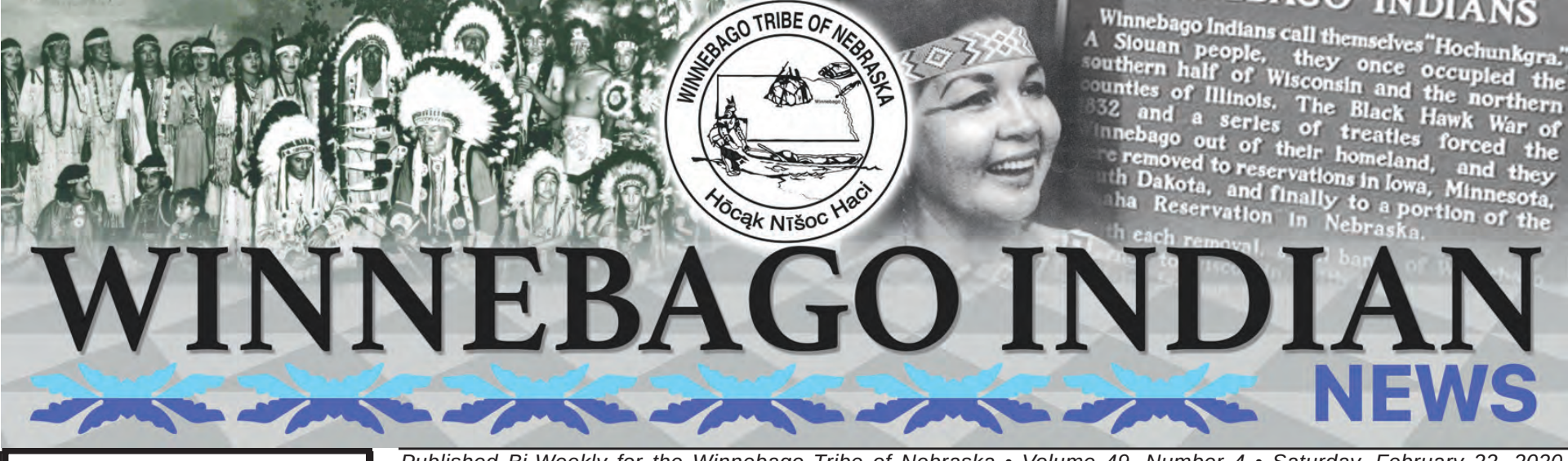

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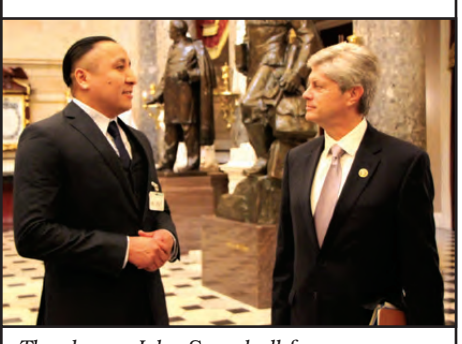


Thank you John Snowball for your ongoing dedication and Congressman Jeff Fortenberry for your support of the restoration of buffalo on Tribal lands! "The Winnebago Tribe's Buffalo Project has proven to provide a source of spiritual empowerment to the Winnebago people through its continued management of the buffalo herd for over 25 years.

Winnebago Health Department was making sure everybody and their kids were buckled up by handing out some cool basktball t-shirts.

HoChunk Renaissance held their latest Hocak Orthography class for the community this past Tuesday. Perhaps they really wanted the cool new stocking caps they just got in.

The Nebraska Children Community Services Assessment was held with the Tribal program directors. They brought ideas together on levels of childcare, adequate transportation, and options for after high school.

The Boys and Girls Club along with Chairman Brown recently met with the Lead Director of Organizational Development, Native Services, BGCA, Kelly Concho-Hayes to create a plan for the future of our children.

Check out the fresh merch HoChunk Renaissance is offering to their class participants. Better get signed-up before you miss out!

Winnebago High School Senior NSAA State Qualifier

Way to go Robbie Lovejoy!!! The Winnebago Public School held a pep rally and send off for the Class C, 220lb NSAA State Qualifier, & WPS Senior Wrestler Robbie Lovejoy (24 wins & 9 losses).

Robbie's first match held on Thursday, Feb 20 at the CHI-Health Arena in Omaha Nebraska in the NSAA State Wrestling Championship Tournament.

Building Dedication and Blessing for the Newly Renovated Neola Walker Building

The WTN Human Services Department with the help from the Walker family, held a cedar blessing ceremony & open house for the newly renovated Neola Walker building this past Wednesday, the 19th.

This building was once known to house the Heritage Food Store, Winnebago Indian News, Winnebago Gaming Commission, Construction Management, Land Management, WTN Tax Commission, and Physical Resources. The human services department were outgrowing their office space on the other side of town so a plan was set out to renovate the Neola Walker Building. In January of 2020 after about 11 months of construction the new building re-opened and is now the office space for the Human Service Department.

The Winnebago Tribe would like to thank the WTN Human Services Department Staff, The Walker Family, Winnebago Tribal Treasurer-Roland Warner for blessing the building, Isaac Smith-for the meal blessing, and Winnebago Tribal Councilmen-Melton Frenchman and the Hu-Jop Singers for the honor song at the new building.

LAST BEAR MOON CELEBRATION

Hocąk Corner

Nac higipi na.

(nahch hee-ghee-pee nah)

I am happy.

Hanāxgu ne!

(hah-nahx-goo nay)

Listen!

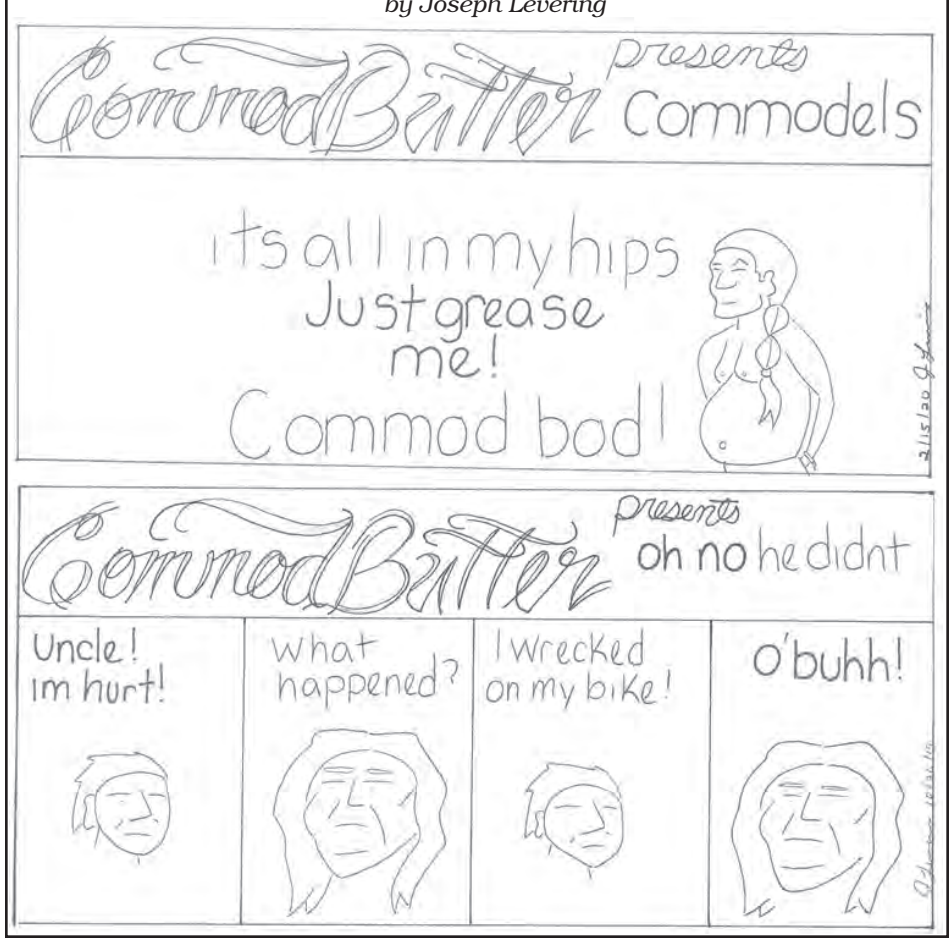
Wa'iniginap šana.

(wah'-ee-nee-ghee-nahp shah-nah)

Thank you.

Comics

by Joseph Levering



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Rural Public Transit? Nebraska's System Is Growing But Many Don't Know It Exists

Limited public transportation can make it tough to get around in rural Nebraska. But there are more options than most Nebraskans realize, and state officials are working to change that.

Long drives on rural roads are just part of the job for David Mentzer.

About 2,600 people live on the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska. Mentzer manages Winnebago Tribal Transit, a bus system that travels to employers like the WinnaVegas Casino, downtown Sioux City, and some college campuses.

In rural areas like this, narrow, winding roads can make driving difficult – not to mention up to 75% of Nebraskans in this part of the state don't have regular access to a vehicle, according to research from Lissette Aliaga-Linares, a professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"Even if we have one car in the household, if we are three adults, or two adults, in the household, we cannot always make it work that we are going to the same place," Aliaga-Linares said.

"Around here, you live in a rural area, sometimes it's hard to even get from out of the country into town or a small town and meet up with transportation," Mentzer said. "[My drivers] do their best to give every opportunity to any of our passengers in the rural community to get where they need to be from point A to point B."

The model is actually pretty common across the state. Eighty-two of Nebraska's 93 counties have some form of public transportation. But even getting to a bus stop can be a challenge for many people, says Nebraska Department of Transportation Transit Manager Kari Ruse.

"We can transport people between Lincoln and Omaha. But when we drop them off in Omaha, let's say at the West Roads Mall, how are they going to get to their final destination?" Ruse said. "So we need to make sure that people have access to public transportation or perhaps if some of that is provided by a transportation networking company like Uber or Lyft, or a taxi cab."

One of those solutions comes from a Nebraska native working to solve this nationwide problem.

"I grew up in a small town called Virginia, Nebraska. There are 96 people, if you count the cats and dogs," said Valerie Lefter, Executive Director of Feonix Mobility Rising.

The Lincoln-based nonprofit works on rural transportation in five states. Each project looks a little different, because each area's needs are unique.

"In a community where we're focused on serving seniors, and there's no evening or weekend transportation, we deploy volunteer driver ecosystems, almost like an Uber for good, if you will," Lefler said. "In other communities we're helping refugees or low income individuals get access to employment opportunities. And so we work with taxis, we work with volunteer drivers, we work with public transit. And we all work together to help provide the best mobility ecosystem to really help the community provide transportation resources for folks in need."

That's the model in western Nebraska, where Feonix is working with Panhandle Trails to recruit volunteer drivers to coordinate with the existing bus system that covers 16,000 square miles.

Jonnie Kusek is Transit Director for Panhandle Trails. She says the new demand response service launched a few months ago with two drivers, and they're looking for more.

"One of our first transports was getting a gentleman home from a long term care facility that was almost 120 miles away from his home," Kusek said. "But because we promised that we could get him from his home to 60 miles away to be able to do physical therapy, they released him from the long term care facility."

Most of the transit options are subsidized by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, which supports more than 60 rural transit providers across the state.

The state manages state and federal funding available specifically for rural transportation. The money can cover 75% of operating costs and 90% of buying vehicles. The rest is up to local agencies to fund, which can be a major barrier.

But it's a challenge worth facing.

Deb Lash grew up in Nebraska with doctors saying she would never be able to live independently. Now, she's lived on her own for 20 years with a motorized wheelchair and a transit system that picks her up right at her door.

She calls it a lifeline for seniors and others with mobility challenges.

"Because it makes them more independent," Lash said. "I can't get into a regular car and I can't afford a vehicle that's got a lift on it. So this is my only option of getting around town to the grocery store, Walmart, even lunch with friends. It's the only option I have."

Although transit options in the state have grown in recent years, there's still a general lack of awareness that rural public transportation even exists.

Lissette Aliaga-Linares says that's why self-reported need for public transit isn't a good way to determine actual need.

"[In] most of the studies in places where there is investment in transit, you see that the demand peaks because it becomes part of your eligible options," Aliaga-Linares said.

Kari Ruse says most people don't know that anyone can use these services – and that's a problem with a marketing solution.

"In Cedar County since 2015, they have more than doubled the ridership. And that's not because the population of the county has doubled," Ruse said. "But we have a true transit champion in Cedar County, and she has marketed the service and she has expanded the service area."

Recent growth is no accident. NDOT has prioritized mobility over the past several years, and is pushing to expand options even more. It's all part of the effort to get Nebraskans where they want to go.

Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE February 14, 2020.

Your Legislature and my office were tremendously busy this week. Floor debate, Committee Hearings, and groups visiting kept things moving quite quickly. On Thursday, Feb. 13, the Legislature passed nine Bills that were then sent to the Governor. 105 Bills had public hearings in Committees. In addition to Bills, Committees voted on advancing gubernatorial appointments and heard reports from various agencies.

District 17 visitors included guests from Leadership Wayne, Wayne State College and Wayne High School on Tuesday; Representatives from Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) on Wednesday; and Leadership Dakota County and South Sioux City High School Student Council on Thursday. Everyone has the opportunity to observe the Legislature in action from the balcony when they visit the Captol while we are in Session. I was honored to have the Speaker of the Legislature recognize so many visitors from District 17 and to lunch with the Leadership Dakota County group. If you or your group are planning a trip to the Capitol, please let my office know so that we can be sure to welcome you to the office and recognize you from the floor of the Legislature.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

There seems to be some misunderstanding about LB974, which is the Property Tax Relief Bill introduced and amended by the Revenue Committee. I think it is extremely important that the people of District 17, and throughout the State, be given accurate information about how LB974 is designed to reduce the property tax burden with No New Taxes and replace it with State Aid to schools throughout the State.

First, the primary goal is to lower the property taxes for landowners throughout the state and to lower them with NO INCREASE IN TAXES. This is accomplished by lowering the percentage of property valuations that can be taxed by local school districts over a 3-year period. School districts currently levy the largest percentage of property taxes in both urban and rural areas.

Contrary to some naysayers, LB974 is designed to replace the decrease in property taxes schools collect by increasing State Aid to schools in order to make them whole, while protecting the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund that pays a portion of your property tax bill each year. This includes a per student distribution to all schools. It includes foundation aid for every student in the state which will be approximately $2,300 per student in year 3.

Finally, LB974 is designed to encourage spending restraint at the local level by implementing commonsense policies to limit growth in school spending to economic realities such as growth in the Consumer Price Index plus real growth in population numbers. This is not a cut to schools but an increase in State Aid designed to reduce school reliance on property taxes. Remember, the State does NOT collect or spend property taxes. Naturally, local school districts are resistant to losing some of their taxing authority, but for the property tax relief plan to work, it is essential that each local government entity do its part by controlling spending, just like every family and business does, in accordance with its reasonable growth.

As you can see in the chart below, figures from the Fiscal Office addressing State Aid to schools in District 17 when LB974 was voted out of the Revenue Committee show some increases to make schools whole. There are also provisions in place to draw from other funds should the impact on a school district be greater than anticipated.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	FY 2020-21	
	CURRENT PLAN	UNDER LB974
SO. SIOUX CITY	$28,749,119.00	28,995,697
HOMER COMM	2,084,725	2,426,049
EMERSON-HUBBARD	29,219	161,017
PENDER	538,840	734,757
WALTHILL	3,467,700	3,659,809
MACY	6,442,894	6,414,720
WINNEBAGO	6,383,860	6,496,043
WAYNE	295,801	1,068,938
WAKEFIELD	1,528,654	1,984,977
WINSIDE	412,142	517,751

SCHOOL DISTRICT	FY 2021-22	
	CURRENT PLAN	UNDER LB974
	$	
SO. SIOUX CITY	29,150,305	29,315,164
HOMER COMM	2,182,453	2,714,005
EMERSON-HUBBARD	30,680	351,792
PENDER	553,408	867,977
WALTHILL	3,492,336	3,774,864
MACY	6,675,824	6,628,112
WINNEBAGO	6,524,585	6,610,036
WAYNE	463,871	1,767,809
WAKEFIELD	1,773,941	2,460,752
WINSIDE	422,900	544,836

SCHOOL DISTRICT	FY 2022-23	
	CURRENT PLAN	UNDER LB974
	$	
SO. SIOUX CITY	29,924,785	30,457,834
HOMER COMM	2,231,706	2,974,372
EMERSON-HUBBARD	31,600	604,178
PENDER	571,240	1,121,397
WALTHILL	4,186,390	4,498,014
MACY	6,720,937	6,686,853
WINNEBAGO	6,822,324	6,963,364
WAYNE	855,114	2,666,720
WAKEFIELD	2,078,345	3,025,054
WINSIDE	436,566	749,160

The Bill and formula are somewhat complex but the goals are simple and the structure is designed to provide property tax relief and to provide our children with quality education, all without raising taxes.

While there may be changes to the complex formulas, the framework is reasonable and workable. This is one reason I support LB974 in its current form and look forward to continuing to be a part of any work needed to make it even better.

As always, it is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage you to contact me and I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at 402-471-2716 or by email at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIG FIRE
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The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska supports Legislative Bill 848, a bill to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day in the State of Nebraska. Historically, fifteen Tribes lived and hunted within the current boundaries of Nebraska. In July 2016, the Winnebago Tribe passed its own resolution in support of an Indigenous Peoples' Day in Nebraska. The Winnebago Tribe believes it is important to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in Nebraska to continue the ongoing recognition of the Tribe, its culture, and to preserve its general welfare. It's a way to honor the contributions of the many indigenous people who lived on this land since time immemorial.

Recruiting Native Farmers/Ranchers!

Ho Chunk Community Capital Corporation is excited to announce a 2-year grant award from the Native American Agricultural Fund for $182,704. The NAAF is a charitable trust created by the settlement of the land mark Keepseagle v. Vilsack class action lawsuit.

The purpose of the award is to support and increase the number of successful Native farmer/rancher small businesses on the Winnebago Reservation. The thought for many of us…But I am not a farmer.

But YOU are a farmer/rancher! Anyone with a garden, or involved in the Indian Corn, Foraging Morels or Maheench, "Borrowing" field corn from farmers for Waboxiti! YOU have participated in the broad industry of agriculture. Creating a value added product to be bought and sold is ag-business.

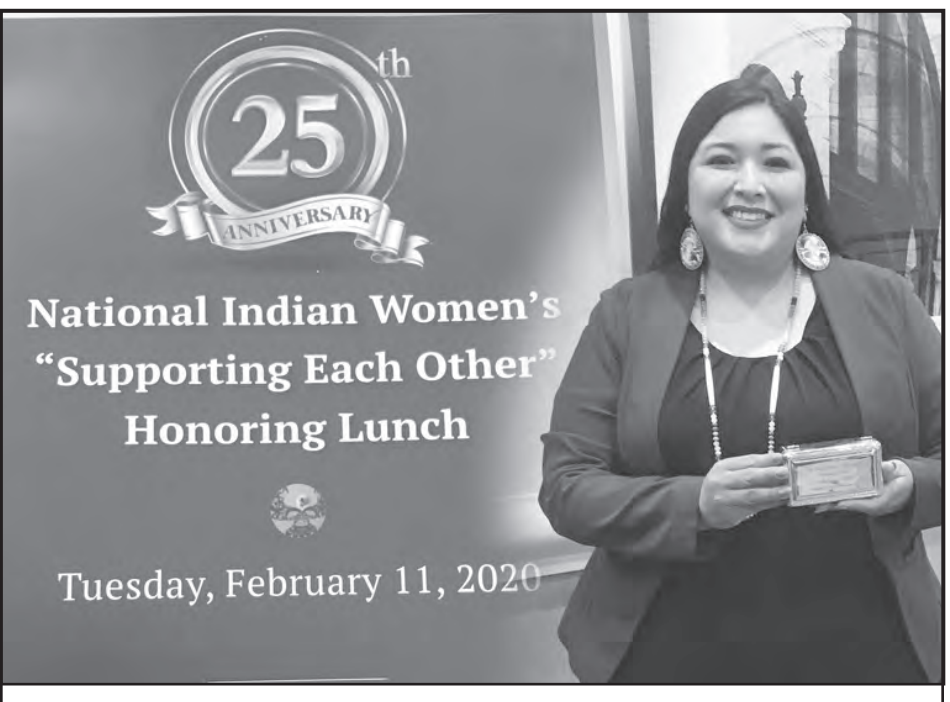
Ho Chunk Community Capital would like to recruit the entrepreneur in you to participate in a program meant to cultivate better understanding of aptitude and strengths through the Gallup BP 10 testing, participation in small business financials and planning to the readiness to launch your own business. The NAAF has directed $50,000 toward the Revolving loan fund for Native Farmers and Ranchers for low interest low interest startup loans. An exciting addition to our current loan portfolio.

For more information to participate please contact Tony Wood at 402-878-2192 or by email at twood@hccdc.org.

"How Indian Languages can be saved"

New and improved Indian Lexicon. This is not a language program. All Indian translations are Indian. Using Indian Lexicon you can write your first Indian sentence. Take a part of one Indian word and a part of a second Indian word, put them together to form a new Indian translation. Use it for translation of an English word. Take a page in English use the new and improved Indian Lexicon and translate it all into Indian. In the future Indian students will be able to diagram Indian sentences. I'm sure some students will want to stay with the language program they are in now. I'm hoping some will accept my "How to save Indian Languages" some might say "Hell no!" You could write to your editor and give your opinion.

Thanks,
Patrick Greyhair



During the National Indian Women's "Supporting Each Other" Honoring Lunch, Victoria Kitcheyan received an appreciation award for her work with the Winnebago Tribe, National Indian Health Board, Winnebago Comprehensive Health System, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee.

The ceremony was held in Washington D.C. and speeches were given by the National Congress of American Indians President, Fawn Sharp, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Senator Maria Cantwell (D) WA, & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, MN.

Next WIN News Deadline:
March 2nd

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

Pastor Ricky Jacob

"No One Is Above The Law"

How about God? Is God above the Law? Is God so great that He can do whatever He wants? And how about His Son - Jesus - was He also above the Law? And how about God's sons and daughters - adopted into His family through the water of Holy Baptism are they above the Law too?

First let us look back on the life of Jesus. His tribal people had imposed a tax on his Father's House - the temple. Matthew records these words: 'After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own sons or from others?" "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him. "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours"' [Matthew 17:24–27 (NIV84)].

Being the Son of God you might think that he was above having to pay the tax. However he did pay his share as well as Peter's too.

We also learn that Jesus has not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. We turn once again to Matthew who wrote: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven" [Matthew 5:17–19 (NIV84)].

In fact Jesus not only fulfilled the Law he paid for us law breakers 'not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death' [Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed].

Baptized children of God who have placed their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior are not above the Law. No, we are to live our lives guided by the Law. The Law is summed up in this way: The greatest command is to love our Creator with all one's heart, with all one's mind, with all one's spirit, and with all one's might. In other words, to love God above everything else emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically. And the second greatest command is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

No one is above the law, even the Son of God. The Good News is that Jesus fulfilled the Law and released us from the consequences of our failures to live according to the Law. This does not mean that we can disobey the Law. No, now we are called to honor our Creator by obeying the Law starting with God our Heavenly Father; and then on down to our father and mother, and then to others in authority. These last two groups do not trump the greatest command of loving God above everything else. When it comes to whether we should obey God or man - God always comes first and foremost!

Statement from Winnebago Public Schools, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System (WCHS):

With recent crisis events that have impacted our community, the Winnebago Public School, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and WCHS are joining together to provide immediate walk-in counseling services located at Winnebago Public Schools and WCHS.

Counseling services are being made available Wednesday, February 19 through Friday, February 21, at the Winnebago Public Schools with no appointment required. The hours for these services are from 10am-3pm. Please enter through the main entrance at the school and the receptionist will guide you from there.

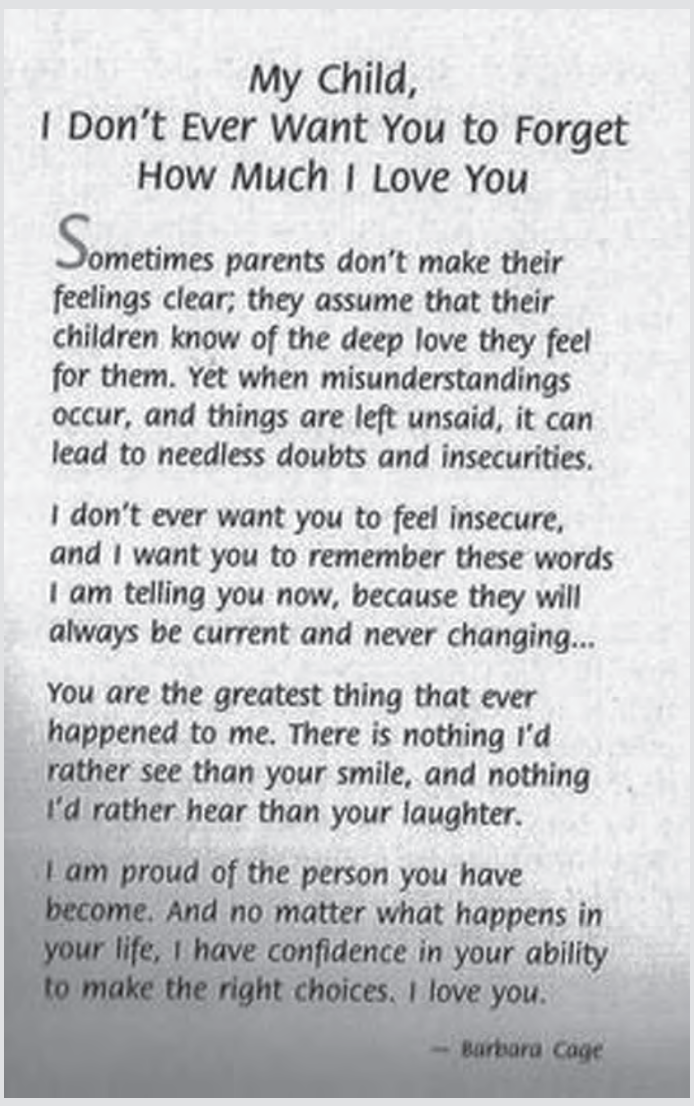
Counseling services are provided for anyone who is seeking assistance to manage their health as a result of the recent events in our neighboring community. This is open to any individual, any age, for any reason. All minors should be accompanied by an adult family member to receive these services.

You may seek counseling services outside the above noted hours by contacting any of the providers listed below:

Darlakae McGhee-Mahon, LIMHP, LCSW, PCIT
Trauma and Child and Family Specialist
The Lodge Counseling & Consulting Services
712-259-2111
Youth Crisis Intervention Center, YCIC can be contacted 24 hours a day 7 days a week at: 402-878-2044

Behavioral Health Services (WCHS) : Walk-in's are available Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
402-878-2911 after hours line: 712-259-3263

Tribal Employees may also contact:
Jim Rixner, Employee Assistance Counselor
(712)490-0245
Winnebago Police Department at (402) 878-2245



My Child,
I Don't Ever Want You to Forget
How Much I Love You

Sometimes parents don't make their feelings clear; they assume that their children know of the deep love they feel for them. Yet when misunderstandings occur, and things are left unsaid, it can lead to needless doubts and insecurities.

I don't ever want you to feel insecure, and I want you to remember these words I am telling you now, because they will always be current and never changing...

You are the greatest thing that ever happened to me. There is nothing I'd rather see than your smile, and nothing I'd rather hear than your laughter.

I am proud of the person you have become. And no matter what happens in your life, I have confidence in your ability to make the right choices. I love you.

— Barbara Cage

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ho-Chunk Nation citizen Tricia Zunker wins Congressional primary in Wisconsin

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Tricia Zunker, a citizen of the Ho-Chunk Nation, is on her way to repeating history by winning election to the U.S. Congress.

Zunker, a school leader who serves as an associate justice on the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court, won the Democratic primary for Wisconsin's 7th Congressional district on Tuesday. She secured a whopping 88 percent of the vote, Madison365 reported.

"We did it! Thank you for your support!" a post on Zunker's campaign page on social media read. Her campaign slogan -- bringing a "big voice" to Washington -- comes from Hochungra, which means "People with the big voice" in the Ho-Chunk language.

Zunker now faces Republican Tom Tiffany, a state lawmaker who won his primary on Tuesday, in the general election. The vote takes place on May 12.

Should Zunker win, she would become only the third Native woman in history to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. The first two are Sharice Davids, who incidentally is also a citizen of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and Deb Haaland, who hails from the Pueblo of Laguna

Davids and Haaland took office in January 2019. Davids represents the 4th Congressional district in Kansas. Haaland represents New Mexico's 1st district.

Wisconsin's 7th Congressional district seat is open due to the resignation of Sean Duffy, a Republican. The winner of the general election will serve out the remainder of his term.

The unusual schedule means voters in the district will return to the polls in November to elect a full-term representative.

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Gardening Projects

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

Week of February 17, 2020

What really sets Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners apart from garden clubs is their dedication to learning Best Management Practices, the cornerstone of what the land grant university has to offer, whether it is an invasive insect, a tough weed to manage, or a proven plant variety to try. This dedication to learning shows in the enthusiasm Master Gardeners share with Nebraskans through direct education (the helpline and tabling events), growing food for the food insecure, and managing education gardens.

Plant a Row for the Hungry began in 1995 by the Garden Writers Association. This program and other programs like it encourage gardeners to grow an extra row of vegetables and donate them to local soup kitchens and food pantries. While non-perishables are the backbone of donations to food pantries, fresh vegetables and fruits can be in short supply. It doesn't take much extra effort and Individual gardeners or groups can participate. For possible locations of fruit and vegetable donations, contact your local Extension Office. A really heartwarming story involves a community garden that collected all the leftover seedlings and seed packets from their gardeners, planting them in the neglected place between the sidewalk and street. The abundance of produce that came from this out-of-the-way spot was donated next door, to the low-income seniors. It was a boon to both the gardeners and the seniors because the senior citizens got fresh vegetables and the gardeners had the careful eye of the retirees keeping watch over their garden!

The Nebraska Certified Pollinator Habitat program sets criteria for residential gardens, municipal landscapes, school gardens, and businesses to have their spaces certified as pollinator friendly. The plight of honeybees and monarch butterflies is well known but the unsung heroes, native bees, are virtually unknown. This is sad because they are real workhorses—just 250 native bees do the pollination work of 30,000 honeybees. A diversity of flowering plants, a water source, and places of shelter are what's needed to help native bees and other pollinators. More information and an application may be found at: http://go.unl.edu/pollinatorhabitat

"Prune when the saw is sharp" is an old adage whose time has passed. New research indicates trees and shrubs are best pruned in April, May or June, months that show the best turnaround time for wound closure. Why is it important for wounds to close on a timely basis you ask? The longer it takes for trees and shrubs to form callus tissue over wounds means the likelihood from fungal and bacterial infections increases. Oak and elm are the exception to pruning in April, May or June because certain insect-vectored diseases are prevalent then. Oak and elm are pruned during the dormant season, November through February, when freezing weather means insects are not active.

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Career and technical education, or CTE, is education that directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management and many more

What is CTE Month?

Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

Local Colleges that provide CTE training and degree programs:

Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northeast Community College
St. Luke's College
Western Iowa Tech

USDA Rural Development
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Together, America Prospers

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications to Increase Rural Access to Education, Training and Health Care

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy has announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help increase access to education, training and health care resources in rural communities.

USDA is making $71.7 million in grants available under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant program. This program helps rural communities use telecommunications-based audio and video equipment to connect teachers, students, medical providers and rural residents with each other and the world.

Applicants in rural areas of 20,000 people or less who provide education or health care services through telecommunications facilities are eligible to apply. Applications will be scored, reviewed and selected on a competitive basis.

Applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office or electronically via grants.gov by April, 10, 2020. For more information, visit grants.gov. For more information in Nebraska, contact Roger Meeks at 402.416.4936 or roger.meeks@usda.gov.

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB) to help improve the quality of life in rural America. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

USDA encourages applications for projects located in rural Opportunity Zones. Localities qualify as Opportunity Zones if they have been nominated for that designation by the state and that nomination has been certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury via his delegation of authority to the Internal Revenue Service.

USDA also encourages applications that will support the Administration's goal to combat substance use disorder, including opioid misuse, in high-risk rural communities by strengthening the capacity to address prevention, treatment and/or recovery.

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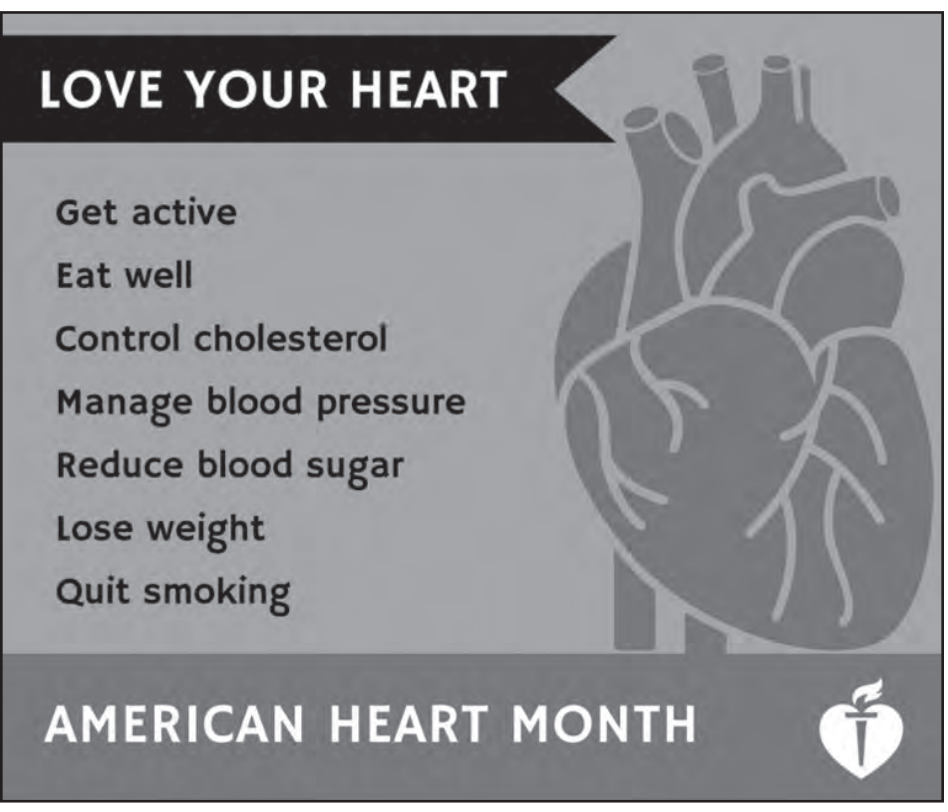


SUMMONS

(Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : B.C.D.-S., DOB 01/30/2016

Case : PA 19-20

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Ilia C. Snowball

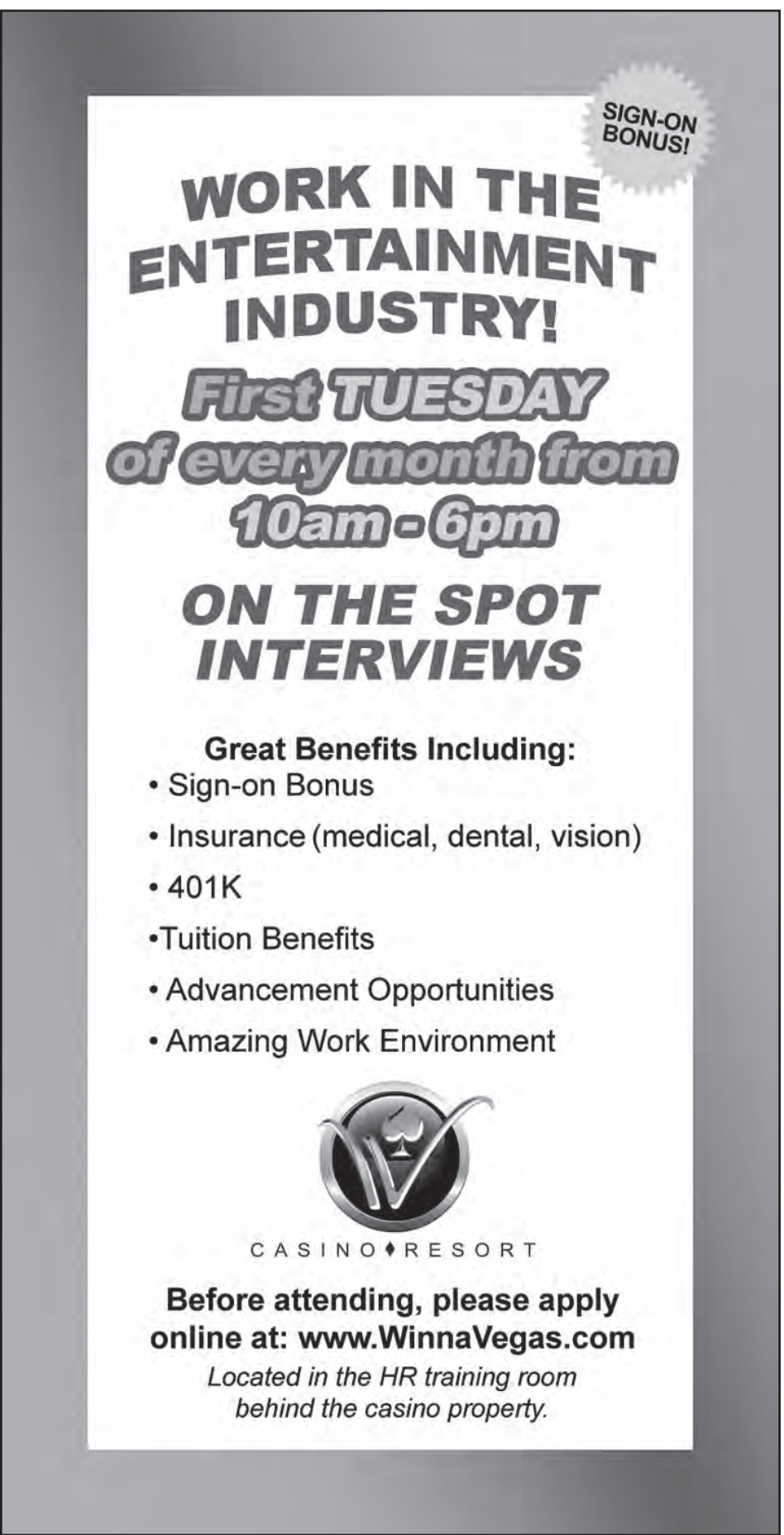
You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed Petition for Paternity is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the Petition for Paternity, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An Answer (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a Paternity Hearing in accordance with Hocak Nation Child Support enforcement Code 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 10:00 on the 10th day of March, 2020 for the following purpose: Paternity Hearing. Pursuant to Hocak Nation Children and Family Act, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a "Notice to Respondent" that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.' THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.



TO: TASIA CHILDRESS

You are hereby notified that a COMPLAINT TO MODIFY has been filed against you in the Winnebago Tribal Court, TCS13-007, entitled TASIA CHILDRESS vs WAKAJA HARDEN. You must file a responsive pleading in this matter by April 11, 2020 (AFTER THIRD PUBLICATION PLUS 31 DAYS) or be subject to a default judgment being entered against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ20-006

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
A. B. (Born 12/2019)

To: JONAS WALKER, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-006 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MARCH, 2020 at the hour of 2:00 P. M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ20-005BCD

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
A. T. (Born 6/2016)
A. T. (Born 6/2016)
R. T. (Born 1/2018)

To: RODNEY THOMAS, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-005BCD has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 2nd day of JUNE, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 A. M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ20-007

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
R. M. (Born 7/2004)

To: MARLENA GRIFFIN aka MILLER, Mother
MICAH MILLER, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-007 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3rd day of MARCH, 2020 at the hour of 11:30 A. M.

LEGAL NOTICE

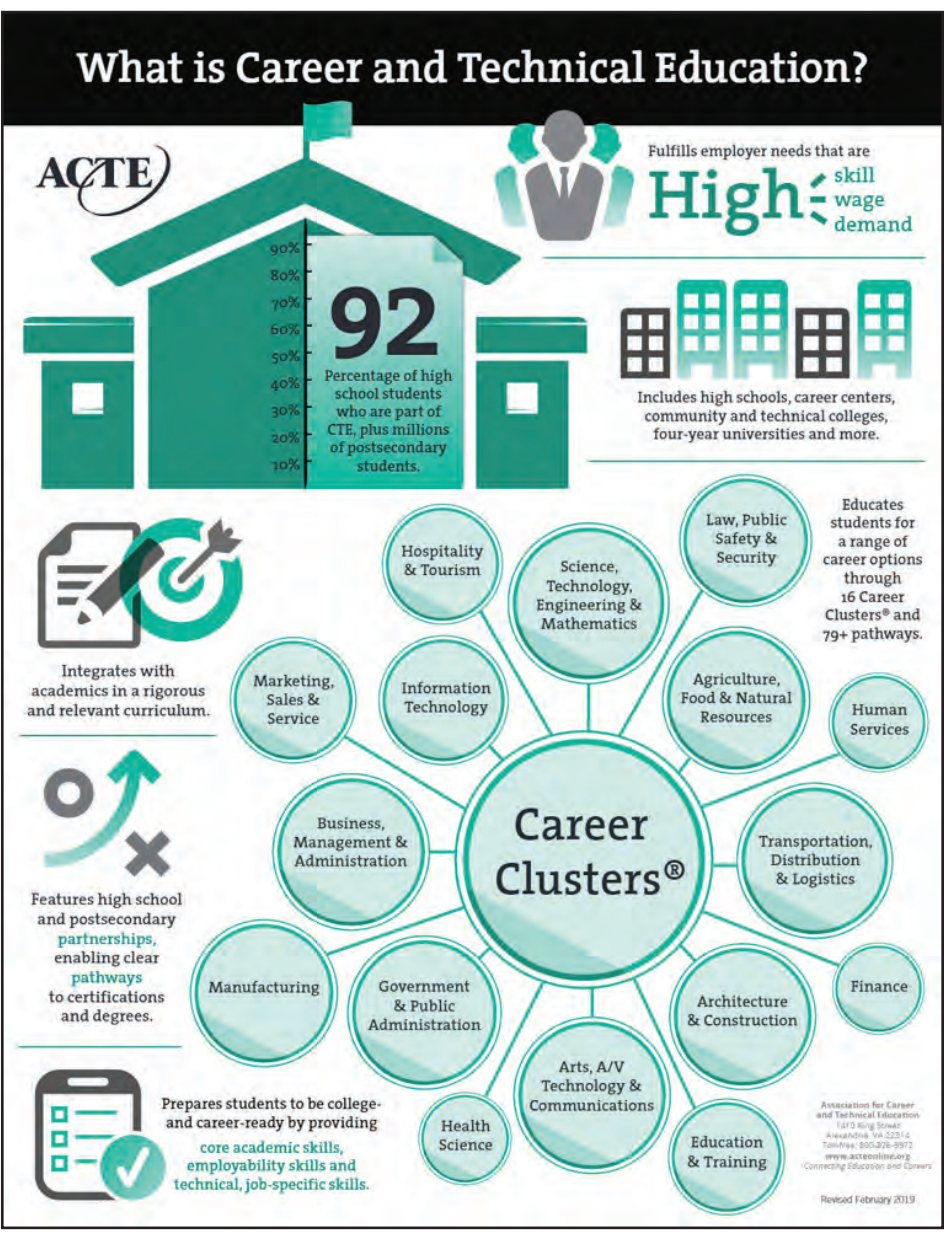
Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ19-025B

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
S. H. (Born 10/2003)
Jasmine Harden, Mother

To: THOMAS HARLAN, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ19-025B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 28TH day of APRIL, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 A. M.

WINNEBAGO NEWS



Big Daddy's
Classic Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients
1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup crunchy peanut butter
1 cup white sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Directions

Cream butter, commod peanut butter, and sugars together in a bowl; beat in eggs.

In a separate bowl, sift commod flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; stir into butter mixture. Put dough in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Roll dough into 1-inch balls and put on baking sheets. Flatten each ball with a fork, making a crisscross pattern. Bake in a preheated 375 degrees F oven for about 10 minutes or until cookies begin to brown.

Next
WIN News Deadline:
March 2nd

FINAL

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