

WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS

Bago Bits...



March is Women's History Month, and the Little Priest Public Library is celebrating! The theme for this month is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." Stay informed by following their Facebook Like Page: LPTC Public Library.



Congratulations to the Winnebago Public Schools Junior High Wrestling Team for a great season! On March 9th, they took to the mat for the final time this season in West Point, NE.



Thank you to the staff members at Boys and Girls Club of The Hocak Nisoc Haci for making sure their club members receive a good, hefty breakfast! Pictured is their breakfast meal from March 12th.



The weather was nice enough for construction to resume in Winnebago! Here is an updated look at the Halfway House construction project, read more construction updates in this issue.



On March 11th, Whirling Thunder Wellness Programs Lead Specialist Rob Manuel held HIIT (high intensity interval training) Training for the community. Pictured is a look at their upstairs fitness zone! Follow their Facebook page to find more work-out videos, updates, etc.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! The Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center shared a few common St. Patrick's Day terms and translated to Ho-Chunk. (Pictured is the word Rainbow: Wipamakere)

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Final Results of the Winnebago Lady Indians Basketball Championship Season



The Lady Indians gathered with Coaches Treivan Bear, Teisha Snyder, and Sky Aldrich for a group photo in the Lincoln Northeast gym after their game against Lincoln Lutheran. (Also featured in the collage is a visual recap of their Mar. 5th game at the Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, NE.)

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—The Lady Indians magical run at the NSAA State Girls Basketball tournament came to a halt during an early game against North Bend Central on March 5th.

- 1st quarter the Lady Indians hung with North Bend Central only down by 4 points.
- 2nd quarter the Lady Indians down by 10 points. North Bend Central stepped up their defense holding the Lady Indians to 6 points and extending their lead by 12 points. Heading into halftime the Lady Indians were down by 12 points.
- 3rd quarter North Bend Central had an 8-0 run.
- 4th quarter the Lady Indians could not weather the storm losing to North Bend Central 60-40.
- Final score of 60-40 win against the Lady Indians in the Class C-1 state tournament semifinals.

Senior point guard Natasha Deal led Winnebago (16-11) with 12 points. "They (North Bend Central) is a really good team, we knew it was going to be a tough game. It was a 9 o'clock game and that was new to us. They (North Bend Central) were the defending champs and had that experience over us, I think that played a factor" said Lady Indians coach Treivan Bear. North Bend Central High School went on to win this year's 2021 NSAA Class C1 Girls State Basketball Championship.

In the Class C-1 third-place game on March 6th, the Lady Indians lost their final game against Lincoln Lutheran (64-25), closing out their historical season by placing 4th-place at the NSAA State Girls Basketball tournament.

- 1st quarter the Lady Indians were down by 4 points.
- 2nd quarter the Lady Indians scored 2 points.
- 3rd quarter the Lady Indians scored 9.

• 4th quarter the Lady Indians scored 4 points losing to Lincoln Lutheran 64-25.

Senior Keisha Snyder led Winnebago with 11 points.

"The 3rd place game was another 9:00 a.m. game at Lincoln Northeast so we had to wake up a little earlier. Lincoln Lutheran was the number 2 seed. It was all good teams that we lost too. We lost to the defending champs and the number 2 seed. At the end of the last game I told the girls that there was nothing to hang your heads over, you made history you shook up the world, you took out the number 1 seed. We are still taking a trophy home" shared Bear.

This was the Lady Indians first state appearance since 1990, "We got a taste of championship basketball. We shocked the world. We know what it takes to now to compete at that level" said Bear.

Winnebago Senior Housing Complex Nearing Completion



Drone shot by Garan Coons taken in December 2020.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, Neb. – June of 2018, a fire severely damaged the previous senior citizens apartment complex building. Fortunately, the building was insured which allowed for the development of the new senior citizens apartment complex building. "The fire was severe, it showed us the age and it was not healthy. It

was apparent the building had to be replaced" said Norma Stealer Executive Director of Housing Authority of Village of Winnebago.

Development on the building has come a long way. Here is what can be anticipated at the new senior citizen apartment complex building:

12 units and of those 12 units 2 will be handicap accessible

Central air
Larger apartment space
Personal parking spot

Laundry area on both sides of the complex

Tornado shelter located in the Laundry room

Sidewalk around the complex

Area for a garden

Anticipation date for completion is July 31st.

BAGO NEWS

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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National Nutrition Month

THURSDAY
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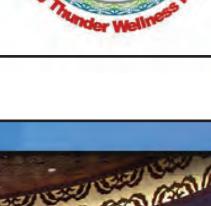
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Nutrition Health Promotion

WHERE: Whirling Thunder Parking Lot

Join us in celebrating National Nutrition Month!

- 1 Low Carb meal bundle will be distributed Curbside to participants attending this event. Participants required to complete a brief survey.
 - Event is limited to the Winnebago Community members only
 - Meal bundles limited to the first 100 families
- For questions or more information
please contact Mary Kelsey at 402.922.2124 or
mary.kelsey@winnebagotribe.com



JOBS

JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Comp. Focused - HR Projects Specialist	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Compliance & Ethics Program Director	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Contract Administrator & Writer I	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Contract Analyst I - Bellevue, NE	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Customer Service Rep	Flatwater Trading	Bellevue, NE
Database Administrator Supervisor	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Director of Human Resources	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Office/Timekeeping Clerk	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Payroll Specialist	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Sales Representative	HCI Logistics	Bellevue, NE
Team Member	Pony Express	Emerson, NE
IT Systems Engineer	WarHorse Gaming	Lincoln, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Rosalie/Sloan/Winnebago
Team Member (2) PT	Pony Express	Rosalie, NE
Staff Architect	BluStone Architectural	Sioux City, IA
Team Member (2) PT	Pony Express	Sloan, IA
Construction Manager/Estimator	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Project Manager Assistant	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Senior Superintendent	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Shop Tech Delivery	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Team Manager II (Café Manager)	Sweetwater Café III	South Sioux City, NE
Food Service & Team Members	Heritage Foottown	Walthill, NE
Ambassadors (2) PT	Thunder Ridge Solutions	Winnebago, NE
Assistant Team Manager	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
Education and Youth Coordinator	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Enrollment Clerk	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Groundskeeper & Housekeeper	HCI Management Services	Winnebago, NE
Team Member PT	Pony Express & Pony Market	Winnebago, NE
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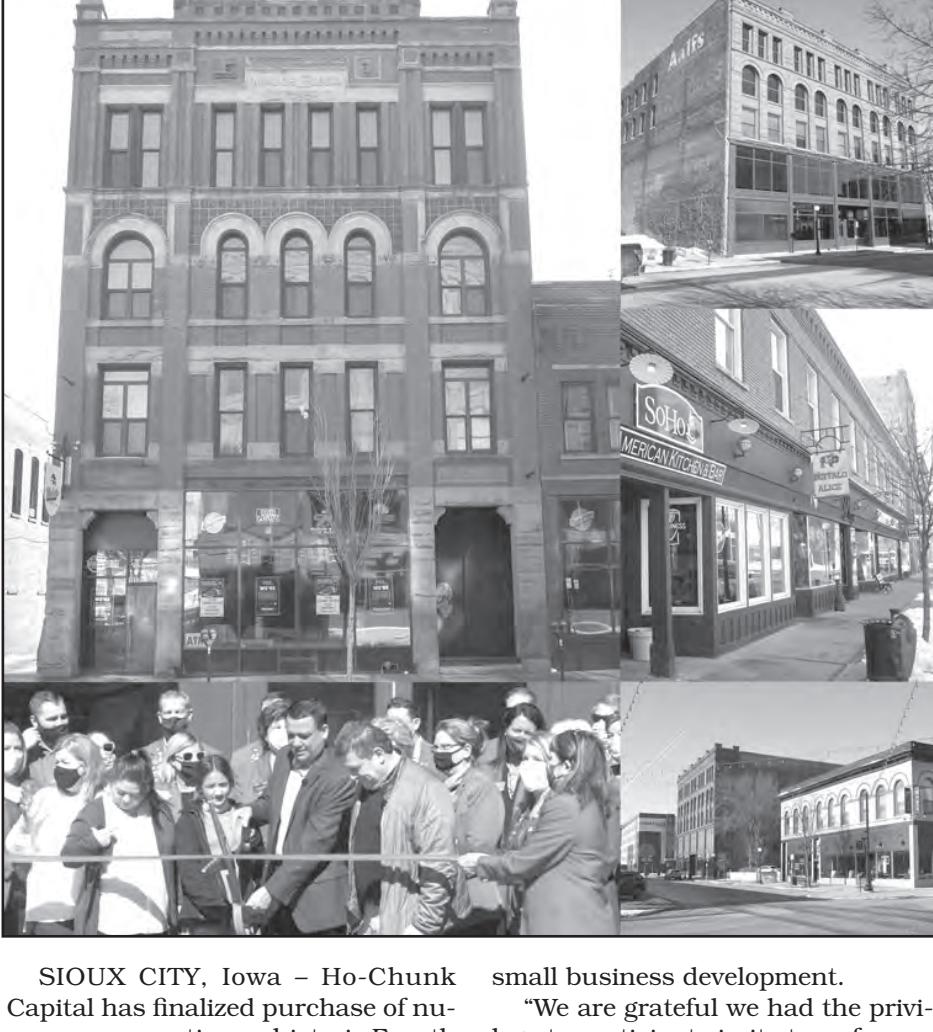
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Next WIN News Deadline:
March 30th

TRIBAL NEWS

Ho-Chunk Capital announces major purchase of Historic 4th Street Sioux City properties



SIOUX CITY, Iowa – Ho-Chunk Capital has finalized purchase of numerous properties on historic Fourth Street from Sioux City's Aalfs family, including their landmark office building.

The parcels amount to 78,527 square feet, and feature a vibrant mix of current tenants, including bars, offices, shops and restaurants on the 1000 block of historic Fourth Street. The deal closed March 5, 2021.

"We look forward to preserving and revitalizing these historic downtown properties," said Dennis Johnson, CEO of Ho-Chunk Capital. "This purchase symbolizes Ho-Chunk Capital's growing investment in the future of Sioux City. We are honored to work with the Aalfs family to continue local ownership."

Ho-Chunk Capital – a division of Ho-Chunk, Inc. – has emerged as the region's leading real estate developer in recent years, including major investments in downtown Sioux City and the Flatwater Crossing master-planned community in South Sioux City.

The Aalfs family were central figures in helping revitalize the downtown area previously known as "Lower Fourth" into what is now Historic Fourth Street.

Jack Aalfs said they wanted to preserve the historic integrity of the area while also offering an opportunity for

small business development.

"We are grateful we had the privilege to participate in its transformation to 'Historic Fourth,'" Aalfs said. "The decision to sell our properties was not an easy one, so it was important to us to find a buyer that shared our commitment to Sioux City and its history. We believe that Ho-Chunk Capital has demonstrated that commitment, and we are excited for the future of Historic Fourth in their hands."

In addition to the five-story Aalfs building at 1005 Fourth St., the purchase includes adjacent parcels of 1019-23 Fourth St., 1014 Fourth St., 1016-24 Fourth St. and 1010-12 Fourth St. Some commercial tenants at these properties include Buffalo Alice, Antiques on Historic Fourth, M's on 4th and SoHo Kitchen & Bar.

Ho-Chunk Capital will develop long-term plans to preserve and renovate the buildings to historic standards and create new opportunity for commercial and residential tenants. The oldest building dates back to 1885.

Ho-Chunk Capital's real estate investments help generate long-term revenue for Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s mission. The company reinvests in the Winnebago Tribe among shared priorities of housing, employment, youth, education and elders.

Nebraska Class C-1 All Tourney Team: #1 Natasha Deal & #23 Keisha Snyder



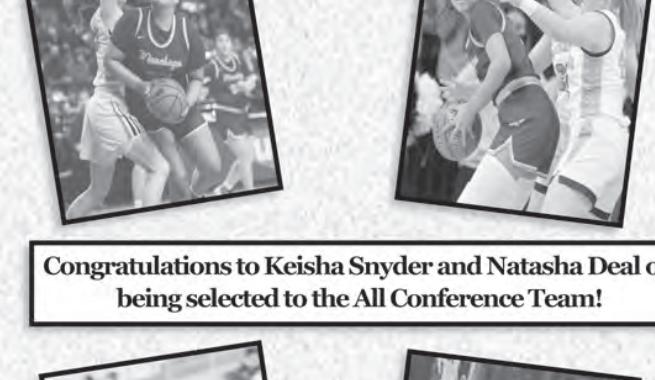
Congratulations to our very own Natasha Deal and Keisha Snyder who were selected for the Nebraska Class C-1 All Tourney Team. (Natasha Deal was selected by the Lincoln Journal Star and #23 Keisha Snyder was selected by the Omaha World Herald.)

Winnebago Boys Basketball: All Conference Honorable Mention All Conference



Congratulations to Kellen Crossbear and Anthony Earth on being selected for the All Conference team! Congratulations to Caleb Kearnes and Dyami Berridge on being selected as Honorable Mention All Conference!

Winnebago Lady Indians All Conference Team & Honorable Mention All Conference



Congratulations to Keisha Snyder and Natasha Deal on being selected to the All Conference Team!



Congratulations to Madeline Cleveland and Lakaylah Kearnes on being selected as Honorable Mention All Conference!

2021 AAU STATE CHAMPION



Congratulations to Zeriah George on her victory win in Kearney, NE. on March 13th, 2021. George pinned her opponent in 33 seconds! She has earned a spot on the Nebraska Girls National Team and will wrestle at the Twin River Duals in Des Moines, IA. (April 1-3, 2021)

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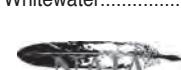
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Garden Update

Week of March 8, 2021



Kathleen Cue, Horticulture Extension Educator in Dodge County

Using Annual and Perennial Flowers to Boost Curb Appeal

When we think of flowering annuals and perennials as limited resources, using them wisely contributes to maximizing curb appeal. After all, not everyone has unlimited budgets or time to have flower color everywhere.

A word about the color green—green piques our interest in the winter and early spring landscapes, most notably because there is so little of it around (think evergreens and patches of lawn showing through the snow.) That perspective changes as landscapes green up in the spring and THEN green switches from being a focal point to becoming a background color. This transition is important because flowers show to their best advantage when placed in front of a backdrop of green.

Landscape design aspires to take its cues from Mother Nature, with an over-story—consisting of large and medium sized trees; an understory—utilizing small trees and large and medium sized shrubs; and groundcover made up of small shrubs, annuals, and perennials. This makes annual and perennial flowers important components in land-

scape design.

Annual flowers need to be planted every year, but on the plus side, they reward us with season long color. The most important place to use annuals, regardless if they are in containers or planted in the ground, is near the front door. From the perspective of the curb, the front door is the focal point, and the season long flowers annuals provide mean colors will continue to draw attention to the front door.

Perennial flowers, with their winter hardiness, are blooming showstoppers, even though flowering lasts about two weeks each year. Perennials can and should be added to flowering plant masses near the front door, but one or two plants alone do not provide the massing necessary for the orchestration of color season long. In cases where space is limited, grouping a few perennials with an annual or two helps to boost the level of color while providing a backdrop of green.

Annual and perennial flowers don't just look pretty—they benefit pollinators and songbirds, contribute to biodiversity, act as a guide as we move through landscapes, elicit emotions of joy and calm, and reinforce focal points. While planning your gardening season, remember to add flowers to your list!

Garden Update

For week of March 15, 2021



Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator

Vole Damage

"What are these trails in my lawn?" This is a common question once snows recede. Pathways interspersed throughout the lawn are an indication of the presence of voles. What are voles, you ask? Voles are rodents with an appearance very similar to mice except for their tails which are about 1 inch long. Voles are granivores and paths may be more apparent around bird feeders, where fallen seed attracts them.

Voles create trails on the soil surface, beneath the snow layer, to stay out of the watchful eyes of predators. They are active throughout the winter, thus providing a surprise to unaware home dwellers when snows melt. Two things contribute to the trails they make. Voles will chew off the turfgrass leaves and crown to make their way through and they also tend to run in single file, wearing down thatch and anything else in their way. The turf loss is alarming but not permanent especially once the growing season returns and then the grass fills in.

Vole damage can be a concern, however, if rock retaining walls are a part of the landscape. Vole tunneling behind rock retaining walls can undermine the structural stability, causing wall collapse. In addition to tunneling, vole feeding can cause permanent damage to fruit trees, new trees and planted bulbs. As seeds and grains become scarce in later winter months, voles will resort to eating tulip bulbs and

roots and crowns of trees. Young trees, having limited root systems, will have significant dieback and even death from vole feeding.

Regular snap traps, baited with peanut butter and birdseed, will manage vole populations. Traps should be placed perpendicular to their trails, with the trap snapping towards the trail. Snap traps will work just fine if there are no pets that can accidentally get caught in them, otherwise a box trap will be a better choice. Box traps are live traps, no bait needed, and placed in the pathway itself. Check the box trap regularly, relocating caught voles to new locations or dropping the trap into a bucket of water to drown them.

Keep in mind the mighty-but-small shrew will enter vole tunnels with the express purpose of eating voles. If you should capture one of these little guys in a box trap, be sure to release them back into the yard to continue their work. They may be a lot smaller than voles but that doesn't deter shrews from making quick work of them. Mulch piled against the bark of trees and shrubs affords voles the opportunity to do damage to roots and trunks. Mulch should be piled no higher than four inches and never against the base of trees and shrubs. Hang bird feeders over paved surfaces and periodically sweep up fallen seed to remove food sources that attract voles.

More information about voles and their management may be found at: <https://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/html/g887/build/g887.htm>

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Would that you were cold or hot!"

Have you ever wondered what Jesus, the Son of God, would say if He would talk to you today? Jesus revealed His words through John, one of his disciples, while John was exiled due to his faith in Jesus on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea.

Jesus addressed seven churches in Asia Minor (present day Turkey). One of these churches was in the city of Laodicea. Jesus directed John: 'And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write, "These things says the Amen, the witness, the faithful and true one, the source of the creation of God: 'I know your works, namely, that you are neither cold or hot. Would that you were cold or hot!' [The Revelation of Jesus Christ 3:14-15]'

Bo Giertz writes: 'In Christ's eyes, a half-hearted Christian can be considered worse than not being a Christian at all. He spews these words out of His mouth as if it were something that was repulsive, distasteful, and sickening' [To Live with Christ.] Bo Grietz.

Grietz continues: 'How does a half-hearted Christian behave? He feels prosperous and content. He has everything he needs. He doesn't feel the need for revival or the need for self-sacrifice, no more church or Communion. What we have here is a moderate amount of religion. He isn't fanatic or excessive. He doesn't like those who eagerly support more warmth and life in the congregation. Everything is just fine as it is.'

Grietz doesn't stop there. 'Jesus says that what you don't realize is that it's you who are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked! What you need is eye salve, the Spirit's ointment that allows you to discover what a sufficient dose of Christianity is: loving God above all else and your neighbor as yourself. He who sees this also sees his own poverty

and nakedness. He starts looking for the "gold refined by fire" that exists only with Christ, that was purified in the fire of suffering when He took our sins with Him into death's melting pot. He can give us garments that are the righteousness of God--the poor become rich, the naked are clothed, and the frozen are warmed. There is nothing in between.'

Jesus continues his letter to the church at Laodicea: 'All whom I love I myself reprove and discipline. Be zealous, then, and repent! Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone should hear my voice and should open the door, then I will enter to be with him, and I will dine with him and he with me' [The Revelation of Jesus Christ 3:19-20].

Jesus concludes with these words: 'The one who conquers, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, even as I myself have conquered and have sat down with my Father on his throne. The one who has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the churches' [The Revelation of Jesus Christ 3:21-22].

Jesus is the one who conquered sin, death and the power of the devil when He rose victorious on the third day following his suffering and death on the cross. Jesus offers to share with you in His victory and in His glory! How does one also conquer sin, death and the power of the devil? Through faith in what Jesus has done. To those who repent of their sin, who listen to the Holy Spirit and place their trust in Jesus' saving work have the blessed assurance of the forgiveness of sin.

Some day those who place their faith in Jesus, not half-hearted faith - but ALL-IN faith, will also share Christ's glory in His kingdom and will eat of the tree of life in God's paradise. Oh that we were there! Yes, oh that we were there!

Thank You...

Hello everyone! I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits today. I would like to take a little time to say thank you and acknowledge the Winnebago Tribes Health Department. I am grateful and thankful to Denelle Smith and Mona Zuffante along with their entire team, for all of their hard work and dedication they have put forth so far in making sure our membership is being vaccinated against the Covid-19 Pandemic. I appreciate everyone's humble efforts to ensure the tribes numbers regarding this virus stay low or become nonexistent very soon.

I feel with everyone's continued support and collaborative efforts in working together they will continue to make ground in this very important endeavor. I feel everyone involved have all gone above and beyond the call of duty, I for one would like to say job well done and thank you. Be well!

Roland Warner

Star Student from Mrs. Lange's Class:



This month our star student is Jason Hulit. Jason is a wonderful role model and fantastic listener in the classroom. He always tries his hardest on everything that we are learning in our class. Jason follows directions every time he is asked to do something. He has improved on his reading and math skills so much this year! Jason is not afraid to try new things, and

this shows in his learning of his letter sounds, sight words and solving equations. He is kind to all of the friends in our class, and welcomes new friends. Jason amazes me every day with his kindness, compassionate heart and determination.

From Angel, Jason's mom:

Jason has become very determined to learn more, since school has started, thank you Mrs. Lange. He comes home daily excited to share with us what he had learned that day. And will take it upon himself to individually sit with each of us and ask certain math questions, trying to challenge all of us. His favorite seems to be Math and Reading Eggs. When the weekend comes, he counts the days till he comes back. I thought it was pretty funny that when the calendar changed, he told me he was SUPER excited that he gets to go to school for 5 days now instead of 4. (I wish all my kids were like him haha) but overall, I am super proud of how much he has grown academic wise and just being in a routine every day. Thank you once again Mrs. Lange for your patience and the help you have every day with our students.

Hocak Corner

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

February 1, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Lorelei DeCorra
Rona Stealer
Coly Brown
Aric Armell
John Snowball
Thelma Whitewater
Louis LaRose
Brian Chamberlain

OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer
Garan Coons
Brandon Stout
Kellie Snow
Erika Dunn
Char Richardson
Tyresha Wolfe
Teresa Littlegeorge

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Thelma Whitewater offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

1-19-21 Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 19, 2021 Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

1-20-21 General Counsel meeting minutes

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the January 20, 2021 General Counsel meeting minutes as amended from Enrollment Code to Enrollment Guidelines. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

1-21-21 CEO Report meeting minutes

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 21, 2021 CEO Report meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

1-22-21 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 22, 2021 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Adopt resolution #21-58A: Amending FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation).

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-58A: Amending FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation).

Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Adopt resolution #21-63: FY 2021 – Winnebago Career and Technical Education Program Project.

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #21-63: FY 2021 – Winnebago Career and Technical Education Program Project.

Thelma Whitewater seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Gaming Commission Members

Rona Stealer motioned to appoint Tanya Baker, Keely Purscell, and Damon Payer appointed to the Gaming Commission. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

OBJECT: Thelma Whitewater

VOTE: (6) yes, LD, RS, CB, LLR, JSB, BC (2) no, AA, TW (0) abstain Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CV20-004: In the Winnebago Supreme Court of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Discussion only.

Council member Coly Brown acknowledges our Winnebago Girls Wrestling first place winner Zeriah George and fourth place winner Darian Earth.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn.

Rona Stealer seconded

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Teresa Littlegeorge,
Executive Assistant*

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCorra, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Winnebago Tribal Council

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

February 25, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Rona Stealer
Lorelei DeCorra
Brian Chamberlain
Louis LaRose
Thelma Whitewater
John Snowball
Coly Brown
Aric Armell
OTHERS PRESENT:

Teresa Littlegeorge

Brandon Stout

Garan Coons

Erika Dunn

Tanya Baker

Carla Kai

Esther Mercer

Manoj Patil

Keely Purscell

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Lorelei DeCorra offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Additions: Thelma Whitewater - Off

reservation voting

Brian Chamberlain – Workplace

violence

John Snowball – Bryce Anderson

Land Purchase

Victoria Kitcheyan – Heating and

Cooling Discussion

Aric Armell – Main Road through

Winnebago

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ap-

prove the agenda with the additions.

Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

February 1, 2021 Regular Tribal

Council meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the

February 1, 2021 Regular Tribal Council

meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

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Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Bryce Anderson Land Purchase John Snowball would like to bring back to the table the purchase of the land of Bryce Anderson with the presentation from Aaron LaPointe.

Brain Chamberlain motioned to authorize John Snowball to take all action necessary to preserve the acquisition process of the Bryce Anderson Land purchase.

Coly Brown seconded.

(Lorelei stepped away during the vote)

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Heating and Cooling Assistance Discussion Only. Only \$108,000.00 BIA COVID19 funds

Rona Stealer suggests elders who are homeowners should have priority.

Victoria Kitcheyan suggests elders and homes with children.

Aric Armell suggests elders who own their own home.

Thelma Whitewater suggests that the contractors evaluate the need before the repair is done. Base it on what is needed.

Main Road through Winnebago Pot holes, water build up and ice on Highway 77-75. There was a plan to re-do the roads through Winnebago. Would like to get an update from Ron Nohr and/or the CFO to let the people know what's going on. When we can expect the highway to be finished.

Aric Armell motion to add an update of Highway 77-75 to the CEO Report.

Brian Chamberlain seconded.

(Rona stepped away during the vote)

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

8-0-0

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Littlegeorge,

Executive Assistant

CONCUR:

Lorelei DeCorra, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Winnebago Tribal Council

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Add an action item:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to suspend the rules to add Gaming commission action item. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct gaming Commission to prepare and provide the following documentation for the upcoming Joint Meeting with the Winnebago Tribal Council:

Gaming Commission Attendance Records from the past two years

Complaints from the past two years

Gaming Commissioner Schedules for each coming month

Gaming Commission Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Scheduling Quarterly Meetings with the Tribal Council instead of monthly updates

Seconded by Louis LaRose.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

HEMP UPDATE: March 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Temporary Hemp Commission expires 3/1/21.

Thelma Whitewater motioned to adopt Resolution #21-70: Extending the term of the Temporary Hemp Oversight and Licensing Commission appointed by Resolution #21-22 Extending the term of the temporary hemp oversight and licensing commission appointed by resolution #21-22 until a permanent Hemp Commission is formed and appointed.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize to advertise for the Hemp Commission for 30 days. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE:

[Lorelei out at 2:20 p.m., VK & RS taking minutes]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to request General Counsel exploration of language for strengthening of workplace violence code. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

HEARTH ACT:

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 2021

Educare Winnebago Head Start & Early Head Start Program Is now actively Recruiting for our 2021-2022 school year.

Head Start/Early Head Start is a federal program for preschool children, infants & toddlers from low-income families. Head Start/Early Head Start, provide children with activities that help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally & physically. Services are offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. Your Head Start/Early Head Start child will be examined by skilled professionals for any health problems including vision, hearing and dental.

Educare classroom size for infant & toddlers is 8 infants/toddlers with 3 staff, Head Start is 17 children and 3 staff. Educare staff members offer your child love, acceptance, understanding & the opportunity to learn & to experience success. Your child will leave Head Start more prepared for kindergarten, excited about learning and ready to succeed.

Give us a call at 402 878-4370 to fill out an application, ask for Barbara or Cassandra

Head Start/Early Head Start will need a copy of your child's:

Birth Certificate

Immunization record

Medicaid card/insurance information/SNAP number/Commodity Case number/ TANF Case number & WIC ID (all that apply)

Child Care Subsidy Verification (if enrolled)

Tribal enrollment (if enrolled- not a requirement)

Parent/Guardian:

Income (W2 from previous year, no income verification, 12 month check stub, SSI documentation, or Foster Care/placement documents

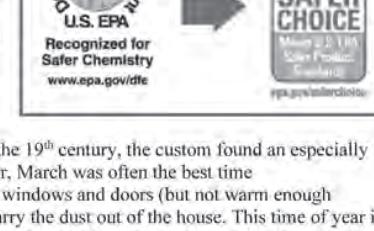
Two forms of address verification

An update from Winnebago Housing and Development Commission:

Hello My name is Rena Brownrigg, I am the new WHDC/ERA program Coordinator with the Winnebago Housing and Development Commission (WHDC), Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERA), I would like to inform the community that we have received funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance program, COVID-19 assistance. If you have been directly or indirectly impacted from this COVID-19 Pandemic, and have fallen behind in rent, and or utilities, please come down to the Winnebago Housing and Development Commission (WHDC) and apply, I will help you every step of the way, my mission is to help you, so that we can have a fresh start in the year ahead.

Contact me at phone # is 402-922-1145

Rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com



Spring is on its way! With spring, comes, spring-cleaning. Why spring-cleaning?

The term "spring cleaning" can be traced, back to the Persian New Year, which falls on the first day of spring. Iranians continue the practice of *khaneh rekani* literally meaning, "shaking the house". Everything in the house is thoroughly cleaned, from the drapes to the furniture. Other historians cite the origins of spring-cleaning to the ancient Jewish practice of thoroughly cleansing the home in anticipation of the springtime festival of Passover. In North America and northern Europe of the 19th century, the custom found an especially practical value. Prior to the advent of the vacuum cleaner, March was often the best time for dusting because it was getting warm enough to open windows and doors (but not warm enough for insects to be a problem), and the high winds could carry the dust out of the house. This time of year is also when coal furnaces would not run and one could wash the soot from the walls and furniture left by the furnace. For the same reason, modern rural households often use the month of March for cleaning projects involving the use of chemical products, which generate fumes.

Today the tradition continues and for good reason. Spring-cleaning has many beneficial effects such as reducing stress levels and making you feel calmer when at home. A good spring-cleaning not only freshens up your living space but can also lift your mood.

Just as important as your mental health is your physical health. Spring-cleaning will help to remove dust and pollutants that can affect your indoor air quality. When it comes to cleaning products, fragrance equals chemicals. In fact, that pine or citrus fresh scent we have come to associate with a clean home is actually just a mask for the chemicals and harsh cleaning agents underneath.

Opt for fragrance-free or unscented products. The last thing you want is to unknowingly pollute the air with the petroleum-based chemicals in the very products you are using to clean with! The EPA put together a list of "Safer Choice" cleaners that are both effective in cleaning and safe for your environment. You can find this list at - <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products> or you can simply look for the label while you shop.

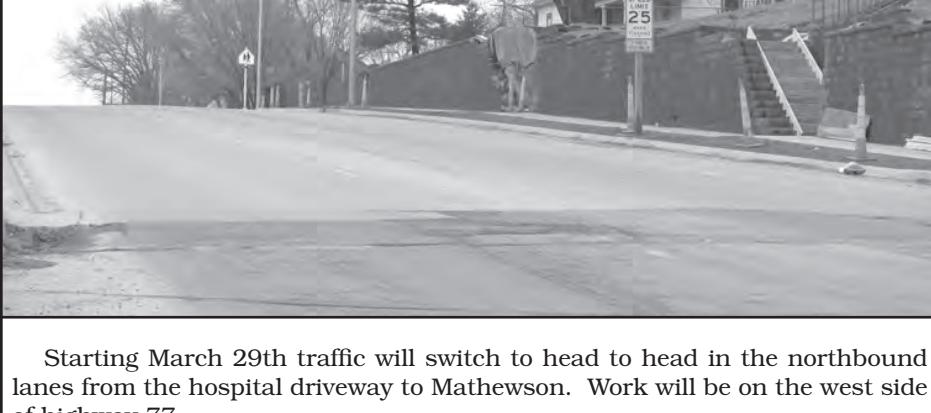
Here are some suggestions to add to your spring-cleaning list.

- Dust ceiling fans and light fixtures.
- Clean windowsills and window tracks.
- Vacuum curtains and window blinds.
- Wipe down baseboards, and dust corners for cobwebs.
- Test batteries in all your smoke detectors.
- Disinfect doorknobs, cabinet handles and light switches.
- Do not forget to change your furnace filter.

Be healthy and be happy!

Kurt Lyons – Air Quality Specialist, WTN EPD

March 2021 Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community



Starting March 29th traffic will switch to head to head in the northbound lanes from the hospital driveway to Mathewson. Work will be on the west side of highway 77.

The area from Mathewson to Mercer Street will be started first. Mathewson Street will close during this time but Mercer will remain open to thorough traffic.

Upon completion of the removals from Mathewson to Mercer, an area from the south end of the project to half of the Police/Firehall driveway will be removed.

Emergency services will use the half of the drive that is uninterrupted. Work on the steps will continue this week and those should be completed the week of March 22. Midwest can measure for the step railing when they are onsite installing the fence on the retaining walls and box culvert.

The best access to the post office and tribal center will be parking in the rear walking around the south side of the block and then north to the doors. Parking across the street and walking directly across will not be allowed.

USDA Extends Application Deadline for the Quality Loss Adjustment Program

LINCOLN, Nebraska, March 5, 2021

– The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline from March 5 to April 9 for agricultural producers to apply for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program because of recent winter storms and some clarifications to program rules. This program assists producers who suffered crop quality losses due to qualifying 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.

"Because of recent winter storms and some program updates, we want to provide five additional weeks for producers to apply for the program," said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). "I want to make sure eligible producers have the opportunity to apply and to work with our team members to help with any questions. We recently clarified policy to ensure producers who sold grain to the feed market due to quality issues are adequately compensated."

About the Program

The QLA program assists producers whose eligible crops suffered quality losses due to qualifying drought, excessive moisture, flooding, hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, or wildfires. In Nebraska, the program may be most relevant for crop quality losses due to flooding and excessive moisture conditions in 2019.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, except for grazed crops and value loss crops, such as honey, aquaculture, floriculture, Christmas trees, and turfgrass sod. Additionally, crops that were

sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible.

Assistance is available in counties that received a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation, or for drought, a county rated by the U.S. Drought monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) or higher. Producers in counties that did not receive a qualifying declaration or designation may still apply but must also provide supporting documentation.

FSA will issue payments once the application period ends. If the total amount of calculated QLA payments exceeds available program funding, payments will be prorated.

More Information

FSA began accepting applications on January 6 and has received more than 8,100 applications nationally so far.

To apply, contact your local USDA Service Center. Additional information is also available at farmers.gov/quality-loss. Producers can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

While USDA offices are currently closed to visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To conduct business, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV21-037

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
LAURA FREE
to LAURA ZACH

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV21-037 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5TH day of APRIL, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV21-041AB

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
TERESA PARKER

In Re:
A. T. (Born 4/2013)
E. R. (Born 3/2016)

TO: KENDALL WHITE EYES MCCAULEY, Father
ELYAS ROBERTS JR., Father
All POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-041AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of APRIL, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. JFJ21-009AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:

M. S. (Born 1/2008)
C. S. (Born 9/2009)
Brenda Payer, Mother

To: ROGER LOVE, Father
JAKE MAXWELL, Father

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-009AB. You have 20 days from the date of publication to file a responsive pleading. Failure to file such a responsive pleading within the time period could result in a default judgment being entered against you. Said pleading shall be filed with the Civil Clerk of the Winnebago Tribal Court, P.O. Box 626, Winnebago, Nebraska 68071

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Deadline:

March 30th

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...

As of 03-16-2021, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.

COMMUNITY SURVEY



We are planning the future
for the Winnebago Tribe
and need your input!



5-Year and 10-Year Comprehensive Plans
Community Survey:

Dear Tribal Members,

In October of last year, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska retained Blue Stone Strategy Group to develop Five-year and Ten-year Comprehensive Strategic Plan. Strategic planning is valuable as it provides focus and alignment for the Tribe and its various departments, programs, and entities on a vision for the future. Strategic plans ensure clarity of purpose and allow focused goals and objectives to be formed that will best accomplish the vision.

It is critical that we provide our Tribal members a voice in this process and an opportunity to participate. The responses received will ensure that our Tribal Leadership is making informed decisions for our Tribe's continued success in delivering quality services and resources to our members as well as leveraging important opportunities now and for our future generations. Individual responses will be kept confidential, data shared will be aggregate data of all respondents.

We would appreciate Tribal and community member participation in the process by taking the Community Survey and by signing up for the small focus group meetings which will be held via phone or virtually at a later point. The surveys will be available online. If you are an elder who needs assistance in completing the survey on-line please contact the Planning and Development Office at 402-878-4120, and we will arrange for someone to assist you.

Only one survey can be completed per device (laptop, computer, phone). You will receive a notification that the survey has been completed if you try to access after submitting your responses. For online access, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXFWTRY>

Or scan the QR Code with your mobile phone camera:



Blue Stone Strategy Group will be coordinating the small focus group meetings in early April. Please look forward to upcoming announcements on how and where to participate in these activities. We want to hear your perspective to help us plan for our future as a Tribe.

Thank you,
Victoria Kitcheyan
Chairwoman



\$55,000

Jeep & Cash Giveaway

Every Saturday in March
6pm to 10pm

Win a brand new **2021 Jeep Wrangler!** Play the **Mountain of Cash Game.** Roll the dice up the mountain and you can win a **2021 Jeep Wrangler!** We'll draw one winner every 30 minutes. Nine winners each drawing day can win their share of **\$55,000 in cash and prizes!**

*If no one reaches the top of the mountain, then we'll draw one winner for the 2021 Jeep Wrangler on Saturday, March 27th after 10pm.



*Picture shown may not represent actual prize.



Lucky Leprechaun

Scratch to Win!

Every Friday in March
8am to 11:59pm



Win up to **\$500 in Free Play!**
Every Friday swipe your ClubWinn card at the kiosk and you can win **\$5 to \$500 in Free Play** by scratching your way to winning. Everyone is a guaranteed winner!

SPIRAL SLICED HAM GIVEAWAY

Friday or Saturday, March 19 or 20
12pm to 7pm



Earn 75 same day points and receive a Spiral Sliced Ham!
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