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WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Written by:
Jordana R. Bass

WINNEBAGO, NE – The month of November is federally recognized as Native American Heritage Month. This month the Winnebago community celebrated Wākšik wōšgā wī ra by participating in Hochunk cultural events. Many tribal programs came together and hosted events geared towards cultural revitalization.

As of October 31st, 2022, due to the Biden Administration the month of November has officially become National Native American Heritage Month. Through a Proclamation signed by President Joe Biden, it stated “America has not always delivered on its promise of equal dignity and respect for Native Americans. For centuries, broken treaties, dispossession of ancestral lands, and policies of assimilation and termination sought to decimate Native populations and their ways of life. But despite this painful history, Indigenous peoples, their governments, and their communities have persevered and flourished.



One of many cultural events held in the month of November. Above photo taken at HoChunk Center during the HoChunk Moccasin Making class. Hosted by Higher Education, and HoChunk Renaissance.

Ending the statement with, “I urge all Americans, as well as their elected representatives at the Federal, State, and local levels, to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to celebrate November 25, 2022, as Native American Heritage Day.”

With this being shared and recognized at a federal and state level, this gives tribes a chance to be seen. Sharing with non-tribal people and teaching them about our unique and different languages and styles of clothing.

The ladies at Project Launch issued a statement “for Native American Heritage Month various programs came together to collaborate and provide classes and activities for the month of November. In these meetings we all recognized that our goals and missions were similar in bringing back our culture, revitalizing

our language, and working with and for our elders and youth. Last year we planned events, and we were able to see what worked, what could be better, and how we can work together more.”

There were many events held, and the WIN wishes we could have attended all of them. The events that were held so far were; Archery, Arts/Crafts (sponsored by LPTC Extension), Moccasin Making Class, HoChunk Bingo (sponsored by HoChunk Renaissance), HoChunk Moccasin Class (sponsored by Higher Education, HoChunk Renaissance), Veteran’s Powwow, and Pottery class (sponsored by LPTC Extension, Winnebago Two-Spirit, Angel DeCora Museum, YCIC, and WPHD).

The 2nd annual Walk for Your Ancestors walk/run gave out tshirts to participants, and Ben Crawford of the Angel Decora Museum shared “This past month the Angel De Cora Museum held its annual Virtual Walk/

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WINNEBAGO TRIBE TURNS TO ORGANIC FARMING, LOOKS TO BUILD FUTURE OF FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

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OMAHA WORLD HERALD (Nov. 5, 2022)

Aaron LaPointe stood before a large map on his office wall in Ho-Chunk Inc. headquarters just as harvest season got underway. The map details all 178 square miles of the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska. It also depicts a success story for the tribe.

“We have 6,400 acres this year that we farm,” LaPointe said, pointing out color-coded land plots on the map. “We’re pretty much spread out all across the reservation.”

That wasn’t always the case. For years, harmful federal policies uprooted the Winnebago people, and tribal lands often were sold or leased to White farmers at rates that were below the true value of the land.

In 2012, the Winnebago Tribe aimed to change course by developing a land-leasing policy that furthered opportunities for Native American farmers to lease tribal land. The policy shift has brought an estimated \$10 million to \$12 million to the tribe.

A decade later, the Winnebago Tribe is now looking to build a future that goes beyond the financial success. Through multiple programs, the tribe is moving toward food sovereignty while teaching sustainable farming practices to future generations of Native farmers.



Aaron LaPointe, senior agribusiness manager with Ho-Chunk Farms, said organic farming was fitting for the tribe because of Native tradition. Photo: Lily Smith, Omaha World Herald

“A lot of tribal nations preach that they’re a sovereign nation,” LaPointe said. “But if you can’t feed yourself, and you can’t produce your own food, how sovereign are you?”

LaPointe is the senior agribusiness manager with Ho-Chunk Farms, a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk Inc. The Winnebago Tribe founded Ho-Chunk Inc. in 1994 as an economic development tool. Its creation came after changes to federal gambling laws prompted the tribe to open its first casino on tribal land near Sloan, Iowa. The venture was an economic success and soon became the main



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BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



Starting November 16th, The Winnebago Tribe’s Food Distribution Department dispersed close to 800 turkeys to the tribal membership on behalf of the Tribal Council. Over the week tribal members were able to pick up for their family/friends who were unable to. Thank you to Tribal Council for thinking of our community members during the holidays and the staff who helped the process run smoothly for over 30 years!!



November 21st The Boys and Girls Club of Winnebago had their group thanksgiving meal! Kids were tearin’ up and the food smelled good!! It was a great way to prepare for their family’s doings



Tuesday, November 15th Ho Chunk Renaissance hosted a family-fun night of HoCak Bingo!! Refreshments, game prizes & more were provided at the Ho Chunk Center. For those curious, Words are called out in Ho Chunk with the game card being images of said words! Thanks to Renaissance, the Winnebago Comprehensive Health Department, Project Launch & all those who helped make the event happen! (Pictures courtesy of Elaine Rice-Decorah)

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In the Matter of the Custody Petition of: Jamie Littlegeorge vs. Lindsey Tymkowicz

TO: Lindsey Yumkowicz

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV22-151 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of DECEMBER, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 27TH day of October, 2022.

LEGAL NOTICE: 3/3 Notice of Hearing Case No. CV22-131

In the Matter of the Custody Application of: Mary Morrison In Re: J.M (Born 5/2007) K.T (Born 7/2008)

TO: Jessica Thompson, Mother Eric Morrison, 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. CV22-039 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of December, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2022

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In the Matter of the Petition to Suspend Parental Rights: C.P. (DOB: 11/2020)

To: Davina Reyna, Mother All Possible Fathers

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Customary Adoption has been filed and the final hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV22-122 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of December, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2022.

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In the Matter of the Petition to Suspend Parental Rights: M.D.M (DOB: 09/2020)

To: Mallori Hamilton, Mother Patrick Mantich or All Possible Fathers

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Dated this 7th day of November, 2022.

LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3 Notice of Hearing Case No. CV22-126

In the Matter of the Custody Application of: Denise Kearnes

In Re: S.B, C.H. (Born 12/2019 & 09/2021)Sina Baker, Mother Clyde Hoffman, Father

TO: Sina Baker, Mother Clyde Hoffman, Father

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Dated this 7th Day of November, 2022.

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To: Albert Nomel

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In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of: ALEXANDER SETH ST.CYR to ALEXANDERSETH BROWNRIIGG

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTY

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LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3 Notice of Hearing Case No. JFJ22-020ABCD

The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of: J.R, X.R, G.R, P.R

To: Phillip Robinson Sr, Father All Possible Fathers

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-020ABCD has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 10th day of January, 2023 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

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The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of: L.W, A.T (Born 3/2007, 6/2008)

To: Michael Thomas, Father All Possible Fathers

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TOP STORIES

HOCHUNK PRIDE

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Run which encouraged Tribe members near and far to walk or run in a 1k or 5k outdoors, at the track, or at their own gym. Our little relatives over at the Horaxik: HoChunk Language Academy also participated running a 1k at Winnebago Public School's indoor track. Those who participated got a free T-shirt with the Angel De Cora Museum logo on the front and a century old design by artist and activist Angel De Cora. We thank everyone who participated!"

D u r i n g HoChunk Pride Week,

Project Launch had set up a photobooth for Rock your Waje Day, and Rock your Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day. Where they handed out all kinds of good medicine, sage, sweetgrass, etc. Also serving soup to participants. The event was a success, and the WIN was in the house taking photos. We had so much fun, and enjoying seeing everyone's smiles. Project Launch also shared "this year we had several families participate in creating their own moccasins, and ribbons shirts to prepare for Ho-Chunk Pride Week. Seeing

these pictures of these families working together was amazing and fulfilling. It was a great experience seeing all these individuals and programs come together and want to see the best for our community. We look forward to continuing to collaborate and bringing events, activities, and classes that are centered around our Ho-Chunk culture."

Winnebago Human Services Department sponsored the annual Community Feed, where a meal of mashed potatoes/gravy, ham, stuffing, corn, pumpkin pie, and cookies were served.

There were plenty of mouths fed that day!

The end of the month will finish with Regalia Picture Day on November 29th, at the Blackhawk Community Center from 11am-2pm! You are all encouraged to get dressed up and bring your smiles. Finally, the last day of the month will be the Dusk Light Parade! Which will take place at DUSK, parading down Winnebago Main Street, the theme is the Grinch! The parade will end at the Winnebago Big Screen, where movie *The Grinch* will be shown, and popcorn and hot chocolate will be served.

All in all, these types of classes/activities could be taught year-round. But this one step, parents join all the classes you can. Take those teachings home and share them with your children.

Continue celebrating HoChunk Pride!

Photo courtesy: WIN, LPTC Extension, and Angel Decora Museum



ORGANIC FARMING

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employer of a reservation historically plagued by poverty.

Two years later, Iowa expanded gambling in the tribe's primary markets, and tribal leaders realized that casinos weren't a long-term solution toward economic prosperity.

"The tribe took half their money and created Ho-Chunk Inc.," said Lance Morgan, president and CEO of Ho-Chunk Inc. "We took a bet on our future, and Ho-Chunk Inc. represents that."

The bet paid off. From an original tribal investment of \$9 million, Ho-Chunk has generated a nearly \$75 million return on investment and contributed \$53 million to the Winnebago community between 2000 and 2014.

Between 2000 and 2016, the share of the Winnebago Reservation living in poverty decreased by 6%. The number of adults 25 or older with a bachelor's degree or higher has increased nearly 70% since 2011, according to Ho-Chunk Inc.

And, through Ho-Chunk Farms, the Winnebago Tribe now is one of the largest producers of organic crops in the region. Progress was gradual, LaPointe said. After the land-back policy was adopted in 2012,

the tribe gradually began bidding for and winning small leases on farmland.

"It was kind of, 'Hey, we started this to leverage these farmers, well, now we've picked up land and we have to learn how to farm, so how are we going to do this?'" LaPointe said.

After interning at Ho-Chunk Inc. in 2015, LaPointe graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with an agricultural degree and was hired on full time in 2016.

"That was when I started to identify different issues that we were dealing with on the land side but also the future of the farms — what was that going to look like? How were we going to get to profitability?"

Ho-Chunk Farms began to prioritize quality land leases over quantity. They moved away from leasing lands that were high-rent and difficult to farm, and they began diversifying crops.

In 2017, a transition to organic farming began, along with further efforts to positively impact the community through education and food sustainability. Organic farming is done with no synthetic fertilizers or pesticides.

"We see the ecological benefits and

values of producing organically," LaPointe said. "It only seemed right that the Native company would be farming organically, as we used to."

In 2019, Ho-Chunk Inc. opened the Village Market, an indoor farmers market on the reservation that helped to bring healthy, locally grown foods to a community that had long been a food desert.

Ho-Chunk Farms also has expanded its traditional Indian corn program for students. The program began in 2017 with the goal of revitalizing a diminishing cultural practice in the community. And a recently established diversified agriculture program at Little Priest College in Winnebago aims to educate a future generation of Winnebago farmers and agriculture scientists.

Now, LaPointe is looking to the next 10 years.

"A long-term goal is continuing to take control over our own land and manage it in a way that we know is sustainable long-term and then develop those localized food systems that will allow us to be sustainable long-term," LaPointe said.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT!

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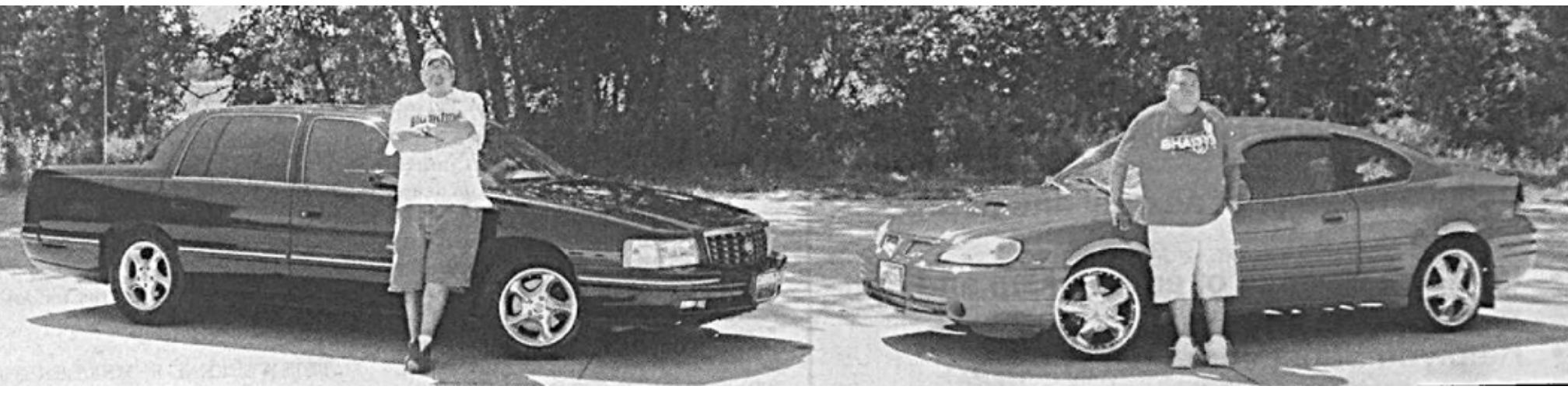
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COMMUNITY

HIGHLIGHTING WIN EDITOR, JEROME "HAYNA" LAPOINTE SR.

Written by:
Jordana R. Bass



WINNEBAGO, NE – As the year draws in for a close, reflecting on another year down it's always great to take a look back at how far you've come. In this issue of the WIN, we wanted to take a look back at some of the work that long time WIN editor Jerome "Hayna" LaPointe Sr. has done back in the day. Also wanting to honor him for his years at the Winnebago Indian News.

LaPointe Sr., (Hunk she mink "Laying up High" – Snake Clan) is the son of Peter J. LaPointe and Viola Rave. He is the grandson of Reuben Harold Snake & Virginia Grey Hair, and Peter Rave Sr. & Jeanette Houghton.

When he started at the WIN, he was fresh out of Winnebago High School, back in 1980. In those days he started out as the circulation manager and was working with WIN until 1988. Lapointe Sr. was then hired as the editor in 1990, all the way up until his retirement in 2018. He had shared, "I did take a break from 1995-2000."

LaPointe Sr. shared "when I started Old Lady was there to coach me on why she wanted to start the WIN in the first place. From that she shared all her hopes and wishes with me, I was very honored." His goals when he came on as the editor was, "to work for two weeks on the paper/issue, and then have the final product in my hand to mail out and finding out things I never knew before."

The most challenging task, LaPointe Sr. shared "the funding for operational costs, mailing, publishing, printing procedures and finding a dependable quality printer." As a current editor with the WIN, I would say that IS one of the most challenging. Although our current printer does great work and is very dependable.

After years of dedication to the WIN, we wanted to break into the WIN archives, and highlight and share some of WIN editor Jerome LaPointe Sr.'s most memorable articles and images! In closing he shared, "On behalf of Old Lady's memory I want to thank all those keeping her dream and wishes alive today and thank all those vendors that contribute to the prize money, and all those families that go all out, even though that's some good prize money, to decorate their homes and yards and share their Christmas spirit with the entire Winnebago community. God bless you all and thank you for sharing in the memory of old lady Walker, May her memory live on forever."

"OLD SCHOOL"

by Hay-na LaPointe

"Things, found in my body"

I was sitting in a supervisors drug training workshop the other day, getting trained, and was doing my best to listen to the presenter. She was talking about how to identify behavioral patterns for people who smoke marijuana, drink alcohol and use illegal drugs.

It got weird when she started talking about physical side effects of using crank. She said the user sweats profusely, always has to be moving, and has some kind of muscle spasm going on all the time. It was hot, and I've always been a sweaty guy, so I was sweating and my foot was tapping the floor as it always does. By the time I noticed myself doing these things, other people who were getting trained, were looking at me. So I quit.

Then the presenter started talking about marijuana smokers. She talked about their laid back nature, lack of motivation, and their lack of short term memory. Needless to say, by then I was kicked back in my chair, not paying attention. People were staring now.

By this time I started to get paranoid, which by the way is another behavioral side effect of both marijuana smoking and drug use. Which I also forgot to mention-neither of these things can be found in my body...no

really.

The last subject she covered was alcohol use and abuse. She explained how one can of beer, a mixed drink, or a shot of hard liquor can quickly affect ones mind & body. Not to mention the next day and long term effects. And yeah, I was sitting there yawning and I only burped once.

I haven't heard any rumors yet, but I'm sure by now I'm known as a 'doobie smok'in, pill pop'in, hush' by everyone else who was getting trained that day and witnessed my behavioral patterns.

"Ensured our way of life"

Hey, I almost forgot its Pow-wow time in Winnebago. Howz everyone doing today?

For many years Pow-wow time to me meant flipping burgers & slinging Indian tacos. Today, it means sitting out in the middle, singing away.

Over the past 15 years I've been involved in some way, shape or form with the planning or working on Pow-wow. I had really planned on taking a break this year, but in the end, I helped the committee with the Pow-wow program. Maybe next year I'll ditch everything on Kunu Dave, and truly experience a Winnebago Pow-wow.

Every since I started singing again, I've traveled around the Midwest with my bros singing at other people's Pow-wows. They are all nice, but I am truly proud of our Winnebago Pow-wow and what it stands for. Yeah, some people and tribe's may still have a sore spot for the Winnebago, but what our forefathers did for us 138 years ago ensured our way of life in the year 2004.

Today our little tribe is flourishing here in Nebraska. We don't have much, but what we do have we've had to work hard for and are proud of that fact. That's probably how our ancestors would've wanted it.

Anyway, hope everyone has a good time this weekend and enjoys the Homecoming Celebration and Winnebago.

"Ho-Chunk Language Lesson & Cheesy Fries"

Every time I write about things in here, most Winnebagoes whether they live on the rez, or at one time lived on the rez pretty much understand. You know, like when I talk about commod cheese, or taped up glasses (which by the way even the non-indian 'egg man...jr.' understands), but I know we have tribal members out there who have never even seen the

Winnebago Rez. So at times I try and tell them things about our little 'fish bowl' here in Northeast Nebraska that hopefully may one day motivate them to visit their beginnings.

The other night Aspen (my third boy, fifth child, all-around extreme) and I walked into town for some 'cheesy fries.' For those of you in Winnebago you know about the 'Sweet Lodge,' and 'cheesy fries,' for you Indians who live off-rez, you're missing out. The Sweet Lodge is our little rez version of a 'Dairy Queen,' only they don't have ice cream anymore. Anyway, Felix White, Jr. is usually the check-out clerk, head cook, and manager. Felix is one of those jack-of-all trades, but contrary to the saying is a master 'cheesy fry,' maker. Anyway...again, I ordered up some cheesy fries and when they were done I hollered at Aspen, "goo-day," I told him. Which means 'come here' in the Ho-Chunk language, or at least that's what I thought. Felix told me, "what did you say?" I told him "goo-day." Here's something you can't get at the Dairy Queen, a Ho-Chunk Language lesson. Felix said, "actually, He's already standing, so you say 'who-day.' If he was sitting down, then that's when you say goo-day." Alrighty then, I thought, but it was a good lesson, at least now I'll be able to teach my kids the right way to say come here. 'Shut up!' I still need to learn.

IT'S TIME TO DECK THE HALLS FOR THE HOLIDAY'S

Written by:
Jordana R. Bass

**Annual
Old Lady Walker
Christmas Lighting Contest**

**Sign up by:
December 15th**

**Judging on:
December 19th**

**Winner's
Announced:
December 21st**

WINNEBAGO, NE – It's that time of year again! Time to get holly, jolly, and Christmas-ey. The WIN will be hosting the annual Christmas Lighting contest. Over the years this event has grown in participation, creativity, and prize amounts.

Jerome LaPointe Sr. was the WIN editor for many years. He had shared, "Neola "Old Lady" Walker, was big on Christmas, she was a member of the Dutch reformed Church in Winnebago, she liked to do events during the holiday season." Walker used to have a pageant at the Reformed Church. Where a re-enactment of baby Jesus would be performed.

Along the line she started the "Christmas Lighting Contest". During the time of WIN editor Sr., he and his colleagues attempted to research when Walker started the contest. But even then, nobody knew how long she had been putting on the event.

Originally "Old Lady Walker" had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Which began only as "bragging rights", after a couple of years she began to offer prize money. In that time, she came out of her own pocket.

Upon her passing, the Winnebago Indian News began to sponsor the lighting contest. Tribal Council began offering the prize money in memory of Neola Walker. A few years later, the WIN began soliciting donations from local vendors and companies for many years, while LaPointe was in his position of WIN editor.

LaPointe Sr. shared "The Christmas season and the lighting contests were very important to her, after her passing, the next spring. I was appointed to fill her term until the next regular election, it was my heartfelt feeling to continue the lighting contest in her memory."

In honor of Neola Walker, the WIN seeks to continue the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest for the Winnebago community and their families. We will also give the contest an official name, the annual "Old Lady Walker" Christmas Lighting Contest.



Here are a few shots from the Christmas Holiday. Left to right: Some buff Winnebago guy awards the first place Prize in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest to Qui Qui St. Cyr of Valley Drive in Winnebago; 2nd place this year in the Christmas Lighting Contest went to Emily Loury-Smith of rural Bago; while songbird Scott "Scooter" Snake treats everyone at the Community Christmas Party to a Christmas Tune.



Wouldn't be an issue of the WIN if we didn't show you someone we caught bearing down at the dinner table; here Winnebago CHR, Keri Hendrickson, enjoys the delicious lunch served at the Community Christmas Party; while 3rd Place Winner in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest, Clarissa Hoffman poses beside her winning light display.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE...

Aric Armell motioned to direct Land Department to explore the Leatha Bass tax request from County.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution 22-154: Approval of Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for an Insurance Policy.

Rona Stealer seconded.

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

ADJOURN: Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 1:31 p.m.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

Vice-Chairman Chamberlain adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA US ATTORNEY OFFICE ANNUAL MEETING September 8, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Victoria Kitcheyan (virtual)
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Kenneth Mallory
Coly Brown
Aric Armell (in at 10:15 a.m.)
Teresa Littlegeorge
Isaac Smith (in at 10:15 a.m.)
Louis LaRose

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Rona Stealer (leave)

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jose Palacios, *Victim Assistant, Specialist/Interim Law Enforcement*
Lecia Wright, *Tribal Liaison/AUSA*
Mike Norris, *Criminal Chief*
Susan Lehr, *Drug Chief*

CALL TO ORDER:
Vice Chairman Chamberlain called to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:
Lorelei DeCora offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:
Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM:
1. Case Updates
2. Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta, 597 U.S. (2022)
3. MOA with Thurston Co.

US group left at 11:20 a.m.

[Isaac out]

Discussion of Home Game meals with visitors

Aric Armell motioned to table home game meal for 9-9-22 until Teresa can look into it and get details.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

ADJOURN:
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 11:54 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

EDITORS NOTE:
THE BELOW MINUTES ARE PREVIOUSLY SHARED, AND AMENDED

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING August 17, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Victoria Kitcheyan
Lorelei DeCora
Esther Mercer
Brian Chamberlain
Coly Brown
Lynelle Blackhawk
Kenneth Mallory [In @ 9:43 a.m.]
Louis LaRose
Rona Stealer [In @ 9:20 a.m., out @ 9:43 a.m.]

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Isaac Smith
[attending WPS, LPTC functions]
Aric Armell
[attending WPS, LPTC & Employee functions]

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jennifer Beareagle
Leslie Wheelock
Autumn Nieman
Cecelia Earth
Ron Nohr
Tyler Smith

CALL TO ORDER:
Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:
Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:
Additions: Residential Land Lease Policy, Brian has a question for General Counsel

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

IOWA LAND LEGISLATION:
Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize travel for Winnebago Tribal delegation week of September 19, 2022, Tribal Council members must give notice to attend by close of business on Thursday August 17, 2022. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO WATER & SEWER DISCUSSION:
Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 22-148: *approve the Transfer Asset Agreement of IHS, and Place on the Village Board Agenda.*

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 22-155: Approval of Submission of Transfer Agreement to the Village of Winnebago for the Transfer of Ownership of IHS Water and Sewer Projects.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to petition to direct General Counsel to draft language for the top of the ballot for the ballot initiative for the Village of Winnebago Voters.

Louis LaRose seconded.

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

[Victoria Kitcheyan out at 11:10 a.m. for the Back to School Pow-wow at Winnebago Public School]

THURSTON COUNTY REDISTRICTING UPDATE:
Jennifer Beareagle presented an update.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION – ENROLLMENT DISCUSSION:
no update, need a Special mtg.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to schedule a Special meeting of the Tribal Council to discuss a Secretarial Election on Enrollment.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

OBJECT: Coly Brown

VOTE: (3) yes, LLR, LD, KM (1) no, CB (0) abstain
Motion carried.

CARBON PIPELINE UPDATES:
Jennifer Beareagle presented an update.

TRIBAL COUNCIL BINDER PROJECT MATERIALS:

1. Iowa Land Legislation – previously discussed

2. Opioid Litigation – 95% of tribes have agreed to it.

3. Flood Case

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
No items at this time.

RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE POLICY:
Louis LaRose motioned to table the Residential Land Lease Policy.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

ADJOURN:
Louis LaRose motioned to adjourn at 11:55 a.m.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING – ENROLLMENT ADOPTION BALLOT September 7, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Kenneth Mallory
Coly Brown
Louis LaRose

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Aric Armell
Isaac Smith
Victoria Kitcheyan (travel)

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ramona Sheridan
Teresa Littlegeorge

Esther Mercer
Lynelle Blackhawk
Tyresha Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER:
Vice Chairman Chamberlain called to order at 9:07 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:
Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer

APPROVE:
Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the agenda.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

ENROLLMENT:
1. Review and approve applicants to be placed on the Adoption Ballot for the October 4, 2022, Regular Tribal Council Election

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the following applicants to be placed on the Adoption Ballot for the October 4, 2022, Regular Tribal Council Election; A2902, A3619, A3624, A4103, A3919, A3931, A3971, A3973, A3974, A3975, A4091, A4092, A4093, A4089, and A4090.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Lorelei DeCora motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.
Coly Brown seconded.

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

Louis LaRose motioned to come out of Executive Session at 11:31 a.m.
Rona Stealer seconded.

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

ADJOURN:
Rona Stealer motioned to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Chamberlain adjourned the meeting.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA LAND MANAGEMENT, ENROLLMENT UPDATE, AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT MEETING September 12, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Victoria Kitcheyan (in at 9:11 a.m.)
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory (in at 9:12 a.m.)
Louis LaRose
Aric Armell (in at 9:10 a.m.)
Isaac Smith (In at 10:49 a.m.)

minutes continued in next issue...

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

THROWBACK

Winnebago Indian News

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A Teacher's Perspective On the 1989 AISES Annual Conference and Workshop

With July 1989 just over, it is time to take a look back at the 1989 AISES Annual Conference and Workshop. The event was held in... [text continues]

NICC Alumni Association Developed

Winnebago, NE - Approximately 100 graduates of the Winnebago Indian Community College have been contacted by N.I.C.C. administrative officials to determine who is interested in joining an alumni association... [text continues]

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Ho-Chunk Breaks Ground For First Project

Tribe officials broke ground this week for the first project... [text continues]

Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial

American lives a proud history of... [text continues]

Tribe Hosts Community Christmas Party

The Winnebago Tribe & Community members hosted a Christmas Party... [text continues]

Review: Indian knowledge and medicine in 'Frontier'

When you think of Indian medicine... [text continues]

Secretarial Election Set For January 29th

There was a 20th birthday... [text continues]

Bago Bits...

Dele Blackfoot... [text continues]

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Winnebago Indian News

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SAVE THE HOSPITAL!

SAVE THE HOSPITAL! People were... [text continues]

Building The Cultural Leaders Of Tomorrow

Public School in... [text continues]

Native American Organization Grants Over \$3 Million To Native-Controlled Economic Development Projects

WINNEBAGO, NE - On a... [text continues]

Tribe Hosts Community Christmas Party

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WINNEBAGO HUMAN SERVICES & CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH CULTURE



WINNEBAGO, NE - The month of April is... [text continues]

BAGO BITS

Dele Blackfoot... [text continues]

THROUGH THE YEARS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RSV SEASON IS HERE

WHAT IS RSV?

RSV IS RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS WHICH IS A COMMON WINTER VIRUS TYPICALLY OCCURRING BETWEEN OCTOBER AND APRIL.

WHO CAN GET RSV?

Infants and children are especially vulnerable, but adults can get it too.

WHO IS AT GREATEST RISK?

Premature infants, and infants younger than 2 years of age. Along with anyone with a history of a transplant, weakened immune system, or a heart or lung condition.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Droplets enter through the eyes, nose and mouth; touching, breathing, coughing, sneezing, and kissing, touching something with the virus, and then touching the eyes, nose and mouth.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms start 4 to 6 days after contact. They are common cold-like symptoms.

Severe symptoms: (contact your health care provider right away if your child has these)

- Rapid or labored breathing
- Severe cough
- Wheezing
- High fever
- Bluish skin due to a lack of oxygen

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP THE SPREAD OF RSV?

PRACTICE THESE HEALTHCARE PRACTICES

- WASH YOUR BEDDING AND YOUR CHILD'S BEDDING IN HOT WATER OFTEN.
- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN, ESPECIALLY BEFORE TOUCHING YOUR CHILD OR ANOTHER PERSON.
- STAY AWAY FROM CROWDS.
- STAY AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE ILL.
- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL OR YOUR CHILD IS ILL.
- DO NOT ALLOW PEOPLE TO SMOKE AROUND YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN.
- CLEAN AND DISINFECT SURFACE AREAS OFTEN.
- CONSIDER COVID AND INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS TO DECREASE RISK OF CO-INFECTIONS.

WEARING A MASK MAY STOP THE SPREAD.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BE SURE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL AT 402-878-2231.



WCHS
Winnebago County Health System

FIND YOUR FUTURE AS A TRIBAL WATER OPERATOR



KEEP TRIBAL COMMUNITIES SAFE & PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



For more information, contact your local tribal utility or the ITCA Operator Training Program at twsinfo@itcaonline.com, (602) 307-1537, or visit our website at itcaonline.com/tws.

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Learn the skills.

Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

ASIST's impact in 2016



ASIST works

Studies show that ASIST participants gain:

- Knowledge about suicide
- Skills to reach out
- Confidence to help save a life

ASIST changes lives

Odds of improvement after receiving an ASIST intervention (2013 study):

- ▲ 35% more hopeful
- ▼ 31% less depressed
- ▼ 46% less overwhelmed
- ▼ 74% less suicidal

ASIST is cost-effective

50:1 return on investment in decreasing long-term costs of suicide (2015 study)

Upcoming ASIST workshop
Date: Jan. 24 & 25th, 2023 8-5pm
REQUIRED BOTH DAYS!
Location: College Center, South Sioux City, NE Northeast Campus
Hosted by: YCIC, Winnebago Tribe of NE
Cost: \$50.00 for workbook
To inquire or register, call: 402-841-3834 or email: donna.wolff@winnebagotribe.com

Learn more about ASIST and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/ASIST



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Spring Semester!

if you plan to attend any of the below institutions, contact 844.390.3020



St. Luke's College
UnityPoint Health



ISB — IOWA — SCHOOL of BEAUTY

Winnebago Public School Auditorium Theater

GIVING YOUR LIFE AWAY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS TALK



Stay Fearless

just breathe

BE BRAVE

Supaman Dec. 27th 6-7:30pm

Angel Tree

STARTING NOW UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2022

2022 WINNEBAGO CHILDREN'S

TOY DRIVE

PROVIDING HOLIDAY GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN NEED

Join us in providing holiday gifts to children in need within the community. We serve children with the Child and Family Services Department, Temporary Assistance Needy Family Program, and the Juvenile Services Program.

To participate: Stop by the Winnebago Dental Clinic and choose a child from our tree or our list. You will register the child with the Front Desk so we can ensure that no child is missed. The tag will only state the age and gender of the child. Bring back the unwrapped gift with the tag by Dec. 13th, 2022.

Winnebago Dental Clinic is located inside
Twelve Clans Unity Hospital
225 US-75 Winnebago, NE 68071
For questions call (402) 878-2465



*Everyone is a
Guaranteed
Winner!*

Give us a Spin!

THURSDAYS

**Every Thursday in December
8am to 11:59pm**

Win up to **\$500** in Free Play! Every Thursday
swipe your ClubWINN card at the kiosk and
you can win **\$5 to \$500** in Free Play by
spinning the Winning Wheel.

*Swipe your player's card
at the kiosk to play!*

\$50,000

Stuffed Stocking Giveaway

**Every Saturday in December
From 2pm to 5pm**

**Every Saturday we'll draw 14
winners for a chance to win
up to **\$5,000** in CASH!**

That's **70 winners
throughout the month!**

**Swipe daily for one free entry
every day in December!**

