

WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS

Bago Bits...



Nebraska School Activities Association spotlighted Winnebago Public School on their Facebook page as the NSAA showcase school of the week! #BagoPride



Youth in Winnebago recently attended an evening event full of tubing and ice-skating fun at Cone Park in Sioux City, IA. (Photo courtesy of Outreach Specialist, Richard Kearnes)



An exciting project that has been a work in progress is finally coming together! Here is an updated look at the Big Screen LED Projector in Winnebago. Stay tuned for more updates!



The Winnebago Girls Basketball team gathered in a huddle. More basketball pictures from both Winnebago Girls & Boys Basketball teams to come in next issue. (Photo courtesy of Lakaylah Kearnes)



Also found on the Taqueria Canton menu in Winnebago is this variety of delicious desserts!



Join the Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center on Facebook for their Fun Friday's activities, pictured is ingredients for their wintertime frozen bubbles activity!



With Valentine's Day coming up, Hey Hey Girl Beads & Creations is holding a special sale of 15% off all jewelry until February 15th! (Follow their Facebook page.)

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Winnebago Girls Wrestling Program Makes History at State Tournament



Pictured left to bottom right corner: Nebraska Back-to-Back State Wrestling Champion Zeriah George; Winnebago Girls Wrestling Freshman Darian Earth; and Winnebago High School Wrestling Coaches Adam James and Adam Tranmer.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—Winnebago Public School (WPS) Senior and team captain Zeriah George is the back-to-back Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association (NSWCA) Girl's State Champion. George was crowned the State Champion in her weight class of 240 pounds at the Girls State Tournament in York on January 30th. This is George's second consecutive State Championship, last year, as a Junior, George wrestled in the 240-pound class

at the NSAA-sanctioned boys meets. George was the first Female State Wrestling Champion in the State of Nebraska.

"I am extremely proud of Zeriah and her commitment to her senior year, and the leadership she modeled in the wrestling room and for the other wrestlers" said Adam Tranmer the WPS Head Wrestling Coach.

George's State Championship caps off her senior season with an undefeated record of 16-0 with 16 pins.

George will be wrestling at the 195 weight class over the weekend to at-

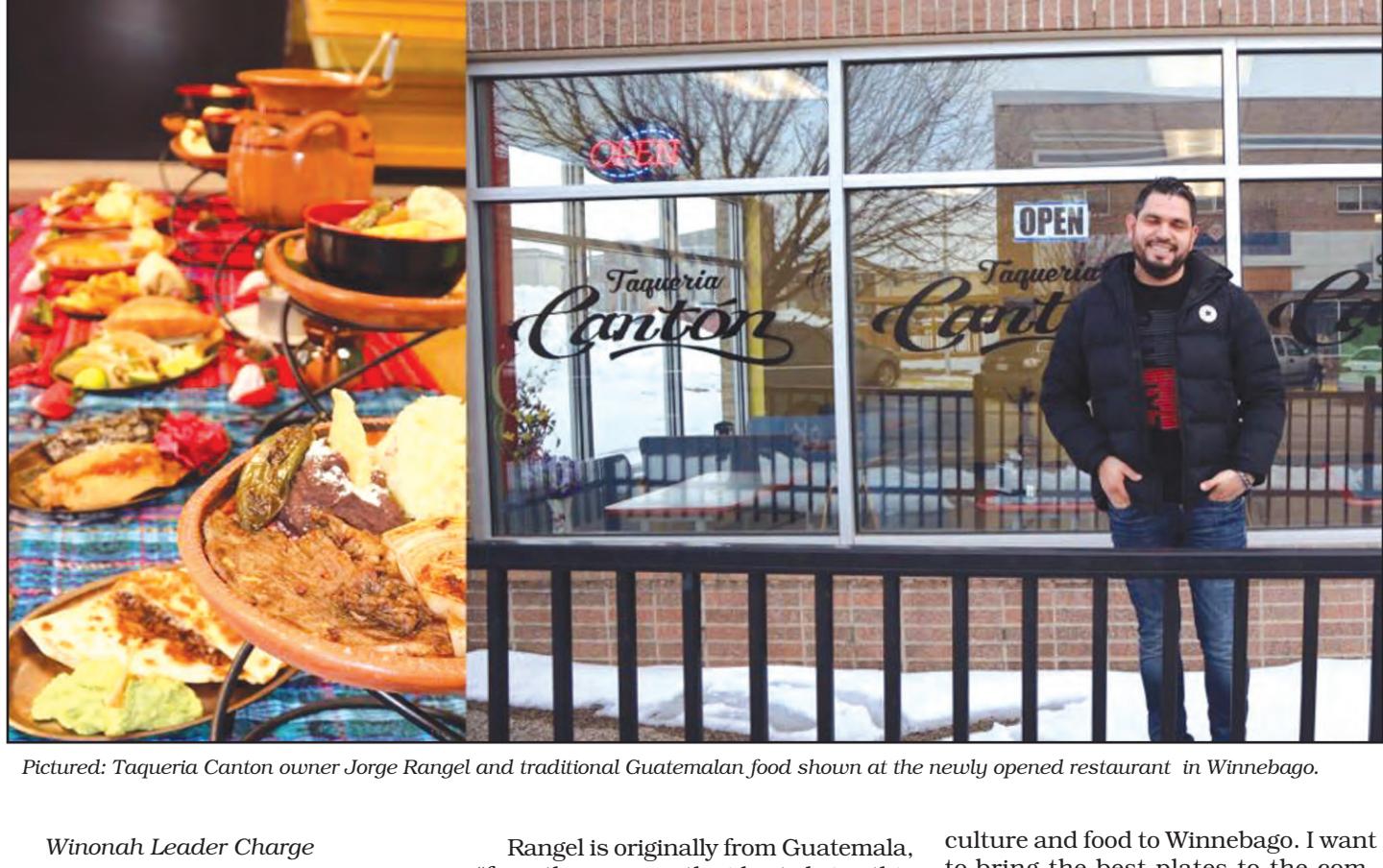
tempt to make it to districts. If she places in the top 4 at districts she will qualify for the NSAA State tournament.

Freshman Darian Earth places 4th place in the 190 weight class at the NSWCA Girls State Wrestling. "For a freshman to place that high against some girls who were seniors and have more experience, is a great accomplishment" stated Tranmer.

Earth finished her freshman season with a record of 11-7.

The team of two girls placed 9th with 44 points.

Rangel Brings Guatemalan Food to Winnebago



Pictured: Taqueria Canton owner Jorge Rangel and traditional Guatemalan food shown at the newly opened restaurant in Winnebago.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE-- The newly opened Guatemalan restaurant located at Village Place is serving up favorite traditional dishes. Inside Taqueria Canton restaurant you will find Mayan inspired recipes coming to life, "everything we use comes from there" shared Taqueria Canton owner Jorge Rangel.

Rangel is originally from Guatemala, "from there comes the idea to bring this food to this town. All the people who work with me are from Guatemala. I don't see a lot of places that have this kind of food, and that inspires me to do this kind of kitchen" said Rangel.

Rangel has been introducing the restaurants food little by little to the community by giving samples of different dishes. "I want to bring all this

culture and food to Winnebago. I want to bring the best plates to the community" stated Rangel.

Since opening on January 9th, Taqueria Canton has been open every day from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Grand Opening of Taqueria Canton will be held on February 14th. During the Grand Opening there will be specials on tacos also a burrito, rice, and a drink.

BAGO NEWS



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The internship helped me grow professionally and connect with different people. It also led to a full-time position with the company that I want to be with. I'm so happy I got this opportunity. It really was a big advancement in my career. Each day I'm learning new things, and I'm happy to be a part of something big.

Savannah Ricehill, 2020 Intern
 Blue Earth Marketing



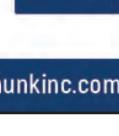
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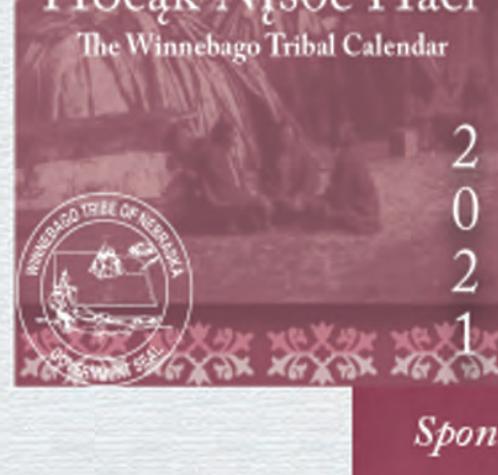


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Contact Felicia Masquat at fmasquat@hochunkinc.com for more information.

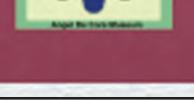
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WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

WINNEBAGO COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

The WPHD is offering the COVID-19 vaccine to those 16 years and older who meet 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.
- Employees who work in Winnebago are also eligible.

To sign-up for the COVID-19 Vaccine Waiting list, visit www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList or call (402) 878-2258 during regular business hours.

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

Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021

New Positive Cases Since Last Report	4	Total Positive Cases	323
Total Deaths From COVID-19	5	Recovered Cases	313
Total Initial (1st Dose) Vaccines Administered in Winnebago	874	Total Booster Shots Administered (2nd Dose)	301
		Total Vaccines Administered	1,175

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Pictured: Mona Zuffante volunteers to receive one of the first COVID-19 vaccines given in Winnebago during the first employee vaccination clinic.

MONA ZUFFANTE
 (Public Health Administrator)

Mona Zuffante, Public Health Administrator of the Winnebago Public Health Department, was recognized as one of the Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center's (GPTEC) December 2020 "Good Relatives." Each day there are community members and programs all across the Great Plains who are living a life that exemplifies what it means to "Be a good relative". This Tribal-spotlight series recognizes the everyday work of community members who are stepping up for others. Mona's work for the Winnebago Public Health Department exemplifies what it means to be a Good Relative through her advocacy for healthcare and wellness in her community. Thank you Mona for your vital role within the organization and for defining what it means to be a "Good Relative."



TRIBAL RESOLUTIONS

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 "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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, with the Chairperson not voting and 1 Member(s) not present.

Dated this 19 day of January, 2021.

Attest:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Chairperson, Winnebago Tribal Council

Lorelei DeCora
Secretary, Winnebago Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION # 21-56

AMENDMENTS TO THE WINNEBAGO TRIBAL CODE
TITLE 5 ARTICLE 2 – ELECTIONS

ALLOWING VOTERS TO VOTE FOR ALL VACANT SEATS, WHETHER EXPIRED OR UNEXPIRED

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council enacted Title 5, Article 2 of the Winnebago Tribal Code to provide direction in its election process; however, Article 2 does not differentiate between expired and unexpired seats for the Tribe's Regular Election, resulting in a scenario where Tribal members are denied the opportunity to vote for all vacancies; and

WHEREAS, amending the Winnebago Tribal Code will provide direction about conducting a Regular Election to the Tribal Council and election board when there are more than three vacant seats on the Tribal Council and allow for Tribal members the opportunity to vote for all vacancies on the ballot.

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 5-205, subsection 1 shall be amended to now read as follows:

The Tribal Council shall provide the reservation election board with official printed ballots (Exhibit #4). The names of qualified candidates shall appear on the official printed election ballots in alphabetical order. A person may vote for up to one candidate per the number of vacancies. A voter may vote for a person or persons (up to the number of vacancies) not appearing on the published ballot by writing the name of said person or persons legibly on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 5-222 shall be amended to delete subsection 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Section 5-226 shall be adopted and read as follows:

5-226 Unexpired Seats on the Ballot.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Winnebago Tribe, when a councilmember is removed from office, dies, or resigns, the Tribal Council, by a 2/3rds affirmative vote, declares the position vacant and, by a 2/3rds affirmative vote, appoints a qualified individual to fill the position until the next general election.

In the event there is an unexpired Tribal Council seat on the ballot for the Regular Election, such seat(s) shall be included on the ballot as one of the vacancies.

Voters may vote for all of the regular expired seats as well as all of the unexpired seats.

The next highest vote getter(s) following the vacant expired seats shall be declared elected for the unexpired seat for the remainder of the unexpired term.

In the event of a tie, a runoff election shall be held pursuant to Section 5-222.

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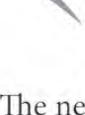
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WARHORSE™

Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s gaming division is previewing 3D design concepts and logos for the new casinos as planning advances at three Nebraska locations – Omaha, Lincoln and South Sioux City.

 **Expanded gaming in some form is expected by late 2021 at some race track locations, with full casino operations up and running in 2022.**

 **Design concepts for the WarHorse South Sioux will be announced later this year.**

The new WarHorse casinos will advance Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s mission of creating economic opportunity for Tribal members, and help fund Winnebago community programs and partnerships.

WarHorse Gaming LLC is a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk, Inc., and is the organization working with the Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) to bring the casinos into reality. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.



WARHORSE CASINO LOGOS UNVEILED

WarHorse Gaming and its WarHorse Casino locations will operate under a new logo just announced. The modern symbol helps represent the consistent, top-notch experience guests can expect no matter which casino they visit.

"The logo could be interpreted either way – as Native or non-Native," said Lance Morgan, Ho-Chunk, Inc. CEO.

"We wanted the casinos and their logo to be contemporary and modern, not some country-western or horse feel."

The logo was designed to be emblematic of the partnership between Ho-Chunk, Inc. and the Nebraska HBPA, which owns several of the race tracks where the casinos will be built.



MEET BRIAN CAMBERLAIN WARHORSE GAMING'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WarHorse Gaming's executive director is Brian Chamberlain, an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe who brings key experience to the new role.

His work in gaming began in 1993 when he started as a blackjack dealer at WinnaVegas.

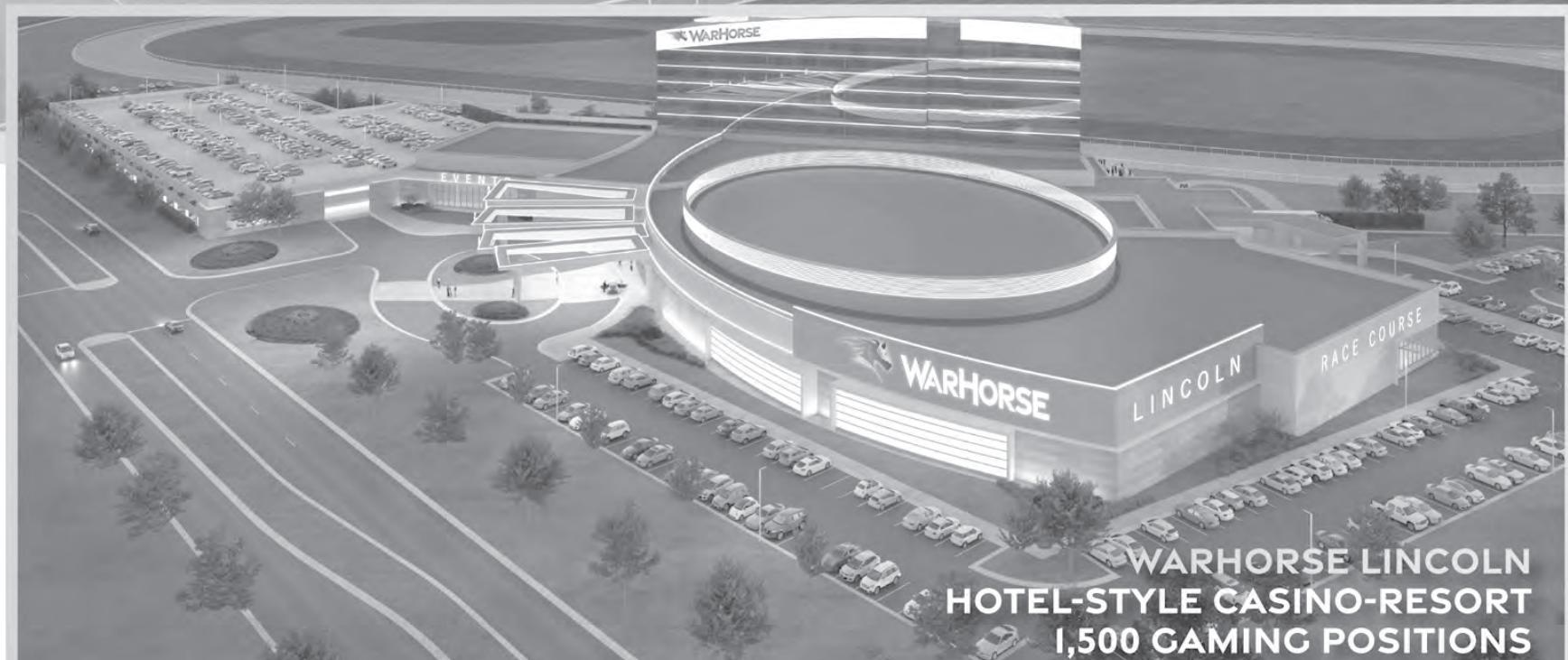
"We used to be in the trailers. For those who may not remember, that was an exciting time for the Tribe's growth, but also a very different time," Brian said.

He went on to become the CEO of the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation from 2004 to 2020, leaving for the new role with WarHorse Gaming.

Brian's history with Ho-Chunk, Inc. includes serving as a board member for the first time in 2003. He is also Vice Chairman of the Winnebago Tribe and has served with past and present Tribal Council terms since 2008. Brian has also served two terms with the Winnebago Gaming Commission.



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LINCOLN

The largest of the planned casinos is the impressive new WarHorse Lincoln which will be constructed at the Lincoln Race Course complex in a hotel-style casino-resort and include roof-top race track viewing. The casino will have 1,500 gaming positions.

“I’m calling WarHorse Lincoln the crown jewel. Lincoln as a city is a destination for a lot of activities, and this location is going to have a different level of visibility,” Brian said.



OMAHA



Omaha with its metro population will help make WarHorse Omaha a star property. The casino will be built at the existing Horseman’s Park, located near the intersection of Q Street and 72nd in South Omaha. The casino will have 1,600 gaming positions.

“WarHorse Omaha will be able to offer a lot of amenities, from standard casino gaming, slots and tables,” Brian said. “We’re going to add other things as they come in, like sports betting will have a sports bar, and various dining venues.”



COMMUNITY NEWS

My Fellow Tribal Members,



proud to reiterate the changes we've made to our tribal election code. Never again will we have someone sitting at our council table that no one voted for. Never again will the votes of our people be ignored to create the seating of someone that did not carry the favor of our voters. Our election system must be without corruption. It cannot be tampered with and must carry serious penalties for anyone who disrupts the will of our people's votes. Most importantly, it must be inclusive of our membership to reflect the will of our people as we select our leaders and representation.

If you're not aware, in January the Council approved changes to the election code that provide for the appropriate filling of any vacancy by mean of holding a Special Vote. The winner(s) of that vote will be declared the 'eligible candidate(s)' and the remaining Council SHALL then appoint the winner(s). With previous Councils proving that we cannot count on any council to do the right thing, this new council took the matter out of the political will of some and gave the voice back to our people – where it always belongs!

There are still many more changes coming but giving the vote back to our people was priority number one for me, and I'm elated to help deliver that result to you.

The next matter is a short one, but important, nonetheless. We have always been known as the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. But over the years I've heard many names bandied about, many of which included the word, "Nation". I have to say it's a bit embarrassing to see the phrasing on the Iowa interstate signage that calls us the "Nation of the Winnebago Tribe". Now I understand some people have fallen in love with the word nation, but is this what we're stuck with? I hope not. If we're not the Winnebago Tribe, and you're in love with the word 'nation', why not Hocak Nisoc haci Nation? Let's argue about it. Just kidding.

The final topic for today is healthcare and the vaccines. Knowing many of you are worried and knowing that many have even more questions I hope that you all will seriously consider taking the vaccine. I have. Now please consult your own doctors for specific questions related to your own healthcare needs, but my point is letting you know that I believe we will only defeat this virus by protecting ourselves using every weapon we have. Before the vaccine we had only hygiene and isolation, which are good, but now we have science, and soon we'll have even more. So, think about it. If you still have questions call the hospital or read the literature put out through their efforts on social media and the like. We will defeat this virus and we will emerge victorious from this pandemic. Help protect our people by doing your part in whatever way makes the most sense for you and yours.

Finally, I want to thank you all again for your continued support. Working on behalf of our people is my honor. It is something that I hold in very high esteem and is a job that I take very seriously. Just as what we're allowed to take care of for all of us a very important responsibility, your continued involvement is just as crucial. So, thank you all, again, and please continue to stay involved and support the positive actions of your council in the ways that benefits each of us. Don't forget I also do regular videos on my Facebook page, Fmr. Vice-Chairman Brian Chamberlain, and I will continue to communicate with you in all media possible.

Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your masks, stay distanced when possible. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Brian K Chamberlain,
Vice-Chairman
Winnebago Tribal Council

Thank you from the Richard Kearnes, Jr. Family

We are thankful to the Winnebago community for their support in our time of need during the loss of our Brother, Father, and Grandfather Richard Kearnes, Jr. Your kindness, your words of condolence, and monetary gifts are truly appreciated and immeasurable.

A special Thank You to the Winnebago Tribal Council in all that they have done to accommodate us during our time of need and making sure that we had space to gather safely with friends and relatives.

Also, a very special heartfelt Thank You to Mr. Charles Aldrich, Jr., Isaac Smith, Harold Cleveland, Jr., the Winnebago Wake and Burial Program and all their helpers. Your dedication and caring of our beloved Richard is truly appreciated.

We are extremely grateful to Mary Kelsey and all her helpers for their tireless work in making the delicious meals for all to enjoy. You will always be in our prayers. Bless You All.

Winnebago Basketball Fan Appreciation Night Feb. 11



Go Big Blue! The first 250 fans get a FREE hot dog from Ho-Chunk, Inc. during the matchup between Winnebago and Omaha Nation on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Winnebago Public School.

Hot dogs will be pre-wrapped and all COVID safety protocols will be followed. JV Boys & Girls Basketball will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Varsity Games.

All proceeds benefit WPS Foundation for Scholarships.

Winnebago FCCLA Delivers Holiday Cookie Decorating Kits:



Hannah Mayo

Winnebago High School FCCLA members baked, organized and delivered over 40 holiday cookie decorating kits to elementary school families. FCCLA members were excited to give back to the school. Ameah Kitcheyan said she participated because she "...wanted to bring light to the community." The success sparked interest for more kits to be made during the Valentine's Day season.

FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is a student leadership focused on strengthening the family and serving the community. Members will also have several opportunities to explore a wide range of careers related to entrepreneurship and human services. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join and participate.

Seeking Part-time County Surveyor

Thurston County is accepting applications for a part time County Surveyor. Contact the County Clerk's office for more information or an application. Veterans preferred. Thurston County is an equal opportunity employer.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-027
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
RANA MERRICK

In Re:
T. M. (Born 9/2003)

TO: JAMIE SAUL, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-027 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22nd day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-021

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:

KAIRA WOLFE
vs.
PARYSS ALDRICH

To: PARYSS ALDRICH,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a PreTrial Conference concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV21-021 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25TH day of March, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ21-005

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
N. G. (Born 1/2021)

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

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

As of 02-02-2021, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
January 19, 2021**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Thelma Whitewater
Coly Brown
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandon Stout
Cece Earth
Kellie Snow
Teresa Littlegeorge
Erika Dunn
Garan Coons
Kim Sulsberger

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

John Snowball (leave)
CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 5:12 p.m.
OPENING PRAYER: Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

ADDITION:
Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Louis LaRose seconded.
VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:
January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Adopt resolution #21-52; CWA Section 319 Watershed-Based Plan Development Project.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-52; CWA Section 319 Watershed-Based Plan Development Project. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-53; Authorizing Request for and Approving withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Devery Shanowat \$4,807.70.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-53; Authorizing Request for and Approving withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Devery Shanowat \$4,807.70. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-54; Authorizing Request for and Approving withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Berna Hindsley \$42.96.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-54; Authorizing Request for and Approving withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Berna Hindsley \$42.96.

Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

IT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the IT Department Organization Chart. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Draft Proposed Resolutions Amending Title 5, Article 2 of the Winnebago Tribal Code Concerning Vacancies on the Tribal Council

Adopt 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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt 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. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Amendments to the Winnebago Tribal Code Title 5 Article 2 – Elections Allowing Voters to Vote for all Vacant Seats, Whether Expired or Unexpired

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-56 with Option B; Amendments to the Winnebago Tribal Code Title 5 Article 2 – Elections Allowing Voters to Vote for all Vacant Seats, Whether Expired or Unexpired. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to allow Tribal Council to disseminate the resolutions (#21-55 and #21-56)

in their final form to the membership at their discretion. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Policies and procedures of Funeral leave

Discussion on employees attending noon meals and funeral services, and the age limit put in place regarding children attending funerals.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING**

January 20, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain (out at 12:32 p.m.)

Rona Stealer
Lorelei DeCora

Aric Armell
Coly Brown

John Snowball
Thelma Whitewater

Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Bear Eagle
Joy Johnson

Esther Mercer
Alan Post

Teresa Littlegeorge
Brandon Stout

Erika Dunn
Tyresha Wolfe

Cece Earth
Garan Coons

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Jennifer Bear Eagle offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

IOWA LAND LEGISLATION: update Fortenberry agrees to co-sponsor the bill waiting for a co-sponsor.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to support the appointment of Deb Holland to the Department of Interior Secretary. Louis LaRose seconded.

Motion withdrawn.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to suspend the rules to add Deb Holland support to the agenda. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned for Chairwoman Kitcheyan to take all actions necessary to work with the General Counsel to draft letter of support for the appointment for Deb Holland. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to authorize Chairwoman Kitcheyan to issue a press release to show support for Ann Marie Downs, as Deputy Solicitor for the Secretary of Interior, as a Winnebago Tribal Member. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

HEMP PROGRAM: update. Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-22A: Amending resolution #21-22 in order to appoint the Winnebago General Counsel as the Compliance Officer Pursuant to Section 8-309 of the Tribal Code. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

HEMP Commission is the regulatory body.

Louis LaRose motioned to hold a special meeting for HEMP for tribal members that includes education and input. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

SURVEY RESULTS: update, don't have 100% responses. General Counsel will resend the link.

RADIO STATION: update Action item: Resolution reaffirming WTN Radio Initiative

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #21-57: Supporting the Winnebago Tribe's Radio Station initiative and the request to the FCC for enhanced broadcast coverage. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to proceed with Allen, NE Radio Station. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Coly Brown motioned to support a delegation of Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to meet with Southern Ute Tribe radio station project. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to renew the FCC License for the Radio Station. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

ELECTION CODE REVISIONS: update and discussion Brian Chamberlain suggests – Allocation of candidates from the primary results.

Coly Brown suggests – Process of randomly picking Election Board changed to a standing board.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct General Counsel to add the two items on the Election Code. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

[Brian out at 12:32 p.m.]

ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES: update on the training with the guidelines, will send an outline of training. General Counsel to do training with Enrollment Staff and Enrollment Committee (no changes have been made)

METH CODE: update, continue to research and update code

OPIOID LITIGATION: update, will provide a brief written update. David Domina sent an email and that will be forwarded.

FLOOD CASE: update, will provide a brief written update.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT MEETING**

January 21, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan

Brian Chamberlain

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

John Snowball

Aric Armell

Thelma Whitewater

Coly Brown

Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer

Alan Post

Kiva Harden-Free

Terri Medina

Cecelia Earth

Kelli Snow

Travis Mallory

Bethani Redhorn

Billie Kitcheyan

Garan Coons

Joy Johnson

Erika Dunn

Brandon Stout

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Winonah Leader Charge

Tyresha Wolfe

Teresa Littlegeorge

Kim Sulsberger

Tina Lewis

Anthony Earth

Fannie LaTray

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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