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3 Newly Elected Tribal Council Members



Pictured: Rona Stealer (Treasurer), Isaac Smith (Tribal Council Member) and James Louis LaRose (Tribal Council Member). All three elected and appointed to Tribal Council on October 5th.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—General elections are held every October, all council members are elected by tribal members for a three-year term while officers are appointed for a one-year term.

Tribal Council consists of a Chairman or Chairwoman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five Tribal Council members.

On Wednesday, October 6th at 11:30 a.m., Isaac Smith, Rona Stealer, and James Louis LaRose took their oath of office one day after special elections. The ceremony took place at the Tribal Chambers in the Blackhawk Community Center.

2021 Winnebago Tribal Council Regular Election Results

Smith received 266 votes, 27.65% of the vote.

Stealer 209 votes, 21.73 % of the vote.

LaRose 173 votes, 17.98 of the vote.

Newly elected Tribal Council member Smith said, "I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process. And everyone who put in the time and effort behind the scenes and sat at the poles and took care of everything that

needed to be done. I am grateful I get another opportunity to try to help out our community and tribe. I would like to say thank you to all the past council members for the work that you have done for our people."

Elected Tribal Council member Stealer stated, "I am very honored to have been re-elected to serve our Winnebago Tribe and community. I am thankful to have supporters who believe in moving forward in a positive way. I will continue to show up daily, stay informed, and share work in progress. I am looking forward to creating a network of resources in fiscal responsibility, tribal sovereignty and national tribal policy collaboration. I will continue to educate myself and others through research and training by reaching out to my elders and colleagues across native country. Continue to stay safe and mask-up."

Elected Tribal Council member LaRose said, "I am grateful to be elected on tribal council. I was surprised by the number of people who voted for me. I would like to thank my team members, Rona, my family, my relatives, and the people in the community who supported me. The hard work comes now." Election of Officers' Results

In a close 5 to 4 vote, Victoria Kitcheyan was re-elected as the Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman.

Brian Chamberlain is the re-elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Rona Stealer is the re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Lorelei DeCora is the re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

The 2021-2022 Winnebago Tribal Council

Chairwoman - Victoria Kitcheyan

Vice Chairman - Brian Chamberlain

Treasurer - Rona Stealer

Secretary- Lorelei DeCora

Tribal Council Member - Isaac

Smith

Tribal Council Member - John

Snowball

Tribal Council Member - Coly Brown

Tribal Council Member - Aric Armell

Tribal Council Member - James

Louis LaRose

The Winnebago Communications Department and Winnebago Indian News were able to film the Swearing in Ceremony. It will be edited for display. The Swearing in Ceremony will be on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

Hocak ra hagire no

The First Indigenous People's Day Celebration held in Nebraska



Left to Right: Isaac Smith (Tribal Council Member), Victoria Kitcheyan (Chairwoman), Rona Stealer (Treasurer), John Snowball (Tribal Council Member) and James Louis LaRose (Tribal Council Member) in the Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol on Indigenous Peoples' Day. Photo by Winonah Leader Charge

Winonah Leader Charge

Lincoln, NE—October 10th was a historic day for the state of Nebraska, celebrating its first Indigenous People's Day at the Nebraska State Capitol.

In 2020, the Legislature approved a bill by Lincoln Senator Patty Pansing Brooks establishing the holiday.

Tribal leaders and Nebraska State officials celebrated the day with a Flag Dedication Ceremony, songs, and presentations.

During the 'Flag Dedication Cer-

emony', tribal members of the Winnebago, Omaha, Ponca and Santee Sioux sang their flag song, while flags were carried in the Warner Chamber.

The four Nebraska tribe's flags will remain permanently displayed in the State Capitol as part of Senator Tom Brewer's amendment to LB848, the bill that created the holiday.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan stated, "we are here today and we stand before you on the answered prayers of our ancestors, of our elders, and all those who made a place for us in Nebraska."

"Thinking about what this all means and the significance of this, we are honoring the culture, we are revealing the history. The contemporary significance is that we are still here, we have a voice and we have a story to tell. We are in control of that narrative."

Following the 'Flag Dedication Ceremony' was the unveiling of a sculpture of America's first indigenous doctor, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte. The day celebration concluded with a short powwow exhibition hosted by the Omaha tribe.

BAGO NEWS

2021 SPOOKTACULAR COSTUME CONTEST

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ANY AGES

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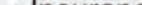
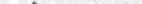
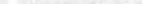
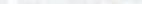
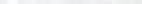
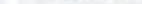
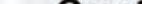
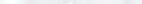
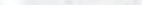
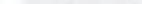
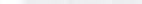
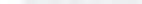
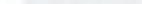
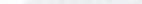
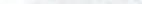
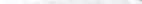
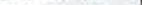
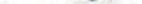
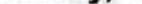
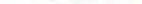
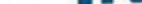
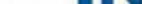
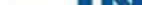
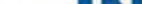
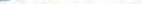
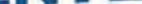
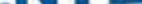
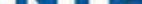
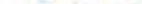
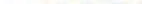
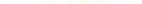
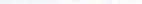
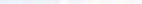
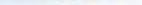
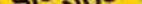
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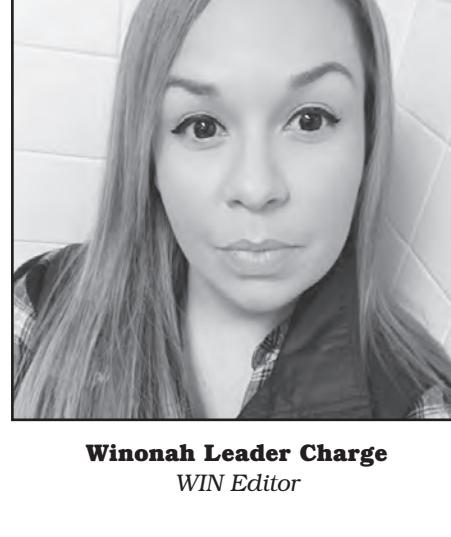
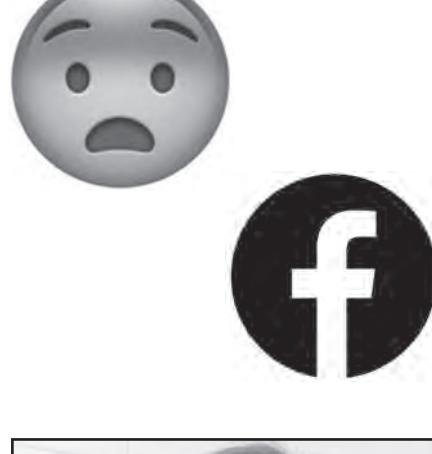
Question of the Issue:

Facebook, instagram and what's app recently went offline for 6 hours sending the world into a frenzy. How did this outage effect you?



Garan Coons
Winnebago Communications Officer

I thought it was funny that Facebook had to use Twitter to let people know they were down. It made me think if it was for longer, how would we get word out? In this day and age Facebook has really changed the way we communicate. That is good and bad but just so you know, WTN has a newspaper, LED screen, YouTube channel, radio station, website and in case of emergencies, a twitter account. However, old ways we could just go to the Buffalo Clan...Hoat!



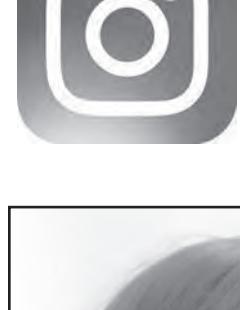
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I am not that invested in social media. I only view my social media when I am bored, or I receive a message from a friend or relative. I didn't really notice it being offline since I was focused and busy with my work tasks. Overall, it didn't really affect me or bother me.



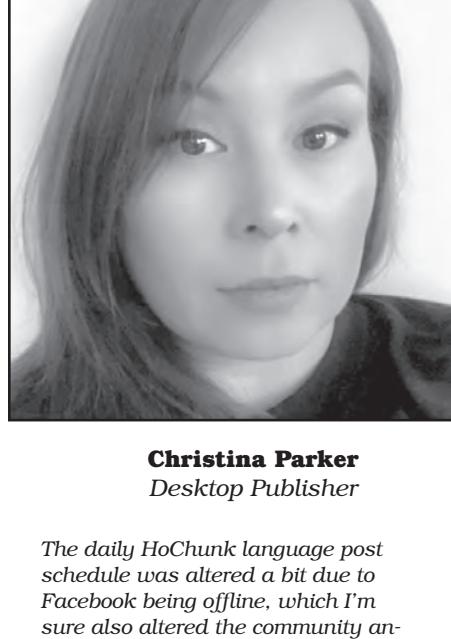
Tyler Snake
WIN Office Manager

Our department's Facebook page is where I check out what events are coming up or if there are any announcements, so I was not well informed that morning. Personally, I did miss seeing meme's when I have a moment to scroll around haha.



Bethani Redhorn
WIN Office Manager

I usually do a little morning scroll through on Facebook but it was a hectic morning for me that day. I didn't even notice the outages until someone asked if my Facebook was working. It was nice to unplug for the day! The world needs more screen-time breaks. :)



Christina Parker
Desktop Publisher

The daily HoChunk language post schedule was altered a bit due to Facebook being offline, which I'm sure also altered the community anticipation of learning a new language term. However, my appreciation for my personal Instagram at that time was mildly heartbreaking.



Winnebago Tribe Announces Winnebago Kids Coat Project In Person Distribution Dates: October 28 and 29 from 12 pm–6 pm in the BHCC Gym.

SAME PROCESS AS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
This is a Winnebago American Rescue Plan Act Project

Winnebago Tribal Council Announces Enrolled Winnebago Youth Winter Coat Project

WINNEBAGO, NE - The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council and Covid-19 Pandemic Task Force would like to announce the 2nd community based project from the U.S. Treasury American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funding called the Children's Winter Coat Project. A suggestion came from Councilman Coly Brown to provide winter coats and winter wear to Winnebago children during the Covid-19 public health crisis. The Winnebago Tribal Council understands our Tribal members continue to navigate through this pandemic and have financial short comings that impact household necessities since the beginning of the pandemic. Although the project did not fit into the U.S. Treasury CARES Act funding eligibility categories it remained as a potential project for future planning. After cross checking the ARPA requirements, the pandemic taskforce, tribal council and Covid-19 coordinator were able to approve this important project for the youth.

Enrolled Winnebago children will receive a \$100 gift card to purchase winter coats and winter accessories to prepare for the winter ahead. The gift card disbursement will mirror the clothing allowance process with a few revisions.

Important Information:

IN PERSON Card Distribution Dates:
Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 12' noon – 6:00 pm at the Blackhawk Community Center

Friday, October 29, 2021 from 12' noon – 6:00 pm at the Blackhawk Community Center

****Masks are required.**

MAILED Card Distribution will begin on Monday, November 1, 2021 for fully completed winter coat forms received by the enrollment office. Cards will be mailed out as the completed forms are received by the enrollment office.

Each minor will need to have a completed notarized Winter Coat Form completed to receive the winter coat gift card.

Winter Coat forms will be available: 1) at the distribution dates, 2) Winnebago Tribes website (www.winnebagotribe.com) 3) Forms were mailed to tribal member minors living outside of Winnebago.

Off reservation minors who wish to have their gift card mailed must mail a completed and notarized form to the enrollment office.

o Mail forms to: Enrollment Office
PO Box 687
Winnebago, NE 68071

Families will not need to submit school verification for children under 18. 18 year olds that are still attending school and have not withdrawn their minor trust will be eligible for the winter coat gift card but will need to submit school verification.

We thank the Winnebago Tribal Council and Pandemic Task Force for continuing to keep the Winnebago Tribal members and community on the forefront of the continued planning and use of the American Rescue Plan.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thoughts from Lance...



Did you know that tribal reservations are the only place where the color of your skin determines the price you pay for some basic products?

When the foundations of Federal Indian law were being established in the 1880s, tribal members were 50 years from even being recognized as citizens of the United States. After large amounts of tribal land was taken from the tribes, many non-Indians found themselves living on tribal reservations and didn't want to be subject to tribal rules. Through a series of U.S. Supreme Court rulings, a legal system emerged to limit tribal governmental power over non-Indians who now lived on tribal land. When these old court decisions are applied in a modern context, they are hard to believe because they are so overtly race-based.

Tribes and states have been evolving away from some of these anachronistic rulings as tribal governments developed. Nebraska has actually been fairly enlightened when it comes to tribal relations. Nebraska retroceded criminal jurisdiction back to tribes. Nebraska has settled multiple tax issues with innovative approaches, and generally allowed tribes to focus on expanding their economies with minimal state interference. However, Nebraska is being pushed by outside corporate interests to take an outdated approach to tribal tobacco tax issues.

On October 1, the State of Nebraska started requiring retailers on tribal reservations to use official State Form 68, which relates to tobacco sales. Tribal retailers are required to ask and document the answers to a series of ques-

tions when someone is standing in line to buy a pack of Marlboros. The most relevant of the 7 questions: Are you native? If so, what kind of native? Can you prove it? Once this initial racial and sub-racial determination is done, we can then figure out what price to charge.

Twenty years ago, we had a short cut button on our old cash register that was jokingly labelled "white people" and if we pushed that button, the state required we charge a different price. Now because of Form 68, we will likely need to add buttons for "White People," "Winnebago Indians," and "Others."

Why is this being done? In the late 1990s, Nebraska sued and settled a lawsuit with the major tobacco companies. Nebraska gets about \$40 million per year from the settlement, but it had strings attached. The settlement basically gave Big Tobacco a monopoly and created incentives for Nebraska to protect Big Tobacco's market share. The settlement also claimed it applied to the Indian tribes even though we weren't a party to the lawsuit. Years later, Big Tobacco withheld money from Nebraska because the Winnebago Tribe refused to comply with Big Tobacco's settlement.

Nebraska settled their dispute with Big Tobacco by agreeing to implement this more restrictive race-based tax system. Nebraska is now in bad position. It must weigh alienating a relatively small tribal interest vs the possibility of losing \$40 million a year from Big Tobacco. As a student of history, I don't really like our chances.

There is a solution that doesn't require natives to prove they are native every time they buy cigarettes on their own reservation. We had this same problem 15 years ago with gas tax. The Winnebago Tribe entered into a tax compact with Nebraska that shares a tribal gas tax that is based on jurisdiction, not race. We have offered this option to the state on several occasions, but Big Tobacco is lurking in the background insisting on the most restrictive racial version, which tribes will be against on principle. I am not exactly shocked you can't trust Big Tobacco, but I am hopeful that Nebraska and the tribes can reach an agreement that is more 2021 than 1880.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

"The Good Samaritan in 21st Century"

Jesus was a story teller and used everyday occurrences as a means to explain spiritual matters and their influence on living in this wicked world. One such story had to do with a man who traveled from Jerusalem down the hilltop to Jericho. One can find Jesus' version of this tale in the tenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, beginning with the twenty-fifth verse.

I would like to revisit this story and spin it into today's perspective.

A man traveled alone from a large city and was waylaid by some apparently disadvantaged individuals. The man, who obviously had taken advantage of others since he was wearing clothes, was stripped of those clothes, beaten and was left half-dead.

Back some two thousand years ago the crux of Jesus' tale was how the three men responded to seeing a man in need. Now in the age of Covid this could easily be explained by understanding the 'love' one should have for his or her neighbor.

Today, what would be the thoughts of the first man who came upon the scene of the beaten and bloodied man. Maybe he will think that the man who had been waylaid was not an essential worker and should have remained indoors. Or maybe the half-dead man has failed to wear a mask in order to protect his neighbor and deserves not only to be socially distanced but a beating and robbery is in order. So why pity this fool?

The priest, a pious and godly man of prayer, therefore does the proper and 'loving' thing by avoiding coming in close proximity with this fool and social distances to the other side of the road.

Now the second man, a man of the

tribe of Levi, also acts in good faith by not exposing himself to some deadly virus through open wounds. This Levite does not have the necessary PPE and is not risking the possibility of bringing a deadly disease into his place of worship, his home or his community. So he does the 'loving,' neighborly thing by also social distancing to the other side of the road.

And if Jesus attempted to tell this tale today he would have some major problems when it comes to the Samaritan who offers assistance. In coming to the aid of someone in need the Samaritan opens himself to be judged and condemned by some vocal 'leaders' in the medical and the scientific professions.

In today's age of Covid-19, if the Samaritan uses his cell phone to call the hospital he might be told that the half-dead man needs to be quarantined for so many days. When he calls the nearby Motel 6 he will most likely be turned away since there is no staff willing to work for a myriad of reasons.

As we revisit this tale of Jesus in our day and age we are perplexed to counter the temperament of those who have been indoctrinated to believe that one truly 'loves' his or her neighbor by social distancing and avoiding coming in contact with those in need. One may easily use this viewpoint as an excuse to serve one's neighbor, even those who are in desperately in need of one's loving physical presence.

Jesus ends his story by asking the expert in the Law of God, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert responded, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

"Music Lessons Helps for Better Education"

Music lessons for the students is good for their education, it helps them get better grades. All music is good but I think the piano is better for the student. I talked to many who are in music and they say the sooner the kids start, the better. Starting piano lessons in the third grade (3) and on up is good.

If kids were to start music in the elementary piano and when they get to high school, they could add band instruments. Both are music. Here is a part of what music helps with kids' education:

Helps with brain processing and hearing loss.

Improves counting and math skills.

Improves reading and comprehension skills.

Exercising new language skills.

Encourages creativity.

Practice time management and organizing skills.

Instead of getting in trouble, they could be practicing their piano practice sheets.

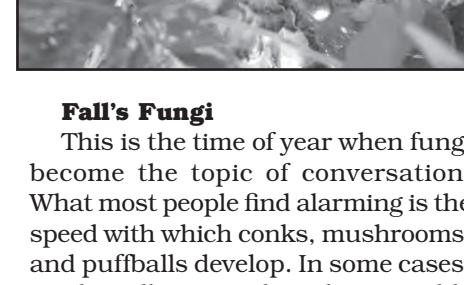
Music stores – Portable Pianos

Patrick Greyhair (Maxi Ska)

Garden Update

Week of October 11, 2021

Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension in Dodge County



Fall's Fungi

This is the time of year when fungi become the topic of conversation. What most people find alarming is the speed with which conks, mushrooms, and puffballs develop. In some cases, it is literally overnight. What is visible are the sporulating structures—the part of fungi that produces the next generation. A good way to think of this is plants make seeds to produce the next generation, fungi produce spores. These spore-producing structures are varied and fascinating, and most people who ask about them are wanting to eat them.

Perhaps it is the tastiness of morels that have people wondering if other fungi taste as good. As mycologist and Master Gardener Dr. Tom likes to say, "There is no antidote when a poisonous mushroom is eaten. The sum of what medical staff can do is to treat the symptoms and hope you survive." This is a sobering thought indeed when contemplating eating something found in the landscape and emphasizes the need to identify anything before it is eaten.

Mycologists use several characteristics of fungi to identify them. First,

the outward appearance is analyzed as to shape, color, and size. This alone is not necessarily enough to ID mushrooms; in which case a spore print is necessary. Spore prints are created by laying a mushroom's cap, gill side down, on a sheet of white paper. (Dark paper is used for spores expected to be white.) A bowl is inverted over everything to keep out drafts and then left in place overnight. The next day the bowl and mushroom is removed to reveal the color and pattern the spores have left on the paper. When coupled with the physical characteristics of an unidentified mushroom, a spore pattern is an excellent tool for identification.

Most fungi are saprophytic, meaning they take in their nutritional needs by decomposing dead organic matter such as leaf litter and wood. Saprophytes are important nutrient recyclers in an ecosystem and keep us from being buried up to our chins in organic material. Some fungi are plant pathogens, killing the plant they are growing in and on. Still others are beneficial to trees (known as mycorrhizae), extending a tree's root system to aid in water and nutrient uptake in return for sugars produced by the tree.

When submitting fungi for identification to your local Extension Office, place them in a paper bag and leave them unrefrigerated until they are dropped off. Plastic bags and chilling speed the decay process, making identification more difficult. Wear gloves to protect your hands or wash hands soon after collection is completed.

A good source for more information about mushrooms is found here: https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/grt_nrs79.pdf.

Harvest Celebration

Michelle Kuester

Celebrating culture and traditional activities, the 2021 Winnebago Harvest Celebration, or Wahagi Waška, took place last week at Veterans Memorial Park. The event was organized by HoChunk Renaissance and the Winnebago Tribal Health Department.

The sense of community was evident, as busloads of students from Winnebago Public Schools were in and out of the park all day, allowing the students to learn and take part in the traditional activities alongside members of the community. Jewelry making, deer harvesting, and archery were just a few of the stations throughout the park where participants were able to learn from experts and continue to hone their skills.

While the sun brought traditional activities, the rising of the Harvest moon in the evening brought Wašira (dancing).

The evening's powwow celebration featured the Green Corn Dance, a special dance designed to thank the Creator for a bountiful harvest. A similar dance is traditionally performed in the spring after the first thunder to encourage a successful planting and growing season. The dances are designed for all and are yet another way to strengthen community ties.

Recognized at this year's celebration were Paris LaPointe, Sr. Harvest Princess and Marleigh Littlebear, Jr. Harvest Princess.

As it was this year, the Harvest Celebration is intended to take place with the rise of the season's first full Harvest Moon, according to HoChunk Renaissance director Lewis St. Cyr.

Gatherings like the Harvest Celebration are important in the Winnebago Community as they bring families together and ensure culture thrives today while also passing along traditions that are critical to Tribal history.

In addition to the multitude of rich traditional activities, this year's celebration also featured games and hayrides provided by Ho-Chunk Farms. A lunch was also provided by Little Priest Tribal College and the Alcohol Program.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
LAND MEETING**
September 13, 2021
TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Lorelei DeCorra
Louis LaRose
Coly Brown
Thelma Whitewater
Aric Armell (in at 9:07 a.m.)
Brian Chamberlain (in at 9:09 a.m.)
Rona Stealer (in at 9:11 a.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Wilke
John Rissetto
Monica Bruning
Alan Post
Paul Guenther
Timothy Divis
Bobbie KrizWickham
Brandon Stout
Teresa Littlegeorge
Wilhelmena Sharpback

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

John Snowball

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:03 a.m.
OPENING PRAYER: Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.
APPROVE AGENDA:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda with addition of Anderson Land Purchase update. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

(Aric in 9:07 a.m., Brian in 9:09 a.m., Rona Stealer in 9:11 a.m.)

FSA – Follow-up Presentation

Introductions of Farm Service Association

Farm Loan programs

Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Loan Program

RESOLUTIONS:

Commercial Lease – Ni\jkja\k Waka\ca\k Care Center North

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #21-141: Commercial Lease – Ni\jkja\k Waka\ca\k Center North. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Land Sale – Sheila Snow

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #21-142: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Sheila Snow \$5,989.41. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Amended Land Sale – Berna Hindsley

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #21-54A: 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 \$300.00. Coly Brown seconded.

Discussion: Lorelei DeCorra – questions why this is coming back with a higher amount. BIA had sent an email that Berna Hindsley had negotiated a price, which wasn't relayed to Land Management. Lorelei states the BIA is interfering with our Land Management Program, Negotiations should be done with our Land Management. Need to set up a meeting with the Area Office.

Coly Brown withdraws his seconded, to get clarification on the process of Negotiations.

Louis LaRose withdraws his motion.

Lorelei DeCorra motioned to table the request to adopt resolution #21-54A: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ANDERSON LAND UPDATE:

Alan Post – currently no update on the Purchase. 1031 Exchange is in a holding pattern at the moment.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge,
Executive Assistant
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

CONCUR:

*Lorelei DeCorra, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council*

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT MEETING**
September 14, 2021 via GoTo
Webinar
TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan

Brian Chamberlain

Aric Armell

Lorelei DeCorra

Coly Brown
Rona Stealer
Louis LaRose
Thelma Whitewater
John Snowball
OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Post
Brandon Stout
Esther Mercer
Ireta Frazier
Billie Kitcheyan
Joy Johnson
Kim Sulsberger
Lewis St. Cyr
Lynelle Blackhawk
Misty Jefferson
Tara Marrufo
Tatanka Petite
Terry Medina
Teresa Littlegeorge
Tyresha Wolfe
Cecelia Earth
Tina Tassler
D.C. McCauley
Angie Walker
Autumn Nieman
Ron Nohr
Erika Dunn
Garan Coons
Cheri Redhorn
Sarah Snake
Ramona Sheridan

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

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

CEO Report – Presented by Esther Mercer

Discussion

CAO Report – Presented by Lynelle Blackhawk

Discussion

Physical Resources Report – Presented by Ireta Frazier

Discussion: Land Buyback Packet deadline is October 22, 2021, Housing Lottery for homes.

Thelma Whitewater motioned to approve the CEO Report, CAO Report, and Physical Resources Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

Community Complaint Resolution Procedures

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the Community Complaint Procedure as presented. Louis LaRose seconded.

O B J E C T : L o r e l e i D e C o r a , T h e l m a W h i t e w a t e r

VOTE: (6) yes, LLR, CB, RS, JSB, BC, AA (2) no, LD, TW (0) abstain Motion carried.

[Brian out @ 11:40 a.m.]

Veterans Service Officer Job Description and Org Chart

Lorelei DeCorra motioned to approve the Veterans Service Officer Job Description, Org Chart with Change to reporting to CEO and Budget. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Tribal Housing

Louis LaRose motioned to appoint Tania Roberts to the Tribal Housing Committee. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Hemp Commission

Louis LaRose motioned to accept the resignation from John Rave from the Hemp Commission and advertise for two vacancies for the Hemp Commission.

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

Motion carried.

[Coly out at 12:00 p.m.]

FINANCE:

ARPA Budget

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the ARPA budget as presented. Lorelei DeCorra seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Brian in at 12:09 p.m.]

Homeowner Assistance Fund Plan (HAF Plan)

Lorelei DeCorra motioned to approve the Homeowner Assistance Fund Plan. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

FY 22 COLA

Thelma Whitewater approve the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2% beginning the first pay period beginning the fiscal year 2022 effective date of the

pay period beginning is October 9, 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT:

Staffing Plan

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve adding the Receptionist/File Clerk in the Enrollment Department's staffing plan as submitted. Aric Armell seconded.

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

7-0-0 Motion carried.

Conditional Relinquishment

Louis LaRose motioned to accept and approve the Conditional Relinquishment of Ariayna Yellowbank #383-U06777 from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Tribal Enrollment Applicants

Thelma Whitewater motioned to adopt resolution #21-143: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3625, A3733, A3734, A3739, A3740, A3741, A3744, A3745, A3706, A3707, A3711, A3713, A3705, A3746, A3747, A3748, A3749, A3750, A3751, A3655, A3656, A3647, A3658, A3752, A3753, A3712, A3714, A3715, A3716, A3722, A3725, A3113, A3114, A3661, A3732, A3343]. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (1) abstain,

LLR Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT:

Contractor Award – BIA Route 52/ regrading gravel road

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Construction Contract for Steve Harris Construction, Inc. for BIA Route 52/regrading gravel road. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

FEMA Reimbursement Project Bids Approval

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Project Bid from Nelson Construction, LLC – Repair Damage to Outfall at Wastewater Treatment Lagoons. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Recess at 12:37 p.m.]

[Reconvene at 1:07 p.m.]

HO-CHUNK RENAISSANCE:

Curriculum Coordinator Job Description Approval

Language Para Educator Job Description Approval

Budget Modification and Org-Chart Approval

Lorelei DeCorra motion to approve Proposal 1 for the amount of \$18,370.00.

Proposal 1: change two current occupied positions of "Language Apprentice I" to new positions of "Language Para Educator". Additional duties have changed in our dual-language immersion classroom, which leads me to request to adopt a new job description of "Language Para Educator".

2) The assessment coordinator will now supervise our language apprentices.

Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Org-Chart that includes the Para Educator Job Description from Proposal 1. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL SPOTLIGHT – FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

Presented by Tatanka Petite.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tribal Court Assessment

Discussion regarding the Tribal Court Assessment, further discussion requested.

Homecoming Administrative Leave:

Discussion. Three calls for a motion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2021 via GoTo
Webinar**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Lorelei DeCorra
John Snowball
Louis LaRose
Victoria Kitcheyan
Aric Armell
Brian Chamberlain
Rona Stealer
Coly Brown

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandon Stout
Esther Mercer
Matthew May
Teresa Littlegeorge
Garan Coons
Isaac Smith
Michael Michaud
Matthew May

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Thelma Whitewater
Coly Brown

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 5:01 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

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

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

September 7, 2021, Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes

John Snowball motioned to approve the September 7, 2021, Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

September 8, 2021, Special Tribal Council – Enrollment meeting minutes

John Snowball motioned to approve the September 8, 2021, Special Tribal Council – Enrollment meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

September 14, 2021, CEO Report meeting minutes

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the September 14, 2021, CEO Report meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

September 15, 2021, General Counsel meeting minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the September 15, 2021, General Counsel meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

(COLY IN AT 5:07 P.M.)

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approve Donation of \$600.00 to cover food for the Boys & Girls club trip to the Nebraska Cornhuskers game.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the donation of \$600.00 to cover food for the Boys & Girls club trip to the Nebraska Cornhuskers game. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve the Indian Housing Block Grant, Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Indian Housing Block Grant, Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Changes to the Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the changes to the Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Adopt resolution NCAI Membership 2021-2022

John Snowball motioned to adopt resolution #21-144 appointing Chairwoman Kitcheyan as Delegate and Vice-Chairman Chamberlain as Alternate for the NCAI membership 2021-2022. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (1) abstain
BC Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
Customer Mask Mandate at WinnaVegas

Lorelei DeCora motion to lift the mask mandate for customers and allow smoking effective immediately, further to require the mask mandate stay in effect for our employees, based on the honor system. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Adopt resolution #21-141 A: ADOPT 21-141 A Ref: Amending Commercial Lease Nikjak Wakacak Care Center North

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt resolution #21-141 A: Ref: Amending Commercial Lease Nikjak Wakacak Care Center North. Aric Armell seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:
Evaluation of the Criminal Justice in the Winnebago Tribal Court Discussion

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct CEO and CFO to find an assessment system to evaluate our judicial system through our Procurement that the Tribal Council is seeking. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Emergency Management – action for Immediate Response Plan

Discussion: Authorization to communicate with the Tribal Entities IT departments to start Alert sense.

Approval for Thanksgiving Distribution of Turkeys

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the Thanksgiving Distribution of Turkeys for 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Parent Fan Bus

Discussion: Logistics, Driver expenses, rental, will we be doing this for all the sports, what are the costs? Hotel rooms, etc.

WPS is willing to share the cost the cost according to the parent.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct the Chair to bring back pricing for Varsity football only for further consideration. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Indigenous People's Day

Color Guard, Drum Group, Exhibition Dancers, Pow-wow Princesses. Offer Mileage, per diem, and honorarium.

Brian Chamberlain motioned direct the Chairwoman to take all actions necessary to come back with a budget for the arrangements for approval. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Brian out at 6:59 p.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to come out of the Executive Session. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 7:57pm. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge,
Executive Assistant
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCora, Secretary

Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING

October 1, 2021

Via GoTo Webinar

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan

Aric Armell [in at 9:05 a.m.]

Coly Brown

Lorelei DeCora

John Snowball

Louis LaRose

Rona Stealer

Thelma Whitewater

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandon Stout

Joy Johnson

Chris Agee

Terri Mentick

Danelle Smith

Cecelia Earth

Esther Mercer

Desiree Kitcheyan

Michael Michaud

Dorine Payer

Tanya Baker

Kenny LaPointe

Teresa Littlegeorge

Kiva Harden-Free

Lilly Snow

Tyresha Wolfe

Lynelle Blackhawk

Mike Means

Amy LaPointe

Alan Post

Kellie Snow

Shelly Bear-Tashquint

Jason Mancini

Melissa Thompson

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Brian Chamberlain

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Additions: Indigenous People's Day,

Mandatory Vaccinations, Edu Care, and

Executive Session.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Aric Armell in at 9:05 a.m.]

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Billing & Collections –Presented by

Terri Mentick

Louis LaRose motioned to approve

the Winnebago Comprehensive Health-

care Systems August 2021. Rona

Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

Financial Report for August 2021 and

Fiscal Year end.

Aric Armell motioned to approve

the WinnaVegas Financial Report for August 2021. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

WinnaVegas Action Items:

Request from the Mkt. Dept., Re: Little River Band @ \$44,000 on December 1, 2021

Thelma Whitewater motioned to approve the request from the Mkt. Dept., Re: Little River Band @ \$44,000 on December 1, 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the Mkt. Dept., Re: Konami purchase @ \$78,800 for 49 games.

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

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avoid The Flu!

Flu Shots Now Available at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Pharmacy

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Patients 15 and older can receive a flu shot through the pharmacy. The CDC recommends getting a flu shot by end of October in order to help protect yourself, your family, and your community



Please note: The flu vaccine is only available in the pharmacy for individuals 15 years or older. Children 6 months old to 14 years old will need to schedule a visit to the Outpatient Department to receive a flu shot. Appointments can be made by calling (402) 878-3404.

For more info call the pharmacy at: **(402) 878-3700**



YOUNG CHILD WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Land of Wellness

OCT. 20TH, 2021
12PM-1PM

The focus of the group is to bring together those who work with young children, in order to learn more about resources available and to create seamless services between organizations. The committee is open to parents, programs, and departments working with families in Winnebago of ages 0 to 8 years old. For more information, contact Marci Tilley at (833) 391-3797 or at projectlaunch@WinnebagoTribe.com.



Winnebago Public Health Department

Health Promotions & Education Program: Project LAUNCH



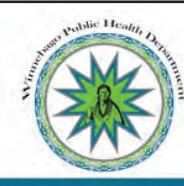
WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRESENTS:
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

Starting location will be at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital's outside cafeteria patio. Participants will be walking to BIA and back. Light snack provided. Visit ALL Education Booths for a \$15 Gift Certificate to Pony Express!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2021
10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN-UP AT THE REGISTRATION BOOTH ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.

Call the PHN Dept at (402) 878-2258 for questions/concerns.



INTRODUCING JANE LANGEMEIER

Public Health Nursing Director
Public Health Nursing Department
Winnebago Public Health Department

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW EMPLOYEE!



ABOUT JANE LANGEMEIER

Jane is joining the Winnebago Public Health Department as the Director of Public Health Nursing. She is from the Scriber/Hooper area of northeastern Nebraska and has a Bachelor's of Nursing from Midland University. Jane obtained her Masters of Nursing in Public Health from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and a Doctorate of Nursing Philosophy from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. She has experience as a home care nurse and hospice nurse, and in 2012 Jane was named Faculty of the Year at Clarkson College. In her free time, Jane enjoys spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She also loves the Huskers and gardening and is looking forward to traveling the world with her husband when the COVID-19 pandemic is over.



Winnebago Public Health Department

When can I get the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Booster shot?



If you received your 2nd dose of the Pfizer vaccine

You can receive the 3rd booster dose in

January 2021

October 2021

February 2021

October 2021

March 2021

October 2021

April 2021

October 2021

May 2021

November 2021

June 2021

December 2021

July 2021

January 2022

August 2021

February 2022

September 2021

March 2022

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November 2021

May 2022

December 2021

June 2022

To schedule a vaccination appointment, please call (402) 878-2258.



JOHN G. NEIHARDT STATE HISTORIC SITE

Lakota Oral Tradition in "Black Elk Speaks"
A presentation by Dr. Delphine Red Shirt
Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2-4 P.M.
Neihardt State Historic Site, 306 W. Elm St., Bancroft, NE 68004

www.neihardtcenter.org/events

(402)648-3388

FREE ADMISSION

Halloween Trivia

Question:

Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable?

Answer:

fruit

Big Truckin'

GIVEAWAY

October 30

WINN YOUR SHARE OF \$117,00

IN CASH AND PRIZES!

At 10pm one lucky player can drive away in a brand new truck!

*Pictures shown may not be actual representation of prize



HOT SEATS

Every Friday in October!

5pm to 10pm
\$200 hot seat drawings
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