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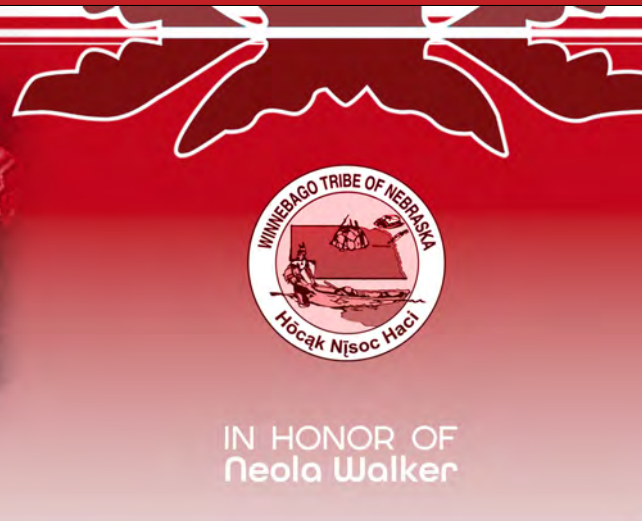
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Saturday, September 14, 2024



LIVE STREAM HITS RECORD

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THE BIG VOICE
KWTN 100.9 FM

By Brian Chamberlain / Garan Coons / Bethani Redhorn
Photos by Brian Chamberlain / Bethani Redhorn

[Winnebago, NE / Veteran's Memorial Park] The Winnebago tribe hosted the 158th Annual Homecoming Celebration back in July here. The weekend's activities were amazing in so many ways. The always great food, the perennially great dancing and singing, and the wonderful feeling of having our families home for a few days, it all makes for time that will always be remembered. The Winnebago powwow is truly something special.

This year the Winnebago Tribe's Communications Department continued with its LIVE broadcast of the weekend's activities. As has been done for several years going now, the Big Voice Radio / KWTN 100.9 FM has used the internet to help bring the oldest powwow celebrating the return of Chief Little Priest and the Company "A" Scouts into the world of our people who are spread across the globe. "We do our best to make sure that everyone, all of our people, can watch

and take part in the greatest celebration." Garan Coons, Communications Officer for the Winnebago Tribe told the WIN.

What makes this year special, however, is the reach the live broadcast had. "We had over 50,000 views over the whole weekend. That number is incredible!" Coons continued. This grand total sets a new record for how many people watched the powwow from their own vantage point via the internet driven broadcast. Bethani Redhorn, Communications Office Manager, and technical contractor for the department drove the technology that captured the powwow, once again this year. "It's a lot of hours to make it all happen. But in the end, it's all worth it because our people can watch what's going on no matter where they are.", she stated.

The Winnebago Tribe began LIVE streaming events like the powwows several years ago. The pandemic period made the use of our technology a requirement. "We've had a good opportunity to learn how to best use the equipment we have. The early days were a good place to start. It also showed us what we did well and what kind of hardware we needed.", Coons told the WIN. The Big

Voice Radio staff, which includes Garan Coons and Bethani Redhorn, also utilized other talented tribal members as camera operators and equipment specialists. Each of them helps to capture some of the excellent video and audio displayed on the LIVE broadcasts.

The WTN Communications Department is proud of the work that opened the door for our people to be able to experience what was going on here in Winnebago, even if they could not make it home for the event itself. "Connecting our membership is important to us. We hope to bring even more people together as our opportunities grow. Everyone loves our powwow, so we'll do our best to make sure everyone gets to participate", Coons concluded. Congratulations to the WTN Communication Department and staff for the outstanding work and for reaching a new milestone in how far reaching your efforts are. The Winnebago tribe is better off when more of our people can see and watch and participate in all the things we do. We're already looking forward to the 159th in 2025.

Njsoč Njgešana Bago Bits By: Tyler Snake



Homecoming week started at Winnebago Public School on September 9th. The Senior Court consisted of King Jonathon Earth & Queen Daynee Harlan, Prince Kobe Rogers & Princess Ylaina Nadia Bass, Lord Kellen Medina & Lady Charlyze Frenchman. Congratulations to all of the 2024 Homecoming Royalty! Starting Monday and ending Thursday, the themes were: Adam Sandler, Throwback Tuesday, Babies & Old folks and each grades chosen class color. The Winnebago football team is set to play McLaughlin after the "There's no place like homecoming" themed parade. The week was full of school spirit! Go Big Blue!!!



Reminder to pay attention to the foot traffic in town! Whirling Thunder's walking wellness started September 3rd and will go till October 10th for grades K-8th. Monday-Thursday, 3:30-4:30. SLOW DOWN as there are multiple crosswalks on Hwy 77.

INDIANS WIN HOME OPENER



By Brian Chamberlain
Photos by Brian Chamberlain

[Winnebago, NE] The Winnebago Indians football team began their season last week travelling deep into South Dakota to play Cheyenne-Eagle Butte. The Indians came away with the convincing win dishing out a spanking to the host team. The win set the stage for another big season. However, their first home game of the season was not going to be anything similar. For their home opener, the Indians played host to

the Thorpes from Pine Ridge here.

Pine Ridge travelled into Winnebago also touting a win over their season opening rival. Sporting their own 1-0 record, the Thorpes arrived primed and ready to take on the Indians hoping to deal a blow to the momentum of Big Blue. "There's [some] really good teams in our league. They'll all mix it up this year.", said Head Coach Dusty Welsh when giving comments about the Indians rivals. Pine Ridge is definitely in that mix. Welsh is beginning his first year as Head Coach for the Indians.

The Thursday afternoon matchup gave the players and fans a gorgeous day to play football. Beginning promptly at 3:00pm, the opening kick-off rang out like a blast getting the large crowd fired up for some Indians football. "I love coming here! Go Big Blue!" exclaimed one loyal Indians fan to the WIN.

The contest was controlled handily by the host Indians in the early part of the game. But the Thorpes came to play and quickly

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closed the gap scoring their own touchdowns in rapid fire order. While the Indians did set the pace, the game was by no means a runaway at any point. In the final quarter the action reached a furious pace as the Thorpes threatened to tie the score following their own touchdown and from the mishandling of an onside kick by the Indians immediately following that score. During that heated exchange, the coaching staff for the Blue kept pushing the home team to stay up and push through.

The gridiron action came to its frenzied close though following a long scamper down the field by the Indians creating the final score. Despite not getting the final extra point run, Winnebago held on and took the 40-34 win. On the game Coach Welsh told the WIN, "We won. [We have] a lot of things to clean up. We did things good that we wanted to do with running the ball. But defensively we just gave up too many big plays." He continued, "It's good. We have a lot of young kids, so we'll learn and move on." The WIN asked if he expected to see the Thorpes again. He said, "We'll see them in the semis or the finals depending on how things shake out."

Winnebago returns to football action for their Homecoming game on Thursday, September 12th, playing against the McLaughlin Mustangs. The afternoon game begins at 2:00pm. Good job, Indians. Keep up the great effort. GO BIG BLUE!



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Letter to the Editor

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 55

Is thinking about death or suicide dangerous?

It depends. Everyone has thought about his or her own death, which includes suicide. It is "normal" to have thought about one's own death. The truth is the majority of "normal" people have not thought about and studied suicide enough. Through study, experimentation, death has been prevented or delayed for many life-ending diseases. This is not the case with suicide.

Death is the conclusion of life. As people grow older, they make provisions for their natural death; they make decisions about finances and possessions. This is "normal". People who work in the field of suicidology think about suicide a lot. This is "normal".

Thinking about suicide is dangerous when a suicidal person is not only thinking about suicide, but has a method available, and has planned where and when to do it. Do suicidal people really want to die?

Yes and no. Until the point of absolute hopelessness, suicidal people are ambivalent about dying – part of them wants to live and part wants to die. They make various attempts to reduce their pain on that self-destructive scale from one to ninety-nine.

From their point of view, they have tried, and failed, at all the alternatives. The tragedy of suicide death is that a suicidal state of mind is temporary; if the person can be kept safe from himself – even forcibly – the mood will pass. The fact that a suicidal state of mind is temporary is the basis of suicide intervention.

Suicidal feelings may come and recur, but they always leave. Suicidal people feel hopeless because, although they remember that the feelings leave, they know that for them, they also return.

Will love, understanding and careful listening prevent suicide?

No. Being loved and understood, by themselves, cannot save anyone from suicide any more than they can prevent people from dying from cancer or heart disease. Many people believe that careful listening to suicidal people will pull them through a crisis, but people who are thinking and talking about suicide need medical care, not sympathetic listening from a well-meaning friend or kindly intended adult.

In a suicidal state of mind, a person's thinking is very narrow, and so focused they see only in black and white. They have so much emotional pain they are unable to think of their loved ones, cannot be reasoned with, and cannot appreciate all the good things they have in their lives.

Do hotlines prevent suicide?

Not directly. Hotlines are extremely helpful in intervention, but doubtful in prevention. Suicide attempters who are seeking changes in their lives – not death – are often helped through their crisis by a hotline. They serve a vital need for people in crisis, confusion, hostility and loneliness.

A crisis line listener is a phone friend who helps by listening sympathetically, and connecting callers with community resources. People who kill themselves have done all the reaching out they can, and have arrived at 100 on the suicidal behavior scale. Suicide completers plan it, mean it, and do it.

Some studies have shown that suicides do not decrease in communities that have hotlines when compared to those that don't. The fact is that the same thirty-five years that saw the installation of hotlines was the same period in which suicide rose so dramatically among young people.

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

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Sorrow turned to joy"

There are some people who enjoy inflicting pain and sorrow on others. Maybe it is because they have suffered in unspeakable ways. Or maybe they don't even realize why they say and do what they are doing or saying. Some people enjoy enduring pain themselves from others as well as self-inflicted suffering and sorrow through the choices that they make.

And then there are those, who attempt to avoid every form of pain and suffering.

There are still others who reluctantly cause sorrow. A parent might be a good example of this. A loving parent will discipline, not harshly mind you, his or her child. A parent who fails to discipline his/her child may be placing said child on the path that leads only to death, not only physical death but also spiritual death.

The apostle Paul wrote two letters to those to whom he had been entrusted to tell the Good News about Jesus. In his first letter he wrote words that caused sorrow, much like a parent or elder how knows what is best. The purpose of the first letter did not end with the last word of it. The purpose was that the Good News from Creator would do have the impact and the blessing to the hearer/reader.

Now I would like for you to read what Paul

wrote in his second letter to the saints/believers in Christ Jesus at Corinth:

'I know that letter I wrote caused you sorrow. At first, this made me wish I had not written it, but since your sorrow was only for a short time, I no longer feel that way. Now my heart is glad, not that you were made sad, but that your sadness led you to change your ways. This is what Creator wanted, so that you would not be harmed by our letter. With the help of the Great Spirit, sorrow can create a change of heart that will not turn back, which sets us free and makes us whole. But there is a sorrow in this world that leads only to death.

Look at what Creator has done in you. He turned your sorrow into something good. You took my warnings to heart, restored your reputation, and put your anger to good use. You treated my counsel with great respect, and your burning desire was to make the wrongs right again. In every way you have represented yourselves in a good and sacred manner.

I wrote that letter not because of the one who did wrong, or because of the one who was harmed. I wrote so that in the eyes of the Great Spirit you would see for yourselves how much we care for the well-being of all the sacred family.' [2nd Corinthians 7:8-12 First Nations Version].



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Are you watching kids become too accustomed to using technology at too young an age? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her kids and learned that the average kid spends many hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this screen time and the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time. This new version of the original Screenagers movie addresses issues that elementary school aged kids, parents and educators are facing, i.e., smartwatches in class, unhooking from and monitoring video gaming, social media pressures, exposure too young and what research shows is a healthy amount of screen time. With many solutions to these and other challenges.

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Case No. CV24-144B

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TO: Henry Payer, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-144B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of October, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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To: WILLIAM CARTER

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-107 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M

LEGAL NOTICE

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Case No. CV24-145

In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of: JUAN GONZALEZ JR. vs AURORA LEAL

To: AURORA LEAL

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-145 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of October, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT August 12, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – in at 9:06 .m.
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora Sr.
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell – in at 9:14 a.m.
Teresa Littlegeorge

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Kristine Earth
Kellie Snow
Annabess Preston
Harvey Fremont

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:03 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Eugene DeCora
AGENDA: Add: Homesite Land Lease. Add Executive Session.

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

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

Land Management – presented by Fannie LaTray

Rona Stealer motioned to accept the August 2024 Land Management Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-177 approve the Home Site Lease with Katherine Rice and Kayla Greene for fifty (50) years in the amount of \$250.00 per year on

T-2081. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Emergency Management – presented by Julie Smithart.
seconded.

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

Hazard Mitigation 101 – presented by Erika Porter

Discussion
Aric Armell motioned to accept the August 2024 Emergency Management Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Physical Resources Report – presented by Ireta Frazier & Autumn Nieman

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the Physical Resources June 2024 Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Break
Native Star Estimate - \$466,500.00
Discussion:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Coly Brown seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.
Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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

Annabess Preston
Kevin Ebert
Jasmine Lammers
Brittany Thomas

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Council Secretary Lorelei DeCora Called the Meeting to Order at 1:08 p.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Aric Armell

AGENDA: Add under Old Business: Past Tribal Council motion for \$500.00 for all Tribal members payment

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the July 15, 2024, Mid-Monthly Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the July 17, 2024, General Counsel Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

RATIFY THE FIVE SIGNATURES:

1. Aric Armell motioned to Ratify the Five Signature of July 11, 2024, approval to pay \$700.00 rent for T.B. to avoid eviction out of Tribal Council Donations. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

2. Aric Armell motioned to Ratify the Five Signature of July 16, 2024, approve hotel tower exterior repairs and remediation project, \$35,731.00 storm damage and \$119,771.00 repairs to the west side of the building, repairs to the east side of the building \$240,079.00 for a total of \$395,581.00 out of Capital Improvement of WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

3. Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to Ratify the Five Signature of July 22, 2024, approve changes to Finance/Guest Services Job descriptions and org. chart. Also to combine Guest Service part-time position with the Guest Service full-time position at WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

4. Aric Armell motioned to Ratify the Five Signature of July 22, 2024, approval for changes to the following job descriptions: HVAC, Asst HVAC Lead Tech I, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Tech II, Tech I, and water treatment operator (level III) and adding an additional Tech III position at WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

5. Rona Stealer motioned to Ratify the Five Signature of July 22, 2024, Approval of changes to the security job descriptions, manning doc, and org chart. Request to move 1st Asst. Supervisor and 2nd Asst. Supervisor to Security Guard positions and request to grandfather in two Greeter/Valet positions until the business need is no longer warranted at WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

6. Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five signature of July 23, 2024, Adopting of Resolution #24-170: Trust Account Drawdown; request to drawdown from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Account PL 7334-70-6 in the amount of \$1,731,946.04 for land lease funds. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

7. Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five signature of July 23, 2024, Adopting Resolution #24-171: Winnebago Tribe Senior Home Improvement Project FY25. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

8. Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to ratify the five signature of July 25, 2024, adopting resolution #24-172: FY25 Water Resources Performance Partnership Grant-Clean Water Act Sect. 106 and Sect. 319, the tribe shall apply for funding support totaling \$139,914.00. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

9. Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five signature of July 25, 2024, adopting resolution #24-173: FY24 Prescribed Fire Fund the tribe shall apply for funding in the amount of \$47,400.00 which will be used to procure equipment, PPE, labor and fire apparatus to support BIL Hazardous Fuel Reduction project on the Winnebago Reservation. Eugene Decora seconded.

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

10. Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five signature of July 25, 2024, adopting resolution #24-174: Winnebago Mechanical Treatment FY24 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Fund. The Tribe will apply for funding totaling \$16,800.00 which will be used to conduct hazardous fuels reduction operations including purchasing mechanical treatment supplies. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

11. Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five signature of July 31, 2024, approving of Tony Bennett: the Official Musical Celebration Entertainment Concert contract for \$35,000 on October 4, 2024. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

12. Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five signature of August 1, 2024, adopting resolution #24-175: WTN-Child Support Program FY25 Funding totaling \$314,048.66, will be used to strengthen families of the Winnebago Tribe by providing assistance to gain financial support from non-custodial parents. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

13. Eugene DeCora motioned to ratify the five signature of July 22, 2024, approval of the capital Improvement Project for the hotel HVAC System. The amount is for \$74,150.00 from C.W. Suter. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion Only: Outreach on New Government Accountability of Public Law 280

Coly Brown motioned to table the Outreach on New Government Accountability of Public Law 280 until the August 19, 2024 Mid-Monthly Meeting. Aric Armell seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on past motion for the 500 payment at pow-wow for the Winnebago Tribal Membership. Not enough funding to do this even though it was with good intention.

Jasmine will set up a special meeting on looking at FY 25 Budget.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 1:47 p.m.. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session at 2:54 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve travel for Tribal Council to attend the GPTLHB on September 5-7, 2024. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith
Aric Armell
Kenneth Mallory
Coly Brown

OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer
Barbara Pretends Eagle
Ramona Sheridan
Jasmine Lammers
Janelle DeCora
Kellie Snow
Peggy LaRose
Brittany Thomas
Tatanka Petite
Anna Bess Preston
Billie Kitcheyan
Amy LaPointe
Kiara Lewis
Christa Spears
Ireta Frazier
Misty Jefferson
Isabell Freemont
Terri Lee Medina
Aric Brown
Cecelia Earth
Lynelle Blackhawk

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (Feenstra Visit)
Teresa Littlegeorge (Feenstra Visit)
Eugene DeCora (Feenstra Visit)
Lorelei DeCora (PTO)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:29 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilman Armell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

CEO REPORT:

Aric Armell motioned to accept the CEO Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

CAO REPORT:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the CAO Report. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

10-minute break

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

LPTC Board: 1 vacancy/5 applicants
Aric Armell motioned to appoint Tyler Smith. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Tyler Smith Appointed to the LPTC Board.
Tax Commission: 1 Vacancy – 3 applicants

Aric Armell motioned to appoint Monica Cleveland. Isaac Smith seconded.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Janelle DeCora. Motion failed for lack of second.

Vote conducted on appointment of Monica Cleveland to the Tax Commission.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Monica Cleveland appointed to Tax Commission.

ICWA: 1 Vacancy – 2 applicants
Isaac Smith motioned to appoint Terri Lee Medina to the ICWA Committee. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Terri Lee Medina Appointed to the ICWA Committee.

IRB: 1 vacancy – 1 applicant
Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint William Bass to the WTN Institutional Review Board. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

William Bass appointed to the IRB.

ENROLLMENT:
Resolution – Tribal Enrollment applicant Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #24-179: Tribal Enrollment Applicant #A4475. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
Resolution #24-176A ITBC FY2023 Herd Development Grant

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #24-176A ITBC FY 2023 Herd Development Grant. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

EDUCATION:
EHS and HS COLA:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the EHS and HS COLA. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

EduCare Assistant Director
Aric Armell motioned to approve the Assistant Director – EduCare position request. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

EduCare Director
Aric Armell motioned to approve the Director – EduCare position request. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

EduCare Org Chart
Aric Armell motioned to approve the revision to the EduCare Org Chart. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION:
Supply issues: Discussion.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEM:
Pow-wow chair rental for dignitaries' hospitality area

Aric Armell motioned to pay the invoice for \$534.50 out of the Tribal Council Events and Activities line item. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:58 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Kitcheyan, Chairwoman
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING August 12, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan – in at 1:29 p.m.
Isaac Smith – PTO
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora Sr.
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Keely Purscell

COMMUNITY

WCHS Completes Phone System Roll Out

Health System Directory

402-745-3950
Toll Free Line: 1-888-575-9244
Pharmacy and Refills: 402-745-3952

402-745-3951 or 402-878-2245
for emergency response.

OTHER LOCATIONS

- Domestic Violence Office & Shelter 402-745-3959
- Land of Wellness Wellness Facility 402-745-3955
- Recovery Program 402-745-3961
- Senior Citizens Center 402-745-3957
- Urban Indian Connections - Sioux City 712-560-4750
- Winnebago Health Foundation 402-745-3956
- Whirling Thunder Wellness Facility 402-745-3955
- Women Infant, & Children Program 402-745-3958



By Erin McElroy, Communications Manager

Winnebago, NE – Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) announces direct phone numbers for all WCHS locations including Domestic Violence Program, Land of Wellness, Recovery Program, Senior Citizens Center, Whirling Thunder Wellness Center, WIC Program, Winnebago Health Foundation, and Urban Indian Connections.

In January of 2024, WCHS upgraded their phone system as part of a Network Cutover. During the Network Cutover, the Health System rebuilt their entire network infrastructure from scratch to become independent from the Indian Health Services D1 network and allow the organization to grow, improve, and better function for longevity. The new phone system allows the organization to manage all numbers, control where they are directed to ensure coverage, prevent outages in our patient experience and collect data to monitor and set goals for customer service. Since the network cutover, there have been no phone outages, a feat WCHS's and its patients could not go 30-days without experiencing prior.

For the past 9 months, the organization has and will continue to have trainings, strategic conversations, and testing alternative solutions to improve customer service provided to each caller across departments. In July, the Health System was able to upgrade their pharmacy software to create an automated refill line 402-745-3952 and RefillPro application allowing patients to request prescriptions 24/7.

"These upgrades allow us the data to identify issues and resolve them quickly ensuring a quality experience for those we serve". says Sharon Frenchman, Chief Administrative Officer. "We are not perfect, but we are committed to continuing to monitor and improve. I

am proud of our Operator and Patient Access Representative teams for their willingness to adapt, collaborate, and continue efforts to make it better."

In August, all WCHS locations were trained to receive and manage their calls within this new system. Having direct phone numbers for other locations will finally enable all WCHS departments to be on the same system, allowing seamless transfers and a more streamlined communication model designed for longevity.

"This new set up and direct numbers will be a significant improvement in communications throughout the organization." says Monti Molzen, Director of IT. "It is designed to make our services even more accessible and provide a more consistent experience for our internal team and everyone we serve."

WCHS would like to request you update the new numbers in your contacts to make this transition with them. For now, all old numbers will continue to be forwarded to the new directory of numbers.

Throughout the transition, there are magnets, social graphics, posters, and other communication tools available on request - please email marketing@wchs.health.

WCHS Directory
Main Phone: 402-745-3950
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-575-9244
Emergency: 402-745-3951 Pharmacy Refill Line: 402-745-3952

Other Locations:
Domestic Violence Office & Shelter: 402-745-3959

Land of Wellness Facility: 402-745-3955
Recovery Program: 402-745-3961
Senior Citizens Center: 402-745-3957

Urban Indian Connections- Sioux City: 712-560-4750
Winnebago Health Foundation: 402-745-3956
Whirling Thunder Wellness Facility: 402-745-3955
Women, Infant, & Children Program: 402-745-3958.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL
PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 & OCTOBER 8, 2024

May 6, 2024	Monday	Draft of Eligible Voters List Posted
June 10, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Monday	Update & Approve Eligible Voters List Nominate Election Board
June 10, 2024	Monday	Post Eligible Voters List-Five (5) Days to Challenge
June 14, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Challenges to Eligible Voters List
June 28, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Friday	Challenges to Eligible Voters List Approved Election Board Officially Appointed
June 28, 2024	Friday	Post Final Eligible Voters List & Tribal Election Code
July 1, 2024	Monday	First Day of Notice of Intent
August 2, 2024	Friday	Last Day of Notice of Intent
August 5, 2024	Monday	List of Candidates Posted
August 5, 2024	Monday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Primary
August 23, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
August 26, 2024	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Primary
September 3, 2024	Tuesday	PRIMARY ELECTION
September 4, 2024	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
September 4, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
September 5, 2024	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
September 20, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
September 24, 2024	Tuesday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular <i>(WTN closed on 9/23/24 due to Tribal holiday)</i>
October 8, 2024	Tuesday	REGULAR ELECTION
October 9, 2024	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members Oath of Office Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



2024 Election Candidates

- Teresa Littlegeorge
- Keely Purscell
- Isaac Smith
- Rona Stealer

Approved by: Tribal Council

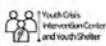
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Sidewalk chalk

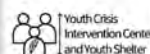
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HAKWE

Question of the Issue:

If you were going on a long road trip and could only listen to one singer or band, who would that be?

Garan: Hands down it would be Dru Hill... enough said. I say it all the time, please bring back the singing groups! [Editor's Note: Hear, hear!!]

Brian: Easy. Depeche – all day long. Their entire discography is amazing and it's literally days' worth of music. Now if you ask me which album I'd go with, assuming only one could play, that's where we'd have a tough time. Their Music For The Masses album would probably get the nod (remastered extended versions), but again that would be tough. Violator and Songs of Faith and Devotion would be right there – and of course Black Celebration. But yup Depeche Mode hands down. :-)

Tyler: I would say Drake. He has a large collection of albums n I wouldn't get tired of it fast.

Kevin: I would have to go with Prince. So many albums and songs to choose from. But of course, you know Purple Rain would be in there, most of the time. [Editor's Note: Ebbz, don't sleep on Sign-O-The Times]

Christina: This would be a challenge for me I can't listen to one person for too long I need variety on my playlist. Unless the road trip was fairly short, less than an hour, then I would be able to listen to a couple songs by the same artist. In that case, perhaps it would be the Weeknd. Anyone that really knows me and how I listen to music in the car, knows that I am constantly switching the song otherwise I'll take a nap lol.

Bethani: If I could only listen to one BAND for the entire road trip, I would put on Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. There are many songs that I could listen to over & over and never get tired of hearing them. It will be a good time to practice up on my karaoke gigs.

EDITORIAL –

LIMITING DIGITAL EXPOSURE: First Look at Results



NO CELL PHONES

By: Brian Chamberlain / WPS
Photos: archive / WPS

[Winnebago, NE] The Winnebago Public School decided prior to the onset of the '24-'25 school year to restrict cell phone devices from the student body. The use of the devices was viewed as being detrimental to the students for a variety of reasons. The school administration took actions to advise the school age community, kids and parents both, of the new change in policy. When the doors opened for the new school year, the cell phones went away. Students could no longer use their devices during school hours.

The Winnebago Board of Education took action earlier this summer, placing the statement of their move out to the public in July of 2024 via their website and social media outlets. Along with the description of their cell phone policy ban, a listing of punishments for infractions was enumerated as well. One parent who declined to be identified told the WIN upon hearing of the new ban, "I don't know what to expect because sometimes I need to get ahold of my [child]. Now, I'll have to locate someone at the school first. I hope that doesn't cause a problem. But we'll see, I guess."

Recently, the WPS Classroom News page shared an article written to describe the first three weeks experience with the new cell phone ban. That article is shared below. Their article calls the ban an incredible success. It quotes members of the faculty who back up the assertion, but there was none from parents, nor the students whose phones were now banned.

The WIN sought student input to balance the question, as the WPS article only spoke of teacher response and administrative points of view. One student told the WIN, "I guess it's ok. But I think the punishments are too extreme. We're only a few weeks into the year and some kids I know are already near expulsion. I don't like that." As was stated by the announcement made by the school following Board action approving the measure the penalties are:

"1st Offense: 3 days in-school suspension / 2nd Offense: 5 days out-of-school suspension / 3rd Offense: 10 days out-of-school suspension."

There is nothing stated about infractions beyond the 3rd offense. Student input also included, "I don't see why we can't use them during lunch or other breaks. We aren't doing anything then so I don't know why we can't [use our phones] then. That doesn't make any sense to me." Another student added, "Sometimes I have to wait for rides to get home, now I have to wait longer because I don't know where anyone is going to be until we are out. I hate that. Not all of us live in town. We can't just walk home."

At this point it is unclear as to when or even if the new ban will be reviewed by the decision makers. But it does seem there is room for amendment based on the students' points of view. It's understandable how the use of cell phones can be disruptive, but technology is designed to move society forward with greater pace. Academic performance is the primary goal of our educational system(s), so it is quite plausible that this first round of action reigning in the influence of that technology within our public schools may be just that – a first round of action.

** TAKEN FROM WINNEBAGO PUBLIC

SCHOOL WEBSITE – CLASSROOM NEWS**
"Immediate Success of New Phone Ban Noticed by Teachers"
Winnebago Public Schools

September 9, 2024

It has been three weeks since students returned to classes at WPS, and the teachers are describing the Electronic Device Ban as an absolute success. Yes, there have been significant growing pains, and a number of students have had to experience In-School-Suspension. But the classroom results have been overwhelmingly positive and recent suspensions have also decreased as students have started to turn phones completely off.

Here are some teacher comments:

"I LOVE IT. I think it is making a big difference. They hold each other accountable at times, and it is making my job-teaching the kids-easier." -Mrs. Pick

"It is working. I have had zero issues in class so far, and students have been more engaged than I have seen in the past few years." -Mr. Halsey

"I see students participating in discussion more, a higher percentage of work completion, and just more overall interaction between students." -Dr. Brasch

"I love having my students' full attention during instruction. They have also been socializing with each other more." -Senora Fernandez

"I have loved that the students have their eyes up and are focused on learning. They also are speaking to each other...like actually speaking! I think it has been nothing but positive." -Mrs. Benne

"It is working great. Kids are way more engaged and working in class." -Mr. Johnson

"100% positive!! I'm not fighting with phones or to get their attention. They aren't distracted." -Ms. Shipman

"I see quite a bit more engagement and purposeful student conversation in classrooms." -Mrs. Addison

"This is a big step in the right direction, the absence of phones has increased student attentiveness and better grades so far." -Mr. Alberts

As we can see from the comments from our teachers, WPS has made a policy decision that is having an incredibly positive impact on the classroom environment. Teachers have noticed and are seeing participation and engagement levels return to a pre-covid, pre-phone state and this can only produce positive results.

WPS administration is aware there are concerns about enforcement, equity, and the length of suspensions, but we are attempting to make a significant positive impact on the lives and habits of our students, and this comes with challenges. We believe that meeting and overcoming these challenges will be of lasting benefit to our entire school community.

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