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## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Written by:  
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WINNEBAGO, NE – Another school year is upon us. As students pick out their first day of school outfits, get fresh haircuts, and pack their backpacks with school supplies; staff prepare for their classrooms to be full again.

This week the WIN met with Winnebago Public School (WPS) superintendent, Dan Fehringer to discuss any new updates in administration, new activities, and upcoming events.

Mr. Fehringer has been working at WPS for 23 years, he shared “it’s been a real honor to be here, it’s fun to see alumni coming back into these positions in the community and even within our school.” He announced that he will be retiring after this school year.

Many individuals in the community have been taught by long time teachers such as; Mr. Mette, Mr. Feight, Ms. Spirk. Not to mention, many of us probably faked a stomachache to get out of class to go lay in Nurse Julie’s office and snack on saltine crackers. Also long time cooks Pearl



On Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 Winnebago Public School, Winnebago Higher Education, and Project Launch held a WELCOME BACK powwow for the students! Above, some of WPS teachers partake in an intertribal dance with students.

La Pointe and Cindy Earth. Fehringer shared “There were many more that retired. We’ve had a lot of retirees, but we also had a lot of people stepping up to the plate.”

In preparing for the first day of school, staff had been back at the Public School since the end of July. He shared “this year has been a little different as we do have a new administrative team. They’ve been working diligently. Working together, getting to know each other cause that’s important as a team. They’ve had meetings with the board, and they’ve had meet and greets.” Some shifts happening in administration include; Mr. Kamal Turner, who is transitioning to superintendent. Winnebago tribal member Jade (Farmer) La Pointe went from 3rd grade teacher to the new k-6 principal. Robert Stoner is the Dean of Students, Everet Wall is the new 7th-12th principal, Lori Tremayne is back in her position

as School Counselor, Joe Gubbles to special education director, Adam James is now the Activities and Safety Director. Fehringer mentioned “with everything going on in the world, the safety director is a very important position for us. We’re trying to keep our students, staff, and community safe as possible.”

There has been a lot of growth and expansion over the last few years. Everything from the building to extracurricular activities for students. Those include; the new E-Sports for video gamers, the Academy program, the HoChunk Immersion classroom. Fehringer said “the Title VI program will be expanding to give more opportunities for high school students to be apart of. Kristine Earth leads that program.” Also in addition to the new Indigenous Art class for high school students, which will also incorporate the HoChunk language.

One new program for students is the HOPE Squad, which is a suicide prevention program. Donna Wolff

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## FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ON THE WINNEBAGO RESERVATION

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Winnebago, NE – Historically tribal nations lived as hunters and gatherers. But through colonization many farming practices were lost as settlers began providing tribes with rations of commodity foods in the 1970’s. Where food items were primarily consisted of ingredients like, flour, beef, and sugar that are foreign to our tribal people. With those limited access to our tribal food sources, in an attempt at survival, families had to adapt to what they had. With combining some of those ingredients, became a beloved food item which has become a symbol of our traditional foods. That was frybread.

Today on the Winnebago reservation our people have access to fresh produce and traditional foods. With the work of the Food Sovereignty Task Force, the goal is to become totally self-sufficient. With plans for a poultry operation in the near future, and further down the line a cattle ranch. The Winnebago community will have close access to multiple food items.

The WIN met with Winnebago Tribal Farms manager Trey Blackhawk (Wakaja Jop Jajap Ga – Thunder clan). He is the son of Patrice (Levering) Bass and Avery Blackhawk, and paternal grandson of Kay Logan Earth & Hayna-Ga Earth, and



above: Tribal Farms manager, Trey Blackhawk helps SYEP workers harvest potatoes. right: an apple orchard at the Tribal Farm.



### BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



August 16th The Little Priest Tribal College’s staff hosted a student orientation event to get ready for their fall semester, starting on August 22nd!! Local programs that work with LPTC were present like HCI, Morningstar Counseling & The CTE Program. Giveaways and a lot of great information was shared with attendees. Goodluck to all students!



August 12th The Ho-Chunk Village Farmers Market held their weekly event! Many local vendors of all different varieties gather to share their craft. Different items from breakfast/lunch/baked goods/town

photo courtesy:  
Winnebago Farmers Market

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## WINNEBAGO HOMECOMING CELEBRATION WINNERS LIST

**JUNIOR BOYS FANCY**

Kane Sheridan - 1st place  
Cadin Painter - 2nd place  
Deacon Miller - 3rd place  
Braxton Vargas - 4th place  
Xavier Spoonhunter - 5th place

**JUNIOR BOYS GRASS**

Omani Denny-Clairmont - 1st place  
Taoyateduta Aldrich - 2nd place  
Arian Marrufo - 3rd place  
Keon Lyons - 4th place  
Brody Funmaker - 5th place

**JUNIOR BOYS TRADITIONAL**

Misu Dolezal - 1st place  
Kysen Hamilton - 2nd place  
Blake Funmaker - 3rd place  
Ahi Zhide Sheridan - 4th place  
Ansley Griffin III - 5th place

**TEEN BOYS FANCY**

Patrick Burt - 1st place  
Jaden Painter - 2nd place  
Roderick Pecore - 3rd place

**TEEN BOYS GRASS**

Ross Ike - 1st place  
Angelo Jones - 2nd place  
Darrell Blackbird III - 3rd place  
Eugene Decora - 4th place  
Aiden Dale - 5th place

**TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL**

Payton Roberts - 1st place  
Red Eagle Grinnell-Lovejoy - 2nd place  
Russell Mccloud - 3rd place  
Junior Wahwahsuck - 4th place  
Jax End Of Horn - 5th place

**ADULT MENS FANCY**

Silas Whitebuffalo - 1st place  
Buster Cleveland - 2nd place  
Timothy Wells Jr - 3rd place  
Ryland Moore - 4th place  
Sly Isaac - 5th place

**ADULT MENS GRASS**

Haga Cleveland - 1st place  
John Snowball - 2nd place  
Keith Reed - 3rd place  
Adrian Primeaux - 4th place  
Alex Pelkey - 5th place

**ADULT MENS SOUTHERN STRAIGHT**

George Miller - 1st place  
Michael Grant Jr - 2nd place  
Skkyler Snowball - 3rd place  
Phillip Gover - 4th place  
Dave Madden - 5th place

**ADULT MENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL**

Ruben Little Head Jr - 1st place  
Hoonch Cleveland - 2nd place  
Robert Morris - 3rd place  
Les Painter - 4th place  
Dustin Lovejoy - 5th place

**GOLDEN AGE MENS****FANCY/GRASS COMBINED**

Todd Ike - 1st place  
Thomas Snowball - 2nd place  
Pete Moore, Jr. - 3rd place  
Amos Littlecrow - 4th place  
Michael Scheiblhofer - 5th place

**GOLDEN AGE MENS****NORTHERN/SOUTHERN COMBINED**

Patrick Moore - 1st place  
Michael Grant Sr. - 2nd place  
Charles Hindsley - 3rd place  
Dennis Youngbear - 4th place  
Bradley Blackhawk - 5th place

**JUNIOR GIRLS FANCY SHAWL**

Karis Miller - 1st place  
Annabella Spoonhunter - 2nd place  
Acosia Drum - 3rd place  
Wakiya Dolezal - 4th place  
Matayah Mccauley - 5th place

**JUNIOR GIRLS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE**

Ka'Mia Blackhawk - 1st place  
Jacel Blackbird - 2nd place  
Tulie Blackfish - 3rd place  
Tani Williams - 4th place  
Marleigh Littlebear - 5th place

**JUNIOR GIRLS JINGLE**

Emily Howard - 1st place  
Penelope Miller - 2nd place  
Mikayla Howard - 3rd place  
Payton Miller - 4th place  
Ayla Knox - 5th place

**JUNIOR GIRLS TRADITIONAL COMBINED**

Maci Hayes - 1st place  
Mickayla Bear Robe - 2nd place  
Teyanna Runnels - 3rd place  
Kiali Thompson - 4th place  
Nayloni Roubedeaux - 5th place

**TEEN GIRLS FANCY SHAWL**

Leila Cleveland - 1st place  
Mimi Coons - 2nd place  
Paizley Aldrich - 3rd place  
Kristyana Isaac - 4th place  
Dionisia Godfrey - 5th place

**TEEN GIRLS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE**

Kaelyn Chasenah - 1st place  
Fiona Lonetree - 2nd place  
Florence Lonetree - 3rd place  
Paula Cloud - 4th place  
Gracelyn Collins - 5th place

**TEEN GIRLS JINGLE**

Naomi Ike - 1st place  
Jocelyn Parker - 2nd place  
Kylena Walker - 3rd place  
Audrin Decora - 4th place  
Trista Camey - 5th place

**TEEN GIRLS TRADITIONAL**

Tavey Sheridan - 1st place  
Ravae Dick - 2nd place  
Hayden Parker - 3rd place  
Tilynn Campbell - 4th place

**ADULT WOMENS FANCY SHAWL**

Jazlyn Quintana - 1st place  
Wakinyela Clairmont - 2nd place  
Taylor Spoonhunter - 3rd place  
Amy Painter - 4th place  
Tierrarose Kingbird - 5th place

**ADULT WOMENS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE**

Brittany Pelkey - 1st place  
Andy Snowball - 2nd place  
Memphis Cleveland - 3rd place  
Kaira Wolfe - 4th place  
Joleece Pecore - 5th place

**ADULT WOMENS JINGLE**

Tanksi Clairmont - 1st place  
Taeya Smith - 2nd place  
Madeline Cleveland - 3rd place  
Darcy Spears - 4th place  
Lilith Schuman - 5th place

**ADULT WOMENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL**

Tashina Red Hawk - 1st place  
Jonielle Smith - 2nd place  
Delicia Payer - 3rd place  
Timmea Sampson - 4th place  
Maria Garcia - 5th place

**ADULT WOMENS SOUTHERN BUCKSKIN/CLOTH**

Charish Toehay - 1st place  
Mychal Grant - 2nd place  
Bridget Morris - 3rd place  
Michelle Rice - 4th place  
Qui-Qui St. Cyr - 5th place

**GOLDEN AGE WOMENS****NORTHERN/SOUTHERN COMBINED**

Carmen Clairmont - 1st place  
Terry Grant - 2nd place  
Tiffani Warner - 3rd place  
Rhonda Kampeska - 4th place  
Tonette Ponkilla - 5th place

**GOLDEN AGE HOCHUNK APPLIQUE**

Anne Thundercloud - 1st place  
Vickie Hindsley - 2nd place  
Samantha Blackhawk - 3rd place  
Gloria Thomas - 4th place

**GOLDEN AGE WOMENS****FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE COMBINED**

Thelma Whitewater - 1st place  
Barbara Whitehead-O'Rourke - 2nd place  
Jenny Wilkie - 3rd place  
Kathy Holding Eagle Turner - 4th place  
Carrie Owen - 5th place

**DRUM CONTEST STANDINGS**

Whitetail Boys - 542  
P-Town - 529  
Eagle Feather - 519  
Standing Horse - 513  
Spotted Eagle - 501  
Little Priest Singers - 366

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## TOP STORIES

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and the Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC) have developed the program. Fehringer shared “we continue to build our programs to offer opportunities for our students as far as the activities.” He also expressed a new Robotics program is being added at WPS. The state of the art Theatre give students the opportunity to be apart of musicals, speeches, and plays. In addition he added “there are a lot of students interested in theatre. We’re really looking forward to a great school year, and we want to have a great participation and achievements in all activities we offer. From fine arts of music and drama to all the activities of athletics.”

When it comes to a students mental health the Public School also provide services for them. Fehringer said “it’s not always easy to stay on track, and there’s always something going on in a student’s life. It’s important to have someone to talk to.” With that, the school offers guidance from; The Lodge Counseling & Consulting Services (with Darlakae Mcghee-Mahon), Morningstar Counseling Services, and through the Academy Program the WPS has a MOA with

University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Little Priest Tribal College. To provide students within that program. Any student who is seeking guidance have access to these services during the school year.

Upcoming events at WPS include the Welcome Back powwow. Hosted by the Winnebago Higher Education Department. Where activities took place on July 17th, starting at 11am with the opening, followed by a meal. With grand entry at 1pm. After the powwow, students and parents had the opportunity to see their new classroom and meet their teachers. The first bell rang on Thursday, August 18th, 2022.

The Winnebago Indian News wish the students and staff a great school year! Study hard, keep your head in them books, treat others how you wish to be treated, be nice to your teachers and classmates. Join as many extracurricular activities as you can, because them years fly by!

if the dancers are dancing, and a feather falls onto the ground, a veteran will pick it up and he takes



## FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

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maternal grandson of Olivia Parker & Levi Levering. Blackhawk shared, “I received my Indian name from my coka Berry Blackhawk. What I was told is that it means when 4 lightning strikes, on that fourth strike there is a loud thunderclap soon after.” He is an alumni of Little Priest Tribal College, with his degree in Environmental Science. Currently he is a student ambassador with the American Indian College Fund and Ho-Chunk, Inc.

What does it mean to be food sovereign? He shared, “food sovereignty means that we have our right to have access to our local food haven. That we don’t have to depend on outside sources to have our food. Being self-sufficient is having our own farm; it’s self-sufficiency for the tribe.”

One of many of Ho-Chunk, Inc.’s subsidiary companies is Ho-Chunk Farms. Led by senior manager, Aaron LaPointe (Wankaninka “Baby Snake” – Snake clan). He is the son of Pearl & Daryl LaPointe Sr. and the paternal grandson of Viola Lapointe & Peter John Snake-LaPointe, he is the maternal grandson of Janice & Robert Berridge. He graduated with his bachelor’s from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Mechanized Systems Management from the College of Agriculture of Natural Resources, with a minor in Agronomy. He shared “it’s important for tribes to grow their own food because through the pandemic, because when tragedies happen, a lot of the times the thing that is jeopardized is our food sources. Through the pandemic we realized that. But it’s also important because then we get to manage and we get to understand what we’re putting into our food, and we get to pick the food we want to grow.”

Blackhawk reflected on his family history and shared, “if you think back to how it used to be, I learned that my great great grandfather, on my Omaha side; he was a farmer. I believe it’s important for each tribe to make the movement to be food sovereign. I always tell people if you can’t feed yourself or feed your people, you can’t be a sovereign nation. I truly believe that. The

pandemic really showed us what was lacking.”

In referencing an article about Food Diversity and Indigenous Food Systems to combat diet-linked chronic diseases. Up until the early 20th century, the traditional native American diet comprised of mostly low-fat, high protein, complex carbohydrate-based whole foods with potentially enriched phytochemicals and dietary fiber, a traditional diet of diverse plant and animal-based foods. In addition to high physical activity, and low psychological stress they were able to maintain a healthy lifestyle. (Reference: Kehnlein HV, Receveur O; Annu Rev Nutr 1996)

Therefore, having access to healthy foods in reach for the Winnebago community, and building sustainable food systems is the ultimate goal for Tribal and Ho-Chunk Farms. Blackhawk shared, “that’s the ultimate goal is creating that food system to where our community members don’t have to travel far.” LaPointe also shared, “we need to feed our genetics, we don’t need to feed ourselves. Our genetics are built for certain types of food and certain diets. I think we’re starting to realize that through a lot of different chronic diseases that our people struggle through. A lot of it is related to our diet. I feel like it’s important that we give people the ability to have that food source. That starts with taking control of our land and then implementing those crops that compliment our needs for good health and prosperity.”

Both entities have big plans. To start, many of the harvested crops are donated back to the community to local programs. Such as, Senior Citizens Center, ATLAS, YCIC, and to families who lost a loved one. Blackhawk expressed his ten-year goal for the Tribal Farm. “You know I often sit on top of that hill over there and look at the farm, to see what could be added. But one of the big projects I think that we could work on, as well as the tribe. It would be bringing in a Food Co-op. Having one you’re gonna have individuals that can control that co-op of what is gonna be in the store. So, if we can get more programs tied into that food co-op that could be a big thing for the tribe. To where we can have fresh produce from different tribal nations, bringing them here and ordering our own produce and having it localized. We would have more control of what we put in the stores.”

In months to come, Ho-Chunk Farms will be operating a poultry operation. From 5-6 months it will be complete. LaPointe shared, “we’ve been waiting for a well at Tribal Farms, it’s almost done. One of the big things we’re getting our feet wet in is cattle production. We currently own 150 heads of cattle.” Currently the herd is housed outside of Winnebago. But LaPointe expressed the goal of bringing in a

processing plant, “we’re doing a lot of what needs to be done, we just need to put them on our own sites and feeding them ourselves.” In a recent article of the WIN, Tribal Councilman Louie LaRose expressed the idea of bringing a meat processing plant into our community, to process our own Bison. LaPointe said “I feel like if the tribe can’t get to the point to move forward on it, that’s something that Ho-Chunk Farms might be interested in doing too. From a business approach of making, it not only to where we can harvest our own cattle, but others too.” Blackhawk is also working in his apprenticeship that is helping him develop and learn about cattle operation. He said, “our farms working on that business plan now to at acquire at least 50 heads of cattle in the future.”

The WIN set up time to tour the Tribal Farm, during that time Blackhawk had assistance from four Summer Youth employees, and one Ho-Chunk, Inc intern. Helping in the garden, Blackhawk shared “they were a big help on getting everything planted, all the crops. It was more of a learning experience for them. My thing is trying to get the next generation to pursue a career in agriculture or horticulture. So, it was kind of opening their eyes to what we’re doing out here, the future of the farm.”

Blackhawk and LaPointe also sat on a committee to add the Diversified Agriculture Program curriculum to Little Priest Tribal College. LaPointe shared “this coming fall, LPTC is going to launch the new agriculture school. The curriculum is developed around our needs. There are jobs for you here to help accelerate the efforts that we’re trying to do. The curriculum is developed on local needs, and meat processing is a part of those classes.” Blackhawk added, “if anybody is interested in horticulture or agriculture. You could talk to me or Aaron on what your next steps could be.”

In planning for future goals, the smallest steps eventually build you up to get to the point of where you need to go. Many strides had been made for both the farms and working together to get to that point will only benefit the community as a whole. Blackhawk expressed, “when my guys are busy maintaining the cemetery, I try to stay out here to maintain everything. It’s a lot of work for one to two people. So, if we can get community members out here to see what’s going on, that would be a big thing for the farm.” Reach out to Trey Blackhawk if you are interested in community service to help on the Tribal Farm at:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STUDENTS READY TO HIT THE BOOKS AT LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

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WINNEBAGO, NE – On August 16th, 2022, Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) held its student orientation to kick off the fall semester. The WIN stopped by to check it out and the LPTC booth was set up outside, as well as an information booth for, Ho-Chunk, Inc. Apprenticeship & Internship program, Morningstar Counseling, and CTE Project. It was a great turnout!

Walking into the main building students were lined up outside waiting while other students get registered for their classes. We stopped by to take photos to capture students as they enroll, the WIN asked the students “act like you’re happy to be back in school.” One of the students reply “I’m excited!” As of today, LPTC has 147 students registered, Trisha Wegner is the Director of Student Support Services/Title IX

Coordinator at LPTC. She had shared, “There’s still time for students to apply and register. We’ve also doubled the amount of male students registered from last fall.”

This year there will be three programs added into the program. Which consist of, Chemistry, Biology, and Diversified Agriculture. Wegner added “tuition continues to be free at LPTC.”

LPTC has graduated many of our current tribal leaders and community members, and many of those alumni students continue their careers within the Winnebago community, and beyond. LPTC will also be expanding in the future. The WIN and LPTC will be working to update the membership as the college continues to grow.



## MEET YOUR NEW K - 6 PRINCIPAL: MRS. LAPOINTE



WINNEBAGO, NE – This upcoming school year the Winnebago Public School had many administrative changes, this year the new k-6 grade principal is a Winnebago Tribal Member.

This week the WIN wishes to highlight Jade (Farmer) LaPointe (Thunder clan), she is the daughter of Claudine Cohen and the late Leonard Zach jr. Her maternal grandparents are Marian Holstein and Robert Cohen, her paternal grandparents are Ellen (Rave) Zach and Leonard Zach sr.

The Winnebago Public School has had one tribal member as principal in the past, Kathy Campbell who was high school principal for some years. But after a long time coming students have guidance from one of their own. LaPointe shared “I still feel very honored and excited at the same time to be in my new role within the public school.” She is an alumni of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), where she received her degree in Elementary Education, and also received her Masters degree in School Administration from Wayne State College.

Mrs. LaPointe was first introduced to the Winnebago Public School as third grade elementary teacher, having transitioned to

k-6 grade principal, she shared “I wanted to take on more leadership roles while also positively impacting more than just the group of students who came through my classroom, I feel like as a tribal member in an administrative role I can bring a new perspective to the administration team. I can also ensure all students are receiving a quality education with a teacher who genuinely wants to be teaching on the Winnebago Reservation because that is what they deserve. Even though I stepped into this role a lot sooner than I expected, I am very excited to begin this new chapter in my life as an educational administrator here on the Winnebago Reservation.”

Becoming a teacher for most is about helping prepare children for adulthood, and for LaPointe learning has been at the forefront of her goals. She shared, “I wanted to be a teacher because I loved going to school ever since I was a little kid. I wanted to be a teacher who would make attending school and learning fun, create a safe space for her students to come to everyday, as well as provide my students with a teacher who genuinely cares about them.” She adds that she wanted to teach in Winnebago for a couple primary reason. “I wanted students to have a teacher that they could relate to, someone who looks like them and knows about life on the reservation, knows about them and their families, and about their cultural background. I felt like I could understand most students and their backgrounds more than a non-native teacher who is new to the district.”

As LaPointe steps into her new position, she had set some goals. “As I step into my new role at the school this coming fall there are a few things I hope to change for the well-being of the students and staff members. I really want to focus on our student body’s mental health. This past year was difficult for some of our students adjusting to a normal school calendar after the past two years.” As principal, I really want to make sure my teaching staff feels supported,

communicated with, and appreciated for their hard work, and commitment to our community. I do also want to be that bridge between the community entities and the classroom. I hope I can provide our teachers with a list of the many different programs in our community and ways they can incorporate what they have to offer to our students. Culture is a big part of that. K-4 grade social studies time will be used to provide our students with more information about the Ho-Chunk culture and history so our students can learn more about who they are as tribal members. I am hoping to work more closely with those in charge of the lessons to ensure optimal students’ engagement and learning. This coming year, I really want our students to have more opportunities to have access to these lessons and split that time with social emotional learning and mental health awareness.”

With the upcoming school year at the forefront of our little community, again we wish the students a great school year. Mrs. LaPointe also adds “This coming school year I hope the students at WPS come back to school ready to learn and do their best every day. With a whole new administration team this year, there will be some new changes, but I want the community to know that these changes were made with our students' best interest at hand in order to guarantee everyone has a successful school year. I would like the community to know I am doing my best to make sure our children are taken care of while in our care at WPS; emotionally, physically, and spiritually. I will be learning a lot this year, but I want my students and their families to know my door is always open and I will do my best to ensure our children are receiving a quality education.”

Good luck Mrs. LaPointe, your endeavours are supported!



## KWTN 100.9 THE BIG VOICE, LIVE STREAMING AT THE WINNEBAGO HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

WINNEBAGO, NE – As the Homecoming Celebration comes to a wrap, the Winnebago Communications department is finally winding down from the powwow weekend. Many were in attendance during the celebration, also many tuned into the Live Stream from KWTN 100.9 The Big Voice, as well as the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Facebook and YouTube page.

While Communications Manager Garan Coons was busy with MC'ing the celebration, our Wizard of Oz was Winnebago Communications Manager, Bethani Redhorn. She was busy going back and forth between the two cameras that were filming. The camera crew was Sandy "Macky" Scott jr., and Trisha Estringer. You may have seen them in the arena!

The live stream began at 6am for the Flag Raising, and then went live again during grand entry throughout the whole celebration, being mindful of what was not allowed to be filmed. The WIN caught up with the Live Stream camera crew to discuss their experience.

Bethani Redhorn (Water Spirit clan) is the daughter of Nicole Redhorn, and granddaughter of Nicole Jean Redhorn, and Shorty Redhorn. In explaining her experience she shared, "The experience for me was very enlightening, as this was the first time I had to do it all on my own. Of course, I had my boss to turn to if needed but the trust he has for me to get the job done helps motivate me to figure things out for myself. I learned that the most important part of production is the pre-planning that goes into it all, without a game plan, it can feel a tad bit hectic! Another important aspect of production is teamwork, everyone doing their parts help keep things rolling smoothly & efficiently! I learned that I could handle more than I thought, I

tend to be my hardest critic but I just need to continue believing in myself! I couldn't have done it without Macky, Trisha, Garan, & Jordana."

Trisha Estringer (Căxšep gu wīga "Eagle That Returns, Comes Back" – Eagle clan) she is the daughter of Muriel "Mo" Walker (HoChunk/Ojibwe) and Edwin Rivers, Jr (Meskwaki/Pima). She is the granddaughter of the late Gloria Poupart and Ernest "Ace" Walker. In sharing her experience she shared "My favorite thing about the whole experience is being able to be up close to the dancers, singers, and drummers. I get to learn a lot of the history and different stories of songs, dances, and powwow in general. I thoroughly enjoy being able to capture these moments in real time."

Sandy "Macky" Scott jr. (Wakaja Xunu Ga "Little Thunder" – Wolf clan) is the son of Sandy Revson Scott, and Gwenlyn St. Cyr, his paternal grandparents Sandy McIntosh Scott and Regina Greyhair, his maternal grandparents: Russell St. Cyr and Rosalie Beaver. He shared "My favorite part was filming the Battle of the Bussles. I love the roars of excitement from the spectators and the intense dancing and moves from the Fancy Dancers. But overall, I enjoy providing access to our elders and others who can't experience our celebration in person."

The analytics captured through Facebook and YouTube show how many viewers tuned into the live, and even shares locations. This year the analytics showed views exceeding 16,000 in total on YouTube. Facebooks views surpassed that extremely by reaching a whopping 48,393 in total! Some locations showed as far as Nigeria to Los Angeles, CA. Even our tribal elders were able to partake. Councilman Louie LaRose shared in a recent

Tribal Council meeting, "I thought it was really neat to be able to watch the powwow from home. I didn't get to make it out there. We need to train our young people how to work with this equipment." Communications department will continue to work to get the youth involved.

Live streaming during our celebrations is completely beneficial to anyone who wished to attend the event. Estringer shared "feel that it's important to reach the tribal members who couldn't be in person. With the recent cost of inflation, it makes it harder for anyone to travel nowadays. Being able to offer the eagle eye (pun intended) for our afar tribal members means a lot to me. We allow them to be with us to hear the same stories and history. I also think it's great to offer that space to non-Natives as well. I always get questions from non-Natives about whether or not they're allowed to come, and I always encourage them to come, listen, and watch. You'll always take something away from powwow that you were meant to hear. I also think that this could be a great way to uplift small Native businesses, community leaders, and other Native projects that are going on in Indian Country." Scott jr. also added "I hope this service is continued and understood how valuable it is. Especially for our elders who may not be able to attend due to Covid and physical limitations. Also, by streaming our celebration we're able to show others our beautiful culture and traditions. This is another opportunity to show the world another perspective of indigenous people."

**TUNE IN: This upcoming school year, KWTN 100.9 FM will be LIVE STREAMING during the sporting activities during the WPS school year 2022-2023!**



**LIVE STREAMING BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR FRIENDS AT; WINNEBAGO COMMUNICATIONS DEPT. IN ASSOCIATION WITH KWTN 100.9 FM - THE BIG VOICE**





# COMMUNITY

## ALL NATIVE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNEY, PRESENTED BY WARPATH BASKETBALL - THE ARENA

SIOUX CITY, IA - This past weekend the Warpath Basketball Program hosted an All Native High School Basketball Tournament at The Arena Sports Academy in Sioux City. We had 20 teams compete for the Best in the Midwest. Big Thank you to Dustin Cooper, Coach Jeff Berridge, Liz Bayer and all the staff and referees for making this inaugural year a success.

Teams that took home the gold include, High School Boys Varsity: HOOP MEDICINE, and Coach Jeff Berridge. High School boys JV: OMAHA BOMBERS and Coach David Romo Jr. High School girls Varsity: OMAHA REIGN

This tournament was the first of many new ideas for the Boys and Girls Club to raise money for the program. This year we are running the Warpath Boys Basketball Program out of the Club. All funds that were made are going directly into the Club's new basketball program. These funds will be used for League Fees, Tourney Fees, Uniforms, Equipment, etc. Our budget for this year is projected to be in the range of \$7500. We raised a little over \$1800 for the weekend. This is a great start for the Club's efforts. We will

continue raising funds until we reach our goal. If you know of any person or business or foundation who makes contributions for youth programs, please send them our way.

We will be holding Warpath Tryouts in the 1st week in October. Practice will start the following week. The Warpath Coaching Staff will be holding 2 practices per week and the program will be holding one prevention/education/motivation class for all the boys on the team per week. We Coaches believe that any time we can squeeze some knowledge into these young men student/athletes, we will take advantage of that time. The Boys and Girls Club is perfect for this plan. The Club already has a curriculum or has program partners set in place for lots of these classes. A perfect example of "It takes a community to raise these children".

Warpath's first action for the 22-23 season will start Halloween Weekend (Oct. 28-29). Keep your eyes open for the Warpath Tryouts FLYER coming out soon.



## A WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI

SUBMITTED BY: BERNICE MAST



Collette Mast-Yellow Robe, is the wehuh of Bernice Mast and the late Alan Mast. She is an alumni of Winnebago Public School.

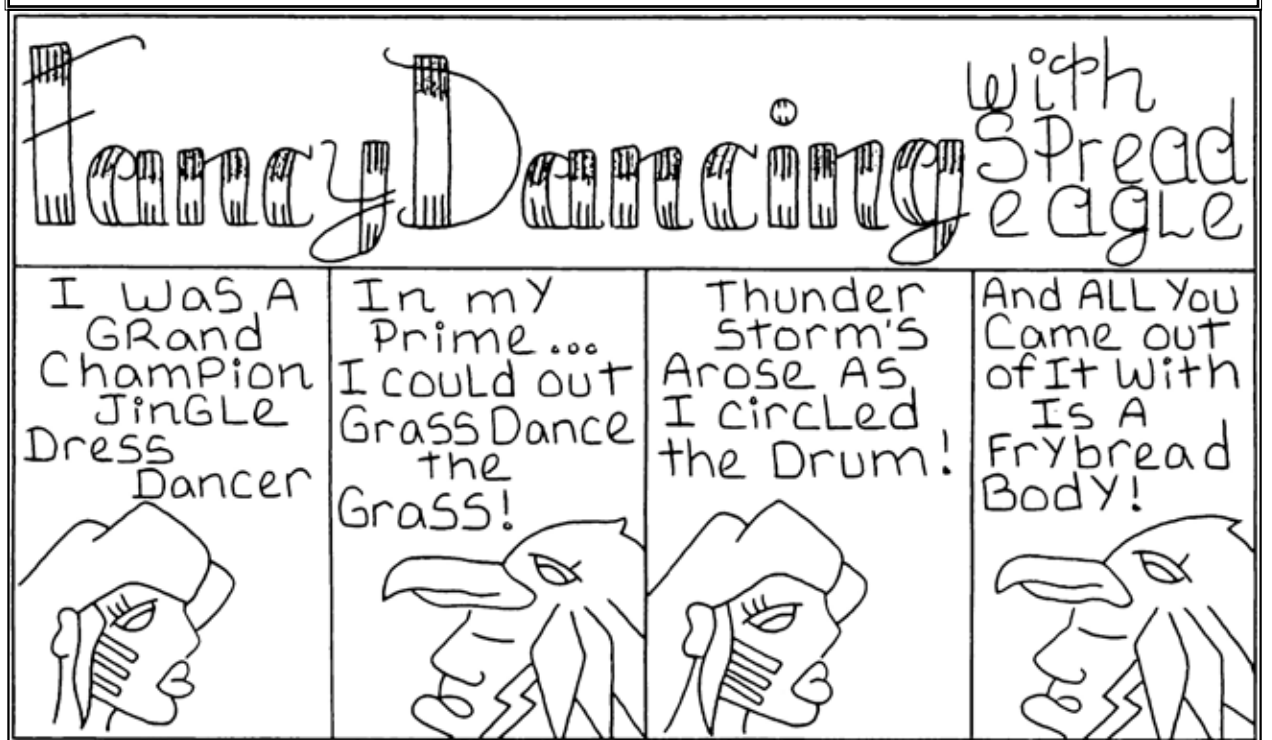
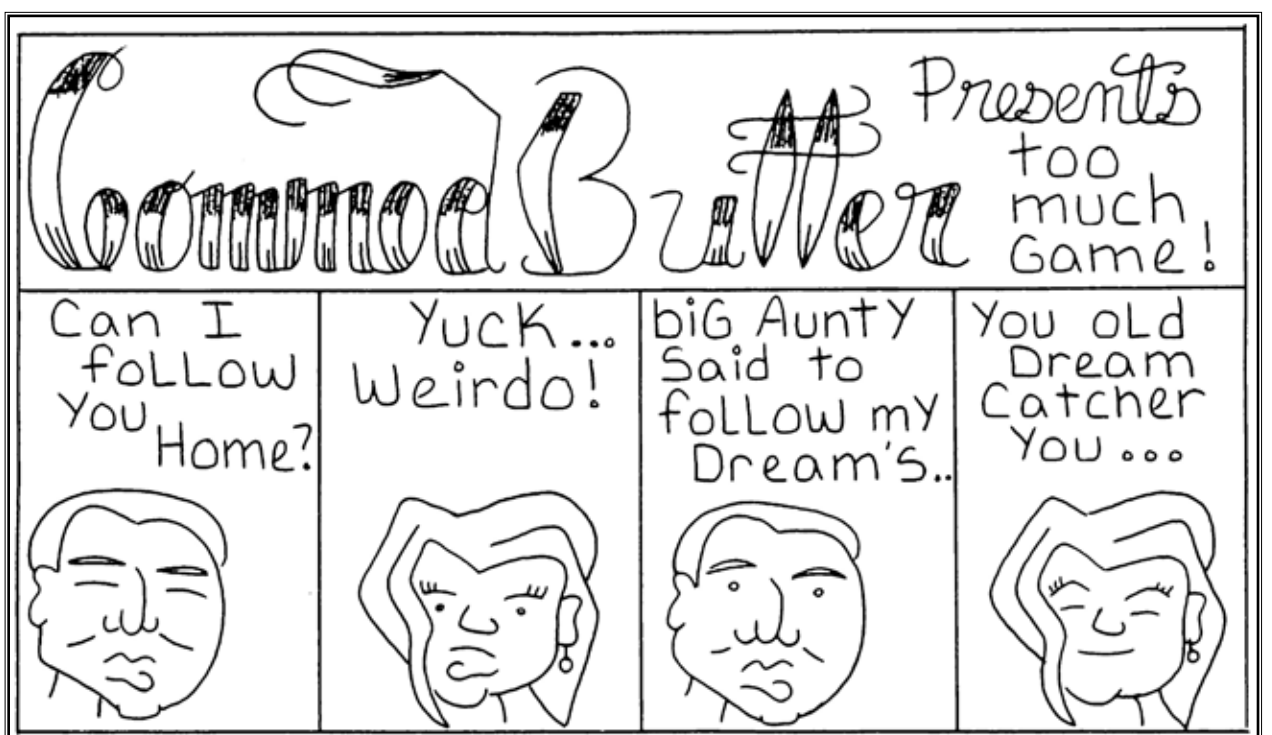
Recently she became an international assistant professor (Level II of Indigenous Education in the School of Education at Bishops University in Montreal, Canada.

She and her son Mason have arrived to Montreal beginning July 2022 and are getting their new home.

## RE-INTRODUCTION OF COMIC ARTIST; JOE "FISH" LEVERING.



In our great ho- chunk language...a "ho"...means a fish...I've been a winnebago "ho"...my whole life... legend has it ...as a baby.. with stink bait i use to carry around with me in my hand...I had caught a great cat fish...hence my name.. "joe fish"... born and raised in winnebago..I grew up around all the hilarious comedy ....amongst all the nations... winnebago peoples are known for...I come from the big bears ..and I'm the proud son of Annette levering ..I hope all my ho chunk people enjoy my new comics...and I would like to thank the winnebago newspaper for this opportunity..20 and a half big ahos! .





## EDITORIALS

### RECIPROCITY: BEING TRULY HEARD AND SEEN

Written by: Pastor Ricky Jacobs



I have been reading an enlightening book on mental health in order for me to learn ways to begin the healing process for those who have undergone trauma. The author of the book is Bessel van der Kolk. His book is entitled 'The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma.'

Under the heading: Safety and Reciprocity in chapter five van der Kolk wrote:

'Being able to feel safe with other people is probably the single most important aspect of mental health; safe connections are fundamental to

meaningful and satisfying lives. Numerous studies of disaster response around the globe have shown that social support is the most powerful protection against becoming overwhelmed by stress and trauma.

Social support is not same as merely being in the presence of others. The critical issue is reciprocity: being truly heard and seen by the people around us, feeling that we are held in someone else's mind and heart. For our physiology to calm down, heal, and grow we need a visceral feeling of safety. No doctor can write a prescription for friendship and love.'

The word that points to the critical issue is 'reciprocity.' The question that I need to ask myself when caring for those who have experienced

trauma is: 'Does this individual think that he/she is truly been heard and seen by me?'

In order to comfort and begin the healing process I need help myself. Where should one turn for such help? I myself turn to God's Sacred Word. The apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth and to the saints in Acacia the following words of wisdom and praise:

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God' [2nd Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)].

### SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PT. 18

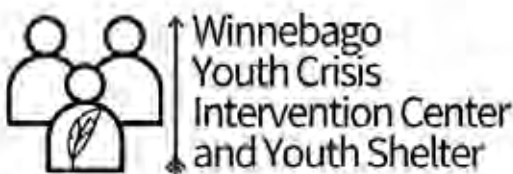
YOUTH CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER (YCIC)

#### CALLING FROM THE RIM: SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ADOLSCENTS

In the cultural beliefs of Indian/Native nations, the spiritual philosophy concerning one's purpose and existence on this earth is found in his/her relationship to the world and everything in it. This relationship is the gift of the Great Spirit. As children, we were taught that everything around you, the earth and all the natural elements of life, is related. Symbols such as the circle depict this philosophy, permeate every aspect of Indian/Native culture, and are considered sacred. The circle is especially significant: Within it walk the four winds and therein dwell the spirits of the four directions. These spirits are the guardians who direct us on the pathway of life. The horizontal edge of the circle is as far as one's eye can perceive and represents the rim of the world. Beyond it is known only to our Creator. The present generation of Indian/Native youth live within a duality of philosophies- those of non-Indian societies and Indian/Native societies. They are caught between two worlds - that of modern, sophisticated technology and the center-of-life philosophy of Indian/Native nations. This dilemma can create barriers and impede natural growth and learning processes as children attempt to cope with their uniqueness. Often the results are feelings and actions of helplessness

and despair. Our children are "calling from the rim "Let us heed this call, work together, and find better ways to nurture them and those who follow. Therefore, we honor both worlds. We honor life.

IVA L. YOUNG BEAR-ROY  
An American Indian mother



**LETTER TO EDITOR:**  
To the Winnebago Tribe:  
I'm going to vote for Karla LaPointe, Amy Painter and Thelma Whitewater.  
  
We need more women on the Tribal Council.  
  
Sincerely,  
Pat Greyhair, Maxi ska

#### ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE POSTED ON BEHALF OF:



#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-079  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**DORCEE KEARNES**  
In Re:  
Z.P. (Born 11/2003)  
X.C. (Born 10/2005)  
SISKA PARKER, Mother

To: SISKA PARKER, MOTHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-079 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.  
**Dated this 15TH day of AUGUST, 2022.**

#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-063  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**Twila Redfeather**  
In Re:  
N.M. (Born 05/2012)  
N.M. (Born 03/2015)

To: Nevin Masquat, Father  
Niana Masquat, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-063 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29th day of August, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.  
**Dated this 18th day of May, 2022**

#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-127  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**Yvette Warner**  
In Re:  
A.P. (Born 10/2005)  
Marvella Harlan, Mother

To: Marvella Harlan, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-127 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 15th day of September, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.  
**Dated this 12th day of August, 2022**

#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-109  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**Oyate Contreras**  
In Re:  
T.M. (Born 02/2016)  
Shauni Miller, Mother

TO: Shauni Miller, Mother  
All Possible Fathers

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-109 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12th day of September, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.  
**Dated this 8th day of August, 2022.**

#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-117  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**Teresa Parker**  
In Re:  
A.T. (Born 04/2013)  
Kendall White Eyes, Father

To: Kendall White Eyes, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-117 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29th day of August, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.  
**Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.**

#### LEGAL NOTICE:

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-117  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
**Teresa Parker**  
In Re:  
E.R. (Born 03/2015)  
Elyas Roberts, Father

To: Elyas Roberts, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-117 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29th day of August, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.  
**Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.**

#### WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COURT

228 Industrial Rd,  
Winnebago, NE 68071  
(402) 878-2570

ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE SIGNED BY:  
Tribal Court Judge



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**EDITORS NOTE: LAST MINUTES WERE POSTED TWICE, EDITOR IS WORKING TO CORRECT, MINUTES WILL BE UPDATED AS FOLLOWS:**

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
June 21, 2022  
National Indigenous Peoples Day**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:  
OTHERS PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan	Brandon Stout
Mary Merrick	Ladonna Holstein
Brian Chamberlain	Joy Johnson
Rayna Merrick	Esther Mercer
Lorelei DeCora	Ron Nohr
Rona Stealer	Billie Kitcheyan
Coly Brown	James Price Sr.
Aric Armell	Annie Rave
Louis LaRose	Denise Milford
Isaac Smith (in at 5:12pm)	
Kenneth Mallory (in at 5:31pm)	

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Adding under New Business: 3. FY 23 TTIP; 4. Tribal Code Revision Project; 5. USDA Housing Preservation. Adding under Old Business: Re-advertise Hemp Commission and Tax Commission vacancies.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

1. June 6, 2022 Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the June 6, 2022 Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. June 8 & 9, 2022 CEO Report meeting minutes.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the June 8 & 9 2022 CEO Report meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

3. June 13, 2022 Land Meeting & Enrollment Update meeting minutes.

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the June 13, 2022 Land Meeting & Enrollment Update meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

4. June 13, 2022 Special Tribal Council meeting minutes – Eligible Voters & Select Election Board meeting minutes.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the June 13, 2022 Special Tribal Council meeting minutes – Eligible Voters & Select Election Board. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) Yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

[Isaac Smith in at 5:12pm]

5. June 15, 2022 General Counsel meeting minutes.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the June 15, 2022 General Counsel meeting

minutes. Aric Armell seconded.  
**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**

1. Approve directing our General Counsel & Communications Director to write and release a press statement.....

Louis LaRose motioned to approve directing our General Counsel & Communications Director to write and release a press statement from our Tribe regarding the Environmental Impact Study before issuing permits for Carbon Pipelines. This is important to protect Mother Earth and our water. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Youth Jackets for State qualifiers/competitors**

Aric Armell motioned to approve quote for the purchase of Youth Jackets for State qualifiers/competitors for the amount of 343.50. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**2. ATLAS request**

CTAS grant – request to redirect the grant to ATLAS. Chair will find out the status of the grant. Sub-awarded to WCHS, will let ATLAS know the status after the WCHS update to Tribal Council.

[Kenneth Mallory in at 5:31 p.m.]

**3. TTIP grant**

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #22-117: Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP). Kenneth Mallory seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**4. Tribal Code Development and Revision Project FY22**

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #22-118: Tribal Code Development and Revision Project FY22. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**5. FY 2023 Winnebago Tribe Senior Home Improvement Project USDA**

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #22-119: FY 2023 Winnebago Tribe Senior Home Improvement Project USDA. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Advertise for Hemp Commission and Tax Commission**

Rona Stealer motioned to advertise for One Vacancy for the Hemp Commission and One Vacancy for the Tax Commission until filled. Aric Armell seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Isaac Smith motioned to direct

Physical Resources to modify the ARPA Home Repair Criteria to make a tribal elder eligible.

Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #22-120: Investment Portfolio Drawdown – 160 Acres Land Purchase. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (9) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman votes yes. (Chair required to vote)

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #22-121: Investment Portfolio Drawdown – 353.06 Acres Land Purchase. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (9) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman votes yes. (Chair required to vote)

**ADJOURN:**

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
July 5, 2022**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:  
OTHERS PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan
LynelleBlackhawk
Coly Brown
Brian Chamberlain
Louis LaRose
Aric Armell
Brandon Stout
Esther Mercer
Lorelei DeCora
LaDonna Holstein
Isaac Smith
Garan Coons
Tyresha Wolfe
Rona Stealer
Kenneth Mallory
Teresa Littlegeorge
Nancy Gillis, ATLAS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:**

Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**READING OF THE MINUTES:  
June 21, 2022 – Mid-Monthly meeting minutes**

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the June 21, 2022, Mid-Monthly meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**

1. Request waiver of limit to utilize tribally appropriated Senior Home

Repair. Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five-signature request waiver of limit to utilize tribally appropriated Senior Home Repair Account 9449 Senior Home Repair will be used. Tribal member senior citizen L.F. pest control. Coly Brown seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. Winnebago Higher Education Department – request a change of scope to their ARP budget and project.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five-signature request from the Winnebago Higher Education Department – request a change of scope to their ARP budget and project. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

3. Adopt resolution #22-122: AIAN Early Head Start 2022 Grant

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #22-122: AIAN Early Head Start 2022 Grant. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

4. Adopt resolution #22-123: FY22 Early Head Start AIAN Supplement

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #22-123: FY22 Early Head Start AIAN Supplement. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

5. Adopt resolution #22-124: FY23 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting the resolution #22-124: FY23 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

6. Approve the 2022 Election Board and Eligible Voters List as presented.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting the resolution #22-124: FY23 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

7. Approve the 2022 Election Board and Eligible Voters List as presented.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the 2022 Election Board and Eligible Voters List as presented. Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

8. Adopt resolution #22-125: WTN Food Dist. Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Plan of Operation.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #22-125: WTN Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Plan of Operation. Rona Stealer seconded.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

9. Approval to approve WTN Entities, Departments, and Organizations to help for a family friendly community event on Sunday, July 3rd at 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Communication Department to approach WTN Entities, Departments and Organizations to help for a family friendly community event on Sunday, July 3rd at 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

10. Adopt resolution #22-126: Ni\kja\k Waka\ca\k (Sacred Children) Care Center north Construction Project FY'22

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #22-126: Ni\kja\k Waka\ca\k (Sacred Children) Care Center north Construction Project FY'22. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

11. Approve Wirth Entertainment for Three Dog Night Contract

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving Wirth Entertainment for Three Dog Night Contract. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### 11 – 12 Table

Isaac Smith motioned to table items 11-12 until the Treasurers Report. Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

13. Adopt resolution #22-127: FY2022 Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Winnebago Tribal Transit Capital Project

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #22-127: FY2022 Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Winnebago Tribal Transit Capital Project. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

14. Approve the Clothing Card Distribution Schedule, Budget and Application as presented.

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Clothing Card Distribution Schedule, Budget and Application as presented. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

15. ARPA Budget Mod

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the ARPA Budget Modification as presented. Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

16. Early Head Start Donation

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature approving a donation of \$310.00 for the Early Head Start

Graduation. Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation Resignation

Coly Brown motioned to accept Thomas Snow's resignation from the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation and advertise for the vacancy. Aric Armell seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (2) abstain, LLR, KM  
*Motion carried.*

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tribal Court Judge and Attorney Contracts

a. Adopt resolution: Approving Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services for (WTN-CSEP).

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #22-128: Approving Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services for Connor W. Orr (WTN-CSEP). Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

b. Adopt resolution: Approving Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services for Deputy Tribal Prosecutor

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #22-129: Approving Independent Contractor Agreement for Legal Services for Connor W. Orr (Deputy Tribal Prosecutor). Louis LaRose seconded.

**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. Enrollment

a. Adopt resolution – Tribal Enrollment Applicants

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #22-130: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3771, A3772, A3773, A3774]. Rona Stealer seconded.  
**VOTE:** (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

1. ATLAS

[Louis LaRose out at 11:10 a.m., Brian Chamberlain not voting]

[Isaac Smith out during vote @11:43 a.m.]

Rona Stealer motioned to meet with ATLAS Board. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Kenneth Mallory  
**VOTE:** (4) yes, LD, RS, AA, CB (1) no, KM (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brian Chamberlain motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. Aric Armell seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

[Isaac Smith in]

**RECESS:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called a recess at 12:58 p.m. They will return at 2:00 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

#### ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING**  
July 7, 2022

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan	Tina Lewis
Brian Chamberlain	Coly Brown
Michael Michaud	Mike Means
Lorelei DeCora	Brandon Stout
Damon Payer	Danelle Smith
Lynelle Blackhawk	Doug Peters
Alan Post	Kim Friloux
Kenneth Mallory	Cecelia Earth
Teresa Littlegeorge	Fannie LaTray
Louis LaRose	Kristi Nohavec
Isaac Smith (in at 11:01 a.m.)	
Mark Grant	Chris Tyhurst
Mike Dierlan	

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
Rona Stealer (funeral leave)  
Aric Armell (leave)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Brian Chamberlain seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**WCHS FINANCAIL REPORT:**  
By Kim Friloux.

**1. April Report:**  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the WCHS April Financial Report. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**2. May Report:**  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the WCHS May Financial Report. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:**  
by Damon Payer

**1. April Report:**  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Gaming Commission April Report. Louis LaRose seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**2. May Report:**  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Gaming Commission May Report. Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**WINNABAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT:**  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation Report. Lorelei DeCora seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

**WINNAVEGAS REPORT:**  
By Michael Michaud, Mike Means, and Introduction of Mark Grant to the Finance Department.

#### 1. April Report:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the April WinnaVegas Financial Report. Coly Brown seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### 2. May Report:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the May WinnaVegas Financial Report. Lorelei DeCora seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### Action Items:

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signatures (#11: Approving \$40,000 Cold Cash Giveaway, and #12: 30K bingo). Lorelei DeCora seconded.  
**VOTE:** (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### CFO REPORT:

2021 Audit presented by Chris Tyhurst, and Mike Dierlan of REDW.  
[Kenneth Mallory out at 10:34 a.m.]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the 2021 WTN Audit Report by REDW. Seconded Louis LaRose.

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

#### 1. APRIL REPORT:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the April 2022 CFO Report. Brian Chamberlain seconded.  
**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

#### MAY REPORT:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the May 2022 CFO Report. Brian Chamberlain seconded.  
**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

[Isaac Smith in at 11:01 a.m.]

#### ACTION ITEM:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the request from Human Resources for the Occupational Health Nurse position and addition to Org Chart is approved. Brian Chamberlain seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #22-131: FY2022 Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Winnebago Tribal Transit Capital. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

[Victoria Kitcheyan and Coly Brown out at 11:04 a.m. for another meeting]

Vice-Chairman Chamberlain assumes chair of the meeting.

[Quorum : Brian Chamberlain, Lorelei DeCora, Kenneth Mallory, Isaac Smith, Louis LaRose]

Leo Daly Site Selection: Isaac Smith motioned to approve site D for the Tribal Building. Lorelei DeCora seconded.  
**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
*Motion carried.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*minutes continued in next issue...*



### INTRODUCING: ARAYAH BLACKFISH JUNIOR MISS WINNEBAGO

WINNEBAGO, NE – Every year during the Annual Homecoming Celebration, new powwow princesses are crowned. This year our Jr. Miss Winnebago is none other than Arayah Blackfish. This week the WIN sat down with her to discuss how she felt when she was newly crowned.

Arayah Blackfish (Hosep hiki’o pi wi ga “a Great Experience of the Blackfish” – Fish clan), is the daughter of Pernell Blackfish jr. and November Fiscus, and the granddaughter of Pernell Blackfish sr., Lou Francis, and Michelle Blackfish. She had shared with us “I’m actually really happy, cause I worked really hard to become princess.” After a moment of tears of joy she added “I worked really hard”. That is a true testament of an individual putting their work into their goals and accomplishing them. She also shared in her gaining experience on the powwow

trail, that she often attended different powwows. Her style of dance is HoChunk Applique, her very own crown reads “jr. Miss Winnebago” and is made of beautiful beadwork. Blackfish shared “I first start dancing when I was five, I would see other people dancing, and I thought it was like, really cool (and stuff). So then when I started out and start to know more what the dances mean, and the meaning behind it. Then it just makes me want to dance harder.” She learned to dance from her mother and grandmother.

She gave some words of encouragement for kids who want to start dancing. She said “don’t care what other people say, cause like sometimes people might say don’t dance, it’s like weird. But don’t listen to them, just go out there and dance.” Congratulations Arayah! Keep shooting for the stars.



### WTN: EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

WINNEBAGO, NE – On August 17th, 2022 the Winnebago Tribal Nebraska held the annual employee appreciation day for it’s employee’s.

The event is hosted by the Winnebago Human Resources department. Employee’s of the WTN had the opportunity to team up and play various games and participate in activities.

Everything from volleyball to scavenger hunts. The events began early, and the Roble’s taco stand from South Sioux City, NE cheffed up asada or chicken tacos with rice and beans and all the fixings. The event also gave opportunity for door prizes.

Although the WIN was busy with the WIN, we had the opportunity to attend the meal! Also our friends at the BIG VOICE were on scene with announcements to the community.

The WTN and Human Resources department say "pinagigi to all employees for your hard work."



HONORING OUR ROOTS - EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

HO-CHUNK INCORPORATED

COME JOIN US FOR HO-CHUNK, INC.'S ANNUAL WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

FREE MEAL, PRIZE DRAWINGS, ACTIVITY BOOTHS AND MORE!

WHEN: Sept. 21, 2022, 4-7 p.m.  
 WHERE: Ho-Chunk Village Farmers Market. Look for parking signs and more info to come!

Dinner starts at 5 p.m.



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CNS is a Federally funded, off-reservation Boarding School for Native youth in grades 4-8. We are in the southeast corner of North Dakota. Students must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or have documentation to prove ¼ Indian blood quantum.

Our vision statement is "Spirit of Youth Empowered", and our mission is to build academic achievement and foster healthy development of the whole child in an inter-tribal environment.

For more information call 701-642-3796 ext. 222 or go our website [www.circleofnations.org](http://www.circleofnations.org)

## Notice Help Wanted

Thurston County Clerk's office is seeking applications for a fulltime office clerk.

Please contact: Patty Bessmer at 402-385-2343 for more information or for an application.

Position open until filled.

Applications may be found on Thurston County website, [thurstoncountynebraska.us](http://thurstoncountynebraska.us) or in Clerk's Office

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## Attention WIC Clients

Winnebago WIC has been utilizing waivers approved by USDA during the pandemic that permitted the completion of certifications remotely via phone. **Beginning August 15th**, all clients must physically come into our office for certifications and re-certifications.

You may still send your information via email or to the mailbox outside of our office doors. WIC staff will continue to accommodate our clients as needed.

As part of WIC reopening our doors, we will have different household items to give our participants when they physically come in for certifications. If you have any questions, please contact us at 402-878-2499 or [WIC@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:WIC@winnebagotribe.com)



## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

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- **Full Time**
  - Business Faculty
  - Director of Equity and Extension
  - Chemistry Laboratory teaching Asst
  - Maintenance & Security Assistant
- **Adjunct Faculty**
  - Business Faculty Instructor
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  - Tutor

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# \$40,000 Gold Cash Giveaway

**Saturday, August 20 & 27  
1pm to 6pm**

**Win your share of \$40,000 COLD CASH!**



Cool off on select Saturdays in August at WinnaVegas! Starting at 1pm we'll draw one winner of \$1,000 every 30 minutes.

If the winner is not present we'll roll over any unclaimed prizes plus \$10,000 to the 6pm drawings!

# — JOE — NICHOLS

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

Doors at 7PM  
Show at 8PM

Tickets Starting at \$40