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Winnebago Tribe begins negotiations with the Indian Health Service



During the week of January 29, 2018, Winnebago Tribal representatives met with Indian Health Service ("IHS") officials to begin negotiations for the Tribe's assumption of health care programs at the Omaha-Winnebago Hospital. This was the first of a series of meetings that will take place between the Tribe and IHS to work out details before the July 1, 2018, assumption date.

community meeting on January 25, 2018. The community meeting was attended by over 40 people and was streamed live online. The Tribe intends to host additional community meetings in the near future. Meeting dates will be announced in the WIN and on social media.

Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System to manage the Tribe's health programs, including the new programs that the Tribe will assume at the Hospital.

In an effort to provide information about the Tribe's assumption of the Hospital, the Tribe also hosted a community meeting on January 25, 2018. The community meeting was attended by over 40 people and was streamed live online. The Tribe intends to host additional community meetings in the near future. Meeting dates will be announced in the WIN and on social media.

For more information about our Tribe's journey to self-governance and efforts to improve health services available to our community, you can check the Tribe's Facebook page @Winnebago-TribeofNebraska and internet website at www.winnebagotribe.com. These sources of information will be updated regularly, so keep checking.

Bago Bits...



The Winnebago Sacred Fire group took their message all the way to the Nebraska Capitol running all the way there.



ATF agents recently came onto Winnebago Reservation lands unannounced to take records and inventory from the Tribe's Economic Development Corporation.



Indian's Senior point guard D'Von LaPointe recently hit the 1000 point mark...Congratz D'Von!



The new and improved Winnebago Food Distribution Center boasts the feel of a big time food store. Participants are allowed to shop for their items throughout the month.



The Indian's senior boys are honored at their last home game.



WinnaVegas Casino Resort recently hosted the ShoBox title fight night, the event was a hit for WinnaVegas.



"Zagurski" Winnebago's first Wrestling G.O.A.T pictured here with his Ma & Pa.

The Winnebago Tribal flag to be displayed around community



HoChunk Renaissance, the language program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, recently led the initiative to produce duplicates of the tribal flag for community display. The Tribal Council and HoChunk Renaissance donated WinnaVegas Casino & Resort with a tribal flag to display in the casino.

Food Distribution Program Receives Recognition



The Winnebago Food Distribution Program held a Grand Opening this past week of their need food distribution system. Program clients will now be able to shop for their own groceries throughout the month at the new grocery store style program warehouse. The Program also received recognition by the Denver Area office for converting their program service to the new style, one of the only programs in the Denver service area. Pictured here are JoAnn Baker, program Director, Sharon Frenchman, Tribal CEO, program staff and Representatives from the Denver Area office.

Indianz.com... Winnebago Tribe slams raid on businesses as attack on sovereignty



Federal agents in unmarked black sports utility vehicles can be seen parked at the headquarters of Ho-Chunk Inc. on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska on January 30, 2018.

Chairman Frank White laid blame for the raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on the state of Nebraska, which has been in a long-running dispute over tobacco taxes with Ho-Chunk Inc., the tribe's economic development corporation.

subsidaries. The agents arrived around 8am Tuesday and entered the company's offices with their guns drawn, according to witnesses. They primarily drove black, unmarked SUVs and remained in the community late into the night, packing boxes into loading trucks.

"We believe the ATF was influenced by the state of Nebraska to investigate Ho-Chunk, Inc. and its subsidiary, Rock River Manufacturing, to help the state gain advantage in an ongoing tax dispute," White said in a statement. "This is unfortunate because the federal agents' actions place many of our tribal members' jobs at risk."



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Posted: Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Federal agents spend two days on reservation as part of tobacco probe
Tribe calls action a 'direct assault' on its sovereignty
By Kevin Abourezk
The leader of the Winnebago Tribe is firing back at federal and state officials in Nebraska, a day after federal agents

Federal agents remained on the tribe's reservation in northeast Nebraska on Wednesday. Just a day earlier, nearly 50 ATF agents were seen on the reservation. Many could be seen carrying boxes out of corporate offices, including the company's headquarters, HCI Distribution, Rock River Manufacturing and Village Pointe, an office complex that houses many of the company's

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TALENT SEARCH

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with prizes.

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The Native Star Casino is owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.
The Native Star reserves the right to change or cancel promotion without notice. Must be legal age. Must be present to win. See Casino for details.

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One Team, One Goal

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

Weekly Language Publication

New HoChunk Terms - Part Two

Nāju wīrupiriš

•(n(ah)-joo wee-rdoo-pee-rdeesh)•

Curling iron

(something to curl hair)

Nāju wiroča hi

•(n(ah)-joo wee-rdoh-chah hee)•

Hair straightener

(something to straighten hair)

Nāgu hobokicgux eja

•(n(ah)-goo hoh-boh-keech-goox ay-jah)•

Four corners

(road intersection)

Wainī horuža hokohi

•(wy-nee hoh-rdoo-zhah hoh-koh-hee)•

Laundry room

(room to wash clothes in)

Waža pšopšoc nīkjak hiwaža

•(wah-zhah pshohp-shohch n(ee)k-j(ah)k hee-wah-zhah)•

Baby powder

(something powdery to wash children with)

Nāju wīkaraixewek

•(n(ah)-joo wee-kah-rdy-xay-wayk)•

Hair brush

(to arrange hair)

Waža xu šawahi'u

•(wah-zh(ah) xoo sh(ah)-wah-ee'-oo)•

Lotion

(something to soften skin)

Nāgu hirukanana worak

•(n(ah)-goo hee-rdoo-kah-nah-nah woh-rdahk)•

Road signs

(telling of road control)

Wāmīnak hipirak

•(wah-m(ee)-n(ah)k hee-pee-rdahk)•

Seat belt

(chair belt)

Nāgu hogigix

•(n(ah)-goo hoh-g(ee)-g(ee)x)•

Round about

(round road)

Wāmīnak hawaja

•(wah-m(ee)-n(ah)k hah-wah-jah)•

Wheelchair

(pushing chair)

Bīk woikarap wanāğowaḡ haruwaḡ

•(b(ee)k woh-ee-kah-rdap wah-n(ah)-goh-w(ah)k hah-rdoo-w(ah)k)•

Crazy 8's (card game)

(crazy eight)

Hākši hitaije ra

•(h(ah)k-shee hee-dy-jay rdah)•

Royal flush (card game)

(greater)

Rōča xunuḡik

•(rdoh-ch(ah) xoo-n(oo)-eek)•

Small straight (card game)

(little straight)

Rōča haḡaç hikisge

•(rdoh-ch(ah) h(ah)-n(ah)ch hee-kees-gay)•

Large straight (card game)

(similarity of numerous numbers)

Pāja xete cēwaznī hožu

•(p(ah)-jah xay-day chay-wahz-n(ee) hoh-zhoo)•

Coconut

(big nut with milk inside)

Winnebago News

Thoughts from a Very Long Week

By Lance Morgan



ATF
Well the ATF showed up at our offices last week in a big way. The Tribe issued a strong statement about it being an attack on tribal sovereignty and listed out all the good things the tribe does with it's tobacco and gas tax revenues. Ho-Chunk, Inc. issued a statement saying a version of this issue has been going on for about 20 years and this is the latest chapter.

100 House Update
As I have discussed before, the tribe has allocated 30 percent of Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s dividend to a 5-year plan to build 100 housing units and add the infrastructure for 100 more. We are a little over two years into this ambitious plan and should by the end of this year be within shouting distance of the 100-housing unit goal. This year we intend to build a few more of the 4 plex's near the statute garden in the Ho-Chunk Village and we have a few more houses scheduled to be built in the Ho-Chunk Village. But what is really driving the growth is the low-

income housing designed to create affordable home ownership south of town at Thunder Way.

The Tribe and the Housing Authority had some lots at Thunder Way that had been sitting idle for years. Some Tribal Council members pushed for more affordable homes and we thought that we could use those lots to try and get some built. These lots are in trust so there won't be any property tax, which saves about \$150 per month. If you meet the income guidelines you can have the lot for free. We also built smaller homes to keep the price down. We were able to combine the tribal down payment assistance, with federal and state money to provide about 30 to 35 percent of the cost of the home. The typical mortgage requires 20 percent down.

We started with four lots at Thunder Way and then had to ask for 4 more lots and they are almost all spoken for. We are working on the possibility of another 6 lots now. Also, the infrastructure for another 36 lots is in the ground, but we just need a road. We have been working on grant funding for that road, but the Tribe is also considering making those two roads a priority for BIA road funding, which could greatly speed things up.

What makes these houses so exciting is that the payments are coming in from \$500 to \$650 per month range, which is less than an old 1 bedroom apartment rents for in Sioux City and what a very old home in rough condition rents for in Walthill, NE. So our people can get a simple, quality home that they own for the price of an old rental unit.

We are about to start designing the next phase of the Ho-Chunk Village and I will have an update on that in the next month or so.

Contact me at hochunk@aol.com

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

'People are the same the world over'

My wife and I were blessed to live among the Kono tribe of Sierra Leone for nearly five years. There are twelve different tribes, each with their own distinct language, customs, and traditions in Sierra Leone. We admired those we lived among, especially for their hospitality and contentment in spite of having so little in comparison to our homeland.

One day I asked Fred, an elderly American who was supervising the construction of our mud-crete block home with the aid of Kono laborers, if they were good workers. Fred responded with 'people are the same the world over.' He went on to say that some of them arrive early, work hard all day and put forth good efforts. Some arrive late and leave early. Others only work when the 'boss man' is watching them. Still others will steal if given the opportunity. Yes, people are the same the world over.

Recently I read the following passage from Sacred Scripture. The apostle Paul wrote to Pastor Timothy: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them." [2nd Timothy 3:1-5 NIV]

These are harsh words. Truth be told we are all sinners. There is no one who is righteous. We were born sinners and helpless to overcome the consequences of sin, namely death. Left on our own we will be judged guilty.

People are the same the world over. And yet God loves all people. While God loves all people He still hates sin. He is just and does not merely look the other

way. His judgment may not happen as swiftly as we would like, someone must pay for the sin of all people. That someone was none other than the Son of God. Jesus suffered so that people of every tribe, nation and language could seek His mercy and receive His grace.

Paul also wrote another pastor by the name of Titus these words: "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you" [Titus 2:11-15 NIV].

For the believer in Jesus Christ, we are to take God's teachings one step further. Paul goes on to write: "Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life" [Titus 3:1-7 NIV].

ALDRICH LEADING THE STATE



Semia Aldrich, a junior at Whiting High School, is currently leading the entire state of Iowa in the number of free throws attempted. Whiting High School is one of the ten smallest schools in the state of Iowa with a total enrollment of K-12 of just over 200 students. Semia's accomplishment shows you do not have to be a part of a large, powerhouse program to accomplish great things individually. Aldrich has attempted 133 free throws in 16 games for an average of 8.3 per game. This is nine more attempts than the next closest athlete in the state. Semia reached a career high against Walthill, NE, with 17 attempts in that contest. Leading the team in free throws is not the only thing Semia has accomplished. She is also the team's leading scorer averaging 10.8 points per game. She also leads the team in rebounds with 106. Semia is also the team leader for blocked shots with 15 so far this season. Leading the state in free throws did not just happen for Se-

mia. She has made the transition from playing wing last year to playing center this year. Semia has put in a lot of extra hours honing her skills. She learned to be a much more physical player inside the paint. She has put in many extra hours working on post moves and driving to the basket to get to where she is in today's rankings. She is not afraid to drive to the basket against any player she is up against.

Semia also realizes she wouldn't be where she is in this category without a team supporting her. The Whiting High School girls team is currently ranked second in the state of Iowa in the number of free throws attempted. Teammates of freshman, Halle Murray is currently in the top 50 players and senior, Delaney Turner is currently in the top 75 players for the number of free throws attempted. To put these statistics in better perspective, there are 354 schools competing in girls basketball in the state of Iowa with 4,524 varsity girl athletes. So, to have a team in second and three athletes in the top 75 players and one of them leading this many athletes is an amazing accomplishment.

Semia Rose Aldrich is the daughter of Mark Aldrich & Dana Coyle. The granddaughter of Carol & Jim Snow, Jeff & Carla Fiscus and the Late Charile Cool Aldrich.

Semia is a very active young lady, who also participates in Volleyball, Softball, Choir, Speech and is a member of the National Honor Society.

We are all very proud of her.

A Statement from Frank White, Chairman of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, on the federal raid of Ho-Chunk Inc. offices

WINNEBAGO, Neb (Jan. 31, 2018) – The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska considers the recent activities of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives a direct assault on tribal sovereignty.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, ATF agents raided four Ho-Chunk, Inc. sites in Winnebago and seized records related to tobacco sales. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is an award winning economic development corporation owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe. The majority of seized information is subject to an ongoing federal court case in the D.C. Court of Appeals filed by the Tribe. As a sovereign nation, the Winnebago Tribe implements and enforces its own tax codes, including taxes from tobacco sales. Every cent of the tax collected is utilized to directly improve and enrich the lives of the Winnebago community and its members. The greatest impact includes our Little Priest Tribal College, Community Development Fund, Tribal Health Department, Language Revitalization Department, and Tribal Roads. Additionally, in recent years the taxes helped 40 families purchase new homes through down payment assistance funds.

Additionally the tribe has attempted to negotiate a tobacco tax compact with the state of Nebraska. However, last year, Nebraska canceled our tobacco tax compact negotiations. "We believe the ATF was influenced by the State of Nebraska to investigate Ho-Chunk, Inc. and its subsidiary, Rock River Manufacturing, to help the state gain advantage in an ongoing tax dispute. This is unfortunate because the federal agents' actions place many of our tribal members' jobs at risk," said Frank White, Chairman of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. "The Winnebago Tribe looks forward to settling this dispute and will continue to fight to protect its sovereign status."

LPTC Men's Schedule 2018

Date	Time	Team	Place	Location
2/11/18	4:00	Simpson	Away	Indianola, IA
2/14/18	7:30	Central	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/20/18	7:00	Southeast	Away	Beatrice, NE
2/26/18	7:30	Central	Away	Columbus, NE
3/3/18	3:00	Iowa Lakes	Away	Estherville, IA

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

Date	Time	Team	Place	Location
2/17/2018	1:00	Marshalltown	Home	Winnebago, NE
2/20/2018	5:00	Southeast	Away	Beatrice, NE
2/24/2018	2:00	Cottey	Away	Nevada, MO
2/26/2018	5:30	Central	Away	Columbus, NE
3/5/2018	5:30	TBD	Away	TBD

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Michelle Free LaMere, a 51-year-old tribal member, said she spent nearly six hours Tuesday watching federal agents as they walked in and out of HCI buildings and later witnessed agents loading boxes into loading trucks.

She even briefly followed one truck as it left south from Winnebago on Nebraska Highway 77. On Tuesday night, she watched agents loading boxes into trucks filled with items they had taken from Village Pointe.

"We could see them loading box after box after box," she said. "It looked like they had merchandise on pallets. They were using a forklift to move the pallets."

After filling the truck, which was nearly the size of a semitrailer truck, they moved it away from a loading bay behind Village Pointe and moved a U-Haul-sized loading truck into the bay and began loading more items.

"As the first one was pulling out, we saw the agents, two agents, high-fiving each other, and we thought that was not very tasteful," she said.



Offices at Village Pointe on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska were among those raided by federal agents on January 30, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

HCI Distribution and Rock River Manufacturing are subsidiaries that are engaged in tobacco manufacturing and distributing.

The company's spokesman, Sam Burrish, spoke to reporters briefly Tuesday, saying he was limited in what he could disclose because HCI was the subject of an ongoing investigation.

"The law enforcement activities at Ho-Chunk, Inc. on Tuesday are the latest round in a 20-year state-tribal tax dispute," Burrish said during a press conference held at Ho-Chunk Centre, a company property in Sioux City, Iowa. "We are fully cooperating with authorities. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is confident that in the end, tribal sovereignty will prevail."

ATF agents have referred media representatives to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Nebraska. Jan Sharp, chief of the criminal division in Omaha, said he couldn't comment on the investigation.

"Per (Department of Justice) policy, we're just not allowed to comment on an ongoing investigation," he told Indianz.Com on Tuesday.



Offices at the Ho-Chunk Village on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska were among those raided by federal agents on January 30, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

In its press release Wednesday, the tribe said it considered the federal raid "a direct assault on tribal sovereignty." The tribe said ATF agents raided four Ho-Chunk Inc. sites and seized records related to tobacco sales.

The majority of seized information is subject to an ongoing federal court case in Washington, D.C., according to the tribe. As part of the lawsuit, the company is seeking to get a lower court's decision reversed.

The case involves efforts by the ATF to get HCI to hand over records related to its tobacco sales to other tribes or individual tribal citizens. The company already has agreed to hand over records related to its sales to non-Indian individuals or entities.

But the federal government has argued that the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act requires tribes to hand over all of their tobacco sales records.

Last May, a federal judge agreed and ruled that the company must comply with the law. An appeal of the decision is pending before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, with oral arguments scheduled for March 15 in Ho-Chunk, Inc. v. Sessions.

Like most governments, the tribe relies on tax revenues to fund essential programs and services. At Winnebago, the tobacco taxes help pay for the tribal college, a community development fund, health care, language revitalization and infrastructure.

"Additionally, in recent years the taxes helped 40 families purchase new homes through down payment assistance funds," the tribe said in its statement.

The tribe has attempted to negotiate a tobacco tax compact with the state of Nebraska to address ongoing issues. But negotiations ended last year without a resolution, according to the tribe.

The state believes the tribe should be required to participate in the tobacco master settlement agreement,

even though the 1998 court agreement between 46 states, five U.S. territories, the District of Columbia and major tobacco companies did not include Indian Country. The state also contends the tribe should be required to pay money to Nebraska for its tobacco sales, just like the big tobacco companies.

The tribe, on the other hand, has argued that its sovereign status protects it from having to participate in the settlement without its consent.

Ho-Chunk Inc. has long engaged in tobacco sales, manufacturing and distribution on the reservation and in Indian Country. Its activities have seen repeated threats and actions from state and federal authorities.

"The Winnebago Tribe looks forward to settling this dispute and will continue to fight to protect its sovereign status," Chairman White said.

Free LaMere, a university student studying education, said she's frustrated to see HCI have to continually fight off attacks by state and federal officials as the company has attempted to build its tobacco sales and distribution business. She credited Lance Morgan, president and CEO of HCI, and his staff for defending the tribe's economic development efforts.

"To me, it's disgusting, the level of greed," she said. "They can't let Winnebago or HCI take just a tiny morsel of the pie. They have to have the whole thing."

"It's just frustrating, but I'm very proud of Lance and his crew for fighting so hard and for overcoming all the obstacles that they've overcome so far and I have faith they're going to overcome this one, too."

HCI owns Indianz.Com. The website is operated by a different subsidiary and is not involved with the tobacco operations.

This post has been updated with comments from Michelle Free LaMere, a tribal citizen who witnessed the actions of the federal agents on the reservation.

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Master personal acute safety plans

Utilize de-escalation strategies to build safety-calming-connectedness during engagement with crisis clients

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- C-70 Marla Spears
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- D-13 Clarissa Walker
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Masthead Scene

The Indians recently had their last home game as they played Rez Rival Emerson-Hubbard Pirates in the first round of the Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament. The Indians won the game and moved on in the Tournament. This is a shot of the Indian's Senior Class, these boys played their final game on their home court, and defended it well we might add. The Indians haven't been beaten at home in over 6 years. Good job Class of 2018.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-020

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

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

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
ARIC A. ELMORE, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV18-020 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-038

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

To: SUNGMAITUSKA BUCHANAN:

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-029

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

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

TO: HANNAH GRIFFIN, Mother
DWIGHT MORRIS JR., Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV18-029 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of MARCH 27, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV17-049

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

To: JAMISON ROBINSON,

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-028B

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

To: LAM LOK CHAN, Father

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-021

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

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

TO: SONYA WHITE, Mother
JERREN E. SPRINGS, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV18-021 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-051

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

To: BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV13-038

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

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

TO: APRIL ROBERTSON, Mother
KENNETH FRAZIER JR., Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV13-038 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of MARCH 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ17-025

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

To: RAELANA BERNARD, Mother

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ18-004

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

To: TRISTA WHITEWATER, Mother
ALLEN WEITZEL, Father

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

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 13

Bullying and Suicide

The relationship between bullying and suicide is complex. Many media reports oversimplify this relationship, insinuating or directly stating that bullying can cause suicide. The facts tell a different story. In particular, it is not accurate and potentially dangerous to present bullying as the "cause" or "reason" for a suicide, or to suggest that suicide is a natural response to bullying.

Bullying: Bullying is typically defined as the ongoing physical or emotional victimization of a person by another person or group of people. Cyberbullying is an emerging problem in which people use new communication technologies, such as social media and texting, to harass and cause emotional harm to their victim.

Bullying, and especially chronic bullying, has long-term effects on suicide risk and mental health that can persist into adulthood (Arseneault et al., 2010). One review of the research concluded that bullying can cause (or contribute to) "comparatively low levels of psychological well-being and social adjustment and to high levels of psychological distress and adverse physical health symptoms" (Rigby, 2003)

Bullying prevention and suicide prevention share common strategies in three areas: (1) school environment, (2) family outreach, and (3) identification of students in need of mental and behavioral health services (and helping these students and their families find appropriate services). The fact that bullies and their victims share some risk factors (e.g., depression) and that the victims of bullying may be at risk partially because of personal risk factors (e.g., anxiety disorders) suggests that both suicide and bullying can be prevented using strategies to identify and treat students with these risk factors.

LGBT youth attempt suicide at a rate 2-4 times higher than that of their heterosexual peers. In the words of one expert, LGBT adolescents "must cope with developing a sexual minority identity in the midst of negative comments, jokes, and often the threat of violence because of their sexual orientation and/or transgender identity.

If you know of someone struggling with suicidal ideation please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911 or After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.



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The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is moving forward with plans to take over the Indian Health Service hospital on its reservation

By Kevin Abourezk

The Winnebago Tribe recently hosted an information forum for tribal members to educate them about the process of self-governance, the method by which the tribe plans to take over the Omaha-Winnebago Hospital. The tribe held a forum on January 25 at a community center and plans to host another forum within about a month before planning to take control of the hospital on July 1.

The move to self-governance – as set forth by Title V of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 – allows tribes to assume control over health care programs that IHS would otherwise provide. The federal legislation also allows tribes to assume control over portions of health care programs that IHS would otherwise provide, a process called self-determination.

Nearly 225 tribes take part in self-determination, having taken control of portions of the health care programs provided to them. More than 350 tribes take part in self-governance, and two tribes in Michigan completed their moves to self-governance in December.

However, no Great Plains tribes currently operate all of their health programs, and the Winnebago Tribe would be the first to do so.

The Winnebago Tribal Council voted in November to take control of the tribe's hospital after IHS officials failed to get the hospital recertified following a July 2015 decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to terminate that certification. That loss of certification led to the hospital losing Medicare and Medicaid funding.

"The tribe has taken great care in each step because we want this to be the best turnaround, the top-notch health care facility for all those Native Americans that choose to walk through that door and have their health care delivered," said Tori Kitcheyan, a tribal council member.

Myra Munson, an attorney helping guide the Winnebago Tribe through its self-governance process, offered information to the tribe's members recently. The former commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Munson has worked with numerous tribes over nearly three decades that have completed self-governance and self-determination initiatives.

"You're in very good company all over the country," she told the tribe's members during an informational meeting on Jan. 25 in Winnebago.

The tribe currently operates the hospital along with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. In order to continue to offer all of the same programs with the same funding, both tribes would need to agree to move forward with self-governance, Munson said.

If one of the tribes opposes the effort, the other tribe can still move forward with taking over its part of the programs and funding due to it, she said.

"The money can be divided and the program can be divided so that both tribes are fairly treated," she said. "The Winnebago Tribe is not willing to or interesting in doing anything that undermines another tribe."

Omaha tribal leaders have so far opposed the effort to take over the Omaha-Winnebago Hospital, though they are still negotiating with Winnebago and IHS officials.

Michael Wolfe, Omaha tribal chairman, said he doesn't understand why the Winnebago Tribe wants to take control of a failing hospital.

"I feel that IHS has failed us, has killed our people, has not fulfilled their obligations to the people," he said. "Now they're bailing out, and they're just happy and tickled pink that Winnebago wants to take this hospital over. They broke it. Why should the Winnebago want to come and fix it?"

"And if it fails again, who are they going to blame? They're going to blame all Indian people."

Alan Harlan, treasurer for the Omaha Tribe, said he doesn't like the idea of the federal government trying to dictate the decisions of the Omaha Tribe.

"The IHS seems to be on the side of the Winnebago Tribe so we have to meet with both of them, the government and the Winnebago Tribe, to come to a reasonable agreement to this," he said. "I hope we can. I don't want to see us grow apart. I want to see us grow together."

Munson said it will take at least a

year for the Winnebago Tribe to regain certification for the hospital once it takes it over. Until then, the tribe won't have access to Medicare and Medicaid funding for its inpatient and emergency departments. The tribe will be able to continue to access Medicaid funding for its clinic, however.

The tribe already has begun advertising for new positions that will be needed to begin the process of recertification, including for an executive director, hospital administrator, a contract specialist and a human resources staff specialist.

Munson said IHS spent three year trying to get the hospital recertified and ultimately failed.

"Maybe it's time to try something else," she said.

She said not a single tribally operated hospital in America has been decertified, as self-governance offers many protections to tribes.

Munson offered numerous facts about the self-governance process to the Winnebago Tribe's members at the recent informational forum. Among those facts:

The tribe won't see a reduction in funding for the programs it will take over. Indeed, most tribes that complete self-governance see increased health funding as they aren't required to pay as much in administrative costs as IHS does.

Under self-governance, the tribe would continue to receive funding for its hospital, even if it fails to reach a funding agreement with IHS one year. That's very much unlike tribes that complete self-determination. Those tribes remain under the whim of IHS, at least as far as funding. "IHS must continue to fund you exactly as it would have had you continued your funding agreement, including any increases," Munson said. "It takes away the ability of IHS to manipulate or to pressure tribes."

Self-governance tribes tend to have more health experts working for them than other tribes that rely on IHS for expertise on health care policy.

Tribes that complete self-governance never risk conceding any sovereignty through the process. "Nothing that would arise out of the exercise of self-determination and self-governance leads to that result," Munson said.

The move to self-governance doesn't prevent federal employees from working for the tribe. In fact, the Winnebago Tribe plans to offer contracts to all of the hospital's current federal employees. "It is absolutely essential for good programs to have stability in their health care staff," Munson said. She said the hospital has had 13 different acting or permanent CEOs over the past three years. "The lack of consistent leadership, the lack of vision has impaired the ability to recruit people and get them commit to be here." She said she's hopeful the tribe will be able to change that, by providing consistent leadership to the hospital's staff and by offering salaries that are competitive with private market rates.

The move to self-governance also doesn't mean the tribal council will take direct control of the hospital, deciding who to hire and fire. Munson said efforts are underway to ensure some separation of powers between the hospital's leadership and the tribe's.

It will be important for the tribe to consider training programs for aspiring health professionals, since it currently doesn't have enough trained health professionals to adequately staff the hospital. Munson said a health consortium in Alaska has even considered starting a college to train health professionals to staff its programs.

The tribe doesn't plan to change its patient eligibility guidelines. "Anyone who's getting care at the hospital today who wants to continue to can count on the fact that they will be able to afterwards," Munson said.

Jim Snow, a Winnebago Tribal Council member, said the move to self-governance will provide the tribe much greater power to control its own health programs.

"We're trying to provide quality care for our tribal members and anyone that comes into our hospital," he said.

More information on the Winnebago Tribe's move to self-governance can be found online at: <http://www.winnebago-tribe.com/index.php/government/winnebago-hospital-self-governance>.

Tribal Councilwoman Tori Kitcheyan was recently elected Vice Chair of the National Indian Health Board



The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) represents Tribal governments—both those that operate their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacting, and those receiving health care directly from the Indian Health Service (IHS). Located in Washington DC on Capitol Hill, the NIHB, a non-profit organization, provides a variety of services to tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, federal agencies, and private foundations, including:

- Advocacy
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- Program Development and Assessment
- Training and Technical Assistance Programs
- Project Management

The NIHB continually presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring federal legislation, and opening opportunities to network with other national health care organizations to engage their support on Indian health care issues. The only organization of its kind; dedicated to strengthening healthcare for all AI/ANs. For more information on NIHB, visit their website at www.nihb.org.

Winnebago Wrestling

Coach Tranmer

Well the wrestling regular season has come to an end today. The Bago Wrestlers competed in two meets over the weekend. Friday night the boys wrestled in the Pender Duals Winnebago goes 2-3 with wins over Ponca 30-24 and N/V. Losing Duals to OC, Pierce, and Pender. Derrell goes 5-0, Jamisen 3-0, Nick 3-2, Tobias 4-1, Kiylista 1-4, Tommy gets his first win in a match goes 1-2. The boys woke up at 6am and traveled to Wakefield today. We didn't have our full line up but we wrestled pretty good. Tobias Thomas 138 went 1-3 on the day with a pin. Kiylista Harden 182 went 0-1 and had to medical forfeit her last 4 matches due to an arm injury. Tommy Hunter 220 went 0-3 on the day. Nicholas Painter wrestled at 195 and had a tough day going 1-2 on the day. Nick is one of only 2 wrestlers to earn over 100 match points and 100 team points in a season. Darion Earthh 285 went 0-3 but in his last match wrestled as good as ever losing 7-1. Jaylen Harden 285 went 3-2 on the day in his last competition of his high school career with two pins and got 5th. Derrell Zagurski went 5-0 on the day and was 285 Champ. He scored 32 takedowns and had 5 pins and improved to 49-1. As a senior ranked #6 in Class C He is 49-1, 152 takedowns with 35 pins.

He has won 8 straight tournaments and won his last 42 matches heading into C3 District. He has a three year career record of 110-27. Derrell rewrote the individual and career record book this season in his three year career and is the other wrestler who has earned 100 team and 100 match points in a season he has an astonishing 349 match points and 315.5 team points.

Friday the Bago Wrestlers head to North Bend for the C3 District where it is all or nothing. You lose two matches here and you are done for the season. Wrestling for the Indians (weights and varsity records) will be 113 Antonio Robles 14-20, 120Matthew Mcdonald 4-16, 160Kye Thomass 4-22, 170Samantha Littlegeorgee 2-8, 182 Kiylista Harden 7-13, 195Zeriaah Georgee 2-8, 220 Nicholas Painter 19-22, and 285 Derrell Zagurski 49-1. Wrestling will begin Friday at 3pm where we will wrestle 4 rounds (if you lose 2 you are done) and then on Saturday is the big day at 10 am will be the semi finals and wrestle backs where you earn you State birth. Come cheer on your Wrestling Indians. Where we hope to qualify a couple for state in Omaha





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