Winnebago Indian News

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Indians Head to the Big Dance

The Winnebago Indians for the fourth straight year qualified for the Nebraska Boys State Basketball Tournament. The Indians came up short at districts losing the Championship game by 1 stinkin point to Boone Central-Newman Grove. Drawing a wild card berth to the state tournament and a #2 seed in the tournament because of a distinguished season record secured the Indians spot. The Indians were sent off by a huge Pep rally on Wednesday and an escort out of town by the Winnebago Police Department and many excited Winnebago diehard fans. At presstime the Indians will be playing their opening game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. All our hopes and prayers are with the Indians from Bago…Go Big Blue!

Winnebago Tribe sees boost in home ownership as more return to reservation

Dulcie Greene, stands outside her new home on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska on January 28, 2018. She and her husband, Amos Two Bulls, received assistance to buy their home from the Winnebago Tribe's down payment assistance program. 'I'm even excited for my first payment'

By Kevin Abourezk, Indianz.com

WINNEBAGO, Nebraska – Dulcie Greene points to the drab, red brick one-story with boarded-up windows – one in a long line of government homes on a steep hill in one of poorest neighborhoods of this reservation community.

She describes the fate of many of the homes in this neighborhood – abandoned for lack of maintenance or severe damage caused by renters. She raised her three daughters in a home here for nine years before finding better housing just down the road last year.

"They call this the ghetto," she says. "I don't know why. There are a lot worse places I've seen."

In November, the 30-year-old Winnebago woman moved her family into a new walkout home on the southern edge of this town, a home she designed and bought along with her husband, Amos Two Bulls.

And unlike her old home – with its worn linoleum floors and deteriorating exterior – her new home has five bedrooms, two bathrooms, a family room, laundry room, two-car garage, fence and patio. All on a quiet cul-de-sac with a pretty view. She's one of many new homeowners in a place where home ownership was a foreign concept just a few years ago.

With $32,500 in down payment assistance from a tribal housing program, Greene and Two Bulls were able to afford the $172,000 home. They received another $16,000 in support from two other grants.

Without that help, she said, the couple could not have afforded to buy their first home.

"I'm even excited for my first payment," she said. "Is that weird?"

Since 2002, 52 Winnebago families have received more than $2.3 million in down payment assistance to purchase homes through a tribal housing program known as the Winnebago Down Payment Assistance Program. The average amount received by program recipients was $45,000.

The Winnebago Tribe estimates each dollar of down payment assistance provided to its citizens leads to $3.72 in home investments, and the program

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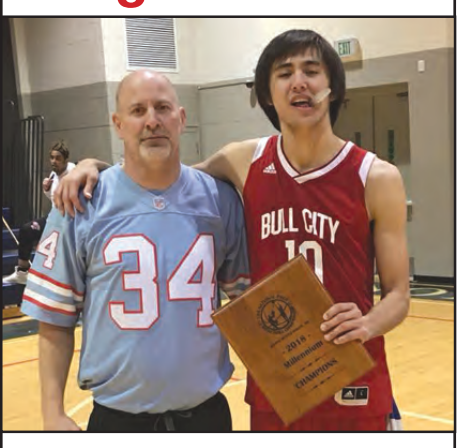
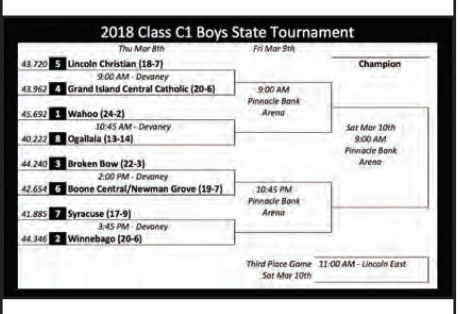


Winnebago's own David Wingett, Jr. has up'd he basketball game at Bull City Prep in Durham, North Carolina. David got a visit from his Pops David, Sr. last weekend while competing in a tournament at Myrtle Beach.

This is what all the hub bub is about between Winnebago & Macy. Photo courtesy of Cindy Aldrich.

Here's Norma Jean waiting for the charter bus to the Mesquaki Casino that left the Winnebago Senior Citizens Center during our recent Blizzard.

Winnebago Indians diehard fans sent off the Indians in style this week, good job girls. Go Big Blue!



2018 Class C1 Boys State Tournament

Thu Mar 8th / Fri Mar 9th / Champion

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9:00 AM - Devaney
43.962 4 Grand Island Central Catholic (20-6)

9:00 AM Pinnacle Bank Arena

45.692 1 Wahoo (24-2)
10:45 AM - Devaney
40.222 8 Ogallala (13-14)

44.240 3 Broken Bow (22-3)
2:00 PM - Devaney
42.654 6 Boone Central/Newman Grove (19-7)

10:45 PM Pinnacle Bank Arena

41.885 7 Syracuse (17-9)
3:45 PM - Devaney
44.346 2 Winnebago (20-6)

Sat Mar 10th 9:00 AM Pinnacle Bank Arena

Third Place Game Sat Mar 10th 11:00 AM - Lincoln East

The Indians road to the Big Dance…Go Big Blue!

Happy 87th Belated Birthday to one of our Tribal Matriarchs, Lil Momma-Lil Granny Viola Rave-LaPointe.

Indianz.com… Leader of Winnebago Tribe clashes with sheriff over racial profiling

Posted: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

'Racial profiling is a reality for Native people'

Sheriff in Dakota County plans to enforce immigration laws.

The leader of the Winnebago Tribe is criticizing a local sheriff's decision to allow jailers to be deputized so they can enforce federal immigration laws.

Chairman Frank White said Monday he is concerned giving the county's jailers the ability to enforce immigration laws will lead to racial profiling of his people in Nebraska.

The tribe sent a letter to Dakota County Sheriff Chris Kleinberg's office on February 20, asking him to reverse his decision to take part in the federal Section 287(g) program, which allows U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to deputize jailers to question and detain people arrested for other crimes.

"Implementation of the Section 287(g) program in this community is unnecessary and has the potential to victimize people of color, damage the fragile public trust between the tribe, tribal members and your agency, and erode the safety and security of all those who live in or travel to Dakota County," White said in the letter.

He said he is concerned his tribe's citizens living in Dakota County or traveling through there to reach shop-

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Bago News

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HoChunk Commands

Hiwąx re. *(hee-w(ah)x rday)*
• Ask.

Wanąjksap kį ňe. *(wah-nyk-sahp k(ee) nay)*
• Be nice. Behave.

Xāpgųnį ňe! *(xahp-g(oo)-n(ee) nay)*
• Be quiet!

Hanįgū re. *(hah-n(ee)-goo rday)*
• Bring it back to me.

Žē hanį hū re. *(zhay hah-n(ee) hoo rday)*
• Bring that.

Hanąsa re. *(hah-n(ah)-shah rday)*
• Close it.

Gū re /Hū re. *(goo rday/hoo rday)*
• Come back here. Come here.

Egi howa hū re. *(ay-ghee hoh-wah hoo rday)*
• Come over here.

Kīkuruti re. *(kee-koo-rdoo-dee rday)*
• Crawl.

Waši re! *(wah-shee-rday)*
• Dance!

Tē gu'ų ňe! *(day g(oo)'(oo) nay)*
• Do it like this!

Ke hiwąx nį ňe. *(kay hee-w(ah)x n(ee) nay)*
• Don't ask.

Hąke haraxjak nį ňe. *(hah-kay hah-rdahx-j(ah)k n(ee) nay)*
• Don't bite it.

Ke žesge hi nį ňe. *(kay zhay rdach-g(ah) n(ee) nay)*
• Don't drink that.

Ke kiza nį ňe! *(kay kee-zhah n(ee) nay)*
• Don't fight (him or her)!

Next WIN News Deadline: March 19th

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Battle for Energy Independence

By Kevin Abourezk, Indianz.com

WINNEBAGO, Nebraska – For the Winnebago people, the battle for sovereignty is taking place in a field near a car dealership and on roofs across their reservation.

It's a battle for energy independence that can best be seen in the black solar panels that the tribe has installed on rooftops and in fields.

Since 2008, the tribe has installed nearly 1,000 solar panels. They've put them on rooftops, until space became a problem, and recently built a solar farm in a field on the northern edge of the tribe's reservation.

"Our rooftops are jam-packed," said Robert Byrnes, owner of Nebraska Renewable Energy Systems, who serves as sustainability coordinator for the tribe's economic development corporation, Ho-Chunk Inc.

"There aren't too many rooftops that are good for solar that don't have solar."

He said he began working for HCI more than 12 years ago, when he installed a monitoring system to track energy output for several small wind turbines on the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

A few years later, he helped the tribe take advantage of funding being offered to tribes through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the federal stimulus package approved by Congress and signed by former President Barack Obama.

Byrnes helped HCI win a $5 million ARRA grant to establish solar energy systems and began installing solar panels on the roof of buildings owned by the corporation, including 24 panels that were installed on the roof of HCI Distribution's headquarters. That project constituted the first solar energy project for a Nebraska tribe, he said.

Today, nearly 300 solar panels have been installed on the HCI Distribution building alone.

"It's impressive," he said. "It took a while to get there."

Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, vice president for community impact and engagement for HCI, said the tribe's various renewable energy efforts are meant to help the tribe become self-sustaining.

"We are a community very much about sustainability and being able to provide for ourselves," she said.

She cited the tribe's food sovereignty initiative, which includes plans for a 4,600-square-foot indoor farmers market, as one example of the tribe's efforts to achieve sustainability. As another example, she cited the tribe's plans to take over management of its hospital.

"We want to be able to make sure decisions that impact the health and lives of our people, that we have autonomy over those decisions," she said.

She said she's hopeful solar energy will soon begin driving down retail costs for the tribe's businesses, allowing the tribe to reinvest that saved money into other endeavors.

The tribe has used its own construction company and local contractors to complete its solar energy projects, she said.

Prior to building the solar farm, the tribe's used car dealership and a nearby tribal convenience store often would struggle with power interruptions as they competed for power, Bledsoe Downes said.

"That's a problem right, when your cash register flickers?" she said. "There are some really practical, positive outcomes from this."

She said the tribe isn't ruling out creating enough solar energy to power the entire reservation.

"There are some infrastructure challenges with that," she said. "I would never take that off the table."

The tribe's various solar energy projects have produced nearly 450 megawatt hours of energy and have saved nearly $50,000 in electrical costs.

A recent grant from the U.S. Department of Energy helped the tribe increase its renewable energy output four-fold, Byrnes said. The $850,000, two-year grant helped the tribe create the solar farm near the used car dealership.

The tribe also is planning to apply for another federal grant that would pay for power storage technology that would allow the tribe to store excess energy for use during power outages, Byrnes said.

He said the tribe will have to focus on solar farm development as it expands its renewable energy output since space has run out on top of tribal buildings.

"That's going to be the future," he said.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

Pastor Ricky Jacob

'Blessed Be the Name of the LORD'

Today we focus our attention on one of the most patient men of all times. We learn from God's Sacred Word that Creator God bragged about this God-fearing and upright man. God said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." [Job 1:8–11 (NIV84)]

Job had no clue of this conversation. Job had no warning of what was about to happen. In one day he would lose his wealth, seven thousand sheep, five hundred oxen, as well as his vast means of transportation: his three thousand camels and five hundred donkeys. As well as countless servants. Good grief!

If Satan had his way he would not stop there. Satan did have his way and through a wind storm, Job and his wife, lost their seven sons and three daughters. Disasters happens!

Like Job, we have three choices when something devastating happens. We can let it destroy us. We can let it define us. Or we can let it develop us. I want to share how to let even the worst things in life develop us and grow us by the act of surrender.

That's what Job did. "At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." [Job 1:20-21]

Satan is your enemy Oh, he attempts to make you think that he is your friend, your best friend. Liar! He would take everything from you if he could. But he is limited. God allows him to go so far and no farther. Satan tempts people in order to trap them into all types of addictions. Addictions of drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality, greed, pride, arrogance, murder, gossip, slander, ridicule ~ all items that Satan uses in order to destroy you. Each one of these destroys your relationship with God.

If Plan A to destroy you doesn't work then he goes to Plan B. Plan B is to define you. He wants you to claim 'victim status.' Poor Job, he has been robbed of everything. God must surely HATE him. Satan wants to have you blame God. Or Satan wants to have you blame your circumstances or others for your actions. Satan was betting that Job would surely turn on God, the victim that he is, and curse God.

During this season of Lent, we should not think that since we are obviously 'guilty' that we must suffer in order to somehow pay for our sin. We are not to join Jesus as the victim and suffer in order to share in payment for our rebellious ways! Job did not suffer for his sin, nor did he plead victim status and curse or blame God.

Job did not allow Satan's attacks to destroy him, rather Job says: 'The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." [Job 1:20-21]

Unlike Job, Jesus knew exactly what was coming. Following His baptism Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where He fasted for forty days. Satan attacked Jesus' pride, as well as His physical starvation, but to no avail as Jesus countered every temptation with the Sacred Word of God. Satan then left Jesus until an opportune time.

That opportune time would come especially on Good Friday when Satan would destroy Jesus, taking His very life. Satan was limited to what he could do to Job, Satan could not take his life. In the case of Jesus this was not so. Jesus became the lamb that silently went to His slaughter.

Jesus did not allow His suffering to define Him. Jesus surrendered to the will of His Heavenly Father and calls you to do the same.

But the story does not end there, on the cross. Nor does it end with Jesus buried in the tomb. Jesus rose victorious, on the third day! Jesus did not allow Satan to destroy Him.

Jesus offers you victory as you surrender to the will of His Heavenly Father by trusting in Jesus as your Savior. Like Job you can proclaim, even in the worst of times, "Blessed Be the Name of the LORD! Yes, Blessed Be the Name of the LORD!

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ping centers in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa — just down the road from the tribe's northeast Nebraska reservation — will face further racial profiling. He said Winnebago tribal members often report experiencing racial profiling by law enforcement in Dakota County and other parts of Nebraska.

"Tribal members know that they are much more likely to be pulled over by non-Indian law enforcement if their cars have Thurston County license plates," he said. "Racial profiling is a reality for Native people."

Thurston County – where the Winnebago Reservation is located – is just south of Dakota County.

Kleinberg said he began his law enforcement career as a deputy in Thurston County. He said he completed federal training with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be able to enforce the law on the Winnebago Reservation.

He said the Section 287(g) program will allow him to better enforce the law.

"As the elected sheriff of Dakota County, one of my obligations is enforcement of laws, whether village, city, county, state or federal," he told Indianz.Com. "287(g) is a federal program that helps us identify folks in our country illegally."

"I would hope as council chairman, Mr. White would educate himself a bit prior to making comments on subjects he does not understand," Kleinberg said.

The Section 287(g) program has come under fire in recent years with civil rights advocates saying it leads to racial profiling and unnecessary costs. Most notably, the program was discontinued in Maricopa County, Arizona, after federal officials received complaints about racial profiling and civil rights abuses by former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was later convicted of criminal contempt for violating a judge's order to stop detaining suspected undocumented immigrants.

"Section 287(g) is a step back for Dakota County and I urge you to cancel the existing agreement with (the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)," White said. "Dakota County doesn't need another Joe Arpaio."

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Letter to the Editor…

"The tribal council meeting of 26' February, left some members, at least these two, with many questions."

When files were removed from the office of Land Corporation and taken to the BIA it looks suspiciously like they were taken so the BIA Administration and Realty office could assume the duties/responsibilities of this tribal program. Who gave this function back to the BIA and why?

Also, why did the BIA accept them based on a questionable letter with one signature and no resolution or official minutes? Who gave BIA staff permission to go through these private tribal members files and start to bill tribal members for lease compliance issues? The BIA has a lot of explaining to do over this grievous overstep of BIA authority.

Why would the tribal council contract with a lawyer that would put a financial burden on the tribe? Which leads to motive and validity of needing another lawyer. We have a dearth of lawyers, most are tribal members, and they already work for the tribe.

Why hire a lawyer to fight with tribal members (who can't hire pricey lawyers). According to the tribal constitution tribal council can hire a lawyer (with permission of the Secretary of the Interior who has approval authority) for protection and advancement of its members. How did they square this with that clause? And did they seek approval?

The council demonstrated complete disregard for tribal members concerns.

Why give the general manager 2m dollars without a budget or justification? It's not clear if it is to fix or replace the HVAC unit and if there is any money left over use it where ever he wants in capital improvements and the tribe will cover this amount.

Validity of five signature process is supposedly a way to handle an emergency. Enough council members are present to make a quorum every day and usually meet in chambers or at the casino. So why use this process to conduct business regularly. Can't anyone council person a sk, "Is this an emergency".

From our tribal members seats in the chambers it sounds and looks like this council is running amok and doesn't know about tribal programs and business enterprises of the tribe.

Ruby Bellanger.
Jeanie Eagle

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has helped generate $5.97 million in home investment.

The initiative has reshaped this tiny reservation in northeast Nebraska.

Visitors to the town – especially those visiting from other reservations – are often surprised to see how much new development has taken place in Winnebago in recent years. A new hospital, new football field and new businesses such as a Dollar General, Mexican restaurant and coffee shop all have been constructed in recent years.

The renaissance taking place here began in 2002 with the purchase of 40 acres on the north end of town by the tribe's economic development corporation, Ho-Chunk Inc. (HCI). And much of the new development has occurred within that 40-acre plot, known as Ho-Chunk Village.

Lance Morgan, president and CEO of HCI, said much of his company's work has been focused on creating revenue for the community and creating jobs. However, he said, the company realized that the lack of quality, affordable housing on the reservation was dampening the company's economic development efforts.

"You can't have a solid community, you can't have good workers, you can't have a good education system if you don't have a good home," he said. "It's one of life's basic necessities, and it's a necessity that we've struggled with for a very long time."

The company began working with the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation (HCCDC) – a nonprofit affiliated with the Winnebago Tribe – to begin seeking grant funds to help contribute to a down payment assistance fund for tribal members.

Tribal leaders also decided to earmark some of the revenue that HCI provides to the tribe from the corporation's profits to fund the Down Payment Assistance Program. Those dividends have provided 64 percent of the program's funds, with another 15 percent coming from grants and 21 percent from tribal gas tax revenue.

Sources of grant funding have included the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, federal HOME funds and support from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

In 2015, the Winnebago Tribal Council set a goal of adding 200 new homes or apartments to the reservation's housing stock over the next five years.

"There's such a shortage of decent, affordable housing for folks," said Brian Mathers, executive director of HCCDC. "It's really been a priority of the council for a long time."

The tribe matched a recent $250,000 grant from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program with funds already in the Down Payment Assistance Program's fund. The fund currently has about $170,000.

A certified community development financial institution under HCCDC known as Ho-Chunk Community Capital also recently received a $150,000 boost from the U.S. Department of Treasury to help tribal homebuyers establish and protect their credit so they can qualify for mortgages and the Down Payment Assistance Program.

Qui Qui St. Cyr, residential manager for Ho-Chunk Community Capital, said her organization works with potential homebuyers to ensure their credit will qualify them for a mortgage and participation in the tribe's Down Payment Assistance Program.

She hosts homebuyer seminars that educate them about what it takes to qualify for a mortgage and construct a home, if that's what they decide to do. For those unsure about designing their own home, HCI subsidiary BluStone Homes offers a host of different floor plans for homebuyers.

"It's up to them what they want to do," St. Cyr said.

Ho-Chunk Community Capital also connects potential homebuyers to lenders.

In order to take part in the Down Payment Assistance Program, homebuyers must be Winnebago tribal members, able to qualify for a home mortgage and abide by applicable housing covenants, which often stipulate that homebuyers keep junk cars off their property and build homes with garages. Program participants must remain in their homes for at least 5 years.

The program provides up to $65,000 in assistance for new home construction and as little as $5,000 for purchase of an existing home. A new initiative provides $35,000 in assistance to buyers of lower cost homes. Mathers said many challenges face potential homebuyers at Winnebago, much like on other reservations. For example, many homeowners won't actually own the land upon which their home is located. That's not always true, as buyers of homes within Ho-Chunk Village actually own the land upon which their home is built and have to pay property taxes like homeowners who don't live on federal trust land.

Another challenge is finding banks that are willing to approve mortgages for homes built on federal trust land or within a reservation. Many banks also don't know how to manage loans provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program, a home financing program designed to help tribes and tribal citizens.

HCCDC uses the Section 184 program to secure financing for many of the homebuyers taking part in the tribe's Down Payment Assistance Program as the program offers a relatively low interest rate and less stringent credit requirements.

Between 2000 and 2013, the Down Payment Assistance Program helped increase home ownership rates by 4.6 percent compared to a 1.2 percent increase in home ownership for Nebraska. Median home values on the reservation have increased by 29 percent.

St. Cyr said home ownership is a common fact of life for non-Natives living outside of reservations.

"Now It's possible for them, young people, and us Natives to buy our own home, make our own home, plan it out, however we want it," she said.

She said she's even begun receiving inquiries from tribal members who live off the reservation who have wanted to move back but didn't have many housing options, until now.

"I have more older adults wanting to move back to Winnebago because of the growth of the community and because it doesn't look like a typical rez," she said. Michelle Parker, community projects coordinator for HCCDC, said the wealth of new housing options in Winnebago has created demand not only among tribal members but others as well.

"It drives more people to want to come live here, not necessarily people from Winnebago," she said.

The Winnebago Tribe has faced many obstacles in its efforts to increase home ownership, Morgan said.

Many tribal members struggled to find employment on the reservation, while others lacked the positive credit history or financial education necessary to apply and qualify for a mortgage.

So HCI and other tribal programs had to invest in a variety of basic services and functions necessary to facilitate increased home ownership.

"When it comes to housing, we own the land. We built the lots," Morgan said. "We bought the housing company. We construct the houses. We sell used cars to fix credit. We bought the bank. We provide the jobs for the people to get to that stage. We've done everything we can to make it possible."

"As a people, we've been handed a tough hand, and I think that the only way we're going to do better is if we as a people starting taking control of every element of our problems," he said.

In June, Andy Snowball, 33, and her family moved into a newly constructed home in Ho-Chunk Village with support from the Down Payment Assistance Program.

She and her husband, John Snowball, received $65,000 in assistance and now live in a home valued at $270,000. That's a major upgrade for the couple, who most recently lived in a duplex in Sioux City, Iowa, some 20 miles to the north of Winnebago.

Living in Winnebago has helped simplify her family's routine, which once involved her husband and son commuting to Winnebago each day and her other children attending school in Sioux City. Now the entire family either works or attends school in Winnebago.

In addition, the couple is now building equity rather than paying rent while getting to live in a four-bedroom home with a three-car garage, back deck and big yard.

"My husband and I, we have been a team working our way up to a better position for a while now," she said. "We wouldn't have really been able to build a house in Winnebago that's as nice as the one that we have for a while."

Morgan said getting to see a family move into their first home is the most rewarding aspect of the Down Payment Assistance Program.

"We've done all these things to make housing possible, but what actually excites me is seeing one family move into their home, signing the paperwork, getting their key and starting a whole new phase of their life," he said.

The Winnebago Tribe's efforts to foster home ownership is just one facet of a decades-long effort to rebuild its poverty-stricken reservation and invest in tribal members who are, in turn, invested in their community, he said.

"A homeowner is a totally different person than someone living in low-income housing," he said. "They're going to have different expectations for their community, their leadership. They're going to expect more out of their schools."

"These homeowners aren't just homeowners. They're the bedrock for our community for the next 50 years."

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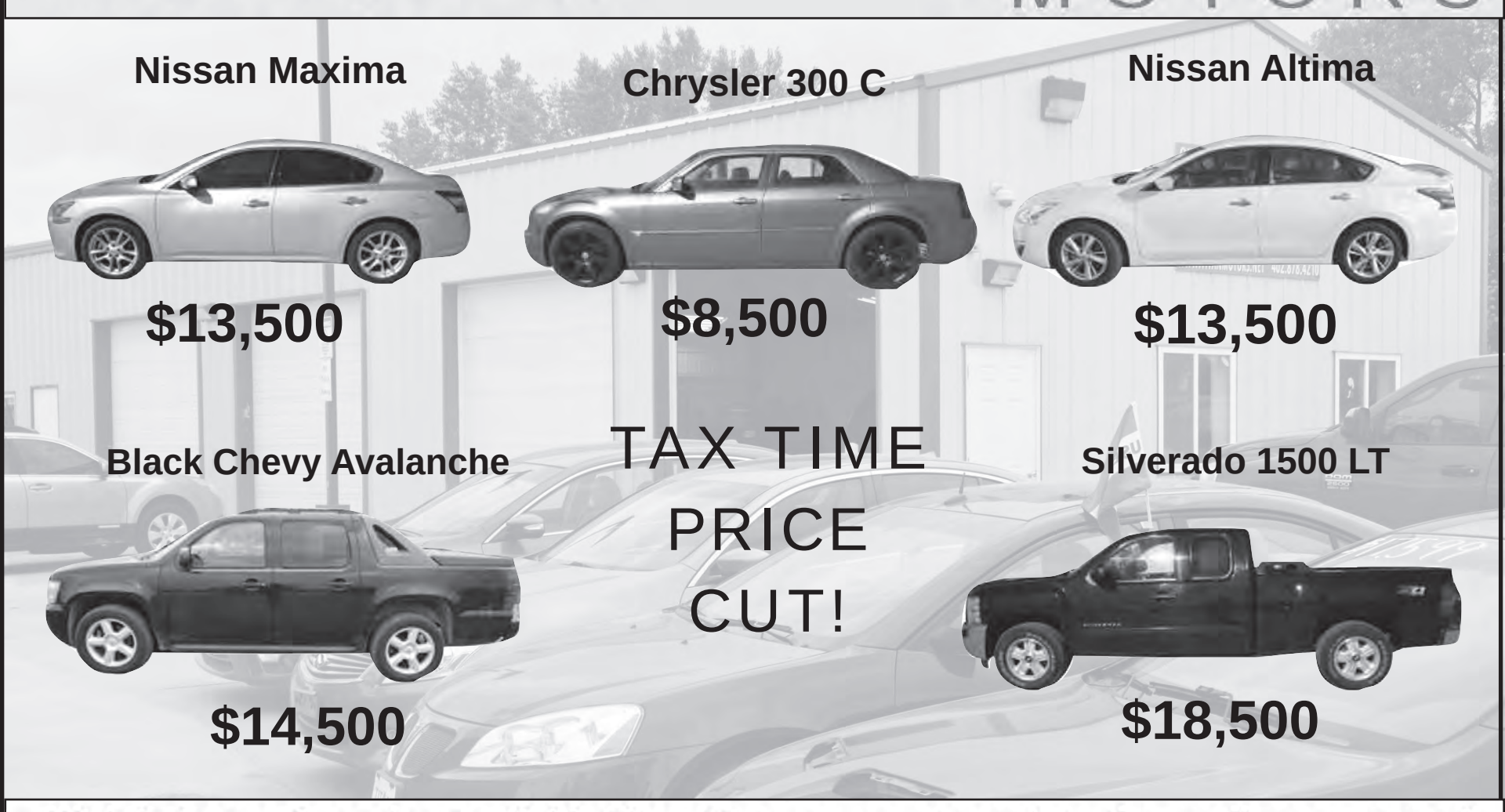

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TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING
January 26, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
James Snow
Vincent Bass
Victoria Kitcheyan
Kenneth Mallory
OTHERS PRESENT:
Mike Means
Nick Eker (Bland & Associates)
Mike Herrmann (Verizon)
Damon Payer (Gaming Commission)
Mayan Beltran
Gregory "Quince" Bass, Jr.
Quinntessa Bass
William DeCora
Alan Post
Sharon Frenchman
Tonia Keller
Carl Blackfish
Marvin Horn
Ron Nohr
William St. Cyr
Garan Coons
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Isaac Smith (TRMTCC meeting/Omaha)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

=OPENING PRAYER: Vincent Bass offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the agenda. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

BLAND & ASSOCIATES:

James Snow motioned to accept the Casino Audit Report as presented. Roland Warner seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS:

VERIZON SMALL CELL

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the license agreement for Verizon Small Cell. Vincent Bass seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (1) abstain, CS Motion carried.

[Victoria in]

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve November and December 2017 Financial reports. James Snow seconded.

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

SECURITY REQUEST

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas Security to approve NaOnda Free as Police Officer and to send her to Academy. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

SECURITY REQUEST

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas Security to approve the hire of Brad Gardner as Supervisor/Police Officer. Vincent Bass seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

MARKETING REQUEST

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas Marketing: Brawl for All, ticket pricing on March 16-17, 2018 for $38,000.00. Roland Warner seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION:

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the November & December 2017 monthly reports from the Gaming Commission. Coly Brown seconded.

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

TRIBAL REPORT: Presented by Alan Post, CFO

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the plan documents for the health, vision and dental plans. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Roland Warner motioned to have all parties present when they do monthly report, Amended Winnebago Gaming Development Board. James Snow seconded.

James Snow withdraws of seconded.

Roland Warner withdraws motion.

Roland Warner motioned to have Winnebago Gamin Development CEO to present monthly reports at the Treasurer's Reports. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (2) abstain, KM, VK Motion carried.

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to accept the CFO's report for the Tribe. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

PROPOSAL FOR ROBERT'S RULES WORKSHOP

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the proposal from CSN/DCI America for a two-day Workshop on Roberts Rule's for the amount of $6,100.00. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

TRIBAL MEMBER FUNDRAISER MATCH REQUEST

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Fundraiser match request for Quinntessa Bass in the amount of $1500.00. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (2) abstain, VB, VK Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
SPECIAL MEETING – LAND CORPORATION
January 26, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Karen Bass
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
James Snow
Vincent Bass
Victoria Kitcheyan
Kenneth Mallory
OTHERS PRESENT:
Anthony Woods
Aaron LaPointe
Brandi Brown
Ruby Bellanger
Leah Hunter
Tonia Keller
Samantha Brown
Cece Earth
Tiffany Warner
Jason Hulit, Jr.
Kellie Snow
Michelle Free
Brian Chamberlain
Garan Coons
Feather Earth
Lance Morgan
Dulcie Green
Too Sharpback
Lisa Chamberlain
Leta Gorrin
Sharon Frenchman
Lou Mae Hunter
Esther Warner
Isaac Smith
Sharon Redhorn
Darlyn St. Cyr
Ireta Blackbird
Lynelle Freemont

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Curtis St. Cyr offered the opening prayer.

[Kenneth out 2:15pm/in 2:31 pm]

AGENDA:

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the agenda. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

ITEM #7: Call for reinstatement of Winnebago Land Corporation. No motion made, item died.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to reinstate the Winnebago Land Corporation. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded. Motion ruled out of order. Due to not being on prevailing side. Subject died.

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT:

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to suspend the rules. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes, CS, CB, RW, JS (3) no, VB, VK, KM (1) abstain, IS Motion carried.

Coly Brown motioned to engage with Kawahara Law APC. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, CS, CB, RW (3) no, VB, VK, KM (2) Abstain, IS, JS

Chairman White votes yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Roland Warner motioned to adjourn. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(3) no, VB, VK, KM (0) Abstain Motion carried.

Chairman White adjourns the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
OTHERS PRESENT:
Curtis St. Cyr
Michelle LaMere
Sharon Frenchman
Roland Warner
Tyler LaMere
Teresa Littlegeorge
James Snow
Jessica McClure
Tonia Keller
Vincent Bass
Lewis St. Cyr
Crystal Ross
Victoria Kitcheyan
William DeCora
Leah Hunter
Kenneth Mallory
Crystal White
Thelma Whitewater
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Garan Coons Misti Jefferson
Frank White (sick leave)
Joy Johnson Ilona Maney
Coly Brown (sick leave)
Isaac Smith (sick leave)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman St. Cyr called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Roland Warner offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of 2018 Tribal Self-Governance Conference, Off-site Self Governance Round 2 in Albuquerque, and Donations to Pine Ridge. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

January 15, 2018 Mid-Monthly

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the January 15, 2018 Mid-Monthly meeting minutes. James Snow seconded.

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

January 17, 2018 General Counsel

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the January 17, 2018 General Counsel meeting with corrections. James Snow seconded.

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

January 26, 2018 Treasurer's Report

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the January 26, 2018 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Roland Warner seconded.

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

January 26, 2018 Special Land

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table until further review of the Roberts Rules of Order. James Snow seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

FRENCHMAN HOME REPAIR

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five signature approving Frenchman Home Repair to do bathroom and shower improvements at the Homeless Shelter Buildings, not to exceed $2500.00. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #18-35

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #18-35: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Operations and Safety. Vincent Bass seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #18-34

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #18-34: Harvard honoring Nations Award Educare Winnebago. Vincent Bass seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #18-36

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #18-36: Assistance to Firefighters Vehicle Acquisition Grant. James Snow seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. LAMERE-JESSICA MCCLURE FOR CONGRESS

Introduction and discussion. No action taken.

LEWIS ST. CYR – TRIBAL FLAGS

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the description of the Tribal Flags as submitted by Winning Artist/Tribal Member Anna Adams. James Snow seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

GPTCHB REQUEST FOR FLAG

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board request for Tribal Flag for display at the Central Office. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – ADOPT RESOLUTION

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #18-37: Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country. Vincent Bass seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION – APPROVING KAWAHARA LAW APC ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Roland Warner motioned to approve Kawahara Law APC Contract. No seconded.

Motion died.

WCHS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Winnebago Comprehensive Health System – Personnel Related.

Vincent Bass motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m.

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Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

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Community News

PUBLIC NOTICE

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT NOTICE TO CONTROL VEGETATION AND PERFORM TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE ON WINNEBAGO/ OMAHA TRIBE ALLOTMENTS APRIL 2018 THROUGH JUNE 2018

Omaha Public Power District's (OPPD) Vegetation Management Program is committed to controlling vegetation growth within transmission line right-of-way to maintain the safe and reliable operation of the electric transmission system, with minimal impact to the environment.

Federal, regional and electric industry regulations and standards require minimum safety clearances to ensure vegetation does not touch high-voltage overhead transmission lines. If vegetation located in a transmission right-of-way is not compatible with the safe operation of the system, it can result in widespread electric power outages and/or unsafe conditions for the public.

OPPD and/or its contractor will enter the right-of-way to perform the necessary vegetation management including, but not limited to, trimming and removing trees, mowing, applying herbicide, and eliminating hazardous tree/power line conditions. Herbicides used are tailored to land use and vegetation in the area, and will not harm other vegetation or nearby crops.

OPPD may also trim trees adjacent to the right-of-way to eliminate trees that could potentially fall within 15 feet of power lines. Right-of-way widths in the area depend mainly on the size of the power line and typically range from 80 to 150 feet.

As part of this process, OPPD will also be conducting maintenance on transmission lines that require attention to extend structure life and continue to provide safe and reliable power. OPPD and/or its contractor will access each structure to inspect and evaluate the integrity of the structure and foundation for corrosion and/or damage.

Work is scheduled to begin April 2018 to June 2018.

REFERENCE ALLOTMENT NUMBERS

THURSTON COUNTY

WINNEBAGO RESERVATION

T946	16L	892-A
947	21L	608
238L	233	17W

OMAHA RESERVATION

142N	680-4	199
600-D	687-2	203
620	687-3	206-4
619-1	687-4	T206-2
3032	688-C	290-1
T679-5	133-4	290-2
352N	194-2	
680-3	194-1	

Questions? Please contact us at 1-877-536-4131 and ask to be connected to Land Management or email us at landmanagement@oppd.com.

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 15

What is Suicidal Contagion and what are Suicide Clusters?

It has long been believed that when suicidal contagion occurs, a suicide cluster can develop. A cluster, in this case, is defined as multiple suicidal behaviors or suicides that fall within an accelerated time frame, and sometimes within a defined geographical area. Studies have shown that adolescents are the ones most affected.

Point clusters are a major problem in some native communities.

Many native reserves consist of individuals who are closely related and share the same social predicaments, thus, the impact of a single suicide is often felt by the entire community. Because of the closeness of the residents, there is a greater risk of a cascading effect leading to a cluster of suicides.

It is important to note, however, that not all native communities have experienced suicide clusters or have regular incidents of suicide. In communities where there is a strong sense of local culture, community ownership, and other protective factors, it is believed that there are much lower rates of suicide and sometimes none at all.

Unfortunately, on some reservations where these protective factors have not been strongly developed, the situation can sometimes be severe. The suicide rate for First Nations youth can be five to seven times higher than for non-natives. Many native people still experience remnants of

historical social and economic upheaval caused by colonization, residential schools, and the "sixties scoop" (and into the seventies, where children were taken off the reserves and fostered to mostly Caucasian families). These wounds continue to fester in many areas today, often called "acculturative stress", and inhibit the growth of a healthy environment.

Indeed, suicide can become a "normalized" response to a seemingly hopeless existence, and these dire circumstances can further be exacerbated if the community formally chooses not to address the situation. In some areas the stigma of suicide is so strong that there is no word for it in the native language, and there is a pronounced reluctance to mention the word "suicide." This state of denial makes the implementation of suicide prevention measures extremely difficult. Silence and a lack of suicide prevention initiatives in the lives of children and youth can be the strongest reinforcement of the message that what they are doing is not only normal, but also, on some level, expected.

If you know of someone struggling with suicidal ideation, please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911, or After Hours Crisis # 1-712-25 9-3263.

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Native Students
College Vision Quest

Masthead Scene

The Winnebago Indians boys basketball team are in Lincoln this weekend for the fourth straight year, making it to the State Boys Basketball Tournament. In 2015 the Bago Boyz won it all and in 2016 & 2017 the Indians brought home the Bronze. Go Big Blue!

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-061

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:
JAMIE SAUL-ZAVALA
vs.
FREDERICK MERRICK
To: FREDERICK MERRICK,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-061 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

Dated this 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-057

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:
MARY MORRISON
vs.
CAMILO LOPEZ JR.

To: CAMILO LOPEZ JR.,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-057 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

Dated this 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
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 for Customary Adoption has been filed and an hearing 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 5th day of APRIL 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-032

In the Matter of the Customary 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 for Customary Adoption has been filed and the final hearing 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 5th day of APRIL 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ18-009AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
J. P. (DOB 07/2008)
M. P. (DOB 08/2007)
RHIANNON WALKER, Mother

To: MICHAEL PARKER, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ18-009AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of MAY, 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. 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.

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.

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.

Tribal Council Minutes

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Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to come out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

James Snow seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint Danelle Smith as Interim Executive Director, not to exceed 18 months. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, VB, VK, KM (2) no, RW, JS (0) abstain Motion carried.

2018 TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference to be held in Albuquerque, NM at the Area Office on April 23 & 24, 2018 along with the second round of negotiations.

SECOND ROUND NEGOTIATIONS

Vincent Bass motioned to approve travel for Tribal Council and Steering Committee to attend the Self-Governance Annual Conference and the Second Round Negotiations in Albuquerque, NM on April 22-26, 2018. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

DELIVERY OF DONATIONS ITEMS

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to direct the CEO to arrange to deliver the collected donations for the Pine Ridge Relief efforts. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Vincent Bass motioned to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. James Snow seconded.

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

Vice-Chairman St. Cyr adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
CONCUR:
Curtis St. Cyr, Vice-Chairman
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT
February 14, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
Victoria Kitcheyan (via phone)
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith
OTHERS PRESENT:
Sharon Frenchman
Randy Teboe
Lilly Snow
Aaron LaPointe
Eugene DeCora
Julya Starr
Daryl LaPointe, Jr.
LaDonna Holstien
Leah Hunter
Chiara Conoyer
Barbara Eagle
Randy DeCora
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Vincent Bass (sick leave)
James Snow (Travel)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Updates, no action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS: Updates, no action taken.

[Kenneth out]

ENROLLMENT:

RESOLUTION

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #18-37: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3402, A3403, A3405]. Coly Brown seconded.

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

DOCUMENT RELEASE POLICY

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department Document Release Policy (Effective February 14, 2018).

Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

[Kenneth in]

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: Nursing Home Site update, no action taken.

TRIBAL COURT: YCIC update. No action taken.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES: Snow removal list.

HUMAN SERVICES:

RESOLUTION

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #18-38: U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Social Services Program FY!* $25,000 Grant Assistance. Roland Warner seconded.

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

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS – DISCUSSION

Roland Warner motioned to approve revised as of 2/13/18 Guidelines for Emergency Assistance. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES: Updates, no action taken.

SELF-GOVERNANCE:

IHS EMPLOYEE MEETING – February 21, 2018

Conference Call (Progress) – February 23, 2018

Scheduled Negotiation Meetings:

March 6-8, 2018, WinnaVegas Casino & Resort, Sloan, IA

April 25-26, 2018, Albuquerque Area Office, Albuquerque, NM

May 8-10, 2018, WinnaVegas Casino & Resort, Sloan, IA

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

FOOD SOVERIGNTY:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint Ann Downes, Hillary Spray, and Michelle LaMere to the Food Sovereignty Committee. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, CS, CB, VK (2) no, RW, IS (0) abstain Motion carried.

RADIO STATION:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint Garan Coons, Sarah Snake, Morri Conway to the Radio Station Committee. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

ALCOHOL ADVISORY:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint LaDonna Holstein, Mary Kelsey, Nate Bigfire, Reva DeCora and ruby Bellanger to the Alcohol Advisory Committee. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

Victoria Kitcheyan withdraws motion.

[Curtis out]

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint LaDonna Holstein, Nate Bigfire, and Ruby Bellanger to the Alcohol Advisory Committee. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Curtis In]

POW-WOW COMMITTEE:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Joi Long to the Pow-wow Committee. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

VOTE: (2) yes, KM, VK (4) no, IS, CS, RW, CB (0) abstain Motion failed.

COMMUNITY POLICING BOARD:

Coly Brown motioned to appoint Lilly Kearnes to the Community Policing Board. Roland Warner seconded.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to appoint Tyler Smith to the Constitutional Review Committee. Coly Brown seconded.

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

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR COMMITTEE:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to reappoint Lilly Kearnes and extend James Price for an additional 30 days while and re-advertise for 30 days for one vacancy.

Coly Brown seconded.

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

RE-ADVERTISING COMMITTEES:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to re-advertise the following Committees for 30 days: ICWA, Veterans Committee, and Tribal Utility Board. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION: No action needed.

HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD:

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to advertise for two vacancies for the Health Advisory Board. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Isaac Smith motioned to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TREASURER'S REPORT
February 16, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
Vincent Bass
Kenneth Mallory (in @ 9:24 a.m.)
Isaac Smith (in @ 9:23 a.m.)
OTHERS PRESENT:
Mayan Beltran
Mike Means
Damon Payer
William DeCora
Sharon Frenchman
Garan Coons
Tiffani Warner
Leah Hunter
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
James Snow (travel)
Victoria Kitcheyan (travel)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Add NIGA travel in April, and Alcohol Advisory Board.

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of NIGA travel and Alcohol Advisory Board. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Isaac and Kenneth in]

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

BUDGET MOD:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Budget Mod for Utilities for Water/Sewer/Garbage for $48,829.25. Isaac Smith seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

[Frank out 9:38, in 9:41]

MINOR TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS: Update, no action taken.

[Kenneth out 10:08]

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INCREASE

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to increase the Emergency Assistance from $60,000.00 to $80,000.00. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Kenneth in 10:14]

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the Tribal CFO Report. Coly Brown seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Isaac Smith motion to take $2 Million out of investment portfolio and put into WinnaVegas Capital Improvement. Roland Warner seconded.

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

JANUARY REPORT:

Vincent Bass motioned to approve the January WinnaVegas Report as presented. Roland Warner seconded.

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

MANNING DOCUMENT

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Manning Doc revision to increase the Surveillance Manager Wages. Coly Brown seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January Gaming Commission Report. Isaac Smith seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT: No show/no action.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

NIGA CONVENTION

Roland Warner motioned to approve travel for any Tribal Council to attend the NIGA Convention, April 17-20, 2018, Las Vegas Convention Center. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Aric Armell and Elizabeth White.

Roland Warner seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Vincent Bass motioned to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING
February 21, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
James Snow
Vincent Bass
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith
OTHERS PRESENT:
Danelle Smith
Sheila Corbine
Garan Coons
William DeCora
Alan Post
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Frank White (leave)
Victoria Kitcheyan (travel)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman St. Cyr called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Vincent Bass offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

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

TRANSITION PLAN:

Discussion on the General Counsel Transition plan, Danelle Smith start date as Executive Director in March 5, 2018.

LAND TRANSFER BILL: Danelle Smith will continue to work on this project.

RESOLUTION:

Vincent Bass motioned to adopt resolution 18-39: Approving and Authorizing Liberty National Bank Line of Credit to Fund Pre-Award Costs for the Assumption of Winnebago IHS Hospital PFSA'S for Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00). Roland Warner seconded.

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

DAKOTA COUNTY LETTER:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the letter to Dakota County Sheriff's Office opposing the 287(g) Program. James Snow seconded.

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

[Isaac out at 11:45 a.m.]

CFS STATE CHILD WELFARE CONTRACT: Update, no action.

RAMAH NAVAJO CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT: Update, no action.

TRIBAL UTILITY PROJECT: Update, no action.

NURSING HOME PROJECT: Update, no action.

FEE TO TRUST REGULATIONS: Update, no action.

ADJOURN:Vincent Bass motioned to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Vice-Chairman St. Cyr adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MID-MONTHLY MEETING
February 26, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Frank White
Curtis St. Cyr
Coly Brown
Roland Warner
James Snow
Vincent Bass
Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith
Kenneth Mallory
OTHERS PRESENT:
Mark Aldrich
Michelle Trek
Judy Redhorn
Thelma Whitewater
Robert Alley
Winona Rice
Desire Kitcheyan
Tonia Keller
Charlie Rice
Tony Woods
Victor Alley
Alan Post
Benny Eagle
Gloria Eagle
Joy Long
Josh Chamberlain
Marian Holstien
Louis LaRose
Sharon Frenchman
Waukan Grasty
Crystal Ross
LaDonna Holstien
Ramona Baker
Garon Coons
Denise Ballenger
Crystal Ross
Crystal White
Frankie Smith
Dulcie Greene
Monica Flores
Tiffani Warner
Sefrina Redhorn
Mary Kelsey
Shelly Bear
Ireta Hunter
Feather Earth
Kiva Harden
Cassie Kitcheyan
Sasha Rivers
Sharon Chamberlain
Candace LaMere & Husband

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: James Snow offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

James Snow motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the H.S. Basketball Jacket request. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(3) no, VB, VK, KM (0) Abstain Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

JANUARY 26, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING LAND CORPORATION:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 26, 2018 Special Meeting Land Corporation meeting minutes. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(2) no, VK, KM (1) Abstain, VB Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the February 5, 2018 Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (1) Abstain, VB Motion carried.

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