



# WINNEBAGO INDIAN

## NEWS

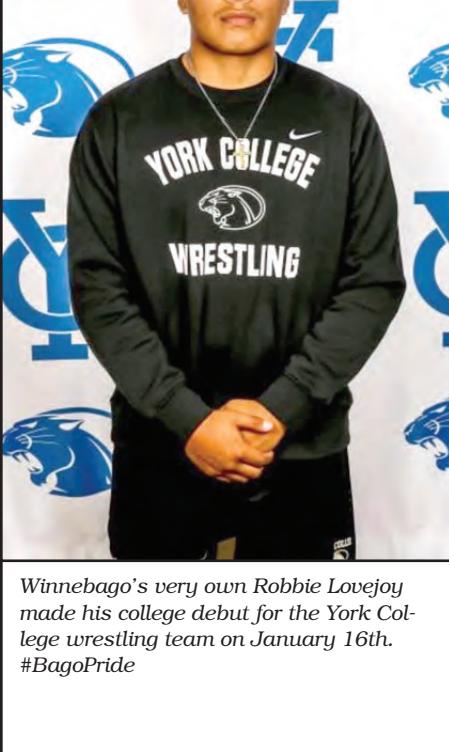
### Bago Bits...



Awesome job to the Winnebago Girls wrestling team for their matches in Battle Creek on January 18th. Zeriah George kept her undefeated record, making it 10-0 for the year! (Photo courtesy of Adam Trammer)



Little Priest Tribal College began their Spring 2021 semester on January 11th. Maintaining social guidelines, here is an inside look at how LPTC is keeping their students safe in the classroom!



Winnebago's very own Robbie Lovejoy made his college debut for the York College wrestling team on January 16th. #BagoPride



One of the current ongoing construction projects in Winnebago is the new Halfway House; here is an updated look at the progress being made.



On January 14th, the Winnebago High School Wrestling team had a home match against GACC and Tri-County! The team also hosted Parent's Night.

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### 2020 Recap: Winnebago's Biggest Moments from 2020



A visual recap of Winnebago's biggest moments in 2020!

#### Winonah Leader Charge

##### January 2020: New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow and Celebration

Community members gathered at the Blackhawk Center on New Year's Eve to bring in the new year with food, dancing and singing.

##### February 2020: STATE CHAMP!!!! Zeriah George First Girl State Champ in Nebraska History

February 1, 2020 Zeriah George became the first girls State Champ in Nebraska history and Winnebago wrestling history. She will be forever etched in Nebraska Wrestling History as the First Ever Girls State Champion. Zeriah has also put her mark on the Winnebago Wrestling program becoming the first State Champ (boys or girls).

##### March 2020: Last Bear Moon Powwow Bigger & Better

The 2nd year of the Last Bear Moon Powwow, there was an increase of attending dancers and singers. They all crowded into the WinnaVegas Event Center on February 29, 2020. It was an event to remember for all who attended. There were "celebrity" dancers and singers in attendance.

##### April 2020: COVID-19 Temporary Curfew Order Goes into Effect for Winnebago

A temporary curfew order was enacted by the Winnebago Tribal Council on April 15, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am daily. The Winnebago Tribal Council found the Temporary Curfew Order necessary to minimize in-person interaction.

##### May 2020: First Death Related to COVID-19 Confirmed in Winnebago

The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System, comprised of the Winnebago Public Health Department (WPHD) and Twelve Clans Unity Hospital (TCUH), announced on May 21, 2020 the first COVID-19 related death occurred in Winnebago.

##### June 2020: WinnaVegas Casino Resort to Reopen June 12 with Safety Protocols

WinnaVegas Casino Resort an-

nounced the reopening and resuming of casino operations at 50% capacity on June 12, 2020.

##### July 2020: 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration

The Winnebago Veteran's Association announced the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration for July 25, 2020 but due to the pandemic, a decision was made by the Winnebago Veteran's Association to postpone the powwow portion of the Homecoming Celebration. This decision was made to ensure the safety of fellow veterans, community members and elders. On September 3, 2020 the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration took place for one day at the Winnebago Veterans Park. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the celebration was a closed community celebration. The powwow was intended for the community of Winnebago and those who lived or worked within the Winnebago Indian Reservation boundaries. Only local Winnebago Tribal members were allowed to participate.

##### August 2020: Tribal Council Removes the Enrollment Moratorium Resolution 2014-114

On July 28, 2020 the Tribal Council voted for the removal of the Enrollment Moratorium Resolution 2014-114 in a dramatic vote. The decision was based on the action being unconstitutional and used the last approved language as amended with Resolution 12-127.

##### September 2020: CELEBRATING the 4th YEAR OF THE INDIAN CORN HARVEST

The Indian Corn program has been successful in many ways by keeping a supply of corn to help sustain the need for the Winnebago community, and teaching the community the entire process of planting Indian corn from the beginning until the end.

##### October 2020: Winnebago Tribal Council First Order of Business was to Amend Drug Testing Policy to Remove Hair Follicle Testing

October 7, 2020, tribal council held a special meeting to address

the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's 'Tribal Council Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Test' policy. In a close 5-4 vote, the tribal council approved a resolution to remove the hair follicle sample requirement from policy. It has been replaced with urine analysis testing.

##### November 2020: WarHorse Gaming: A Bright Future for the Winnebago Tribe

November 3, 2020 was a historic night for the Tribe and the entire state of Nebraska. With the resounding win for initiatives 429, 430 and 431, a bright future has been secured for the Winnebago Tribe.

##### December 2020: CARES Act Funding Update

A description of the overall purpose, expected outputs and outcomes or results of the project or activity funded by the CARES Act funding.

Projects funded by the CARES Act program:

The ATLAS program's food pantry has been generously funded to provide food to the community as well as enhancing its ability to deliver food to those in the community.

Creating the Housing and Utility Assistance program to provide financial relief to Tribal members (both here at home as well as to those living in other areas).

Food security.

IT upgrades for the Tribe so proper social distancing protocols can be observed while protecting the staff and the public, to ensure continuity of services. This helped increase communication, both internally for Tribal operations and public awareness.

Funds provided to local schools to help slow the virus as well as providing funds to the hospital to purchase equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Sanitation of buildings.

Road infrastructure improvements.

Quarantine & Isolation Housing.

# BAGO NEWS

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## Summer Internship Program

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

**March 1, 2021 DEADLINE TO APPLY**

**July 30, 2021 INTERNSHIP ENDS**

**May 17, 2021 INTERNSHIP BEGINS**

Contact Felicia Masquat at [fmasquat@hochunkinc.com](mailto:fmasquat@hochunkinc.com) for more information.

## Stopping the COVID-19 Pandemic Is Going to Take **All** of Our Tools



**Get Vaccinated**



**Wear A Mask**



**Wash Your Hands**



**Stay 6 Feet Apart**

Our best chance for getting back to our normal traditions, family gatherings, and community means we must use all the tools available to fight COVID-19.

**#WinnebagoStrong**

**Starting @ 9am to ??? NO MASK! NO SERVICE!** **Starting @ 9am to ???**

### Community Wellness Event

## FOOD DRIVE

**January 28, 2021**

**\*\*Items Needed\*\***

- Canned fish and lean meats. Canned salmon, tuna, and chicken are high in protein and provide a great base for healthy meals.
- Peanut butter / other nut butters
- Healthy soups and stews
- Whole grain breakfast cereals
- Canned or dried beans
- Condiments and Spices
- Canola and olive oil Sprays
- Dried fruits and vegetables
- Nuts and seeds
- Grains
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Jerky
- Pasta sauce and canned tomatoes
- Shelf-stable milk

**Location:**  
**Atlas Program Parking Lot**  
**Winnebago, NE**  
**9 am to ???**

**Make 1 donation of a non-perishable item for 1 incentive**

**Make 2 donations of a non-perishable items for 2 incentives**

**Incentive items will be His or Hers mask & hat T-shirts designed by Health Education**

**First Come, First Serve**

**While supplies last!!!**

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**Updated 1.19.2021**

**PRIORITY GROUPS (IN ORDER):**  
Healthcare Workers  
Non-Healthcare Essential Workers  
Adults 65 Years and Older  
Adults with Chronic Disease  
General Community Members



**WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

## WINNEBAGO COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

As of 1/19/21, the WPHD is offering the COVID-19 vaccine to existing patients 65 years of age and older who meet all the following criteria:

- Must live within the Winnebago Service Delivery Area (Winnebago Reservation, Dakota County, Dixon County, Woodbury County, or City of Wayne, NE).
- Be an active patient at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital and/or the Winnebago Public Health Department.
- Be willing to receive the initial vaccine AND booster vaccine 3 weeks later.

**TO SIGN-UP FOR AN APPOINTMENT, CALL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AT (402) 878-2258.**

**Sign-up for the vaccine waiting list at [www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList)**

*Initial supplies are limited. Availability will be opening up to remaining priority groups as supplies become available.*

**Winnebago Public Health Department** **TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL**

## 2021 Winnebago Tribal Calendar

**Coming Soon**

**Wiwoikarpap Ho-ak Nipoo Had**  
The Winnebago Tribal Calendar  
2021

**Sponsored by:**  
Ho-Chunk Government  


**Community Questions**

Friday, January 15th, 2021

- 1.) How many people in Winnebago have been re-infected with COVID-19?  
At this time, we have no individuals that have tested positive and have been noted to have been re-infected. We are monitoring for this and will notify the community if there has been a reinfection.
- 2.) If you get the vaccine can you still spread COVID-19?  
It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Pfizer and Moderna, the companies that developed the vaccines authorized in the U.S. so far, say their vaccines are about 95% effective at preventing people from getting sick with Covid symptoms. But there's not enough evidence yet on whether the vaccines also prevent asymptomatic infection and transmission.
- 3.) Does the COVID-19 vaccine change your DNA?  
No. COVID-19 mRNA vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way. Messenger RNA vaccines—also called mRNA vaccines—are the first COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. The mRNA from a COVID-19 vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept. This means the mRNA cannot affect or interact with our DNA in any way. Instead, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease.
- 4.) I'm out of the area but a tribal member. Am I still eligible to get the vaccine?  
The health department is administering the vaccines to essential workers, community members and those that receive PRC services from our area. You can call the PHN Department at (402) 878-2258 to check if you fall within any of the current distribution phases. Next week we will be launching a web-based waiting list that you can sign up through.

**Community Questions**

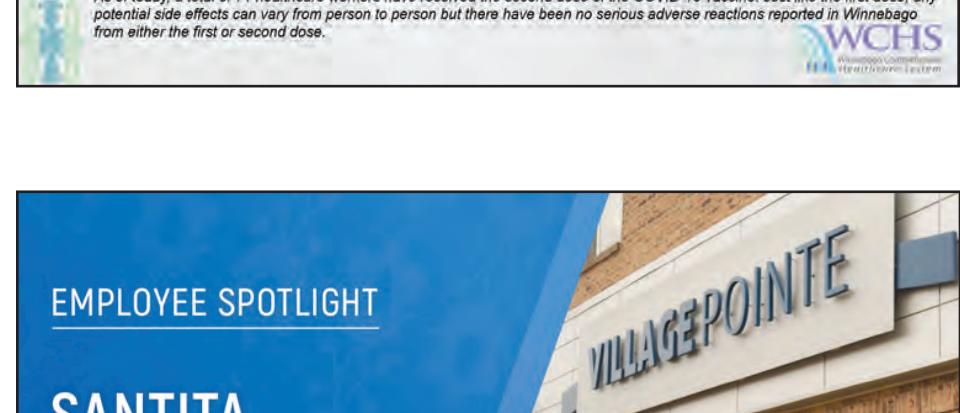
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- 5.) How do I set up my appointment to get my vaccine?  
If you are 65 years and older you can call the PHN office at 402-878-2258. We will be posting on our Facebook page which group that we are on and are working as quickly as possible.
- 6.) What do the health officials recommend for COVID-19 remorse? One of my family members feels guilty giving it to another family member, almost suicidal with guilt.  
For any behavioral health issues, we recommend reaching out to the Behavioral Health team at the WPHD at 402-878-2911. After the initial session, follow up sessions can be performed by teletherapy, if desired. If you or a family member is having a crisis or emergency after hours, please call 712-259-3263. The Suicide Prevention Hotline is also available at 800-273-8255.
- 7.) Why is the vaccine clinics being done at the school? I am concerned with our youth's safety and with everyone coming into the school.  
There is no contact with any of the children at the school during the COVID-19 vaccination clinics. We are using a separate entrance and the community members are coming in and out through one door. We have someone watching the doors and interacting with anyone that comes in that area. The school location has the best access with parking and enough space to hold the clinic so people can still physically distance. The set up within the gym allows limited traffic to one door and reduces the chance of people leaving before their recovery time has been reached. If an issue with the location is brought to our attention, we will review it immediately and adapt, as necessary. The WPHD vaccination team also discusses any issues and challenges after each clinic and makes improvements for the next clinic.
- 8.) Has anyone in Winnebago received the second dose yet? I heard that one is bad.  
As of today, a total of 71 healthcare workers have received the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Just like the first dose, any potential side effects can vary from person to person but there have been no serious adverse reactions reported in Winnebago from either the first or second dose.

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# TRIBAL NEWS

## Winnebago Tribal Member Hand Picked to Serve Under President Biden Administration

Ho-Chunk, Inc.



Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland as secretary of the interior, which is head of the agency. Upon confirmation, Haaland would be the first Native American (she's a member of the Pueblo of Laguna) to run DOI, and first Native cabinet member ever.

"The significance of her appointment to me personally and to all of Indian Country cannot be overstated. I'm honored to be a part of that," Ann Marie said.

In addition to her role at Ho-Chunk, Inc., Ann Marie has been Professor of Practice and Director of the Indian Gaming and Tribal Self-Governance Programs at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (ASU).

She previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Ann Marie grew up in Winnebago, attending Winnebago Public School and then graduating from Wayne State College in Nebraska. She later served as President of Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago.

Thank you, Ann Marie! We appreciate your dedication to serving Native communities, including Winnebago.

We'll miss working with you, but excited for the future!

*Learn more: <https://on.doi.gov/3pfQZn7>*

A historic day for the nation but also for the Winnebago Tribe. Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes will be joining the Biden Administration as the Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs.

Ann Marie is an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe and has been Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Executive Vice President of Community Impact and Engagement for the past 4 years.

In her new role, Ann Marie will be the Indian Affairs legal team lead at the Department of the Interior.

President Biden has nominated New

## Winnebago Elders Find Hope in the Covid-19 Vaccine: Winnebago Public Health Department Finds Vaccine Clinics Successful



Pictured is Winnebago Tribal elder Jack LaMere, a retired Veteran and commander of the Winnebago America Auxiliary Legion Post, and Winnebago Tribal Elder Viola Rave LaPointe, who will be turning 90 in February!

### Winonah Leader Charge

On January 13th, the Winnebago Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic was held at the Winnebago Public School in the gymnasium. The vaccination clinic was a part of an ongoing series of clinics for the Winnebago community, currently focusing on non-healthcare essential workers and Winnebago Elders who are 65 years and older. The Winnebago Public Health Department made it a priority to get the vaccine to the Elders, Spiritual Leaders, and Language Speakers.

"Our elders and cultural knowledge holders are very sacred to our people. It is important that we protect them" said Garan Coons the Communications Officer for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Coons attended the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic and was able to document 2 elders during their experience with their COVID-19 vaccine. The short film titled 'Elder Power' can be viewed on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

The elders of Winnebago received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine COVID-19 vaccine. "I wasn't going to get it when I first heard about it. I told my girls I am too old to get it, give it to somebody else but I have a sister-in-law that is older than I am, and she said if I didn't get it, she wasn't going to get it. So, that is what made me change my mind" shared Viola Rave LaPointe, who will be turning 90 in February.

"I think we should all do our part and solve the problem by getting vaccinated from it. I think that is one of the big steps...It's a deadly virus so I figure it's time to help fight it" said Jack Lamere a retired veteran and commander of the Winnebago America Auxiliary Legion Post.

On January 7th, the second round of vaccinations (also known as booster shots) were administered to the essential healthcare workers and those living in long term assisted living facilities. The COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series that is given three weeks apart.

"I would like to reiterate the importance of pushing through the side effects. I hear people say they are scared because they know others who had flu-like symptoms after getting the vaccine. The side effects only last a few days for some and others experienced no side effects at all. The vaccine is a teacher, it is teaching our body how to respond to this virus. If we push through a few days of side effects, it will be worth it. My experience with the first vaccine was great! I did not really feel side effects other than soreness at the injection site. After the second dose, I did feel fatigue, and muscle aches. I

pushed through the first day without taking Ibuprofen so I could get the best response from the vaccine as my immune system learned how to fight. On day 2, I took Ibuprofen because the muscle aches were intense. By day 3 I felt perfectly fine. I know people who suffered with COVID-19. I figured a few days of aches and fatigue were well worth it" shared Winnebago Public Health Department's Diabetes Director, Camilla Barajas (RN, BSN, CDE).

"My second shot the side effects were decreased then from the first one and I haven't had any problems since the day after. The vaccinations are going amazing. Each clinic gets better and bigger. We have really worked out any kinks and have increased to our largest clinic today of 270 people. It has been amazing that I have been able to witness all our prayers coming true with the administering of the vaccine. Each community member or essential worker that steps forward is in essence saying that they want to be a part of the solution and fight this virus in their own way" said Winnebago Public Health Administrator and EMT, Mona Zuffante.

In the CDC distribution plan, the first phase of vaccinations went to healthcare workers and those living in long term assisted living facilities. The second phase is for non-healthcare essential workers and adults over the age of 65. The third phase is for adults with a chronic disease. The remaining phases will cover the general community who are 16 years old and over. These phases ensure the vaccine gets to those who are at the highest risk for exposure.

1 new COVID-19 positive case was reported in the Winnebago community as of Wednesday, January 13th. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is at 317. Reports indicate that 303 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. There are currently 9 active cases and 17 families in quarantine.

150 vaccines were administered at last week's COVID-19 Winnebago Community Vaccination Clinic for community members, non-healthcare essential workers, and elders 65 years and older. During this week's vaccination clinic, the Winnebago Public Health Department is aiming to administer 270 vaccines. In total, that would make 737 initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that have been given in Winnebago.

For additional vaccine information and to sign-up for the vaccine waiting list, please visit: [www.winnebagopublichealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.winnebagopublichealth.com/VaccineWaitingList).

Winnebago Elders 65 and older who are interested in receiving the vaccine can also call the Public Health Nursing Department at 402-878-2258 during regular business hours.

## Hocak Corner

### Wanaišguni

(wah-nysh-goo-nee)

Wellness

### Hepši

(hayp-shee)

Sneeze

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Lance Morgan

I have worked as a lawyer and CEO for the Winnebago Tribe for most of my professional career. One of the most common complaints I have heard during that time from non-Indians in our area is that the Tribe does not pay property taxes. This has been the excuse for withholding a variety of local services from our community over the years.

Most tribal land is held in a federal trust land status, which restricts the state government from imposing property taxes. The trust land system was set up in the 1880's because the state governments had been abusing the property tax system to take tribal land.

Most people know tribal people suffer from poverty, but they do not understand why tribes have been so poor for so long. Establishing trust land stopped tax-oriented land seizures, but it had a terrible side effect for tribes. It essentially froze the tribes' primary economic asset—their land. In the case of the Winnebago Tribe, trust land is the leading reason we have been subjected to seven generations of abject poverty.

Local critics of tribe's only see that we do not pay property taxes on trust land and worry we are not paying our fair share. However, if you examine trust land from a tribal viewpoint it may change your perspective. Trust

land prevents tribes from using property taxes to fund their own tribal governments. Tribes have been reduced to begging for funding from the federal and state governments to fund their roads, schools, or economic developments.

Trust land also cannot be used as collateral. Trust land killed homeownership because tribal members could not get a home mortgage on trust land. It also killed tribal members ability to farm because they could not use their own land as collateral to borrow money to plant their crops. Trust land killed entrepreneurship because aspiring businesspeople could not leverage their homes or land to fund a start-up. Tribes did not ask for trust land, it was supposed to be a 20-year stop gap measure to prevent abusive land seizures, but it still persists today as a major economic impediment to growth.

This cycle of poverty was broken by the Winnebago Tribe when they opened a small casino near Sloan, Iowa in the 1992. The tribe used some of its new proceeds to start the company I run, Ho-Chunk, Inc.

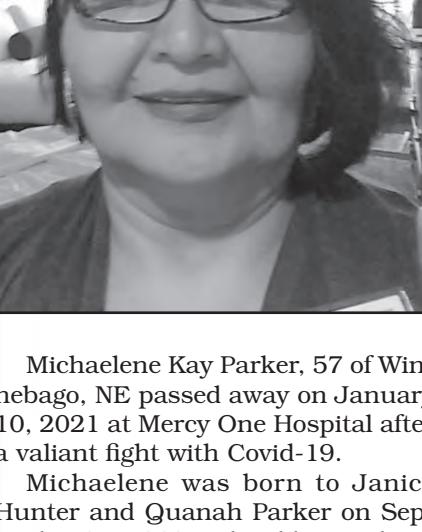
Ho-Chunk, Inc. is one of the entities behind the Keep the Money in Nebraska campaign that authorized gaming for the Nebraska horse racing tracks. Our economic studies predict that our efforts will product about \$100 million in state tax dollars of which approximately \$70 million will go into a newly established state property tax relief fund.

I used to push back on local critics about tribe's not paying property tax on trust land by pointing out that our economic growth actually made us one of the largest property taxpayers in our local area. I now cannot wait to point out that the Winnebago Tribe will now indirectly be the largest property taxpayer in the entire State of Nebraska.

I tend to be optimistic about the Winnebago Tribe's future, but I have to admit that I never saw this one coming. In one generation, the Winnebago Tribe has evolved out of extreme poverty by leveraging a small casino to build a large corporate entity, which will soon be the largest property taxpayer in the state. You really cannot make this stuff up. As they say: "Only in (Native) America."

## In Loving Memory...

### Michaelene Kay Parker



Michaelene Kay Parker, 57 of Winnebago, NE passed away on January 10, 2021 at Mercy One Hospital after a valiant fight with Covid-19.

Michaelene was born to Janice Hunter and Quanah Parker on September 27, 1963 at the old Winnebago IHS Hospital. She was enrolled in the Winnebago Tribe and a member of the Thunder Clan. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Winnebago Wake and Burial program. Services will be held at the HoChunk Center in Winnebago, NE with Frank and Elizabeth White in charge. Visitation is now until the services on January 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

On her father's side, Michaelene was a descendant of the Omaha Tribe. Michaelene's Hochunk name was Nizu Mani Wiga, Walking in the Rain. She grew up in Winnebago and graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko Oklahoma. Always curious, Michaelene attended college at Northeast Community College, Nebraska Indian Community College, and Western Iowa Technical College where she enjoyed taking various classes in cosmetology and business.

In 1985 Michaelene married Vernon "Mike" Maxwell. They made their home in Winnebago and Homer, NE. They later divorced. Michaelene was a long time employee of the Winnebago Tribe, working in several departments and making many friends along the way. Michaelene loved to bead and has a great eye for color. She was very fashionable and made sure

she had good eyebrows and worked hard to have nice nails. Michaelene thoroughly enjoyed visiting with friends and relatives, often staying for extended visits and would make herself at home so much that the littlest relatives would claim her as their grandma. She was known for her laughter and huge smile that could light up the room.

Michaelene was especially close with Mauna God and spent many hours in prayer. She grew up in the Dutch Reformed Church, and the Native American Church. Michaelene enjoyed going into the sweat lodge with her uncles and family from her Omaha side. Never one to shy away from the truth, Michaelene freely shared her battles with addiction and how staying in prayer and recovery truly saved her. These last several years have been a blessing to the family and we are so thankful to Mauna for her sobriety.

Michaelene's absolute pride and joy were her three sons and grandchildren. She spoke about them often and prayed for their lives to be happy and fulfilling. She was very willing to show you pictures or talk about the boys and their sports or the girls dancing. During his high school years Michaelene could be found on the sidelines cheering on her oldest grandson during football season.

Michaelene is survived by her sons, William (Samantha) Hunter Maxwell of Homer, NE, Jake Lee Maxwell of Winnebago NE, Vernon (Jessi) Maxwell of Sioux City, IA, grandchildren Bradyn, Eli, Edyn, Charlsie, August, Chase, Londyn, Haivyn, and Evynn. Her siblings, Dean Hunter of Sioux City IA, Sheldon Michael Hunter of Fort Calhoun NE, Everett Bear of Denver CO, Evan Bear of Eagle Butte SD, Jamie Parker of Macy NE, Jennie Parker of South Sioux City NE, Jean Parker of Winnebago NE, Jolene Parker of Sioux City IA, her Nani Louis Mae Hunter of Winnebago, NE and many beautiful nieces and handsome nephews, extended and adopted family members and her entire faith and recovery family.

Michaelene was preceded in death by her parents, Janice and Quanah Parker, grandmother Louise Rogue Hittle, and brother Justin Parker.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



### "Conformed or Transformed?"

I get a kick out of those commercials about turning into one's parents. Parental-life coach Dr. Rick admits that it happens to all of us. Try as we might as a teenager or young adult to not be like our mom or dad we hear ourselves saying things that our parents said to us.

Sometimes though we rebel to the point of deliberately acting in a way that is contrary to what we have been taught. The WARNINGS of our parents go unheeded. Teens often do not follow their parents or grandparents advice and they end up conforming to the world around them.

Many have had to endure growing up or living in a house with an abusive, or an alcoholic or drug addicted parent. Many pledge that they would never have their child or children experience this type of pain and suffering. And then their child ends up dealing with similar suffering and pain.

This brings me to the words of Paul, inspired by God's Spirit, that he wrote to those loved by Creator God and called to be saints in Rome. We turn to the twelfth chapter: 'I therefore urge you, brothers, through the mercies of God to present your bodies [as] a sacrifice, living, holy, [and] well-pleasing to God, [which is] your reasonable worship. And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind so that you may test and discern what [is] good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God' [Romans 12:1-8 (CPH - Middendorf translation)].

Paul exhorts these brothers, and sisters in Christ, not to be conformed to this age - this wicked age of rebellious

and Wo-wonk actions that go against the ways of Mauna and inflict suffering on one's self, one's family, friends and others. Instead, by the grace of Mauna and the work of the Holy Spirit, to be transformed.

You might wonder how is one transformed? One is transformed by the renewing of the mind through the hearing and the meditating on the Word of God. God's Spirit works from the inside out so that one first knows what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God. The Spirit of God then empowers one to do the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

This will of God is to love Mauna with all one's heart, mind, soul and strength. This will of God is to love one's neighbor, all those whom one encounters, as one's self.

Those who have conformed to this age are in opposition to those who have, by the grace of God, been transformed. Those who have conformed to this age make fun of those who are transformed.

Those who have been transformed struggle with the temptation to go back to the ways of conforming to this age. So, sometimes it is difficult to discern who has in fact been transformed. That is why there is a need for daily repentance and seeking God's Spirit to assist the follower of Christ alone one's road of life.

A good spiritual life coach exhorts you to not be like your parents if they have or had been conformed to the world. A good spiritual life coach exhorts you to be like your parents or grandparents if they have or had been transformed by the Spirit of Mauna.

## Corona Shot

Today (Jan 13) I went down to the High school gym to get a Corona shot... wait, I should say to get a corona virus shot. It was an awesome sight and feeling to see all the frontline workers who were administering the shots to the residents of Winnebago and the surrounding area. I thought to myself, how many communities our size or even much larger have the professional health-care providers to meet the needs of their people? I hope we can all share a sense of gratitude for those everyday front-liners.

When I was a previous council member advocating for our hospital to be under the control and supervision of the Winnebago Tribe, I always used the phrase of "We as a tribe have programs that take care of our people from the cradle to the grave". What did I mean? It all starts with pre-natal programs, early infant care, early development (under the watchful eye of Educare), on to Whirling Thunder and Boys and Girls Club after school activities, then to High School then College. No one is left behind or left out when it comes to opportunities. One just has to want it bad enough.

The tribe's healthcare programs consists of 11 different departments, CHR, Dental, EMS, Vision, Audiology, alcohol program, substance abuse, senior citizen's center, Senior housing, Podiatry and a first class wake and burial program that puts our relatives to rest in a respectful manner regard-

less of one's faith. So this is what I mean when I say "we take care of our people from the cradle to the grave". Yes, the stakes are high for good healthcare for our people, but so are the goals of our health care workers.

Let me go on a little more now that I'm on a roll. I believe the gaming initiative that passed this November will be a game changer for this tribe. Those who were responsible for this piece of legislation need our full support and blessing and encouragement. This will open many doors to greater prosperity for this tribe.

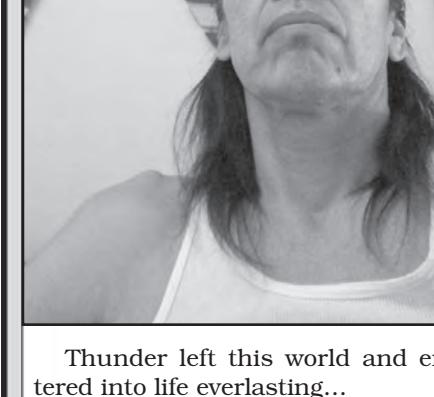
I also believe as a tribal member we need to reclaim, re-establish and remove the land management operations from the BIA offices. This should have never happened in the first place. Why are we accepting chump-change when we could be receiving nice dividends through our own operations in farming? The BIA is a ghost of the past, it serves no purpose for tribes today. I would like to know where the NNGA's lease money goes...

In closing, I have always admired the Wisconsin Winnebago's and their business savvy in the state of Wisconsin. They are recognized and respected throughout the state and are a household name in the state of Wisconsin. We as a tribe are capable of the same, but are we capable of setting aside our hate of others?

Kenny Mallory

## Llewellyn Thomas Walker Sr. "Thunder"

July 16, 1963 – December 4, 2020



Thunder left this world and entered into life everlasting...

Thunder was born on a "thunderous" rainy night, July 16, 1963 to Thomas & Neola Walker. Survivors are brother's Richard T. Walker, wife Barbara. Emmett E Walker Jr. Sister, Twila Redfeather husband Arnold. Surviving children, Amberle

Walker, LaVerne Ca. Olivia Walker, Winnebago, Ne. Richard Walker II, Winnebago, Ne. Mister Walker, Wisconsin Dells, Wi. Triston Lovejoy Walker, Omaha, Ne. Llewellyn (Haga) Walker Jr. Winnebago, Ne. Numerous Nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by, Parents: Thomas and Neola Walker, Brothers: Michael and Garrette Walker. 1 Son, Chop chup ka ga Walker, 1 Niece, Kimberly Walker, 1 nephew, Michael Walker Jr. Grand parents: Tom and Alice Earth. Thomas Walker Sr. and Lena Green.

Thunder served in the US Army, honorably discharged. Lived in numerous places. Was a very good ball player, basketball, soft ball, hard ball, fast pitch and pool shark @ a young age, starting @ Bonanza Bar.

Thunder attended schools @ St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago Public School and Flan-dreau Indian School. Graduated from Morningside College in 1989.

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 28, 2020**

### **TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Brian Chamberlain

John Snowball

Thelma Whitewater

Louis LaRose

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brandon Stout

### **TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Coly Brown (leave)

Aric Armell (leave)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Adding ratifying five-signatures numbers 15, 16, 17, 18 and HCI Board Update.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

12-9-20 CEO Report minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the December 9, 2020 CEO Report Minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

12-11-20 Regular Tribal Council minutes

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the December 11, 2020 Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

### **RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**

Adopt resolution #21-35; No kid hungry

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-35: No Kid Hungry. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Approve one time assistance for \$486.06, D. Blain

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the one time assistance for \$486.06, D. Blain and to raise the amount to \$682.94. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-36; Land purchase – Linda Appleton

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-36: Land Purchase – Linda Appleton. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-37; Land purchase - Perry Carrion

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-37: Land Purchase – Perry Carrion. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-38; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 360L, Asa White

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-38: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 360L, Asa White. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-39; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 802-2&4, Thomas Ricehill

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-39: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 802-2&4, Thomas Ricehill. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-40; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 122L-1, James Horn; Allotment 597, Jamison Hawk; Allotment 2011 , Henry Rogue

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-40; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 122L-1, James Horn; Allotment 597, Jamison Hawk; Allotment 2011, Henry Rogue. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-41; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 136L, Charles Mix

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-41; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 136L, Charles Mix. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-42; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 411, Henry Jefferson

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-42: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 411, Henry Jefferson. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-43; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 896, Mary Priest

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-43: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 896, Mary Priest. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-44; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 981-A, B, C, Jumpgechayraywinka

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-44: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 981-A, B, C, Jumpgechayraywinka. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-45; Agricultural Lease – Allotment 956, John Fourcloud; Allotment 957, George Fourcloud

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-45: Agricultural Lease – Allotment 956, John Fourcloud; Allotment 957, George Fourcloud. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-46; Land purchase – Sheila Snow

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-46: Land purchase – Sheila Snow. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-47; Land purchase – Kayleen Brown

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-47: Land purchase – Kayleen Brown. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-48: Approve Frank Pommersheim, Associate Judge Independent Contract.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-48: Approve Frank Pommersheim, Associate Judge Independent Contract. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-49: Approve James Botsford, Associate Justice Independent Contract

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-49: Approve James Botsford, Associate Justice Independent Contract. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-50: Approve Melissa Oestmann, Legal Services for Child Support Enforcement Independent Contract

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-50: Approve Melissa Oestmann, Legal Services for Child Support Enforcement Independent Contract. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-51: Approve Robert Clinton, Chief Judge Independent Contract

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-51: Approve Robert Clinton, Chief Judge Independent Contract. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-52: Approve Esther Mercer, Clerk of the Court

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-52: Approve Esther Mercer, Clerk of the Court. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-53: Approve Billie Kitcheyan, Secretary

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-53: Approve Billie Kitcheyan, Secretary. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-54: Approve Thelma Whitewater, Treasurer

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-54: Approve Thelma Whitewater, Treasurer. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-55: Approve Aric Armell, Auditor

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-55: Approve Aric Armell, Auditor. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF JENNIFER BEAR EAGLE – Introduction only.**

IOWA LAND LEGISLATION UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS – DANIELLE SMITH, WENDY HELGEMO

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct Chairwoman Kitcheyan in working with the General Counsel to follow-up on next steps (A, B, & C) regarding the Iowa Land Legislation as presented by General Counsel. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

OBJECT: Thelma Whitewater

VOTE: (5) yes, LLR, LD, RS, BC (1) no, TW (0) abstain Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain brought to the attention that the annexation of the roads to WinnaVegas was brought up during the flood, and still needs follow-up. D. Smith said this will be placed on the next General Counsel meeting.

### **TRIBAL HEMP COMMISSION-**

Jennifer Bear Eagle met with the Hemp E Conservation group and revised Code E Plan to USDA. USDA approved getting regulations in place. Developing a memorandum.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct General Counsel to continue developing Hemp with the Hemp E Conservation Group. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

### **RADIO STATION TOWER –**

Ernie Sanchez provides a background. Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has a FCC License authorizing Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to operate a Station. Relocated equipment from Allen, NE so Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska can receive the signal.

Further discussion followed.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to table the radio station issue until next General Counsel for further review. Louis LaRose seconded.

\*memo and writing of options to be reviewed by Tribal Council prior to meeting.

(John Snowball stepped away and did not vote)

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

### **CODE REVISIONS:**

#### **ELECTION CODE:**

Lorelei DeCora motioned by the General Election, the tribal members can vote for total number of vacancies, whether unexpired or expired vacancies. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, LD, BC, LLR (3) no, TW, JSB, RS (0) abstain

Chairwoman Kitcheyan votes yes to break tie.

FINAL VOTE: (4) yes, LD, BC, LLR, VK (3) no, TW, JSB, RS (0) abstain Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain states; we can still amend this motion.

-Special Election January 4, 2021

Brian Chamberlain motions to place on the table the Special Election Resolution for January 4, 2021. John Snowball seconded.

Discussion followed.

-vote of the people to determine the qualified individual

-can General Counsel revise but not call it a Special Election

-provide a resolution: Creating within the code, a mechanism to fill a vacancy.

VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, TW, BC, LLR (2) no, LD, RS (0) abstain Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the General Counsel to bring forward Election Code Revisions as discussed. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

### **ETHICS CODE: needs work, clarify "removal", who does what role. Ethics complaints, How the court is to be used in this.**

METH CODE: dated 2018. Need to educate our members on where to get them treatment. Or where do they go when displaced. What about the code and how the court rules on Meth Issues. Is there a METH task force?

Louis LaRose motioned to direct General Counsel to follow up on the METH Code. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

### **ENROLLMENT CODE: Issues, Memo of History. Secretarial Election.**

-Education for Tribal Members and for Enrollment Committee.

Jennifer Bear Eagle states; can resend the Memo to the Tribal Council. Can assist with education on what the Constitution or Code says now.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE January 15, 2021

One of the most important bills I am presenting to the Legislature this year is LB111, the First Responders and Public Protection Bill. The Bill will address some of the concerns that emerged surrounding officer and public safety during riots this past summer. It will define and enact criminal violations related to rioting, inciting or recruiting, or participating in a riot, violence toward first responders, riot-related vandalism and blocking public roads.

I feel privileged to introduce legislation that will secure the safety of those who put their lives at risk, so the rest of us have the privilege to live without fear of danger. They include police officers, firefighters, emergency care providers, probation officers, Correctional Services employees, and Health and Human Services employees. I have been receiving a growing number of responses from supporters, those in opposition, and the media about the bill.

Ronald Reagan said, "We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." In a culture that has growing confusion about responsibility and accountability, I find President Reagan's quote a good reminder. We are each responsible for our actions and behaviors. What I say, do and think is my responsibility. I'm so thankful to live in the great state of Nebraska where we uphold the values of freedom, responsibility and holding each individual accountable.

### New Legislation

LB280- Insurance Corporation- As the law currently stands, any insurance company that provides insurance in the state of Nebraska must have at least one member of their board of directors residing in Nebraska. In other words, any new insurance company who might be considering bringing jobs and business to Nebraska, might find it a deterrent that they would have to either add a Nebraska resident to their board of directors, or move one of their current directors to the state. I believe this is potentially an inhibitor to economic development in our state.

LB281- Erin's Law- The purpose of this Bill is to require that public schools provide four hours of body awareness training to students in K through 5, and teacher training as a preventative method for helping reduce incidents of child sexual abuse. This is an extremely appropriate curriculum and is in no way a sex education class. It simply helps children understand that no one should touch them anywhere that makes them feel uncomfortable. It also gives children who might be experiencing abuse, a voice, where they could safely go and share that they need help.

LB282- Repeal Obscenity Exemption- Laws have been in place for decades that make it illegal for an adult to expose a child to pornographic or obscene material. An example of this is that children under 18 cannot attend R rated movies. There is an exemption however, for an adult in an education setting. Currently an adult in an educational environment cannot be prosecuted when a minor under their supervision is exposed to obscenity. This Bill would close that loophole and

assure that a child would be protected in a school environment from any intentional harm.

LB325- Art Therapy Bill- This bill is designed to provide Nebraskans with the best possible care and protect the welfare of vulnerable populations by certifying they are receiving professional, art-based therapeutic treatment. Also, to delineate the professional title of "Art Therapist" as a distinct and separate mental health and behavioral profession, credentialed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Maintaining Confidence in Nebraska's Election Process

Last week I shared that I am doing some deep investigations into the security and integrity of Nebraska's election processes. I want to make sure that the people in District 17 know that they can be completely confident that the elections across our state

This week I met with Bob Evnau and Wayne Bena, from the Secretary of State's office to learn every step in Nebraska's election process. It has been extremely informative to see great lengths were taken in the process to see that our elections are thoroughly run with precision and excellence! In fact, I am so impressed that I am going to be introducing a Resolution, inviting every representative in Nebraska's Legislature to thank the great folks across the state who once again delivered an excellent election process, especially in the middle of a pandemic!

### COVID-19

It is my hope and prayer that you and your family are remaining healthy during this time. As more people are contracting Covid-19, I am grateful for the excellence of District 17's Health Departments, Emergency Managers and everyone involved with providing great healthcare to our residence.

In Governor Ricketts State of the State Address on Thursday he informed us that, "The federal government has invested over \$10 billion in aid into our state. The State steered federal coronavirus relief towards \$411 million in grants for Nebraska's businesses and family farms. We also provided over \$80 million to aid non-profit and community-based organizations ranging from food banks to childcare providers."

According to the Omaha World Herald, Nebraska will start vaccinating anyone 65 years and older as part of its next phase in administering the COVID-19 vaccine. A top official in Nebraska's vaccine effort cautioned that the shifting priority will add some 300,000 to 400,000 people to the next vaccine group, so it will take cooperation from everyone as we begin to vaccinate our citizens.

The number of positive tests reported for the periods January 8, 2021, and January 14, 2021 in District 17 are as follow:

Dakota County +24 (3678)

Thurston County: +66 (977)

Wayne County: +18 (971)

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.

## Attorney General Peterson joins 50 Attorneys General in Condemning Attack on the U.S. Capitol

LINCOLN, NE — Attorney General Peterson today joined a bipartisan coalition of 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia, in sending a letter to Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen condemning the January 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and stating such actions cannot be allowed to go unchecked.

The letter, led by Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, and Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson, reads:

"We, the undersigned state attorneys general, are committed to the protection of public safety, the rule of law, and the U.S. Constitution. We are appalled that on January 6, 2021, rioters invaded the U.S. Capitol, defaced the building, and engaged in a range of criminal conduct—including unlawful entry, theft, destruction of U.S. government property, and assault. Worst of all, the riot resulted in the deaths of individuals, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer, and others were physically injured. Beyond these harms, the rioters' actions temporarily paused government business of the most sacred sort in our system—certifying the result of a presidential election.

We all just witnessed a very dark day in America. The events of January 6 represent a direct, physical challenge to the rule of law and our democratic republic itself. Together, we will continue to do our part to repair the damage done to institutions and build a more perfect union. As Americans, and those charged with enforcing the law, we must come together to condemn lawless violence, making clear that such actions will not be allowed to go unchecked.

Thank you for your consideration of and work on this crucial priority."

Nebraska was joined by the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

## Thurston County Roads Department

Notice: Thurston County Roads is taking applications for a County Highway Superintendent. Class A License required.

Please send applications to Thurston County Clerk, PO Box 159 Pender, NE 68047.

Equal Opportunity Employer  
Veterans preferred

Any questions please feel free to call the County Clerk's office at  
402-385-2343

Thank,  
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy Co. Clerk

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Sincerely,

Winonah Leader Charge  
Winnebago Indian News Editor

I refuse to allow the Angel of death make me admit defeat.  
I am a warrior. I am eagle clan. I am maxihamanigooga, an eagle standing in the clouds. Army Veteran. Honorable discharge. Choka, Jaji, Wonk shik was ho sha, ma ne pe', wonk Ja'n ka, wo wonk idate.

Written by "Thunder Walker"

The family of Llewellyn Walker Sr. (Thunder) would like to thank every one who had a helping hand in our time of need. We are eternally grateful.

Dallas Bearskin, you did a amazing job, thank you very much. Too your fireman, Jarred Frazier, you are always around to help our family, thank you for being there.

Our Sister Cindy Earth, and your helpers, thank you very much. Meals were delicious as always, medicine for our hearts, body and soul.

Robin Bear thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we know this was very hard for you, you were always a good friend to Thunder.

God bless each and everyone....may he keep you in the hollow of his hand.

Stay safe....

The Family of Thunder Walker

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. JFJ21-005

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:

N. G. (Born 1/2021)

To: SHANELLE HORN, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-005 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 16TH day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Next

WIN

Deadline:

February

2nd

**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...*

Emily Mejia-Lopez, 34 –

Charged with dangerous drug offense and/or possession of a dangerous drug

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

November report: Tom Snow, Chairman; Sharon Redhorn, Interim CEO  
 Rona Stealer motioned to approve the WGDC Financials. John Snowball seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:  
 Damon stopped in, Gaming Commission still working with accounting. Turned in a paper October 2020 Report. Rona Stealer read it to the Tribal Council.

Aric Armell motioned to accept Gaming Commission Report as reported by the Treasurer's Report. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

#### TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the CFO report for November 2020 Financials. Aric Armell seconded.

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

#### APPROVALS:

TRIBAL COVID PAID LEAVE POLICY  
 Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the COVID Paid Leave Policy extended to December 31, 2021. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS: none.

#### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
 Lorelei DeCora, Tribal Secretary  
 Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING January 14, 2021

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
 Lorelei DeCora  
 Rona Stealer  
 Louis LaRose

Coly Brown  
 John Snowball

Aric Armell  
 Thelma Whitewater

Brian Chamberlain [in @1:14 pm]

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Garan Coons  
 Billie Kitcheyan

Alan Post  
 Shadana Sulton

Erika Dunn  
 Kurt Lyons

Coralys Ruiz  
 Daryl LaPointe

Esther Mercer  
 Joleen Thiele

Teresa Littlegeorge

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan calls to order at 1:04 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Lorelei DeCora offers the opening prayer.

#### APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. John Snowball seconded.

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

#### READING OF THE MINUTES:

12-28-20 Mid-Month Meeting Minutes

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the December 28, 2020 Mid-monthly Tribal Council Meeting minutes. John Snowball seconded.

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

12-29-20 General Counsel Meeting Minutes

John Snowball motioned to approve the December 29, 2020 General Counsel Meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

12-30-20 Treasurer's Report Minutes

John Snowball motioned to approve the December 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report Meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

#### RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Adopt resolution #21-48; approving Frank Pommersheim Independent Contractor Agreement for Judicial Services

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-48; Approving Frank Pommersheim Independent Contractor Agreement for Judicial Services. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-49; Approving James Botsford Independent Contractor Agreement for Judicial Services

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution

#21-49; approving James Botsford Independent Contractor Agreement for Judicial Services. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-50; Approving Melissa Oestmann Independent Contractor agreement for legal services.

Coly Brown motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-50; Approving Melissa Oestmann Independent Contractor agreement for legal services. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-51; Approving Robert Clinton Independent Contractor agreement for Judicial Services.

Coly Brown motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-51; Approving Robert Clinton Independent Contractor agreement for Judicial Services. John Snowball seconded.

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

Authorize Facilities to go to the Hocunk Center and make the building entrances useable, and authorize the family of R.K. to use it for their wake & burial services for their loved one.

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving to Authorize Facilities to go to the Hocunk Center and make the building entrances useable, and authorize the family of R.K. to use it for their wake & burial services for their loved one. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Approve Budget Modification for maintenance and repairs in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Wake & Burial

Coly Brown motioned to ratify the five-signature approving a Budget Modification for maintenance and repairs in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Wake & Burial. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

[*Brian in at 1:14 p.m.*]

Approve to submit application for receipt of Emergency Rental Assistance Payments from U.S. Department of Treasury

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Winnebago Housing Development to submit application for receipt of Emergency Rental Assistance Payments from U.S. Department of Treasury. John Snowball seconded.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Kurt Lyons, Air Quality Specialist, WTN EPD, January Radon Awareness - Presentation

Discussion & Questions: Tribal Council would like to be proactive on helping our Tribal Members be aware of Radon levels in our area.

Shadana Sulton, Tribal Partner Specialist, US Census Bureau

Presentation from Shadana Sulton and Coralys Ruiz regarding the 2020 Census updates.

Acknowledgement of all the work, effort, and energy that Garan Coons put forward to support the 2020 Census.

[*Brian out*]

#### OLD BUSINESS:

To approve HR to work with legal to develop a resolution that helps encourage Tribal Employees to get the COVID-19 Vaccination (Failed five signature).

Discussion. John Snowball would like to see a resolution supporting vaccination.

John Snowball motioned to approve for a resolution to be developed for a COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign. Coly Brown seconded.

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

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Wake & Burial Program COVID-19 Protocol

Thelma Whitewater motioned to approve the revised Wake & Burial Program COVID-19 Protocol. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

#### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Littlegeorge,*

*Executive Assistant*

*CONCUR:*

*Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

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#### RESOLUTION # 21-55

##### AMENDMENTS TO THE WINNEBAGO TRIBAL CODE

##### TITLE 5 ARTICLE 2 – ELECTIONS

##### PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL VOTE TO DETERMINE A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL A TRIBAL COUNCIL VACANCY

WHEREAS, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), (25 U.S.C. § 5123) as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat. 378), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, the governing body of the Tribe shall be the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV Section 1(k) of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, the Tribal Council is vested with the power, inter alia, "To regulate the manner of making nominations and holding elections for tribal office"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, the Tribe has the authority to supervise all elections held under and by virtue of its Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI Section 1 of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, if a councilmember is removed from office, dies, or resigns, "the Tribal Council by a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote shall declare the position vacant and shall appoint by a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote a qualified individual to fill the position until the next general election at which time the qualified voters shall vote to fill such position for the unexpired term"; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Winnebago Tribe provides that "Members of the Council must be twenty-five (25) years of age or over, bona fide residents of the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska; it is provided further that the Tribal Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council enacted Title 5, Article 2 of the Winnebago Tribal Code to provide direction in its election process, including further establishing the qualification of candidates for Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to amend Title 5, Article 2 of the Winnebago Tribal Code to establish a procedure for the Winnebago membership to determine a

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"qualified individual" for the Tribal Council to appoint the vacant Tribal Council seat until the next general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby amends the Winnebago Tribal Code Title 5 Article 2 – Elections as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 5-222(4) shall be amended to now read as follows:

4. Unexpired terms to fill all vacancies on the Tribal Council shall be filled as set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Section 5-227 shall be adopted and read as follows:

#### 5-227 Special Vote to Determine Qualified Individual to Fill a Vacancy.

1. In the event a councilmember is removed from office, dies, or resigns, and the Tribal Council, by a 2/3rds affirmative vote, declares the position vacant, then a Special Vote shall be held within twenty-one (21) calendar days to determine a "qualified individual" to fill the vacancy until the next general election.

2. The Tribal Council shall establish the candidate list, provided that all such persons must meet the criteria for Tribal Council candidates set forth in Section 5-204(1).

3. The Tribal Council shall provide a certified list of candidates for the vacant position. The secretary of the Tribal Council shall post a list of candidates in respective locations as defined in Section 5-203 of this Article at least seven days prior to the Special Vote.

4. The Tribal Council shall appoint a seven-member election board not less than ten days prior to the Special Vote. The election board shall be comprised of those offices set forth in Section 5-202(2), shall have those duties set forth in Section 5-207, and shall be compensated at the same rate provided for in Section 5-209. If practicable, the election board shall be the same persons from the most recent Regular Election unless a new election board has been appointed for the upcoming Regular Election. In such case, the election board shall be the newly appointed election board.

5. All persons on the Eligible Voter List from the most recent Regular Election shall be entitled to vote in the Special Vote.

6. A person may vote for one candidate per vacancy. Spoiled ballots shall not be counted.

There shall be no write-in candidates in the Special Vote.

The person with the highest number of votes shall be declared to be a "qualified individual" to fill the position until the next general election.

9. The Tribal Council shall vote to appoint the "qualified individual" to fill the vacant position until the next general election.

In the event there is a tie, the Tribal Council shall vote on the top vote getters to determine the "qualified individual." Once the "qualified

individual" is determined, the Tribal Council shall vote to appoint that person to fill the vacant position until the next general election.

No person shall be seated unless there is an affirmative 2/3rds vote of the Tribal Council to appoint that person to fill the vacant seat.

Unless otherwise stated in this Section 5-227, the other provisions of Title 5, Article 2 shall apply.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Officers of the Winnebago Tribal Council, hereby certify that on January 19, 2021, at a meeting duly convened by the Winnebago Tribal Council, voted to adopt the above Resolution by a vote of

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