



WINNEBAGO INDIAN

NEWS

Bago Bits...



From the Winnebago Indian News Staff:
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Congratulations to these tournament champions! The Jr. High 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team! #BagoPride (Picture courtesy of Krystal Grant)



A reminder from the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital's Facebook Page: COVID-19 testing is done by appointment only and through the new drive-up testing garage. (Pictured above) The COVID-19 testing garage is located near the east entrance of the hospital.



Congratulations to our Winnebago girls that placed in the Winnebago Girls Invite on December 30th. Winnebago Girls team scored 46.0 which placed them #7 out of 12.



The Library in Winnebago is now open to the public and the students of Little Priest Tribal College with hours of operation being 9AM-5PM, you can stay up to date with their Facebook page: LPTC Public Library.



Pictured during the Boys and Girls Club After-School Program, kids were able to get creative for the Christmas holiday and participate in a gingerbread house activity!

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Little Priest Tribal College Debuts Two New Buildings



Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) President Manoj Patil with LPTC Board of Trustees Chairwoman Esther Mercer, Sunshine Thomas-Bear and Lynelle Blackhawk Board of Trustees, and LPTC staff at the Virtual Dedication Ceremony of the new IT building and new dormitory.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—The Virtual Dedication Ceremony of the new IT building and new dormitory took place January 6th. The ceremony was live streamed on the Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) Facebook page.

CARES Act funding and funding from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska made it possible for the Little Priest Tribal College to successfully install the new IT building (Fish Clan) located on campus, and the new dormitory (Pigeon Clan) located off-campus on Hawk Street. The new dormitory is designed to house 8 students and 1 Resident

Assistant.

Little Priest Tribal College President Manoj Patil stated, "Little Priest Tribal College is now in a growth mode. Even though the pandemic has caused significant problems to a lot of people across the globe including the Winnebago community. We believe the CARES Act funding and awards from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has really made a difference to the community and to the college. These two infrastructures; the IT building and the new dorm is going to significantly increase our enrollment and help provide better quality instruction to the students."

The new IT building was built to help

improve online instruction to the LPTC students and build IT capacity for the future. The new dormitory will be used by the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital for isolation and quarantining purposes. LPTC plans to use the dormitory as a third dorm after the completion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patil shared, "The Chief Little Priest mission 'Be strong and educate my children' and that is what we are doing. We are going to enhance and continue his mission not only to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska but to the entire Tristate area. We are very thrilled with this opportunity and grateful for the community support."

Vaccinating for Our Future



Tribal Council member and Wildlife & Parks Director John Snowball receives the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the COVID-19 clinic for non-healthcare essential workers, spiritual leaders, and language speakers.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—On January 6, the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Non-Healthcare Essential Workers, Spiritual Leaders, and Language Speakers took place at the Winnebago Public School in the gymnasium. This is the first round of doses for the second phase of COVID-19 vaccinations in the Winnebago community.

In the CDC distribution plan, the first phase of vaccinations went to all healthcare workers and those living in long term assisted living facilities. The second phase is for non-health care essential workers and adults over the age of 65. The third phase is for adults with a chronic disease. These phases ensure the vaccine gets to those who are at the

highest risk for exposure.

The COVID-19 vaccination that is being administered at these clinics is the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and it is a 2-dose series given three weeks apart.

"Getting the vaccine is better than having COVID. We have had losses in our community and each loss is devastating to us, those are knowledge holders and language keepers we cannot get back. I encourage people to look at who is attending and taking part in these community vaccination events to show these are their relatives, in hopes that they will feel more comfortable" said Winnebago Public Health Administrator and EMT, Mona Zuffante.

The second dose of vaccine will be given to Winnebago healthcare workers on January 7th, 2021. "I know people are hesitant to get the COVID-19 vacci-

nation. I hope after receiving the second dose that people will all see that we are all okay and that when we get to their vaccination group, they will take the vaccine" shared Zuffante.

2 new COVID-19 positive cases and a recent death related to COVID-19 were reported in the Winnebago community as of Tuesday, January 5th. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is at 310. Reports indicate that 289 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. There are currently 17 active cases and 21 families in quarantine.

127 vaccines were administered at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Non-Healthcare Essential Workers, Spiritual Leaders, and Language Speakers. So far, 317 vaccines have been given in Winnebago.

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Winnebago Emergency Medical Services and Winnebago Public Health Department - New Ambulance



Pictured is the exterior of the Winnebago Emergency Medical Services and Winnebago Public Health Department new Ambulance.

Emilee Longuski, Communications Manager at Winnebago Comprehensive Health System

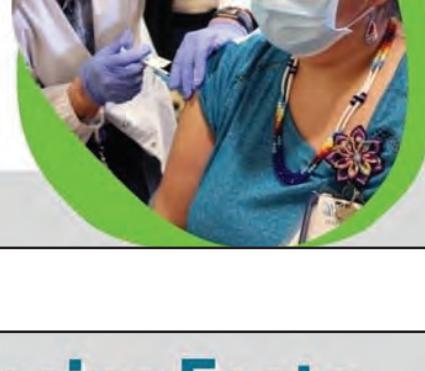
The Winnebago Public Health Department's Emergency Medical Service Department has received a new custom ambulance that was purchased using CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Funding. The vehicle is an AEV TraumaHawk Ford F-550 purchased through American Response Vehicles and arrived in Winnebago on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021.

The new ambulance features many custom integrations to provide a higher level of patient care and provider safety. One of the features of the ambulance includes the ActiveTek Induct 500 Decontamination System, which improves air quality and treats contaminated surfaces. This system also works to reduce COVID-19 contamination and kills up to 99.98% of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The vehicle is currently being outfitted with communication equipment and necessary supplies and is expected to be in rotation in the next month.

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

- COVID-19 vaccines **will not** give you COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines **will not** cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.
- People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 **may still benefit** from getting vaccinated.
- Getting vaccinated **can help prevent** you from getting sick with COVID-19.
- Receiving the vaccine **will not** alter your DNA.



COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

- Two doses are needed to complete the vaccination. The second shot will be given 3-4 weeks after the first shot. Both doses of the vaccine will be given as a shot in the arm muscle.
- Right now, the vaccine is recommended only for ages 16 years and older.
- Precautions (such as wearing a mask, avoiding gatherings, and washing our hands) should still be taken after vaccination.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Christmas Lighting Contest WINNERS!

On behalf of the Winnebago Indian News, we want to thank all 33 households that entered this year's Holiday Lighting Contest. We want to thank our retired WIN editor, Jerome LaPointe for always hosting this event for the community in the name of his mentor and one of the founders of the WIN, Neola Walker. Old Lady Walker always had a special place in her heart to make sure the Winnebago community came together, especially during the holidays. This year was a tough decision for the contest judge, as all the homes were decorated amazingly! We look forward to 2021's Christmas Lighting Contest. Congratulations to all 8 winners!!!



1st Place: Jeffrey Berridge



2nd Place: Joi Long



3rd Place: Larry Payer



4th Place: Keri LaPointe



5th Place: Deidre J. Redhorn



6th Place: Diana DeCora

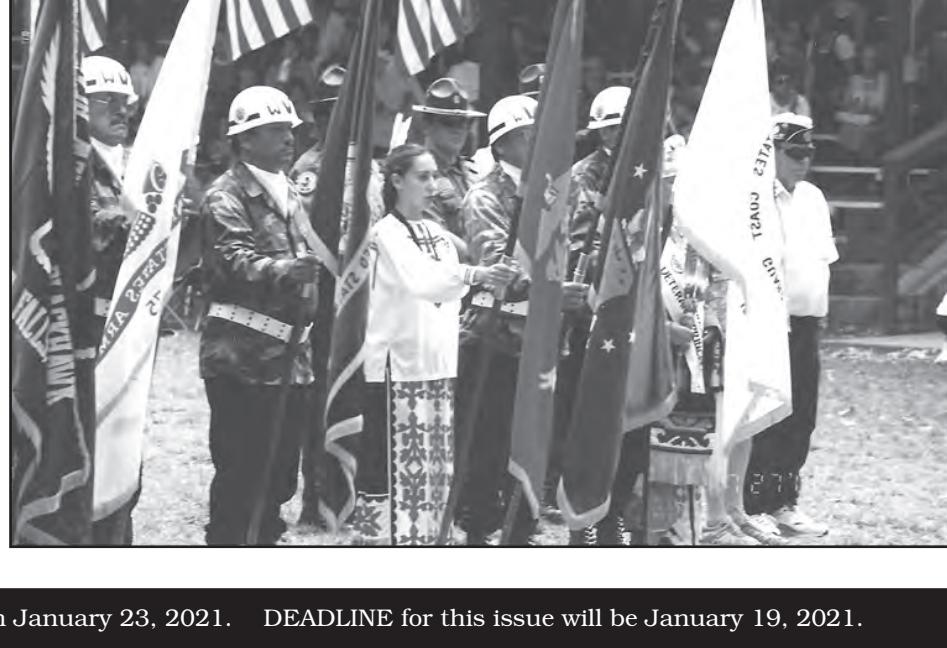
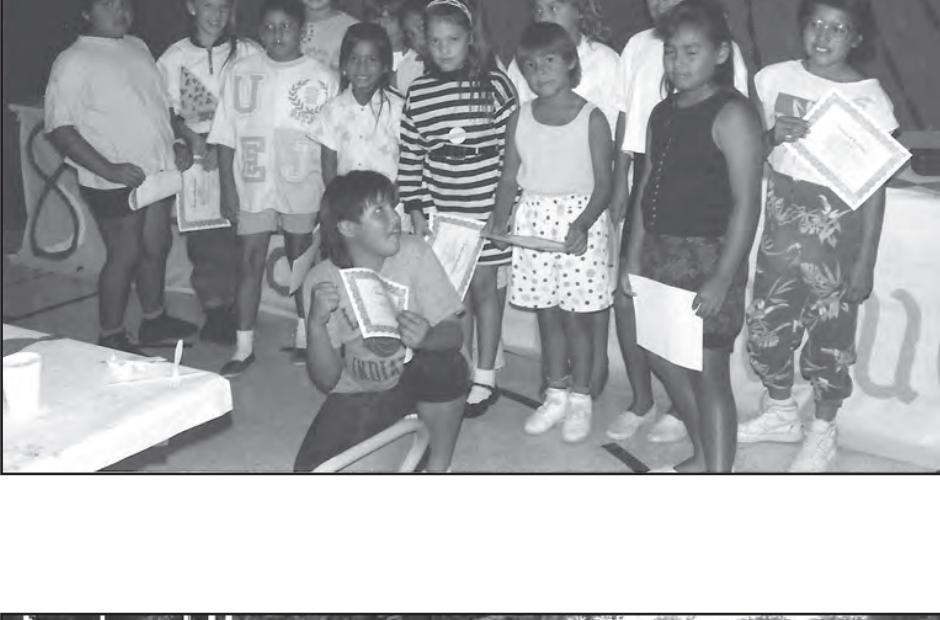


7th Place: Casey Kearnes-Nava



8th Place: Qui Qui St. Cyr

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January is Radon Awareness Month

What if you found out there was a presence in your home? Something invisible that could attack you without you even knowing it's there? A scary thought! -Right? What if I told you it's real?

What is it you ask? It's something called Radon!

What's Radon? Radon is an element that naturally forms in the ground from the decay of another element called Radium. Radium is found in the soil of much of the United States. While Radium is a metal, Radon forms as a gas. As the Radon gas accumulates underground, its low density forces it to migrate up into the atmosphere. Any Radon gas that comes up outside gets diluted and dissipates quickly, becoming harmless. But if Radon makes its way into your home, it can accumulate inside. This is when it becomes a problem. If you are exposed to high levels of Radon day after day for many decades, the accumulative effect can harm you.

How can Radon get inside my home? As Radon makes its way up through the ground, it travels through any cracks or gaps in your floor, or walls of your basement or crawlspace. Any mechanical ventilation in your home or even differences in temperature between upstairs and down can cause negative pressure inside that can draw in Radon gas from the surrounding soil.

If I have Radon in my home how can it affect me? Since Radon is a gas it mixes in with the air we breathe. As you breathe it, it enters your lungs. Because radon is radioactive, it emits something called alpha particles. Alpha particles can cause damage to cell DNA that could lead to lung cancer.

How do I know if I have Radon in my home? You can't see or smell Radon. The only way to detect it is by its radioactivity. There are tests available that will detect its presence by counting those Alpha particles it emits. One testing method is done by setting out a charcoal canister for a few days, then sending it to a lab to determine how much is present. There are many brands available at your local hardware store, and they are relatively cheap. -- Usually less than \$20.

Thurston County is in a high-risk area for Radon. But that doesn't mean your home is automatically getting Radon gas. Radon might come into one house and skip the house next door. The only way to know is to test for it.

The EPA has set the action level for Radon at 4 pCi/L. "pCi/L" stands for "picocuries per liter" of air. - A measurement for counting radioactivity.

There are no safe levels of Radon. Any level carries some risk. Of course, the lower the level the lower the risk. In the US, people who die of lung cancer caused by Radon are pretty low. Data has shown about 2,900 people each year die from lung cancer caused by Radon. This is a big number. But when shown in the context of the full US population (328+ million) then the odds of dying of radon are pretty low. -- About .0008%

Smoking along with Radon exposure dramatically increases the odds of getting lung cancer than from Radon exposure alone. People who lived with high Radon levels and who smoke, (or used to smoke), show more than a seven-fold increase in the odds of getting lung cancer. According to the EPA, about 21,000 people per year die of lung cancer from radon exposure and who also smoked. So smoking along with high levels of Radon can be dangerous.

There are ways to combat Radon. The first step is to test for it and find out if you are at risk. Pick up a tester and find out

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Whom do you fear?"

Recently, I was told by an adult that she was taught to have NO FEAR! It is good for one to be brave and to have courage - even in the face of death. However is it wise to have absolutely NO FEAR?

I have also been told that the expression by Lakota warriors of 'it is a good day to die' was a statement of confidence even with the strong likelihood of dying that very day.

Now to be brave and courageous is a noble and upright characteristic, especially for a warrior who goes into battle. Moses was nearing the end of his trail, inspired by God, he gave Joshua these reassuring words prior to warring against the tribes living in the promised land: "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is YAHWEH your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you" [Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV)].

For the Spiritual Warrior these words hold true as well. What confidence and courage one has in knowing that he or she is never alone! Those who place their trust in YAHWEH and His Son Jesus will never be forsaken by YAHWEH as Jesus was while he hung dying on the cross.

Earlier Moses gave these words of advice prior to going off to war: "When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for YAHWEH your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. . . And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'Is there any man who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go back to his house, lest he make the heart of his fellows melt like his own'" [Deuteronomy 20:1, 8].

The trait of a courageous warrior is his/her bravery even in the face of the enemy. The Spiritual Warrior faces three such enemies on a daily basis: the Evil One = Devil, the world and its temptations, and one's own self-centered sinful

nature. Have no fear of them.

However is there someone you should fear? Who is that someone? Mauna - Earth Maker or in the Hebrew language YAHWEH.

The children of the tribe of Israel were taught various teachings through songs. Some of their songs were put into poetic format and are referred to as Psalms. Here is one such Psalm that speaks of whom one should fear: 'The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding' [Psalm 111:10].

King Solomon wrote: 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man' [Ecclesiastes 12:13b]. When one comes to the realization that he/she has not kept God's commandments, this should move one to fear Mauna's wrath and to seek His mercy or pity. That is the purpose of the Law and a proper fear of Mauna is spiritually healthy as it moves one to trust in Mauna's loving gift of His son, Jesus.

When one comes to believing in Jesus as one's Lord and Savior, then one no longer has to fear God and His just judgment. One of Jesus' apostles - John put it this way: 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.'

For the believer in Jesus one has confidence and looks forward to the end of his trial and the meeting of one's Maker. Each and every one of us will experience the day of judgment, the Christian lives in love and therefore has confidence on the day of judgment.

John continues: 'There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love' [1st John 4:16b-18]. Since our Spiritual Warrior Savior, Jesus, endured our punishment driven by His love for all of creation, we live basking in the love of Mauna, without fear of His wrath!

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Conservation Reserve Program General Signup Begins Today, Ends February 12

LINCOLN, Nebraska, Jan. 4, 2021 – Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program beginning today, Jan. 4, 2021, until Feb. 12, 2021. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"This signup for the Conservation Reserve Program gives producers and landowners an opportunity to enroll for the first time or continue their participation for another term," FSA State Executive Director Nancy Johner said. "This program encourages conservation on sensitive lands or low-yielding acres, which provides tremendous benefits for stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and economy. CRP general signup is held annually and is competitive.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.

CRP signup informational resources, including an educational video and the opportunity to sign up for online, live question and answer sessions, have been posted at nebraskafapf.com/crp-signup/. Three question and answer forums are scheduled for Jan. 19 at noon MST; Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. CST; and Jan. 21 at noon CST. These virtual meetings are being hosted by several Nebraska natural resource and wildlife partners.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. The program marked its 35-year anniversary in December 2020.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face mask.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT
December 9, 2020**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Rona Stealer
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Louis LaRose
Aric Armell
John Snowball
Coly Brown (in @ 10:15 a.m.)
Thelma Whitewater

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ether Mercer
Joy Johnson
Alan Post
Desiree Kitcheyan
Cece Earth
Mary Painter
Dave Mentzer
Shelly Bear
Barb Pretends Eagle
Greg Bass

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Esther Mercer offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:

Brian Chamberlain would like to add Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Employee Off-Duty Conduct Policy.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

CEO ITEMS:

TRAVEL APPROVALS: Update only.
SIGNATURE PROCESS POLICY REVISION:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the Signature Process Policy as presented. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Coly Brown in at 10:15 a.m.]

PROCUREMENT:

VEHICLE PURCHASE:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the purchase of 2021 Chevy Equinox purchase for the procurement Department for \$24,459.30, using the 2010 GMC Acadia as a trade-in. (funds are from the Procurement Department)

Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

FACILITIES:

SKID LOADER FOR PURCHASE
(David Mentzer)

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the purchase of skid loader from Murphy Tractor (John Deere) with \$10,000.00 down payment with four-year loan payment. (Annual payments at \$12,000.00) Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS UPDATE:

Initial Strategic Plan done. Tribal Council and DHD Survey has some trouble with it. Community Engagement will begin late January into February.

Aric Armell brought up water issues on the Reservation.

Water infrastructure meeting invite whole Tribal Council. CEO will get the meeting scheduled.

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

RADIO STATION:

Thelma Whitewater trying to get tower going. Agreement with Dakota City sent to Legal.

Garan needs funding.

CFO will work with group in a start-up budget.

Garan – Non-commercial license (license donated) so can only do sponsorship.

(97.1 KWTN)

Brian Chamberlain asked what is being requested.

Alan Post stated \$12,000.00 initial start-up budget. (No personnel)

Rona Stealer requested a budget.

John Snowball motioned to have CFO Budget for the three items: Power, Internet, and Lease for the radio station project. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Thelma Whitewater motioned to form the Radio Station under the Communications Department of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Rona Stealer stated need Job Description, Org. Chart, and Budget.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA EMPLOYEE OFF DUTY CONDUCT POLICY

(Chairwoman reads section of the policy)

Brian Chamberlain – No conversation with CEO, revamp the policy to specify which level of criminal activity results in loss of job?

CEO will work with H.R., will need feedback to revise the policy.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to place on the table the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Employee Off-duty Conduct Policy revisions until the Mid-Month meeting on December 21, 2020.

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

Motion carried.

[Coly Brown out]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the CEO to take all actions necessary to affect changes to the Employee Off-duty Conduct Policy. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

December 11, 2020 GoTo meeting

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Aric Armell

John Snowball

Louis LaRose

Thelma Whitewater

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linae B igfire
Cecelia Earth
Esther Mercer
Brandon Stout
Erika Dunn
Garan Coons
Teresa Littlegeorge

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (absent-leave)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: John Snowball offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:

Added Items: Thelma Whitewater added Profit Sharing, HCI Board of Directors, and V. Kitcheyan vs. Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to Tribal Council Items.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 – MID-

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the November 16, 2020 Mid-monthly meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 – GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING MINUTES

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the November 18, 2020 General Counsel meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – CEO REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the November 19, 2020 CEO Report meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 30, 2020 – TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the November 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. John Snowball seconded.

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

Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURE:

ADOPT RESOLUTION #21-31; APPROVING THE BIG FIRE LAW & POLICY GROUP, LLP AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five signature adopting resolution #21-31; Approving the Big Fire Law & Policy Group, LLP as General Counsel for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #21-32; FY21 U.S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) – WINNEBAGO SOLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five signature adopting resolution #21-32; FY21 U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Winnebago Solar

Feasibility Study. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #21-33; AUTHORIZING WHDC TO SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE HUD IHBG COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT A FIVE-YEAR RENOVATION, NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE WTN RESERVATION

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-33; Authorizing WHDC to submit a grant proposal to the HUD IHBG Competitive Grant Program for funding to support a five-year renovation, new construction, and housing infrastructure expansion project to be conducted on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska reservation. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-33; Authorizing WHDC to submit a grant proposal to the HUD IHBG Competitive Grant Program for funding to support a five-year renovation, new construction, and housing infrastructure expansion project to be conducted on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska reservation. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ONE TIME EMG FOR MADISON TOMPKINS

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the one time Emergency Grant for Madison Tompkins to assist in her loss of home due to fire. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ONE TIME EMG FOR LAUREN BUCHANAN

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the one time Emergency Grant for Lauren Buchanan to assist during her family emergency. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRIBAL SOCIAL SECURITY – APPROVE THE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL COVERAGE AGREEMENT

Lorelei Decora motioned to adopt resolution #21-34; Approving the Indian Tribal Council Coverage Agreement for Tribal Social Security. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO LAND CORPORATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lorelei Decora requesting the entire minutes for the Tribal Council records of the Winnebago Land Corporation from June 21, 2018 until current.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct the Former Land Corporation Board members to deliver all the Board meeting minutes and materials related to such from January 1, 2018 to present within two weeks to the Winnebago Tribal Council. Rona Stealer seconded.

DISCUSSION:

John commented: Minutes can be found by the CEO, utilizing the Land Management and Physical Resource Director Ireta Hunter as she was the one that conducted the meetings.

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

Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

18 QUARTS OF CORN THAT TRIBAL COUNCIL PURCHASED:

Lorelei Decora would like to donate the 18 quarts of corn that the Tribal Council paid for to the senior center.

Thelma Whitewater asked if there are any other activities that they will need that for so we are not purchasing again.

Victoria Kitcheyan not aware of any other events.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the Tribal Council secretary take all actions

COMMUNITY NEWS

Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE January 4, 2021

I am grateful and humbled to again be part of the opening week of the Nebraska Legislature. It is a week of time-honored tradition even in the midst of a global pandemic.

With a prayer, the presentation of colors, and the swearing in of newly elected members, the 107th Legislature begins. The welcome looks a bit different this year because of COVID. Family members who usually accompany Senators at their seats will not this year. They will be able to attend and view the proceedings from the balconies. The dividers installed last year to prepare for the July return of the Legislature remain. Senators are socially distanced, and procedures concerning the actual workings of the Legislature may be modified as we begin to deal with "housekeeping."

Time-honored traditions remain. The first order of business, like in opening sessions past, is adoption of temporary rules, election of Officers, election of the Speaker of the Legislature and election of Committee chairpersons. Senators may introduce Bills during the first ten (10) days of Session. If the current tentative schedule stands, that means January 20, 2021.

Watch for other differences this year as we work through the rules and legislation that addresses COVID challenges, a 2-year budget, re-districting following last years' Census, and my own Bill to provide tools to keep the public and Nebraska's law enforcement and other first responders safer.

My office will be experiencing change also. My Legislative Aide Cyndi will be leaving the office for another position within the Capitol. We in the office are happy for this next chapter in Cyndi's career and will miss her.

Bills to be introduced:

Below is a list of some bills I will be introducing in the 2021 Session. As they are introduced and scheduled for hearings, I will provide more details in this column.

My First Responder and Public Safety Bill will address some of the concerns that emerged surrounding officer and public safety during riots this past summer. The bill will define and enact criminal violations related to rioting, inciting or recruiting, or participating in a riot, violence towards law enforcement officers, riot-related vandalism, and blocking public roads.

Erin's Law will require that public schools provide students and staff in K-5 age-appropriate body safety and awareness education to prevent child sexual abuse. Erin's Law has already been adopted in 37 states.

I was approached by a constituent of District 17 to introduce this Bill. My office has visited with many individuals, professionals, and educators who support the Bill.

I also plan to bring the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act. This Bill seeks to limit pornographic material that may be injurious to children or that may promote human trafficking by requiring retailers of internet enabled devices to ensure that their products contain activated filters that block by default websites that are known to facilitate human trafficking or display child pornography, revenge pornography, or X-rated material prior to those sites being enabled by a user.

The Bill also creates a grant fund available for organizations fighting human trafficking.

I will once again introduce the Public Comment at Open Meetings Bill. This Bill will require that members of the public be given the opportunity to speak at any public meeting that is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. This Bill had incredible support at last year's pre-COVID hearing and I expect that same support this year.

Again, it is important to note that each bill must receive a hearing and amendments may be recommended by the Committee and/or added on the floor when the Bill is being debated. I will continue to provide an updated status for constituents on these and other bills as the Session unfolds.

COVID-19 State Response Update.

At his press briefing on January 4, the Governor announced that the number of available hospital beds throughout Nebraska remains strong. As of that date, there are 36% of patient beds available, 36% of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds, and 76% of ventilators available.

The federal government has also responded by providing additional aid to individuals and businesses. Congress passed, and the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The Act provides new stimulus funding of \$600 per person, including children to assist with economic damage and hardship caused by the pandemic. The payment is subject to the same qualifications and income limits of the checks received in early 2020. The Act also provides for Round 2 of Small Business Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding and other programs to assist businesses themselves. PPP funding will be available for businesses that saw a 20% or greater decline in revenues in a quarter of 2020 as measured against the same quarter in 2019. PPP funding available for hospitality industry businesses has been expanded and there are grants available for theaters, museums, concert halls and other venues that have had significant drops in revenue. New application forms for the PPP funding are set to be available by mid-January and the deadline for applications currently appears to be March 31, 2021. Meanwhile, it is likely that compiling the monthly revenue records for each business for 2019 and for 2020 will be most helpful to the application process. For more information on the past and new funding can be found on the SBA's website online at: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/grants>

COVID-19 numbers in District 17

The number of positive tests reported for the periods December 24, 2020, and December 31, 2020 in District 17 are as follow:

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Thurston County:	+36 (911)
Wayne County:	+11 (933)

As always, it is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage you to contact me and I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at 402-471-2716 or by email at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov

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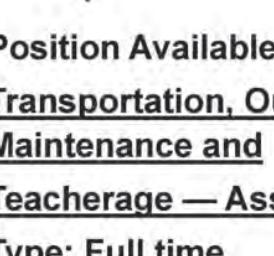
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Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV21-014

In the Matter of the

Estate of:

LEVI DECORA, Deceased,

WILBUR DECORA, Petitioner.

To: CORAL DECORA, SHELLY DOENHOEFER, MIRIAM DECORA, JENNY DECORA, CORNELIUS DECOARA, AND WILLARD DECORA

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) estate in case no. CV21-014 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 18TH day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV21-024

In the Matter of the

Name Change Petition of:

JAMISON N. ROBINSON JR.

to JAMISON N. SMITH

To: JAMISON ROBINSON SR.
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. CV21-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 15TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 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 1-5-21, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.

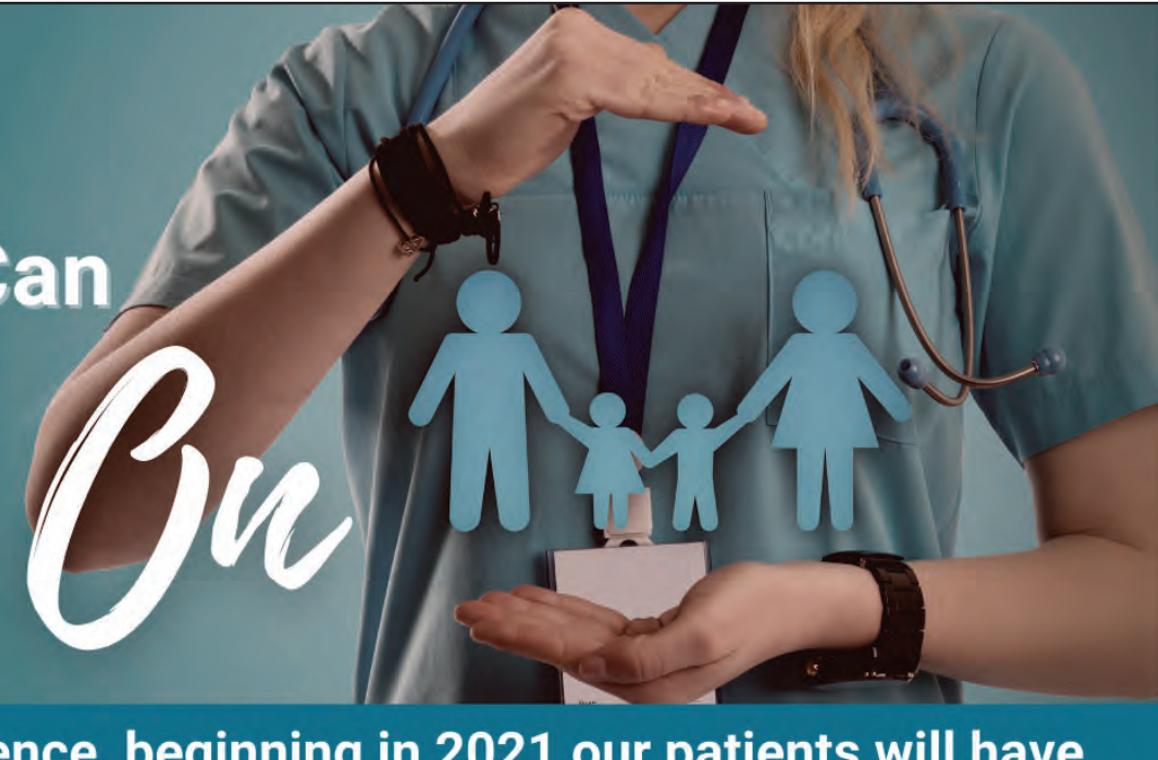


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Savannah Ricehill, 2020 Intern

Blue Earth Marketing



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Pick-up truck

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(nah-ghoo wee-rdah-kah-rdah hee-dah-zhah)

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