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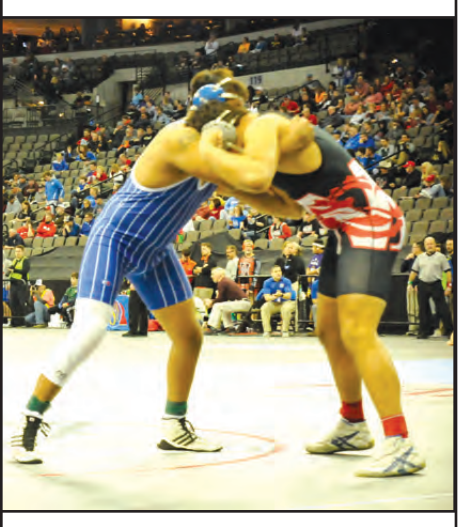
Bago Bits...



Day 2 Match 2...Robbie ended up in what is known as the "Heartbreak Round" against a wrestler from Mitchell, Nebraska. Unfortunately, Robbie wasn't able to execute one of his signature moves, the lateral drop and he came up short.

Winnebago first ever High School Golf Program. Pictured (L to R) is assistant coach, Sky Aldrich, head coach, Kenny Blackhawk, and volunteer coach, Aaron LaPointe.

Check out the new billboard in town of the Winnebago's first female state wrestling champ! Way to go Zeriah!

Charli Earth and the Fremont Lady Tigers take down the Lincoln Southwest Silver Hawks in district finals in Fremont, NE. Congrats to Charli Earth and the Fremont Lady Tigers as they make their way to the State tournament.

Bago boys fall short in sub-districts game against the Logan View Raiders losing 51-59.

March is the awareness month for Colorectal Cancer Screening. Hurry down to Twelve Clans Unity Hospital to get yours checked.

Winnebago Tribal Leaders Meet Congress

Winnebago Tribal Council representatives met with members of Congress to discuss issues of importance to the Tribe, including land condemned by the Army Corp of Engineers in the 1970's. The Tribal Council has been advocating for the passage of a bill by Congress to return the land to the Tribe.

HCI Board members and TC representatives to attend a ribbon cutting and open house for the new All Native Group office building in Fairfax, VA. All Native Group is Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s largest division. The group employees about 1,200 across its network of businesses in federal government contracting.

Last Bear Moon Powwow Bigger & Better

With this being the 2nd year for the Last Bear Moon Powwow, there was a increase in the attending dancers and singers, as they crowded into the WinnaVegas Event Center, on Saturday, February 29th. It was an event to remember for all who came. There were even a couple "celebrity" dancers and singers whom participated. The team behind the scenes did an awesome job. The invited tribes definitely felt welcomed along with the gifts from the tribal leaders to take home to each of thier families. If theres a 3rd annual Last Bear Moon powwow next year, could there be an additional day, we shall see.

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DIABETES PROGRAM PRESENTS

CHILI COOK-OFF

WHIRLING THUNDER WELLNESS CENTER

03.27.2020 12P-12:30P

Participants must drop off two gallons of chili and the healthy recipe at the Whirling Thunder Kitchen by 10:30A on March 27th. Community members will vote for their favorites and the top five participants with the most votes will win a prize & bragging rights!

SIGN-UP BY MARCH 20TH!

Winnebago Public Health Department

Winnebago Public Health Department

CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

For All Ages

March 13th, 2020
&
March 27th, 2020

Located on the third floor of Twelve Clans Unity Hospital in room E111.

Please call (402) 878-3483 for an appointment.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

POKER WALK

Date: March 13th, 2020
Time: Noon
Start Location:
Whirling Thunder
Wellness Center Gym

Sign-in before the walk starts will be required. A sack lunch will be provided. First 80 participants will receive a t-shirt. There will be five stop stations where each participant will receive nutrition education and a playing card. When all participants have finished and returned, the winning hands will be announced and prizes will be distributed.

WHIRLING THUNDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Winnebago Public Health Department

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

EARLY BIRD TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH &
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

LOCATED AT LAND OF WELLNESS

- ASA Softball Rules with 52/300 Balls
- $150 entry fee per team
- Cash pay-outs
- 8 teams per division

CONTACT EUGENE DECORA AT (402) 922-2536 TO SIGN-UP!

WHIRLING THUNDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Winnebago Public Health Department

Hoit'e cōnį na

A Language Learning Experience

Let's learn HoChunk together.

"Hoit'e Cōnį na"(The first language) is a friendly gathering of language learning participants who seek to preserve and revitalize the HoChunk language. As a division under the HoChunk Renaissance program, the experience includes a pathway to HoChunk language learning thru immersion friendly activities, classroom lecture, and interactive engagement.

We are now seeking participants to begin the experience of learning the first language of our proud HoChunk people.

Our ten-week program

March 24th – May 26th (Tuesdays)

6:00pm-8:00pm

HoChunk Renaissance Classroom

Registration due March 23rd at 4:00pm. Please register by stopping by HoChunk Renaissance office to fill out application and to obtain further instructions.

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

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SUMMER SPORT

SIGN-UPS

Teams are encouraged to sign-up!

Co-Ed Youth T-Ball

The 6-week season for ages 5 & 6 years old is on Wednesdays beginning May 20th.

Co-Ed Youth Softball

The 6-week season for ages 8 & under is on Tuesdays beginning May 19th.

Co-Ed High School Softball

The season for High School age players is on Wednesdays beginning May 20th.

WHIRLING THUNDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Located at Land of Wellness Please contact Eugene DeCora at (402) 922-2536 to sign-up for any of these summer sports!

Winnebago Public Health Department

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 7, 2020
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 687, 205 N. Bluff Street.
Winnebago, NE 68071
(402) 878-2272

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the HoChunk Community Development Corporation.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 27, 2020 the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will authorize HoChunk Community Development Corporation to submit a request to the HUD/NPONAP for the release of Indian Community Development Block Grant funds under 14.862 of the Indian Community Development Block Grant FY-2018 and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended to undertake a project known as New Construction: Winnebago Veterans Housing Project for the purpose of constructing three new triplexes for occupancy by veterans in Winnebago Housing & Development Commission's Thunder Way development, immediately south of the Village of Winnebago, NE. The total project cost is $1,066,670.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at HCCDC, 509 HoChunk Plaza N; Winnebago, Nebraska and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the HoChunk Community Development Corporation. All comments received by March 27, 2020 will be considered by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska certifies to HUD/NPONAP that Coly Brown in his capacity as Tribal Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD/NPONAP's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the HoChunk Community Development Corporation to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/NPONAP will accept objections to its release of fund and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; (b) the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/NPONAP; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD/NPONAP Administrator at US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs, Region VIII Denver, 1670 Broadway Street, Denver, CO 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact HUD/NPONAP to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Coly Brown, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Chairman

Greetings to our Tribal Members,

I would like to report on what I have been working on since my last report, now that I am getting settled in I have been pretty busy. I have an open door policy so any concerned tribal members who require assistance with matters of concern for them, I do my best to assist them.

November 2019 was Native American Month, I suggested Rock Your Mocs, Thank you to Hochunk Renaissance for the gifts for the participants. In attending the Educare Board meeting, I felt there was a need for warm coats/caps for our children, so I volunteered to do a coat drive for our children. I want to say thank you to those who donated for our children.

December 2019, Elders on and off Reservation age 70 and over received their $100.00, I myself think about our elders and wanted to do something for them, wherever our elders live. Our tribal elders who live off reservation are forgotten about on the most part. Being I have no parents, my parents whom were in their 90's when they passed, I think often of our elders we have left. Our elders are our treasure, no amount of money can replace them.

January 2020, the Tribal Council provided the Annual Legislative luncheon in Lincoln. Garan and I got to tour the State Capital Building, and we got introduced on the Legislative Floor. A presentation was made at the Luncheon so showcase our Reservation. We met with our Lobbyist to discuss matters that are of concern for the tribe.

A few Tribal Council attended the Winter Encampment in Newkirk Oklahoma, We received a tour of the Otoe Tribal Buildings, and met with the CEO of their Casino on their Water Park. We attended their Gourd Dance and War Dance, where the Winnebago Delegation was honored. We want to build that relationship with the tribes that were once from our Hochunk/Winnebago Nation and support each other. I thank the Otoe Tribe for great hospitality they provided us on the visit.

A few of us made a visit to Dynamic Homes, owned by the Winnebago Tribe, to visit and look over the blueprint on the new Halfway House that will be built for the Tribe. We received a tour of the huge warehouse where these buildings are made start to finish, very impressive.

February 2020, one of my concerns is the quality healthcare at 12 Clans Hospital. We need quality Doctors, and Staff to handle our health needs for our people in the best way possible. In the past it is said the Indian Health Service was not giving us the quality care we deserve, so after the Winnebago Tribe took it over, it seemed our people still are not getting the quality care we deserve and now, we are doing this to our own people? Through deliberation between the community, 12 Clans Board, and the Tribal Council, things are slowly moving in the right direction. I want the 12 clans to succeed and most of all have quality care for those who utilize the hospital and for the employees that they get fair treatment. There are issues out there that still need to be addressed. I want the employees to feel at ease at work that their jobs are not in jeopardy for speaking up if they see something that is out of policy. I know there are a lot of good workers at 12 clans so Thank you for your service.

I am concerned about the high incidence of Cancer in our community, I am working to find why this is happening. I will keep everyone updated in my research.

I am on the Nursing Home Board so we are looking into getting this in the works. We will give updates as we progress.

The Women's Homeless Shelter is open, for those in need please contact Ladonna Holstein at the !tlas Program.

Your Servant, Thelma Whitewater
Secretary of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Hocąk Corner

Hoikina here.
(hoy-kee-nah hay-rday)
It's time to wake up.

Honana here na.
(hoh-nah-nah hay-rday nah)
It's time to sleep.

Haini pi.
(hy-nee pee)
Good morning.

Hahe pi.
(hah-hay pee)
Good night.

It's March!

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

Master Gardener Program Update

Nebraska Extension Master Gardener volunteers are awesome. Not only are they the boots on the ground to provide gardening information to others but they engage with members of their communities to make their towns and counties better places to live. They provide gardening expertise and advice to community, school and child-care gardens and they maintain a sharp look-out for problems that can be solved with plants, like fostering insect pollinator health, remediating soil erosion, providing best tree management practices and instilling vegetable gardening skills for the food insecure. Master Gardeners do this through "Ask the Master Gardener" tables, at educational gardens, programs to civic groups and schools and via the horticulture helpline through Nebraska Extension county offices.

The Panicle Hydrangea

The panicle hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata) gets its name from the huge pyramidal-shaped white flowers it produces. This shrub, introduced to this continent in 1862, originates from China and Japan and easily withstands the winters that the Midwest can throw its way. Unlike the finicky blue-flowered types (Hydrangea macrophylla), the panicle hydrangeas produce show-stopping flowers reliably, even after the worst winter. It is hardy to USDA zones 3 through 8.

Panicle hydrangea does best in sun to part-shade locations although it appreciates some protection from afternoon sun. Soil pH is not a concern, as long as it has a good amount of organic matter and drains well. Water during dry spells with one inch of water, applied all in one application, per week.

Older varieties like 'Grandiflora' (the PeeGee hydrangea) and 'Tardiva' have been around for quite some time, but development of new varieties by plant breeders Pieter Zwijnenburg Jr., Tim Wood, Johan Van Huylenbroeck, and Jean Renault has brought fresh enthusiasm for the panicle hydrangea:

- Limelight™ boasts white flowers with lime-green sepals. At 8 feet tall and wide, this is a big shrub.
- For smaller yards, Little Lime® is just 5 feet high and wide and flowers develop tones of pink as they age.
- BoBo® is almost completely covered in large rounded panicles of white flowers when in bloom. At just 3 feet tall and 4 feet wide, the strong stems are up to the task of keeping the flowers out of the dirt.
- Pinky Winky® develops 12 inch long panicles of white flowers that mature to pink. It is 6 feet tall and wide.
- Quick Fire® is the earliest to bloom of the panicle hydrangeas. This 6 foot tall by 8 foot wide shrub has white flowers that gradually change to pink and then dark pink.
- Little Quick Fire® has similar flower traits as Quick Fire® but with a smaller stature at 5 feet tall and wide.
- What sets Firelight® apart from other panicle hydrangea varieties is the white flowers that age to vivid red. At 8 feet tall and wide, this is another large shrub.
- Zinfin Doll® develops white flowers that change to pink and then dark pink at maturity. It is 6 feet tall and wide.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's been five months since the tribal election of 2019 and I've finally decided to share my opinion about the results. First of all, I do not hold any hard feelings with the results. I wish only the best for those elected. Like I said in my campaign letter I only wanted a second opinion of the primary election results. I felt that there were more than 70 tribal members who supported my service as a council member over the years. The general election results revealed that there were 100 more voters who supported me. I felt much better with those 170 votes. It didn't get me re-elected, but it did give me peace of mind.

What happened next was what made me go into my own private lifestyle. I used to take part in many community events. I visited tribal members in the area hospitals, attended most funerals whenever possible (on most occasions with something to offer), I came to the aid of many members whenever I could. This all changed when I, along with four other council members, were subpoenaed for initiating a five-signature that was supposedly illegal. In our tribal court the judge ruled that the five-signature was NOT illegal according to our constitution.

As I was walking to my car after the court hearing I was called a thief who steals from my church, another person called me a rapist, and someone even reminded me that I was a half-breed bastard. I guess that would cause anyone to go into seclusion. I have to say that in my 28 years of politics I have never experienced this kind of hatred. But wait, it gets worse. This past week (Feb 14th), I bought a new computer, my son and a friend helped me set it up. What happened next is what I wish wouldn't have happened. I had my daughter set me up so I could live stream the Feb 17th mid-month meeting. What I watched was discouraging to say the least. It saddens me to see the direction in which a council I served on for 28 years is going.

I don't want to be critical of our council nor do wish to see them run down openly at live-streamed meetings. I however would like to make some suggestions for whatever they're worth.

1. Maybe the Pledge of Allegiance or the Tribal Oath of Office would be more appropriate than opening meetings with a prayer. Why pray then twenty minutes into the meeting begin tearing down one another's ethics and activities, that's a form of blasphemy to prayer.

2. More support for the person who is chairing the council meeting should be the responsibility of all members. A simple 'point of order' will allow the chair to assert his elected authority. Open support of the chair during a council meeting is a must to maintain order.

3. The council should set a limit on how often some from the audience can have the floor and what their contents may be, if damaging in nature it should be done in executive session.

4. Most of all, be proactive rather than reactive. Transparency is the only way to get things done. Don't forget 'live streaming' does not lie nor does it delete bad behavior.

I would like to weigh in on one more thing. In one of the November 2019 issues of the WIN News it was announced that we (Winnebago tribal members) were going to receive a turkey& ham for Christmas. How embarrassing is that "by the way my relatives in California are still waiting for their turkey to arrive, hope it's still frozen"? It's downright shameful that a tribe with all the resources at our disposal can only give a turkey to its members. Don't get me wrong, a turkey was appreciated.

Many surrounding communities and tribes from all-across Indian country come to see and want to learn what makes this tribe so successful and prosperous. What must they think when they see a news article about a turkey for Christmas? Look at all our resources, Ho-Chunk Inc. WinnaVegas, Land Management Company, Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, Investment Portfolio and possible hemp production company… All of these companies can be huge revenue producers if the council would just turn them loose with the council's blessings. Then maybe we can start talking about dividends at Christmas rather than turkeys and hams.

In closing I just want to say to all the people who are part and parcel of any of these companies' organizations or tribal programs you should stand up and show your support for your employer or program director when they come under fire. There may come a day when it will be too late.

Kenny Mallory

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

Pastor Ricky Jacob

"The land from whence we came - Part 1"

We are all related. And yet some are 'more' related to us than others. If you take Creator God at His Word, as I do, you would know what I am referring to. We read in the first book of books (Bible means 'book of books') in Genesis these words, 'the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being' (Genesis 2:7 NIV84). Creator God who had spoken the earth and the universe into existence out of nothing, now on the sixth day of creation forms a man out of dust and His Spirit breathes life into the first human being.

Soon after we learn how Creator God created the first woman. 'So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh' (Genesis 2:21–24). Creator God blessed the first man with the union of the first woman as He instituted marriage.

On a side note: the Hebrew word for the first man 'Adam' is the root that forms the Hebrew word 'Adamah' and means 'ground'. Adam gives his wife the name of Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living (human beings). The Hebrew words for husband is 'ish' and for wife is 'ishah'.

Creator God placed the first man and the first woman in a garden paradise. Tragically they failed to obey the one command He had given them. They disobeyed their Creator and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and death was the consequence of their actions. Read part of the curse that Creator God gave the first man: 'By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return' (Genesis 3:19).

Many Christians on the first day of the season of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, have ashes placed on their forehead and hear the words, 'remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.' This is a somber reminder of one's sin and its consequences.

As we read on in the book of Genesis we learn of man's ongoing wickedness on the earth. So Creator God was grieved that He had made man. His anger reached such a level that He decided to punish the wicked with a world-wide flood. But Noah found favor with Creator God. Creator God had Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives construct an ark out of gopher wood. The ark was to be about 450' long, 75' wide, and 45' high with three decks. You can read about the story of the world wide flood in chapters six through nine.

Creator God spared Noah and his family as well as all the birds of the air, the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground. Creator God promised never again to send a world-wide flood and place a sign in the sky of His promise.

Following the flood Creator God instructed that Noah and his descendants to go forth in all four directions and fill the earth. In the next edition, I will pick up this story from here regarding the land from whence we all came.

Speech Team Update *by Orion Cox*

On Friday, February 21st, Winnebago hosted its 15th Annual Speech Invitational. Homer and Scribner where the schools that attended Winnebago's Invitational Speech meet. Homer won 1st place with a total score of 149, Winnebago got 2nd place with a total score of 90, and finally Scribner got 3rd with a score of 57. The meet consisted of two rounds, and no finals. Results tabulated from the schools combined performances in the two rounds. "I am proud of the speakers who competed that day. It was a day off of school, so coming in and doing something so 'school-like' was probably a bit of a challenge. While others were sleeping in or hanging out with friends and family, 7 students got up early and represented our team well." said coach Brasch. "I am particularly proud of Alex George who not only did his two speeches, but filled in for two of the speakers who were absent that day. Toby also did all 5 male parts in their OID. They all really stepped up for the team." The Winnebago Speech Team is set to compete at Homer in their Homer Stars Invitational Meet on Thursday, March 5th.

Speech Schedule:

Thursday, March 5th @ Homer (leave school at 1:30)
Monday, March 9th Conference @ LLC (leave at 7:30)
Thursday, March 12th Homer (leave school @ 3:15)
Monday, March 16th Districts @ Homer (leave school at 8:15)

Ho-Chunk, Inc. division opens new office in Washington, D.C. area

Congratulations to All Native Group! The division of Ho-Chunk, Inc. celebrated a new office location in the Washington, D.C. area with a ribbon cutting and open house recently in Fairfax, Virginia.

Representatives of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the federal government and other distinguished guests attended. All Native Group is Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s largest division. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

All Native Group employs about 1,200 across its network of businesses in federal government contracting. The group is quickly growing. The new Fairfax office provides much-needed space after All Native Group outgrew a smaller Washington, D.C.-area office in Alexandria, Virginia.

All Native Group's work in federal government contracting directly benefits the Winnebago community. Their success helps Ho-Chunk, Inc. fund community programs, partnerships and direct contributions in five priority areas shared with the Winnebago Tribe: Youth, Education, Employment, Housing and Elders.

All Native Group also has employees in Winnebago; Bellevue, Nebraska; and the state of Georgia. They also opened a new office location this past summer in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The offices are located to help the group successfully work close to federal government customers. Together, the All Native Group of companies have earned a reputation for excellence and integrity, serving critical needs of the U.S. government at home and abroad.

The History of Earth Day

Do you know why we celebrate Earth day? You may think Earth day began as a celebration, but in fact it did not begin that way. You may remember the Santa Barbara oil spill of 1969, an estimated three million gallons of crude oil leaked into the ocean, forming an oil slick 35 miles long along the coastline killing thousands of birds, fish and sea mammals. This event was the beginning of an environmental movement aimed at a healthier and more sustainable environment. We now call that movement, Earth day. The first Earth day was headed up by environmental groups, and started as a day of protest and demonstrations. More than twenty million people participated from almost every city across the country. Soon after the first Earth day, the movement for stricter environmental guidelines led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. Now here we are 50 years later, and more than 192 countries observe Earth day making it the largest non-religious observance in the world.

Environmental Protection Department

Thank You

The Boys and Girls Club of Hocak Nisoc Haci would like to thank the people and businesses who were involved with the fundraising event this past weekend at the Last Bear Moon Winter Celebration Powwow. We were able to raise right around $3000 and we are very pleased with such a successful turnout.

First, we would like to thank WinnaVegas Casino Resort and Blue Earth Marketing by donating the t-shirts in which we were able to sell. WinnaVegas treated us like rock-stars, giving us amazing hospitality by providing us a space, providing the raffle prizes and feeding our staff during lunch time. Thank you WinnaVegas and Blue Earth Marketing from the bottom of our hearts.

We would also like to thank the gentleman from River-Cade of Riverssance on his generous donation of $100, this was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

I would personally like to thank the staff on their hard work not only at the fundraising event but in preparation of the event as well. Our staff worked really hard for two days and rarely got a break so I would like to thank them for doing such a good job at the event.

We also would like to thank the Last Bear Moon Powwow committee on their interest on providing space for the Boys and Girls Club for this fundraiser, as well anybody else who had a helping hand in regards to this successful event. We would like to apologize if we missed you, but just know you are very well appreciated.

We would like to also thank everybody who bought a t-shirt, baked good, raffle ticket, or simply donated to the cause. We at the Boys and Girls Club cannot thank you enough. These funds are going towards our summer activities and they will help us with field trips, games, activities, snacks, food, and much more.

The staff and I thank you, but most importantly the kids thank you. Fundraisers like this are important to us, and shows us that people in the community love what we are doing. Please be on the lookout for future events

Sincerely,
Gregory Bass III,
Unit Director

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING
January 31, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
John Snowball
Thelma Whitewater
Roland Warner
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose (in @ 9:55 a.m)
Victoria Kitcheyan
Melton Frenchman
OTHERS PRESENT:
Billy DeCora
Gene Gilpin
Silas Cleveland
Joseph Painter
Garan Coons
Linda Free
Isaac Smith
Shelly Bear
Joy Johnson
Les Painter
Llewelyn Walker
Velma Thomas
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Coly Brown (sick)
(Vacant seat)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Snowball called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Roland Warner offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with the change of moving WinnaVegas before the Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care Report. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the WinnaVegas Financial Report. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Request from the Security Dept., Re: job descriptions changes to Security Officer and Supervisor.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Security Dept., Re: job descriptions changes to Security Officer and Supervisor. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Request from the Controller, Re: Purchase additional ATM – DiTronics @$30,485.00.

Roland Warner motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Controller, Re: Purchase additional ATM – DiTronics @ $30,485.00. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Request from the Admin Dept., Re: Release of Limited ClubWinn data to HCI for Nebraska Gaming initiative.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Admin Dept., Re: Release of Limited ClubWinn data to HCI for Nebraska Gaming initiative. Melton Frenchman seconded.

*Discussion.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to amend previous motion and add Non-Disclosure Agreement signed by Jonathan Taylor before the Data is released.

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

Request from the Mkt. Dept., Re: Purchase of 2019 GMC Yukon with Denali Package @$60,900.00 from Motor Inn, Inc.

Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas Mkt. Dept., Re: Purchase of 2019 GMC Yukon with Denali Package @$60,900.00 from Motor Inn, Inc. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

[Louie in at 9:55 a.m.]

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare Financial Report. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES:

Roland Warner motioned to suspend the rules to allow Joy Johnson to present resolution for adoption. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEM #3 ADOPT RESOLUTION:

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 20-89: Approving Submission of a Proposal to the HUD Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

[Roland out 10:18 a.m., in 10:27 a.m.]

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Tribal CFO Nov. 2019 and Dec. 2019 Reports. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Enrollment Budget Mod.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the increased budget modification for the Enrollment Department for amount of $8,450.58. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Transfer funds to Human Services

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve transfer of funds from the Tribal Council Christmas Bonus Contingent on protocol. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Roland Warner motioned to add an additional 8,000.00 to the Funds at HHS. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

[Victoria out 10:47 a.m., in at 10:48 a.m.]

[Melton out at 10:47 a.m., in at 10:48 a.m.]

Homecoming Celebration Budget Approval

Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the Homecoming Celebration Budget to include additional $8,000.00 for invited drum pay, total approved $230,750.00. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Winnebago Homeless Shelter – Insurance quote

Roland Warner motioned to approve Insurance cost of $1,509.50 paid to Women's Shelter. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Adopt resolution (handled earlier at meeting.)

Transitional Recovery Living Community

NIHB – Great Plains 11th Annual National Tribal Public Health Conference, Omaha, NE March 17-19, 2020 (GPTCHB hosting)

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the NIHB National Tribal Public Health Summit Sponsorship for $5,000.00 Advocate level. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

National Indian Gaming Association – Annual Tradeshow and Convention, March 23-26, 2020 San Diego, CA

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #20-90; NIGA Tribal Membership authorizing payment of NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) membership fees

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Snowball adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Coly Brown
John Snowball
Thelma Whitewater
Roland Warner
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose
Victoria Kitcheyan
Melton Frenchman
OTHERS PRESENT:
Claudine Cohen
Cece Earth
Lance Morgan
Sarah Snake
Cassie Kitcheyan
LaDonna Holstein
Marian Holstein
Leta Gorrin
Kayla Greene
Tyresha Wolfe
Pat Medina
Dulcie Greene
Tonia Keller
Garan Coons
Rosanne Harden
Jason Lawrence
Tiffani Warner
Misti Jefferson
Billy DeCora

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Added items:

Request for Travel for Victoria Kitcheyan to Washington DC.

Hemp Code (draft)

Tyresha Wolfe request

Approvals for Last Bear Moon

Billboard

Ethical Complaints

NIGA

John Snowball motioned to approve agenda with the additions. Aric Armell seconded.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

1-6-20 Regular TC meeting

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 6, 2020 Regular Tribal Council minutes. Roland Warner seconded.

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

1-6-20 Special TC meeting – R. Walker Housing Issue

John Snowball motioned to approve the January 6, 2020 Special Tribal Council meeting –R. Walker Housing Issue minutes. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

1-13-20 Monthly Land Meeting

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 13, 2020 Monthly Land Meeting minutes. John Snowball seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Construction Management – Approve Bid from National Power Rodding Corp

Roland Warner motioned to ratify the five signature approving the bid from National Power Rodding Corp for WN2019-CS-1, CCTV Sewer inspection for amount of $84,176.00. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #20-86: Tribal Enrollment Applicant

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five signature adopting resolution #20-86: Tribal Enrollment Applicant – Emergency Enrollment – Death Benefits [A3549]. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Review bids for Robert's Rules of Order Training

John Snowball motioned to approve the Bid form CSN/DCI America.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Kayla Greene – Financial Request

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to access the Special Account funds at HHS. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Marian Holstein – Nebraska Indian Education Association

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-90: Support of Nebraska Indian Education Association (NeIEA). Aric Armell seconded.

Victoria Kitcheyan objects. Chairman Brown called for vote.

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

Little Priest Tribal College Student Services – request for matching funds

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request for matching funds for LPTC -AIHEC Spring Conference March 23-27, 2020 for $2,500.00 and approve LPTC-AIHEC Students ability to silicate WinnaVegas for a donation. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Request for Travel for Victoria Kitcheyan to Washington DC

John Snowball motioned to approve travel for Victoria Kitcheyan to attend AI/AN Public Witness hearings and give testimony on Feb. 11, 2020. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Hemp Code (draft)

Melton Frenchman motioned to adopt resolution #20-91: Submitting the Tribal Hemp Plan and Certification to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (2) no, RW,AA (0) abstain Motion carried.

Tyresha Wolfe request

John Snowball motioned to approve the financial request from Tyresha Wolfe for $1,800.00 payment made to Knoepfler Chevrolet. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Approvals for Last Bear Moon

John Snowball motioned to accommodate the delegations of the Otoe Tribe & Ho-Chunk Nation. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Billboard

John Snowball motioned to change the Billboard by the roundabout to Zeriah George then to opposing Keystone and to Winnebago Pow-Wow. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[John out 10:40 a.m., in 10:42 a.m.]

NIGA

John Snowball motioned to rescind decision to pay membership for NIGA & direct back to the Gaming Commission. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Aric Armell Ethical Complaints

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session and excuse Victoria Kitcheyan and Melton Frenchman during discussion. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, TW, RW,AA (4) no, JSB, LLR, VK, MF (0) abstain Motion failed.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to deem the Ethical Complaint on Melton Frenchman Frivolous and come together in a convened Special meeting to discuss.

Melton Frenchman seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, LLR, MF, VK (4) no, JSB, TW, RW, AA (0) abstain Motion failed.

Aric Armell motioned to appoint (3) three Tribal Council members for the investigative committee on Ethical Complaint. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

Discussion.

VOTE: (3) yes, TW, RW, AA (4) no, JSB, LLR, VK, MF (0) abstain Motion failed.

Roland Warner motioned to appoint an investigative Committee to handle the Ethical Complaint as mentioned during discussion [(3) three HR Directors].

John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, TW, RW, AA (3) no, LLR, VK, MF (0) abstain Motion carried.

Melton Frenchman motioned that the Ethical Complaint against Councilman Kitcheyan is frivolous. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (3) yes, LLR, VK, MF (4) no, JSB, TW, RW, AA (0) abstain Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to appoint the HR Directors of Winnebago Tribe, Little Priest Tribal College, and WinnaVegas Casino to the Investigative Committee of Victoria Kitcheyan. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, TW, RW, AA (3) no, LLR, VK, MF (0) abstain Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to have the Ethical Complaint investigation completed within 30 days, and contact the Chairman's Office once complete. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

John Snowball motioned to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MONTHLY LAND MEETING
February 10, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
OTHERS PRESENT:
Coly Brown
Billy DeCora
Thelma Whitewater
Ireta Blackbird
Roland Warner
Fannie LaTray
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose
Melton Frenchman
Vacant Seat
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
John Snowball
Victoria Kitcheyan

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called to order at 9:19 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Aric Armell seconded.

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

LAND SALE:

Johnathan Garcia

Melton Frenchman motioned to adopt resolution #20-92: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of Tribal Appropriations for Land Sale Applicant – Jonathan Garcia $3,547.43. Aric Armell seconded.

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

AG LEASE:

T-107L AG Lease

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-93: Ref: T-107L Agricultural Lease. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Rohde Agricultural Lease

Melton Frenchman motioned to adopt resolution #20-94: Ref: Rohde Agricultural Lease. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

BIDS FOR FENCE:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the bid from Sioux City Fence for amount of $16,000.00. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

BAGO NEWS

Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE February 28, 2020.

Over halfway there already! Thursday, February 27 marked the 32nd day of the Legislative Session. The Senators, Committees, and the Speaker have each designated priority bills. Committees have held final meetings. The Legislative Body begins full day floor debate on Tuesday, March 3. We are all working hard to review the bills that our colleagues have identified and I anticipate an even quicker pace as we move forward.

VISITORS. We had more visitors from Wayne and South Sioux City this past week. It is great to have visitors from District 17 welcomed to the Legislative Chamber by the Lieutenant Governor or presiding Senator. Be sure to make the Legislature one of your stops if visiting Lincoln.

BILLS TO WATCH. LB974 (Property Tax Relief) and LB720 (Business Incentives for economic development) remain in the forefront of our minds this Session. Several Senators are working hard to garner the support needed to bring property tax relief over the finish line and to invite continued economic growth to our State. Although we are not there yet, I believe progress is being made and feel confident the Legislature will get property tax relief accomplished before the end of this Session. It is what Nebraskans want, it is what Nebraska need, and we are working hard to make it happen.

LR288: With last year's flooding, following several severe flooding events over the past several years in mind, Senator Julie Slama introduced a Legislative Resolution (LR) urging Congress and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) to make flood control a top priority for management of water systems under their authority in the Missouri River Mainstream Reservoir System Manual. The preliminary assessment of damage to infrastructure like roads, bridges, and levees caused by the 2019 flooding has reached approximately $450,000,000. The Corps has authority over many of the systems in Nebraska as well as management of water flows in the Missouri River Basin using an infrastructure network. Current standards put in place by the Corps for levee design, construction, and maintenance have not been updated in over twenty years. Therefore, through LR288, the Legislature states that the Corps should consider the impact of flooding on people, agricultural land, property and economies and prioritize flood control when creating future Water Systems Manuals and when updating levee standards to best serve the needs of Nebraska residents living within the affected areas. It was a natural for me to join Senator Slama as a co-sponsor of LR288 when it was introduced and I am pleased to report that the Resolution was adopted by the Legislature on a 43-1 vote.

In addition to everything else, I am preparing for the time when my Priority LB1186 comes to the floor for debate. As a reminder, LB1186 fills in a pay gap for teachers and staff who are injured by an assault while on the job. Currently, teachers who are assaulted and are unable to work due to injuries from that assault are not paid injury leave to compensate them during the first seven days that is not covered by workers' compensation when those benefits kick in. LB1186 requires that teachers or school employees injured by such intentional assaults be paid their usual salary for those seven days without having to sacrifice accumulated sick leave or vacation time. Our teachers serve our children and it is important to me that we in turn serve them. If they are injured by assault while doing their job, our schools should make sure they are not penalized financially by the school where they serve. .

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

FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

The concept of a Farmers Market in Winnebago is an effort to encourage community members to begin growing their own food and sharing with each other to improve our health and teach ourselves how to grow food again, like our grandparents did. Our Farmers Market is a forum open to anyone who wants to start a business by introducing their products to the public. In 2019, only about 9 people became vendors but only a few were "regulars". We need much more participation in order to supply our community with fresh fruits and vegetables to really make a difference in our health statistics. We encourage anyone who wants to sell just about anything to apply for vendorship at our Farmers Market. You can sell naturally growing food such as morel mushrooms, maheench, wild berries, plums, asparagus, walnuts and many other foods that grow wild on our lands. Clean out your garage, home or shed and sell items at the Farmers Market. Any artist is more than welcome to become a vendor and sell any type of artwork or arts and crafts. You will be able to sell cooked foods in conformance with our Tribal Food Code and Regulations. Please contact Monica Cleveland for any cooked food questions. Some foods may require Food Safety Training, which will be made available at various times during the season. Monica is director for our Tribal Office of Environmental Health, which is our Tribal Regulator for Food Safety. Her office phone number is: 402-878-3588 or you can email her at: monica.cleveland@ihs.gov . If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Vince Bass at 402-878-2192 or vbass@hccdc.org . We have applications available that I can send via email. Vendor fees for the entire season are $5 for Tribal members and $25 for non-members. The season begins on June 17 and ends on October 14, every Wednesday from 1pm to 6pm, located at the Village Market in the HoChunk Village. For any community member interested in getting free vegetable seeds, send me an email and I will send you our list of seeds that we have available. You can pick which seeds and quantities you want and I will pull them together for you and contact you that they are ready to be picked up. Any entrepreneur or anyone interested in starting a business should contact Tony Wood/HoChunk Capital at 402-878-2192 or twood@hccdc.org . He can assist by teaching business basics, developing a resume, creating a business plan, how to budget, improving your credit score, how to apply for a loan and maintain a healthy repayment plan, how to become a reputable business owner, how to expand your business, as well as other financial technical assistance. They also offer loans of up to $5,000. We are here to help community members be successful gardeners and entrepreneurs. LPTC Extension Office will also be giving out seeds and starter plants, as well as technical assistance and trainings on a variety of topics, such as how to start gardens, when and where, how to maintain gardens, harvesting, preserving vegetables, saving seeds from your garden, cooking and storage, among other topics. You can contact Stuart Fischer or Janyce Woodard at 402-878-2380, ext. 108 (Stuart) and ext. 114 (Janyce). You can send an email to Stuart at stuart.fischer@littlepriest.edu or Janyce at jwoodard@littlepriest.edu . There is much time and effort that is put forth to offer all of this assistance. We are hopeful that our community members take advantage of these free offerings to ensure they learn gardening and include and pass that info to their children. They will soon be our knowledge keepers who will pass it on to their children and grandchildren. You will enjoy gardening and your experiences at our Farmers Market. Let's get healthy and have fun doing it. Your family will appreciate the good health that you helped provide to them. Thank you ALL!!

Vince Bass
Farmers Market Coordinator

Mark your calendars

On March 24th @ 5:30pm and 26th @ 7:pm. Our spring musical, 'Singin' in the Rain' will be presented in our beautiful Winnebago School theater. Set in the 1920's, it's sure to delight audiences with fun songs and dance routines and characters that will just charm the socks off you all!

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STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Makes $7.5 Million in Technical Assistance and Training Grants Available for Disaster Recovery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy has announced that USDA is making $7.5 million in grants available through the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program to help rural communities continue their recovery from the devastating effects of hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters.

The $7.5 million is included in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act that President Trump signed into law on June 6, 2019. The grants may be used for relief in areas affected by Hurricanes Michael and Florence, wildfires in 2018, tornadoes and floods in 2019, and other natural disasters.

Eligible projects must be in a rural area of 20,000 or less where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided a notice declaring a Major Disaster Declaration and assigned a FEMA disaster recovery (DR) number. USDA does not provide funding directly to individuals under this program.

Electronic applications must be submitted to grants.gov by April 30, 2020, at midnight Eastern Standard Time. Paper applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office by May 5, 2020, by 4:00 p.m. local time.

Applicants may request technical assistance or other guidance from USDA, as long as requests are made prior to April 27, 2020. Additional information is available on page 9726 of the Feb. 20, 2020, Federal Register. For more information in Nebraska, contact Mary Sneckenberg at 402-437-5567 or mary.sneckenberg@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.

The Winnebago Tribal Council is 100% AGAINST Meth. Not only is Meth harmful to the individual, it destroys families and our community. Meth use is not the HoChunk/Winnebago way of life. On 12-30-19, during the Winnebago Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting, a motion was passed to publish all meth related offenses occurring on the Winnebago reservation, in the Winnebago Indian News.

The following individual(s) has been arrested for a meth offense...

Michael Baxter, 36 –
charged with possession of drug paraphernalia
and/or drug manufacturing equipment.

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

Photos from Last Bear Moon Powwow

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STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Technical Assistance and Training Grants

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy has announced that USDA is accepting Fiscal Year 2020 applications for grants to help rural communities expand their capacity to access financial resources for economic development.

USDA is making grants available under the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program. These grants help rural communities with limited resources and staff access USDA funding for essential community facilities.

Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes. Funding priority will be made to organizations that have experience providing technical assistance and training to rural entities.

Funds may be used to help rural communities identify financial resources, improve community facilities management functions, and prepare reports, surveys and applications.

Electronic applications must be submitted to grants.gov by April 30, 2020, at midnight Eastern Standard Time. Paper applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office by May 5, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. local time. Additional information is available on page 9730 of the Feb. 20, 2020, Federal Register. For more information in Nebraska, contact Mary Sneckenberg at 402-437-5567 or mary.sneckenberg@usda.gov.

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STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Announces Intent to Make Grants Available Under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 2020 – Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) intends to make available up to $100 million in competitive grants for activities designed to expand the sale and use of renewable fuels.

The Department plans to publish application deadlines and other program information in the Federal Register this spring.

USDA will make the grant funds available under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). Its purpose is to increase significantly the sale and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products. The program is also intended to encourage a more comprehensive approach to marketing higher blends by sharing the costs related to building out biofuel-related infrastructure.

Grants will be available to help transportation fueling and biodiesel distribution facilities convert to higher-ethanol and biodiesel blends by sharing the costs related to installing, retrofitting and/or upgrading fuel storage, dispenser pumps, related equipment and infrastructure.

USDA plans to make available approximately $86 million for implementation activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol, and approximately $14 million for implementation activities related to higher blends of biodiesel.

For additional information, see page 11946 of the Feb. 28, 2020, Federal Register. In Nebraska, contact Energy Coordinator Jeff Carpenter at 402-437-5554 or jeff.carpenter@usda.gov.

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- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

In February 2020, Secretary Perdue unveiled the Agricultural Innovation Agenda, a department-wide initiative to align resources, programs and research to position American agriculture to better meet future global demands. Investing in the availability of innovative fuels for American consumers supports this vision while we fulfill our motto to "Do Right and Feed Everyone."

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WIN News Deadline:
March 16th

Education Summit 2020

"Making Connections, Building Partnerships, and Envisioning Unity"

When: Monday, April 13, 2020
Where: Winn-a-Vegas Casino
Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Lunch in the Buffett included

Please join us for this one day educational opportunity to make connections and build relationships to support the education of Native American Children in the State of Nebraska.

Focus: Indian Education for All in Nebraska.

Key Note Speaker: Matika Wilbur, Project 562

Registration fee $25.00 (make check payable to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) and is open until April 1, 2020. Group rates and student waivers available just call Amy LaPointe or Natalie Earth at 402-878-4370. Send registration forms to Natalie Earth, at natalie.earth@winnebagotribe.com, or mail to PO Box 687 Attention Education Department, Winnebago, NE 68071. A block of rooms are available at the Winn-a-vegas Casino Resort, for $72.25, to reserve call 1-800-468-9466, ask for the hotel and mention Winnebago Tribal Education: 2020 Summit.

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Education Summit 2020

"Making Connections, Building Partnerships, and Envisioning Unity"

April 13, 2020

Agenda

8:00am-8:30am– Blessing and Flag ceremony, Flag song.

8:30am-8:45am- Welcoming Address Coly Brown, Tribal Council Chairman

8:45am-9:30am- Keynote Speaker, Matika Wilbur, Project 562

9:30-10:15am– Dr. Colette YellowRobe, UNL TRIO, Indian Education for All efforts

10:15am-10:45am– Matthew Blomstedt, Nebraska Commissioner of Education

10:45am –11:30am– Nebraska Demonstration Projects, Niobrara Public Schools, Chris Swalley and Tessa Avery, and Lincoln Public Schools, Dr. Barbara Buttes (Funded by US Dept. of Ed)

11:30am-12:30pm— Lunch in the Buffet provided

12:30pm– 1:45pm– Harmonious Migrations Performance by Heather Henson (puppeteer, Jim Henson's daughter) and Tecumseh Caesar, IBEX Puppetry

1:45pm-2:45pm– UNL Indigenous Roots Break out tables

2:45-3:30pm– Dr. Shane Doyle, IEFA Montana Experience

3:30pm-4:00pm– Table Discussion, fill out survey, share business cards

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