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WINNAVEGAS CASINO RESORT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Bago Bits...



The Winnebago Track & Field teams are back on the field, last week at the Wayne Indoor Invite. The team is stacked again this year with lots of Winnebago boys & girls taking part. Schedule inside this issue.



Winnebago Powwow is only 4 months away. Here is the 150th Annual Sr. Princess, Taylor Clairmont of the Twin Cities, Minnesota.



VJ got this picture of the Wellness Center's Lunch & Learn program last week. Unfortunately he got his lunch before he picked up his camera. He said the nachos were delicious.



Young Sam Beighley at his work station at the WinnaVegas Casino Resort's Kasu Cafe.



WPS's Jump Rope class takes a break for that snapshot, not for their Snap Chat. snapshot is an old term for taking a picture.



Winnebago Elementary students were busy last week taking their Presidential Fitness tests before funding got cut for the program...I teez.



Those Winnebago Boys were at it again this weekend in the Twin Cities. They are Champs again, and even came home with some All Tourney hardware.



Flowers Island, March 30th, "WinnaVegas Casino Resort, joined by the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony today to celebrate their 25th Anniversary," announced Mayan Beltran, General Manager. The ribbon cutting took place at the casino in Sloan, Iowa.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, there was a reception featuring champagne and cake.

"We are so proud of serving Siouxland with the best gaming action, resort accommodations, dining options and entertainment for 25 years, and wanted to invite everyone to WinnaVegas to celebrate with us," said Beltran.

He said that over the past 25 years, WinnaVegas Casino Resort has grown

from a bingo parlor to be the area's largest casino with more slots, table games, poker room and a large bingo hall. Beltran said the expanded dining options and the addition of the resort hotel has added luxury accommodations, event center, convention facilities, and other amenities truly making WinnaVegas a casino resort experience.

Beltran added, "We love being part of the Siouxland community and have achieved the level of success we have because of loyal customers and quality employees. As a thank you for our continued success, WinnaVegas is honored to give back millions over the years to various charities to support to the community."

He said that during the month of April, WinnaVegas is hosting a variety of exciting promotions, dining specials, and entertainment, including a huge

\$119,000 25th Anniversary Cash Bash slot tournament, the Silver Ticket promotion, Cruise and Cash Sunday Spectacular, Buffet specials like \$2.25 Breakfast and \$2.50 Wednesday Night Buffets, Easter brunch, Diamond Rio live in concert, and a live King of the Cage event.

WinnaVegas Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Since its opening in April 1992, WinnaVegas has grown over the years to become the largest gaming floor in the area. There total gaming space is 54,353 square feet. The casino has over 850 slot machines - the most in Siouxland, 10 casino table games, a poker room, and a bingo hall. They also feature a beautiful hotel, delicious dining options, a spacious event center and multiple meeting rooms. For more information about WinnaVegas, please visit winnavegas.com

Indians.com... Pipeline continues to leak oil months after rupture in North Dakota

Friday, March 31, 2017



The Belle Fourche Pipeline has spilled about 530,000 gallons of oil crude oil into Ash Coulee Creek, a tributary of the Missouri River, in North Dakota. Photo courtesy North Dakota Department of Health

An ongoing oil spill in North Dakota is considered among the worst in state history.

The Belle Fourche Pipeline spilled about 530,000 gallons of crude oil into Ash Coulee Creek, a tributary of the Missouri River, according to a March 23 update to a state incident report. That's far larger than the original estimate of about 176,400 gallons.

But the new figure doesn't include an ongoing leak into the hillside near the pipeline. The Williston Herald reported. Although the spill has been contained, oil continues to leak in that area, more than three months after it began, the paper said.

"It is now believed that the pipeline was bent and ruptured due to hillside collapse and slumping, possibly aided by heavy snowfall, when it was shut down for maintenance on November 30, 2016," the operators wrote in the update. "Belle Fourche restarted the pipeline on December 1, 2016, and it is believed the leak began at that time. Belle Fourche Pipeline is now estimating that the total volume released is 12,615 barrels of crude oil."

The operators of the Belle Fourche Pipeline revised the oil spill amount in a March 23, 2017, update. Source: North Dakota Department of Health

The conditions prompted the Office of Pipeline Safety at the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to maintain corrective measures at the operation, The Associated Press reported. A top official, in a written March 24 decision, expressed concerns about future spills.

"The facility is or would be hazardous

to life, property or the environment without corrective measures," the official wrote, the AP reported.

The Belle Fourche incident occurred about 173 driving miles west of the #NoDAPL encampment in North Dakota, where tens thousands of people gathered in 2016 to oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline. Opponents were concerned about spills into the Missouri, whose watershed is home to more than 12 million people.

Read More on the Story: [Feds retain many post-pipeline spill corrective actions \(AP 3/30\)](#) Agency: [Undetected Belle Fourche leaks possible \(The Williston Herald 3/30\)](#) North Dakota pipeline spill larger than previously thought (The Christian Science Monitor 3/26) Pipeline rupture caused by slumping (The Williston Herald 3/25)

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Date:	3/23/2017	Status:	Correspondence	Author:	Suess, Bill
Updated Volume:	12615.00 barrels				
Notes:	Belle Fourche Pipeline has issued a Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) report that updated the spill volume and date of release. It is now believed that the pipeline was bent and ruptured due to hillside collapse and slumping, possibly aided by heavy snowfall, when it was shut down for maintenance on November 30, 2016. Belle Fourche restarted the pipeline on December 1, 2016, and it is believed the leak began at that time. Belle Fourche Pipeline is now estimating that the total volume released is 12,615 barrels of crude oil.				

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- LITTER PICKUP AREAS have been assigned.
- SIGN UP sheets located at the Recycling drop-off or EPD office.
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Environmental Protection Department
2017 Community Spring Clean-up

When:

Tues. April 25th
Wed. April 26th
Thurs. April 27th

Time: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Where: Mercer St. Behind BHCC

Daily Volunteer Luncheon provided at 12 Noon for the days of April 25, 26 & 27, 2017 @ BHCC.

"Please continue to recycle cans, plastic bottles, and cardboard in the Recycling Trailer behind the BHCC"

Contact Information:
Office: 402-878-4060



Project Step Up Program



With Spring semester almost over, have you signed up for Summer or Fall semester?

If you said yes, please come speak to the Project Step Up staff to discuss how YOU can become a participant in the Project Step Up Program.

Let us help you get started with your educational goals. Come and see what we have to offer.

We assist with:

- Tuition assistance
- Books & fees
- Transportation assistance
- Childcare assistance
- Required equipment and tools assistance
- Minimum wage stipend

If your attending:

- Little Priest Tribal College,
- Nebraska Indian Community College,
- Western Iowa Tech Community College or
- Northeast Community College

WE CAN HELP! Stop in or contact us for more information.

If you have question about the Project Step Up Program, or are interested in becoming a participant or would like more information please contact the Project Step Up Program staff at:

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WITCC Campus Visit



Wednesday, APRIL 26TH, 2017
Depart: 9:00 am from Blackhawk Center
Return: 2:00 pm to Blackhawk Center



Have you thought about a technical education (trade) program? Ever wondered what Western Iowa Tech has to offer? Now's the time to visit the campus for more information.

All Programs Visit Evening

The All Programs Visit you an opportunity to explore any major you may be interested in studying in college. You will have an opportunity to learn about WITCC, financial aid, student activities, explore campus on a tour, enjoy supper with us and check out the program that interests you. This event is from 10 am -1 pm . More information can be found at www.witcc.edu

Open to: Adult students & High School Seniors with or w/o parents.

High school students will need a permission slip signed for the transport.

Space is limited

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Education Department Mission Statement:

The Tribal Education Department is dedicated to supporting educational goals by providing services to develop continuous lifelong learning; while enhancing knowledge in the Ho-Chunk culture and language.

Project Step Up Mission Statement:

To support Native American students in obtaining skills that lead to lifelong self-sufficiency.

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WINNEBAGO EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY, April 14th, 2017 at 1:00pm
The LAND OF WELLNESS SOFTBALL FIELDS
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March 31st

In My Opinion

Tribal Council Speaks...



and developing a Needs Assessment, which has indicated that our Nursing Home has a need for 28-30 residents. This document will be reviewed by the Nursing Home Committee, our Health Director, our General Counsel, our Construction Manager, our Planning Director and our Tribal Council. The Needs Assessment has determined the number of elders that currently are in Nursing Homes, those that are in need presently and those that will want to come home to reside in our own Nursing Home. All persons wanting to reside in the facility must be Medicaid eligible, which means they must have very little income.

The Needs Assessment will help to develop the Feasibility Study, both of which will be used to create the Business Plan. Costs for financing of the construction, annual operational costs and the health needs of residents will be reimbursed 100% by Medicaid. But reimbursement will not begin until after we have residents that we can bill for, which could be a year or more away, even if we do everything correctly. How will we finance the planning and construction of the facility with funding reimbursement a year away? NAHM has partnered with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) to loan us the capital to construct and finance operations until Medicaid reimbursements begin. The Business Plan is the instrument that will determine whether we qualify for a loan from SMSC. The good news is that all costs for construction and operations, including salaries will be reimbursed 100% from Medicaid.

Our Nursing Home committee selected an architect from the companies that responded to our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that we went out in early March. Our TC will have the final decision on this selection. Once we bring the Architect onboard, payment must begin and we must bear the cost until the business plan is completed, which will be presented to SMSC for the project loan assessment. A series of meetings will occur with the architect, Tribal reps, Elders and anyone who wants to know more or may want to comment. The design, interior finishes, furniture and other amenities will be determined by community input. We have a Work Plan that we are following which includes finishing the Feasibility Study and Business Plan to prepare for the loan. The Nursing Home Committee consists of: Vince Bass, Curt St. Cyr, Sarah Snake, Leila Logan and Bill DeCora. We will continue moving forward and will keep our membership updated of upcoming meetings. If you have any questions, please contact any committee member.

Vince Bass
TC Vice-Chairman

Greetings,
As many Tribal members may have heard, the Winnebago Tribe is in the process of determining whether we have the need for a Nursing Home in Winnebago. Currently, a Needs Assessment is being conducted by a group of professionals that is in the business of working with Tribes to determine their Nursing Home needs. Native American Health Management (NAHM) signed an agreement with the Winnebago Tribe last July. The President of NAHM is Ron Ross. Several TC members remember working with Ron as the Nebraska State HHS Director from 1999-2004. Then he was appointed by the Governor as the Nebraska State Treasurer from 2004-2007. Terry St. Cyr, a Winnebago Tribal member serves as NAHM's Vice-President. NAHM began the Needs Assessment by collecting information from Tribal Elders, Tribal Enrollment Department, our Health Department, the Indian Health Service and the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB). It has been a lengthy process trying to get information from IHS. Initially we received some information but the remainder was considered proprietary, so we had to request the additional information from the Area office, who in turn had to request this info from Headquarters in D.C. Getting info from the Federal Government can sometimes take years. We ended up getting this info from the GPTCHB. Finally, with this information, NAHM completed the Needs Assessment on March 21, 2017. Our Tribe has selected a Nursing Home Committee from Tribal members that submitted applications. Last Spring Curt St. Cyr and I had a discussion with Terry regarding the possibility of having our own Nursing Home. The wheels were set in motion to determine if we actually had the need for one by collecting information

In my opinion...

I have read through Lance's latest article and I am also proud of our youth and their dedication to their teammates and school. We have good coaches mindful of what it takes to nurture & develop championship athletes. Yes it may be because of the positive strides our community has been moving in the last few years. I believe we need to remember that this tribe is where it is today because of the prayers & sacrifices our elders made on our behalf.

Mauna, Our Creator made us Winnebagos, Native for a purpose. Native people have been good athletes because they lived off the land, took no more than they needed from Mother Earth. Had respect for the sacredness of God's gifts. Honored these gifts with ceremonies that became customs and traditions. We are slipping away from these things, the things that make us who we are and why God blessed us in this manner.

Like my father, I have respect for our non-native co-inhabitants of this

planet and I try to be around people who have a general belief in God, however that belief is practiced. But I love my father's ways. They have brought me much comfort, in-sight, strength and more blessings I can number. We need to remind our youth who they are, and that through the prayers and sacrifices of our ancestors they have these opportunities before them. I pray each day that we can leave Mother Earth in a good way for our future generations, bountiful, pure and full of the beauty God placed here just for us, and so we need to continue to practice our ways, come together in prayer, love and compassion for one another and not succumb to the greed of money, power, fame or materialism.

We need to be the people Mauna placed each one of us to be, Red, white, brown, yellow or black. I'm stating all this because of my love for MY people, you are worth it.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn M. Snake

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Teach us to number our days"
The following is a prayer of Moses, the man of God; please pray with me:
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! [Psalm 90 ESV]

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Wisdom comes from above, from our Creator God. "The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge. Stubborn fools despise wisdom and discipline." [Proverbs 1:7] Creator God's wisdom leads one to place his or her faith in Jesus, Creator God's Son. Faith is a gift of the Spirit of God that allows one to trust in God above all else. One last verse from God's Sacred Word: "Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding." [Proverbs 3:5]

Once again please pray with me: O Creator God, teach us all to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom and, when our last hour comes, be with us and grant us a blessed end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Ah - Amen.

Simple Fried Morel Mushroom Recipe

Morel mushrooms are a treasure of the woods hunted by many in the early spring here on the Winnebago Rez-Nativia. Simple and quick to fry and enjoy. Finding these can be very hard to find in the woods but well worth the work once you get a mess of them to eat.

Ingredients

1 pound fresh morel mushrooms - dirt gently brushed off and mushrooms halved lengthwise

1 cup all-purpose flour-although I like crushed Ritz crackers

1 cup vegetable shortening salt to taste

Directions

Place halved morel mushrooms in a large bowl; cover with cold, lightly salted water. Refrigerate mushrooms for about 5 minutes to loosen any dirt; pour off salted water, rinse, and repeat twice more. Crevices of the mushrooms may harbor tiny stones or even insects. Thoroughly rinse mushrooms a final time and allow to drain on paper towels.

Place flour in a shallow bowl.

Heat vegetable shortening in a large skillet until very hot.

Roll mushrooms in flour and tap off excess; gently lay mushrooms in the hot shortening.

Pan-fry until golden brown and flour coating is crisp, 5 to 8 minutes, turning often. Drain morels on paper towels, salt to taste, and enjoy your treasures.

In Loving Memory... Maxine Linafelter



SOUTH SIOUX CITY | Maxine Rose Linafelter, 89, of South Sioux City, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at her home while surrounded by family, following a brief illness.

Memorial services were held Monday at Mohr Funeral Home in South Sioux City.

Maxine was born in Hubbard, Neb., on Oct. 8, 1927, the daughter of Clarence and Ella (Messerschmidt) Francisco. She graduated from South Sioux City High School and Wayne State College.

Maxine married Donald Linafelter on Aug. 14, 1949, at First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City. She enjoyed many years of teaching school, the last years in Winnebago, Neb. After retirement, she enjoyed being out on nature walks at the farm.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, and was involved in many activities

including Laura Chapter 301 Eastern Star and The Red Hat Society. She was an avid reader and supporter of the public library system. Maxine enjoyed music, reading, walking, animals, Husker team, family and friends, and especially enjoyed all the activities she shared with her grandchildren and watching them grow up.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Donald Linafelter of South Sioux City; her sons, James and his wife, Terri (Bowman) Linafelter of Sergeant Bluff, and Paul Linafelter of South Sioux City; daughter-in-law, Jeannie (Shadbolt) Linafelter of Sioux City; brother, Skip and his wife, Deb Francisco of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Vicki Lyons of Sioux City; sister-in-law, Marge Priddy of Omaha; uncle, Alvin Messerschmidt of Valencia, Calif.; her beloved grandchildren, Dakota and his wife, Jessica Linafelter of McCook Lake, S.D., Brock Linafelter of Sioux City, and Allison Linafelter of Sioux City; the many children she taught, loved and cherished throughout the years; and her dog, Missy.

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Maxine was preceded in death by her son, Elliot Linafelter; granddaughter, Erin Linafelter; and her many walking companion pets throughout the years.

Memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, or the Siouxsland Humane Society.

May Creator be by your side throughout your journey home Mrs. Linafelter, much love from all your children on the Winnebago Reservation and beyond.

New Deadline!!! for Winnebago Newspaper April 14

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on April 19, 2017. DEADLINE for this issue will be April 14, 2017.

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Around Winnebago

Nothing changes unless someone is made to feel uncomfortable

By Frank LaMere

us do and that is what we will do. This is the nature of life, the nature of death and the nature of change.

Nothing changes unless someone is made to feel uncomfortable. Nothing changes unless you make yourself uncomfortable. When you try to change things and to make things better you will be marginalized. We have been fearful of that in Nebraska and it has caused us to turn our backs on the great ugly truth that has stood before us, to wish it away and to find fault in the victims at Whiteclay while holding harmless those who would prey on them.

That is changing! That change will manifest itself in the public and legal proceeding scheduled in the weeks and months to come and will continue until we have closed the "mouth of hell" and have begun to help our Oglala neighbors and relatives start to heal and to restore their people. That is how I see it.

I would like to say that we have come a long way in a short period of time elevating the discussion of the Whiteclay devastation but I cannot. Where life and children are disaffected even one day and one hour is too long. That is how important our work for change is and continues to be.

Until change comes I expect to hear the tired old mantra from those who protect the status quo. "If you shut them down they will get on the highway, and drive drunk, and an innocent Sheridan County resident may die God forbid." To those who beg the question with that utterance I would first say prove it. Then I would ask their thoughts about the hundreds who have died on Pine Ridge roads because of Nebraska alcohol and the thousands who have died from liver disease, suicide, and murder. And what about the countless children who suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), abuse and neglect because of Nebraska alcohol? I would ask if all that suffering we bring about is worth that one life you seek to protect when you say that Whiteclay should remain open. I have not asked that question. I do not have to. You know the answer. We all know the answer.

It has always been my contention that there exists in Nebraska a standard for Whiteclay that is different from any other community, incorporated or not. Why would we license four beer sellers in a community of barely ten people to sell 3.5 million cans of beer almost exclusively to Lakota people who have no legal place to drink it. A community that has no law enforcement capability other than a sheriff who must travel 22 miles or more to answer any call. A community that has seen at least five unsolved murders in the last 20 years along with incidents of rape, assaults, pandering and prostitution that many victims have reportedly even quit calling for help on. Yet beer sellers continue to be licensed year after year.

Many have continued to ask these questions and it seems to have fallen on deaf ears until now. Attention to this injustice has been long overdue. Sadly, and without hesitation I opine that the current carnage continues at Whiteclay because of greed, and Nebraska's indifference to it. That is changing! And it is changing before our eyes.

Today it is my understanding that they will argue behind us whether or not the beer sellers have a constitutional right to automatically get their licenses renewed. Other interests will voice their feeling that these licenses, like any license is a privilege and can be taken if they do not adhere to state statutes

and liquor regulations. We will see where it goes. Next Thursday I understand that if the Liquor Control Commission prevails today and requires the beer sellers to re-apply, that there will be a hearing to rule on the re-licensing. Our witnesses in opposition to re-licensing will be there. I trust we will all be there. Later in May we are told that the Nebraska Attorney General will hold a hearing in the matter of 22 citations that his office has issued to the four beer stores regarding state and liquor law violations. It is my hope that justice is served for all and that the licensees be held accountable as would any Nebraska beer seller. I have always said that no other licensee has been afforded the same treatment for decades like the Whiteclay beer sellers have. Why do the rest get no special treatment?

In speaking of treatment and consideration I have read accounts that the beer sellers are beleaguered and feel that they have been through much. I have heard them contend that they are just small Nebraska businessmen looking to establish a business and turn a profit. Maybe even living the American dream and being good examples of free enterprise. We will hear that starting today and for the duration of this struggle. They might even ask for our sympathy and I as a good Nebraskan will feel for them.

I will feel for them in the same way that they feel for the hundreds of Lakota children who have been crippled in the womb by fetal alcohol syndrome. The way that they feel for the families or Ronald Hard Heart, Wilson Black Elk, John Means, Sherry Wounded Foot and nameless others murdered on the streets of Whiteclay.

I will feel for them the way that they felt for all who froze and died alone on the streets and alleys at Whiteclay. I will feel for them the way that they feel for women and children beaten and abused last night by drunken husbands and relatives who bought their beer in Whiteclay or from bootleggers supplied by Whiteclay beer sellers!

Yes, I will sympathize with them when they realize that they have stained the souls of all Nebraskans and have made the 'good life' we speak of nothing more than empty words. They do not need my sympathy. They need to humble themselves. They need to go away with their licenses.

They need to explain to their grandchildren what they did and what they did not do for our grandchildren and they need to hope that a hundred years from now that the fifth generation of Lakotas and the fifth generation of those who preyed on them at Whiteclay have healed. They must live together and they must do it differently that we do now in Whiteclay, Sheridan County, Nebraska. There are many ghosts there. You will feel them. You will always feel them. They are here now. Do not ignore this. Nebraskans are better than this that to allow the suffering to continue. At least I think we are.

Nebraskans are fair. They are fair to a fault. They are slow to anger but if you fool them, take advantage of them and they find out, there will be hell to pay. That is what I have come to know and that is where I think we are at as Native people and as Nebraskans who have lived through this long nightmare that is Whiteclay. I hope and believe that this nightmare is coming to an end.

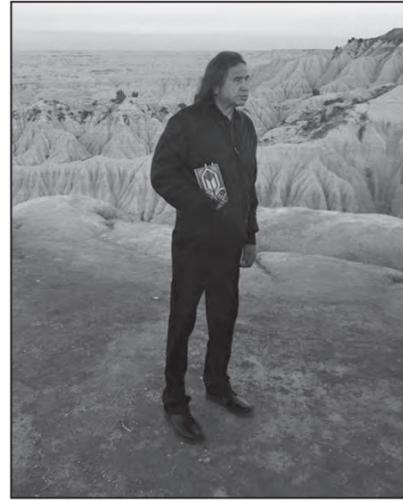
I have come to know and to understand that there is no coincidence, that all has been foretold and that all gathered here were directed to be here and to put their hearts and minds together.

We were directed to be here by Tunkasila, Mao-una, the Creator of all things that we would touch others in their hearts and minds to stop death, the dying, and the crippling of children at Whiteclay.

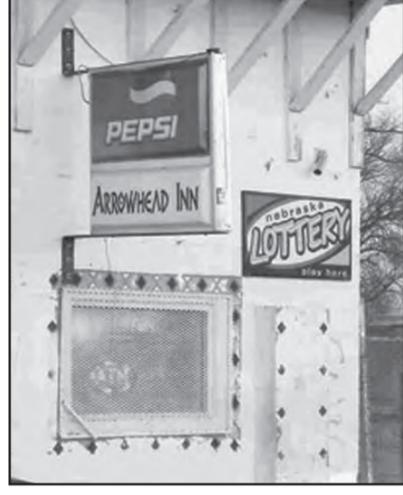
We are privileged to come together to do the Creator's work. There is a special blessing that will come to those here today. We have been guided and that is good. We are ready for the days and the battles ahead.

A Winnebago elder told me when I was a young man that those in the dominate culture around us desire power, authority and the accumulation of monetary wealth. He said that if those things are threatened or taken from him that he would spend the rest of his existence trying to get them back. I am mindful of this and that the non-issuance of a license will mean nothing to the Whiteclay beer sellers as they will never understand the pain that they have caused. That being said I hope that they will know that I and many others here will spend the rest of our existence keeping those who prey on the vulnerable from ever having a license again after they are taken. I, like the beer sellers, have resolve and like them I will never go away until the work to restore and heal our Lakota relatives is complete. I am not tired. We are not tired. We have come this far with nothing... except the truth. We will always stand with the truth. History will show that is was the right thing... and that the children lived because people spoke the truth. Let us get about shutting down this hell-hole known as Whiteclay once and for all.

Pi-nah-gi-gi! Wopila! Thank you.



Eighteen years ago on a hot and dry July afternoon 2500 Lakotas marched into Whiteclay asking Nebraska to close the beer stores, to stop the lawlessness, to find out who murdered Little John Means, Ronald Hard Heart, and Wilson Black Elk. They marched because they wanted to make their people well. I have always said that all the Lakotas and their supporters should have been given awards for what they were doing that day.



Instead Nebraska sent 90 of their finest and joined 40 federal officers to confront the marchers. They arrested nine of us that day. My friend Webster Poor Bear was there. He is gone now but I am understanding his daughter Babe will join us next week. My friend Russell Means was there and he too is gone but I am told that his daughter who is now the Attorney General for the Lakota people will testify next week.

I remember talking of my arrest to my then seven year old daughter Lexie who has also left us but had feelings about Whiteclay even as a child. The powerful documentary, Sober Indian Dangerous Indian, made by John Maisch is dedicated to her. All has changed and many have left but I am still here, you are still here and like all of you we stand on their shoulders and ask all to continue the fight. That is what they would have

APRIL 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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02	03 9 a.m. Tribal Council	04	05	06 2 p.m. Education Meeting	07 10:30 a.m. Mahoney Group - Introduction	08
09	10	11 10 a.m. I.H.S. Update	12 10 a.m. General Counsel	13 9 a.m. Disenrollment Hearing	14	15
16	17 5 p.m. Tribal Council	18	19 10 a.m. CEO Report	20	21 9 a.m. Treasurer's Report	22
23 10 a.m. Fire 11 a.m. Law	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Final Q2 Presentations to Tribal Council (Departments Only) 1:30pm – 3:30pm					

Pesticide Circuit Rider Updates ...

Spring is here...daffodils and tulips are poking up thru the soil. The grass is starting to grow again. This is the time we all start to look forward to being outside ..hoping for the day the first mushrooms can be found. It's also the time that farmers are starting to apply herbicides on fields. One of the concerns I hear expressed, is the potential for pesticide exposure. Whether by plane that's flying over fields, a boom sprayer coming close to their home or being drifted upon while hunting for mushrooms or other sustenance plants. Pesticide Drift is the airborne movement of pesticides from one area of application to any unintended site. Drift can happen during any pesticide application, when droplets or dust travels away from the target site. It can also happen after the application where the droplets become vapors that can move off-site. Pesticide drift can cause damage to human health, animals, plants and property. It can also contaminate natural areas and water sources.

EPA estimates up to 70 million pounds of pesticides are lost to drift each year. It is important, if you feel you have been accidentally exposed to

pesticides, here are some steps you should take:

Visit your doctor immediately. Young and old people are especially vulnerable.

Bag your clothes and shoes (do not wash them) and bring them to the Environmental Protection Department here in Winnebago.

Write down details regarding date, time, place (where incident occurred), etc.

As the Winnebago Tribe and Omaha Nations Pesticide Circuit Rider, I will start a formal complaint with EPA- Region 7. We are surrounded by millions of acres of corn and soybeans, that are regularly sprayed thru the year. We want our community to stay safe and healthy.

If you have questions regarding pesticides, please feel free to call our come by our office – Environmental Protection Department, 115 North Mission Drive. Our Number is 402-878-4060, extension 1006. A valuable information site is... NPIC- National Pesticide Information Center. Their number is 1-800-858-7378. You can call, or visit their website Monday thru Friday.

Thank You...*Hilery Spray- Pesticide Circuit Rider*

Outstanding Call of Duty



On Thursday March 23rd 2017, the Duchesne Academy hosted a recognition ceremony honoring Rose Springer. This recommendation came from Miss Anna Berridge, a freshman at the Duchesne Academy.

Marcella "Coach Rose" Springer is employed at the Whirling Thunder Wellness Program and has been working for the Winnebago Tribe for nine years. During this time Rose has not only coached but guided, supported and played a significant role in the lives of many young ladies in the community.

Her dedication goes above and beyond the call both on and off the clock. There isn't much Coach Ros wouldn't do to help the teams and their players.

Thank you to Anna Berridge for her recognition of Coach Rose and for sharing her gratitude and experience with us all.

New Deadline !!! for Winnebago Newspaper April 14

10 MOREL MUSHROOM HUNTING TIPS TO HONE YOUR SEARCHING SKILLS



Are you excited with thoughts of filling baskets of morel mushrooms to overflow capacity? Here are some tips to help you have a great mushroom harvest this year.

If morel mushrooms aren't already showing up where you live they soon will be. Are you ready? Here are ten quick tips to help fuel your morel mushroom daydreams.

1. The temperature is just right. I'm not saying that morels are fickle or anything, but they are a little like the baby bear who wanted his porridge to be "just right." Keep an eye on the temperature outside. Morels like it when it starts to get around 60

degrees and above during the day, and night temperatures hover around 40 degrees. Also, get yourself a soil thermometer and check the temperature of the soil where you hunt. Morels start popping up when the earth gets between 45 degrees and 50 degrees.

2. The slope of the hill. The side of a hill that gets more sun will, of course, get warmer before the other side. That's where morels will start showing up first. Check those south-facing slopes early in the season.

3. Know your trees. Morels can be tree huggers. Learn to identify the trees, with and without their leaves, that morels like to hang around and you'll be more successful. Elm, ash, poplar and apple trees are well-known morel mushroom favorites. Look for dead and dying trees too. But bear in mind that morels also show up wherever they show up.

4. The lay of the land. Morels like loamy soil. Loamy soil is what you might find in creek bottoms. It's well-drained, moist but not wet, has a good mix of clay, sand, decaying matter, calcium and/or lime. But again, morels can appear wherever they appear. I've found them growing in gravel and under pine trees.

5. Disturbed ground is good ground.

Burn sites and logging areas are often prime morel locations. Check online sources for wildfires that occurred the previous year in your area. The Global Incident Map for forest fires is a site that tracks current and past wildfires. Pay attention to wooded areas that have been torn up by large equipment or logging operations. Morels like areas that have also been disturbed by flooding.

6. After a rain. A warm spring rain can be just the right medicine for getting morels to show themselves. If the temperatures are right (see #1 above) and you get a nice rain, mark the following day on the calendar as "morel hunting" day.

7. Pack a lunch. Of course you can head out to hunt and harvest mushrooms, and then go right home to clean and cook them. But most of the best days I've had hunting morels, whether I've found mushrooms or not, have been the days that I brought a light lunch to enjoy in the field.

Sitting down with your back to a tree, with a sandwich and a thermos of hot coffee or tea, is a simple pleasure not to be missed. You might even pack a small camp stove, pan, and a tin of butter to easily fry up a few morels

right there. You'll probably find that they taste even better when eaten in the woods.

8. Other tasty treats. Morels and fiddleheads go together like peas and carrots. Keep an eye out for ostrich fern fiddleheads (not all fern fiddleheads are edible, so be sure to properly identify). Ramps are also a spring delicacy. A basket full of morels, fiddleheads and ramps is a beautiful thing.

9. Take a few pictures. A camera is a wonderful item to bring with you when foraging. These days most smart phones have excellent cameras already included. Photos are also a great way to share your outing and any cool things you may see. A small journal is another useful item to record your observations, and could be useful in planning future outings.

10. Those darn ticks. You may not find morels every time you hit the woods, but you can probably bet on a tick or two finding you. Lyme disease is not something to take lightly. Dress appropriately, use a tick repellent and be sure to give yourself a once-over when you get home.

Good luck, have fun, and good eating!

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Community News

PUBLIC NOTICE From the education dept.

Election for membership to the Winnebago Johnson O'Malley local Indian Education Committee will be held on May 3, 2017

One (1) COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL BE ELECTED

If you wish to have your name placed on the ballot as a candidate for the Johnson O'Malley local Indian Education Committee, you must submit your request in writing to the Higher Education Office, 916 N. Mission Drive (Old Head Start Admin. modular) no later than 4:30 p.m. on MAY 1, 2017.

Eligibility for voting and/or running for a term of office on the JOM Local Indian Education Committee is as follows:

Have an Indian child attending Public School on the Winnebago Reservation, with a total of 1/4 or more degree Indian blood, or is an enrolled member of a tribe that is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as being eligible for Bureau services.

Adult Indian Parents or legal guardians, and resident of the Winnebago Reservation.

PARENTS: The JOM Program encourages you and provides you opportunity to become a partner in helping to develop and improve its supplementary educational services to meet the specialized needs of our Indian students. Consideration for your active participation on the Com-

mittee is requested.

What is JOM?

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM) is a Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

What does JOM do?

The Johnson O'Malley Program is to provide services to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students K-12 attending the Winnebago Public Schools. Under US Federal regulations the JOM Program is required to have Indian parental participation in the development and control for the Education plans for Indian Children served under this contract.

The JOM program currently provides the following Educational Programs:

Student Incentive: Students who show improvement in attendance and grades receive an Incentive award each semester.

Education Support Cost: expenses directly related to educational programs, and or course related activities to enable student participation and completion of required courses.

College Readiness: College visits, ACT Prep, College Bridge & Summer Youth Programs to ensure all students are prepared to enter and succeed in post secondary education.

Community Notice

The HoChunk Community Center Building is now under renovation. It will be closed until the end of April.

If you should have any questions please contact:
Robin Bear (712) 203-2146

SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Courtesy Of:
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THUNDERSTORM SAFETY TIPS

- Stay away from running water inside the house and avoid washing your hands or taking a bath or shower.
- Turn off the air conditioner and television and stay off the phone until the storm is over.
- Stay away from metal things that lightning may strike, such as umbrellas, baseball bats, fishing rods, camping equipment, and bicycles.
- Stay away from tall things like trees, towers, fences, telephone lines, and power lines.
- If you see or hear a thunderstorm coming, get inside a sturdy building or car.
- If you can't get inside, or if you feel your hair stand on end (which means lightning is about to strike) hurry to a low, open space immediately. Crouch down on the balls of your feet, place your hands on your knees and lower your head.

Thunderstorm Watch

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch means that conditions are favorable for the development of a severe thunderstorm in the area. Tune your radio and television to weather broadcasts for current information and advisories.

Thunderstorm Warning

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning means there is a severe thunderstorm in the area. Stay indoors. Monitor local weather broadcasts for current information. Lightning, large hail, high winds, blowing debris and flooding are possible.

REMEMBER: Tornadoes can form during thunderstorms.

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

Before The Storm

- Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, and when outdoors.
- Have frequent tornado drills with all family members.
- Know the area in which you live, and keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins.
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm and battery backup to receive warnings.
- Tune your radio and television for storm warning and tracking information.
- If planning a trip, listen to the latest forecasts and take necessary action.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.

When Threatening Weather Approaches

- If in a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement. If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately.
- If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a ditch or depression.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

SYEP Employment Notice

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will be taking applications beginning April 10th. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Higher Education office, located at 916 N. Mission Drive.

Deadline for SYEP applications: May 12th.

For further information, please contact the Higher Education office at 402-878-2631 or 2634.

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Masthead Scene

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-010

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
M. T. JR. (DOB 7-22-2009)

To: MICHAEL THOMAS SR., Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-010 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 6TH day of JUNE, 2017 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV17-015

In the Matter of the
Divorce Petition of:
ELIZABETH CORTES

vs
MAXIMINO CORTES
To: MAXIMINO CORTES:

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV17-015 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of JUNE, 2017 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV17-051

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:

MARK CLEVELAND

vs.

DANA FAYE PARKER

To: DANA FAYE PARKER,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a Trial concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV17-051 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of JUNE, 2017 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

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Mās zī (Gold): \$300 - sponsored by LPTC
1st Clue posts **April 10th**

Mās ska (Silver): \$200 - sponsored by HCI
1st Clue posts **April 10th**

Mās zī ra šep (Bronze): \$100 - sponsored by TC Admin
1st Clue posts **April 3rd**

Mās šuc (Copper): \$100 - sponsored by Human Services
1st Clue posts **April 3rd**

Win one of the three prizes in the 3 Mystery Eggs:
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All clues will be posted on HoChunk Renaissance office window.
907 N. Mission Drive (west old Head Start Building)

Clues posted first in the HoChunk language.
Clues will slowly translate into English in a 2-day time frame.
The 2nd day, the clue will be fully translated in English.
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Immediate family of the HoChunk Renaissance staff are excluded from participation

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For Class/Topic Questions: Elizabeth Yearwood - 402.221.7200 / Elizabeth.yearwood@sba.gov

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Indians Spring Sports Schedule

Varsity Track		
April 7th	Ivan Krumwiede Invite @ Homer	1 pm
April 11th	Cougar Invite @ Lyons	10 am
April 13th	Homer Invite	1 pm
April 18	WP Booster Invite @ Wisner	4 pm
April 25th	Ponca Invite	3 pm
April 29th	Conference Meet @ Hartington	10 am
Junior High Track		
April 19th	South Sioux City Invite	1 pm
April 28th	Oakland-Craig Invite	3 pm

New Deadline!

for Winnebago Newspaper April 14

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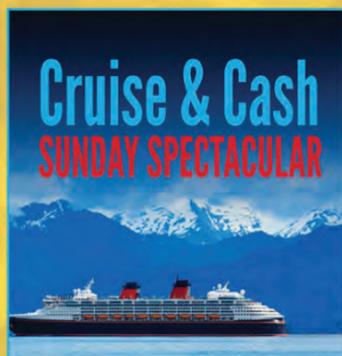
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