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(Neb.)-Women Of Oglala Lakota Nation To Hold Peaceful Protest Saturday



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(Whiteclay)-Even though a tribal vote recently approved reversing the alcohol ban on the Pine Ridge Reservation, anti-alcohol activists organized by the women of the Oglala Lakota Nation will hold a peaceful march from Pine Ridge to Whiteclay Saturday at noon.

KNEB is reporting that activist Olowan Martinez says marchers will honor loved ones lost to alcohol-related causes. Nebraska State Patrol Lt Jamey Balthazor says the agency expects the march to remain peaceful and doesn't plan to have any additional troopers on the scene.

This summer anti-alcohol activists led violent actions against beer deliveries to the four stores where alcohol is sold in Whiteclay, vandalizing trucks and threatening the delivery employees. Balthazor says recently things have calmed down.

The beer distributors had forced store owners to pick up their deliveries in Rushville, but Balthazor have now returned to making the deliveries to the stores. It is not known when the sale of alcohol on the reservation will actually go into effect.

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