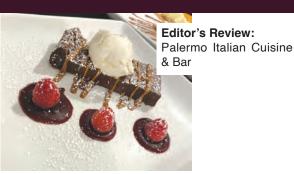
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Our masthead photo features Mr. Frank D. LaMere (1950-2019). Hocak name: Manape Huk Ga. Devoted advocate of tribal people everywhere, LaMere represented all throughout his career, and his Winnebago people during his long association with the Democratic National Committee. A proud Winnebago leader. Our gratitude to his family for their permission to feature his photo.

BAGO BITS By: Tyler Snake



On Tuesday, January 30th the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System put together a blood drive. Located at the Whirling Thunder Wellness Center, WPDH nurses serviced donators. Thank you to those who helped save a life! (Pictures courtesy of Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System)



On Saturday, January 27th the Winnebago Public School's Speech team travelled to Logan View for their first meet of the season. The team placed 4th overall, Congrats! Pictured above left to right is Tylie Chilson (1st place Novice poetry & 6th place Varsity serious prose), Ariayla Suniga (2nd place Varsity OID & 7th place Varsity poetry), Melodine Earth (5th place varsity persuasive), Kahlen Littlegeorge (4th place novice extemporaneous) and Ayden Littlegeorge (3rd place novice extemporaneous & 2nd place varsity OID). This Saturday, on February 3rd the team will be performing in Homer, Check it out. #GoBigBlue

Winners not pictured are Shyleigh Horn (5th place novice humorous prose & 4th place serious prose), LaHea Kearnes (3rd place novice entertainment) and Fiona Soap (6th place novice humorous prose, 3rd place persuasive & 2nd place varsity OID) Congratulations to all students and team members

2023 - A Year In Review



By: Brian Chamberlain Photos by: Jordana Bass / Garan Coons / Tyler Snake / Archives

2023 was a dynamic year for our Winnebago people. So many stories told, even more experiences had. The tribal organization saw quite a few challenges faced too, while our people experienced a wide range of matters both small and large. The WIN has reviewed the issues published in the year that was 2023 and we have pulled out some of the top stories that defined that year.

June 24th and November 25th, 2023 – IOWA LAND RESTORATION STORY CONTINUES

(Jordana Bass / Garan Coons / Tyler Snake / BFLPG)

A story over 50 years in the making, 2023 saw significant movements forward in the Tribe's long-time battle to have land taken illegally from our people returned. Spanning over 1,600 acres along the Missouri River on the lowa side of our reservation, in two distinct tracts, tribal efforts to have the US Army Corps of Engineers claim which dislocated these hundreds of acres, was moved forward in significant ways.

Taking a literal Act of Congress to correct, delegations from both Nebraska and lowa officially began the process required to correct a legal wrong stemming from actions taken from as far back as 1970. Tribal

Council Chairwoman, Victoria Kitcheyan, accompanied by the tribal council and legal team met with representatives both onsite of the riverside acreage and in Washington DC. After multiple sessions holding discussions to introduce the matter, and push for action, the news came bills were drafted and introduced in both Houses of Congress.

This story continues to evolve. The WIN will stay on top of this breaking story to keep everyone informed. 2024 holds for even more actions to be taken, and the diligence of the council leadership will prove invaluable. All our hopes are with our tribal leadership as they carry the efforts of our past trailblazers with them. We know someday soon our land will return to us. #LANDBACK

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Indian Gaming: A Winnebago Story

By: Brian Keith Chamberlain Photos: Kellie Snow / archives

Introduction

The Winnebago tribe has been involved in high stakes gambling of some sort for decades. What most people may not realize, however, is the pathway to our status was not as cut and dry as people may think. In this introduction to that story, we will explore some of the major turns taken by the leadership of our tribe and describe decisions that shape our world today as the tribe continues to move forward in the ever-changing

gaming world.

Tribes engaged in many forms of gaming since time began. Traditional games abound and our tribe is certainly no different. Hochunk traditional games include Kasu, the Moccasin Game, and others. In the modern era, bingo began to take on a larger presence, which the Winnebago tribe also participated in and does to this day.

In the mid-1980s the Winnebago tribe opened a high stakes bingo parlor on tribal lands just east of the Missouri River, outside Sloan, Iowa. This operation was called, "Winn-a-Bingo." The traditional



From left: Greg Bass, Sr., Ramona Wolfe, Keith Chamberlain, Cece Earth, John Blackhawk, Gerald Pond

game of bingo was set forward, including large payout jackpots utilizing a multi-level buy-in system that appealed to all sorts of players. The core of the operation was premised upon the classic paper bingo game (daubers included) and branched out into creative re-stylings of other games, like Blackjack or "21", roulette, and even craps. Although never coming close to

the real thing, these alternate games created business volumes during the times when regular bingo sessions were not being held. Bingo remains a part of the Winnebago tribe's gaming mix today with live sessions held weekly.

During this early period, nationally, the presence of high-stakes bingo games began to make waves in other jurisdictions

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FRONT PAGE NEWS ——



2023 - A Year in Review ...Con't. from front pg...

August 6th, 2023 - WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES MULTIPLE WATER LINE BREAKS

(Jordana Bass)

In the early morning hours of August 3rd, 2023, the Winnebago community was rocked as the first of several water line breaks emerged. The cause of the breaks is still under investigation. However, community authorities sprang into action to help mitigate the harrowing episode that captured the attention of all community members. Even local television media became aware of the conundrum. Boil orders went into effect, while full assessment of the damage became known.

Tribal Councilman, Isaac Smith, wearing both his political hat as well as that of Fire Chief gathered a group of those needed who could bring resolution and effort to the alarming situation. Within hours the patching equipment was enroute so the community's water supply could be restored. Local departments and organizations also helped ensure our most vulnerable were fully taken care of with adequate water supply alternatives. The whole situation helped remind us of the importance of our water resources, and that they must be taken care of, indeed. Our continued gratitude to all who pitched in to quell a stressful time in Winnebago.

May 27th, 2023 - WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES THE LARG-**EST CLASS IN WPS HISTORY**

(Allison Levering / Garan Coons)

As is customary every year in May, the Winnebago Public High School held its Commencement Ceremony. In 2023, the school promoted the largest number of graduates in school history. Sixty students walked across the stage, marking a high-water point in the school's matriculation efforts. Class Valedictorian, Alexander George, gave poignant remarks leading the record-breaking group over this archetypical threshold. Celebrating the day with grand indigenous style in both song and dress, the Class of 2023 will certainly be one to remember. Concurrently, Little Priest Tribal College graduated another large member class from its halls, many with associate degrees. Congratulations, again!

Indian Gaming: A Winnebago Story ...Con't. from front pg...

too; most notably in Oklahoma, Florida, and California. Because tribal operations were beginning to create substantial amounts of revenue for themselves, many for the first time in history, the states surrounding their lands saw that revenue as something that should be taxed or ended for assorted reasons. The Winnebago tribe felt a similar push back in Iowa, and Winn-A-Bingo faced many threats before it was ultimately closed in 1990.

However, in 1988 the US Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) following the legal momentum created by a few landmark court cases. Refer to Seminole v. Butterworth and moreover California v. Cabazon, aka 'The Cabazon Decision.' This Act of Congress was in part designed to provide a structure for tribes to operate gaming legally and with integrity, as well as set standards for how the tribes could create compacts with the states where gambling was legal. The IGRA as a legal compromise to the growing momentum within various tribes offered to the tribes an ability to create revenue for themselves without fear of state or Federal impunity, the kind of revenue which was never seen before in Indian Country.

Concurrently, Iowa began delving into the realm of historic riverboat gaming. Taking its cue from the growing momentum across the state, it was not long before lowa legalized the early forms of casino gaming in that state a necessary component to the compact

negotiation process.

The Winnebago tribe entered the world of casino gaming armed with the knowledge gained via the bingo operation, along with a fresh perspective on how to create opportunity for our people when massive financial devastation occurred following the demise of Winn-A-Bingo. 1991 in Winnebago was not a wonderful time in our tribal history. Unemployment rates skyrocketed. Many were forced to leave Winnebago to find work. The destitute reality of the tribe felt a new low during this time.

However, by April 1992, the political and economic reality of the Winnebago tribe would be changed forever.

IGRAs Provisions and Definitions

Among the many regulations created under the IGRA were a few notable definitions and provisions. First, the classification of Indian Gaming became known: Class I, Class II, and Class III gaming were defined which created a general framework for what type of gaming each tribe was to operate.

Class I gaming was generally defined as traditional or ceremonial types of gaming held by tribes according to cultural activities and customs. Kasu and the Moccasin game etcetera fit into this definition for our people.

Class II gaming was generally defined as Bingo and other forms of non-house banked games, like pull-tabs. Bingo with electronic aids was also part of this definition and be-

came a crucial point years later in our story. Class III gaming was generally defined all other types not identified in Class I or II, and included slot machines, most table games, etc. It was in essence casino gaming as seen in Nevada and New Jersey.

Class I and Class II do not require a compact with the state to hold or operate gaming. Class III does require such a compact.

Along with these definitions, the IGRA created provisions which set forth the requirement for the states to negotiate a compact with the tribes. The IGRA's requirements to the states compelled the Governors to come to the table in good faith, or the tribes could sue the state. Therefore, if gambling were legal within a state via any means, using the definitions described above, the tribes could benefit from a compact that allowed the legal operation of such gaming on their own lands, under Federal oversight. Our tribe holding reservation lands within Nebraska and Iowa had the ability to negotiate a compact with both states.

The Winnebago Tribe negotiated its first compact with the State of Iowa in 1992, which was signed into law by both the Governor of Iowa and the Chairperson of the Tribe. A compact has been in place between the two sovereigns ever since.

One other notable provision of the IGRA was the requirement for the tribe to enact its own gaming ordinance establishing the protocol and process for legalized gaming, as defined in Class I, II, and III. The Winnebago tribe adopted the necessary gaming ordinance and originally created Title IX (9) of the Winnebago Tribal Code (our law) by official resolution in 1992.

Soon after this enactment, and upon successful negotiation of a gaming compact with the State of Iowa, Winnebago leadership created the organization that became WinnaVegas Casino which operates to this day near Sloan, Iowa, inside the structure originally created to house Winn-A-Bingo.

This story will continue in later issues of the WIN.

Editor's Note:

Chamberlain began working in the gaming industry in January of 1993. His 30-year career in the gaming industry includes experience in operational management, executive management, compliance regulation, compact negotiations, political leadership, and business establishment in both Indian Gaming and commercial gaming. He is a proud member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.



WinnaVegas Casino mid 1990s



WinnaVegas Casino under construction 1993



New WinnaVegas Casino circa 1993



Craps dealers, Kellie Snow (Boxman)



Original WinnaVegas Casino trailers



Bingo callers and staff at Winn-a-Bingo, Scott Snake



Approaching Winn-a-Bingo 1980s road unpaved



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 39

Getting What You Need From Counseling

Selecting a counselor is an important decision, and you'll find many options for various types of therapy. When choosing a counselor, it's vital to find someone who is comfortable with and has experience talking about suicide. It's also important to remember that if drugs or alcohol played a part in the problems that led to your suicide attempt, your counselor should have experience in substance abuse treatment.

Medication could be an important part of your path to recovery, especially if you've ever been diagnosed with major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or an anxiety disorder, or if your symptoms are so troubling that you're having problems getting through the day. This might include having serious problems sleeping; having no appetite or eating too much; thinking negative thoughts that you can't stop, no matter how hard you try or hearing voices. If this sounds like you, you'll want to discuss medication with your counselor. Together you can find a doctor or psychiatrist who can work with you to determine whether medication might be helpful.

Different people have different needs, and sometimes it takes time to find a counselor who is right for you. This can be a frustrating process, but if one counselor, doctor, or type of therapy doesn't work, you have the right to keep trying until you find one that does. Think about your preferences in a counselor (or clinician, therapist, doctor, or psychiatrist): a man or woman, their age range, ethnicity, language, etc. If you have a choice of counselors, call ahead for an interview or use the first session to get to know them better. Ask questions to see if they might be a good match for your style and needs.

The following questions can be helpful when selecting a counselor:

What type of education do you have?

How long have you been practicing?

What types of treatment do you offer?

Do you specialize in any particular issues or treatment types?

Have you treated clients with problems similar to mine? Have you worked with a person who has survived a suicide attempt?

If I need help after regular business hours, how should I get it? Do you take after-hours/emergency calls?

What will you expect from me in therapy, and what can I expect from you?

How will your treatment help me with thoughts of suicide?

If I'm feeling suicidal, do you believe that the first course of action is for me to be in a hospital, or will you work with me on ways to stay safe in my home (or with family or friends)? If I want to try medications, can you help me with that?

Remember, it's crucial that you be persistent. Any important decision requires some research, and sometimes it takes trial and error before you get it right.

While there are many different approaches to therapy, research shows that the following methods are especially helpful for those struggling with suicidal thoughts and attempts:

Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is a short term, goal –oriented counseling approach. The premise behind CBT is that changing your thoughts can change the way you feel and behave. CBT has been used to treat a variety of disorders and issues, including helping people struggling with suicide.

Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) combines techniques of cognitive behavioral therapy with additional skills of emotion regulation. A goal of DBT is to help you to accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can.

Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) is an approach to suicide risk assessment and therapy that engages a person in a collaborative way and specifically works to address suicidal thinking and motivation.

The Lifeline was mentioned earlier as a source for finding referrals for counselors, but it's also a great place for support if you're in crisis. While not a substitute for ongoing therapy, the Lifeline is a network of confidential crisis hotlines across the country that are staffed by trained crisis workers. This means they won't be shocked or scared by what you say and, importantly, they won't judge you. Lifeline crisis workers will talk with you about your suicidal feelings and brainstorm ways to help you stay safe. Crisis workers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Best of all, it's a free service.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911, After Hours Crisis #1-712-259-3263.

An Oldie But Goodie!



Pictured L to R: Keith Chamberlain, Louis Mallory, Sr., Neola Walker, Laura Whitewing, Joe Henry, and Victor Smith. We still need help to identify to lady on the far left.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Upward direction"

How would you answer the following question: in which direction is your life heading? Whether you have plans for your future or not, you indeed are heading in a direction.

The apostle Paul wrote the following words to the saints at Corinth: 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly'. [1st Corinthians 9:24-26 NIV].

The apostle Paul attempts to compare one's spiritual life with a runner. This was quite fitting for those to whom he was writing to, namely the believers in Christ of Corinth. Every two years the Isthmian Games would take place some ten miles from Corinth. This is where the Olympic games had their start.

Now while none of us have competed in the Olympic games - we can all relate to running. At one time in your life you probably had to run in gym class, or from the bullies, or away from an angry neighbor or his dog.

Paul observed and points out that in his day only one won the race. There were no silver or bronze medals. Nor were there participation ribbons. You either won or you lost. The winner of the race won a

crown that, like cut flowers, did not long

Recently someone told me that she had finished the first of the losers - that is, rather than saying that she came in second. Yes, she was the first of the losers, but still a Loser.

In the words of Henry Russell (Red) Sanders, former UCLA and Vanderbilt football coach: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." This holds turn for losing in spiritual matters.

Don't run through life aimlessly and think that you will receive the crown of life. There is one and only one way to win the race and receive the crown of everlasting life. Actually there is one and only one who won the race that was set before him. That one is the Son of Creator, Jesus. Jesus won the race and now he wants to share with you in his glory.

How can one share in his glory and receive the crown of life everlasting? The one who places his/her faith in Jesus shares in Jesus' victory. Such an individual desires to be a child of God and has had his/her sins washed away through the water of Holy Baptism. Such an individual was willing to have God place His name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit on him or on her.

Furthermore, at the direction of the Spirit of God a child of God lives his/her life walking in the ways of God with the hope of everlasting life in mind. Such an individual is not running aimlessly through life, but rather has direction. Such spiritual direction is upward!

In loving memory...

Margaret Rose McDonald

Margaret Rose McDonald, 74 years old, began her journey at 4:33 am on January 19, 2024 at an Omaha hospital. She was born in Winnebago, NE to James Noble Rice and Dorothy Elaine SeeWalker. She was raised by Fred and Belle Snake Rice.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Kenneth McDonald, daughters Carrie Rice of Omaha, Benita (Damon) Payer of Winnebago, and Jodeen Frenchman of Winnebago. One son Melton (Cari) Frenchman also of Winnebago, NE.

Siblings; Theresa Walker (Rick), Suzette Green, Rose Smith, Helen Hernandez, Kenneth Shelbourn, Michael Condon, Joseph Condon, James Condon and Terry Condon. Other siblings include; Pearl Morgan, Rebecca Elkshoulder, Lucille Rave, Harolene Bigfire and Henry Bigfire.

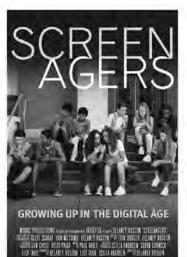
She will be missed by friends and family which includes 21 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Sue Ellen Smith and brother James Vandenberg.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hochunk Center at 2:00pm in Winnebago on January 22, 2024.







An award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world. Screenagers reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

Feb. Tues. 27th 12-1pm over Zoom to register, email:

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES =

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA **MID-MONTHLY MEETING** December 20, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Isaac Smith Aric Armell Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tanya Baker Tyresha Romer Deidre Redhorn Mary Painter Tyler Snake Julie Smithart Ronald Painter Arianna Rave Raven Turner Thelma Whitewater Marilyn Grant Nicole Lonewolf Kellie Snow Damon Payer Cecelia Earth

Jasmine Lammers Danae Vargas Dawn Blackfish Craig Cleveland Jr. Eli Painter John Rave

Jade Archambeau Julie Paulson Danie Greene

Billie Kitcheyan **Brandon Stout**

Kevin Ebert Christina Parker

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 5:09 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Chairman Smith

AGENDA:

Add: Under New Business 1. Hazard Mitigation Work Group

Under Old Business 2. Tribal Housing

Under New Business 2. New Year's Eve Pow-Wow Donation

Under Tribal Council Items. 2. Carlisle Lawsuit

Executive Session

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Aric Armell motioned to approve the 11-28-23 Sp TC. Mtg. New Child Care Center Meeting Minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no

(0) abstain Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the 12-1-23 Sp. TC. Mtg Human Resources Meeting Minutes. Rona Stealer seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried Aric Armell motioned to approve the 12-1-23 TC. Mtg. Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the 12-4-23 Regular TC Meeting Minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the 12-12-23 Sp. TC. Mtg. Special - Swearing In Meeting Minutes. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the 12-13-23 CEO Report Meeting Minutes. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the 12-14-23 Physical Resources Meeting Minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Hazard Mitigation Work Group

Aric Armell motioned to appoint Julie Smithart to the Hazard Mitigation Work Group. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

New Year's Eve Pow-Wow Donation Aric Armell motioned to donate the \$900.00 Drum Split from Tribal Council Donations for the 2023 New Year's Even Pow-Wow. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Winnebago Gaming Commission Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Winnebago Gaming Commission Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

IS – out IS- -back

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the September 2023 and October 2023

revised Financial Report of the Winnebago Gaming Commission. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Tribal Housing Committee

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Tyresha Romero and William Bass to the Tribal Housing Committee. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

VK - Winter Break

Discussion by the Chairwoman, Tribal Council members and Tribal members.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the Winter Break of Wednesday, December 27, 2023, Thursday, December 28, 2023 and Friday, December 29, 2023 for 2023 excluding the weekend. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora

VOTE: (6) yes, ED, TL, RS, CB, AA, ΚM (1) no, LD (1) abstain, IS Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to authorize a lawsuit against the Army to enforce the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGRA) in the Winnebago Tribe's effort to repatriate Winnebago Relatives buried at the Carlisle Post. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

5 minute break at 7:40 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Aric Armell motioned to authorize Planning and Information Technology (IT) to work with Land Management to get more information for the Winnebago Fiber Optic Project within 30 days. Eugene DeCora

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

Aric Armell motioned to Adjourn. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried. Chairwoman Kitcheyan Adjourned the

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary

Winnebago Tribal Council

Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING January 2, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT: Victoria Kitcheyan

Isaac Smith Lorelei DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Teresa Littlegeorge Rona Stealer - Leave Aric Armell - Absent Eugene DeCora - Leave **OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynelle Blackhawk Esther Mercer

Annabess Preston Christina Parker Kevin Ebert CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman

Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order **OPENING PRAYER:** Vice-Chairman

Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer. APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve

the December 20, 2023 General Counsel Meeting Minutes. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 20, 2023 Mid-Monthly Meeting Minutes. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Winnebago Tribal Housing Committee - Two Vacancies Kenneth Mallory motioned to take no

further action on the two Tribal Housing Committee vacancies and uphold the 2 appointed at the 12-20-23 Mid-Monthly Meeting. Coly Brown seconded.

OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora VOTE: (3) yes, KM, TL, CB (1) no, LD (1) abstain, IS Motion carried.

Coly Brown motioned to adjourn. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING **NEBRASKA CLASS III GAMING COM-PACT NEGOTIATION** January 3, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan - in at 9:19 a.m. Isaac Smith Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Aric Armell Teresa Littlegeorge

Danelle Smith Michele Mitchell Randi Scott Don Weseley Rebecca DeCora Kevin Ebert Sandy Olivares Sharon Redhorn Annabess Preston Joy Johnson **Thomas Snow** Damon Payer

Esther Mercer

Brian Chamberlain

Tyren Wolfe

OTHERS PRESENT:

Caroline Bassette CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Smith Called the Meeting To Order at

OPENING PRAYER: Eugene DeCora AGENDA: LD - add IDEO Beacons Price Award

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

VK - in 9:19 a.m. Assumes the Chair Danelle Smith & Michele Mitchell present according to the Nebraska Class III Gaming Compact Negotiation - Discussion Outline. Nebraska Gaming Compact Negotiation Team: Coly Brown, Brian Chamberlain, Janet Bird, Caroline Bassette, Tyren Wolfe, Sharon Redhorn.

Chairwoman will request an update on the condition of the Old Store Building from Ron Nohr for the Physical Resources Report 1-8-24.

5 minute break at 10:24 a.m. Back at 10:36 a m

Michelle presents on the Nebraska Gaming Compact Overview and Letter. Discussion.

Aric Armell motions to adopt Resolution # 24-75 Authorizing Commencement of Nebraska Class III Gaming Compaction Negotiations. The Tribal Chairwoman is authorized to transmit official notification in a letter to the Governor of the State of Nebraska that Winnebago Tribe wishes to commence negotiations for the purpose of entering into a tribal-state compact for a Class III Gaming Compact that shall protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency and a strong tribal government. The Tribal Council authorizes and directs the Gaming Compact Negotiation Team to commence negotiations with Governor Jim Pillen or his designated representative for a Class III Gaming Compact, with such agreement subject to approval by the Winnebago Tribal Council. Eugene DeCora second-Motion carried.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain Teresa Littlegeorge motions to agree to accept the IDEO Beacons Price under the previous schedule by December 22,

2023. Coly Brown seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Eugene DeCora motions to adjourn. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the Meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT January 10, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Isaac Smith - in 11:09 a.m. Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Aric Armell Teresa Littlegeorge OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Coyle Desire Kitcheyan Garan Coons Fannie LaTray Harvey Freemont Julie Smithart Cecelia Earth Kevin Ebert Annabess Preston Jasmine Lammers Ireta Frazier Autumn Nieman D.C. McCauley Jewel Parker Joseph Littlegeorge Aaron LaPointe Ron Nohr Les Painter Cassie Kitcheyan Melanie Parker Tyresha Romero Tom Teesdale

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 11:05 a m

OPENING PRAYER: Kenneth Mallory **AGENDA:** add # 4 Last Bear Moon Pow-Wow 2024 Budget

Add #5 Two EduCare Grant Resolutions

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the

agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

ATM: Liberty Bank - presented by Brian Coyle

IS - in at 11:09 a.m.

Isaac Smith motioned to work with Liberty National Bank to put in a Walk In ATM east of the Blackhawk Center in the Parking Lot. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to authorize the Treasurer to develop a Work Group to bring this project to fruition. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Break Back at 12:20 p.m. Land Management - presented by Fannie LaTray

RS – out

Aric Arnell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-76 approving a five (5) year agricultural lease for James Hurdec & Benjamin Barber at the rate of \$23,400.00 per year for the term of the lease. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried. Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-77 approve withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$161,284.17 from the Tribal appropriated funds for use in the Trust Land Purchase from Randall Carter by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Teresa Littlegeorge seonded.

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

RS – back in

by Julie Smithart

Ho-Chunk Inc. Terminate Business Lease of the building housing the Old Store/Native Star Casino, and Laundry presented by Aaron LaPointe.

Land Management will work with the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation on a lease for the Native Star Casino.

Ron Nohr will look at the status of the Building Possible Subdivision Names & Districts

submitted by Ho-Chunk Renaissance.

The Tribal Council is asked to review the possible subdivision names & districts. Emergency Management - presented

Emergency Operation Plan. Julie will work with the Chairwoman & Secretary to schedule a Training and Mitigation at WinnaVegas for the Tribal Council and Department Heads.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Emergency Management Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Motion carried. Physical Resources Report - presented by Ireta Frazier & Autumn Nieman

Joint Meeting of the Tribal Council with the General Counsel, Wild life & Parks, and WinnaVegas Management & Security. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to pause utilizing

the WinnaVegas Security Contractors

Isaac Smith motioned to schedule a

until the Joint Meeting. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.



—TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Physical Resources Report.

OBJECT: Teresa Littlegeorge VOTE: (7) yes, LD, KM, ED, AA, CB, IS,

RS (0) no (1) abstain TL Motion carried. Snow Removal - Snow Plow Priority List: 1) Dialysis patients, 2) medical needs, 3) emergency service workers, 4) seniors. Contact Mona Zuffante to see if you are on the list.

Wild Life & Parks – presented by Jewel Parker & Joseph Littlegeorge

Big Bear Park Tree Assessment.

Tribal Council discussion. Consensus for Wild Life & Parks to conduct a Hazardous Tree Risk Assessment Certification.

Ron Nohr reports on the Old Store, Native Star Casino, & Laundry Building is not sinking and the building is safe. Will need to check on the status of the roof and have the Fire Marshall take a look at the building.

CB - out 2:50 p.m., Back 3:05 p.m. Last Bear Moon Pow-Wow 2024 Budget

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Last Bear Moon Pow-wow 2024 Budget as presented. Kenneth Mallory seconded. VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. EduCare of Winnebago Grant Appli-

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt Resolution #24-78 approving the submittal of the EduCare of Winnebago -Technology Access Project FY 24 assisting with updating technology hardware at EduCare. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-79 approving the submittal of the EduCare of Winnebago – Restoration and Enhancement Project FY 24 submittal of a funding request totaling \$237,864 over a one-year period for EduCare of Winnebago. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 3:55 p.m.

Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 4:19 p.m. Aric Armell motioned to select the ACORN Contract for development of a Land Use Plan. Lorelei DeCora seconded. **OBJECT:** Kenneth Mallory

VOTE: (7) yes, LD, RS, TL, AA, CB, IS, ED, (0) no (1) abstain KM Motion carried.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adjourn. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the Meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Lorelei DeCora, Secretary

Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING **EMERGENCY RESPONSE** January 15, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Isaac Smith - in 2:20 p.m. Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Teresa Littlegeorge Kenneth Mallory – absent Aric Armell – absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Danelle Smith Julie Smithart Garan Coons Ireta Frazier Aaron LaPointe Esther Mercer Sharon Redhorn

James Price Sr. Kenneth Walker Sr. Jasmine Lammers

Christina Parker Lynelle Blackhawk Miskoo Petite

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 2:15 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Eugene DeCora AGENDA: 1) Water Break; 2) Snow Removal; 3) Emergency Preparedness; 4) Declare a State of Emergency

RS - out Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge sec-

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

RS - back

IS - in 2:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Water Main Break - James Price Sr. reports the water line is dug up, waiting for the Village Water Operator to return with the parts to replace the line. Should be up and running before tonight.

Snow Removal - Ireta

Updating the list of priorities for snow removal. Had trouble with diesel jelling up in our snow removal vehicles due to the below zero windchill.

Buffalo - Wild Life & Parks do have access to feed and water them.

Emergency Preparedness - Julie Smithart

A training & mitigation will be scheduled for the Tribal Council and the Department Heads.

Declare A State of Emergency - Start Date January 8, 2024

Treasurer will work with the CFO and Departments on costs associated with the

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt Resolution #24-80 Declaration of State of Emergency for the Winnebago Reservation Due to Extreme Winter Weather. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Propane by Miskoo Petite. Human Services got 10 applications for propane assistance within the past week and are processing them.

Ho-Chunk Center was having a heating issue during the below zero windchill. We can use the Blackhawk Center or Vets Building for Wakes/Funerals until the heating issue gets resolved.

Julie Smithart will head up a group to work on a Non-Perishables Tribal Stockpile for the future when these types of emergencies happen.

YCIC having upstairs heating issues during the below zero windchill. Are keeping the youth downstairs where its warm until the heating issues get resolved.

If needed, the Tribe does have water to distribute to the homes impacted by the water shut-off while the water line is being replaced.

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA **GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING** January 18, 2024

TRIBAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Isaac Smith - in at 10:34 a.m Lorelei DeCora Eugene DeCora Coly Brown Kenneth Mallory Aric Armell Teresa Littlegeorge

Rona Stealer - PTO **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Ebert Cecelia Earth Esther Mercer Josh Pitre Dustin Earth Harvey Freemont Danelle Smith Michele Mitchell Fannie LaTray Ireta Frazier Tyresha Romero Annabess Preston

Lynelle Blackhawk Marvin Horn Brian Chamberlain

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:07 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown AGENDA: Add: Enrollment

Tribal Holidays THPO Concern

Tribal Member Consideration

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Enrollment

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt Resolution #24-81 Enrollment of A4346, A4399 into the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Tribal Holidays

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Tribal Holiday pay rate of 1 and 1/4 of regular rate of pay excluding the birthday holiday. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded. OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora

VOTE: (5) yes, KM, TL, CB, ED, AA (1) no, LD (0) abstain Motion carried. General Counsel Agenda: Winnebago Land Transfer Act Senate Hearing on the Winnebago Land Transfer Act is scheduled for February 8, 2024 in Washington DC. The Winnebago Tribe's Legislative Luncheon is also re-scheduled to February 8, 2024 in Lincoln.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the addendum to the FIN Strategies Agreement Contract to a month-to-month basis. Eugene DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt Resolution #24-82 Affirming the Intention of the Winnebago Tribe to Maintain Status and Use of Land under the Winnebago Land Transfer Act. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to authorize the General Counsel to research with Wild Life & Parks and Commission and provide input for S 1149. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to reiterate Wild Life & Parks to update their website to accommodate on-line purchases of licenses and permits with the Tribe's Finance and Webmaster by the close of business. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

LPTC BIE Funding – General Counsel is meeting with the LPTC President on this tomorrow.

Aric Armell motioned to authorize the General Counsel to draft a Resolution designating the CAO as the designated representative to process Law Enforcement Complaints to receive and act upon and reporting results. The language will be submitted by the General Counsel. Coly Brown seconded.

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

5 min break 10:16 a.m.

LB 1288 State Recognition of Tribal EPC/Mental Health Commitment Orders

IS - in 10:34 a.m.

LB 923 Recognition of Tribal IDs LB 11311 Tribally Owned Community Drinking Water & Sewer Systems Funding LB 1262 Native American Voting Issues

Isaac Smith motioned to direct the General Counsel to look into LB 1262. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Animal Control

Thunder Way LLC - NIFA Crown Pro-

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

In Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. LD - out

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 12:02 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to table the remaining Executive Session items. Eugene DeCora seconded.

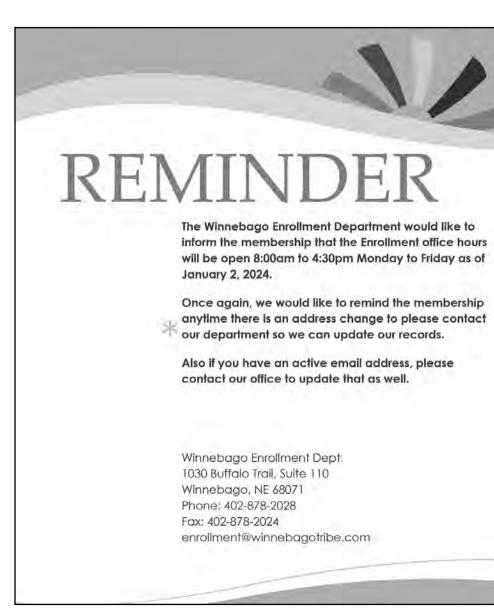
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried. Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council

meeting at 12:03 p.m.





An exploration of suicide taboos & stigmas



HAKEWE

IT'S HAKEWE! HAAZZATT!

By Brian Chamberlain

The Winnebago Indian News is excited to introduce "HAKEWE"!

The exclusive content to be featured on our Page 6 will be the new location for all things related to society created by and grown by our people. The Winnebago people's diversity is certainly one of our many strengths. Hakewe (pronounced Haw kay way) is designed to help capture the vitality of our people, and share it with one another, helping to answer the rhetorical question, what does it mean to be a part of the Winnebago community and society?

Among limitless possibilities, Hakewe will feature reviews of music, books, movies, and events of all kinds. The perspectives offered will be tribal voices telling their points of view on the myriad of mediums out there. We will also have food reviews of all sorts, eclectic experiences like powwow and concerts described through tribal eyes, and unique stories told from tribal minds and memories.

Looking at life through the lens unique to us is one way we can ensure the strengths of our people endure. As part of our reporting, where applicable, these experiences we will also employ the new rating system called: Haazzatt! [pronounced: hawz zatt] With the greatest, the most-best reviews, receiving all 5 Haazzatts, and those not-so-great fairing as low as zero Haazs. Using our one-of-a-kind review system, we hope to keep you interested and informed on what is moving our people and what needs your attention.

Hakewe and Haazzatt are timeless. Surely some of the latest items shall debut with reviews coming as often as possible. Yet, we will also delve deep into what already exists, because sometimes things need another look, or perhaps absence has kept someone from knowing about a really good thing. No matter what the time, place, or reason, Hakewe is your source for the buzz with our people as we live our lives.

Hakewe began in the previous issue, and you can find all this content only on page six of the Winnebago Indian News. Welcome!

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Sicily Goes Country

By: Brian Chamberlain Photos by: Brian Chamberlain / Sharon Redhorn-Chamberlain

Probably not conspicuously noted for its foreign cuisine offerings, rural Dakota County Nebraska is home to a real gem. Located on Highway 20 in the heart of downtown Jackson, Nebraska, a genuine piece of Sicily comes to life. Palermo, a restaurant situated right on the main street, which is also a major US Highway, offers a dynamic plateful of authentic Italian

Our family celebrated a birthday and decided to try Palermo. Never before making our way to the well-renovated restaurant, we arrived to find the place ready to serve. We were seated promptly, and drink service commenced immediately. Décor featured a heavy dose of Nebraska chic, with added punches of Italy throughout. Seating was comfortable for our 4-top party, while music filled the background in a well-appointed way.

Being spoiled by chain restaurants, we were delighted to find there were many drink choices to appeal to a wide array of tastes, including a full-service bar and specialty beverages. Tonight, we stayed in the soft drink realm. The wait-staff was prompt, attentive and quick with the refills. Table appetizer was a warm homemade sliced loaf and a garlic butter mix made from scratch. The menu was good sized and classic offerings took on a fresh look that was certainly appealing.

Appetizer selections for us were the Beef Meatballs with Pomodoro sauce, and the Beef Carpaccio. Both arrived in short order complete with plate service and more drink refills. The Beef Meatballs are served piping hot doused generously in the Pomodoro sauce. The flavor of which takes on a near marinara texture but is most certainly not your everyday tomato-based sauce. We kept the bowl to use the excess as dipping sauce for the refills of sliced loaf they kept full. The Beef Carpaccio on the other hand is served room temperature, swimming nicely in an oiled flavor all its own. Accompanied by toasted bread, the Beef Carpaccio had a nice jolt of spice that was unexpected. Everyone enjoyed both selections, but the Beef Meatballs were the clear favorite.

Entrée selections were Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, the Spaghetti Mare a Monti, and the Chicken alla Limone. Handsome portion sizes for all three dishes came fresh from the kitchen in almost no time. The Fettuccini Alfredo was well prepared, with a nice thick and creamy Alfredo. I did not sample that order, so the added cheese quantity was unknown, but looked good from across the table. The Spaghetti Mare a Monti, a recommendation of the staff, was a dynamic pasta bowl served steaming hot. Including mushrooms, shrimp, steak, and other visible spices it had an aroma and flavor that drew the diner in quickly.

The Chicken alla Limone was my order. A large chicken breast fileted and marinated in a subtle but flavorful lemon base was paired with garlic mashed potatoes, and a sautéed spinach bundle nestled into the mashed spuds. The lemon flavor within the overall sauce of the dish was absolutely delectable. The entire entrée is now a new favorite of mine, and the sautéed spinach was simply delicious. I wanted to ask for more!

No birthday celebration would be complete without a decadent dessert. We ordered both options given, their Crème Brulée and Chocolate Tart. The Crème Brulée came complete with caramel sauce drizzled generously over the cream base of the dessert, which also featured fried wafers giving the dish good texture. The Tart was a masterpiece of chocolate decadence, served ala mode with a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream and fresh raspberries drenched in berry sauce. All of it covered with a sprinkle of powdered sugar. Magical!

Overall, our journey deeper into Dakota County was a great one. The experience is one that I hope to repeat again soon. Parking was adequate, and the seating area looked capable of handling parties into the dozens. The atmosphere is nice, and the whole establishment was well prepared and clean. Pricing is moderate and what is expected of such cuisine, so do not look for dollar menu fare. There is a kid's menu too. I want to try some of the other dishes next time, but hopefully the spinach is a part of the order.

On our HaazZatt scale Palermo is a strong 4 1/2. I will go back because the food is not simply good, it was great. They are closed on Mondays and have Facebook and a website. Take the short drive west and check it out when you can, just do not forget your appetite.

Palermo Italian Cuisine & Bar 113 W. Elk Street Jackson, NE, 68743 (402) 987-6611

Question of the Issue: What is your favorite cartoon?

Garan: TMNT - Growing up watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was the best.

They made me crave pizza after every episode. Turtle Power! Brian: "Smurfs when I was little, then SuperFriends and Dungeons & Dragons

Tyler: Mine would be Brandy & Mr. Whiskers from Disney. Around 5 years old I'd wake up at night to it playing and be so happy because I'd never get to watch since it played so late. It was probably 10pm but still lol.

Kevin: Looney Tunes ... they call you!

Christina: I would have to say Looney Tunes also. Reminds me of when I was little at my kakas house watching Saturday morning cartoons. The coyote and roadrunner were my fave.

Bethani: What trio was made of sugar, spice, & everything nice?!

The Powerpuff Girls!

MOVIE REVIEW: "Nyad - Mythology in True Life"

By Brian Chamberlain

Netflix is arguably the most wellknown streaming video service around. Recently released on that internet-based platform, a movie called NYAD takes us down the path of the real-life story of Diana Nyad. Showing now on Netflix, the media giant continues to bring forward quality content and shows no sign of

NYAD, (Rated PG-13) is based on the 2015 memoir Find A Way written by Diana Nyad and is a story based on her attempts to swim from Cuba to Florida. The film premiered in September of 2023 at the famous Telluride Film Festival as part of its 50th Anniversary, according to Wikipedia. Opening to widespread critical acclaim, including the Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild, and Oscars, the movie is still garnering awards and nominations as the award season progresses into 2024.

The director's chair seats two individuals. Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelvi and Jimmy Chin. The duo most famous for their Oscar winning documentary, Free Solo. That production won Best Documentary Feature of 2019 at the 91st Academy Awards. The pair are married and have worked together on numerous other projects.

NYAD, stars Annette Bening (American Beauty/The Women/Death on the Nile) in the lead role playing the real-life protagonist Diana Nyad. Nyad is a trained swimmer who broke records of the time for swims around Manhattan and from The Bahamas to Florida. Bening's portrayal of the aging athlete could not be more well cast. Her performance indicative of the many award nominations received for the role. Attempting to now make the over 100-mile swim in her 60s. The journey was not only lengthy it was also life-threatening, as the waters in the Florida Straits were shark infested and poisonous jellyfish abound. Nyad's attempts were without shark cage protection, nor lifeboat rest periods - a feat never before achieved.

In a supporting role enters Jodi Foster (The Silence of the Lambs/The Accused/ Contact). The Academy Award winner does not disappoint as she plays Diana's best friend, Bonnie. Bonnie ends up becoming the coach to the athletic Nyad. Foster's abilities as an actor are amazing. In this role she captures the hearts of the audience by creating depth with the character as she relentlessly supports her best friend, while simultaneously fearing for the life of her driven friend.

The movie also features Rhys Ifans as the wise sea captain, whose experience in and around the Caribbean proved vital to the journey. Musical soundtrack by French composer Alexandre Michel Gerard provides a poignant and compelling atmosphere throughout.

The story as based on real events follows a timeline known for the sports fans who remember the feats as the attempts were made. Both Bening and Foster own their roles as only well-seasoned actors can. Bening's fearlessness and Foster's cautious but unwavering support make the story not just about the wild adventures of Diana Nyad, but also a story of resilience, and a story of the power of friendship.

Sitting down to watch Nyad one evening at home via Netflix made 120 minutes speed by, very much unlike the endless hours in the water that both Diana Nyad and Bening must have endured. I enjoyed this movie. Our "Haaz Zatt" rating: 4 of 5.

Movie Title: NYAD (Netflix / Black Bear Pictures / Mad Chance Productions)

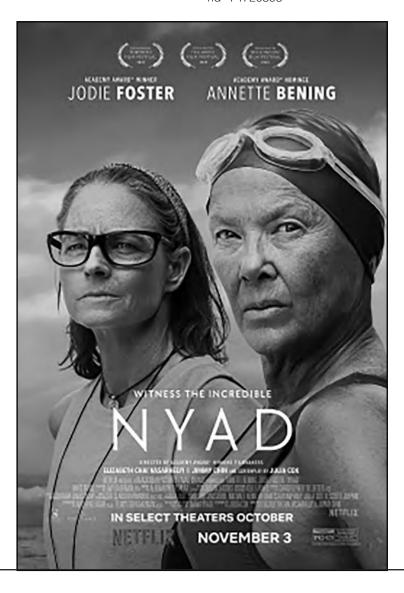
Starring: Annette Bening / Jodie Foster / Rhys Ifans / Karly Rothenberg

Produced by: Andrew Lazar / Teddy Schwarzman

Production Co: Black Bear Pictures / Mad Chance Productions

Screenplay by: Julia Cox Directed by: Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi & Jimmy Chin

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV24-072

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of: Jacobie Grant In Re: O.L. (Born 09/2010)

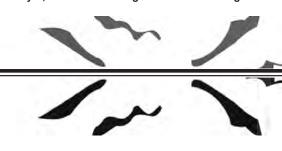
TO: ORLANDO LASLEY SR, FATHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-071 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11TH day of March, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WCHS Makes Medical Records Digital



By: Erin McElroy

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is embarking on a Health Information Management (HIM) digitization project. This initiative involves the scanning and digitizing of medical records to enhance patient care and accessibility.

At WCHS, our HIM department plays a pivotal role in collecting, analyzing, storing, and protecting patient health information. Accurate, secure, and accessible medical records are essential to nearly every department at WCHS from primary care to business office, and from purchase referred care to dental clinic. By enabling this information to transition to a digital platform, WCHS aims to expedite access and retrieval of patient records throughout the organization with the ultimate goal of fostering efficient and seamless care delivery for our patients.

Tara Divis, HIM Manager at WCHS commented, "This project of digitizing medical records to make them key word searchable has been a long time want for our team. We are excited to see it streamline operational processes by ensuring our providers have swift access to critical patient information."

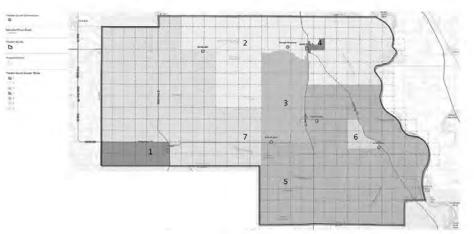
The digitization process will mean the secure and transition of current physical records into a digital format, enabling faster access to patient information for all WCHS healthcare services while allowing the appropriate security controls and limitation functionality to ensure access is relevant and keep patient information safe. This transition will enhance data security, control access to patient histories, and unlock physical space previously occupied by paper records for other initiatives within the health system.

Beth Wewel, CFO at WCHS, high-lighted the significance of this initiative, stating, "The HIM digitization project exemplifies WCHS's unwavering commitment to meeting the evolving healthcare needs and expectations of our patients. Embracing digital transformation is a demonstration of our dedication to using innovation to enhance the quality and efficiency of patient care in alignment with the healthcare standards of today."

Native Voters and Tribal Nations Negotiate Fair Districts in Nebraska

Thurston County - New District Plan Demographic/Data Breakout

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1	970	2	0.21%	760	78.35%	721	94.87%	10	1.32%	1	8	18	2.37%
2	940	-28	-2.89%	569	60.53%	115	20.21%	423	74.34%	2	15	438	76.98%
3	974	6	0.62%	613	62.94%	166	27.08%	426	69.49%	3	4	430	70.15%
1	988	20	2.07%	617	62.45%	29	4.70%	540	87.52%	4	18	558	90.44%
5	971	3	0.31%	667	68.69%	276	41.38%	355	53.22%	5	15	370	55.47%
5	945	-23	-2.38%	520	55.03%	17	3.27%	496	95.38%	6	4	500	96.15%
7	985	17	1.76%	764	77.56%	653	85.47%	59	7.72%	7	17	76	9.95%



Press release provided by NARF

(Omaha, Neb.) - Native voters, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska have successfully negotiated a court approved redistricting plan with Thurston County to settle the redistricting lawsuit Winnebago Tribe and Omaha Tribe, et. al. v. Thurston County, et. al. On January 26, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska approved a consent decree that requires the Nebraska county to adopt a new district plan to provide Native Americans a fair opportunity to elect candidates to the Thurston County Board of Supervisors. Local elections will use the new map starting in next year's elections and until the next redistricting process begins after 2030.

Given that Native Americans now comprise a majority of Thurston County's population, the new map will provide that four of the seven Board of Supervisors districts will provide Native voters with a fair opportunity to elect their preferred candidates, as required by the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA). This case marks the third time Thurston County has been successfully sued under the VRA for a redistricting plan that violates the rights of Native American voters in the county.

"Native people in Thurston County have thrived against all odds in spite of any setback, and this includes defending Native voters' right to participate in legal and fair elections in Nebraska," said Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan. "We negotiated the new district map with county officials so Native voters will have a fair chance at electing candidates to the Board of Supervisors in 2024."

"This case shows that we will keep fighting for our right to vote," said Omaha Tribe Chairman Jason Sheridan. "The new consent decree resolves the third and hopefully last lawsuit against Thurston County to get a legal and equitable redistricting process. The Omaha Tribe is dedicated to fight any legal battles Thurston County throws at us."

In 1979, courts subjected Thurston County to a consent decree forbidding the adoption of an at-large voting system as violating Section 2 of the VRA, because an at-large system would disenfranchise the estimated 28% population of Native voters in the county at the time. As a result of another lawsuit, the courts in 1996 required Thurston County to create a legal district map that fairly apportioned the then estimated 36% population of Native voters in accord with the VRA. The 2023 consent

decree requires Thurston County to create a legal district map that reflects that Native Americans now comprise almost 60% of the county's population and make up a majority of the voting age population of Thurston County. During Thurston County's redistricting process after the release of the 2020 Census, the Board of Supervisors refused to implement a VRA-compliant map proposed by both Tribes, and instead adopted a map that will now be replaced by a VRA-compliant map as required under the new consent

Before approving the consent decree, the court asked the parties to submit briefing on what effect a recent Eighth Circuit opinion had on the court's ability to approve the consent decree. That Eighth Circuit case, Arkansas State Conference NAACP v. Arkansas Board of Apportionment, made the unprecedented ruling that private citizens do not have a right of action under Section 2 of the VRA. However, the judge ultimately found that authority does exist for the Nebraska court to approve the consent

The Native voters and tribal governments, represented by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Big Fire Law and Policy Group, retained their right under the new consent decree to take Thurston County back to court should the county officials fail to abide by the new decree.

"Fair and legal elections will finally take place in Thurston County, only after Tribes and Native voters fought to secure an equitable district map," said NARF Staff Attorney Michael Carter.

"This consent decree reinforces the essential mandate that district lines cannot be drawn in a way that stops voters of color from participating fully and equally in our democracy. " said Ezra Rosenberg, co-director of the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. We and our clients have produced a court approved redistricting plan that removes the barriers that would have prevented Native Americans in Thurston County from electing their candidates of choice."

More about Winnebago Tribe et al v. Thurston County et al: https://narf.org/cases/thurston-nebraska-redistricting/

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WCHS Creates and Launches New Network

By: Erin McElroy

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is pleased to announce the successful transition to a new independent network. The establishment of this new network is the third phase of a technology transformation that represents a significant investment that starts by advancing our staff operations and ends with an improved patient experience.

"By engineering the new domain, phone systems, and network, the health system and those we serve enjoy enhanced bandwidth, functionality, reliability, and digital independence to support the nation-leading indigenous healthcare we are striving to provide," explains Information Technology Manager, Monti Molzen.

By upgrading to this new network, WCHS recognizes the importance of effective communication, and technology place in delivering innovative quality care to meet the needs of today's patients/relatives they serve. WCHS has a big year ahead of them as they seek to use the new network's capabilities and adaptability, in conjunction with the communication and collaboration tools enabled by the new domain/phone systems to accomplish several of the strategic goals listed in their FY24 Annual Plan.

David Edwards, CEO of WCHS, expressed his enthusiasm for the new sys-

tem's implementation, stating, "We are thrilled to announce that the transition to our new independent network was a success. This bold move toward organizational independence allows us to revolutionize our internal processes and enhance patient interactions in person, on the phone, and online." In this process, WCHS took and is still taking proactive steps to minimize service disruption to patients and staff as they finish the remaining steps of this transition. This necessary but significant undertaking has occurred with minimal unscheduled interruptions to patient experience as possible over the long weekend. WCHS extends its gratitude to the community for their support and grace during this time and reminds them to update their contact information to the following to ensure their smoothest transitions in care.

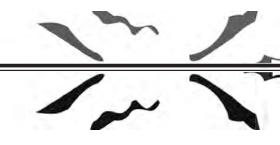
WCHS Main Phone: 402-745-3950 Please note: For the next year, WCHS's former numbers will be forwarded to 402-745-3950 as efforts are made to help patients and relatives make this transition as well.

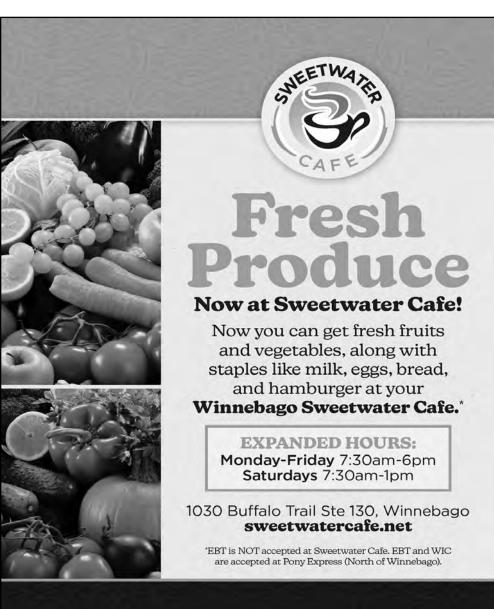
For Emergencies: 402-745-3951 Toll Free: 1-(888) 575-9244 Emails: firstname.lastname@wchs





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Winnebago Food Distribution: Nutrition Education Calendar

February 2024

Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
	2. Chicken Quesadilla	No Nutrition Ed.				
10	9 Southwestern Salad	8 Chicken Taquitos	7 Buffalo Cauliflower Bites	6	5	4
31	No Nutrition Ed.	No Nutrition Ed.	No Nutrition Ed.	13	12	-0.
24	23 Air fryer Zucchini Skins	22 Bell Pepper Nachos	21 Chicken Bacon Ranch Rollups	20	19	18
		29 Bunless Burger Sliders	28 Chicken Enchilada Soup	27	26	25

WINNEBAGO FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM NUTRITION EDUCATION 220 INDUSTRIAL PKWY. WINNEBAGO NE. 68071



If you're planning on enjoying the Super Bowl or the Grammy's our focus this month is on some healthier snack options so everyone can still indulge.

Please join us in the kitchen at the food distribution program every Weds., Thurs., and Friday at Noon for healthy cooking tips, recipes, and food tastings!



LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW



LAST BEAR MOON Winter Celebration POWN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

WINNAVEGAS EVENT CENTER • SLOAN, IOWA

HEAD STAFF

HOST DRUMS: HAY-LUSH-KA • HU-JOP GREYWOLF • NEW BREED

INVITED DRUM: The descendants, New Town, ND

MC:

CRAIG "TUNNY" CLEVELAND JR., WINNEBAGO. NE

ARENA DIRECTOR: PETE SNOWBALL WINNEBAGO, NE

HEAD DANCE JUDGE:

HEAD SINGING JUDGE: John "Johnny Mo" Morris Thurston, Ne

WINNEBAGO, NE

HEADMAN DANCER AND HEAD
LADY DANCER
*SELECTED DAILY

CORRESPONDENTS
GARAN COONS • ALLISON LEVERING
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DANCE & SINGING CONTEST INFORMATION

*** 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM GRAND ENTRIES • POINTS START AT 12:00 PM

SINGING CONTEST (VISITING DRUMS ONLY)
1ST \$3,000 • 2ND \$2,000 • 3RD \$1,000

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55 +)

MEN'S TRADITIONAL - GRASS - FANCY

WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55 +)

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL • JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL

ADULT CATEGORIES (18-54)

MEN'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY • WOODLAND SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL • SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL

JINGLE • FANCY SHAWL • WOODLAND SCRUB 1ST \$600 • 2ND \$400 • 3RD \$300 • 4TH \$200

TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)

TEEN BOY'S TRADITIONAL • GRASS • FANCY • WOODLAND TEEN GIRL'S TRADITIONAL • JINGLE FANCY SHAWL • WOODLAND SCRUB 1ST \$200 • 2ND \$125 • 3RD \$75

JUNIOR CATEGORIES (6-12)

JUNIOR BOYS & JUNIOR GIRLS WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY
TINY TOTS (0-5) WILL RECEIVE DAY PAY

DANCER AND DRUM GROUP REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY

LIVE STREAMING ON





>> SPOTLIGHT DANCE SPECIAL <<

MEN'S WOODLAND (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)
WOMEN'S WOODLAND SCRUB (\$1,000 PRIZE POOL)

General Information

ADMISSION: FREE

WINNEBAGO ARTS & CRAFTS

VENDORS ONLY Due to limited space Vendor Contact Melanie Parker: mparker@hochunkinc.com

No Food Vendors • No Raffles
The Kąsu Café and Event Center
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options.

No drugs or alcohol allowed in event center • Not liable for accidents and/or stolen property • No pets Winnavegas reserves right to change or modify this event









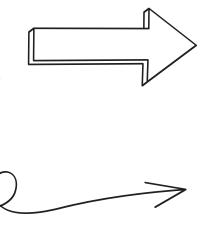




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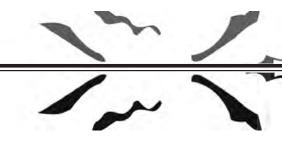
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To check out the KWTN 100.9 FM webpage!









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6am - 11:59pm

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FREE SLOT PLAY



Cherish the wins!

Wednesdays in February

6am - 11:59pm

Swipe your WarHorse Rewards card to win your share of







EARNING

Feb. 1 at 6am -Feb. 24 at 7:30pm



ACTIVATION

Feb. 24 | 6am-7:45pm



FREE SLOT PLAY DRAWINGS

Feb. 24 | 2pm-7pm



GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Feb.24 | 8pm

ONE GETAWAYS \$2,500 CASH!

Saturday, February 24

Every hour from 2pm-7pm, five players will win \$100 Free Slot Play.

At 8pm, three grand prize winners will be drawn to receive one of the prizes below!

CASINO DEL SOL

Includes a 3 night stay at Casino Del Sol in Arizona

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\$2,500 CASH

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FIRST 500 FANS RECEIVE A FREE TACO IN A BAG!

Courtesy of Ho-Chunk, Inc. Visit the Ho-Chunk, Inc. table!



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EVERY SATURDAY ★ 3PM TO 6PM

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Saturday, February 24th at 7pm there will be a \$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing where we will draw 10 winners of \$1,000 CASH guaranteed!

