



# WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS

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## Bago Bits...



Charli Earth going up for 2 against Lincoln East in Class A Semifinals down in Lincoln, NE. Unfortunately, they came up short.



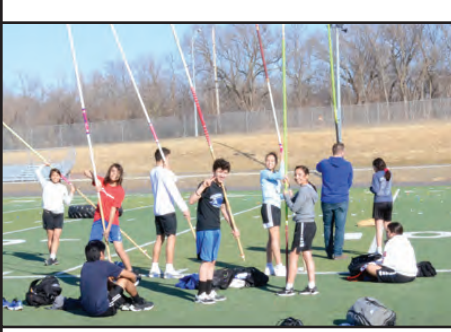
Who remembers these guys during this time, Winnebago Indians 1996 volleyball team. More throwback photos in this issue.



When is the last time we've seen gas prices this low? With all the shut downs due to COVID-19, the price of gas is sort of encouraging for people not to stay home.



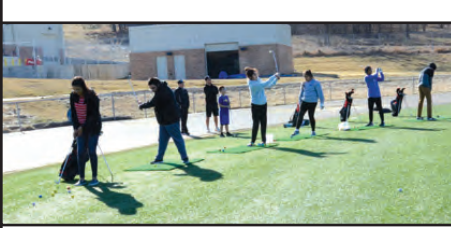
For National Nutrition Month, the WTWC held a poker walk for the community members with prizes, free t-shirts and a free lunch.



Winnebago track and field students practicing the pole vault for the upcoming season.



Who would have thought that in the year 2020 consumers would be fighting over toilet paper?



Here is the Winnebago Golf Program practicing. They now have 6 boys and 3 girls joined in golf. No practice until March 30th and their first meet has been cancelled on April 1st due to the shut down.

## Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Takes Action In Pandemic Crisis



March 17, 2020  
 Dear Winnebago Tribal Members,  
 As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt personal and work life for our community, we have found ourselves facing a distinctive challenge. After careful consideration and meeting with our department head directors, emergency management office, and other pertinent personnel, The Winnebago Tribal Council has made the difficult, yet responsible, decision to shutdown non-essential departments and all tribal activities effective immediately through Friday, March 27, 2020. In an effort to avoid disruption of services for community members,

the Winnebago Tribe will continue to provide essential services during this shutdown. Essential service departments will be available through phone and/or email. A complete list of services and departments that are functioning in a limited capacity can be found at: [www.winnebagotribe.com](http://www.winnebagotribe.com)  
 It is the Tribe's position that no employee should find themselves at a disadvantage as a result of a pandemic. Each Tribal entity is encouraged to employ necessary measures to ensure that their employees are able to access applicable or flexible options regarding compensation, employment benefits, and public resources.

We encourage all tribal members to continue to practice preventative measures such as social distancing and frequently washing of your hands, etc., in an attempt to avoid and slow the progress of the COVID-19. It is highly recommended that children & elderly remain at home and out of public places as much as possible.  
 We will continue to provide updates as they become available.  
 Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work together.  
 Winnebago Tribal Council

## WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FIGHTS AGAINST COVID-19



WINNEBAGO, NE. – COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus, has been a growing concern across the nation. The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS), which is comprised of the Winnebago Public Health Department (WPHD) and Twelve Clans Unity Hospital (TCUH), is taking aggressive measures to ensure the health and well-being of the entire Winnebago Community.

**About COVID-19**  
 COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a new Coronavirus strain that was first detected in Wuhan, China. It has now spread to the United States and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed that it can be transmitted from person-to-person. Spread is possible from individuals who are within 6 feet of one another or through respiratory droplets from coughs or sneezes. Signs of the virus can appear 2-14 days after exposure and include a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, and shortness of breath. An individual can spread COVID-19 before they start to show symptoms.

**Facility Safety**  
 Throughout Winnebago, measures have been put in place to prepare and prevent this illness. At TCUH, all patients and visitors must to enter through the East (Emergency Room) entrance only. Facility-wide screenings began for any persons entering the building to determine if they are showing any signs of illness or have been in contact with a person with COVID-19. If a patient or visitor does show signs, they are asked to wear a mask.

**Pharmacy Department**  
 Additionally, the Pharmacy Department has temporarily moved away from 30-day prescription refills to providing a 90-day supply instead. Local residents can also get their prescription refills mailed to them by calling (402) 878-3692 (controlled substances will still require an in-person visit). This precautionary measure limits the frequency

of patient visits and helps ensure the safety of patients. Community members have also been asked to limit the number of visitors accompanying them into the facility if possible.

**Health Information Management (HIM) Department**

If you are needing to obtain your medical records, please call the HIM Department at (402) 878-3682. Medical Records can be mailed or faxed to patients.

**Senior Citizen Center**

For WPHD, it is vital to limit the risk of exposure to the elderly population. As a precautionary measure, the Senior Citizen Center is closed beginning March 18th, 2020 for at least two weeks. Meals will still be available for all seniors via delivery or curbside pick-up. For information or questions regarding the Senior Citizen Center, please call (402) 878-2487.

**Whirling Thunder Wellness Center**

Whirling Thunder Wellness Center has also put in place new short-term regulations for the facility. Only adults 19 years old and older will have access to the workout rooms. A maximum of three people exercising at a time is allowed, with time limited to one hour. Increased sanitization standards have been applied with continual cleanings.

**Winnebago Dental Clinic**

The Winnebago Dental Clinic is also only open for dental emergencies. All regular appointments will be rescheduled for a later date. After much consideration, it has been decided that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be postponed until next year.

**Additional Preparation**

As an organization, WCHS established an internal workgroup that has met regularly since January to monitor and ensure the appropriate measures are in place if this illness becomes a community-spread issue. Employees have access to personal protective supplies should a patient be suspected of the virus. The necessary training, testing, and drills have been planned and

executed in preparation. The hospital is equipped with negative pressure rooms that are suitable for patients needing isolation.

**COVID-19 Hotline**

A COVID-19 hotline has been established to call if a person suspects they are sick or has any questions. Community members can call (402) 922-1508 to reach this service. The Health Department has also provided education to the community on hand-washing, cleaning, and isolation measures if a person becomes sick. These presentations and updates can be found by visiting the Winnebago Tribe's YouTube page or searching for the Winnebago Public Health Department or Twelve Clans Unity Hospital on Facebook.


**Community Health Updates**

As of Tuesday, March 17th, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our immediate area. The safety measures we've put in place are for the best interest of the community. We will continue our path to improve the well-being of the community by providing patient-centered health care that is respectful of tribal beliefs.

About the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System: WCHS is operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and consists of two divisions. Twelve Clans Unity Hospital is a 13-bed state-of-the-art healthcare facility that serves an estimated 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. Health care services provided by the hospital include an ambulatory care clinic, inpatient care, express care clinic, pharmacy, radiology, emergency care, medical laboratory, physical therapy, social services, and more. The Winnebago Public Health Department strives to create and maintain a healthy community by providing a wide range of total health and wellness programs. These programs include physical, mental, safety, and social services that benefit the Winnebago community.




# BAGO NEWS



## COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Information for Patients and Families



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**PREVENTION**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay at home when you are sick except to get medical care.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE**

**ALL HOUSEHOLDS:**

- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals.
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching the face and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning.

**ALL WITH VULNERABLE SENIORS OR UNDERLYING CONDITIONS:**

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person.
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members.
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly.

**HOUSEHOLDS WITH SICK FAMILY MEMBERS:**

- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed.
- Have only one family member care for them.
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions.

**SHARE THE FACTS**

**SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:**

- Fever
- Rash
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

**CONTACT:**

- If you've been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- If you recently traveled to an area with ongoing COVID-19 spread.

**CALL:**

(402) 922-1508

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

# EARLY BIRD TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

LOCATED AT LAND OF WELLNESS

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

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







## Comics

by Joseph "Joe Fish" Levering

*CommedButter* presents **Spanking the drum**

*CommedButter* presents **hide the Medicine**

## Education Summit 2020

**"Making Connections, Building Partnerships, and Envisioning Unity"**

**When: Monday, April 13, 2020**

**Where: Winn-a-Vegas Casino**

**Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm**




**Lunch in the Buffett included**

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

**Focus:** Indian Education for All in Nebraska.

**Key Note Speaker:** Matika Wilbur, Project 562

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

Celebrating 20 years!

## Education Summit 2020

**"Making Connections, Building Partnerships, and Envisioning Unity"**

April 13, 2020

**Agenda**

- 8:00am-8:30am-** Blessing and Flag ceremony, Flag song.
- 8:30am-8:45am-** Welcoming Address Coly Brown, Tribal Council Chairman
- 8:45am-9:30am-** Keynote Speaker, Matika Wilbur, Project 562
- 9:30-10:15am-** Dr. Colette YellowRobe, UNL TRIO, Indian Education for All efforts
- 10:15am-10:45am-** Matthew Blomstedt, Nebraska Commissioner of Education
- 10:45am -11:30am-** Nebraska Demonstration Projects, Niobrara Public Schools, Chris Swalley and Tessa Avery, and Lincoln Public Schools, Dr. Barbara Buttes (Funded by US Dept. of Ed)
- 11:30am-12:30pm-** Lunch in the Buffet provided
- 12:30pm- 1:45pm-** Harmonious Migrations Performance by Heather Henson (puppeteer, Jim Henson's daughter) and Tecumseh Caesar, IBEX Puppetry
- 1:45pm-2:45pm-** UNL Indigenous Roots Break out tables
- 2:45-3:30pm-** Dr. Shane Doyle, IEFA Montana Experience
- 3:30pm-4:00pm-** Table Discussion, fill out survey, share business cards






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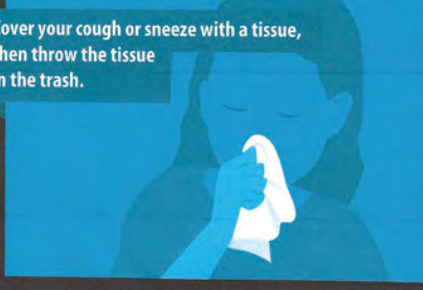
## COVID 19 STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

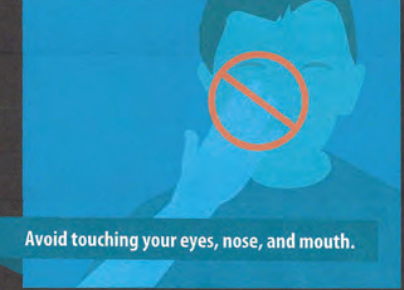
**Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**




**Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**




**Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**



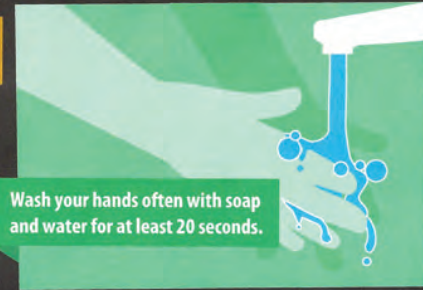
**Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**




**Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.**



**Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**





For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

Next WIN News Deadline:  
**March 30th**



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING February 27, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball (in @ 9:52 a.m.)  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell (in @ 9:18 a.m.)  
Louis LaRose  
Melton Frenchman  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Darren Snake  
Cherie LaPointe  
Karl Baker  
Damon Payer  
Sarah Snake  
Billie DeCora  
Daphane Evans  
Alan Post  
Sharon Frenchman  
Sheila Corbine  
Leta Gorrin  
Garan Coons  
Cece Earth  
Harold Cleveland  
Marvin Horn  
Lance Morgan  
Mayan Beltran  
Mike Means

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (travel)  
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.  
OPENING PRAYER: Melton Frenchman offered the opening prayer.  
APPROVE AGENDA: Additions to the agenda: 1. Adopt resolution Youth Shelter, 2. BHCC re-facing – Locks & Safety, 3. Speed camera, 4. Darren Snake, 5. WPS end of the year pow-wow request. Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT: Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Financial Report. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[Aric in at 9:18 a.m.]  
WINNAVEGAS REPORT: Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 2020 WinnaVegas Financial Report. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
WIRTH ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY, LLC: SHEENA EASTON & TIFFANY CONTRACT AND TICKET PRICING Roland Warner motioned to approve the Wirth Entertainment Agency, LLC: Sheena Easton & Tiffany Contract and ticket pricing. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
LAST BEAR MOON WINTER CELEBRATION POW WOW 2020 (AMENDED) Aric Armell motioned to approve the Amended 2020 Last Bear Moon Celebration Pow Wow budget at the amount of \$34,050.00. Thelma Whitewater seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
WHEELIN' N' DEALIN' VEHICLE BIDS Roland Warner motioned to approve the Vehicle Bids for \$37,869.00 for a Silverado. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
U & IMPROVED LEADERSHIP TRAINING – U THE COMMUNICATOR Roland Warner motioned to approve the "U & Improved" onsite leadership training for May 11-13, 2020 at WinnaVegas Resort Conference rooms at a cost \$32,630.00. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 2020 Gaming Commission Report. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
TRIBAL CFO REPORT: REPORT Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the 2020 January Tribal CFO Report. Roland Warner seconded. VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
ADOPT RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZED TRIBAL OFFICIALS Rolad Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-101: Authorized Tribal Officials. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

ADDED ITEMS:  
SECURITY & LOCKS Aric Armell motioned to approve the 3-D Security electronic door locks for the Blackhawk Community Center for \$30,363.04. Melton Frenchman seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[John in at 9:52 a.m.]  
RE-FACING OFFICES & LOBBY – Discussion, no action taken.  
SPECIAL CAMERA – Discussion only.  
DARREN SNAKE – O'Halleran responds to Introduction of House Infrastructure Plan  
Thelma Whitewater motioned for an RFP to reach out regarding the Introduction of the House Infrastructure Plan. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, TW, RW, AA (2) no, MF, LLR (0) abstain Motion carried.  
WPS ACHIEVEMENT POW-WOW Aric Armell motioned to defer to Wildlife & Parks to provide Buffalo Burgers and Brats for the Winnebago Public School End of the Year Achievement pow-wow. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
SUSPEND THE RULES – ADOPT RESOLUTION Roland Warner motioned to suspend the rules to add Adopt a resolution: FY 20 Youth Shelter Ho-chunk Way Project. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-102: FY 20 Youth Shelter Ho-chunk Way Project. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
ADJOURN: Roland Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING March 2, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Melton Frenchman  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Daphane Evans  
Bill DeCora  
Garan Coons  
Joy Johnson  
Desire Kitcheyan  
Tonia Keller  
Christopher Hast  
Mistie Earth-Gomez  
Kellie Lonewolf-DeCora  
Shelly Bear  
Jessica Lopez-Walker  
Ruby Bellenger  
NaOnda Free  
Sam Tebo  
Vacant Seat  
Jacob Hernandez  
Fern Saul  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Jami Pixler  
Cherish Flyinghawk  
Rebecca Earth  
Kylie Garnette  
Kelsi DeCora  
Auriah Means  
Javon Price  
Mario Suniga  
Zaiden Bernie  
Logan Suarez  
Jesse Bear

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Thelma Whitewater (leave)  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.  
**OPENING PRAYER:** Roland Warner offered the opening prayer.  
**APPROVE AGENDA:** Additions: Tribal Self Governance Conference, Ratify Five signature: LBM Budget Mod.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
READING OF THE MINUTES: 2-17-20 MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES John Snowball motioned to approve the February 17, 2020 Mid-monthly Tribal Council Meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
2-19-20 GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING MINUTES John Snowball motioned to approve the February 19, 2020 General Counsel meeting minutes. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
2-19-20 CEO REPORT MEETING MINUTES Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the February 19, 2020 CEO Report meeting minutes. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES: ENROLLMENT: ADOPT RESOLUTION #20-98: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT APPLICANT-EMERGENCY ENROLLMENT-DEATH BENEFIT Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #20-98: Tribal Enrollment Applicant – Emergency Enrollment- Death Benefit. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
LAST BEAR MOON DRUM SPLIT BUDGET MODIFICATION Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Budget Modification for the Last Bear Moon Pow-wow Drum Split. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
NEW BUSINESS: WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY – REQUEST Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request from Winnebago Public School Academy students for donation of (37) Thirty-seven (\$200.00) two-hundred dollar visa gift cards to be dispersed before April 1, 2020. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS: TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST – JESSICA LOPEZ-WALKER Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the request from Jessica Lopez-Walker for amount of \$5,450.00 paid through Wake & Burial Program, to assist with bringing remains back home to Winnebago. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[Roland out 9:35 a.m.]  
TRIBAL SELF GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve travel for interested Tribal Council members to attend the 2020 Tribal Self Governance Consultation Conference in Bulingame, CA, April 26-30, 2020. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[Roland in at 9:38 a.m.]  
CHRISTOPHER L. HAST – COMPLAINT (EXECUTIVE SESSION) John Snowball motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:38 a.m. Louis LaRose seconded. VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to come out of Executive Session at 10:39 a.m. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
John Snowball motioned to remove the WinnaVegas Security Manager for failing to uphold the Gaming Compact of Law Enforcement. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded. Roland Warner Objects. Chairman calls for vote. VOTE: (5) yes, JSB, AA, LLR, VK, MF (1) no, RW (0) abstain Motion carried.  
ADJOURN: John Snowball motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.  
*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
CONCUR:  
Coly Brown, Chairman  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING March 11, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose [in @ 10:15 a.m.]  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Melton Frenchman  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Les Painter  
Cheri Redhorn  
Darren Snake  
Aaron Snake  
Brian Chamberlain  
Joy Johnson  
Cece Earth  
Tara Hernandez  
Dawn Snake  
LaDonna Holstein  
Garan Coons  
Esther Mercer  
Erika Dunn  
Tyren Wolfe  
Denise Saul  
Bill DeCora

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.  
**OPENING PRAYER:** John Snowball offered the opening prayer.  
**APPROVE AGENDA:** \*Additions: Tribal Enrollment, Trust Fund Discussion, Planning RFP, Complaints. John Snowball motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
CEO REPORT: ELECTION CALENDAR 2020 Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table Title V Election code until the March 18, 2020 General Counsel meeting. Melton Frenchman seconded. VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS: TRAVEL – GPTCHB DIRECTORS MEETING 3-20-20 OMAHA, NE Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table the travel to the GPTCHB meeting. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[Louie in at 10:15 a.m.]  
TRAVEL BAN FOR WTN (WITH EXCEPTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVAL) Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribal Council to enforce a thirty (30) day travel restriction, and excuse financial burden for Tribal Employees cancelling conferences and travel, no exceptions. John Snowball seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
FINANCE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION Roland Warner motioned to approve the Mahoney Group Worker's Compensation renewal. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
SAFETY COMMITTEE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) RESPONSE Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the Pandemic Disease Emergency Action Plan for the Tribe. Aric Armell seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried.  
[John out @10:40 a.m., in @ 10:44 a.m.]  
ENROLLMENT: ADOPT RESOLUTION Melton Frenchman motioned to adopt resolution #20-104: Tribal Applicants [A3560, A3561, A3562]. Louis

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Arik Armell ..... Member  
Louie LaRose ..... Member  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE March 16, 2020.

Today, March 16, 2020, I and other State Senators received news that the Legislature will not reconvene until further notice. This is due to concerns surrounding the Coronavirus COVID-19. My office will remain accessible to constituents. Your phone calls and emails will be answered. If staff steps away, or is out of the office for a time, your calls will be forwarded or sent to voicemail.

Though things seem to be moving very quickly, there is no reason to panic. State and local government are putting measures in place to reduce the spread of the virus. We can do our part, too. Please follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, to cough into your elbow, and to avoid large crowds. Be sure to keep an eye on the suggestions being made by your local city government and county health department.

As your State Senator, I am frequently in touch with the Governor as he stays in close contact with leading health officials in Nebraska and throughout the nation. I will be checking in daily with Health officials in District 17, who keep me informed about the activities, health status, and implementation of best practices in District 17. Julie Rother, keeps me informed about Wayne and Thurston counties and Tiffany Hansen, keeps me informed about happenings in Dakota County.

Businesses are also doing their part.

Black Hills Energy has temporarily suspended its' disconnect for nonpayment practices. Many businesses have encouraged employees to work remotely from home.

We are so fortunate to live in a state with the brilliant minds and abilities at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Nebraska Medicine. Around the nation, they are recognized for excellent work in biocontainment and medical research.

We have been assured by top health officials in the State that there are sufficient tests available for any and all who need to be tested in Nebraska. Your healthcare provider can direct you to the appropriate source should a test be needed.

Please, use this unexpected time at home to enjoy your loved ones, to build up your immune system, and maybe some spring cleaning. Life is always offering up challenges. Together, we will work through this challenge as we have others—together. Together we will come through it stronger; as a people, as a state, and as a nation.

To keep up to date on the latest concerning the virus, visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/covid19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid19).

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

## List of Personal Things You Can Do to Stay Well in a Time of CoVID19:

Rupa Marya, MD  
Mar 14th

These recommendations are a combination of common sense, evidence-based practice and traditional indigenous knowledge. I'm a physician working in the hospital on the frontline of CoVID19 response in San Francisco at UCSF, married to a regenerative organic farmer with two sons living in Ohlone Territory.

- + Get solid sleep each night (7-8 hours)
- + Gargle warm salt water twice a day. It makes the mucosa at the back of your mouth less hospitable to viral visitors
- + Drink at least 8 glasses of water a day
- + If you have a humidifier use it properly (clean every day). Viruses have a harder time when ambient air has 40% humidity.
- + Easy on the dehydrating things like too much coffee
- + Make foods with immune boosters — garlic, ginger, turmeric, parsley, thyme, sage, bone broth if omnivore
- + Elderberry syrup (I read the study on the blood of 12 people and how elderberry syrup applied directly to monocytes induced pro-inflammatory cytokine production. I don't see this as evidence to not take this powerfully protective medicine.)
- + Increase the ZINC in your diet: chickpeas, almonds, cashews, lentils, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, oatmeal
- + Eliminate all booze (it depresses the immune system)
- + Don't smoke (it comprises your respiratory system's defenses)
- + If you have underlying lung disease consider taking Ashwagandha for the next two months (not if pregnant, with thyroid issues or autoimmune disease)
- + Get some good time outdoors each day, get the sun on your bare skin to activate Vitamin D
- + Express appreciation out loud to the earth who supports you and your loved ones who love you
- + Sing outloud, expands lung capacity and the stimulation of the vagal nerve can calm your body's overdrive from stress
- + Hold your kids close. They are awesome and won't be small forever. Even as we are financially challenged, try to see this moment of them being close as a gift
- + Call your mom if you can and tell her you're grateful for her
- + Check in on elders. Do their shopping for them so they don't have to be in public. Drop off groceries for them. No visiting in person. Help them up for video chat to help them with isolation.
- + Limit gatherings. No sleepovers. No playdates.
- + Namaste. No hugs or Hi5.
- + Wash Your Hands, Don't Touch Your Face
- + Advocate for EMERGENCY MEDICARE FOR ALL now so that no one is left out and everyone is going to get what they need to be safe.
- + Advocate for taking over vacant housing and units for the purpose of sheltering and separating the un-

housed. CoVID19 running through an encampment would be a nightmare for all of us.

Your healthcare workers are here for you. We are going to be OK. Please make sure the most vulnerable (folks over 60, unhoused folks, poor folks who cannot hoard and those with chronic illness) are covered with food, shelter and access to soap and water.

Here are some studies that inform my thinking, if you'd like to read more: Besedovsky, Luciana, Tanja Lange, and Jan Born. "Sleep and immune function." *Pflügers Archiv-European Journal of Physiology* 463.1 (2012): 121-137.

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## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

**"Where should one turn in times like these?"**

We are living through troubled times. Back in January, we began to hear about a deadly virus that began in the Wuhan province of the Republic of China. It seemed to matter little to us back then since it was so far away. However through the age of air travel it has quickly spread and has reached America.

This is not the first plague from China. In the early 1330s an outbreak of deadly bubonic plague occurred in China. The bubonic plague mainly affects rodents, but fleas can transmit the disease to people. Once people are infected, they infect others very rapidly and through traders it spread to Europe. 25 million people died there in just under five years between 1347 and 1352. That was anywhere from 30-60% of Europe's population.

The indigenous Native American population was decimated by diseases brought along by the European settlers. Diseases like the plague, chicken pox, influenza, measles, scarlet fever, smallpox, tuberculosis, and whooping cough brought death to millions here in America. It is estimated that a staggering 80-90% of the entire Native American population was lost to diseases brought by the new American settlers.

The question I heard the other day from a Winnebago elder was why? Why is this happening today? My question to you is where will you turn in times like these?

I am reminded of a time that God's chosen people complained against God. They had to travel around the land of the Edomites, (descendants of Esau - Jacob's older twin brother), and they grew impatient and complained to Moses. God's response was to send venomous snakes among them.

Their response was to go to Moses and to say: "We sinned when we spoke against YAHWEH and against you. Pray

that YAHWEH will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people' [Numbers 21:7 NIV].

Do you know what YAHWEH did? Did He take the snakes away? In a word, NO. Instead He instructed Moses to "make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived [Numbers 21:8-9].

When trouble comes one's way there is really only that we should turn to and to rest assured. The reason there is suffering, diseases and death is due to man's wo-wonk ways. However, Creator God has always provided a way out.

Sadly over time the children of Israel began to burn incense to the bronze snake itself. King Hezekiah in about 715 B.C. broke the bronze snake into pieces [2nd Kings 18:4].

Jesus put the bronze snake into its proper perspective when he instructed Nicodemus in the Gospel of John. Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" [John 3:14-15]. Jesus was referring to His own crucifixion.

In times like these we should turn to the One who offers us life, everlasting life to us who are dying. You can rest assured of this blessed hope through faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Whenever you see a cross you can be reminded of this comforting hope. Or whenever you see an ambulance or the medical symbol of the two snakes on a pole you can be reminded where to turn in times like these.

Jesus not only died. He also rose victoriously on the third day - a Sunday - the first Easter! Jesus offers you victory too - through faith in Him. Lift up your eyes to Him in faith and lift up your prayers to Him who has the power to overcome deadly diseases.

## Grassed Waterways Best Management Practice

Nonpoint Source Water Pollution happens when runoff from rainfall or snowmelt moves over and/or soaks through the ground and picks up pollutants. These pollutants can find their way into streams, lakes, ponds and rivers. Best Management Practices are a type of pollution control. Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Best Management Practices are devices, systems and procedures that reduce or eliminate nonpoint pollution source pollutants from getting in the waterways.

Grassed waterways are an example of Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Best Management Practices. These are areas planted with grass where water collects as it runs off a field. Grass slows the water and moves it off the field to a more stable location at a slower speed. This not only protects soil from heavy water flows causing land to be washed away but also protects the water quality of waterways receiving the runoff.

Recently learned that a very unique

activity is occurring here on the Reservation. Ho-Chunk Farms, Winnebago Tribal Roads Department, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District and Natural Resource Conservation Service in a partnership, are working together to install about 12.0 acres of grassed waterways on the Reservation. This is equal to the size of 12 football fields minus the end zones. This number could increase as the year moves forward.

This is not only exciting but also encouraging, a demonstration of stewardship for both the land and water. Thank you, all involved for all your hard work and consideration for the water quality of streams, ponds and wetlands.

If anyone would like to talk more, please call Denise Jensen, Water Quality Specialist at 402878-4060 Ext: 2002 or come for a visit at the Environmental Protection Department. Look forward to hearing from you.

Denise Jensen  
Environmental Protection Department

## SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms\* can include

FEVER

COUGH

\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

LaRose seconded.

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

**UNCLAIMED MINOR TRUST FUNDS**

John Snowball motioned that any unclaimed disbursement of Minor Trust Funds be given to the rest of the Minor Trust Fund account at age 25 years. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE – ADVERTISE FOR ONE (1) VACANCY**

Melton Frenchman motioned to advertise one (1) Vacancy for a three year term for the Enrollment Committee for a period of 30 days. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to re-advertise for the Community Police Review Board one (1) vacancy for a one (1) year term and one (1) vacancy for a two (2) year term for a period of 30 days. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

**LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint Sunshine Bear to the Little Priest Tribal College Board of Trustees. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(1) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

**WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Thelma Whitewater motioned to remove the Directors of the Winnebago Gaming Development Commission. Aric Armell seconded.

Victoria Kitcheyan objects. Chairman calls for vote. VOTE: (4) yes (3) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to advertise three (3) vacancies for the Winnebago Gaming Development Commission for an additional sixteen (16) days to meet the usual thirty (30) day advertising, also to stagger the seat vacancies of terms as one (1) year, two (2) year and three (3) year terms. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

**ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

Thelma Whitewater motioned to table applicants for the Athletic Commission and extend advertising for

sixteen (16) days for one (1) vacancy one (1) year term. John Snowball seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (1) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to rescind Sunshine Bear appointment from the Little Priest Tribal College Board of Trustee and extend advertising sixteen (16) days to meet the thirty (3) day advertising. (Roland Warner rescinded his second of the stated motion as well) Louis LaRose seconded.

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

**PLANNING**

Roland Warner motioned to re-advertise RFP for infrastructure/planning/development five (5) and ten (10) year plan for 14 days. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (3) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:36 p.m. and recess until 2:00 p.m. for the Land Meeting. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

RECESS: Chairman Brown recessed the meeting.

RECONVENED: Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

**LAND MEETING  
March 11, 2020**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Melton Frenchman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cece Earth  
Bill DeCora  
Ireta Blackbird

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan (Conference Call)

**FEE TO TRUST:**

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #20-105: Ref: Fee to Trust Conversion of Rohde Purchase. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

ANDERSON PURCHASE: Discussion only.

HEARTH ACT AGREEMENT – TRIBAL COUNCIL REVIEW (WINNEBAGO LEASING ORDINANCE): No action taken, review only.

ADJOURN:  
Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING - COVID-19  
March 16, 2020**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Melton Frenchman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Erika Dunn  
Esther Mercer  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Chiara Counoyer  
Amy LaPointe  
Crystal Snowball  
Christa Spears  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Joy Johnson  
Tina Lewis  
Tara Marrufo  
Kim Sulsberger  
Benita Payer  
Cheryl Painter  
Joseph Painter  
Garan Coons  
Matt May  
Lewis St. Cyr  
Jasmine Lammers  
James Price, Sr.  
Daryl LaPointe  
Teresa Littlegeorge

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

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

**TELECOMMUNICATION PROCEDURE:**

John Snowball motioned to approve the Telecommunication Procedure. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

**CLOSURES:**

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Closure of Educare until March 27, 2020 due to COVID-19 precautionary measures at which time the Tribal Council will re-evaluate the situation. John Snowball seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to grant Administrative Leave until March 27, 2020 with the exception of telecommuting & essential employees as listed by Human Resources at which time the Tribal Council will re-evaluate the situation. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to include employees on FMLA to also be granted the Administrative Leave until March 27, 2020. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to a limited waiver of Administrative Leave Policy to vacate PTO requests until the March 27, 2020 date. Aric Armell seconded.

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

John Snowball motioned to close the Tribal Council meetings to Live Stream only for a period of 30 days. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to recess until 5:00 pm. John Snowball seconded.

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

Aric Armell rescinds motion to recess. John Snowball seconded.

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

Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 3:57 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

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# BAGO NEWS

## Congrats to the following on the Lewis and Clark Conference Basketball Honors:



**All Conference Team-** Keisha Snyder, Jayla Price



**Honorable Mention-** Maddy Cleveland, Natasha Deal



**All Conference Team-** Ed Payer  
**Honorable Mention-** Duran Blackfish

## United Way Worldwide Launches COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund

MARCH 17 2020  
Alexandria, Va. (March 17, 2020) United Way Worldwide today announced that it has established the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund to support communities affected by COVID-19. Donations from the fund will help the most vulnerable populations receive critical financial and social service support during this global crisis.

Across industries, commerce is suffering as people remain in their homes. Hourly and tipped workers with little to no savings are already losing vital income, and as the economic impacts spread, many jobs may be at risk. As schools close, children who receive free meals at school are in danger of going hungry and low-income college students may not be able to afford transportation home as universities shutter their campuses.

"While we are unsettled by the disruption to our lives from the effort to contain COVID-19; we know that many people also face the additional burden of the financial disruption or loss of critical services," explained Brian Gallagher, President and CEO, of United Way Worldwide. "United Way has always been there for communities in need. Today we are proud to support the work of our local United Ways - through the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund - to meet the needs of those who find themselves in crisis during these unprecedented times."

For over 130 years, United Way has been on the front lines of disaster response, delivering high-demand resources to communities in need and providing individuals with personalized help in crisis situations. United Way's COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund will mobilize United Way's network covering 94 percent of communities across the U.S. and help keep families in their homes, food banks stocked with staples and critical social services running. Click here to see how local United Ways are supporting their communities through this crisis.

Already, United Way has taken significant steps to address community needs during this time of unprecedented global crisis. By collaborating with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), first responders and community partners and corporations, United Way is tracking and filling resource gaps and providing real-time guidance, information and data on COVID-19 through the 211 network.

In addition to launching the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund, United Way is working to mobilize corporate partners who want to support those impacted by efforts to contain COVID-19.

The National Football League and Everfi United Way, in partnership with the National Football League and Everfi, a leading educa-

tion technology company, is providing - at no-cost -- access to Character Playbook: Healthy Relationships & Mental Wellness Basics, two innovative digital learning experiences for middle and high school students to support remote learning.

### DoorDash

United Way Worldwide and DoorDash are partnering to identify communities where we will facilitate grocery and meal deliveries to households in need through local partners.

### CommonSpirit Health

CommonSpirit Health is a key partner of United Way's work to connect people to services and improve health outcomes across the country. They have generously donated funds to support our national 211 response to COVID-19, and specifically to support local 211s in Washington and California.

Donations to the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund can be made by visiting: [unitedway.org/covid19](http://unitedway.org/covid19)

### About United Way

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Supported by 2.9 million volunteers, 8.1 million donors worldwide and \$4.8 billion raised every year, United Way is the world's largest privately-funded nonprofit. We're engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide to create sustainable solutions to the challenges facing our communities. United Way partners include global, national and local businesses, nonprofits, government, civic and faith-based organizations, along with educators, labor leaders, health providers, senior citizens, students and more. For more information about United Way, please visit [UnitedWay.org](http://UnitedWay.org). Follow us on Twitter: @UnitedWay and #LiveUnited.

### About 211

211 is a vital service leveraged by millions of people across North America. Every day, clients contact 211 to access free and confidential crisis and emergency counseling, disaster assistance, food, health care and insurance assistance, stable housing and utilities payment assistance, employment services, veteran services and childcare and family services. Last year, the 211 network responded to over 12 million requests for assistance across the U.S. The service is available to over 94% of the U.S. population, including in Puerto Rico and Washington, DC, and is also available in most of Canada. Individuals in need or who are looking for information for someone else can call 211 from a cell phone or landline or visit [211.org](http://211.org) for more contact options.

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## Winna Vegas Casino Resort to Close Temporarily Until March 31.

Sloan, Iowa - WinnaVegas Casino Resort announced effective March 17 at 12pm the casino and hotel will close until 12pm March 31 per the Iowa Governor Reynold's State of Public Health Disaster Emergency issued on March 17.

"We've been planning ahead in the event this happened," said WinnaVegas General Manager Mayan Beltran, "Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our staff, casino patrons, and hotel guests. Since the outbreak occurred, we've been diligent about cleaning and sterilizing the property above and beyond our normal cleaning protocol."

The Casino-Resort will close for a minimum of two weeks and will continue deep-cleaning and sterilization of the entire property. Casino management will monitor the latest developments and statements from local government, national and international health agencies, and are taking actions to comply with their directives which are based on facts and medical science.

"We feel confident that these proactive measures issued by the Governor will help protect our employees, casino and hotel guests. We are confident when we reopen that we will continue to provide high quality gaming and entertainment in a safe environment."

Casino management indicated they will utilize social media and their website ([https://www.winnavegas.com/news\\_post.php?id=10](https://www.winnavegas.com/news_post.php?id=10)) to communicate and inform the public on any new developments regarding the progress of reopening the Casino Resort. A formal announcement on a reopen date will be issued at an appropriate time.

## LEGAL NOTICE

To: Tasia Childress

You are hereby notified that a COMPLAINT TO MODIFY has been filed against you in the Winnebago Tribal Court, TCS13-007, entitled TASIA CHILDRESS vs WAKAJA HARDEN. You must file a responsive pleading in this matter by April 08, 2020 or be subject to a default judgment being entered against you.

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# WINNEBAGO THROWBACK PICS



10-11-02 Gas Prices



Jerome and Vj at Winnebago Powwow



Terry Medina - 1995 Winnebago Powwow



Old IHS hospital



Anthony Earth and Avery Blackhawk



Youth Development Prevention Center



Winnebago Powwow old Police cruiser



John Blackhawk and Darrell Fierro with boys team



Good Ol Sweet Lodge days



Old Winnebago Indians Homecoming parade

Next  
WIN News Deadline:  
**March 30th**





## **Announcement on Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**WinnaVegas Casino Resort management announced effective March 17 at 12pm the casino and hotel will close until 12pm March 31 per the Iowa Governor Reynold's State of Public Health Disaster Emergency issued on March 17.**

**"At WinnaVegas Casino Resort, the safety and well-being of our Casino Resort guests and our team members is of the utmost importance to us," said WinnaVegas General Manager Mayan Beltran, "Over the last several weeks, our entire WinnaVegas team has been taking comprehensive steps to help protect the health of our guests and team members."**

**The Casino Resort will close for a minimum of two weeks and will continue deep-cleaning and sterilization of the entire property. Casino management will monitor the latest developments and statements from local government, national and international health agencies, and are taking actions to comply with their directives which are based on facts and medical science.**

**Although there have been no known cases of COVID-19 at the property, the casino executive team felt closing the casino per the Governor's proclamation was out of an abundance of caution for the community, guests, and team members.**

**"We feel confident that these proactive measures issued by the Governor will help protect our team members, casino and hotel guests," continued Beltran, "We are confident when we reopen that we will continue to provide high quality gaming and entertainment in a safe environment."**

## **Announcement on April Concerts**

**WinnaVegas Casino Resort announced the postponement of two concerts scheduled at the WinnaVegas Events Center in April 2020. "The Urban Cowboy Reunion" scheduled for Friday April 3 and "80's Night Out with Sheena Easton and Tiffany" scheduled for Saturday April 18 have been postponed helping contain the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

**The decision was made in response to the Iowa Governor's State of Public Health Disaster Emergency proclamation declared on March 17, 2020. The proclamation states that planned large gatherings and events of 10 or more people must be canceled or postponed until after termination of the current public health disaster.**

**"Under the current circumstances, postponing these shows is the right thing to do," said Beltran, "We are currently working with the promoters to reschedule the concerts at a more appropriate time, we appreciate our guests understanding and patience during these unprecedented times."**

**Per the proclamation, the Casino Resort is closed until 12pm March 31, 2020. Casino management is monitoring the latest developments on a daily basis and will make an announcement on rescheduled concert dates in the near future. Management is asking for all ticket holders to hold on to their tickets until a make-up date has been announced.**

**Due to the Casino Resort being closed, the public is encouraged to monitor the casino's website ([www.winnavegas.com](http://www.winnavegas.com)) for any new developments regarding reopening and concert rescheduling dates. In addition to utilizing social media and the casino's website, formal announcement(s) will be released to local media on any new developments.**

**"We will continue to monitor the situation closely," concluded Beltran, "From all of us at WinnaVegas Casino Resort, we appreciate your loyalty and look forward to continuing to provide you with the best hotel, gaming and entertainment experience possible."**

