

Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NMTC PROJECT: update only.

WINNEBAGO LAND TRANSFER ACT IMPLEMENTATION: update only.

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS D AVE SUPPORT: Letter was approved and submitted from Thurston County. Grant application was submitted.

WINNEBAGO HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: update only.

\*Need to schedule the quarterly meeting.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY:

Congressional Updates  
House Hearing on Fiscal Year 2027 Tribal

Priorities  
NAHASDA reimplantation push from NCAI – Josh will send out to the Tribal Council.

Administrative Updates  
USDA Tribal Advisory Committee Vacancies – 3 open positions deadline is March 31-2026.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to nominate Trey Blackhawk to the USDA Tribal Advisory Committee. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

ABSTAIN: Trey Blackhawk

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (1) abstain, TB  
Motion carried.

IHS Realignment Consultation Comments  
ED Consultation Comments

BREAK: 1:06 p.m., reconvene at 1:39 p.m.

NITC RESOLUTION:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to have Chairman Brown sign on behalf of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska the NITC resolution: Opposition to Section 1115 Sustainable Coverage Demonstration, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to submit formal comments. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to enter executive session at 1:50 p.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to exit executive session at 2:27 p.m. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct General Counsel to prepare code revisions to strengthen Protection Order provisions. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table the kikiraja discussion until a later date.

Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURN:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn at 2:29 p.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING March 23, 2026

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Ireta Frazier  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora (v)  
Trey Blackhawk  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Christina Parker  
Darla LaPointe  
Christina Redhorn (v)  
Kellie Snow (v)  
Brittany Thomas  
Felicia Brownrigg (v)  
Chad Smith (v)  
John St. Cyr  
Jaci Peterson  
Misti Jefferson  
Thelma Whitewater  
Tiffany Buchanan  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
Rona Stealer (PTO)  
Eugene DeCora (PTO)

\*(v) indicates; virtual participation

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Council member Victoria Kitcheyan offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

### READING OF THE MINUTES:

March 2, 2026 – Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the March 2, 2026 – Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

March 16, 2026 – Disenrollment Hearing meeting minutes

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the March 16, 2026 - Disenrollment Hearing meeting minutes. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

### RATIFY THE FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approval of resolution #26-89: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Service Grant

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of resolution #26-89: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Service Grant. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Tribal Council food donation in the amount of \$500.00 for non-tribal member B.P.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to ratify the five-signature: Tribal Council food donation in the amount of \$500.00 for non-tribal member B.P. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Approval of a Donation Match Request from 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball New Breed Team in the amount of \$1,000.00 to travel to Las Vegas, NV for a basketball tournament.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of a Donation Match Request from 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball New Breed Team in the amount of \$1,000.00 to travel to Las Vegas, NV for a basketball tournament. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Resolution #26-90: Tribal Enrollment Applicant; Emergency Enrollment #A4868 A.L.W.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of Resolution #26-90: Tribal Enrollment Applicant; Emergency Enrollment #A4868 A.L.W. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Big Time Elite High School Basketball; Donation match request; \$1,000

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature: Big Time Elite High School Basketball; Donation match request; \$1,000. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

M.C. – Girls High School B-ball team; Donation match request; \$1,000

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to ratify the five-signature: M.C. – Girls High School B-ball team; Donation match request \$1,000. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Support – E.D./Winnebago Health Foundation re: Community Park

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Chairman to sign off on a letter of support for the Winnebago Health Foundation's efforts to building a park at the Land of Wellness using the T-Mobile Grant. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Planning Department Resolution – update and discussion.

Match Request – Christina Redhorn.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to support B.P. Jr. with a \$1,000.00 donation match request as he competes at the state level in a vocal competition hosted by the National Federation of Music Clubs. (ACH) payable to his mother Christina Redhorn. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS: none

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

C.C. request : Financial Assistance - C.C. is not present.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table until such time as C.C. may be present and invoices can be provided. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to enter executive session at 5:26 p.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

M.J.

[Lorelei out at 5:54 p.m.]

[Teresa out at 6:01 p.m., in at 6:03 p.m.]

[Isaac out at 6:05 p.m., in at 6:06 p.m.]

J.S.

[Trey out at 6:15 p.m.]

A.B.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to exit executive session at 6:58 p.m. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT MEETING March 23, 2026

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Ireta Frazier  
Lorelei DeCora (v)  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith (in at 9:20 a.m.)  
Trey Blackhawk

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Chamberlain  
Fannie LaTray  
Autumn Nieman  
Christina Parker  
Harvey Freemont  
Oscar Canales  
Kellie Snow (v)  
Anna Bess Preston  
Mark Stout  
Brittany Thomas  
Darla LaPointe  
Jarold McWilliams  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
Eugene DeCora (Travel)  
Rona Stealer (PTO)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called to order at 9:10 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Chairman Brown offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the agenda with amendments. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**LAND MANAGEMENT:**

Resolution #25-124 A: REF: Business Lease, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church & Pre School

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table Resolution #25-124 A: Business Lease, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church & Pre School until the CEO Report to hear from Treasurer. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Resolution - Commercial Lease – Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Law and Justice Center,

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-99: REF: Commercial Lease – Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Law and Justice Center, Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

*[Isaac in at 9:20 a.m.]*

Resolution - Tim Ruge Easement – Access to his land.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-100: REF: Tim Ruge Easement – Access to his land. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Resolution – REF: Gregory Neff, Sr. – land Exchange

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-101: REF: Gregory Neff Sr. Land Exchange. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Resolution – Ref: Monica Flores - Land Exchange

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-102: REF: Monica Flores - Land Exchange. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

PHYSICAL RESOURCE REPORT:

Monthly Report, Executive Summary  
Ireta Frazier motioned to approve the report as presented. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Cemetery Expansion Information

*[Victoria out at 9:46 a.m.]*

*[Isaac out at 9:46 a.m.]*

*[Loss of quorum, discussion continue]*

*[Teresa out 9:48 a.m.]*

*[Isaac in at 9:47 a.m.]*

*[Teresa in at 9:49 a.m.]*

*[quorum, established, discussion continued]*

IHS Tribal Force Account Information

Tribal Transit – Community Activity Vehicle Use

Community Activities are not allowable for the current guidelines.

Phone Request – will do a budget mod to provide work phones for the drivers.

*[Lorelei out to use the cagore]*

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Tribal Justice Building Survey – Presented by Mark Stout

*[Isaac out at 10:10 a.m., in at 10:12 a.m.]*

ADJOURN:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

February CEO report as presented. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

CAO February Report: Presented by Tiffany Buchanan.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the February CAO Report as presented. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

In-House Legal February Report: Presented by Chad Smith.

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the February In-House Legal Report. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

WINNEBAGO HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ireta Frazier motioned to appoint Tiffany Buchanan to the Winnebago Housing & Development Commission. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

WINNEBAGO HEMP COMMISSION

Ireta Frazier motioned to appoint Barbara Pretends Eagle and Maggie Miller to the Winnabago HEMP Commission. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMISSION

(names drawn by CFO, Jarold McWilliams)  
3 yr terms – David Cox and Don McCauley III

2yr terms – Roberto Gorrin, Sr. and James Price, Sr.

1 yr term – Travis Mallory

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to appoint the individuals as drawn for the terms to the Wildlife and Parks Commission. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned for Tyren Wolfe for a one-year term to the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to appoint John Baker to the two-year term to the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Ireta Frazier motioned to appoint Caroline Bassette to the three-year term to the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT:  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Veteran Service Officer Assistant job description and org chart. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

Discussion.

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

ENROLLMENT:

Resolution: Tribal Enrollment Applicants  
Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #26-103: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A4817, A4820, A4833, A4834, A4842, A4843, A4847, AA4848, A4850]. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT:

Career Technical Education (CTE) Program – Presented by LaTeasha Bass

*[Rona out for another meeting]*

BREAK: 11:04 a.m., reconvene at 11:16 a.m.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEM:

Tabled item: Resolution #25-124 A, REF: Business Lease: Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church & Pre School.

No action taken to adopt the new resolution. Resolution #25-124 REF: Business Lease: Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church & Pre School stands as is.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to enter executive session at 11:25 a.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Ireta Frazier motioned to exit executive Session at 11:59 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

CEO will work on developing a Policy for the Boards and Committees.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING March 27, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Rona Stealer  
Isaac Smith (in @ 9:07 a.m.)  
Ireta Frazier  
Trey Blackhawk  
Eugene DeCora  
Lorelei DeCora (v)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Teesdale  
Mike Means  
Jarold McWilliams  
Cheryl Painter  
Brittany Thomas  
Bethewel  
Ray Thomas  
Mike Means  
Christian Rogers  
Angel Derochie  
Nakia Mallory  
David Edwards  
Petra Nielsen (v)  
Anna Bess Preston (v)  
Char Richardson (v)  
Kellie Snow (v)  
Kiana Lewis (v)  
Tiffany Buchanan (v)  
Felicia Brownrigg (v)  
Kiva Harden-Free  
Lisa Walker  
Lance Morgan (v)  
Monica Flores (v)  
Kevin Ebert  
Christina Parker  
Thomas Snow (v)  
Sharon Frenchman (v)  
Aaron LaPointe  
Maggie Miller (v)  
Danelle Smith (v)  
Anna Berridge (v)  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:  
Victoria Kitcheyan (PTO)

\*(v) indicates virtual attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Treasurer, Rona Stealer offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

*[Isaac in at 9:07 a.m.]*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA FINANCIAL REPORT:

Introduction: Jarold McWilliams, CFO  
WTN FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT: presented by Jarold McWilliams.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the WTN February 2026 Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

APPROVALS: Credit Department Policy and Procedures

Will add to the next CEO Report meeting on April 16, 2026.

Resolution – Region 7 Fiscal Year 2025 Wetland Program Development Grants

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-104: Region 7 Fiscal Year 2025 Wetland Program Development Grants. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

*[Rona out at 9:45 a.m.]*

WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FINANCIAL REPORT:

Presented by Bethewel and David Edwards.

February 2025 Financial Report  
Revenue Generation Report

*[Rona in at 9:57 a.m.]*

*[Teresa out at 9:58 a.m., in at 10:01 a.m.]*

*[Rona out at 10:06 a.m., in at 10:13 a.m.]*

*[Teresa out at 10:13 a.m.]*

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the WCHS February 2026 Financial and Revenue Generation Reports. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

*[Teresa in at 10:15 a.m.]*

BREAK: 10:15 a.m., reconvene at 10:31 a.m.

WINNEBAGO GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:

Presented by Lisa Walker, Nakia Mallory and Thomas Snow.

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the Winnebago Gaming Commission February 2026 Report.

Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

WARHORSE REPORT:

Presented by Angel Derochie, Lance Morgan and Aaron LaPointe.

*[Trey out at 11:08 a.m. in at 11:11 a.m.]*

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the February 2026 Warhorse Financial Report. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

WINNAVEGAS CASINO REPORT:

Presented by Tom Teesdale, Mike Means, Ray Thomas, and Christian Rogers.

WINNAVEGAS FINANCIAL REPORT  
Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the February 2026 WinnaVegas Casino financial Report.

Rona Stealer seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2026 PROMOTIONS: Presented by Petra Nielsen.

APPROVALS:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve all seven (7) WinnaVegas Approvals as listed below: Slot Department request

Approve the Slot Department request to purchase eight (8) new slot machines from Light and Wonder.

Marketing Department request

Approve the request from the marketing department for the MJ Live concert on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

Marketing Department request

Approve the marketing department request for approval for the \$150,000 “Let Freedom Ring!” Drawings, Saturdays in July 2026.

Marketing Department request

Approve the marketing department request for the Twinning is Winning Drawings promotion, Fridays in July.

Marketing Department request

Approve the marketing department request for the July 2026 Continuity program “Locked and Loaded” promotional days, Sundays in July.

Marketing Department request

Approve the marketing department request to approve the “Game Day” Continuity program in August 2026.

Marketing Department request

Approve the marketing department request to approve the continuity of the “Cornerstone Cookware” program in September 2026.

Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

*[Isaac out at 11:30 a.m.]*

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

T.C. Salary Discussion – Justification and analysis will be prepared and presented at a later date.

ADJOURN:

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT April 13, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Isaac Smith  
Rona Stealer  
Ireta Frazier  
Eugene DeCora  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Lorelei DeCora (v)  
Trey Blackhawk (v)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Autumn Nieman  
Fannie LaTray  
Anthony Wood  
Harvey Freemont  
Oscar Canales  
Larry Payer  
Garan Coons  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Christina Parker  
Garan Coons  
Rebecca Walker (v)  
Brian Chamberlain  
Danelle Smith (v)  
Tiffany Buchanan (v)  
Anna Berridge (v)  
James Price  
Anthony Bassette (v)  
Aaron LaPointe (v)  
Kristine Earth (v)  
Thomas Snowball  
Jewel Parker  
Brandon Stout  
Felicia Brownrigg (v)  
Kenny LaPointe  
Sean Bear  
David Wingett  
Kellie Snow (v)  
Janelle DeCora (v)  
Pete Snowball  
John Snowball  
Chad Smith  
Jerald McWilliams  
Ron Nohr  
Terri Lee Medina (v)  
William Bass (v)

*Con't. in next issue...*

# HAKEWE

## Question of the Issue:

**What is one genius life hack that everyone should know about?**

**GARAN:** Pickles with kool-aid!? I think everyone knows about that one. Game changer! If your feeling adventurous, try cut up cucumbers and cut up onions soaked in apple cider vinegar for a couple of days. Sprinkle salt on them and be prepared to make your sour face. Guaranteed's Sour Snack! It needs to have its own food group, I am telling ya!

**KEVIN:** Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with Banana, dip in beaten egg, let the bread soak a bit, spray a pan with Pam and then fry. Best French toast out there. Oh, yea can't forget the powdered sugar. Just a little dusting. (Editor's note: There you have it, the rez-wide famous EBbZ French Toast)


**CHRISTINA:** Something I learned from a doctor's ex-wife, is how to remove blood from clothing or blankets is with hydrogen peroxide. Saturate the area before washing and you can thank me later. Not trying to sound scary but very useful for females.

**BETHANI:** I can't tell you... You might tell everybody! (=) Jokes... I have a little trick from the kitchen that can help prevent you from being a quirky snack for mosquitos. Use vanilla extract and for some odd reason, the mosquitos will leave you alone. Last summer during the firework display in Winnebago, my mom told me and my brothers to use vanilla extract to repel the bugs and to my surprise, it worked. It's not a true repellent, but it does provide temporary relief. Just put a little dab in your hand and rub it on the areas of your body that are not covered up, boom! Old indian trick, as my mom would say.

**TYLER:** If you're at work and only have an air fryer.. You can "boil" eggs lol. Sometimes you gotta work with what you got :p

**GAYLA:** I have a hack to share! So, I have very small hands. One day, I was struggling to open a big, glass jar of pickles. My son took the jar and firmly tapped the edge of the jar lid on the counter a couple times and it opened up super easy after that. Apparently, It helps weaken the pressure seal. He learned it in Family and Consumer Sciences class. It was pretty nifty and probably common knowledge, but I use that method every time I open jars now! It's great, especially when you have small hands, carpal tunnel or just don't have an adult male in the house to help open jars for you!

**AYDEN:** A genius life hack is to never send more than you have.



## TRIBAL ENERGY PLANNING COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Your Voice. Your Energy. Your Future.**

**We want to hear from you!**

This survey is designed to gather input from Winnebago Tribal community members to help guide the development of our Tribal Energy Plan.

**Your feedback will help us better understand:**


- How Our Community Currently Uses Energy
- The Challenges We Face
- Priorities for the Future
- Cost
- Reliability
- Sustainability
- Cultural values








For more information: [tribalcouncil@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:tribalcouncil@winnebagotribe.com)

## Air Quality Light Program!

How air pollution can affect my family's health and activity today?



	<b>HEALTHY</b> It's a great day to be active outside.	The CDC recommends 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity every week for adults.
	<b>ACCEPTABLE</b> It's a great day to be active outside. Take it easier if you are unusually sensitive to air pollution.	Coughing or shortness of breath are signs to take it easier. Air pollution can also make asthma symptoms worse and trigger attacks.
	<b>SENSITIVE</b> Older adults, children and teens, people with certain health conditions, and people who are active outdoors should take it easier.	Take breaks. Be active for a shorter amount of time. Do less intense activities, like walking instead of running.
	<b>UNHEALTHY</b> Everyone should take it easier.	Reduce or reschedule outdoor exercise and strenuous activities.
	<b>HAZARDOUS</b> Sensitive groups, avoid outdoor exertion. Everyone else, avoid long or intense outdoor exertion.	Close windows and doors to prevent outdoor air from entering. Stay indoors as much as possible, especially during peak pollution times.

EPD Air Quality Aug 2025




## Wažoki Cēnixa honj

### Community Morel Mushroom Contest

**Tallest Mushroom:**  
1st Place: \$150 • 2nd Place: \$100 • 3rd Place: \$50

**Biggest Circumference Mushroom:**  
1st Place: \$150 • 2nd Place: \$100 • 3rd Place: \$50

Register at the Winnebago Wildlife and Parks to receive Permethrin Wood tick repellent and mesh bag.

**Registration will begin Wednesday, April 22, 2026 during business hours 8:00am-4:30pm.**

Check-in for measurements at the Winnebago Wildlife and Parks. Must be a Winnebago Tribal Member. Mushroom must be harvested on the Winnebago reservation.

Any questions, please call WL&P at (402) 878-2362

## THE 2026 WINNEBAGO POWWOW COMMITTEE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CROWNS & SASHES FOR THE 160TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

**MUST SEND PICTURES OF PREVIOUS BEAD WORK**  
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**DEADLINE IS:**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 10TH 2026**

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# 160th Annual HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

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## July 23-26, 2026



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## Interstates and Identity: Winnebago Artist Savannah Anderson Featured in Sioux City Art Center's 2026 Biennial

By Gayla Whitewater, Communications Office Manager

The Sioux City Art Center is once again bringing together artists from across the region for its 2026 Biennial exhibition, *Interstates*, a guest-curated show exploring themes of movement, connection, and distance. While highways like I-29 and I-80 physically shape how people move through the Midwest, this exhibition asks a deeper question: how do these pathways reflect the ways we understand place, identity, and belonging?

I had the opportunity to attend the opening reception on April 16th, and it was a powerful experience to see how this exhibition brought together so many different perspectives from across the region. Spaces like this matter. Not just for artists, but for our communities to be present, visible, and recognized.

Among the artists featured this year is Winnebago tribal member Savannah Anderson Ricehill, whose work offers a powerful and deeply personal perspective rooted in lived experience.

Anderson's contribution, a diptych titled "Between Reservations", captures something many in our community know intimately but is rarely centered in spaces like this.

"My diptych called *Between Reservations* is a photo of the Umó'ho<sup>o</sup> Reservation Line and the Winnebago Tribe Reservation Line shown in one. It serves as a reference of who I am. I see these signs nearly every day. When I cross into the Umó'ho<sup>o</sup> reservation I'm Umó'ho<sup>o</sup>, and when I cross into the Winnebago reservation, I'm Hōcāk."

Her work aligns seamlessly with the Biennial's theme. While the exhibition highlights interstates as physical connectors, Anderson's piece speaks to the invisible borders that exist within and between Native homelands, spaces that carry meaning far beyond what an outside viewer might see.

"This worked with the *Interstates* exhibit because you see land, roads, invisible borders," says Savannah.

For Anderson, participating in an exhibition like this is about more than showcasing art. It is about visibility, representation, and creating space where it has historically been limited.

"It's important to create space for ourselves and take advantage of opportunities like this. No one else would see these signs and think anything of it, but to us as Hōcāk and Umó'ho<sup>o</sup>, there's a lot of meaning behind it."

Her words speak to a broader truth. Indigenous perspectives are often overlooked or misunderstood in mainstream spaces. Work like Anderson's

challenges that by grounding viewers in a lived reality, one that is layered with identity, history, and belonging.

Indigenous people have always been creators, innovators, and storytellers. Long before galleries and institutions existed, our people were designing, building, and creating with purpose, beauty, and meaning.

As Ho-Chunk artist and educator Angel De Cora once said:

"My people are a race of designers. I look for the day when the Indian shall make beautiful things for all the world."

That day is not in the future. It is now.

Ho-Chunk artists like Savannah Anderson and Henry Payer are continuing that legacy, bringing our stories into spaces that have not always made room for us. Exhibitions like this are not just opportunities for visibility. They are reminders that we belong in ALL spaces, including art museums. Our presence is not new. It is a continuation.

Beyond this single piece, Anderson views her work as part of something larger. She describes herself not only as a photographer, but as a preservationist, someone committed to documenting Native life in ways that honor both the present and the future.

"I think of myself not only as a photographer, but a preservationist. I'm mostly known for my portraits of people, and I enjoy creating artwork of our people today because I hope someday, 100 years from now, they will be in history and accurately represented. I have a lot of projects living in my head. In a better place to be able to work more on my creative projects and to get my work out there more."

In a time where Native people have so often been misrepresented, or erased entirely, this kind of intentional documentation is powerful. It ensures that future generations will see themselves reflected truthfully, not through a colonial lens, but through their own.

The 2026 Biennial is more than an exhibition. It is an opportunity. An opportunity for our community to show up, support one of our own, and see our stories represented in a regional space.

We encourage all Winnebago Tribal members and community relatives to visit the Sioux City Art Center and experience *Interstates* firsthand. The exhibition will be on display through August 9, 2026. Supporting Native artists like Savannah Anderson means uplifting not just individual voices, but the stories, identities, and histories that shape who we are.

Because sometimes, what looks like just a sign on the side of the road is actually a reflection of home.



## Legacy Learning Program Continues to Build Skills and Community

Submitted by Kiana Lewis

Established in 2024, the Legacy Learning Program, housed under Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Community Development Department, is now in its fourth cohort and continues to create hands-on learning opportunities for participants while making a meaningful impact in the Winnebago community.

Since its launch, the program has completed several projects that directly benefit local spaces, including office improvements at Ho-Chunk Farms, construction of community garden beds, and a storage shed for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hock Nisoc Hacı. Each project is designed to give participants practical experience while contributing to community development.

The current cohort is partnering with the Winnebago Housing Authority on a major renovation project. Participants have been given the opportunity to demolish and restore a four-bedroom home that will ultimately provide housing for a local family in Winnebago. Through this work, participants gain valuable trade

skills while also developing essential job readiness habits.

Beyond construction experience, the program emphasizes personal and professional growth. Participants learn the importance of showing up on time, taking pride in their work, and building a strong work ethic. These skills translate directly to full-time employment or continued education in a skilled trade.

The current cohort includes six participants who are gaining real-world experience under the guidance of mentors Greg and Vince Bass. Their leadership and commitment to sharing generational and institutional knowledge continue to play a key role in the program's success.

As the Legacy Learning Program grows, it remains focused on creating pathways for participants to build skills, confidence, and a strong foundation for future careers while strengthening the community along the way.

For more information or questions about the Legacy Learning Program, please contact Janelle DeCora at [jdecora@hochunkinc.com](mailto:jdecora@hochunkinc.com).



## MARCH 2026 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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## Summer Internship

Join our Public Health Team

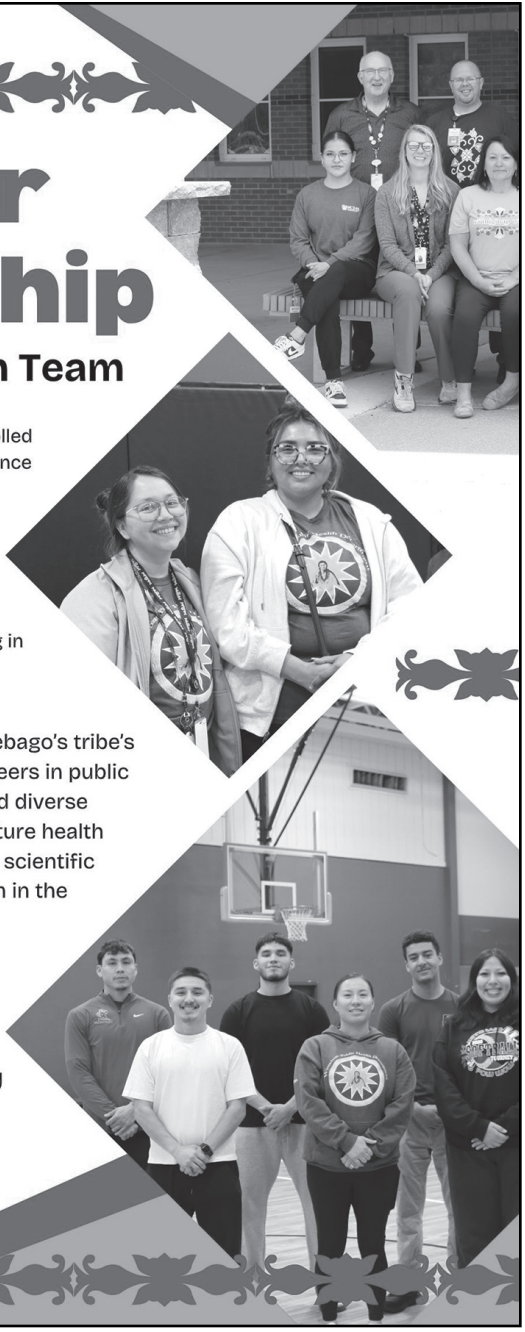
- Must have descended from or be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Preference to Winnebago Tribal members.
- Must have completed 1 and be enrolled in the next semester of or have graduated > 1 year ago from an accredited college or university.
- Preference given to students majoring in health-related 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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907 N Mission Drive, Winnebago, NE, 68071

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

**Crowns must be turned in by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Any questions? Contact:

402-878-4135 or

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**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Winnebago Tribal Police Department**  
**102 S. Bluff St.**  
**Winnebago, NE**  
**(402) 878-2245**



*Water Resource Committee*

## FOR THE LOVE OF WATER SYMPOSIUM 2026

**Wednesday | July 15, 2026**

**5:30PM-7:30PM**

**Whirling Thunder Wellness Center**

**100 S. Bluff Street | Winnebago, NE**

**Native Youth Poster Contest**

**Chance to win raffle prizes**

The Water Quality team and the Water Resource Committee for the Tribe is hosting a night of cultural history, guest speakers, and family-centered activities centered around surface water quality.

A light meal will be sponsored by the Wa i pi nagu Program who will be connecting the importance of clean water and diabetes.

Please contact Aseanna Overfelt for additional information or questions at (402) 878-4060 ext. 2002 or [aseanna.overfelt@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:aseanna.overfelt@winnebagotribe.com)



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## WINNEBAGO TRIBAL FARMS

The Tribal Farms will be going around the community to till the community members' garden area or raised garden beds.

- You must mark out the area you want tilled.
- Starting 4/7/26 until 5/4/26

Contact information:  
Jeremiah Nieman  
402-922-1280



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Winnebago Community Celebrates 14th Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Halle Murray Marketing Specialist

Winnebago, Ne – The 14th Annual Winnebago Community Easter Egg-Stravaganza was held on Friday, April 3rd, 2026, at Winnebago Public School, bringing together families for a vibrant afternoon of celebration and community engagement.

This year’s event welcomed attendees of all ages to participate in age-grouped Easter egg hunts, with 16,000 candy-filled eggs on the turfed fields. Children eagerly joined their designated hunt times, searching for eggs and enjoying the thrill of discovery, while families cheered them on, creating a festive and energetic atmosphere.

In addition to the egg hunts, the event featured a variety of activities designed to engage and entertain the entire family. Guests enjoyed a petting zoo, pony rides, delicious pizza, and exciting prize opportunities. This year, Auntie Bunny was a crowd favorite, with the children excited to take photos and create lasting memories with the special guest.

“Although we put rain or shine to the test, it is an honor to continue supporting & attending this beloved community tradition” reflected David Edwards, CEO of WCHS. “Our Public Health Department is great at providing opportunities for our relatives to come together, connect, be active, and be outside - in all kinds of weather. Healthy family activities, entertainment and connections are just one of the ways we work to create and sustain healthy community.”

The Easter Egg-Stravaganza has grown into a cherished annual tradition, reflecting WCHS’s commitment to supporting family engagement and encouraging meaningful connections across the community. WCHS thanks everyone who attended and contributed to making this year’s Easter Egg-Stravaganza a memorable event and looks forward to continuing this tradition in the years ahead.



### LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: “Be Strong and Educate My Children”

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

- 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:

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

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- 7 TRIBAL PAY DATES •





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**Friday, May 22nd**

*Doors at 7pm \* Show at 8pm*

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