



## Bago Bits...



February 20th students from The Ho-Chunk Language Academy that studies at the Winnebago public school attended the Day of Remembrance event. This event was located at Winnebago's statue garden & hosted by the Angel De Cora Museum & Research Center. This event was to spread awareness in remembrance as well as acknowledge those who passed on or survived being at the Indian Industrial School at Genoa. February 20th has been declared as an annual day of remembrance to recognize these events. Thank you to the museum for their thoughtful efforts & language class for your words, singing & offering a smudge to those in attendance. Keep up the great work in teaching our youth about cultural etiquette & the history of our people! (Photo courtesy of Horaxik: Ho-Chunk Language Academy)



February 23rd a prayer/talking/listening circle was held at the Ho-Chunk Center in Winnebago. Tribal members expressed a need of support for youth and tribal members, thus resulting in people coming together in this meeting to be a listening ear or express themselves. Ongoing issues dealing with drugs & alcohol were discussed as well as current issues with bullying in school. The staff of The WIN would like to thank Terrance Medina for being an advocate for our tribal membership's voice. (Photo courtesy of Terrance Medina)



Pictured above are not your usual maple trees being tapped but Black Walnut trees! Tribal farms said the trees have a unique flavor with larger numbers of trees in the area, being a perfect candidate for their tapping. The unique flavor is described as being similar to maple syrup with a hint of butterscotch & nutty flavor. Currently we are in the midst of Syrup season so a finished product should be available soon at Winnebago's next farmer's market! Pictured below is a group of chicks that were donated to the department with high hopes of starting a "Rent-a-Chick" program that will give families a chance to have their own chick on a trial basis that leaves you with the knowledge of how to care for these animals but still return them based on your experience. Goodluck to Winnebago Tribal Farms on your many diverse ventures! (Pictures courtesy of Winnebago Tribal Farms)

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## New & Interactive HoChunk Language Website Debut



Pictured above is the current look of the HoChunk Language website! Visit at [hochunklanguage.com](http://hochunklanguage.com) for more

By Tyler Snake & Bethani Redhorn

Ho-Chunk Renaissance has been working on creating their own Language-based website since Fall 2021 with the mission to "Revitalize Ho-Chunk language".

Many behind the scenes hands have been involved in getting the website to where it is currently, the team has experienced minor setbacks along the way such as the former website having extensive coding & bug errors which then resulted in hiring Blue Earth Marketing, an advertising & marketing team, coming into the picture to help create a new platform. Since the new website was created Christina Parker, Media and Design Specialist, has worked with Blue Earth

Marketing to add content to the website overtime. Lewis St. Cyr, Program Director, & Christina Parker shared a goal in mind to have daily content added in the future development of the website.

More plans to expand the website are in mind, the goal of this article is to notify the public of their mission and what goals are being worked towards. Currently The Ho-Chunk Renaissance department receives different types of requests from other programs such as how to pronounce words, spell, or work with classes to teach various cultural practices. With the growth of the website the team hopes to have this "One-stop" hub for all types of tools to continue to learn about The

Ho-Chunk Language. Lewis expressed his efforts in getting the website to be in a place where the website is a strong digital resource to build relationships with online language classrooms as well as the Ho-Chunk people.

In conclusion, Ho-Chunk Renaissance has multiple avenues that utilize technology that are being grown by bringing technology & language together thru this website. Downloadable content, children's learning games, language history, videos/audio clips, and images teaching language are just a few current tools accessible on their website, [hochunklanguage.com](http://hochunklanguage.com) that continues to grow toward their mission in revitalizing the Ho-Chunk Language.

## Little Priest Tribal College Sets Record-Breaking Number of Students Enrolled for the Spring 2022 Semester



Trisha Wegner and Aaron Poor Bear, Student Support Services. (Photo courtesy of Little Priest Tribal College)

Winnebago, NE – Bethani Redhorn & Tyler Snake

Little Priest Tribal College sets a record and announces that the Spring 2022 semester reaches the highest student

enrollment in 22 years! Mr. Manoj Patil, President of LPTC, shared that the goal for student enrollment is to reach an amount of 200 students. The goal was almost achieved this Spring by starting out the semester with 195 students enrolled. A final number of students is accounted for on a day known as the "census date," which is the 2nd Friday after the semester starts and that the current amount is 174 students actively enrolled. The number of enrolled students and their credit hours are important factors that determine the amount of funding that the college receives.

With hopes that Little Priest Tribal College will continue to grow and progress, President Patil strives to create a welcoming environment for students, faculty, staff, and the community. With a lot of great things taking place and excit-

ing plans for the future of Little Priest Tribal College, it was said by Mr. Patil, "If we don't do it, then the question is who is going to? Are we going to keep it like this all the time? How long are we going to be like this? When are we going to move forward?"

As of right now, Little Priest Tribal College offers the following two-year degrees: Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), and Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.). You can visit: <https://www.littlepriest.edu/> for more information about LPTC, the degree programs that are currently offered, and a message from the Office of the President where you can read about the history of the college. The Winnebago Indian News will continue to collaborate with Little Priest Tribal College to keep the community informed and stay up to date with important upcoming announcements!

## Winnebago Wrestlers Make History for the Winnebago Public School



Head Wrestling Coach Adam Trammer and Darian "Hunz" Earth, Avani Wilkie, and Precious DeCora at the very first NSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships in Omaha, NE. (Pictures taken by Bethani Redhorn and Garan Coons)

Winnebago, NE – Bethani Redhorn & Tyler Snake

Open the history books because on Friday, February 18th, 2022, three Winnebago Lady Wrestlers stepped on the mat for the first ever NSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships! Darian "Hunz" Earth, Precious DeCora, and Avani Wilkie represented Winnebago Public School and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska as the very first Winnebago Lady Wrestlers to compete in the new NSAA State Wrestling Championship. The historical event took place at the CHI-Health Center in Omaha, NE.

A great wrestling season for the Winnebago Girls, as they placed 12th out of 56 teams with 32 points in the first NSAA Girls State Wrestling Championship. Combined, the girls share 72 wins for this year! Darian "Hunz" Earth (185) is the 4th place medalist at this year's tourna-

ment, ending her sophomore season with a record of 22-5. Avani Wilkie (152) is the 6th place medalist at this year's tournament, ending her freshman season with a record of 20-15. Precious DeCora is a 2022 NSAA State Qualifier at this year's tournament, ending her freshman season with a record of 30-7.

Before the championships, Winnebago Indian News caught up with the ladies and their coaches to learn more about why they wrestle. Each of the girls were asked what it is like to wrestle? Darian "Hunz" Earth shared that wrestling is hard, mentally, and physically. Precious DeCora shared that wrestling is fun and scary. Avani Wilkie shared that wrestling is a fun experience, you meet new people, and realize things that you can do that you never thought you could do. WPS Head

Wrestling Coach Adam Trammer shared about the girls various wrestling styles. "Each one has their own little thing, and it is great to see! In the practice room, they use it on each other, and it helps grow each one of them."

Winnebago Indian News would like to send a special congratulations to Darian, Avani, and Precious! We are very proud of you ladies!!! Continue to work hard and prove that girls belong! Thank you to the Winnebago Public School Athletics and Coaches Adam Trammer, Keagan Putnam, and Bryan Denton for working extremely hard to help advocate for girls wrestling to become sanctioned in Nebraska. Thank you to all the fans, parents, and supporters for cheering the ladies on as this is a very historical event for the Winnebago Wrestling Program!

**BAGO NEWS**

**WHIRLING THUNDER WELLNESS PROGRAM  
presents**

# **IRON CHEF Challenge**

**MARCH 9, 2022**  
**Whirling Thunder Gym**

**registration deadline 03.04.22**

**1. Participants will get a basket of random ingredients.**  
**2. Participants allowed to add own ingredients but must use ingredients provided to them.**  
**3. Participants basket of random ingredients will be available on March 8th in the Whirling Thunder kitchen from 8am-noon.**  
**4. Entries must be submitted by 10am on March 9th and include recipe or entry will be disqualified.**  
**Community will judge entries from noon-1pm.**  
**for more info: 402.922.2124 mary.kelsey@winnebagotribe.com**

**SIGN-ON BONUS!**



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## **NO SODA CHALLENGE**

**Join us for the National Nutrition Month no soda challenge!**

**Take the Pledge**

<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Health Effects</b>
Sodium benzoate	Obesity
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Diabetes
Phosphoric Acid	Osteoporosis
Empty Calories	Asthma
Bisphenol-A (BPA)	Tooth Decay
Excess Sugar	Kidney Stones

**Soda-Free 30**

The Challenge begins March 1st & runs through March 31st.  
All participants who turn in their log are eligible for a prize!

**Take the Pledge today!**  
It's time to rethink your drink.  
See Mary Kelsey to register and take the pledge. Or call 402-878-2272  
Ages 5 years and up.

**Next WIN News Deadline:  
MARCH 15th**

## **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**



**ATTENTION ALL ENROLLED & NEWLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS AGES 18+**

STARTING FEBRUARY 1st 2022, THE WTN ENROLLMENT DEPT. WILL BE ISSUING EACH TRIBAL MEMBER ONE FREE TRIBAL I.D.

AFTER ONE I.D. IS ISSUED A \$10 MONEY ORDER IS NEEDED FOR A REPLACEMENT.  
IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE A CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD WILL BE ISSUED.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TRIBES PAGE, MAIL OR EMAIL AT  
[ENROLLMENT@WINNEBAGOTRIBE.COM](mailto:ENROLLMENT@WINNEBAGOTRIBE.COM)

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA ENROLLMENT, 1030 BUFFALO TRAIL, SUITE#110 WINNEBAGO, Ne 68071



## **March 2022**

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, P.O. Box 687, Winnebago, NE 68071  
Phone: 402-878-2272 Fax 402-878-2963

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 9am Regular TC	8	9 9am CEO Report	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 9am Land Mgmt. & Enrollment Update	15	16 9am General Counsel Mtg.	17 	18	19
20	21 5pm Mid Monthly TC Mtg.	22	23	24	25 9am Treasurer's Report	26
27	28 9am Emergency Service Report	29	30	31		

\*Calendar subject to changes.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thoughts from CRT...



our rights.

Critical Race Theory wasn't really developed referring to tribal interests, but the concept isn't a theory in our world. Tribes still live under these racist era legal precedents. It is real and it explains how it is still so hard for Tribes and tribal people to escape the cycle of repression, exploitation, and poverty.

Several years ago, in a court hearing I was asked by an opposing lawyer if I had permission from the federal government to leave the reservation for the hearing that day. He was quoting a dormant federal law from the late 19th century the required I get permission from the federal government to travel off reservation. My answer to the question almost got me declared in contempt of court.

There really isn't much hope for overhauling the entire legal system to help tribes or other minority groups. The established power base has too much to lose, and I can tell you from hard experience that we have never been important enough to win the political influence game. However, I must admit it would be nice if the Tribe could gerrymander something for once to help us achieve or maintain some political power.

Banning Critical Race Theory from being even taught is silly and seems like just the latest in a long line of politically manufactured culture war issues. Call me a skeptic, but I suspect this issue becoming prominent overnight wasn't an accident. It was likely an invention of politics. Some paid political strategist decided to create a social issue that would stimulate their base, create outrage, and manipulate people in subtle ways to encourage underlying racial divisions.

Let's at least be honest with ourselves. Critical Race Theory isn't a theory. It is what happened and is still impacting people's lives. However, there doesn't really need to be a modern day bad guy to teach it. No one was alive in the 19th century when the foundations of these things were being established. Maybe we should call it non-Critical Race Theory and change the focus to understanding our history and use that understanding to strive for a truly equal opportunity society for all Americans.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



### "Do you understand any of this?"

Have you ever been asked if you understand something - after you have been shown or been told - but you really don't get it? How do you usually respond? Do you shake your head 'yes' when you really mean 'no'? Or do you remain . . . silent - hoping that the person asking the question will not put you on the spot?

Or are you honest and shake your head 'no'? And maybe even confess that you have no idea what you have been shown or what you have been told?

The twelve disciples had been with their rabbi, their Jewish teacher, for three years. Jesus informed them And this is not the first time that Jesus informed them "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." The disciples did not understand any of this [Luke 18:31-34].

On your own, you will not understand the reason that Jesus had to suffer. Most people - most of the time - avoid suffering. Most people go the opposite way and will go to great length to enjoy the pleasures of this world. At great cost, and sadly - tragically, at a great loss to themselves and those around them - will pay the price - in this world and for all too many - as they are separated completed from their Creator and His loving presence - forever.

Today there are many people who refuse to allow Jesus to take their punishment upon himself.

They foolishly think that since they know suffering first hand, often due to their own choices, although many others sadly at the hands of others - that hell can't be so bad.

Jesus said, "everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled."

The writings of Moses, from the prophets and from the psalms of the

tribe of Israel found in the Hebrew Scriptures have many prophecies that Jesus fulfilled.

First from Moses: 'YAHWEH your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him' [Deuteronomy 18:15 (NIV84)].

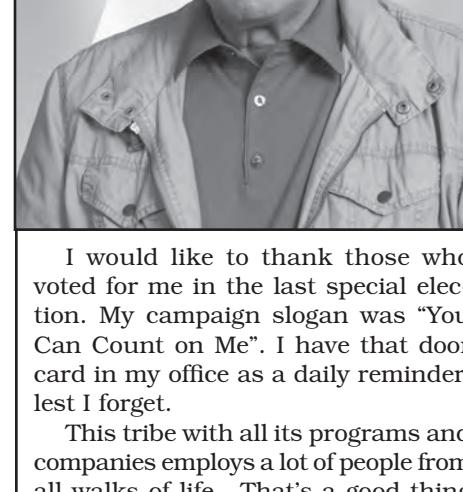
The prophet Isaiah portrays the Son of Man as being the suffering servant in chapter 53: 'He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not' [Isaiah 53:3]. He continues: 'But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed' [verse 5].

The tribe of Israel also used songs that we find in the Psalms. We begin with Psalm 2, verses 1 and 2 the connect Jesus the Christ - God's anointed One with the Old Testament: 'Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One' [Psalm 2:1-2].

We turn to Psalm 22 that vividly foretells what awaited Jesus: 'My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing' [Psalm 22:15-18].

It would be good for you to read and study the Old Testament writings. All of them were written so that we would see Jesus for who he is - the Messiah - the Christ - God's anointed One. As we reflect on the life, suffering and death of Jesus this Lenten season we realize that 'everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.'

## Thank You Vote



I would like to thank those who voted for me in the last special election. My campaign slogan was "You Can Count on Me". I have that door card in my office as a daily reminder, lest I forget.

This tribe with all its programs and companies employs a lot of people from all walks of life. That's a good thing and that's what makes the Winnebago Tribe's story a success. I, however, have a concern for those who don't make the cut for various reasons, such as no driver's license, not the best of backgrounds, or simple violations of some sort (just to mention a few). These are the ones I would like to see become a part of our workforce and I plan to work towards that end.

What I'm about to say, I say in a humble manner. I've been blessed by God and have been able to extend that generosity in the past to those in need...to young people, to adults,

to the elderly, and to various local organizations and to my church. I believe that trait will fit in well with the present tribal council who has been so generous to its membership this past year. I have been a recipient and I am thankful to that end.

I would like to share with you a conversation I had with the CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. back in September of 2020, prior to the primary elections. He shared with me the impact of the passing of the gaming initiative, and what impact the three casinos in Lincoln, Omaha, and South Sioux City would have on the Winnebago Tribe. I was blown away with the figures he threw at me. In a way, I wanted to campaign on those numbers and the tribe's future. But it was not my place to announce those details. Lance was the one who made all of this happen and he will be the one to share those details with the tribal members when the time comes. It practically puts us on the same playing field as Shakopee, Foxwood and the Wisconsin Tribe. Think about that.

In closing, I want to assure all tribal members that I will endeavor to earn my pay and your respect in the coming months, and I'll make every effort to acknowledge you with an article in the WIN at least once a month. Thanks again for your vote.

Kenny Mallory

PS... I had more than eighty (80) people congratulate me and say I have their vote. I'm going to see what caused the voting machine to malfunction. It showed me getting 74 votes.

## Hocak Corner

### Worucra here na.

(woh-rdooch-rdah hay-rday nah)

*It's time to eat.*

### Hiwarucikjawi na.

(hee-wah-rdooch-eek-jah-wee nah)

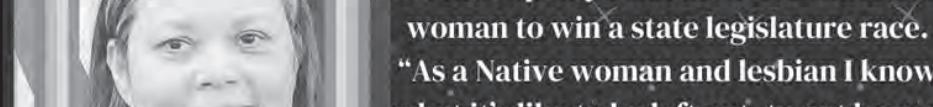
*Let's eat. (all of us)*

## Women's History Month

Sharice Davids, (Ho-Chunk/Winnebago) is the first openly LGBTQ Native American elected to the U.S. Congress in 2018. She is the first openly lesbian person elected to the U.S. Congress from Kansas, and one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress. She is also the second Native American to represent Kansas in Congress, after Charles Curtis, who was Herbert Hoover's Vice President. As of 2020, Sharice remains the only Democrat in Kansas's congressional delegation. As of March 2021, she is the only Native Democrat in the House.

## Women's History Month

Susan Allen (Lakota/Rosebud Sioux Tribe) was the first Native American woman elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2012. She is also the first openly lesbian Native American woman to win a state legislature race. "As a Native woman and lesbian I know what it's like to be left out, to not have a voice," she said after her victory. She did not seek re-election in 2018. "I don't want to be assimilated and that comes both as a Native American and a two-spirit person and then as LGBTQ. I resist the motivation that I can somehow only be accepted if I'm part of the mainstream, if I assimilate."



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

...Cont. from last issue

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Adopt Resolution: USDA ReConnect Program and Community Connect Program Authorized Representatives

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #22-54: USDA ReConnect Program and Community Connect Program Authorized Representatives. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## READING OF THE MINUTES:

January 7, 2022 Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the January 7, 2022 Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

January 11, 2022 Land Meeting and Enrollment update minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 11, 2022 Land Meeting and Enrollment update minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## **RATIFY FIVE-SIGNATURES:**

Approval of CEO request on January 13, 2022

Rona Stealer motioned to ratified the five signature approving the CEO request on January 13, 2022. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt resolution

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #22-54: Approving Jacqueline Long, Attorney-At-Law to Conduct a Winnebago Tribal Court Assessment. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## **TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

Resignation of Council member

Aric Armell motioned to accept the resignation of Council Member John Snowball affective January 17, 2022. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Louis LaRose motioned to declare Council Member John Snowball's seat vacant. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

TBD February 8, 2022 – Special Vote schedule. Will be determined at the General Counsel meeting on January 19, 2022.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the Chairwoman and the Secretary take all actions necessary to affectuate the Special Vote. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rona Stealer motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## ADJOURN:

Rona Stealer motioned to adjourn. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Littlegeorge,

Executive Assistant

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCora, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING**

**January 19, 2022**

## **TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan

Brian Chamberlain

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Coly Brown

Aric Armell

Louis LaRose

Isaac Smith (in at 10:10 a.m.)

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Beareagle

Danelle Smith

Esther Mercer

Garan Coons

Teresa Littlegeorge

Brandon Stout

Jonathan Seagrass

Lynelle Blackhawk

Tyresha Wolfe

Alan Post

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

## **APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

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

[Rona in at 10:09 a.m.] [Isaac in at 10:10 a.m.]

## **STANDING UPDATES:**

### **IOWA LAND LEGISLATION**

Action Item: Resolution Amending Title 8 (Natural Resources)

Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #22-56: Amendments to the Winnebago Tribal Code Title 8 Natural Resources, Amending Section 8-123. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

## **OPIOID LITIGATION - No update**

FLOOD CASE - No decision or action needs to be taken at this time.

## **COMMENT/CONSULTATION LETTERS**

### **HEMP COMMISSION UPDATE**

Action Item: Resolution recognizing and appointing initial Hemp Commission

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #22-57: Appointing the Initial Permanent Hemp Oversight and Licensing Commission. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

## **SPECIAL VOTE DISCUSSION:**

Esther Mercer and Lynelle present the Budget and Schedule.

Jennifer Beareagle presents information for discussion.

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribal Council Proposed Schedule #1. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Coly Brown motioned to authorize the 2021-2022 Election Board to be used for the Special VOTE Election. Aric Armell Seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

## **VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO WATER & SEWER AGREEMENT OVERVIEW**

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

THURSTON COUNTY REDISTRICTING (VOTERS RIGHTS ACT)

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT - PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

### **CYBER SECURITY**

Action Item: Resolution Affirming Commitment To Data Security And Privacy

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #22-58: Data Privacy Program. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

RFP for Facilitator/Scribe for Code Revisions - Discussion

Isaac Smith motioned to direct Planning Department to research Tribal Code Revision project funding sources. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Victoria out at 12:20 p.m., Vice-Chairman Chamberlain assumes chair]

[Victoria in at 12:30 p.m. reassumes the chair]

Jonathan Seagrass - Introduction

Constitutional Requirements for Hiring Attorneys - Discussion

Update on Trailers with defaulted credit loans

## **ADJOURN:**

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:41 pm. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Motion carried.

## **Respectfully submitted,**

**Teresa Littlegeorge,**

**Executive Assistant**

**CONCUR:**

**Lorelei DeCora, Secretary**

**Winnebago Tribal Council**

**Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska**

## **WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT**

**January 28, 2022**

## **TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan

Brian Chamberlain

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Coly Brown

Aric Armell

Louis LaRose

Isaac Smith (in at 10:10 a.m.)

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michael Michaud

Alan Post

Autumn Nieman

Garan Coons

Erika Dunn

Esther Mercer

Ireta Frazier

Keely Purscell

Kim Sulsberger

Lynelle Blackhawk

Tanya Baker

Tyresha Wolfe

Teresa Littlegeorge

Mike Means

Cecelia Earth

Kiva Harden-Free

Kellie Snow

## **TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Vacant Seat

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rona Stealer offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:** Additional items: Gaming Commission Benefits Policy, Camp

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Teen Dating Violence**  
Tues. Feb. 8th and 24th  
Lunch and Learn 12-1:30pm  
Online Zoom  
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to register



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## KIDS COAT CARD PROGRAM \*\*\*DEADLINE EXTENDED\*\*\*

The Winnebago Tribal Council has extended the deadline for families to claim their Winnebago Tribal member's coat card until **March 31, 2022**. All enrolled Winnebago children ages 0-18 are eligible for a \$100 VISA gift card to be used for winter ware. There are currently 218 cards that have not been claimed.

**How to claim:** 1. Complete and notarize a kids coat form  
2. Submit the completed form to the Winnebago Enrollment office.

### Where do you get a form?

<http://www.winnebagotribe.com/index.php/arpa>  
or

Contact the Winnebago Enrollment office to request a form be mailed.

402-878-2028 or [enrollment@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:enrollment@winnebagotribe.com)

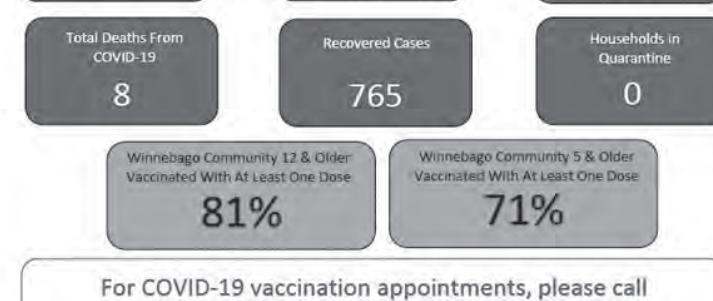
### Then what?

Submit the form to the Enrollment office either via mail or in person.

Once verified as eligible, the card can be picked up or mailed from the Procurement office.

## Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Friday, Feb. 25th, 2022



For COVID-19 vaccination appointments, please call  
**(402) 878-2258**

[www.WinnebagoHealth.com](http://www.WinnebagoHealth.com)



If you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list, please contact us at:

**Phone: 402-878-2272**

**email:**

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## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 20 FINAL CONT.

The following statements are from the website LIVE THROUGH THIS. The voices of suicide attempt survivors are very powerful and impactful for better understanding of what it is like to live with suicidal thoughts and living through actual attempts to end one's life. Statistics show that there are 25 attempts for each individual that dies by suicide.

"If you kill yourself, who will find your body? Who will attend your funeral, and how will they feel? What will happen to those you love once you are gone? What is the legacy you wish to leave to those who knew you? If you have not written your will, how will it read?"

"I think frustration is the emotion that overrides all of them, in the end, for me. Feeling really frustrated and just like I don't want to do it anymore, like I've exerted all my energy. There's none left. I think understanding goes a long way. I think it does go a long way towards feeling respected in that it's just feeling like you're not wrong for having these feelings. Instead of people saying: "You should not feel like that. Stop it."

"Talking, for me, helps the most, because I've silenced myself for so long. Like I said, since I was a kid. I had these ideas that I didn't understand, and trying to bury them is the most painful thing. Living with these ideas that people cast as being wrong and unacceptable, or that are just really not that big of a deal, or that (people think) I'm overdramatizing, that is really, really hard, and especially when it's people that you work with. When I think about people that I work with professionally finding out, or even just acquaintances, it's like, I don't want to live in this fear that anyone could find out about who I am, and judge me. I hate that feeling. So I've tried to build myself a community of people who will be loving and understand, and I live with the idea that if you don't, then I don't need you, and that's helped too."

"If you've never felt a true depression, or that kind of depression with the tunnel vision that ricks you into believing that the people you love would be better off without you, it's a hard thing to wrap your head around."

"I wanted to show people what we look like and how we feel, and I wanted to show other attempt survivors that they're not alone—that we're here, and that we shouldn't be ashamed, and that if we raise our voices loud enough, maybe people will start to understand that mental illness is the same as physical illness, maybe people will understand that just because it's in your mind doesn't mean it's worth invalidating. The more we inch toward breaking down those walls of stigma and shame, the easier it becomes to JUST LIVE THROUGH THIS!"

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-058  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Rabeca Morales  
In Re:  
A.C. (Born 5/2018)  
Jose Corando, Father

TO: JOSE CORANDO, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-058 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 31ST day of March, 2022 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-039  
In the Matter of the  
Custody Application of:  
Lydonna Reynolds  
In Re:  
L.R. (Born 5/2020)  
Eric Dial, Father

TO: Eric Dial, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-039 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 21ST day of March, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-007  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
Michelle Picotte  
In Re:  
J.P. (Born 6/2004)  
Jordan Thomas, Father

TO: JORDAN THOMAS, FATHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-007 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25th day of FEBRYARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-022  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
LINDA HANSEN  
In Re:  
M. H.

TO: LEANNE AMADOU, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-005 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11th day of APRIL, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

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

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

*As of 3-1-2022, there are no recent meth arrest(s) to report.*

# WINNEBAGO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CAMPER SEALED BID AUCTION

Open to anyone but preference will be given to Winnebago Tribal Enrolled Members



2020 Jayco Jayflight  
Model: 245

Sleeps 5, 1 slide, and length 28'

Minimum Bid per unit: \$23,000.00

\*Three (3) Available Units\*

Bidding ends: 3/11/2022



**Must be Sealed Bid** to Erika Dunn Insurance and Inventory

\*\*Information needed \*\* Name, Address, Phone Number, Camper Model, Winnebago Enrollment Number (if enrolled), and Bid Amount placed in a sealed envelope then mailed or hand delivered Winnebago Tribe attention Erika Dunn PO Box 687 Winnebago NE 68071 (make sure front of envelope has attention Erika Dunn and also camper sealed bid).

Final outcome is contingent on satisfactory proof of financing within a week of being notified of high bidder.

Questions:[erika.dunn@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:erika.dunn@winnebagotribe.com)

## CAMPER SEALED BID AUCTION

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2020 Jayco Jayflight  
Model: 242

Sleeps 8, has bunks, 1 slide,  
Outside kitchen, and length 29'2"

Minimum Bid per unit: \$25,440.00

\*Two (2) available units\*

Bidding ends: 3/11/2022



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2021 Jayco Jayflight  
Model: 264

Sleeps 8, has bunks, & length 29'4"

Minimum Bid per unit: \$19,440.00

\*Two (2) Available Units\*

Bidding ends: 3/11/2022



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Next WIN News Deadline:

**March 15th**

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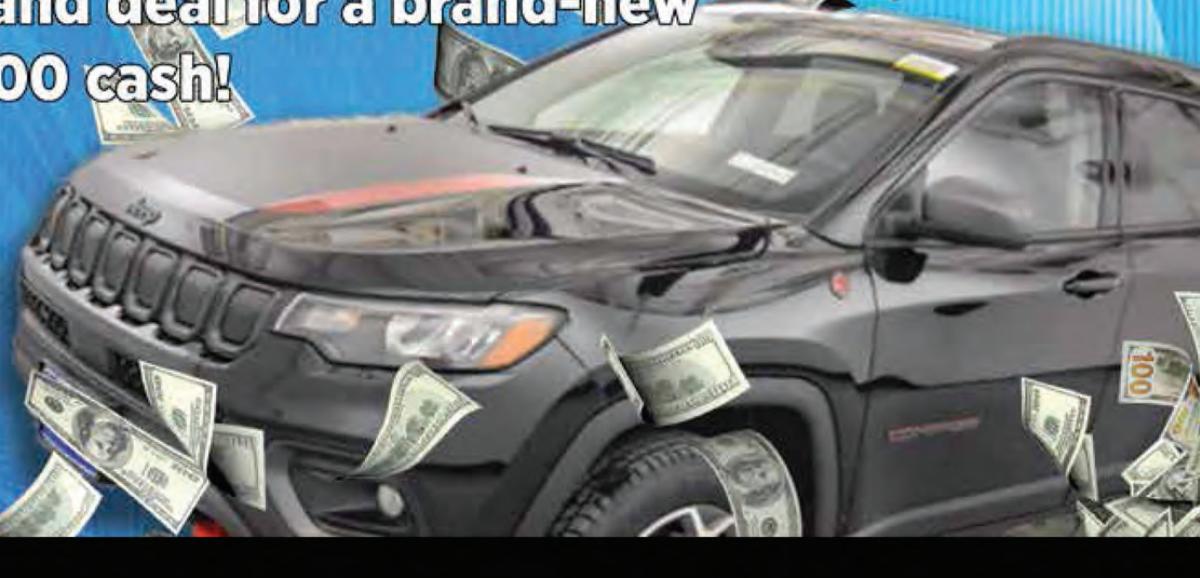
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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022  
7PM TO 10PM

Win a 2022 Jeep Compass Trailhawk! It's all up to you! Keep the key and try your luck or pick the cash envelope. It all starts here at 7pm when we pick four winners every 30 minutes to wheel and deal for a brand-new Jeep or up to \$1,000 cash!

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