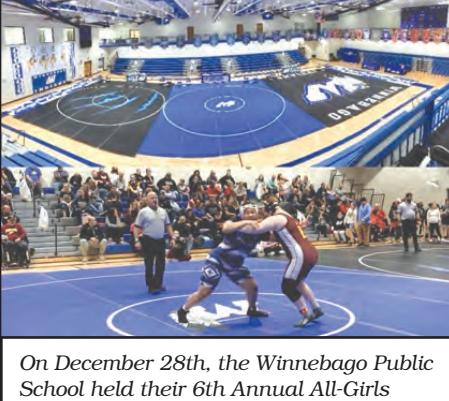


Bago Bits...



On December 28th, the Winnebago Public School held their 6th Annual All-Girls Wrestling Tournament. It is safe to say this was a successful invitation with almost 200 participants, 41 Teams in total, that have competed in this tournament! If you missed it, you could still watch it on Winnebago Public School's YouTube channel, as well as past and future livestreams. Congratulations to the Winnebago Girls for taking 9th place out of 41 teams and their personal wins! Teamwork always pays off, as always #GoBigBlue!! (Picture courtesy of Janiyah Earth & WPS)



On December 22nd, the Winnebago Volunteer Fire Department had an abundance of children's hats, gloves, & traditional brown bags filled with fruit, peanuts & old-fashioned Christmas candy. Thank you to those who handed out the items to our community and volunteers of the Fire Department for making this happen!! Pictured above is Kids from the Boys & Girls Club with their bags. (Picture credits to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hocak Nisoc Haci)



Also, on December 22nd: The Boys and Girls Club held a Christmas camp! After collecting their goody bags at the firehall, they tapped into their creative skills! Cookies were frosted and snowflakes made of popsicle sticks and paint sure make a memorable keepsake! Thank you to the employees of the club, family members appreciate the work put in! (Picture credit to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hocak Nisoc Haci)



Ho-Chunk, Inc. hosted an informative Lunch & Learn for Winnebago community organizations on Wednesday, January 5th where information was shared on how to apply for their Ho-Chunk Way employee donations program. Additionally, guest speakers shared their experiences of having received the donation award in previous years. The Ho-Chunk Way builds on the mission of Ho-Chunk, Inc. to provide a better way of life for the Winnebago community. Thank you to all employees of Ho-Chunk, Inc. who make this possible each year!

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Winnebago's BIGGEST Moments of 2021!



Winnebago, NE – As we prepare for a new year, let's recap our year with a reflective look back at the biggest moments of 2021 in Winnebago:

January 2021: Little Priest Tribal College debuted a new IT building and new dormitory with a virtual dedication ceremony which was also livestreamed via LPTC Facebook page.

February 2021: Winnebago Girls Wrestling Program makes history at STATE wrestling tournament with WPS Senior & Team Captain Zeriah George becoming the back-to-back champion for 2 consecutive years!

March 2021: "WE BELIEVE!" The Lady Indians shocked the world! Advancing to the semi-finals, the Lady Indians closed their historical season by placing 4th in the NSAA State Girls Basketball tournament.

April 2021: The Winnebago Land Transfer Act is introduced into Congress on April 8th, 2021. "The Winnebago Land Transfer Act is an important bill that returns to the Winnebago people

this piece of Winnebago land," shared from Fortenberry's statement.

May 2021: Winnebago Indians Football team earn a trip to the All-Nations Football Championship against Tiospa Zina. Rain or shine, they played a good game and a great season bringing home the runner-up title for the Spring Football Season.

June 2021: Winnebago Pride Organization hosted a Two-Spirited event in honor of Pride Month which consisted of a free meal followed by movies and snacks at the Winnebago Community LED Screen.

July 2021: Winnebago's 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration Powwow was held with a fully vaccinated 3-day celebration on July 23-25 in Winnebago, NE.

August 2021: The Tribal Opioids Response Outreach/Winnebago Alcohol Program hosted the "Walk for the Children" event where the Winnebago community honored children who died at boarding schools.

September 2021: Little Priest Tribal College partners with Doane University to offer first time ever Associates Degree in Cannabis Studies in the State of Nebraska.

October 2021: Hocak ra hagire no – The First Indigenous People's Day Celebration was held in Nebraska at the Nebraska State Capitol.

November 2021: Two big moments to share for this month. First off, the Winnebago Indians GO UNDEFEATED!!! Earning their way into the All-Nations Class A Championship Game, the Indians take the W against Todd County Falcons with a score of 62-12. Secondly, the Winnebago Tribe held a big role in the White House Tribal Nations Summit where Winnebago Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan facilitated a discussion with Chief Medical Advisor to the President of the United States, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

December 2021: The Winnebago Tribe distributes \$500 to every Enrolled Tribal Member for Winter COVID-19 Relief.

'Very historic moment': Initial rules approved for Nebraska casinos



MATT OLBERDING Lincoln Journal Star

In a move that one commissioner called "historic," the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission on Friday voted unanimously to approve rules for casinos at the state's horse racing tracks.

The 6-0 vote moves the package of rules on to Attorney General Doug Peterson and Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, who must sign off on them. Once they do, the rules will go to the Secretary of State and become effective approximately a week later.

That opens the door to allowing casinos at the state's horse tracks nearly 90 years after Nebraska first authorized betting on horse racing.

"This is kind of a very historic moment today in the history of Nebraska racing," said Dennis Lee, chairman of the commission.

It's taken more than a year to get to this point, after voters in November 2020 overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment allowing casinos at the state's tracks.

Despite the long process, racetrack and casino operators have had nothing but praise for how the commission has approached the issue.

Lynne McNally, executive vice president of the Horsemen's Benevolent

and Protective Association -- which is partnering with Ho-Chunk Inc. to build casinos in Lincoln, Omaha and South Sioux City under the WarHorse name -- said the 67 pages of regulations are extensive and have been thoroughly vetted.

"They, in our opinion, have extensive focus on integrity and security, which we think is essential," McNally said.

Casino startup price in Nebraska: \$1 million

Many aspects of the rules come from language in the constitutional amendments voters approved, as well as standard practices that were suggested by consultants and industry experts.

For example, the initial casino licensing fee of \$1 million for a 20-year license was included in amendment language.

Sean Boyd, president of Global Gaming Nebraska, a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, said he fully supported the rules as written, which he said will help foster "ethical" gaming operations.

"That's a critical piece of ensuring ... the future of Nebraska horse racing for years to come," said Boyd, whose company is looking to operate casinos at the existing track in Hastings and proposed new tracks in North Platte and Gering.

Even gambling critics praised the commission for the job it has done putting together the rules.

Nate Grasz, policy director of the Nebraska Family Alliance, said that because of his group's stance opposing gambling, he couldn't support the rules and was testifying in a neutral capacity.

"But there are certainly many elements of the proposed rules that we are strongly supportive of," he said.

Grasz suggested a couple of changes to language that would ensure casinos are required to post signs about casino gambling and that they are prohibited from targeting certain groups, such as seniors, with advertising.

It's likely to be months before Lincoln casino, others can get licenses

Pat Loontjer, whose organization Gambling With The Good Life has been on the forefront of opposition to expanded gambling since 1995, said she was disappointed to lose the battle last year to keep casinos out of the state, but nonetheless supports the proposed rules.

"It looks very thorough, and it looks like you put a lot of time and energy into it," she said.

Loontjer did say, though, that one thing she does want to see is no expansion of casinos beyond the existing six horse racing tracks in the state.

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Activities will include:
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Have the flu? Things to do at home:



Make sure to wash your hands after touching someone sick. Wash hands often, especially after handling tissues or laundry.



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Avoid close contact with others, including people in your house so you won't make them sick.



Stay at home and get plenty of rest.

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Stories from the Boarding School Era

On March 3rd, 1819 the United States government issued the Civilization Fund Act which ultimately led to the "Indian boarding-school" era. (1860 - 1978)

It effected tribes from across the nation, stripping children of their ancestral knowledge and cultural teachings.

Many Winnebago children were taken from their families and sent off to boarding schools across Turtle Island.

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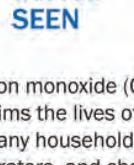
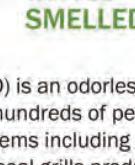
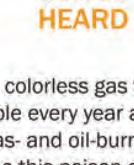
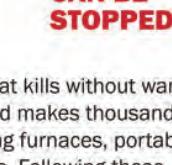
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OIL & GAS FURNACES

- Have your furnace inspected every year.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
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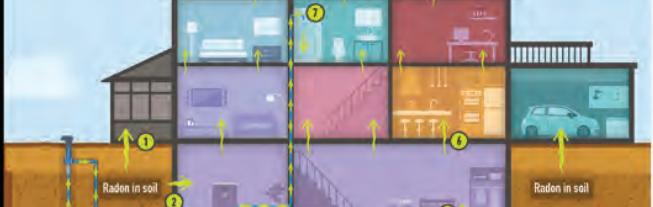
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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- 1 Construction joints
- 2 Gaps around service pipes
- 3 Cavities and cracks inside walls
- 4 Gaps in suspended floors
- 5 Sump pump
- 6 Private wells and groundwater supplies*
- 7 Cracks in solid floors

* High radon levels in the air inside a home are more likely when its source is a generator such as a propane tank or a well water supply system that uses groundwater. Many homes with these supplies are sourced from surface water lakes, rivers, and reservoirs.





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"We're vehemently opposed to any form of expansion other than the six that were going to happen," she said.

The amendment language did not spell out how many casinos are allowed or where they can be located.

All six existing tracks, in Lincoln, Omaha, South Sioux City, Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings, have publicly announced plans to seek casinos. At Friday's meeting, Hastings Exposition and Racing announced that it plans a new facility on 160 acres just north of the city near Walmart and Lochland Country Club.

The site would have a 35,000-40,000-square-foot building for a casino and simulcasting operations and a 5/8-mile quarter horse race track. Hastings horse races currently take place at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

State's horse racing could become a crowded field if commission approves five new proposals

Plans at Lincoln Race Course call for a \$220 million project that would include more than 1,200 gaming stations, a 196-room hotel, event space, several restaurants and other amenities such as a spa.

McNally said Friday that plans are to eventually rename the race track portion of the development Legacy Downs.

There also have been proposals announced for new tracks in Bellevue, Gering, Kimball, Norfolk, North Platte and York, all of which are likely to seek casino licenses as well.

Operators of the existing tracks have said they don't believe the state can

support more than about six casinos, and they have expressed worries that approving additional casinos could lead to market saturation, especially if casinos are too close together.

Even some of those proposing new casinos don't believe there's room for all 12 that have been proposed.

Global Gaming Nebraska's Boyd said earlier this month that he believes the state can support eight to 10 casinos.

It's possible the Legislature may regulate the number of casinos allowed in the state. Sen. Tom Briese of Albion, who is chairman of the Legislature's General Affairs Committee, plans to introduce legislation next month that would potentially require casinos to be at least 50 miles apart and have a minimum number of race days. That could limit further casino development, especially in eastern Nebraska.

Lee said it's likely the commission will consider casino applications from existing tracks first before considering new applications from new operations, which will first have to be approved for a racing license before they can apply for a gaming license.

He and other officials also stressed that the rules approved Friday are a work in progress that will likely be amended many times in the future.

"This was our initial start to get the process going," said Racing and Gaming Commission Executive Director Tom Sage, who noted that the regulations don't have any language yet about sports betting, an issue that still needs to be addressed.

Estimates on Nebraska casino revenue 'are all over the place'

Radon Awareness

Well here we are again. January is here, it's cold out, and the family is indoors. We all love the feeling of being at home sharing a warm and safe place with our family and friends. However, chances are you may not be as safe as it would seem.

In Nebraska, Thurston County is a high-risk area for Radon, where on average, homes test well above the recommended levels for radon. But this doesn't mean your home is automatically getting Radon gas. Radon might invade one house but skip the house next door. The only way to know is to test for it.

Radon is a naturally occurring element that forms in the ground from the decay of another element called "Radium" which itself is radioactive. As Radium decays it gives off atoms of Radon which forms as a gas which migrates up through the soil to escape into the atmosphere. From there radon disperses into the air becoming mostly harmless. But sometimes radon finds its way into homes or buildings where it can become trapped. When this happens radon gas becomes more dangerous. If constantly exposed to high levels of Radon long enough the accumulative effect can harm you.

How does Radon get inside? Being a gas, Radon seeps up through the cracks or gaps in your basement or crawlspace floor and walls, any joints, and around pipes, etc. Because the indoors usually has a negative pressure compared to the outside, radon will be drawn into a house or building before it gets a chance of venting up through the surrounding soil to the surface outside.

Since Radon is a gas, it mixes in with the indoor air where it enters your lungs as you breathe. Being radioactive, radon gives off what's known as "alpha particles". Alpha particles are a classification of radioactivity which

happens to be the weakest and least harmful of all the types of radioactivity. But that's not to say it's a safe radioactivity. In large enough volumes it can cause damage to cell DNA if exposed to it long enough. Typically, the exposure needs to be somewhat constant, 10-18+ hours a day over tens of years. Since we tend to spend so much time at home, it's important to know if you're at risk. Children are especially susceptible since their lungs are still developing.

So the question becomes, how can I find out if I have radon in my home and at what levels? You can't see smell or taste Radon. The only way to know it's there is to test for it. One testing method is what's called a "Short term test" where you buy a test kit, read the directions, set the tester out for 2-4 days, then package it, send it to a lab then wait for the analysis in a few weeks. There are many brands of radon tests available and you can find them on-line or at your local hardware store. They are relatively cheap. -- Less than \$15. You can usually find them in the plumbing section. But ask if you can't find it.

Another way is to contact some of these sources where you can get reduced cost, or free test kits.

Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services at (402) 375-2200. Ask for Kim Shultz

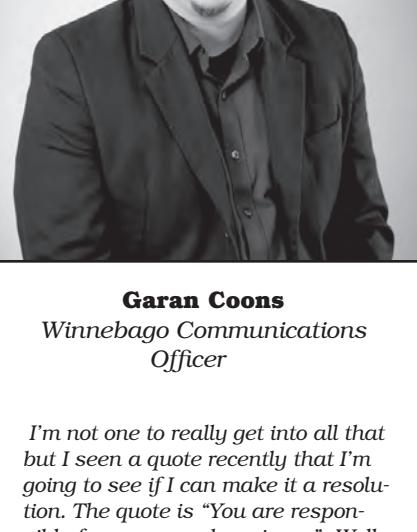
National Radon Hotline at (800) 767-7236 or 1-800-SOSRADON (1-800-767-7236)

Also the EPD Air dept. will be holding 3 Radon outreach events on - Jan 6, at the Blackhawk Center 10am - 2pm, Jan 13, at the 12 Clans Hospital 10am - 2pm, and Jan 27, at the Blackhawk Center 10am - 2pm. If you have questions about radon come talk to me or call the Environmental Protection Department at 878 - 4060. Ask for Kurt Lyons. I'd be happy to speak to you.

*Environmental Protection Department
- Air Quality – Kurt Lyons*

Question of the Issue:

Did you do any New Year resolutions for 2022?



Garan Coons
Winnebago Communications Officer

I'm not one to really get into all that but I seen a quote recently that I'm going to see if I can make it a resolution. The quote is "You are responsible for your own happiness". Well, that's pretty true if you think about it. So, the next time I'm real crabby I'm going to remember this quote and see if I can make myself happy.



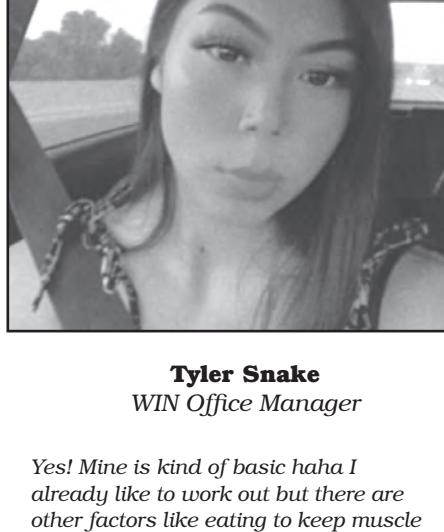
Bethani Redhorn
Communications Office Manager

I have one solid resolution this year and that is to be more assertive in all aspects of my life. By this, I mean what I say, and I say what I mean. If I commit to something, I must see it through. The way I see it, personal growth is an endless cycle but worth the work.



Christina Parker
Desktop Publisher

Instead of calling it a resolution, I'd prefer to call it a goal(s) for 2022. Of course lose weight is always on top of the list, a must after the huge holiday dinners. But this year I would like to focus more on the future of my family since I'm going to be Kerepana Jop. I feel like time has flown by and I need to do something now if I'm going to.



Tyler Snake
WIN Office Manager

Yes! Mine is kind of basic haha I already like to work out but there are other factors like eating to keep muscle gain/mass that I wasn't meeting. My goal this year is to focus on feeding my muscles and being consistent with it! I encourage anyone else to join me on my fitness journey!

Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Wednesday, January 5th, 2022

New Positive Cases Since Last Report	2	Total Positive Cases	538
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Total Deaths From COVID-19	7	Recovered Cases	519
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Households in Quarantine	11	Winnebago Community 12 & Older Vaccinated With At Least One Dose	80%
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Winnebago Community 5 & Older Vaccinated With At Least One Dose

68%

For COVID-19 vaccination appointments, please call

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts from Lance...



ravines and ditches with tree branches over our heads. In 1865, we purchased the northern half of present-day Thurston County from the Omaha Tribe and we have lived here since.

Our land extended to the Missouri River, but back then the river meandered after floods. Large amounts of our land ended up on the Iowa side of the river. In the 1950's, the Army Corp of Engineers began condemning land all along the Missouri River to control flooding. It is not a coincidence that the dams along the Missouri River were built on tribal lands. Tribal land was easy and convenient to take because tribes did not have a powerful voice.

In 1970, the Army Corp of Engineers took a few thousand acres of our land on both the Iowa and Nebraska sides of the river. After 16 years of legal fighting, we won our land back on the Nebraska side but not the parcels in Iowa, which totals approximately 1500 acres. The court actually said that the Army Corp did not have the right to take the land from the Tribe in the first place! Because the appeal on these parcels was not filed in time, we still lost these parcels due to a legal technicality.

Thirty years after we lost our legal battle we are still fighting for our land. Even if the Army Corps wanted to give our land back, they couldn't. The problem is that the Army Corps easily took our land but has no power to give it back. This is not a metaphor: It literally takes an Act of Congress to get our land back.

For over fifteen years, we have been trying to get Congress to pass a law to return our land. It was introduced a couple of times by former Iowa Congressmen Steve King, but he left office without getting it done. The bill to return our land has been introduced again Congressman Fortenberry from Nebraska, and is co-sponsored by Congressman Feenstra from Iowa and others, but not much more has happened.

I am 53 years old. We have been fighting this particular injustice for 51 of those years. The land is just sandy land covered in timber and serves as a large habitat for wildlife. We don't plan on changing anything and have promised to let non-Indians continue to use it for hunting and recreational use. This land has no great value to anyone, but us.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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[Victoria out]
EDUCARE BOARD/QUALICB
 AA/CB nom Brian Chamberlain
 LLR/RS nom Lorelei DeCora
 VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.

[Victoria in]
NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to advertise for one vacancies on the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs for 30 days. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Nominate Victoria Kitcheyan to NCIA. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Louis LaRose and John Snowball to the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[IS in at 12:13 p.m.]

RADIO STATION:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Isaac Smith to the Radio Station Committee. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

HO-CHUNK, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Rona Stealer and re-affirm John Snowball to the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Board of Directors. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND REVIEW BOARD:

Aric Armell motioned to appoint Isaac Smith to the Winnebago Community Development Fund Review Board. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL TAX COMMISSION:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to advertise for one vacancy for 30 days. Isaac Smith seconded. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

TRIBAL UTILITY BOARD: Tribal Treasurer

WATER QUALITY COMMISSION:
 Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Victoria Kitcheyan and Isaac Smith to the Water Quality Commission. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[John in at 12:23 p.m.]

COMMUNITY POLICING BOARD (POLICE REVIEW BOARD):

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Isaac Smith and Aric Armell to the Community Policing Board (Police Review Board). Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to advertise (2) positions for the Constitutional Review Committee for 30 days. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint John Snowball and Coly Brown to the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

TRIBAL TRANSIT BOARD:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Victoria Kitcheyan and John Snowball to the Tribal Transit Board. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

NURSING HOME COMMITTEE:

Coly Brown motioned to rename the Nursing Home Committee to the Assisted Living Model Committee and appoint Brian Chamberlain, Victoria Kitcheyan, Louis LaRose, and Aric Armell. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to advertise one vacancy to the Winnebago Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to reaffirm Louis LaRose and Coly Brown to the Winnebago Housing & Development Commission. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[Louis LaRose out]

TRIBAL COUNCIL GENERAL INFORMATION REVIEW

Presented by Teresa Littlegeorge.

Aric Armell motioned to approve any exceptions to the Emergency Grant/Natural Disaster Applications can be done by five-signature, or motion at a duly convened meeting. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the Emergency Grant for Louis LaRose. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[John out]

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Minor Trust Funds discussion.

Payment to membership discussion.

Senior Holiday Payment discussion

Lorelei DeCora motioned to strike the driver's license requirement from the EPA Director position. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Coly Brown, Brian Chamberlain, and Rona Stealer.

VOTE: (2) yes, AA, LD (3) no, CB, RS, IS (1) abstain, BC Motion failed.

*Policy and Procedure meeting to be scheduled.

Coly Brown motioned to bring back suggested amendments to the Drug Policy for consideration and approval. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Littlegeorge,

Executive Assistant

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCora, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

December 7, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan

Brian Chamberlain

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Coly Brown

Louis LaRose (in at 5:47pm)

Isaac Smith

Aric Armell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynelle Blackhawk

Joy Johnson

Ireta Frazier

Alan Post

Brandon Stout

Tyresha Wolfe

Garan Coons

Esther Mercer

Erika Dunn

Ron Nohr

Autumn Nieman

Cecelia Earth

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

John Snowball

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman

Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown

offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

LD add: \$500 Covid Relief Distribution Discussion

VK add: GPTC Meeting, December 17 & 18, Rapid City, SD

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES

11-15-21 Mid-monthly meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the 11-15-21 Mid-monthly meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried.

11-17-21 General Counsel meeting minutes

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the 11-17-21 General Counsel meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

11-19-21 Special Tribal Council meeting minutes - CFS

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the 11-19-21 Special Tribal Council meeting minutes - CFS. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

11-22-21 Orientation/Reorganization meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to table the 11-22-21 Orientation/Reorganization meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried.

1-29-21 Emergency Management Services Report meeting minutes

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the 1-29-21 Emergency Management Services report. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES

UTV/ATV Proposal

Vehicle Proposal (RFP Knoepfle Chevrolet)

Adopt resolution #22-29; Approving Indian Child Welfare Act Legal Services Contract

Proposed Agreement with Loderstone Security, LLC and Baker Hostetler, LLP (WinnaVegas)

Adopt resolution #22-31; Contract Signature Authority WinnaVegas Cyber Attack Insurance Contract

Approve request from WV Slots Dept. - Novomatic Agreement

Approve request from WV Maintenance Dept. - Bid Proposal for the reroofing of the main

COMMUNITY NEWS

American Broadband Customer Notice

American Broadband provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service	\$19.95/month
Single Party Business Service	\$30.00/month

Local residence and business service includes voice grade access to the public telephone network; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge; access to 911 emergency services; and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers. This program provides for monthly service discounts on telephone service. NTAP reduces the cost of local phone service by up to \$8.75 per month. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available through NTAP. NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

NTAP and Toll Blocking support is available from American Broadband. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

NTAP assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- Medicaid;
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC);
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamps Program);
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Veterans Pension Benefit/Survivors Pension Benefit

For More Information And To Apply By Mail, Please Visit:

<https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-telephone-assistance-program/lifeline>
Mail your completed application to: Lifeline Support Center, PO Box 7081, London, KY 40742, along with proof of eligible program participation (or providing proof of eligible program see "providing proof of eligible program form")

Mail your completed Citizenship Attestation form to: NTAP, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509

You May Also Apply Online Directly At:

<https://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline>
If you apply through the CheckLifeline portal, please also mail your completed Citizenship Attestation form to: NTAP, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support is also available from American Broadband. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

Tribal Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers receive \$26.45 per month in discounts.

Tribal Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service by providing a \$30 credit. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For information regarding Tribal Lifeline services from American Broadband call American Broadband's office at (888) 262-2661.

American Broadband's voice service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to re certify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call American Broadband's office at (888) 262-2661.

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 16

Being native myself I understand the hesitancy towards speaking about suicide. Traditionally we were taught that if you talk about it, you call upon it. I respect that tradition of our people's, but having lost my son to suicide I also understand the importance of reaching out for help when someone is having suicidal thoughts. Again mental health needs to be addressed the same way we think about physical health. Suicidal thoughts DO NOT mean the person needs to die because of those thoughts. They CAN be managed. There is HOPE! We have always been a resilient people!

According to recent research, culture plays an integral role in both suicide ideation and willingness to seek help for these feelings. Measures included suicide ideation, enculturation (involvement and identification with American Indian culture), perceived discrimination, negative life events, self-esteem, depressive symptoms, hopelessness, anger, and substance use.

Results indicate that more external forces than psychological variables (self-esteem) are related to suicide ideation in American Indian youth. In addition to suicide ideation, participants were also asked: (1) whether they sought help during the time they were suicidal and; (2) the reasons for not seeking formal and/or informal help (if applicable).

Importance of Culture

These studies show that cultural factors play a role in both suicidality and help-seeking for suicidal ideation in Native youth. Yoder and colleagues demonstrate that external factors such as discrimination and lack of identification with one's culture correlate with suicide ideation. According to Chandler and Lalonde, suicide rates among First Nation youth vary tremendously by tribal bands, and higher cultural continuity is related to lower suicide rates at a tribal level. Meanwhile, Freedenthal and Stiffman note that feelings of isolation and being stigmatized for one's suicidal feelings contribute to lack of help-seeking for suicidal thoughts. Overall, these results demonstrate a need to educate Native youth about the importance of acknowledging suicidal feelings and seeking help for them. Mental health awareness should be framed in a cultural context. Cultural factors should also be taken into account when investigating why these youth feel suicidal, yet do not seek help when feeling suicidal.

If you know of someone struggling with suicidal thoughts please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), or the Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911 or the After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.



Answers

Across: 3. One of the sky claris, 5. Large River, 7. One of the HoChunk words for grandmother, 9. Land of

Down: 1. Squash, corn..., 2. One of the earth clans, 4. Wild rice is a type of this, 5. This month is the "earth drying moon", 6. Homecoming Month, 8. Black Hawk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF WINNEBAGO REFORMED CHURCH

In accord with the *Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 21-1901 et seq.*, Kenneth Mallory, James Bear, Nancy Gillis, Desiree Kitcheyan and Tonia Keller, Incorporators, submit the following as the Public Notice for the Notice of Incorporation of Winnebago Reformed Church:

I. NAME

The name of the corporation is Winnebago Reformed Church.

II. PURPOSE

This Corporation is a mutual benefit corporation, the primary purpose of which is to promote the Christian religion and to do all other associated legal activities.

III. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of the initial registered office of the Company is 311 North Taft Street, Walthill, NE 68067, in the County of Thurston, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Nancy S. Gillis.

IV. INCORPORATOR

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Kenneth Mallory
2904 B Ave.
Winnebago, NE 68071

James Bear
P.O. Box 692
Winnebago, NE 68071

Nancy S. Gilles
311 N. Taft St.
Walthill, Ne 68067

Desiree Kitcheyan
P.O. Box 711
Winnebago, NE 68071

Tonia Keller
P.O. Box 345
Winnebago, NE 68071

V. MEMBERS

The corporation shall have members.

Dated: December 20, 2021.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day **January 18th**

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV22-005

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
LOTTIE WHITE
In Re:
G. M. (Born 7/2015)
Krystal White, Mother

TO: SAMMY MORENO, 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. CV22-005 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20th day of JANUARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV22-027

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
REBECCA BIGFIRE-

ELKSHOULDER

In Re:

D. E. (Born 6/2007)

I. E. (Born 4/2007)

A. E. (Born 4/2008)

D. E. (Born 10/2009)

TO: VANESSA PRETTY ON
TOP, Mother

DELRAE MEDICINE HORSE, Mother

STONEY ELKSHOULDER, Father

GEORGE ELKSHOULDER, Father

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV22-024

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
PAIYA ALDRICH
to PAIYA WOLFE

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV22-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of FEBRUARY, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-027 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

The Winnebago Tribal Council is 100% AGAINST Meth. Not only is Meth harmful to the individual, it destroys families and our community. Meth use is not the HoChunk/Winnebago way of life. On 12-30-19, during the Winnebago Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting, a motion was passed to publish all meth related offenses occurring on the Winnebago reservation, in the Winnebago Indian News.

The following individual(s) has been arrested for a meth offense...

As of 1-4-2022, there are no recent meth arrest(s) to report.

TRIBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognizing the effects of Intergenerational Trauma

If trauma is left untreated, it is likely that it would be passed down to the next generation.

Winnebago families may still be impacted from the boarding school era, which forcefully removed indigenous children from their families and placed them into boarding schools.

There, they were forbidden/punished for speaking their language and practicing their traditional ceremonies.



Angel De Gora
Museum & Research Center

(402) 257-5587
415 East Little Priest Dr.,
Winnebago, NE 68071

Later generations may not recognize trauma-related patterns, which may lead to repeating them.

This can include: addictions, depression, anxiety, poverty, abuse, suicidal tendencies, violent thoughts/behaviours, domestic violence.

Patterns can be broken.

You don't need to always be in survival mode.

Talking to a therapist can help you recognize patterns and break the cycle of intergenerational trauma.

Winnebago Behavioral Health Department
(402.878.2911) 225 S. Bluff St. PO BOX C, Winnebago, NE 68071

Morning Star Counseling Services
(402.846.5569) 104 S. Costello Walthill, NE 68067

Heartland Counseling Services
(402.494.3337) South Sioux City, NE 68776

A Better Way Therapy
(712.253.3925) 3900 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776

Siouxland Mental Health Center
(712.252.3871) 625 Court St. Sioux City, IA 51101

**1ST STEP
REALIZE**

**2ND STEP
RECOGNIZE**

**3RD STEP
RESPOND**

**4TH STEP
RESIST RE-TRAUMA**

STEPS TOWARDS HEALING

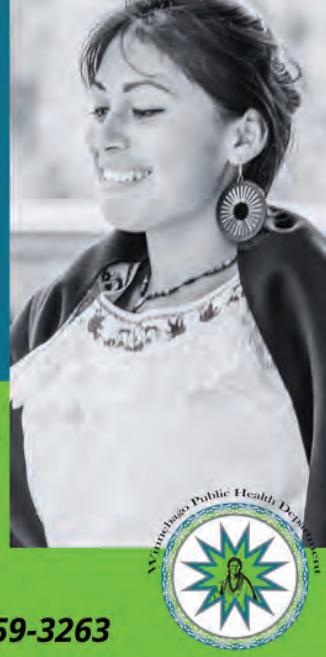
For a healthy community, resist re-trauma

Mental Health Matters.

Winnebago Behavioral Health Appointments & Walk-in Services Available

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(402) 878-2911

Crisis Response After Hours: (712) 259-3263



COVID-19 Testing at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital

Please call (402) 878-3404 for COVID-19 testing appointment.

COURTESY TESTING

(COVID-19 Testing Through the Outpatient Drive-Up Clinic)

COVID-19 testing through the Outpatient Drive-Up Clinic can be utilized for patients who do not need emergency care or have little to no symptoms.

COVID-19 testing is done by **appointment only**. Call the Outpatient Clinic at (402) 878-3404 for an appointment.

Patients who have had a COVID-19 exposure should not get tested until 5-7 days after the initial exposure. This is because you can test negative if you get tested too early. It is possible to test positive up to 14 days after an exposure.



CRITICAL TESTING

(COVID-19 Testing Through the Emergency Room)

COVID-19 testing through the Emergency Room is reserved for patients having severe symptoms like:

- Trouble Breathing
- Persistent pain/pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips/face

This ensures ER resources are allocated to the community members who need immediate attention. This helps ensure that emergency medical attention is available for you, family, friends, and your loved ones when needed.



January 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Closed Holiday	4 Closed Inventory / Restocking Certifications Only	5 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	6 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	7 Food Tasting Distribution 10am-2:30pm
10 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	11 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	12 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Nutrition Ed. Distribution 10am-2:30pm	13 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	14 Distribution 10am-2:30pm
17 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	18 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	19 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Nutrition Ed. Distribution 10am-2:30pm	20 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	21 Distribution 10am-2:30pm
24 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	25 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	26 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Nutrition Ed. Distribution 10am-2:30pm	27 DRY/FROZEN FOODS DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	28 Distribution 10am-2:30pm
31 Distribution 10am-2:30pm		MUST call & arrange a "Shopping Appointment" that's within distributing hours. Certifications/Re-certifications over the phone — <u>Monday-Friday 8am-4pm</u> Check out what we have on the 7th, 12th, 19th, & 26th. Don't miss out!		

Spin to WINN

Every Saturday in January*

1pm to 5pm • Drawings every 30 minutes

Spin the Money Wheel and win up to **\$10,000 CASH!**

Saturdays we'll draw two winners every 30 minutes

from 1pm to 5pm. Each winner will spin

the wheel and win \$100 to \$10,000!

You could be one of 18 winners!



Swipe daily for one FREE entry every day in January.
Earn additional entries for every point earned.
*No drawing on January 1st, 2022



FLOWERS ISLAND RESTAURANT

THURSDAY NIGHT
\$3 BUFFET

3PM TO 10PM



EARN 10 PTS
EVERY FRIDAY
TO WIN UP TO
\$200 IN FREE
PLAY!



\$28,000
FRIDAY NIGHT
FACE OFF
SLOT TOURNAMENT

Every Friday in January, 4pm to 10pm

Registration starts at 3pm

Play in our action packed Friday Night slot tournament!

Simply earn 10 points every Friday then take a seat and press your way to Free Play. Each round we'll pay out **\$540** in prizes to the top 6 places. That's over **\$28,000** in total prizes!

Play in the tournament on Friday and get a WinnaVegas App offer for **\$10 in Free Play** the following Friday when you download, log in and turn on your notifications!



For more information visit WinnaVegas.com
or call 800.468.9466