



# Winnebago Indian News

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## Indians Capture Back-to-Back LNI Titles

### Bago Bits...



The Lady Indians battled the Pender Lady-Dragons at Ralston Arena last weekend but came up short at the buzzer, 74-36.



Santa Claus came to town and the kiddies were lined up around the corner to visit with him.



LNI Wrestling Tournament Winners, Prosper Gilpin, Derrel Zagurski and Nick Painter. Go Big Blue!



Gifts & Prizes were in abundance at this year's 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' event hosted annually by the Winnebago Dental Clinic in conjunction with the WHD.



Winnebago Cheerleaders enjoying the LNI Tournament before the boys game starts and it's time to get to work.



Winnebago Dental office staff treat Event participants to their very own decorated Christmas Sugar Cookies. I got mine, it was good.



Whirling Thunder Wellness Center girls 5th grade team has been burning up the nets during their league play in nearby Sioux City.



The Winnebago Indians boys basketball team did it again. They are the back-to-back Champions of the Lakota Nations Invitational Basketball tournament. On Tuesday, December 13th the Indians & Lady Indians loaded onto a Windstar Charter bus with their coaches, cheerleaders, sponsors and their favorite pillow, enroute to Rapid City, South Dakota. The LNI, as it is known throughout Sioux Country, is a gathering of South Dakota's best high school athletes. Well, basketball, moccasin game players and wrestlers. This year the LNI Celebrated it's 40th Annual Event. Congratulations. The Indians were up first with a 10 am, mountain time, game against Tiospaya Zina. The Indians started out looking pretty crusty, but after they warmed up, it was one of those wins Indian's fans have come to expect from their "Mighty Indians," 94-54. Next up for the Indians was Cheyenne-Eagle Butte on Thursday, Indians 94-31. Friday the Indians met up with the Pine Ridge Thorpes, Bago by 23. That set the stage for Saturday's Championship game against the Crusaders from Red Cloud, a Catholic High School from the Rez. Despite the extreme cold temperatures outside, snow, ice and crabby Indian women, the Civic Center was full of basketball fans waiting for the big game between South Dakota's best Indian Basketball team and Nebraska's best Class C-1 team, the Indians. The first half of the game was like watching a heavy weight boxing match, the Indians & Crusaders traded blows throughout the half. The fans, well they were how should I say this, spirited. The officiating, we as Winnebago fans are used to it, it was like playing the local red-neck town team, but we was playing other Natives. Needless to say, by half time, the stands were beginning to empty, and by the middle of the second half, the mercy clock started. When she started to sing, the Indians were up by 46 and that was the end of the game, 97-51. The trip was well worth driving through blizzard conditions on Friday, sitting with Timmy in the ER for 3 hours Sunday morning, and that long boring drive across South Dakota while everyone else slept. I got to witness LNI history, the first back-to-back Champions in the 40 years history of the Tournament. Go Big blue!

## Bago Boys up their game against Class A Omaha Central



The Winnebago Indians made the trip to Omaha last week to challenge Class A powerhouse basketball team, Omaha Central. 2,000 natives packed the Ralston Arena to watch as Winnebago took their Rez Ball game to a half court offense coached team. The game was exciting to watch and made many of Winnebago's loyal fans beam with pride as they watched their Indians fight til the last second ticked off the clock. The Indians lost the game by 11 points, 97-86, but they did have the Class A powerhouse on guard. With around 4 minutes left in the game the Eagles wanted no part of Rez Ball as they began to run their staling game. That didn't stop the Indians as they continued to close an 18 point lead the Eagles had built in the first half, getting it down to 6 points earlier in the quarter. The Indians are at Wisner this week and will be going for their 5th straight Championship of the Shoot Out on the Elkhorn. Go Big Blue!

## Indianz.com... Native Sun News Today: Winnebago team sweeps Lakota Nation Invitational

**Thursday, December 22, 2016**  
*Defending Champ dominant on both ends of the court*  
By James Giago Davies  
Native Sun News Today correspondent  
nativesunnews.today

RAPID CITY — It wasn't hard to predict a Red Cloud-Winnebago final at the 40th Annual Lakota Nation Invitational, or even a Winnebago victory, but the Indians topped all expectations by running roughshod over a solid, well-coached Red Cloud Crusaders squad, 97-51, outscoring their opponent by 30 points in the second half, and serving notice to the folks back in Nebraska, Winnebago is determined to grab their second state title in three years.

A surprisingly large crowd braved frigid temperatures and icy roads to fill the Don Barnett Arena at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, and they can be forgiven if they mistook Winnebago for an offensive oriented team, given the slam dunks of David Wingett, the slash-

ing drives of D'Von LaPointe, and the outside shooting of Manape Cleveland.

"Our defense," that's what Head Coach Jeff Berridge credited as the single most important factor in Winnebago's championship run. "Every great team, every great coach will tell you defense means championships."

Despite the lopsided score, Berridge was impressed with the Crusaders effort.

"Actually, Red Cloud gave us a better run than White River did last year, but my team works so hard for games like this, they live for games like this."

Winnebago came into the championship game with a 7-0 record. Red Cloud was 4-0. Although Winnebago started the tournament slowly, being outplayed by Tiospa Zina in the opening game for a quarter, they rallied to beat the Wambdi by 40, beat Cheyenne-Eagle Butte in the next round by 63, and then turned back a scrappy Pine Ridge team, by 23 points in the semis.

Red Cloud opened their tournament

with an impressive 49-point win over Omaha Nation, a 15-point win over Todd County, but had to rally to eke out a 65-60 win over upset-minded Crow Creek in the semis.

"I have nothing but respect for (Crow Creek) and their program," Red Cloud Head Coach Christian McGhee said. "We needed a game like this (to prepare for Winnebago). Obviously (Wingett) is a D1 player; there's not anything he can't do on the floor. It's gonna take a team effort."

That team effort is led by Russell Leader Charge, a 6-0 junior shooting guard and the top athlete in the tournament. Leader Charge transferred from White River, and is coming off a storied football season where he may have proven himself the best football player in the state at any class level.

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# What's Happening

## LaMere Leads Nebraska Democratic Party



**Jane Kleeb**



**Frank LaMere**

Jane Kleeb from Hastings, NE and Frank LaMere from South Sioux City, NE were installed as leaders of the Nebraska Democratic Party on December 17th. Each will serve a four year term having been elected at the June 18th State Democratic Convention. Ms. Kleeb was elected Chair in a spirited race that pitted her against Chuck Hassebrook, former candidate for Governor. LaMere was elected as he ran unopposed for Associate Chair. By virtue of their election, both will serve on the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Association of State Democratic Chairs. (ASDC)

Kleeb is the founder of Bold Nebraska, who successfully led the effort to stop the Keystone Pipeline and sits on the Board of Our Revolution, the movement inspired by Senator Bernie Sanders.

LaMere is a noted social and political activist and member of the Winnebago Tribe who has been active in party politics and Native advocacy for decades. Both are seen as leaders statewide and nationally on progressive issues and have already endorsed Congressman Keith Ellison from Minnesota to be the next Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Anita Zakrzewski, a Lincoln Democrat involved with the Sanders campaign and the effort to shut down Whiteclay beer stores described the democratic leaders as "two of Nebraska's most influential and outspoken activists for social and political justice and the rights of all. Both have addressed injustices across our state with tenacity, persistence and dedication. The Democratic Party will be better because of this and will benefit from their service. "Between them they have been strong on Standing Rock, Whiteclay, environmental issues and Native sovereignty. They will give voice to Native people and to all Nebraskans. They will not be afraid to defend us, all of us."



The Winnebago Cheerleaders were in top form for LNI



Lady Indian Jasmine Colvin was chosen a member of the Girls All-Tourney Team, Congratz!



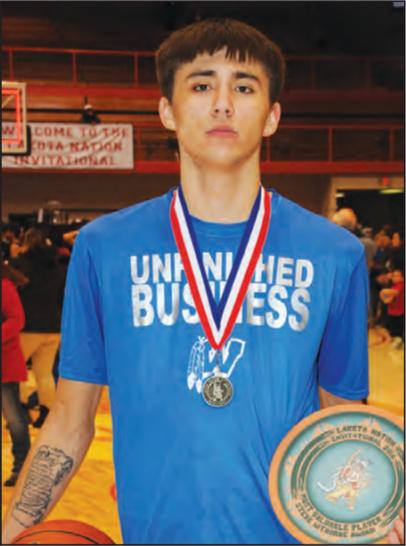
The Winnebago boys wrestling team, in it's second year in existence captured 3rd Place honors at the LNI.



The Lady Indians had a tough start & finish at the LNI tournament.



D'Von was chosen 'Play Maker' of the tournament and was recognized for his Sportsmanship.



David was chosen LNI tournament MVP



Manape Most 3's if the Tournament

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# In My Opinion

## Thoughts from 2016... *by Lance Morgan*



I thought I would list the top things that happened in 2016 for Ho-Chunk, Inc. Some are good and some aren't so good and some are downright ugly.

### The Good

2015 was a record year profits resulting in the largest dividend in our history paid to the tribe in the summer of 2016. Ho-Chunk Capital opened new housing and commercial projects in Sioux City on Pearl Street, Virginia Square and in the Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. Ho-Chunk opened a new storage facility in North Sioux City and expanded our storage facility in Winnebago. I was nervous that we wouldn't fill the first phase, but apparently, storage is much in demand in Bago.

In a weird development, I was named the chairman of the board of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce. I am the first minority, much less native person, to lead this body in its almost 100-year history.

After a few months of pain, we finally got the entry way into the Pony Express finished. I am glad because I always worried about someone getting hurt there due to heavy traffic.

We opened the 27-unit low income Warrior Apartments and they are a very nice addition to our community.

We opened the 7 unit modern apartments across from the Dollar General. There are also offices below them and we just started planning to add a Sweet Water Café to the last open spot. Now you fancy coffee types will have a place to fuel up.

We will have sold or started construction on 7 new homes this year in Winnebago, which is the most we have ever done under the down payment assistance program in any one year.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. won its fourth Harvard Honoring Nations award for the concept and implementation of the Ho-Chunk Village.

### The Bad

Our tobacco business is really under pressure from the states, who push the federal government to single us out. This trend has always been an issue, but it has been getting worse lately and fighting for our basic economic and taxation rights continues to be an issue. In September, we sued the federal government to prevent access to our tobacco records. We didn't want them giving them to the states.

After 1 year of negotiations, Nebraska cancelled our tobacco compact negotiations, which were on the verge of putting in place a system to end our 18 years of fighting on the subject. They might have cancelled because we were pushing the casino petition issue.

Our profits are still good in 2016, but will be down from a great 2015. We expect 2017 to be a much better year though, once some of our real estate investments start to kick in.

### The Ugly

We lost out in embarrassing fashion on our bid to get casino gambling for horse tracks on the ballot. This issue isn't dead yet and there will be more news to report soon.

We lost out on a major government contract that we had worked on for a year and a half. There were a dozen bidders. We finished second, but as I told our board of directors, second is last in government contracting.

Overall 2016, was a lot of hard work. We took several great steps forward and a few back. When you swing for the fences you will have a few strike outs, but we continue to learn and continue to strive to do the best we can as a company. Our goal isn't just to maximize profits. Our goal is to make as big an impact as we can in our community and I think we took a lot of positive steps in that direction. I also know we will have several very positive things to announce in 2017 that will be great for the future of Winnebago.

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## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

### "Not your average Joe"

During these twelve days of Christmas I would like to write to you about a man named Joe. He was not your average 'Joe.' He was a tribal man who was engaged to be married to a virgin. It was the tribe's unwritten ways for a man to make arrangements to be wed with the male relatives of his intended bride. Then he was legally bound through his pledge and had to wait for a year. The couple was not to have any intimate relations until the night of their wedding.

Joe was willing to not only follow the customs of his tribe but to also honor His Creator who instituted this blessed lifelong union. While Joe was waiting for their wedding day his bride-to-be went on a long trip. She was gone for three months. When she returned she was with child.

You can probably imagine what was going through Joe's mind at this news. The penalty of being pregnant outside of the bounds of marriage was to be stoned to death. Joe, not being your average 'Joe,' but rather as 'a righteous man did not want to expose her to public disgrace. Joe had in mind to divorce her quietly.'

All this changed when 'an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When Joe woke up, he did what the angel of the LORD had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not have union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name of Jesus.' [Matthew 1:19, 20-21, 24-25 NIV]

While Joe was not the actual biologi-

cal father of Mary's son, he was given the divine task of being Jesus' earthly father. Joe would provide provisions, protection as well as emotional support for both mother and her son, as well as for their other children.

Most importantly Joe was the spiritual leader of his family. On his eighth day of earthly life, he had Mary's baby circumcised and gave him the name of Jesus. On the fortieth day of Jesus' life, Joe took his wife and her son to the temple, Jesus' heavenly Father's house, in order to present him to the LORD and offer a sacrifice in keeping with what was said in the Law of the LORD. [See Luke 2:21ff]

Throughout Joe's life he led his wife and their children on an annual journey, traveling over 80 miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Joe took his Divine given task of leading his family in spiritual ways quite seriously.

He was not like an average Joe who often takes leading his wife and family in spiritual matters as of little or no importance. He respected Mary and honored her by pledging himself in a lifelong union. Joe did not pressure her into a sexual union while they were engaged, nor did he have union with her until after the birth of her son.

Now do not get the idea that Joe was perfect and therefore did not need a Savior. No, Joe was your average Joe in this aspect. Mary in many ways was not your average 'Mary,' however she too needed her first born son to be her Savior. In these twelve days of Christmas we continue our celebration that 'Jesus is born,' yes 'the Savior is born' for us sinners.

I urge you to not be like the average 'Joe' but instead take your Creator at His Word and receive this Christmas gift into your heart and into your life!



"Makoonce!!!" D'ing up at the LNI Tournament



Head Coach Jeff Berridge, Sr. and his Assistants; Aaron LaPointe & Kenny Blackhawk at LNI

## IHS Announces New CEO at Winnebago Hospital

### Experienced IHS administrator to provide hospital leadership

The Indian Health Service Great Plains Area announces today that a new chief executive officer has joined Winnebago Hospital, in Winnebago, Nebraska. This staff addition follows the announcement of many other new hires at Winnebago Hospital this year.

Gary Wabaunsee, MPH, will be responsible and accountable for managing all administrative and health care activities for the hospital. As chief executive officer, he will provide overall leadership and direction for all professional, administrative, technical and clerical employees, ensuring the delivery of high-quality health care and supporting ongoing quality improvement efforts. He will also work closely with tribal leaders in order to maintain open communication and meet the needs of the local community.

"Gary Wabaunsee has served IHS for many years, demonstrating his abilities as an administrator and a leader. He will bring experience and stability to Winnebago Hospital," said Capt. Francis Frazier, IHS Great Plains Area acting director. "We have made great strides in recruiting highly skilled individuals to Winnebago Hospital this year, enabling us to better carry out our mission of raising the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level."

Wabaunsee will oversee ongoing efforts at Winnebago Hospital to improve services at the hospital to fully meet safety and quality of care

standards.

"I'm honored to be part of the team of IHS professionals trusted with ensuring access to reliable, high-quality health care for patients at Winnebago Hospital. It is my personal mission to make Winnebago Hospital a model of success," Wabaunsee said. "I'm excited to work with leaders from the Winnebago tribe, IHS leadership and experts in health care as we build on the progress that has been made and continue quality improvement efforts."

Wabaunsee served four years in the U.S. Navy and 18 years in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, retiring as a captain. All of Wabaunsee's assignments with the Commissioned Corps were with the IHS. He served in a variety of roles at IHS facilities around the country.

Wabaunsee's previous IHS positions include CEO at Schurz Service Unit in Schurz, Nevada; Sisseton Service Unit in Sisseton, South Dakota; Fort Yuma Service Unit in Winterhaven, California; Red Lake Service Unit in Red Lake, Minnesota, and most recently the Crow Service Unit in Crow Agency, Montana. He was also CEO of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Health System.

Wabaunsee is an enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma. He earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and a Master of Public Health in health administration and planning from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

## New Deadline !!! for Winnebago Newspaper January 6

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on January 11, 2016. DEADLINE for this issue will be January 6, 2016.

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# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING  
November 18, 2016**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Frank White  
Vincent Bass  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith  
James Snow  
Curtis St. Cyr  
Darla LaPointe

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mike Means  
Leon Rozeboom  
Mayan Beltran  
Garan Coons  
Brad Knepper  
Anthony Earth  
Lance Morgan  
Sarah Snake  
Dulcie Green

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Vincent Bass offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:** CALL TO ORDER; OPENING PRAYER; AGENDA; NEW BUSINESS: 1. Gaming Commission Report [Liberty National Bank] 2. WinnaVegas Report 3. Tribal Report 4. Internal auditors Report [Counter Offer Letter from DHHS] OLD BUSINESS: 1. ACA Contract Follow Up [Department of Interior Letter – BIA Investment] 2. Winnebago land Management Company Capital Plan 3. ADA Compliance estimate for WTN Buildings TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS: 1. Court Ordered restitution deduction from minor trust fund 2. IHS Great Plains Area IHS Restructure Task Force update 3. Chairman's (Council's) Vehicle update 4. Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association Meeting 12-14-16 5. Emergency Grant – addition to application

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the amended agenda. Darla LaPointe seconded.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Gaming Commission Report – Check presented to Tribal Council to contribute to stimulus. Discussion on September and October reports.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to accept Gaming Commission report. James Snow seconded.

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

2. Liberty National Bank – Discussion on current investment portfolio. NO ACTION

[Isaac Smith Out 9:40 a.m. / Return 9:50 a.m.]

[Victoria Kitcheyan Out 9:40 a.m. / Return 9:50 a.m.]

[Isaac Smith Out 10:10 a.m.]

3. WinnaVegas Report – Discussion on Financial Reports for October and November. Discussion on current promotions and donations by WinnaVegas. Discussion on combining positions.

[Isaac Smith in 10:52 a.m.]

[Victoria Kitcheyan Out 10:18 a.m. / Return 10:26 a.m.]

[Frank White Out 10:18 a.m. / Return 10:28 a.m.]

[Vincent Bass Out 10:36 a.m. / Return 10:41 a.m.]

Darla LaPointe motioned to accept WinnaVegas Financial Report. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

[Curtis St. Cyr Out 10:58 a.m. / Return 11:03 a.m.]

[James Snow Out 11:13 a.m. / Return 11:16 a.m.]

[Isaac Smith Out 11:18 a.m. / Return 11:19 a.m.]

Vincent Bass motioned to remove Executive Chef position and change Food & Beverage

Manager to Food & Beverage Director with an increase in pay. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

James Snow motioned to approve 'Imagine This' promotion. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Discussion on current feasibility study status.

[Vincent Bass Out 11:19 a.m. / Return 11:21 a.m.]

[Darla LaPointe Out 11:19 a.m.]

James Snow motioned to approve WinnaVegas report. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

4. Tribal Report – Victoria Kitcheyan advises report will be available with next Treasurer's Report due to Cheryl Painter being out. Discussion on bonuses, list of "non-compliant" NCP's, and current PL status. NO ACTION

5. Internal Auditor's Report – Victoria Kitcheyan advises Mary Greaves out. Discusses possible changes to report and review of report. NO ACTION

[Frank White Out 11:37 / Return 11:40]

[Darla LaPointe Return 11:53]

[Vincent Bass Out 11:57 / Return 11:58]

6. Counter Offer Letter from DHHS – Discussion on letter

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table action on letter pending advisement of General

Counsel. Vincent Bass seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. ACA Contract Follow Up – Discussion on current status of contract, reasoning for contract, and relation to WinnaVegas current position on Paycom. NO ACTION – WILL CONTINUE DURATION OF CONTRACT

[Isaac Smith Out 11:55 a.m. / Return 11:57 a.m.]

[Isaac Smith Out 12:17 p.m. / Return 12:18 p.m.]

[Frank White Out 12:28 p.m. / Return 12:36 p.m.]

[Vincent Bass Out 12:42 p.m. / Return 12:45 p.m.]

[Curtis St. Cyr Out 12:43 p.m. / Return 12:45 p.m.]

[James Snow Out 12:46 p.m. / Return 12:48 p.m.]

[Victoria Kitcheyan Out 12:52 p.m.]

PICTURE WITH WINNAVEGAS CHECK AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

[Victoria Kitcheyan Return 12:55 p.m.]

2. Department of Interior Letter – BIA Investment – Discussion on Investment Objectives

[Darla LaPointe Out 12:59 p.m.]

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to maintain PL Account investment objective as Liquidity.

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

[Darla LaPointe Return 1:01 p.m.]

3. Winnebago land Management Company Capital Plan – Discussion on current availability of funds in relation to proposed resolution. Discussion on wording and possible conflict with Constitution.

Darla LaPointe motioned to adopt resolution #17-\_\_\_ for Winnebago Land Corporation

Capital Plan to Fulfill Corporate Mission as amended to exclude second and fifth paragraph on second page. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes(3) no (0) abstain  
(Chairman's Vote) Motion Failed.

Discussion continues. Community member requests written reasoning by prevailing side.

No action taken.

[Darla LaPointe Out 1:55 p.m. / Return 1:56 p.m.]

[Darla LaPointe Out 2:00 p.m.]

[Frank White Out 2:03 p.m. / Return 2:07 p.m.]

James Snow motioned to allocate \$800,000 to Land Management Corporation for Payment of Taxes and Operating Expenses for FY 2017 Capital Plan. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

Discussion on source of funds.

[Isaac Smith Out 2:11 p.m. / Return 2:13 p.m.]

Curtis St. Cyr withdraws second.

[Darla LaPointe Return 2:14 p.m.]

[Curtis St. Cyr Out 2:14 p.m. / Return 2:15 p.m.]

Victoria Kitcheyan seconded motion for discussion purposes, requesting action on funding for Land Management Corporation and explains appropriations status.

James Snow withdraws motion.

Discussion continues on current financial status of Land Management Corporation.

[Isaac Smith Out 2:19 p.m.]

Vincent Bass motioned to allow reduction of commitment by Land Corporation to the tribe from \$1.2 million to \$800,000. James Snow seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table remaining agenda items to next regular Tribal Council

Meeting. Darla LaPointe seconded.

VOTE: (2) yes(2) no (1) abstain  
(Chairman's Vote) yes Motion carried.

[Vincent Bass Out 2:33 p.m.]

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Whitebeaver, Executive Assistant  
Concur, Victoria Kitcheyan, Tribal Treasurer*

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
November 21, 2016**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Frank White  
Vincent Bass  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Kenneth Mallory  
Isaac Smith (in @ 6:30 p.m.)  
James Snow  
Curtis St. Cyr  
Coly Brown

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ron Nohr  
Keith Chamberlain  
Kitty Washburn  
Chiara Cournoyer  
Roz Koob  
Cece Earth  
Gloria Eagle  
Benny Pretends Eagle  
Barbara Eagle  
Sharon Frenchman  
Garan Coons

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Darla LaPointe

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** James Snow offered the opening prayer.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER, READING OF THE MINUTES: 11-3-16 Special Mtg., 11-7-16 Regular Mtg., 11-17-16 General Counsel Mtg.; RATIFY 5 SIGNATURES:

1. Travel to IHS task Force Work Group, 2. Day Laborers for DAPL Wood, 3. Travel to meet with Hochunk Nation Director, 4. Travel for Truck driver to deliver DAPL wood; CEO REPORT: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT - Ron Nohr: NDOR Lighting Contract, Trailer Purchase, TTP signature approval; NEW BUSINESS: 1. Lighting Contest Sponsorship, 2. Special Olympics Pledge; OLD BUSINESS: 1. L. LaRose - Housing Board; TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS: 1. (KM) James Botsford reappoint as Associate Judge

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the agenda. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

James Snow motioned to approve the November 3, 2016 Special meeting minutes.

Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the November 7, 2016 minutes. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the November 17, 2016 minutes.

Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

**RATIFY 5 SIGNATURES:**

Travel to the IHS Task Force Work Group

Vincent Bass motioned to ratify the 5 signature approving travel to the IHS Task Force Work Group for Darla LaPointe and Victoria Kitcheyan on November 13-16, 2016. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

Day Labor Workers for DAPL Wood  
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to ratify the 5 signature approving the Day Labor Workers for DAPL Wood in the amount of \$3750.00 for payroll. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Travel for Curtis St. Cyr to meet with Ho-chunk Nation Executive Director

NO ACTION TAKEN. Did not go on travel.

Travel for Driver to deliver DAPL Wood

Vincent Bass motioned to ratify the 5 signature approving travel for Paul (Donnie) Snowball to deliver wood to Cannonball, ND. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

**CEO REPORT:**

**LIGHTING CONTRACT**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Agreement with Burt County Service for lights at the P.X. James Snow seconded.

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

**TRAILER PURCHASE**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Roads Department to purchase a Load King Trailer in the amount of \$44,900.00 from J. Hoff Truck/Trailer. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

**TTP SIGN APPROVAL**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request for execution of 2016 TTP Sign Agreement in the amount of \$67,618.56 = 19%. James Snow seconded.

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

**MASTER METER PROJECT**

Vincent Bass motioned to approve Nelson Construction bid of \$165,855.77 for the Master Meter Project. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

**HUMAN SERVICES- WINNEBAGO CHILD WELFARE**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Winnebago Child Welfare Contract.

James Snow seconded.

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

**HEALTH DEPT.**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Breast Feeding Policy. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

(IS in at 6:30 p.m.)

**FUNERAL POLICY**

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the Funeral Policy. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

**HEALTHY FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Healthy Food & Beverage Policy.

James Snow seconded.

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

**CRISIS RESPONSE MANUAL**

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribal Crisis Response Manual.

Vincent Bass seconded.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION - NURSING HOME**

Vincent Bass motioned to appoint S. Snake, W. DeCora, and L. Logan to the Nursing Home Committee. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

**UPDATE:** Application deadlines are on December 16, 2016 for Committees

**COPIER/RESTRUCTURE - NO ACTION TAKEN**

**HRIS POSITION TO HR COORDINATOR**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to change the HRIS position to Human Resources Coordinator and reflect the Change of Tara Hernandez. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

**UPDATES ON TRIBAL EMPLOYEES - Info only**

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the CEO Report. James Snow seconded.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

LIGHTING CONTEST SPONSORSHIP- great response, no action taken

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLEDGE**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to support the Special Olympics Meet the Challenge amount of \$540.00. Coly Brown seconded.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

LOUI LAROSE; HOUSING BOARD  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table till closing date. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

JAMES BOTSFORD  
Vincent Bass motioned to approve the Agreement with James Botsford, Associate Judge. James Snow seconded.

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

**ADJOURN:**

James Snow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Mallory, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## LNI Wrestling Tournament Results for Winnebago High School

138 - Jamisen WolfLeader (3-9) placed 4th and scored 12.00 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Jamisen WolfLeader (Winnebago High School) 3-9 won by decision over Hunter Stambach (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree) 3-3 (Dec 10-6)  
 Semifinal - Joseph George (New Town Parshall High School) 14-7 won by fall over Jamisen WolfLeader (Winnebago High School) 3-9 (Fall 1:21)  
 Cons. Semi - Jamisen WolfLeader (Winnebago High School) 3-9 won by fall over Derek Dueker (Custer High School, JV team) 2-7 (Fall 3:35)  
 3rd Place Match - Arden Marshall (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree) 3-1 won by fall over Jamisen WolfLeader (Winnebago High School) 3-9 (Fall 5:00)  
 145 - Ethan Bird (0-3) placed 5th and scored 5.00 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Josh Rowland (Todd County High School) 4-2 won by fall over Ethan Bird (Winnebago High School) 0-3 (Fall 0:15)  
 Cons. Round 1 - Ethan Bird (Winnebago High School) 0-3 received a bye () (Bye)  
 Cons. Semi - Elijah Steele (Custer High School, JV team) 2-1 won by fall over Ethan Bird (Winnebago High School) 0-3 (Fall 2:01)  
 5th Place Match - Ethan Bird (Winnebago High School) 0-3 received a bye () (Bye)  
 152 - Josh Miles (3-8) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Josh Miles (Winnebago High School) 3-8 won by fall over Gabe Halfred (Cheyenne-

Eagle Butte-Dupree) 2-2 (Fall 4:23)  
 Semifinal - Tristen Janis (Little Wound) 4-6 won by fall over Josh Miles (Winnebago High School) 3-8 (Fall 3:07)  
 Cons. Semi - Josh Miles (Winnebago High School) 3-8 won by forfeit over J'Ronn Simon (Tiopspa Zina Tribal School) 1-6 (For.)  
 3rd Place Match - Duane Marshall (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree) 5-3 won by decision over Josh Miles (Winnebago High School) 3-8 (Dec 10-9)  
 160 - Angelo Suarez (4-6) placed 4th and scored 14.00 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Angelo Suarez (Winnebago High School) 4-6 won by forfeit over Samantha Crawford (Tiopspa Zina Tribal School) 0-2 (For.)  
 Semifinal - Stacey Red horse (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree) 5-2 won by fall over Angelo Suarez (Winnebago High School) 4-6 (Fall 1:24)  
 Cons. Semi - Angelo Suarez (Winnebago High School) 4-6 won by fall over Ty Dailey (Custer High School, JV team) 0-3 (Fall 2:44)  
 3rd Place Match - Cetan Dyda (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree) 3-1 won by fall over Angelo Suarez (Winnebago High School) 4-6 (Fall 2:01)  
 170 - Robbie Lovejoy (5-9) placed 3rd and scored 15.50 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Robbie Lovejoy (Winnebago High School) 5-9 won by fall over Adam Durham (Lower Brule Tribal School) 3-6 (Fall 3:30)  
 Semifinal - Will Marshall (Todd County High School) 8-6 won by fall over Robbie Lovejoy (Winneba-

go High School) 5-9 (Fall 1:00)  
 Cons. Semi - Robbie Lovejoy (Winnebago High School) 5-9 won by decision over Jarrett Brouse (Lower Brule Tribal School) 3-3 (Dec 7-4)  
 3rd Place Match - Robbie Lovejoy (Winnebago High School) 5-9 won by tech fall over Adam Durham (Lower Brule Tribal School) 3-6 (TF-1.5 5:02 (16-1))  
 182 - Marcus Harlan Jr. (0-2) placed 5th and scored 5.00 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Ryan Long Warrior (Todd County High School) 6-4 won by fall over Marcus Harlan Jr. (Winnebago High School) 0-2 (Fall 0:55)  
 Cons. Round 1 - Marcus Harlan Jr. (Winnebago High School) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)  
 Cons. Semi - Jeshua Estes (Lower Brule Tribal School) 2-5 won by fall over Marcus Harlan Jr. (Winnebago High School) 0-2 (Fall 2:06)  
 5th Place Match - Marcus Harlan Jr. (Winnebago High School) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)  
 195 - Nick Painter (3-6) placed 1st and scored 18.00 team points.  
 Round 1 - Nick Painter (Winnebago High School) 3-6 won by fall over Bishop Swallow (Todd County High School) 2-2 (Fall 0:06)  
 Round 2 - Nick Painter (Winnebago High School) 3-6 received a bye () (Bye)  
 Round 3 - Nick Painter (Winnebago High School) 3-6 won by fall over James Brouse (Lower Brule Tribal School) 3-4 (Fall 2:53)  
 220 - Sage Primeaux (3-4) placed is

unknown and scored 4.00 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Sage Primeaux (Winnebago High School) 3-4 won by fall over Chris Benson (Pine Ridge High School) 0-2 (Fall 0:42)  
 Quarterfinal - Bronson Flynn (New Town Parshall High School) 13-2 won by fall over Sage Primeaux (Winnebago High School) 3-4 (Fall 1:21)  
 Cons. Round 2 - Mamut Blaine (Lower Brule Tribal School) 3-6 won by fall over Sage Primeaux (Winnebago High School) 3-4 (Fall 4:19)  
 285 - Prosper Gilpin (8-2) placed 2nd.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Prosper Gilpin (Winnebago High School) 8-2 received a bye () (Bye)  
 Quarterfinal - Prosper Gilpin (Winnebago High School) 8-2 won by fall over Shiloh Gunhammer (Todd County High School) 0-5 (Fall 0:20)  
 Semifinal - Prosper Gilpin (Winnebago High School) 8-2 won by fall over Dante Bravo (Pine Ridge High School) 4-1 (Fall 3:36)  
 285 - Derrell Zagurski (10-4) placed 2nd and scored 24.00 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Derrell Zagurski (Winnebago High School) 10-4 won by fall over Donovan Gilbert (New Town Parshall High School) 0-2 (Fall 0:51)  
 Quarterfinal - Derrell Zagurski (Winnebago High School) 10-4 won by fall over Kevin Apple (Pine Ridge High School) 0-2 (Fall 1:45)  
 Semifinal - Derrell Zagurski (Winnebago High School) 10-4 won by fall over Lucas Blue Legs (Pine Ridge High School) 2-3 (Fall 0:14)

## Every Day Is Earth Day

According to Wikipedia, Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.  
 This being said, in my opinion, is all fine and dandy and though I'm thankful that one day a year has been separated out to celebrate the Earth. I would like everyone to consider that "Every Day Is Earth Day" (Unknown Author).  
 Now from a water quality perspective which refers to the chemical, physical, biological and radiological characteristics of water. It is the measure of the condition of water relative

to the requirements of one or more biotic species and/or to any human need or purpose. The most common standards used to assess water quality relate to health of ecosystems, safety of human contact and drinking water. Well there is at least one word in that whole mess that properly describes water and that is "relative".  
 In the years that I have had the pleasure of serving the Tribe as the Water Quality Specialist I have learned that water is a living being and our relative. I think everyone has heard that old saying "you can choose your friends but you can't choose your relatives". Well this is one relative we cannot live without. Did you know that new born babies are about 78% water, adult men about 65% and adult women about

55% water?  
 The streams, ponds, wetlands and even the Missouri River have been here, awaiting our arrival, always with us from the time of our births, throughout our lifetimes and beyond our deaths. It is up to each and every one of us to decide how we are going to treat our relative.  
 A relative can be our best friend or worst enemy. Water is no exception. Too little water in the wrong place, we can die, too much water in the wrong place, we can die. Clean drinking water either taken from the surface or ground nourishes our body.... And our food. Clean surface water supports habitat for wildlife, fish and waterfowl that we use to survive. "We never know the worth of water till the well is dry"

(Thomas Fuller, Gnomologia, 1732)  
 I would like to encourage everyone, as we press on into the coming New Year, to stop for a moment and ponder the Earth which so graciously supports us. Even say a prayer or words of thankfulness. Please remember that our creator has already spoken to us as protectors of Earth in Proverbs 3:27 "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is the power of thine hand to do so".  
 Please consider from this day forth treating our Earth like "Every Day Is Earth Day" and water as a relative. Future generations will be glad you did.  
 Submitted by Denise Jensen, Winnebago EPD

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## 2016 - 2017 Sports WINNEBAGO INDIANS

### Winnebago Sports Schedule

#### Indians Basketball

December 28	Wisner-Pilger Tourney (28-30)	A	TBA
February 13	Sub-Districts (13-16)	TBA	TBA
February 24	Districts	TBA	TBA
March 1	State Basketball Tournament (1-3)	TBA	TBA

#### Lady Indians Basketball

December 28	Wisner-Pilger Tourney (28-30)	A	TBA
February 13	Sub-Districts (13-16)	TBA	TBA
February 24	Districts	TBA	TBA
March 1	State Basketball Tournament (1-3)	TBA	TBA

#### Indians Wrestling

December 29	Pierce Invite	A	10:00
December 30	JV Wisner-Pilger Invite	A	9:00
February 10	Districts (10-11)	TBA	TBA



Junior shooting guard D'Von LaPointe.



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**Masthead Scene**

The Winnebago Indians traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota on the 13th to take part in the 40th Annual Lakota Nations Invitational basketball tournament. There they captured the attention of Dave Archambault, the father of embattled DAPL fighter and chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Dave Archambault II.

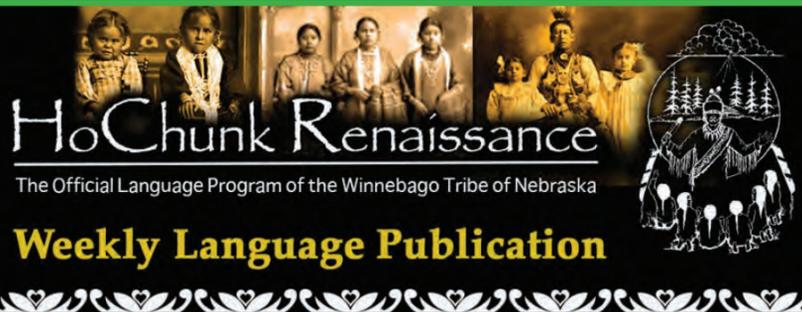
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Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV17-009

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vs  
DAVID ESCOBAR-MIRANDA

To: DAVID ESCOBAR-MIRANDA:  
You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV17-009 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 9th day of JANUARY, 2017 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

# Around Bago



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## CHRISTMAS TERMS

**Mani kisak**

• (mah-nee kee-sahk) •

**Christmas**

**Mani kisak na**

• (mah-nee kee-sahk n(ah)) •

**Christmas Tree**

**Wąksik xunųk wagijire ra**

• (w(ah)k-sheek x(oo)-n(oo)-(ee)k wah-gee-jee-rday rdah) •

**Elf**

**Maçek wōzawa**

• (m(ah)-chayk woh-zah-wah) •

**Happy New Year**

**Wagitųne**

• (wah-gee-d(oo)-nay) •

**Gift**

**Wąknųk waža wōga ga**

• (w(ah)k-n(oo)k wah-zah woh-ga ga) •

**Santa Clause**

**Wā gisaşą**

• (wah gee-s(ah)-s(ah)) •

**Snowflake**

**Wāhuhi jena**

• (wah-hoo-hee jay-nah) •

**It's snowing.**

**Hiske hirangį**

• (hees-kay hee-rdahn-g(ee)) •

**Believe**

**Cāwaruti**

• (chah-wah-rdoo-dee) •

**Reindeer**

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• (m(ah)s shoh-shohx) •

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# 2017

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