



Winnebago Indian News

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Bago Bits...



HoChunk Farms was busy showing off a piece of their new equipment last week to the students at Educare Winnebago.



The Lady Indians Volleyball team held their Parent's Night game recently, here is Momma Julie Paulsen and her star Natasha Deal.



Rain or shine the staff and participants of Winnebago Walking Wellness are hard at it pacing off on the sidewalks of Winnebago.



More housing Development is going up in the first stage of the HoChunk Village.



Midland College's 285 pound Freshman Men's Wrestling team member, Derrell Zagurski is ready for his season. Go Zagurski!



I was all set to get a picture of a band of kids using the crosswalk after school, but most of the kids apparently head to the Gym or the Club.



The HoChunk Renaissance staff were fired up for the Homecoming Parade.



HCI's Summer Interns put in time planning and setting up this year's Open House activities and events.



The Winnebago Indians were home to the Macy Chiefs on October 5th for this year's Homecoming football Game. "That was our 6th consecutive win over Omaha Nation. The boys executed our plan very well and played tough. It showed in the outcome of the game," said Head Coach Adam "Little Bluff" James. "We are 3-3 now with a tough loss to Laurel-CC and two losses to top 5 rated teams." Homecoming week was full of fun & games, each day celebrating something fun known as "Spirit Week". Coronation was held on Thursday evening with the King & Queen being crowned during Homecoming Ceremonies. This year's Homecoming Royalty were King Leyton Kearnes and Queen Jada Decora, they are pictured here with their court. The Indians traveled last Friday night to the West end of the reservation to face off against highly rated Wakefield Trojans, "We had a big test vs Wakefield last week as they are rated number 4 in the state and will finish off the season with West Point CC the number 2 team in the state on October 19th, at home," said Coach James. So final game next week, be there or be square...Go Big Blue!

Pony Express c-stores offer a hub with food, essentials and loyalty rewards for the communities it serves.

By Erin Del Conte, Senior Editor



Pony Express Convenience Stores is positioning itself for the future, expanding its foodservice offering, upgrading locations, growing its loyalty program and offering a community hub with essential groceries for residents in food deserts.

The first Pony Express location opened in Winnebago, Neb. as a grocery store. The building had been originally designed for The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, which commissioned its economic development corporation, Ho-Chunk Inc., in 1996, to use the property to build the first Pony Express store to meet the needs of the community on the reservation. Pony Express remodeled the location to add gas pumps and a restaurant with a lunch menu.

"The first location started as a convenience for the community members,

so they didn't need to travel for what they needed. They could get milk and bread and everything they needed," said Aleisha Barclay, operations specialist for Pony Express.

Today, Pony Express operates seven convenience stores. Three are located on the Winnebago reservation, two are located on an Omaha reservation and one location is off reservation. The sites range in size from its 12,500-square-foot grocery store to its 1,500-2,000-square-foot traditional c-stores, and all are located in rural areas. Some of the larger stores feature space for a restaurant area with seating.

Each store acts as the hub of the community it serves. "Farmers come in in the morning to get their coffee and talk about their day, and some of those same folks return at lunch to see the daily special, and then they may come back again after work to get gas. It's the place to be in our community. If they need anything that is where they are going to go," Barclay said.

A lot of Pony Express customers—both on and off the reservation—lack access to transportation, and it being a rural area, nearby options are limited. To meet the specific needs of the community, Pony Express offers check cashing services at two locations, including

the original Winnebago, which also includes a laundromat.

While all locations offer fuel and tobacco, two of the stores feature an expanded grocery section. "They offer meat and one of our stores cuts and packages the meat on site," Barclay said.

UPGRADING FOR TOMORROW

Pony Express is also embarking on a chain-wide remodel initiative that will make over each store with a new brand design featuring an updated color scheme and logo. So far, two locations have been remodeled, both inside and out, with another set for conversion before the end of the year. Pony Express plans to update at least one store per year until all seven are updated under the new look, which Barclay described as "brighter, more modern and more inviting."

The redesign takes into consideration that most Pony Express locations act as community hubs, by better utilizing space and creating a more open layout.

"I think a lot of convenience stores are overstocked to where it seems like you're walking through a very tight aisle. With the new design, our custom-

...Con't. on page 5

Indianz.com... Activists mark year since official halt to liquor sales in Whiteclay



Monday, October 8, 2018

It's been a year since Nebraska's highest court officially put an end to liquor sales in Whiteclay, a small town near the border of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The September 27, 2017, decision capped off decades of work by Native

activists and allies who said the sales exploited citizens of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The met in the town last week to call for further action to address other issues, such as bootlegging and series of unsolved deaths, The Lincoln Journal Star reported.

"Because of our work, 3.7 million cans of beer have not been sold to people who have no legal place to drink it in Whiteclay," Winnebago activist Frank LaMere said at the gathering, the paper reported. "And if that alcohol is still finding its way to Pine Ridge ... we're going to hold people's feet to the fire, and that includes the Nebraska State Patrol, the state of Nebraska, the state of South Dakota and the Oglala Sioux Tribe."

In related news, Whiteclay Maker-

space announced the receipt of a federal grant to help develop a space where artists can work. The organization is also raising funds on IndieGogo to help complete the facility in Whiteclay and buy equipment.

Read More on the Story

A year after Supreme Court sealed fate of Whiteclay beer stores, reforms still needed, activists say (The Lincoln Journal Star October 7, 2018) Nonprofit envisions a 'new Whiteclay' for artists (KNBN NewsCenter1 October 4, 2018)

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Winnebago Domestic Violence Intervention Program Presents

Round Dance

"Mocs Scootin Drum Singing Round Dancing to End Violence"

October 25th 2018

@Whirling Thunder Wellness Center
Winnebago, NE

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Jason Kingbird- Tama, IA
Wayne Silas- Oneida, WI

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Agenda:
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6:00 P.M. to ????-
Round Dancing and Singing
Contest Singing

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WINNEBAGO HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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The Winnebago Tribe Says

Come make your vote count on
November 6th, 2018

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Polls Open at 8am - 8pm

HoChunk Renaissance

The Official Language Program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Weekly Language Publication

HoChunk Personal Care Terms II

Šak wīrucgis
• (shahk wee-rdooch-gees)•
Nail clipper

Šak hiwaḡo
• (shahk hee-wah-goh)•
Nail file

Waḡa p'op'oš nāksik
• (wah-zhah p'-ohp'-ohsh nahk-seek)•
Q-tips

Hoit'e cōḡi na

A Language Learning Experience

Let's learn HoChunk together.

"Hoit'e Cōḡi 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
September 5th - November 7th (Wednesdays)
6:00pm-8:30pm

HoChunk Renaissance Classroom
Winnebago community members ages 18+

Registration due August 31st 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

Winnebago News

My relatives,

By Frank LaMere

In this political season as we prepare to go to the polls I thought that I would beg your indulgence and share some thoughts and perspectives on history and politics. I do so with great deference and respect and with the knowledge that each and every voter here is concerned like I am about what is happening around us in our counties, our state and in the nation! It is not hyperbole to say that we live in a time of change and uncertainty and that we must all ask ourselves daily why we should even vote, much less participate in a democracy that seemingly disregards the will of the people and knows little of what the Winnebago people want for their families and for the generations to come. It can become very discouraging but I wish to remind us all, myself included, that we must take heart and remind our young people that many have paid for our right to vote and that our place at the table has been secured for generations by those we cannot forget, by those who earned our right to speak up through their service and sacrifice! I try to remember that in all that I do politically! There are reasons why!

On the first of July in 1971, on a red letter day in the political history of our country Congress passed the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It gave 18 year olds the right to vote. It was a monumental action brought about as a response to the fact that young men and women, still in their teens and without the right to vote, were fighting and dying in Vietnam. Irrespective of how we feel about war and how we as Winnebagoes may even think about the Constitution our people went to defend this country. Two young warriors, Pfc. Elliott DeCora from Wisconsin and Pfc. Anthony John LaMere from Nebraska did not return. Tony LaMere was my best friend and my younger brother! He died at the age of 20 years and twenty days while walking the point position on a combat patrol in Quang Tri province. It is hauntingly and painfully ironic for

Winnebagoes, for Nebraskans and for all Americans that Tony LaMere was killed in action on July 1, 1971.

David Domina, the prominent attorney who helped us to shut down Whiteclay in the NE Supreme Court and who was a Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate would talk of Tony on the campaign trail! He would remind all that the only American ever killed in action on a day that any constitutional amendment was debated and passed by Congress was a Nebraskan, a good American and a Winnebago boy who only wanted to live, to grow and to flourish! He would also lament the fact that Tony LaMere was the only American boy to die on the day that his right to vote was secured and that he was the only American fighting man who never knew that he had earned it! Tony never got to cast a vote or to be counted! That is why I vote! That is why I always fight to be counted! Let us all think about these things!

I stand on the shoulders of Tony LaMere, of John Rice, of Elliott DeCora and countless others when I go to vote! They paid my way into that voting booth! They paid your way! That being said I urge you to study the candidates, to get involved and to be counted! When it is all over I want to hear someone speak of the Winnebagoes and how they took their rightful place in 2018 and again in 2020! There are candidates and parties who do not respect our women, our sovereign rights and who condone ATF raids on our people! They are not Democrats! That being said I urge you to support the following candidates and positions! We will all be the better for it!

Body of candidates, positions, et al. You have heard me say many times, my relatives, that nothing changes until someone is made to feel uncomfortable! Be assured that in 2018 that Republicans from the Courthouse to the Governor's Mansion and to the Congress will feel uncomfortable! When the Winnebagoes speak loudly all must listen! Let us speak loudly on November 6th. Tell Donald Trump and his supporters that the Winnebagoes are the landlords of this country and that we are here to collect the rent! That we have given notice! Pinagigi! Frank LaMere

Medicaid Expansion Editorial

Initiative 427 will appear on your ballot as the latest attempt to expand Medicaid coverage under Obamacare. Medicaid expansion has unsuccessfully come before the Unicameral numerous times, and the pros and cons your Nebraska senators have considered in previous years are relevant to Initiative 427. Like most issues, Medicaid expansion is not black and white. As your representatives in the Nebraska Unicameral, we feel obligated to share our concerns and urge you to consider the consequences Medicaid expansion would have on our state.

Expanding Medicaid through Initiative 427 would hurt our most vulnerable Nebraskans by removing the focus of Medicaid benefits from people with disabilities, children, and pregnant women and placing the focus on working-age adults without disabilities or children. The costs of expansion would make property tax relief nearly impossible, leave the state's reserve funds at a dangerously low level, and put funding at risk for K-12 education, the University of Nebraska, roads, and current Medicaid recipients.

Obamacare (the Affordable Care Act) requires the federal government to reimburse states for only a portion of Medicaid expansion costs. Initiative 427 would require the state to fund the remaining expansion expenses - a price tag projected to cost Nebraska taxpayers \$33 million in 2019-20 and up to \$768 million over the next decade according to Nebraska's Legislative Fiscal Office and Department of Health and Human Services. Actual costs have far exceeded projections in nearly every state that has opted to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. For example, in the first year Iowa expanded Medicaid, actual costs totaled nearly \$150 million more than expected.

In a study published this month, Nebraska was ranked number one nationally for financial wellbeing. We have accomplished this by using taxpayer dollars cautiously and keeping unpredictable financial obligations out of our state budget. Unlike Washington, we balance our state budget each year and remain debt free. Medicaid expansion would create an unpredictable financial obligation on Nebraska, as seen in other states, which could throw our balanced budget into jeopardy. If Initiative 427 passes, Nebraskans could be forced to choose between increasing taxes or cutting funds to existing programs, such as K-12 education, roads, or current Medicaid benefits. Tax increases would create an

overwhelming financial hardship for most Nebraskans, and cutting funds to existing programs is an equally unappealing option.

As Nebraskans, we have always prided ourselves in looking out for our friends and neighbors who are in need. Our current Medicaid program provides health care benefits to people with disabilities, children, and pregnant women. We are one of the few states to offer all federally optional Medicaid services (such as prescription drugs, mental health services, and care for the developmentally disabled in addition to federally required services. Although the federal government would fund a limited portion of Medicaid expansion, none of these funds can be used to support benefits for current Medicaid recipients. As a result, some states have been forced to cut optional Medicaid services to their most vulnerable citizens - a reality Nebraska would also likely face.

Current Nebraska Medicaid recipients are at risk of losing benefits for dental services, prescription drugs, treatment for specific diseases (such as breast and cervical cancer), vision care, mental health, speech and occupational therapy, and many more. Initiative 427 would put the needs of working-age adults without disabilities over the needs of our friends and neighbors with disabilities, children, and pregnant women who truly cannot afford to lose these essential services Nebraska provides.

Medicaid expansion would place a significant burden on Nebraska taxpayers that could hurt Nebraska's most vulnerable citizens. Before you cast your vote on Initiative 427, we urge you to consider the impacts Medicaid expansion would have on your neighbors, your family, your business, and your budget.

- Senator Joni Albrecht; District 17 – Chair, Business & Labor Committee
- Senator Lydia Brasch; District 16 – Chair, Agriculture Committee
- Senator Curt Friesen; District 34 – Chair, Transportation & Telecommunications Committee
- Speaker Jim Scheer; District 19 – Speaker of the Legislature
- Senator Bruce Bostelman; District 23
- Senator Tom Brewer; District 43
- Senator Rob Clements; District 2
- Senator Steve Erdman; District 47
- Senator Steve Halloran; District 33
- Senator Lou Ann Linehan; District 39
- Senator John Lowe; District 37

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PAID BY ROBIN CHRISTIANSEN

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Sunday, Nov. 4th

Please Join Us for

Our Annual Community-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

Meal is open to the community.

Donations & Volunteers Welcome!

When & Where:

Blackhawk Community Center, just south of the Winnebago Reformed Church

Thursday November 15th, 2018—Starting @ noon

Food:

The meal will included all the Thanksgiving favorites plus CORN SOUP AND FRYBREAD!

Parking:

North and West side of Blackhawk Community Center

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Winnebago Human Services at 402-878-2379.

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Little Priest Warriors Men's Basketball 2018-2019 Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
*Oct 6	@ ICCAC Graphic Edge Jamboree	Ames, IA	TBA
*Oct 12	@ Rocky Mountain JUCO JAM	Windsor, CO	TBA
*Oct 13	@ Rocky Mountain JUCO JAM	Windsor, CO	TBA
Nov 7	@ Central Community College	Columbus, NE	7:00 PM
Nov 9	@ Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, CO	5:00 PM
Nov 10	@ Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, CO	2:00 PM
Nov 13	Quakerdale Prep	Winnebago, NE	7:00 PM
Nov 15	Doane University	Winnebago, NE	7:30 PM
Nov 17	Riverland Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Nov 24	@ Riverland Community College	Austin, MN	3:00 PM
Dec 5	Iowa Lakes Community College	Winnebago, IA	7:30 PM
Dec 8	@ Kirkwood Community College	Cedar Rapids, IA	3:00 PM
Dec 12	@ Minnesota West Technical College	Worthington, MN	7:30 PM
Dec 15	Northeast Community College	Winnebago, NE	1:00 PM
Jan 7	@ Northeast Community College	Norfolk, NE	7:00 PM
Jan 9	@ Ellsworth Community College	Iowa Falls, IA	7:30 PM
Jan 14	Buena Vista University	Winnebago, NE	7:30 PM
Jan 16	Iowa Central Community College	Winnebago, NE	7:30 PM
Jan 20	@ Doane University	Crete, NE	2:00 PM
Jan 23	@ North Iowa Area Community College	Mason City, IA	7:30 PM
Jan 26	Southwestern Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Jan 30	@ Des Moines Area Community College	Boone, IA	5:30 PM
Feb 2	Kirkwood Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Feb 5	@ Buena Vista University	Storm Lake, IA	7:30 PM
Feb 9	@ Southwestern Community College	Creston, IA	3:00 PM
Feb 13	North Iowa Area Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Feb 16	Ellsworth Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Feb 20	@ Iowa Central Community College	Fort Dodge, IA	5:30 PM
Feb 27	Des Moines Area Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Mar 2	@ Iowa Lakes Community College	Estherville, IA	3:00 PM

Little Priest Warriors Women's Basketball 2018-2019 Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
*Oct 7	@ ICCAC Graphic Edge Jamboree	Ames, IA	TBA
*Oct 20	@ Chicago Women JUCO Jamboree	Whiting, IN	TBA
*Oct 28	@ North Platte Community College	North Platte, NE	2:00 PM
-Nov 2	@ Lamar Community College	McCook, NE	1:00 PM
-Nov 3	@ McCook Community College	McCook, NE	3:00 PM
Nov 6	Minnesota West Technical College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
+Nov 9	@ Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, CO	7:00 PM
+Nov 10	@ Colorado Northwestern CC	Sterling, CO	12:00 PM
Nov 13	Central Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Nov 16	@ York College	York, NE	5:30 PM
Nov 17	@ Buena Vista University	Lamoni, IA	2:00 PM
Nov 28	Southeast Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Dec 1	@ Central Community College	Columbus, NE	1:00 PM
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Dec 10	York College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
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Jan 14	Buena Vista University	Winnebago, NE	6:00 PM
Jan 16	Iowa Central Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Jan 19	Southeastern Community College	Winnebago, NE	2:00 PM
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**WIN News Deadline:
October 29th**

Winnebago Indians & Lady Indians FALL Sports Schedule

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

10/20	Lewis & Clark Tourney (20-23)	Away	TBA
10/29	Sub-Districts	TBA	TBA
11/1	Districts Finals	TBA	TBA
11/8	State (8-10) @ Lincoln	Away	TBA

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Community News

WHS Upperclassman Take FAFSA

Submitted by Mrs. Ahlers

The ASVAB test was held on Monday, October 15th. The ASVAB is an entrance exam for the military, but it also helps students to evaluate their strengths when choosing a career field. "Interested Juniors and Seniors attended the event," said Mrs. Ahlers.

The sophomore class participated in a career day at Wayne State College on Tuesday, Oct. 16. They attended sessions in the morning with actual business owners and employees from a wide variety of career areas. During the afternoon the students headed to various sessions covering topics such as job interviewing skills, future hot jobs, identity theft and goal setting. This was a huge event, there were 1200 students from large to small Northeast Nebraska high schools. What an awesome opportunity for our students!

The senior career and college readiness class will be working on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. Educationquest will be presenting information on the process and the class will begin their applications during the class period (10:00-10:51) on Friday, October 19th in the school library. Students need to have their social security number and two active email accounts. There will also be representatives from Little Priest Tribal College available to help students with this process.

We will also hold a FAFSA night on Wednesday, Oct. 24th from 4-7 PM in the school cafeteria. All seniors and their parents are welcome to attend. Representatives from the community will be available to help with the FAFSA process. Snacks and prizes will be provided.

Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Recently during a visit with a community member the subject of stormwater runoff came up in the conversation. That got me to thinking that maybe there is some confusion concerning the relationship between stormwater runoff and nonpoint source water pollution.

Nonpoint source pollution can be broken down into two categories: stormwater runoff (urban areas) and polluted runoff (all other areas, like agriculture). Stormwater runoff is excess water from rain storms or snow melt that flows off of building rooftops, driveways, lawns, streets and parking lots. These surfaces prevent water from soaking into the ground quickly. Polluted runoff occurs when rainfall, snow melt or irrigation water runs over land or through the ground, picks up stuff like oil, animal waste, fertilizer and pesticides. Both dump pollutants into our creeks and ponds or even ground water. One can begin to understand that stormwater runoff

doesn't become nonpoint source pollution; it is nonpoint source pollution. One of major causes of stream pollution in many communities.

What can one do to lessen stormwater runoff pollution? Glad you asked. Even though most stormwater management is on a larger scale, there are a few things one can do. One can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up excess from driveways and sidewalks; never dump anything down storm drains; replant bare spots in your yard; avoid using pesticides as much as possible; direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; wash your car at a car wash instead of in the driveway; check car for leaks and pick up animal waste.

If you would like more information, please call Denise Jensen, Water Quality Specialist at 402-878-4060 Ext:2 or just drop in for a visit at the Environmental Protection Department. The coffee is always on and if it's not, we will make some.

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Mr. Editor;

The people have spoken. After the show of vindictive and vicious politics it is our opinion there shouldn't be write-in candidates in our election process. Either you're in from the start or not at all.

There must be a very important lesson to be learned by us. There is a very wide and deep chasm separating our tribe. We don't know how to bridge that gap. Numerous members have said that they pray for our tribal health and well-being. But still. The creator must have something momentous in store for us and is preparing us for it. We imagine it has to do with adversity and how we can only survive as a unit. Our ancestors knew about bridging gaps and bringing the people along as a unit. We also think we made a start this past election. We have high expectations for two of the newly elected council members. Restoring equilibrium to the table took a big leap in the right direction.

The first of the month council meetings was lively and full of accusations. More than enough to go around, but do you know what? It was very distasteful. At least almost everyone showed up (at last), we all learned about debt recovery, and being in debt, who did what and even that a tribal employee is called by his first name down in Lincoln. And yes, HCI is okay. Yes, the casino is showing signs of age; she might be slowing down but don't count her out, because she can have procedures done to make her look young again from the outside in (make sense?) Fix up her outside and soon her inside will be fine.

So much has happened that we actually have hope that we aren't all going to hades in a motor boat. We listened to all the council speak after selection of officers; this process is a done deal before midnight of election day. We could hear Melton Frenchman very

clearly. We commend his integrity, and his acknowledgement of his Choka Fred. So, "Well done Mel," and congratulations newly elected council member Louis LaRose and Jim Snow (re-elected). Now the rest of us want a change of attitude, change of business ethics. We want ethics plain and simple. Not this slop that has been our fare these past months.

AND we want order in the chambers from the table as well as audience. We understand "in the heat of the discussion, but meanness is not excusable, especially when it spills into private lives and lifestyles. This kind of behavior only accentuates the chairs lack of control. It's up to the chairman to keep business flowing and on point. That is the primary duty to keep order during meetings so that emotions don't run rampant.

Furthermore, the form that members are required to fill out is, in our humble opinion, a block by the tribal council to keep members from questioning them in a formal manner and they would be required to respond like wise. This form was developed before 2015. Where in the constitution or by-laws is this stated? But this council has been pretty much accessible. They might not answer you and they might ambush you.... which brings us to another matter.

Mr. Roland Warner you still owe the McCauley family an apology. Something promised at that table to a member is to be honored as it was made as a tribal council member (now this is old school ethics and scruples.)

We heard someone mention "do not write letters concerning our finances", Good advice guys. We did not hire an outside entity to conduct our business. We elected you to do that job.

Jeanie Eagle
Ruby Bellanger

StrongHearts Native Helpline Receives Its 1,000th Call from Those Affected by Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Across Indian Country and Alaska

Calls received at helpline paint a picture of Native victims' experience and critical need for culturally-based supportive services for American Indians and Alaska Natives

AUSTIN, Texas (October 5, 2018) – In time for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) announced 1,000 callers have now reached out to the helpline for safe, confidential support and resources for domestic violence and dating violence, shining a light on the deep-rooted issues of violence plaguing Tribal communities across the United States.

Since March 2017, the StrongHearts Native Helpline has offered a culturally-appropriate space for victims, survivors, their families and friends, service providers and abusive partners to reach out for help. As a partnered effort, StrongHearts combines the technology and infrastructure of the National Domestic Violence Hotline with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's policy and programmatic expertise and community connections.

"This is a key milestone in our work to support those facing intimate partner violence, though we recognize these calls are only beginning to scratch the surface of violence in Tribal communities," said StrongHearts Assistant Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "Every call speaks to the bravery of our people in breaking the silence of violence in our homes, families and communities. For those reaching out to StrongHearts, we hear you, and we are here for you, no matter what."

Steeped in Native cultures and traditions, advocates navigate each caller's abuse situation with safety, compassion and respect. Created by and for Native American communities, StrongHearts is uniquely designed to serve a population facing some of the highest rates of domestic violence in the United States. Tribes, even as sovereign nations, face significant jurisdictional hurdles when addressing domestic violence in their communities. Gaps in culturally-based supportive services create unique barriers for Native victims seeking help. According to StrongHearts' data from its first 19 months of operations, the severity of victims' experiences is telling: more than 7 out of 10 victim-survivor callers reported experiencing more than one type of abuse (71%), including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, digital abuse, cultural abuse, and other complex situations. Nearly half of callers experiencing violence reported a child being involved in their situation (46%). The top service referral requested by victim-survivors were shelters and legal advocacy.

"Because more than four in five Native Americans experience violence in their lifetime, there is a clear need for a national, confidential and tailored resource like StrongHearts to support Native victims," said Jump. "However, we cannot do this work without the help of our relatives; every call to the helpline speaks to the need for more resources for tribally-run services for victims in Indian Country and Alaska Native communities."

In 2016, the National Institute of Justice released a study indicating more than one in three American Indian and Alaska Native women and men had experienced violence within the past year. Of those who had experienced violence, a third of Native women and one in six Native men were unable to access the supportive services they needed.

"Our advocates take calls from victims, survivors, family members and friends, service providers, youth and elders—anyone who is impacted by violence and needs help," said Jump. "Domestic violence affects everyone in our communities and each generation. We encourage anyone who needs to talk to reach out to us. Every story matters."

About StrongHearts Native Helpline

Created by and built to serve tribal communities across the United States, the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and no-cost service dedicated to serving Native American survivors of domestic violence and dating violence, along with their concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, callers can connect at no cost, one-on-one with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. After hours callers may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or call back the next business day. Learn more about StrongHearts at www.strongheartshelpline.org.

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ers don't feel rushed or squeezed, and I think that's a big competitive advantage for us," said Ben Preston, marketing manager for Ho-Chunk Inc.

FOOD FOCUSED

Pony Express continues to develop its foodservice offering. While Pony Express operates a number of programs and promotions in a unified way across its seven stores, when it comes to foodservice the chain opts for different strategies depending on the needs of each location.

"Some of our locations are more equipped and built to be the 'community hub,' while some are more traditional c-stores where people want to come in and out quickly, so we have different meal strategies for different locations," Preston said.

Two locations feature an expanded kitchen area with 10-15 tables, so guests can eat in the store. These stores offer homemade lunch specials, made in-house daily. "Just this week they had chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes, tacos and chicken noodle soup—all homemade," said Barclay.

Two other Pony Express stores feature a Cooper's Express co-branded chicken program, which the chain first introduced two years ago, and plans to expand to a third location this year.

One store features a Piccadilly Circus Pizza program, while another features a made-to-order unbranded pizza program.

All locations feature fryers for products, such as egg rolls, and offer a full roller grill program. Grab-and-go items are also available at all seven locations, including pre-made sandwiches in the cooler case as well as 'healthier items' like fruit cups and yogurt, and high-protein meat and cheese sticks. The two locations with expanded kitchens also offer pre-made salads.

While the majority of Pony Express customers are local repeat customers, most locations are set off a highway, so the chain uses billboards and other signage to alert travelers to its food programs.

LOYALTY COMMITMENT

Pony Express rolled out its loyalty program three years ago, but in 2017 it began using the program to its full potential, messaging customers and having cashiers mention the loyalty program at every transaction. The result has been a huge increase in usage among custom-

ers.

To use the Pony Express loyalty program, customers can text to enroll and use their phone number as their ID, or they can opt for a traditional plastic card.

"You can type in your phone number at the pump and your gas price will roll back by three cents a gallon," Barclay said. In addition to the fuel rollback, customers also earn points on merchandise bought in the store based on how much they spend.

"If they spend \$10 they get 10 points, and once they get 100 points that equals \$1 they can redeem in the store for free merchandise. They also earn points by gallons of fuel bought," Barclay said.

The loyalty program also offers a diesel club program popular with truckers. Not only does it offer a three cent per gallon discount on diesel, but after they use their loyalty card to buy diesel five times they get 500 points (\$5), and 10 diesel purchases gets them 1,000 points (\$10).

Pony Express is also investing in data collection and analysis.

"We're in the early stages of building those out. We've invested a lot of time in the loyalty program and now we're working to be able to track active customers, foot traffic, learn what our peak hours are and analyze the best products to offer, as well as the best times to communicate with customers, so we're investing more in the backend," Preston said.

In May, customers who used their loyalty card or number were entered into a drawing to win a road trip pack that included a \$50 gift card, a 12-pack of soda and a bag of family size chips.

On the customer-facing end, Pony Express is working to expand promotions.

"A lot of our stores, even in rural areas, are competing with the grocery stores offering gas like Walmart and Hy-Vee, so we're looking not only at how do we compete on price, but how do we make our loyalty program more valuable to our customers?" Preston said.

Currently, Pony Express is positioning for future growth. After 20 years of honing its operations and expanding to seven stores, the chain is ensuring the proper systems and infrastructure are in place to sustain operations as it moves into the future.

"Once we do get these systems in place and the infrastructure built, we'll be able to scale hopefully pretty quickly," Preston added.

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Reports To: Dean of STEM Initiatives

Purpose/Description of Position:

Assist Dean of STEM Initiatives with planning, implementation, evaluation, and reporting of research-based educational programs and events, experiential learning and community garden projects, hoop house, and recruiting, training, and managing volunteers and student interns under the LPTC Extension: Strengthening Communities through Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources Education project. This position is grant funded through August 31, 2019, but may be continued annually upon satisfactory evaluation.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assist with planning, implementation, evaluation, and reporting of research-based educational programs and events for diverse families, individuals, youth, and children with emphasis on the Winnebago and surrounding communities;
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6. Utilize a variety of delivery methods and teaching techniques, including demonstrations, electronic media, social media and other e-learning approaches, newsletters, clubs, individual and group meetings to accomplish project goals;
7. Collaborate with LPTC faculty, staff, and students in all program areas;
8. Perform other duties as necessary assigned.

Requirements/Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's Degree in related field of Agriculture and Natural resources;
2. Have a genuine interest in agriculture, health, nutrition, and sustainable lifestyles;
3. Excellent attention to detail;
4. Successful experience working with diverse, underserved populations and youth groups;
5. Demonstrated computer skills - Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and others as needed;
6. Demonstrated effective written, oral, and electronic communication skills;
7. Knowledge and experience in delivering and evaluating culturally relevant, non-formal education programs;
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9. Good judgment and ability to prioritize work in order to plan and accomplish goals;
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The Center for Rural Affairs is currently hiring for two temporary part time positions in Walthill.

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Masthead Scene

A lot of focus has been on the HoChunk Village when it comes to new Housing Development on the Winnebago Ndn Reservation, but the next time you are in town don't forget to take a spin through the Thunderway Housing. On the southern most street of the development houses are popping up faster than more mushrooms during mushroom hunting season.

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OTHER POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition has been filed and an Abandonment/Consent Hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-171 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-161

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
GAYLENE WALKER
In Re:

V. W. JR. (DOB 07/2012)
TO: AUDREY MERCER, Mother
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV18-161 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-167
In the Matter of
LOUISE THOMAS
To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held, in accordance with Winnebago Tribal Code section 2-1201 and 2-1202, in the Winnebago Tribal Court to determine if the relationship of Louise Thomas and Terry Snowball should be recognized as a common-law marriage pursuant to tribal custom and common law of the Tribe. A hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-167 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29th day of OCTOBER, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-158

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
LOU ANN MALLORY
In Re:

K. M. (DOB 05/2010)
SIERRA MALLORY, Mother
TO: JAMES SAUNSOVI, 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. CV18-157 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 29TH day of OCTOBER, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

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