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Saturday, April 12, 2025



In Honor of  
Neola Walker

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

### Nīšoc Nīgešāṇa Bago Bits By: Tyler Snake



April 4<sup>th</sup>, The Boys & Girls Club held a groundbreaking ceremony. Their new building will be located in the Ho-Chunk Village 2.0. This exciting expansion will create more opportunities for the youth and community in many ways.



The Winnebago Public School Academy program attended the Nebraska Breakfast In Washington, DC. The group met with Senator Fischer and listened to the entire Nebraska Delegation. Great experiences!



Recently, Nebraska State Senator, Glen Meyer met with the Winnebago Tribal Council. Senator Meyer has adopted and passed legislatures supporting school accomplishments and the management of hospital reimbursement funds.



Shared in Winnebago Construction Project of the Week: Community parks. Three parks are anticipated to be built by Fall 2025. They will be located next to the Kelly Pond on Thunderway, in the Ho-Chunk 2.0 site on Fish Street and Thunder Road, and out to the BIA next to the 12 plex apartments. Amenities like walking paths and picnic shelters included.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ROLL FORWARD



By Brian Chamberlain, WIN Editor

[Winnebago, NE] The construction projects that are happening in and around the community of Winnebago are numerous. With the turning seasons coming back into better weather, each of those projects continue to move forward. “There’s really a lot happening in Winnebago right now.”, stated Isaac Smith, Vice-Chairman of the Winnebago Tribal Council.

In late January (2025), the Winnebago Tribal Council wanted to update the community on how the construction projects happening in our reservation home are progressing. At that event the various departments took the lead on each of their project’s description, which included funding sources, completion timelines, and other vital details. At that event, which was held inside the Whirling Thunder Wellness Gym, one tribal member who attended told the WIN, “It’s good to see all the activity because

our people need so much more than we have today.” She continued, “[a]nd it’s kind of cool to think about how our people are going to move forward in years to come.”

As each of the projects was described at that morning’s event, the details began to become apparent in ways that many tribal members had not heard about or realized. With the size of the construction efforts ranging from totally new buildings created from the ground up, to

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## HOC AK FIGHTER IN DUBAI



By Brian Chamberlain  
Photos by Kevin Ebert / Brian Chamberlain / BKFC

[Winnebago, NE] On Friday, April 4, 2025, the hometown Winnebago crowd was treated to a mid-afternoon bout featuring one of our own, Carlos Trinidad-Snake. The young tribal member traveled to the other side of the globe landing in the grand desert city of Dubai U.A.E. This fantastic oasis-paradise

city is where Trinidad-Snake took his undefeated record back into the squared-circle hoping to dethrone the reigning Welter-Weight Champion, Austin Trout.

Trinidad-Snake has been making a name for himself in the Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship (BKFC) taking on significant challenges, and each time coming away with a convincing win over each opponent. Just last year in his first Main Event match-up. Trinidad-Snake fought

in Omaha, Nebraska against a formidable opponent, Justin Pague. Trinidad-Snake won that bout in convincing fashion earning a TKO after fracturing Pague’s jaw.

Training for the Skywalker 101 Club in Omaha, the 29-year-old fighter has been rising in the ranks of the BKFC for a few years now. While dabbling in other sanctioned fighting formats, it is the BKFC that seems to

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interior and cosmetic renovations, the overall effort is nothing less than staggering. “We take pride in our home, and we know we have many more of our people to care for still.”, said one staff member who is also a tribal member.

Of the projects, a few have been moved even closer to completion due to the better weather and previously established timing schedules. The Blackhawk Community Center (BHCC), which houses the Winnebago Tribal Council and several members of the WTN Administrative staff was closed last year, for example. To allow the building to undergo a massive interior make-over, the displaced staff members and Council moved north to the former LPTC Eagle dormitory, aka St. Augustine’s Monsignor’s House. The interior BHCC renovation that is taking place in that location will bring about a whole new aspect of tribal government with fully enclosed offices, additional working spaces and a whole new meeting chamber. An unidentified member of the construction crew said, “This place is coming right along. It will be done in no time.”

Another major project is the new Emergency Services building. Located immediately to the north of the corporate limits for the village of Winnebago, this multi-million-dollar new construction will be a major step up for the ageing facility that currently houses the Fire Department and other Emergency Services. As the community of Winnebago continues to grow the foundational basis for these types of coverage becomes even more important. “We know

that Winnebago will continue to grow, so we’re going to need more equipment that can handle a higher population.”, Smith told the WIN.

Little Priest Tribal College also recently held a dedication for it’s new Science Building nearing completion on that campus. They also completed the update and renovation of the Elk Clan Auditorium that houses many classes and community events. Both stories were covered in previous issues of the WIN.

12 Clans Unity Hospital and WCHS are also in the mix, hosting a series of listening sessions in the past few months. Their staff is seeking the advice and input of the tribal membership as they move their own construction planning process forward. David Edwards, CEO for WCHS told the WIN, “We want to hear from the people.” The 12 Clans campus is expected to undergo significant renovation and new construction as they hope to expand the footprint of the facility, while reaching for greater coverage of the healthcare needs of the Winnebago people.

With all the construction activity going on in our community, these listed here are but a few. The WTN Communications Department has been featuring each of the projects on its social media accounts, taking them as the figurative ‘Winnebago Construction Project of the Week.’ WCHS is also actively promoting its projects’ progress via its own social media. You can go to those pages to see even more details about what continues to happen here in town. And as always you can find those links online at winnebagotribe.com Way to ‘grow’, Winnebago!

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have the full attention of this young hocak man. In pre-fight interviews held during press conferences in Dubai, Trinidad-Snake told the news outlets, “I think Austin has fought nothing but cans. I’m the best opponent he’s fought. I’m going to bring it to him.”

The overall event was scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM Central Daylight Time, a time that seemed to many, an odd occurrence. This being the timing because Dubai is a full 9-hours ahead of the United States CDT time zone. The start time, however, was for the under-card fights which were stacked up prior to the main events. Each of those fights had their bright spots and provided for much excitement as the local crowds built and the people filed in. The fight was shown at the 360 Lounge in WinnaVegas Casino Resort, and at the downtown Big Screen in Winnebago – where the WIN posted up as well. Many tribal members gathered at each location to watch. “We’re so excited for this!” one tribal member told the WIN as the excitement grew along with the crowd.

Scheduled for a full five rounds, the match-up began with all the fanfare and pageantry you’d expect of a title bout. When Trinidad-Snake took the arena holding the Winnebago tribal flag above him, the now packed Winnebago crowd cheered and honked their car horns in support. “We knew there would be a great gathering of our people, and we were most certainly showing that.” Garan Coons, WTN Communications Director said as the hype of the match was about to begin.

The day was a cold one, but that didn’t stop the people from gathering. The downtown Winnebago Big Screen is set up for larger crowds and this kind of event fits right into the reason the area exists. People sat in their cars, on lawn chairs and on the ground, ready to watch Carlos Trinidad-Snake take on the reigning champion for the Welter-Weight crown. “A lot of people thought the fight was going to be tonight, but they forget where he is.”, said another tribal member who was on hand to witness history being made.

When the bell rang, and the fight began, both contestants came out ready to battle. The people cheered, and the hype inside the arena given by the commentators helped raise everyone’s spirits to incredible heights. All throughout the crowd the people chanted and cheered, “Let’s go Carlos!” and other unprintable expletives.

Trinidad-Snake scored a knock down early on as Trout began the

now typical dance related to most mainstream boxing era prize fighters. Yells like, “Hit him!” and “He’s scared of you! [Carlos]” rang out more and more. With only a few exchanges, none of which had any effect on either fighter, the match exhausted all five of its scheduled rounds. Trinidad-Snake retired to his corner and donned his training club t-shirt as he awaited the final results from the 3-judge panel. But after just a few moments, those judges wanted to see more – and so did the crowd. A sixth round was immediately begun.

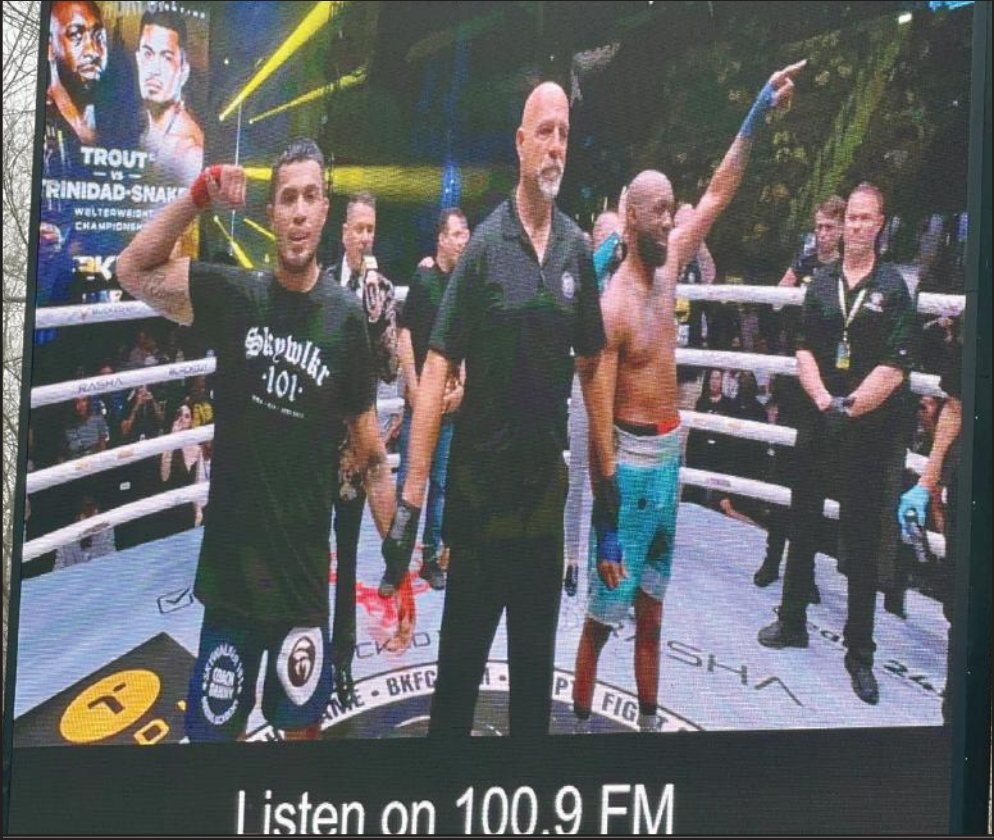
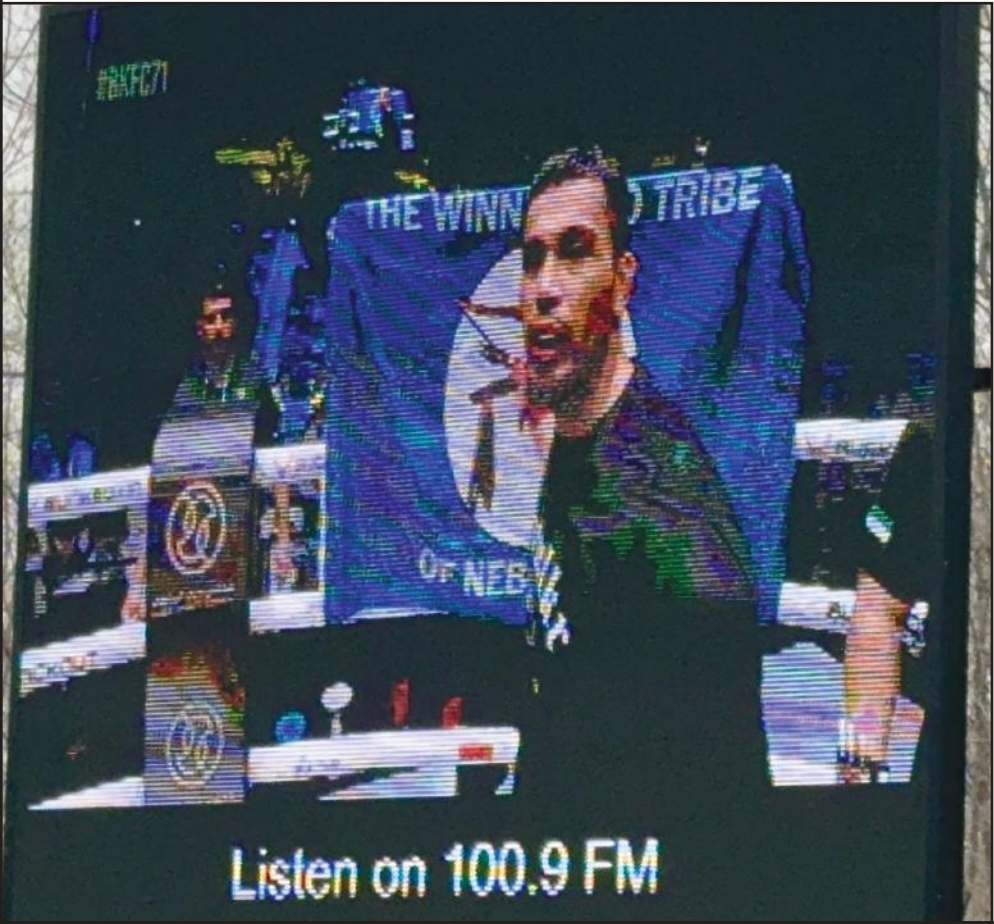
In that short time frame, you could see that for the first time, Trout gave more effort in trying to lure Trinidad-Snake in an exchange of hits. But none of them landed anything of consequence. Trinidad-Snake was completely unscathed. Similarly, Trinidad-Snake was unable to land any of his signature hits that could end the fight outright.

As the tension mounted the final bell rang out. There was no winner by KO or TKO. But Trinidad-Snake did score his knock-down early on – but would it be enough? The Winnebago fighter stood the whole time in the ring with the reigning champion, his body and face practically untouched. With well wishes from celebrities, like Connor McGregor, who came into the squared circle as the decision was awaited, both fighters stood side by side not knowing who the judges had selected. Finally, in a split decision, Trout was awarded the win.

“Oh my god, he was robbed.”, said one member of the crowd. “That’s why I don’t like watching regular boxing anymore. All he did [Trout] was dance around trying not to get hit.”, said another. As expected, the Winnebago crowd expressed their displeasure with the unfavorable split decision. But none of the comments were of disappointment in Trinidad-Snake. Rather, they were still cheers of pride and chants of ‘next time’ or that the decision should have gone the other direction.

Carlos Trinidad-Snake is the son of Annabelle (Snake) Trinidad and grandson of the late, Lenore Snake. Congratulations are in order for this young fighter who is only at the beginning of his amazing career. The entire tribe cheered as you made history once more on the biggest stage in the world.

All involved in showing the day’s events here in Winnebago would also like to express their sincerest gratitude and condolences to the family of the late, Pat Greyhair, for their kindness and heartfelt permission to continue with all that was shown.





Wāgax hūk ra wāgax hokik’una  
Letter to the Editor

In Loving Memory...

Joseph Everett Painter III



Joseph Everett Painter III, age 43, “Te wocexi ga” passed into the spirit world on March 31, 2025. He was born to his parents Joseph and Cheryl Painter Jr. He was born on April 20, 1981, at St. Luke’s Hospital in Sioux City, IA.

Joseph grew up in Winnebago, Nebraska. He graduated Salutatorian from Winnebago Public School in 2000. He excelled in Speech and was selected to participate in the Nebraska State Cadet Program through the American Legion. He was also a member and served as a Board member of the Native American Church of North America.

Joseph was a spectacular pool player. He enjoyed competing in the Rivercity pool leagues and then went on to manage the Independent Sioux City pool league. Joseph was employed with the Winnebago Tribe Nebraska as the EPD Director and Air Quality Manager. He was a National Board Member for the National Tribal Air Association. He received an Air Quality Award for his work on improving air quality for Indian Country. He also served as the WTN Physical Resources Director for many years. Joseph enjoyed spending time with his family, grilling for family events, praying for his family and anyone that needed

a word of prayer.

He is survived by his parents Joby Jr. and Cheryl Painter, his siblings Miskoo and Holly Petite, Anpao, Wicahpi, Tatanka, and Wakan Petite and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, tegas, cousins, and grandchildren.

He joins in everlasting life maternal grandparents Lillian Lebeau Chase, Dwayne DeCora, paternal grandparents Joseph Painter Sr., Mary Cleveland Painter, Aunt Vivian Painter, Sister Faith Rose Means and many aunts and uncles.

Wake Services were Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 10 am at the Ho-Chunk Center in Winnebago, Nebraska with John Morris Sr. officiating. Native American Church services were conducted April 2, 2025. His funeral was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Joseph was laid to rest in the Winnebago Cemetery on the Cleveland/Painter plot.

The family of Joseph Everett Painter III, “Te wocexi ga” would like to thank the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Native American Church, John Morris Sr., and all of those who helped the family during this difficult time in burying our loved one.

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

The regular 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 4:45 PM, on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 & 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 & 75, 878-2224.

The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the 1<sup>st</sup> rescheduled date and time is Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:45p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> rescheduled date and time will be Monday, 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ25-012  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
O.L. (Born 09/2010)

To: ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ25-012 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ25-015  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
D.M. (Born 11/2008)

To: MICHELLE SHERIDAN, Mother  
ARTHUR MARR, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ25-015 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

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Preserving Native Families Unit  
Neola Walker Building  
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Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred

The curriculum offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible fatherhood as reflected in Native American values and beliefs. There is an immediate need to bring men back to strengthening families-they are the greatest untapped resource. Fathers are the solution to the problems that face communities and must take the leading role in keeping their families together. The 12- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families to fully realize their potential.

❖ Certified Facilitators: Jackie Littlegeorge Permanency Caseworker ext. 1237 [jackie.littlegeorge@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:jackie.littlegeorge@winnebagotribe.com) & Thomas Snowball Sr. Cultural Family Support Worker ext. 1246 [thomas.snowball@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:thomas.snowball@winnebagotribe.com)

The Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships

This program is a curriculum offers participants the opportunity to learn the pros and cons of strong, healthy, and positive relationships. Our ancestors were a family centered people. To honor our ancestors and continue their culture, we must link generations and take care of our families by strengthening relationships. The 14- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families by enhancing their capacity to promote strong, healthy and positive relationships (i.e. Marriages, families, friendships, etc).

❖ Certified Facilitator:

Addressing Family Violence and Abuse

This program is a 14 session program that was created to provide a more in-depth and focused resource for families and communities facing this devastating problem. The program defines domestic violence and abuse, identifies contributing factors, and provides ways to overcome the effects of abuse and much more. This program offers hope and healing to individuals caught in the cycle of abuse and violence.

❖ Certified Facilitator: Thomas Snowball Sr. Cultural Family Support Worker ext. 1246 [thomas.snowball@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:thomas.snowball@winnebagotribe.com)

“I know of no tradition, belief, ceremony, or teaching that allows family members to abandon, abuse, neglect, ignore, harm, injure, or molest other family members, specifically children.” -Albert M. Pooley



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COMMUNITY

WCHS Celebrates National Nutrition Month with Community, Culture, and Healthy Living



By:Erin McElroy Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) wrapped up a successful National Nutrition Month, celebrating the natural medicines of food, family, movement, and cooking space. This year’s activities were inspired by the book, The Seven Circles, which was read by the WCHS Wa i pi nagu (Diabetes) Program & Wellness Program’s book club earlier this year. This year’s activities focused on incorporating traditional, nourishing foods and encouraging healthy habits that honor cultural traditions.

“The goal of our book club is to read books as a team throughout the year to help us incorporate more cultural concepts in our activities. This first book was a good one. We enjoyed the great reminders of ways our relatives-maintained wellness in the past” said Camilla Barajas, Director of Wa i pi nagu (Diabetes) Program. “We watched families come together to cook, share stories, walk during a chilly day and tell us how wonderful they felt. This was a reminder that we have always had these traditional medicines: food, family, movement, and cooking space, we just forgot they were medicines.”

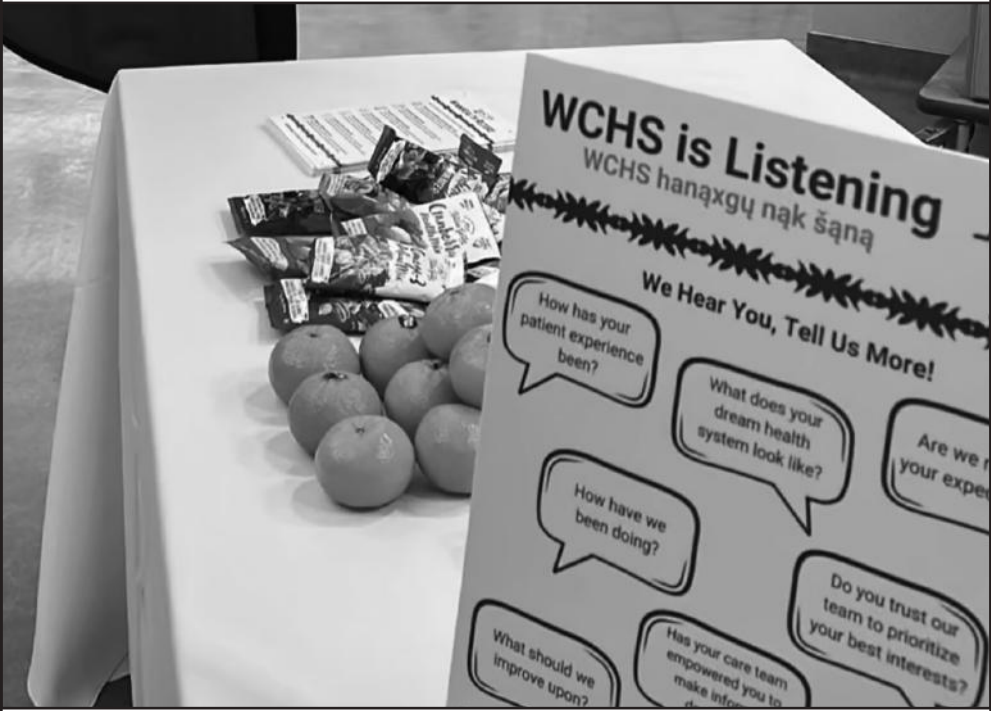
Throughout the month of March, WCHS hosted a series of events aimed at strengthening community connections through food and movement. To highlight the importance of physical activity, WCHS first hosted the Movement is Medicine

Walk, encouraging community members to step outside and embrace the benefits of fresh air and exercise. Despite the chilly weather, many participated in the 10-minute lap challenge, proving that even a short walk can boost mental wellness and physical health. The first 150 walkers received a special sweatshirt, and all participants enjoyed snacks and camaraderie.

Community members also gathered for a freezer meal workshop, “Our Cooking Space is Medicine,” where they learned how to prepare healthy, home-made meals for themselves and their families. The hands-on workshop emphasized that food is more than just fuel; it is medicine that nourishes both the body and spirit. Later in the month, families took part in a Soup Cook-Off “Food, Family, & Community are Medicine,” competing to create the most delicious, heartwarming soup. Community members served as judges, tasting and voting for their favorites, while participants, whether parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren, received a \$25 gift card to assist with ingredients.

As National Nutrition Month comes to a close, WCHS encourages the community to continue prioritizing healthy eating, movement, and time with loved ones. “The lessons we celebrate this month should carry on all year long,” said Pilar Aldrich, Director of the Wellness Program. “Food, movement, and togetherness are essential to our overall well-being.”

WCHS Strengthens Patient-Centered Care with “WCHS is Listening” Monthly Event



By: Erin McElroy, Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is deepening its commitment to patient-centered care with its ongoing initiative, “WCHS is Listening.” Held three times so far this year, this monthly event provides an open and welcoming space for community members to share their feedback, experiences, and ideas directly with WCHS leadership.

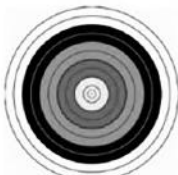
Each month, WCHS leaders set up a table either on campus or in the community, inviting patients and families to stop by and share their thoughts. Whether it’s feedback on services, suggestions for improvement, or personal stories about their healthcare experiences, every voice is valued. This effort is part of a larger initiative to enhance care by ensuring that the needs and concerns of patients remain at the center of WCHS’s mission.

“Our goal is to foster open communication with our patients and community members,” said David Edwards, CEO of WCHS. “By listening directly to those we serve, we can make meaningful improvements that reflect the needs of our community.”

The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciations for the opportunity to have their voices heard. WCHS is committed to continuing this effort and will hold “WCHS is Listening” events monthly moving forward.

Community members are encouraged to stop by future events and share their input. The next session will be hosted by Sara McIntosh, Chief Nursing Officer and Melanie Tuamoheloa, Primary Care Manager on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm at WCHS’s main building. For more information about “WCHS is Listening” or other WCHS initiatives, visit [wchs.health](#).

AIM FOR SOBRIETY



Date: April 16, 2025  
Time: 11am – 2pm  
Location: Land of Wellness  
Must Be 18 or Older



Contact Information  
Recovery Program  
402-745-3961  
WCHS  
WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Aim for Sobriety

By: Sarah Collison Marketing Specialist

**What:** Aim for Sobriety is an archery event with WCHS Recovery Program.

**Who:** WCHS’s Recovery Program invites the community to come connect with other people who struggle with alcoholism and addiction or know someone who is.

**Why:** To help the public explore archery a fun activity with a lot of cultural significance to our community while allowing the recovery program to locate and share resources with individuals within the community that may need help navigating their journey to sobriety or maintain their recovery.

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

**When:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Where:**  
Land of Wellness  
341 Frenchman Street  
Winnebago, NE 68071

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VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**Interim CAO Report:** Presented by Darla LaPointe, CEO  
(Tyresha Romero on travel)  
Aric Armell motioned to accept the Interim CAO January & February 2025 Report as presented.  
Coly Brown seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** (Department Spotlight) Presented by Tatanka Petite and Airic Brown.  
**BOARD AND COMMITTEE:**  
Water Quality Committee – 1 applicant; 3 vacancies  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to appointe Terrie Lee Medina to the Water Quality Committee for a three (3) year term. Coly Brown seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Pow-Wow Committee – 1 applicant; 4 vacancies  
Aric Armell motioned to appoint Terrie Lee Medina to the @025 Homecoming Pow-wow Committee for a three (3) year term. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Tribal Housing Committee Discussion  
Aric Armell motioned for the Winnebago Tribal Housing Committee to live on the reservation.  
Motion dies for lack of a second.  
**EDUCATION:**  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the EduCare Org Chart of the Education Department of the Tribe. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**ENROLLMENT:**  
Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #25-126: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A4427, A4503, A4610, A4629, A4630, A4631, A4633, A4638]. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**FINANCE:**  
WTN Motor Vehicle Policy Manual Approval  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Motor Vehicle Policy Manual. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Vehicle Tracking Bid  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the Winnebago Vehicle GPS Tracking Bid for all Tribal Vehicles; 18.95/vehicle & programs can do a budget mod to pay for their vehicles. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**WAKE AND BRIAL:**  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the Wake and Burial Policy and Procedures Manual with corrections. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**  
Amend/Approve Resolution#24-162A  
Aric Armell motioned to amend resolution #24-162A: Winnebago Tribe FY 2025 EPA General Assistance Program, totaling \$195,241. Coly Brown seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Organizational Chart Approval

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Summer EPD Intern to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Organizational Chart. Kenneth Mallory seconded the Motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**HUMAN SERVICES:**  
Human Services Vehicle GPS and Dual Video Camera Policy  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the Human Services Vehicle GPS and Dual video Camera Policy. Coly Brown seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**TRIBAL COURT:**  
Budget Request  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the \$62,400 + benefits for the full time deputy prosecutor and 3,600 for 3 attorneys at \$40.00/hrly to come out of the surplus. Aric Armell seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Termination of Contract  
Aric Armell motioned to approve termination of current attorney contract Stanley Law Firm. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Resolution to approve Independent Contractor  
Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #25-127: Approving Child Support Enforcement Program Independent Contractor Agreement with Julie Greenamyre for Legal Services. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**OTHER:**  
NITC 3-14-25 agenda approval  
NITC 10-4-24 Meeting minutes approval  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the NITC: Agenda, meeting minutes, and \$857.40 for stipends of \$50.00/Veterans and \$50.00/drum group singers to be paid out of Tribal Council Events. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 1:13 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. Aric Armell seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the \$1,000 match for the Big Time Elite Basketball Team for the All West Tournament in Denver on March 28, 2025. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Kenneth Mallory motioned to direct Human Services to pay tribal member (EBJ) electric bill \$532.85 + reconnect fee, for one time. Aric Armell seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
**ADJOURN:**  
Coly Brown motioned to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.  
VOTE:(4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Vice Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei DeCora, Member  
Winnebago Tribal Council  
CONCUR:  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council



PUBLIC NOTICE

Availability of Environmental Assessment  
for  
IHS Project GP-22-K26  
for  
Winnebago Water Treatment Plant Improvements  
for the  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Winnebago, Nebraska

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska seeks to improve its water treatment facility by adding reverse osmosis treatment. The reverse osmosis system will be housed in a new building on Mercer Street beside the existing water treatment plant in Winnebago, Nebraska. An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed project is now available for public review and comment.

The EA and FONSI address the potential environmental effects of the proposed project to construct a new water treatment building with respect to concerns such as air and water quality, energy use, visual impacts, endangered species, and cultural assets. Copies of the EA and FONSI are available for review and comment at the Physical Resources Department 912 North Mission Drive Winnebago, NE 68071 and the IHS District Office in Sioux City, IA. The public is invited and encouraged to review the EA and FONSI and provide comments.

Comments or questions on the EA and FONSI may be addressed to:

Jon Ireland, P.E.  
Project Engineer  
Indian Health Service, OEH&E  
320 6<sup>th</sup> Street Room 2012 Box 12  
Sioux City, IA 51101  
Phone: 712-252-3988  
e-mail: jon.ireland@ihs.gov

All comments must be received by May 31, 2025.

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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Request of proposal for program brochure/flyer updating  
and Soft Skills Class Facilitator

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 graphic designer will update the Career and Technical Education “CTE” Project brochures and build informational flyers throughout the remainder of the project and the class instructor will build a soft skills/job readiness curriculum and instruct the classes to the current CTE students.

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 on April 7, 2025, 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.



JOB FAIR



DATE

17 April,  
Thursday



TIME

1PM - 3PM



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# HAKWE

## Question of the Issue:

**Something important is on the line. Family pride hangs in the balance. Someone dear needs a Grammy winning performance out of you. So, tell us, what is your “Go To” karaoke song? Tell us all about it.**

**GARAN:** First, I suck at singing - ha-ha. Every now and then I can jam a powwow song though. I would play it safe if I was put on the spot and probably sing that song by the Champs called “Tequila” ha-ha...sing it in your head...it only says tequila 3x during the song. If you can’t sing either, I would recommend it. You can thank me later.

**BRIAN:** One of my friends once said to me, “After 1am I sing just like Mariah Carey!” I had to disagree with that and told her to take another swig. However, if you ever hear me sing it probably is after 1am, and you’ll never want a hearing aid. But I’ll pick “I Guess That’s Why They Call It The Blues” by Elton John. It’s just a good song to ruin. ... *don’t wish it away...* :-p

**TYLER:** The only song I’ve sung in public is ‘Happy Birthday’ but if my back was against the wall and my life was on the line..... my “Moment for Life” by Nicki Minaj would save us all.

**CHRISTINA:** I would probably have to go with a Mary J. Blige song, which one?? Pick one lol.

**KEVIN:** A song named, “In Color” by Jamie Johnson. It’s the only song I’ve ever sang in public besides Happy Birthday.

**BETHANI:** The only karaoke I do is when I’m getting ready. Something about the echos from the bathroom walls will do it for me every time! My go to karaoke song is going to be “Crimson & Clover” by Joan Jett & the Blackhearts. Mostly, because I want to sing the “ba-da da-da da-da” & no words will be forgotten! :)

## Concert Review:

### Jelly Roll’s Beautifully Broken Tour - *An Unforgettable Experience*

By Garan Coons  
Photos by Garan Coons

Throughout my concert-going life, I’ve witnessed some truly memorable performances, from the raw energy of Linkin Park to the smooth harmonies of my childhood idols, Dru Hill. However, my recent experience at Jelly Roll’s “Beautifully Broken” Tour has unequivocally catapulted itself to the top of my all-time favorites.

That Tuesday evening at Omaha, Nebraska’s CHI Health Center Arena was buzzing with anticipation. The tour boasted impressive opening acts: Shaboozey, currently riding high with his chart-topping hit “Tipsy, A Bar Song,” and ERNEST, known for his popular track “Cowgirls” featuring Morgan Wallen. Full disclosure: prior to this concert, I wasn’t particularly familiar with the music of Jelly Roll, ERNEST, or Shaboozey. It was only through a fortunate turn of events – my significant other’s cousin offering her unused tickets – that I found myself saying, “Let’s roll, to Jelly Roll,” ever the enthusiast for LIVE music.

Upon arriving at our seats, Shaboozey had just finished his set. ERNEST then took the stage for a solid 40 minutes, delivering mostly slower-paced songs before concluding with his hit single, “Cowgirls.” Finally, the moment arrived for the headliner, Jelly Roll. Our seats offered an excellent vantagepoint, situated *stage left* and just two rows up from the floor. This meant we could enjoy the show without the need to stand for the entire duration, providing an eye-level perspective of the performers.

Jelly Roll’s entrance was unique, beginning at the back of the arena. His stage setup was equally distinctive, featuring two separate stages. The main stage was a spectacle of large screens, dynamic lighting, and dramatic skull props that descended from the ceiling, all backing his talented band. In contrast, the rear stage was intentionally more understated, lacking the flash of the main setup. This design choice, it became clear, was deliberate, allowing the raw emotion and meaning of his songs to resonate without distraction.

Jelly Roll’s setlist comprised 19 songs, open-

ing with the powerful and introspective “I Am Not Okay,” a slower track that truly showcased his vocal ability. It was immediately apparent that every note was sung live, with no hint of overdubbing or lip-syncing – a refreshing authenticity that I deeply appreciated, having attended concerts where genuine audience engagement felt lacking. By the third song, with the high-energy “Get By,” the show shifted into high gear. Flames erupted, captivating drum and guitar solos filled the arena, and stunning motion graphics danced across the background jumbotrons.

Throughout his performance, Jelly Roll encouraged numerous sing-alongs. While I wished I knew more of the lyrics, the sheer power of over 25,000 voices uniting in song was undeniably moving. I found myself completely engrossed, not wanting the concert to end as he shared his personal journey, his music, and the path that led him to that main stage. At one point, his heartfelt words resonated deeply: “This isn’t a concert! It’s a family reunion!”

Finally, the one song I recognized began as his encore: the widely known “Save Me.” For this final performance, Jelly Roll returned to the rear stage. To my utter surprise, a suspended steel frame of a house descended around him. The frame then dramatically caught fire, and it literally began to rain. I was completely blown away by this theatrical display! He performed the entire song soaked by the artificial rain. I must admit, my focus was somewhat diverted as I marveled at the intricate rigging – Where was the water going? Would his wireless mic survive? Would he catch a cold? – but the spectacle was nonetheless captivating.

Ultimately, Jelly Roll delivered an amazing and unforgettable concert experience. I was impressed to learn that he will be touring with Post Malone later this spring, and based on this performance, I wholeheartedly recommend seeing it. 5 out of 5 stars!

*Jelly Roll – Beautifully Broken Tour  
Featuring Shaboozey & ERNEST  
LIVE Nation  
CHI Healthcare Arena – Omaha*



## From the Desk of the Commander of the Winnebago Veteran’s Association

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, I attended the Annual American Legion meeting held in Hartington, Nebraska. During that event the LaMere-Greencrow-Rice Post 363 received the Post Membership Retention Award. This award is given for retaining membership in the post of 90% or above for the year that was 2023. I was honored to receive this award for Post 363.

At the end of the meeting, the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary read the list of fallen auxiliary members in District 3 for the State of Nebraska. When Winnebago was called the auxiliary members read off the name of the late Viola LaPointe. A flower was placed on their stand in her honor. It showed the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary supports their members with honoring those who have fallen.

*American Legion Post 363 Commander, Gordon Rave*

## ATTENTION! ALL WINNEBAGO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

**If you are currently in Active Duty,  
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**Please call Gordon Rave at (402) 922-2179 or  
email: [gordon.rave@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:gordon.rave@winnebagotribe.com)**

*[winnebagotribe.com/veteran-list/](http://winnebagotribe.com/veteran-list/)*

**DEADLINE FOR 2025 LIST IS MAY 30TH**

## Honor your FAMILY VETERAN

The Winnebago Veteran's Service Office will be participating in the Our Warriors street banner program.

If you have a Winnebago Tribal Veteran in your family and would like to honor them with a banner, please include the following:

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**Cost: \$104.95**

Please make out check or money order to:  
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Contact Gordon Rave with your submission(s)  
[gordon.rave@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:gordon.rave@winnebagotribe.com)  
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## Deadline: April 24, 2025

## HoChunk Renaissance Language Preservation Program

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**Lakota Oral Tradition in “Black Elk Speaks,”** Delphine Red Shirt, PhD, Stanford University

**“The Oregon Trail” and Native Representation on the Plains,** Margaret Huettl, PhD, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

**The Act and Impact of Crazy Horse's Death at Ft. Robinson,** Sandy Wounded Arrow, M.A., Site Director, Ft. Robinson Nebraska State Historic Site

**Early Trade Relationships of the Lakota and Early White Traders,** Jerome Kills Small, M.A., University of South Dakota (retired)

**NAGPRA - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act,** Calvin Harlan, Acting Deputy Chief Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

**JOHN G. NEIHARDT STATE HISTORIC SITE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025, 9:30 - 4:00**

John G. Neihardt State Historic Site  
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**HoChunk Renaissance Language Preservation Program**

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**Hōcǫk Language Classes to start the week of March 10th, 2025 (7 Weeks)**  
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HoChunk Renaissance Program Classroom

No sign up required. Date and class schedule subject to change. Contact My Soul Earth Kearnes at 402-878-4135 x2816 for any questions

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