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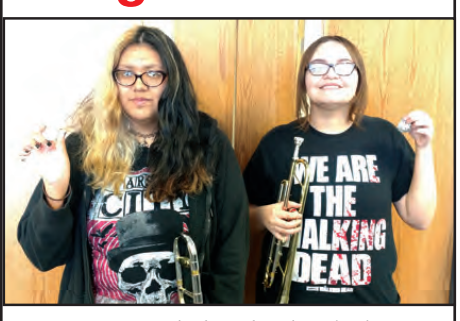
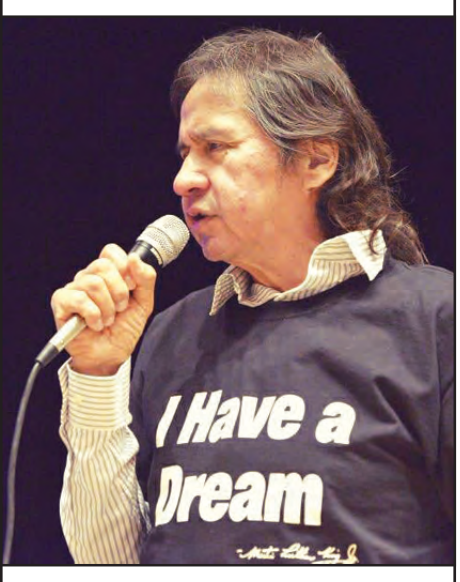


Mary Payer and Alex Flanders both received medals at the Lewis and Clark Honor Band. They received second chair medals, which are given for how well they auditioned for their chair placement. Around 20 medals were awarded to the 120 piece band. Congratz Girls!

Winnebago Warpath 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teams approach the Winnebago Tribal Council to match their fundraising efforts for new uniforms.

First 2018 Blizzard proves too tough for local drivers trying to get their kiddies to school.



Local Activist Frank LaMere visited and spoke at a number of venues last week on Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday.

The Lady Indians of Winnebago took out the Lady Indians from Ponca last week earning rights to the name for the next 12 months.

The Sacred Fire place is still operational despite the big blizzard that dropped more than 16 inches of snow on the Winnebago Rez.

The Winnebago Indians avenged their only season loss when they tripped up the Indians from Ponca 52-50. Ponca was undefeated at 25-0, now they are 25-1.

2018 Basketball Fan Appreciation Night

Not only did the Indians and Lady Indians of Winnebago take the Indians and Lady Indians from Ponca out back to the woodshed last week, HCI was putting our best foot forward by holding a Fan Appreciation Night Event.
"What a night! Huge thank you to all the fans and Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees who joined us for an exciting evening. We served over 750 free hot dogs and both the Winnebago boys and girls teams won their games versus Ponca. Way to go!" Ho-Chunk, Inc. Community Engagement

Pictured WHS & HCI Staff with WPS superintendent, Dan Ferringer

Warpath Sports New Game Gear for the Second Half

The Winnebago Warpath 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teams are sporting new Game Gear for the second half of their Basketball Season. Head Coach Greg Bass, Jr. and assistant coach Marcel Moniz, along with a canoe full of supportive parents have been busy for months holding fundraisers to get their boys new uniforms. The boys recently asked the Winnebago Tribal Council to help out with the last payment on the gear. "We wanted the boys to work for their new dudes so they will hopefully appreciate them more and take better care of them. They deserve them," says Coach Q. "The boys, all of them have worked hard all season. This group will reload the Indians team in amatter of a couple years." We'll hold you to that Coach Q.

HoChunk Harvest Village Market

Terry Medina doesn't blame anyone for his condition, except himself.

At the age of 63, he's struggled with diabetes for nearly 7 years. The probation officer said it's not easy to eat right living on the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

There are feasts, memorial dinners and community gatherings where corn soup, frybread and cake are often on the menu.

"Indian people are killing themselves with what they eat," he said. "We're eating frybread, all sorts of things we're not supposed to."

But he's fighting back.

He's quit diet sodas and is down to 184 pounds.

"It's all about will power and choices," he said. "I've tried to learn to eat healthy."

His community is fighting back, too.

A new initiative on the Winnebago Indian Reservation is seeking to improve the health of residents in the northeast Nebraska community.

A coalition of tribal and business enterprises is seeking to encourage Winnebago citizens to grow their own gardens and develop agricultural businesses. The HoChunk Community Development Corporation (HCCDC) is spearheading the project.

The nonprofit – which is affiliated with the Winnebago Tribe – won a grant from the USDA for planning a food sovereignty project. With that planning now completed, representatives for the tribal council, Ho-Chunk Inc., the Little Priest Community College and tribal health department have begun work on the first projects related to the effort, which is being called HoChunk Harvest.

"This is all part of the tribal council's vision for how to meet the needs of tribal members best, as far as food and nutrition needs and just be able to build their self-reliance and sovereignty," said Brian Mathers, executive director of HCCDC.

HCCDC now plans to apply for $231,000 in USDA funding to pay for half of the cost of the HoChunk Harvest 2-year initiative. The effort will include the purchase and distribution of 60 raised garden beds each year for 2 years. Summer youth workers will install the 4-by-8-foot beds and provide topsoil, hand tools, seedlings and seeds.

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Indianz.com…

Special Diabetes Program for Indians runs out of money in March
Short-lived shutdown speaks to bigger funding issues

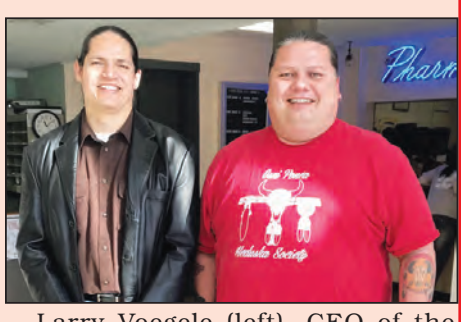
By Kevin Abourezk

The recent federal government shutdown exposed shortcomings within the Indian health care system, including the vulnerability of tribal health care programs to such shutdowns.

But the ending of the shutdown on Monday doesn't mean the fight is over for those concerned about Indian health care, particularly regarding the fate of a federal program designed to help Native Americans suffering from diabetes and regarding funding for urban Indian health care facilities.

When Congress failed to pass the continuing resolution needed to keep the government running, federal health officials decided to keep funding flowing to Indian Health Service facilities. However, they decided to withhold funding for tribal health care programs, meaning tribes that operate their own health facilities through contracts with IHS weren't funded during the shutdown.

Most tribal health programs likely had enough reserve funding to remain operational during the shutdown, including the Ponca Tribe's two clinics in Omaha and Norfolk, Nebraska.



Larry Voegele (left), CEO of the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center in Omaha, Nebraska, and Larry Wright Jr., chairman of the

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Today, the HoChunk language is a living language. Every day our modern world changes and many new objects, people and concepts are invented or appear in our everyday life. Although these objects, people and concepts were non-exist in our ancestors lifetime they are now currently around us in our everyday life. For our language to grow and to reflect on our modern day world, our tribal fluent speakers and veterans adopted new terms to the HoChunk language. In doing so, our language team will begin incorporating these in our daily instruction. Here is the first part of the new words adopted to the HoChunk languge in 2017.

New HoChunk Terms - Part One

Wanį gixiri rok'i
• *(Wah-n(ee) ghee-xhee-rdee rdohk'ee)* •
Meatloaf
(grounded roast meat)

Kąc xete sū hoixji
• *(k(ah)ch xay-day soo hoy-xjee)* •
Pomegranate
(a big plum with seeds)

Waka'o kewe hiroti
• *(wah-kah'oh kay-way hee-rdoh-dee)* •
Escalator
(automatic stairs)

Hogis tąnį
• *(Hoh-ghees d(ah)-n(ee))* •
3-wheeler
(3 wheeled thing)

Hogis jōp
• *(Hoh-ghees johp)* •
4-wheeler
(4 wheeled thing)

Nįkjąk wiwają
• *(n(ee)k-j(ah)k wee-wah-j(ah))* •
Stroller
(something to push kids in)

Cāxšep hišjasu
• *(chahx-shayp heesh-jah-soo)* •
Drone
(eagle eye)

Rašguni ki
• *(rdahsh-goo-nee kee)* •
Exercise
(to keep self fit)

Hūjōp xete wa'i sįnį
• *(hoo-johp xay-day wah'ee s(ee)-n(ee))* •
Reptile
(big four legged cold blooded creature)

Xąwįoxere wanąp'į
• *(x(ah)-w(ee)-oh-xay-rday wah-n(ah)p'-ee)* •
Hawaiians
(flower necklace)

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HoChunk Renaissance
The Official Language Program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

BASKETBALL
Terms and Phrases

wağiği pą hokirinąk	basketball
hinugįk wakaráži ra	cheerleader
wokijįke honi hera	team
Wohi!	Win!
šgāc	play
Hušgacra hįwesįwi kje na.	Let's watch the game.
Woikarap ra jasge nak?	What's the score?
Wakiza wire! Wohi wire!	Go! Fight! Win!
Peže go wohi nąk?	Who's winning?
Wağiğį pą hokirinąk hįšgac wi kje wina!	Let's play basketball!

GOOD LUCK TO THE WINNEBAGO BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM!

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
MEN'S BASKETBALL ||| JANUARY 8-14, 2018

DIVISION I

OSCAR KAO
Guard // Fresh.
Marshalltown
Taipei, Taiwan

Marshalltown was busy last week playing three games. The Tigers went 2-1 over that span with wins over Clarke JV and Ellsworth before falling to No. 21 Iowa Western. Oscar Kao paced Marshalltown by scoring 52 points in those three games. Twice, he connected on six three-pointers in the same game, going 12 of 30 on the week. Kao is the Tiger's second leading scorer, putting up 15.2 points per game in 18 contests.

DIVISION II

KHALLID EDWARDS
Guard // Soph.
Southwestern
Des Moines, Iowa

Khallid Edwards paced the Spartans last week in two wins; one over 20th-ranked Division I Southeastern and the other over ICCAC Division II foe, Iowa Lakes. With 2.3 seconds left versus Iowa Lakes, Edwards made the game-tying three-pointer that sent the game to overtime. He scored 27 points and added 14 assists in the two games combined, along with nine rebounds. He's averaging 12.8 points and 3.9 assists per game this season.

DIVISION II

DAVEAN YAZZIE
Guard // Soph.
Little Priest
Tuba City, Ariz.

Davean Yazzie went wild from three-point range in a convincing victory over Nebraska Wesleyan JV last week. Yazzie made 10 three pointers and scored 37 points in a 105-73 victory. It was his fifth game of the season in double-figure points and by far his best game. Overall, he was 12-22 from the field and 10 for 17 from deep. Little Priest is sitting at .500 with a record of 10-10.

Next WIN News Deadline:
February 5th

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Thoughts from the Seventh Generation!

By Lance Morgan

I have always disliked the phrase "Seven Generations" when it comes to discussing tribal issues. I get that it is a good thing to think long term, but what always bugged me about it was how short term our thinking actually was in real life. I recently went off on my marketing team about this and the need to be future oriented and to quit using the term Seven Generations.

Karma is a funny thing. The very night I said those things, I had several troubling dreams that all related to the past Seven Generations and all the things our people have gone through. I woke up at 4 am and wrote down my dreams so I wouldn't forget.

I dreamed the dates of the generations and realized that we are currently living in the Seventh Generation since we arrived in 1864. If each generation was 20 years, then our first generation after we arrived started in 1884. Our second generation was 1904 and then third (1924), fourth (1944), fifth (1964), sixth (1984), and our seventh generation started in 2004. We only have six years left until 2024 and the start of our 8th generation.

The story is that we Ho-Chunks showed up with very little and took refuge with the Omaha Tribe in 1864. This was our trail of tears and represented rock bottom for our people. I am not really the authority on this and I hope people add to this discussion, but I want to chronicle a few things that happened in each generation because it shows how far we have come.

1864: We showed up with nothing and bought the northern half of the Omaha Reservation to try and create a life and sustain our people.

Generation One (1884 to 1904): This generation had it rough. In 1885, Congress passed the Major Crimes Act making tribal members subject to federal law even though we were not U.S. Citizens. In 1886, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congress has Plenary Power over tribes which allowed them to do whatever they wanted to us. In 1887, Congress passed the General Allotment Act and the all Tribes lost 90 million acres of land and the Winnebago Tribe lost approximately 80 percent of our remaining lands. 1903, the U.S. Supreme Court said that Congress can use their power to unilaterally cancel all treaties with tribes.

Generation Two (1904 to 1924): We finally became U.S. Citizens in 1924, but were still subject to federal criminal laws.

Generation Three (1924 to 1944): In 1934, Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act and shortly afterward The Winnebago Tribal Constitution was adopted and our first non-traditional government was formed. In 1940, Winnebago won the Class B state championship in basketball.

Generation Four (1944 to 1964): In 1944 and 1948, my parents were born. In 1953, the Federal Government started terminating tribes and the boarding school era took off in earnest. In 1962, Winnebago won the state football championship and my dad was the middle linebacker!

Generation Five (1964 to 1984): In 1968, I was born and I hear we went to the moon also that year. In 1975, the Tribal Self-Determination Act was passed. In 1978, the Indian Religious Freedom Act was passed. In 1980, the Tribe adopted a 20-year economic development plan, which anticipated starting several tribal corporations. In 1984, the Winnebago Tribe adopted its first corporate code.

Generation Six (1984 to 2004): Around 1988, the Tribe opened up a high stakes Bingo operation. In 1992, WinnaVegas opens after a long legal battle had shut it down. In, 1994 Ho-Chunk, Inc. is formed. In 1996, Little Priest Tribal College is formed. In 1999, the Winnebago Down Payment Assistance Fund is started with a small donation. In 2000, Ho-Chunk, Inc. buys Dynamic Homes. In 2000, the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation is formed. In 2001, Ho-Chunk, Inc. invests in Liberty National Bank. In 2003, the Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation is formed to open the Iron Horse and Native Star Casino's. In 2003, the Ho-Chunk Village starts construction. In 2003, the Winnebago Community Development fund is created.

Generation Seven (2004 to 2024): In 2004, the new hospital opened. In 2005, Ho-Chunk, Inc. crossed $100 million in annual revenue. In 2007, I was suspended for 10 days for political reasons I think—oh buh! In 2008, Ho-Chunk, Inc. passed $150 million in revenue. In 2011, Ho-Chunk, Inc. crossed 200 million in annual revenue. In 2015, Ho-Chunk, Inc. crossed $250 million in annual revenue. In 2015, Ho-Chunk, Inc. becomes the largest shareholder in the Native American Bank. In 2015, Educare opens and Winnebago wins the state championship in basketball. Also, in 2015, the Winnebago Land Company is formed to buy back the reservation. In 2017, the next 40 acres to expand the Ho-Chunk Village is purchased.

I know I got a little carried away with Ho-Chunk, Inc. statistics at the end, but I wanted to make a point. I get lots of criticism about this and that related to Ho-Chunk, Inc., but when you step back and look at it, we have come such a long long way from showing up with nothing in 1864. It almost seems like our rise back into a proud self-sufficient tribe was our destiny.

We need to keep rolling with building our community, strengthening our culture and finding ways to provide a quality life for our people. We only have 6 years left in this important 7th generation and then we need to start focusing on the 8th generation who will be born into a completely different world then those of the previous generations. I can't wait to see what happens next, but I know that our future is up to us and no one else.

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JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

Pastor Ricky Jacob

'Eyewitness of God's glory'

Where do you place your trust when it comes to spiritual matters? Who do you rely on for what is true and what is not? Do you rely on those who agree with what you think or believe? Do you seek out like minded spiritual people?

WARNING: there is one who would have you believe in what feels good, in what eases the pain, and in what frees you from being accountable to anyone except oneself. There is one who invents cleverly invented stories that hold no truth, merely lies. Actually he has been properly labeled as the father of lies.

Who is this father of lies? He is none other than a rebellious, one time angel of God, known as the devil or Satan. The devil is unable to speak the truth. This will not stop him from attempting to have you think that he is not lying, at least not this time. He tells you what you want to believe and laughs when you take the bait, hook, line and sinker!

One of the biggest spiritual lies is that the Bible, a 'book of books,' was written through the wisdom of mere men. And that men have misused the Bible to control one's life through fear mongering! I recently heard this claim from a 'so-called man of God.'

Jesus would go to the cross in order to suffer the agony of total separation from the love of God, hell on earth through being forsaken by God. I can in no way explain how Jesus, true God and true man, suffered being forsaken by Creator God. I can tell you that Jesus endured this excruciating pain so that no one else would have to be forsaken or separated from the love of God.

This teaching is not to control one, but rather is good news that will lead the one filled with the Spirit of God to honor Creator God with his or her life.

Who should you trust when it comes to spiritual truth? How about an eyewitness? One such eyewitness of Jesus was Peter, one of his twelve disciples. Peter was also one of Jesus' inner circle of three, along with brothers James and John.

Peter wrote: 'For not by embracing cleverly devised myths did we make known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but because we became eyewitnesses of his majesty, for when he received honor and glory from God the Father-- when such a victory was conveyed to him by the majestic glory: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased"--indeed this voice we ourselves heard when it was conveyed from heaven, since we were with him on the holy mountain.' [2nd Peter 1:16-18 Curtis P. Giese:CPH commentary]

Peter was there on the mountain, with James and John, and heard Creator God's words of claiming Jesus as His Son and in whom He was well pleased (pi-na-gi-gi)! The three were instructed by Jesus not to tell anyone about this until after the Son of Man was raised from the dead. Peter would witness the resurrected Jesus, as well as see Him ascend into heaven.

Peter goes on to write on how one should trust in the spiritual words of the true prophets of God: 'And we have as very certain the prophetic Word, to which you will do well if you hold fast as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this above all, that no prophecy of Scripture arises from an individual's own interpretation. For never by the will of man was a prophecy uttered, but men spoke from God as they were being moved by the Holy Spirit.' [2nd Peter 1:19-21 Giese:CPH commentary]

Allow the Spirit of God to reveal Jesus as the morning star to you. Jesus is the very Son of God. He is the Lord and Savior to each and every person who believes in Him! My prayer is that I would never, ever add to or take away from God's Sacred Word. Instead, I would tell you exactly what eyewitnesses, like Peter saw, heard and revealed through God's Sacred Word!

It is in hearing about and believing in Jesus, that His majesty is visible among us. We who trust in this spiritual truth, share in the hope of life everlasting, and are assured that in Jesus our Savior, God is well pleased (pi-na-gi-gi) with us as well!

The paper with the word "forever"

(An American Indian fable – or is it?)

Many moons ago, a great nation of red people signed a paper with the word "forever" with a great white father, who promised to make a life better and to provide for their every need…if they gave up their Sacred Land.

The Nation of Red People believed the great white father because he said the paper with the word "forever" would last until the grass no longer grows and the river no longer flows. They thought of their children, their grandchildren and those yet unborn. "Good! Good!" they said as they smoked the Sacred Pipe and Tobacco with the great white father, and put their 'marks' on the paper with the word "forever."

Not many moons passed until the children of the great white father started to complain…the Nation of Red People have land reserved for them only, they don't pay taxes, they get 'free' food, houses, medicine, blankets; they get to fish, hunt, gather berries and herbs; they get to gamble, and they hold federal jobs.

"Right! Right!" said the great white father forgetting he had put his 'mark' on the paper with the word "forever." He was very troubled and consulted with his chiefs. "Aha! Aha!" they said "We have a plan…we will offer the Nation of Red People a chance to self-govern. We will offer them big bunches of wampum and beads. They will be blinded and never see that if they take this stuff… they will release us from the paper with the word "forever."

By this time the great Nation of Red People were 'Fed-Up' with the great white father and his chiefs. They had some real good friends call 'barristers' (lawmakers) who took much wampum but never gave anything in return. Little did the great Nation of Red People know that these barristers were relatives of the great white father.

Now, not many moons passed, the great Nation of Red People have no land, no food, no homes, no medicine, no blankets, no wampum, no beads… they don't get to hunt or fish, nor do they have federal jobs, nor do they have the paper with the word "forever."

But what does it matter anyway? The word "forever" has been reduced to just another "F" word now. This is the end of the American Indian fable, or is it?

Woks-jay-moni-winga
"Victory Walker/Warpath Woman"
Mrs. Nicky Solomon

Little Priest Women's Basketball Schedule (2017-2018)

Date	Time	Team	Place	Location
1/30/2018	5:00	Northeast	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/1/2018	5:00	Cottey	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/6/2018	5:30	Buena Vista	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/7/2018	5:30	Iowa Lakes	Away	Estherville, IA
2/14/2018	5:30	Central	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/17/2018	1:00	Marshalltown	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/20/2018	5:00	Southeast	Away	Beatrice, NE
2/24/2018	2:00	Cottey	Away	Nevada, MO
2/26/2018	5:30	Central	Away	Columbus, NE
3/5/2018	5:30	TBD	Away	TBD

The Winnebago Eye Care Program encourages everyone to get an eye exam, even if you don't wear glasses, to check on your eye health. Prevention is the goal, rather than treatment. Most eye problems do not happen overnight, but rather progress over time. The best protection is early detection! With regular eye exams problems can be detected early, and treatment can be started to attempt to avoid major damage. Another important tool to prevention is education. Following is an overview of glaucoma, and information on how you can protect your vision.

To schedule an exam, please call 402-878-2428.
More info on glaucoma at www.glaucoma.org

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Ho-Chunk Farms will help create compost for the topsoil to be used in the gardening beds and provide gardening and farming education to potential growers, Mathers said.

The goal is to reconnect the Winnebago people to the food they eat, said Ann Marie Bledsoe-Downes, vice president of community impact and engagement for Ho-Chunk Inc., the tribe's economic development corporation. Ho-Chunk Inc. owns Indianz.com.

"Once you grow it, you're interested in cooking it and cooking it healthy," she said. "It's very much a progression and creating a comfortable entry point into making sure we all have individual responsibility for making sure we can feed ourselves and making healthy food."

You see, life wasn't always this way for the Winnebago people.

They were once farmers and hunters. They planted corn, beans and squash. They hunted deer and buffalo and fished.

But like so many tribal people, their lifestyles changed dramatically after they were forced onto reservations and had to assimilate to western culture, a shift that led to the tribe losings its connection to the land.

Today, few Winnebagos grow their own food, and many struggle with obesity and diabetes.

Nearly 32 percent of the tribe's children age 0 to 4 are considered obese and an additional 16 percent are overweight. About 35 percent of elementary students are obese and another 19 percent are overweight.

And almost 39 percent of the tribe's high school age youth are considered obese, while another 17 percent are overweight.

The centerpiece of the HoChunk Harvest initiative is Village Market, a 4,644-square-foot indoor farmers that will be constructed in the HoChunk Village development adjacent to Nebraska Highway 77. It will be built on a concrete slab and will have space for 10 indoor vendors and 10 exterior vendors.

The more than $265,000 structure will be paid for through a tribal community development fund, HCCDC and Ho-Chunk Inc., as well as USDA funds.

Mathers said he hopes to see the Village Market built by 2019, though that timeline could be shortened should HCCDC receive significant USDA funding sooner than expected.

The Village Market will provide vendors – many of whom currently set up along roadsides in Winnebago and sell everything from sweet corn and popcorn to jewelry and crafts – greater access to customers.

"Just having the space becomes this catalyst for making different choices, whether it be around food or arts or crafts or what I do with my Saturday," Bledsoe-Downes said.

Growers won't be expected to pay to utilize space in the Village Market, though they will be asked to donate unsold produce at the end of each market day for use by Senior Meals, WIC, Kids Café and local Boys and Girls Club food programs.

Lance Morgan, president and CEO of Ho-Chunk Inc., said he hopes the Village Market will encourage local producers to establish food-related businesses and inspire entrepreneurship among his people. He said he also hopes it will provide better access to affordable, fresh foods.

"It just ties a lot of things together," he said.

Mathers said HCCDC is working with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to provide loans to tribal citizens interested in starting small businesses and expects to be able to offer up to $50,000 in loans for food-related businesses.

A community task force – the Winnebago Food Security Task Force – helped plan the HoChunk Harvest initiative and will continue to develop other projects as part of the overall effort to help the Winnebago Tribe produce its own foods. Among those projects will be an effort to convert tribal land now leased to non-tribal producers to food production for humans and organic farming, Mathers said.

He said the tribe also is considering year-round, indoor growing initiatives through Ho-Chunk Farms, Mathers said.

"There are many things that have to happen to move the community toward true food sovereignty and true food self-reliance," he said. "We have to kind of start with some easier things and build some momentum toward those things that will take a bigger capital investment or just more time and effort to get them up and running."

Bledsoe-Downes said she is hopeful HoChunk Harvest can help turn the tide against the problems of obesity and diabetes that have plagued the tribe by encouraging healthier eating habits ... and reminding the Winnebago people who they were.

"It's kind of a 'if you build it, they will come' approach to things," she said. "It's got a lot of positive community aspects to it."

Indians Winter Sports Schedule

Varsity Indians Basketball		
January 29th thru February 5th	Lewis & Clark Tournament	Home
February 6th	Wakefield	Away 8 pm
February 10th	Heartland Hoops Classic	Grand Island, 4 pm
February 16th	GACC @ West Point (JV)	Away 6 pm
February 20th	Sub-Districts	TBA
February 26th	Districts	TBA
March 7th thru 9th	State	TBA
Varsity Lady Indians Basketball		
January 27th thru February 5th	Lewis & Clark Tournament	TBA
February 6th	Wakefield	Away 6 pm
February 8th	Wahoo Bishop Newman	Away 6 pm
February 12th-15th	Sub-Districts	TBA
February 23rd	Districts	TBA
February 28th-March 2nd	State	TBA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Architect/Engineering Services TWO HOUSING PROJECTS

The Winnebago Housing and Development Commission (hereinafter WHDC) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals and firms for design, bidding, planning, inspection, construction monitoring, and close out of two separate housing projects on the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska. All projects shall be subject to design, cost, and other standards and requirements under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (24 U.S.C. 4101 et seq) and its implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1000). The projects shall be financed with NAHASDA funding.

1. TWO 3-PLEX APARTMENT BUILDINGS – Two single level buildings containing three one-bedroom apartments. Each apartment shall have its own front and back entry door, a full bathroom, kitchen, dining area and living room, three closets, Energy Star doors and windows, furnace, water heater, LED lighting, at a minimum. Design includes site works and parking area. Other specifics may be decided in consultation with the Owner, WHDC.

2. TINY HOUSES – Four single level units (400 square feet maximum size) for one resident, containing a bedroom, bathroom, efficiency kitchen, with dining and living room space; Energy Star doors and windows, furnace, water heater, LED lighting, at a minimum. Units will be built on slab. Site work, will also be required for the four units. Site of each unit to be determined by location of existing infrastructure of water, waste water and storm sewer system.

Send request for full RFP to danazagurski@gmail.com. Send seven copies of your proposal to Norma Stealer, Winnebago Housing and Development Commission, 100 S. Elm Circle, PO Box 671, Winnebago, NE 68071. Deadline for receipt of proposals is February 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Faxes are not acceptable. Questions: call 402-878-2241.

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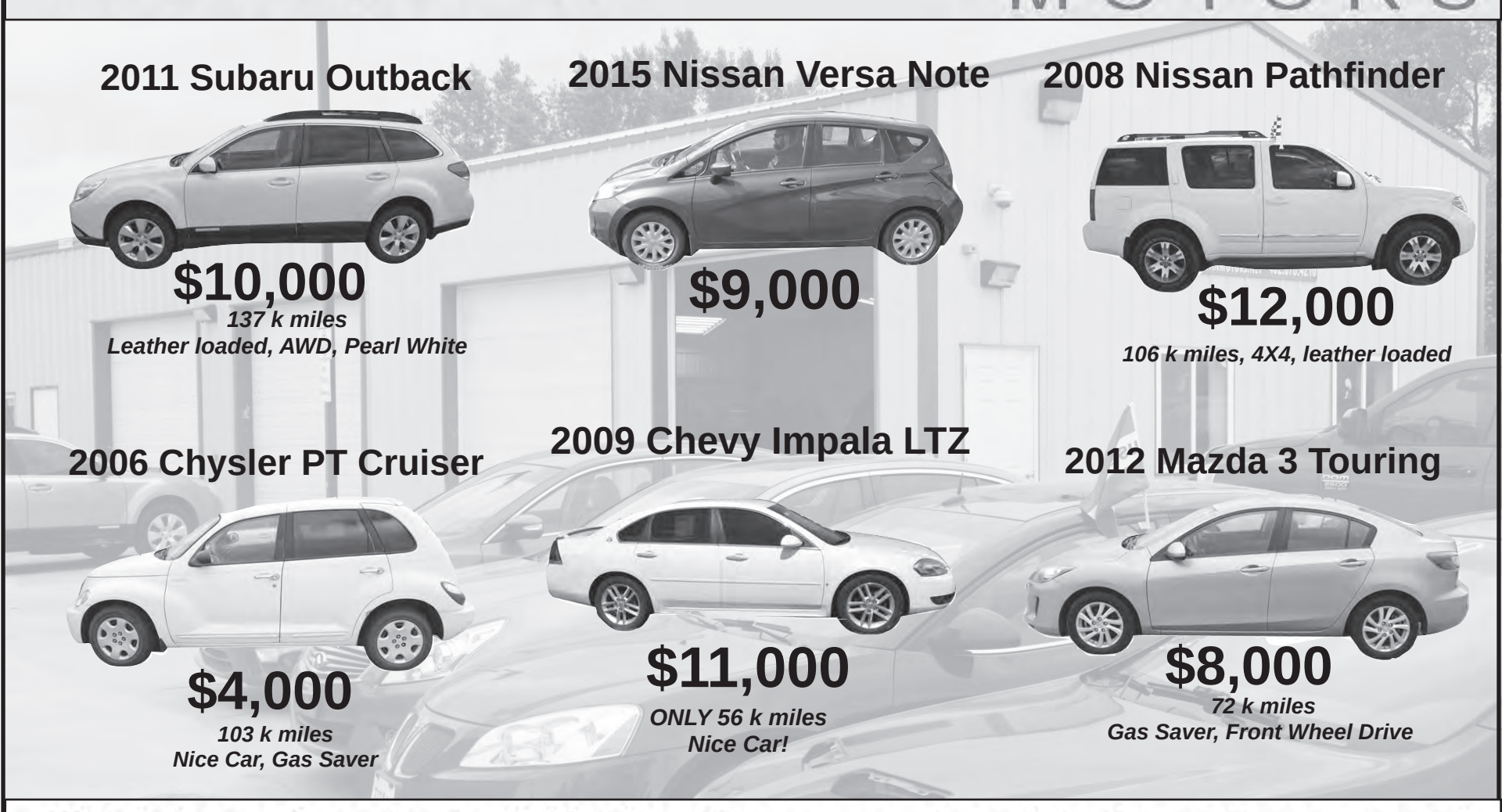

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Ponca Tribe, stand together inside the clinic. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

Larry Voegele, CEO of the tribe's health department, said the tribe had enough reserve funding, primarily built up through collection of insurance payments, to keep its health care facilities open.

"It's not a terrible situation for us," he said, shortly before the end of the shutdown. "I suppose if the shutdown went a really long time and it drained those resources we would possibly have to make some hard decisions, but we're not anywhere near that point."

The National Indian Health Board sounded the alarm prior to the government shutdown, saying tribal health care was facing funding delays until a new continuing resolution or a budget bill was passed.

The Senate and House of Representatives passed the continuing resolution Monday before President Donald Trump signed it into law. The continuing resolution will keep the government funded until at least February 8.

After the shutdown began Friday at midnight, hundreds of thousands of federal employees were furloughed. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a shutdown contingency plan, describing what health programs would continue to receive funding.

Voegele said the Ponca Tribe currently operates all aspects of its health programs, except for the internet technology needed to run those programs. He said the tribe briefly discussed what might happen if the shutdown had lasted for several months and eventually depleted its health funding reserves.

"Even if we ran out of that, we could get a loan to help cover these expenses in the meantime," he said.

He said the shutdown likely won't have any lasting impacts on the tribe, considering the Poncas should be able to get reimbursed for the expenses it incurred during the shutdown by claiming those costs as allowable expenses under its federal contract.

Voegele said he is more concerned about the fate of the tribe's diabetes program after Congressional leaders failed to include funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians in the continuing resolution that was approved Monday.

American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) adults suffer from the highest rates of diabetes in the United States. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Ponca Tribe's diabetes program is funded through the federal Special Diabetes Program for Indians, as are most tribal diabetes programs.

Voegele said the Ponca Tribe's program employs a full-time dietician and a registered nurse/case manager. They help the tribe's patients manage their diabetes through medical nutrition therapy and case management services.

They also work to ensure the tribe's other health providers are working to help their patients who suffer from diabetes better manage their disease.

"I know they're nervous about whether or not they'll have jobs," he said of the program's two employees.

He said he's hopeful the tribe could continue to fund the program should it fail to be funded. If Congress doesn't approve funding for it, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians is set to run out of money on March 31. However, that likely would require the tribe to divert funding to the program from funds now set aside for other services, Voegele said.

He said the program is one of the many ways the Ponca Tribe serves its patients beyond the exam rooms of its two clinics. "It's something that our staff has a lot of experience doing and I hope we can continue to provide these kinds of services," he said.

Congressional leaders from New Mexico are seeking to make other improvements to Indian health care.

In November, Sen. Tom Udall and Rep. Ben Ray Luján – both Democrats – introduced legislation in both houses of Congress seeking to increase funding for urban Indian health care programs. S.240, the Urban Indian Health Parity Act, would ensure urban Indian health facilities receive the same reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients as IHS- and tribally run facilities.

Currently, IHS- and tribally run facilities receive higher reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients.

"The federal government has a treaty responsibility to ensure every Native American has access to quality, affordable health care — whether they live in an urban community like Albuquerque or Farmington or on a reservation," Udall, who introduced S.240, said in a news release. "This legislation is a common-sense measure to ensure parity between IHS facilities so Native Americans on and off the reservation have access to the care they need."

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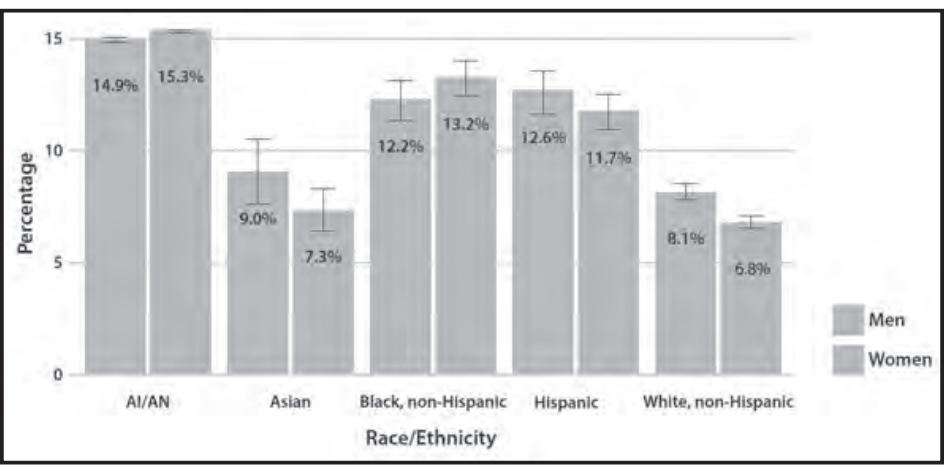

A Spark - Alexus Little

"I'm doing something. You can do something. Be a light for everyone else around you," encourages Alexus Little, a member of the Cherokee nation who lives on the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe reservation in South Dakota. Alexus is, in fact, a light to those who know her. Her positive outlook radiates relentlessly against the lows that often come with life on the reservation.

Kansas Middletent, Native Hope Ambassador, suggested that we shoot a video featuring Alexus and her basketball ability. We agreed, but what we didn't know was that she was going to offer us so much more than dribbling, shooting, and rebounding.

"I combat the lows [prevalent drug and alcohol use] by getting involved in positive activities: sports, youth groups, and community activities," relates Alexus. "If I notice someone is feeling down or left out, I try to get them involved, too."

She maintains all the principles of the leaders Native Hope aspires to empower. Her motivation to be successful comes from those who are unsuccessful. "Everyone else my age [17] who isn't doing anything—those not staying in school, not getting an education" keep her striving to be a more.

Alexus admits that without the game of basketball in her life, it would be "boring, empty, and confusing." She attributes her skill and passion for the game to her entire family of players: her grandma, aunts, uncles, and siblings all love basketball. Through the sport, Alexus has learned to be more outgoing and open as new opportunities and friends have arisen from participation in the game.

Alexus plans to attend college in Winnebago, Nebraska, at Little Priest Tribal College to study elementary education and play basketball. Alexus believes in the power of education.

She wants others to know, "You should finish school…go to college, do something fun, inspire others around you…NO ONE should get in the way of what you want to do—if they do, keep pushing and try harder!"

It takes all of us working together to cultivate a culture that celebrates our unique differences and embraces one another without prejudice. We invite you to join us on our mission to dismantle barriers and inspire hope for Native voices unheard. Together we will see this generation of Native American youth thrive.

Masthead Scene

The HoChunk Village was buried under 16 inches of snow that was delivered by the first Blizzard of 2018. The snow started flying shortly before midnight on Sunday, January 28th and didn't quit until sometime Tuesday night. Snow removal crews on the Rez were busy for 48 hours straight and were still busy cleaning up on Wednesday night. Many of the Winnebago suburbs were without electricity throughout the storm but fortunately we've all been through rough weather before.

Grief Support Group

Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept.10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10th
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For more information contact Donna Wolff, Native Connections Project Coordinator, 402-878-3659

Community News

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT
December 20, 2017

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
James Snow
Vincent Bass
Victoria Kitcheyan
Kenneth Mallory (in at 10:22 a.m.)
Isaac Smith (in at 10:26 a.m.)
OTHERS PRESENT:
Garon Coons
Mona Zuffante
Joy Johnson
Sharon Frenchman
Allison DeCora
Ilona Maney
Dorothy Houghton
Lewis St. Cyr
Tonia Keller
Diane DeCora
Kelly Snow
William DeCora
Barbara Eagle
Tiffani Warner
Pat Greyhair
Royce Payer

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Vincent Bass offered the opening prayer.

[Kenneth in at 10:22 a.m.]

APPROVE AGENDA:

Vincent Bass motioned to add New Year's Pow-wow, Tribal Flags and approve as amended. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

[Isaac in at 10:26 a.m.]

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to amend resolution #18-29: Winnebago Community Development Fund – Facilitating Growth Project 2018. James Snow seconded.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Department realignment and organizational chart. James Snow seconded.

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

TRIBAL COURT:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Organization Chart amendments and position description (Contract/Grant Fiscal Specialist). Vincent Bass seconded.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: - Rescheduled Self-Governance Community Meeting for January 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

ENROLLMENT:

Isaac Smith motioned to accept the Absolute Relinquishment request from #383-UO3701. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

Vincent Bass motioned to accept the Conditional Relinquishment request from #383-UO6408. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt Resolution #18-30: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3395, A3396, A3397, and A3400]. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

PHYSICAL RESOURCES: Bridge home – update.

HOCHUNK RENAISSANCE:

Roland Warner motioned to purchase Tribal Flags from the General Fund for $4600.00. James Snow seconded.

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

SELF-GOVERNANCE: Update.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Update.

NEW YEAR'S POW-WOW:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve New Year's Pow Wow 2018 with the same budget of 2017 from General Fund. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 1:59 p.m. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Next WIN News Deadline: February 5th

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV13-038

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
APRIL BARNES,

In Re:
T. F. (DOB 06/2010)

TO: APRIL ROBERTSON, Mother
KENNETH FRAZIER JR., 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. CV13-038 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of MARCH 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

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Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-020

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
MICHAEL & HEIDI MILES,

In Re:
A. E. (DOB 03/2012)
A. E. & A. E. (DOBs 02/2014)

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
ARIC A. ELMORE, 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. CV18-020 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-021

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
MICHAEL & HEIDI MILES,

In Re:
J. J. S. (DOB 10/2014)

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
JERREN E. SPRINGS, 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. CV18-021 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Suspending Parental Rights
Case No. CV18-032

In the Matter of the
Adoption of:
E. M. & E. M. (DOB: 09/2006 & 10/2005)

TO: KAYLA REYNOLDS, Mother
DAVID MEDINA JR., Father

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights has been filed and a Hearing to Suspend Parental Rights concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-032 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8th day of FEBRUARY 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV17-049

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:
JONIELLE SMITH
vs.
JAMISON ROBINSON

To: JAMISON ROBINSON,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV17-049 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-029

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
EMILY L. HERRINGTON,

In Re:
R. G.-M.. (DOB 08/2011)

TO: HANNAH GRIFFIN, Mother
DWIGHT MORRIS JR., 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. CV18-029 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of MARCH 27, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ18-004

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
Z. W. (DOB 08/2016)

To: TRISTA WHITEWATER, Mother
ALLEN WEITZEL, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ18-004 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-038

In the Matter of the
Divorce Petition of:
TIFFANY BUCHANAN
vs
SUNGMAITUSKA BUCHANAN

To: SUNGMAITUSKA BUCHANAN:

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV18-038 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-051

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
M. W. (DOB 10/2006)
ANDREA HARLAN, Mother

To: BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-051 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-025

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
S. R. JR. (DOB 09/2014)

To: RAELANA BERNARD, Mother

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-025 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-028B

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
A. H. (DOB 06/2011)
STEPHANIE HARLAN, Mother

To: LAM LOK CHAN, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-028B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

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