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Bago Bits...



Winnebago Public School Kitchen staff working hard to get out lunches and breakfast for our students during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Remember to protect yourself during this time from the COVID-19 spread.



Here a few members of the HoChunk Renaissance staff demonstrated the-HoChunk Pinaga card game for a history video recording.



The old Senior Citizen Complex was bulldozed on Monday March 23, 2020

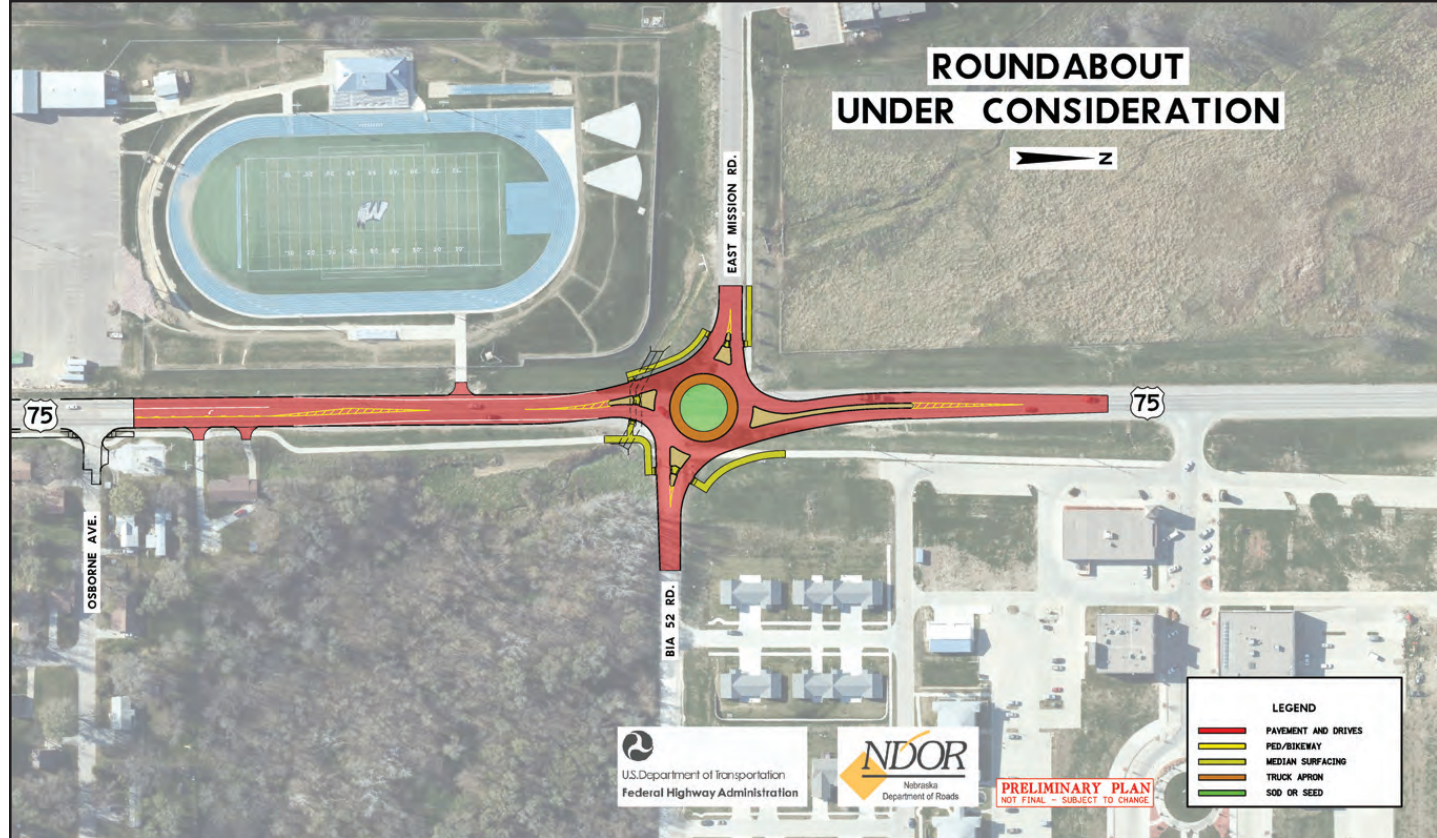


Educare Wave Parade Tuesday March 24, 2020. Winnebago PD and Winnebago Fire Department lead the teachers and staff for the parade.



The burnt remains of George Lopez's residence after unknown cause of house fire. The house was originally owned by the Leedom family.

Despite the Coronavirus, major construction projects continue for the Winnebago Tribe



Winnebago, NE - The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has begun construction on US-75/US-77 highway in Winnebago on April 1. There are many questions and concerns about the new construction project occurring in the community. A concern is how to keep the Nebraska Department of Transportation workers and the community safe from COVID-19. Scott Brummond the Environmental Coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Transportation mentioned NDOT employees are currently practicing social distancing and will take into consideration any new CDC guidelines.

The North roundabout was a request from the Village of Winnebago and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. According to the NDOT: Roundabouts are successful at managing traffic by reducing traffic conflicts, increasing interception

capacity, controlling vehicle speeds, and reducing car accidents. Statically, roundabouts reduce car crashes up to 40%, reduce injury accidents up to 75%, and reduce fatal accidents by 90%.

Jason Lawrence the BIA Chief of Police from Winnebago Police Department stated, to be mindful of the NDOT workers. They are here to do their job and have the same concerns as the community about COVID-19. He encourages everyone to continue to practice social distancing. US-75/US-77 is a heavily traveled highway so it is important to keep everyone safe. Brummond encourages drivers to stay clear of the construction zone when possible and to keep your eyes on the road while driving through the area. It is enticing to peek at what is going on but it is more important to watch the road ahead. Obey construction speed limits and be ready

to stop at unusual locations by flaggers. Some of the construction areas have deep excavations and will be protected by appropriate devices but it is always a good idea to steer clear. Address safety concerns with younger family members that may not be aware of the hazards of road construction. Lawrence also encourages drivers to watch for markers, stay vigilant, and be extra careful for children. He also mentioned, while driving through the village to be aware of our residents and if there are any concerns to report it to the Winnebago Police Department.

If you want to know more about roundabouts there is a video link to "Roundabouts - Saving Lives, Saving Time, Saving \$" on the NDOT website. The anticipated completion time for this project is late Summer of 2021.

Winonah Leader Charge, WIN Editor

Center For Disease Control and Prevention Makes Important Visit to Winnebago

Winnebago, NE - On Monday, March 16th, 2020 representatives from the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska met with officials from the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Representing the CDC was Dr. Jose Montero, Director of Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support along with Captain Carmen Clelland, Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances.

Presentations were given on multiple health programs and initiatives throughout the community. Danelle Smith, CEO of WCHS, began the day with introductions and an overview of the Tribe's self-governance health system and integration of the hospital and health department. At the time, COVID-19 was on the brink of community exposure in the United States so naturally discussions about coronavirus were prominent. Mona Zuffante, Winnebago Public Health Administrator, shared recent COVID-19 preparedness efforts made by the Winnebago Public

Health Department. Laura Gamble, Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Chief Operations Officer, also gave a presentation on the hospital's preparedness. Other points of discussion included the hospital's use of telemedicine and the hospital's new medically assisted treatment program.

Another area of focus was the high rate of suicide ideation and behavioral health crisis both locally and in Indian Country. Mona Zuffante also gave presentations on recent successes and programs available to the community, which included Dental, Diabetes, Health and Wellness, and Health Promotions and Outreach. She also gave the CDC officials updates on the health department's path to public health accreditation.

Later in the day, WCHS executive staff discussed possible needs for future funding. Throughout all the discussions and presentations, Dr. Montero and Captain Clelland were intrigued and impressed by the organization's efforts in improving community health and

well-being.

As part of the day-long site visit, the CDC officials were also given a tour of the various facilities on the Winnebago Reservation. This included the hospital, health department, Land of Wellness, Whirling Thunder Wellness Center, and the Ho-Chunk Village. The tour concluded with a cultural presentation featuring a Ho-Chunk applique and hoop dance exhibition in the Village Market.

This visit was monumental to Winnebago for many reasons. Not only did it put the Tribe and its programs on a national stage with the CDC, it showcased the work and potential of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System.

The CDC is the leading national public health institute of the United States. It is a United States federal agency, under the Department of Health and Human Services, and is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System

Visitor Restrictions

Due to COVID-19 concerns and to comply with CDC guidelines, Twelve Clans Unity Hospital and the Winnebago Public Health Department must take steps to reduce the risk of exposure in our community. Although there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our local area, the fewer people with whom our patients come into contact, the less likely they will be to contract COVID-19 or other infectious diseases.

For this reason, we are implementing visitor restrictions for all areas. Effective Monday, March 23rd and until further notice, only ONE visitor per patient will be allowed in our facility. In the case of a minor or person with limited ability to understand or communicate, the accompanying adult must be:

- 19 years or older
- Either an immediate family member, power of attorney, guardian or patient representative.

Any visitor accompanying a patient must be healthy with no symptoms of fever or respiratory illness.

Lastly, the guest WiFi will be unavailable at this time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For questions, call the COVID-19 Hotline at (402) 922-1508.



Discontinued until further notice

For the health and safety of all, effective immediately the Shuttle Service between Winnebago and Sioux City will be discontinued until further notice.

If you need medications, other accommodations can be made. Please call the CHR office at (402) 878-2277.



TRANSPORTATION SCREENING

Requesting An Ambulance or Transportation Services

All patients are required to answer a few screening questions related to COVID-19. If you refuse to answer the questions, medical personnel will not be sent to your location. These measures are being implemented for the protection of both staff and patient.

For Ambulance Call: Police Department (402) 878-2245 or 911
For CHR Call: Regular Hours: (402) 878-2277 After-Hours: (402) 878-2231

Emergency Signs of COVID-19

If you develop any of these symptoms, get medical attention immediately and alert dispatch about your symptoms so medical services can be prepared.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



Beginning Thursday March 26th



WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

VIRTUAL THERAPY SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Call the Behavioral Health Department to discuss the available options to best suit your needs!

(402) 878-2911



Winnebago Public Health Department

Comics

by Joseph "Joe Fish" Levering

Commod Baiter presents cold peice

Who wants free frybread!	We do! We do!	Said that!	Man, Somethings Wrong with you!

Commod Baiter presents fat braids

oh my god my head itches it must be the dandruff	or is it?	yup. its the dandruff



Next WIN News Deadline:

April 13th

WINNEBAGO BUFFALO HARVEST

Winnebago Buffalo Herd is vital to the survival of our people

In a time of a global pandemic it was suggested by the Winnebago Tribal Council to prepare in all aspects to maintain our way of life. It was decided to harvest a buffalo and store the meat as a precaution towards the COVID-19 virus. In the Winnebago community there is a food sovereignty task force that have developed ways to feed our tribal members in a time of need. This is one of the avenues towards that mission. The Winnebago Buffalo Herd is vital to the survival of our people. Buffalo meat is a healthier option and we encourage everyone during this pandemic to keep their immune systems up.

The buffalo that gave its life today was prayed for and thanked by members of the Winnebago Tribal Council. The council offered tobacco and words of prayer before it was harvested. Winnebago Tribal Council Member and US Army & Marine Corp Veteran, Aric Armell was asked to take down the buffalo for our people. Winnebago Tribal Secretary, Thelma Whitewater organized helpers and places to butcher & package the buffalo meat. Winnebago Vice-Chairman, John Snowball led efforts to process the harvested buffalo. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska would like to thank those who came forward to help. Winnebago Wildlife and Parks Department, Volunteers John St.Cyr, Andre Snowball, Betty St.Cyr, Kristine Earth & daughters, Monica Whitewater and family.

If you or your family are running dangerously low on food please inform the Wildlife and Parks Department or Winnebago Tribal Council. You can also message the Winnebago Tribe Facebook Page. Together we are strong and together we will get through this pandemic.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Work to Begin on US-75/US-77 in Winnebago

March 30, 2020 (Norfolk, Neb.) — Weather permitting, work will begin the week of April 1 on US-75/77 in Winnebago, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The project begins 500-feet south of Beck Street and ends 600-feet north of BIA Road 52/Mission Road.

Work will include concrete pavement, retaining walls, the reconstruction of the storm sewer, and the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of US-75/77 and BIA Road 52/Mission Road. Traffic will be maintained with lane closures. The anticipated completion is late summer 2021. For further information, please visit NDOT website at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/inwinnebago>.

Motorists are reminded to use caution when driving through construction work zones.

New Employee Spotlight...

My name is Winonah Leader Charge. I feel fortunate to be working for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska as the new Winnebago Indian News Editor. I am excited and look forward to working with the Winnebago tribal members and the community. My mission and goal is to follow the Winnebago Indian News mission statement: to inform and to educate the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska of issues that affect them, and to be a vehicle in which stresses positive and beneficial concerns and points of view. I am an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate on the Lake Traverse Reservation of South Dakota. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a Minor in Interdisciplinary Sciences and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of South Dakota. Go Yotes! I have also worked in the public service field for many years mainly in higher education. Additionally, I am happily married and I have four sons. I enjoy learning on all different levels and meeting new people. I look forward to my time here and immersing myself into Ho Chunk rich culture and community. With that said, please contact me at winonah.leadercharge@winnebagotribe.com with any story ideas.

25 Simple (And Free!) Things to do at Home with Kids

1. Take a walk around the neighborhood.
2. Read a book together
3. Build a fort.
4. Play a card game.
5. Color each other a picture.
6. Build a card house.
7. Bake your favorite treat.
8. Play Keep-It-Up.
9. Throw the frisbee or football around.
10. Ride your bikes.
11. Play Hide & Seek
12. Build a block or magna-tile structure.
13. Paint a picture.
14. Choreograph a dance.
15. Listen to podcasts together.
16. Look through old photo albums.
17. Facetime a relative.
18. Blow bubbles.
19. Do some yoga moves or easy exercises.
20. Play instruments.
21. Set up a pretend store.
22. Play with playdough.
23. Blast some music and do chores.
24. Have a tea party.
25. Watch a movie together.



Next WIN News Deadline:

April 13th

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Essential versus essentials"

Are you one of those who is considered 'essential?' You know what I mean - is your job/occupation essential in this time of a pandemic? Is it necessary for the welfare of others for you to be at work?

We immediately think about the health care workers - the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs, lab technicians, and all those who serve at our hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, etc.

Another area that is vital is the government on the federal, state and local levels. There are also the police, fireman and emergency workers who serve and protect our communities. We also need those who update us through the various news medias, as well as keeping us area of what we might expect when it comes to weather forecasts.

During this COVID19 crisis we have had our eyes opened to so many others who are vital to our welfare. These include, but are not limited to: grocery store employees, truck drivers, postal workers, gas station attendants, etc.

Three industries that have had to take a back seat are: the travel - including hotels and convention centers, casinos cruise ships, etc., the sporting and the entertainment. Strictly speaking these are not 'essential' unless you make your living through them. The good news for some is that your 'team' did not lose today, the bad news is that they did not get the chance to play today. The good news is that there are countless TV shows and movies that you can still view at home.

When it comes to how God sees you - you are essential. Each and every person is 'essential' and has been blessed with life for an important reason. You are all precious to your Creator and He would treasure a close relationship with you. And more impor-

tantly He is Essential to you.

Which brings me to a couple of questions. I wonder what is your relationship with the One who should truly be Essential? I ponder how many are bummed about not being able to accept God's invitation to gather in one of His Houses of worship each week? How essential is your Creator and His Son in your life?

On the one hand, we are following the guidelines and not coming together in mass numbers on Sunday mornings. On the other hand, God's Word is still going out. As a matter of fact God's Word is being delivered in ways that the Evil One did not foresee. If you have access to the internet you can watch whole worship services. I have been sharing my sermons on Facebook live. There are also opportunities to watch a complete worship service on Sunday mornings - Main Street Living on channel 9 at 10:30.

Or on Sunday mornings you can tune your radio to the Good Shepherd Hour on KSCJ, AM1360 at 8. Or you can listen to the Lutheran Hour at 8:30 on the same station; or at 11:30 on either KTIC AM840 or KWPN FM107.9.

When it comes right down to what is essential there is really only One who is Essential and He desires you to treasure Him. Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV84).

When one's faith is in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, then one can rest assured that God will see us through. Your life is essential for the welfare of others and the Son of God, Jesus Christ is Essential for your spiritual well-being, now and forever more!

"National Health Sales Tax"

All people have health insurance. Health Sales tax is 1 cent on all sales, buying and selling, import and export. Everyone pays this tax from the poorest to the richest in America. Every American have insurance since they all pay for it. Every time they buy & sell the tax is 1 cent for every dollar sales tax.

Thanks,
Patrick Greyhair

Hocak Corner

Hacija rahi?

(hah-cheen-jah rdah-hee)

Where did you go?

Jāgu roragu?

(jah-ghoo rdoh-rdah-ghoo)

What do you want?

Jāgu rāc?

(jah-ghoo rdahch)

What did you eat?

Kikuruza re.

(kee-koo- rdoo-zhah rday)

Wash yourself.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Over \$1.5 billion Secured for Indian Health Service and Tribal Nations to Address COVID-19

Tribes ask for fair, streamlined disbursement process with federal agencies.

WASHINGTON, DC—March 30, 2020—With COVID-19 reaching more and more Tribal communities every day, funding and resources for the Indian health system are needed now more than ever. The National Indian Health Board (NIHB), which serves all 574 federally recognized Tribes, along with partner organizations has continuously advocated for the inclusion of Tribes and Tribal organizations in recent pandemic response funding packages. This advocacy is reflected in Tribal health provisions contained in last week's historic \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Now, NIHB shifts its focus to working with federal agencies to streamline the disbursement of this critical funding.

"Most Tribal health facilities are already operating on a slim budget, so this funding is vital to Tribes' ability to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak safely and effectively while also caring for their communities, families and elders," said NIHB Chairperson Victoria Kitcheyan. "NIHB is committed to working with the Administration to ensure that all funding gets to Tribes and Tribal organizations in a way that is fair, streamlined and expedited. Tribes need this money now."

Tribes have expressed that they want all COVID-19 relief funding to come through the Indian Health Service (IHS) because IHS has the statutory authority to disseminate funds to Tribes through self-governance and self-determination contracts and compacts, which is the method of delivery that Tribes prefer. NIHB is actively working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and IHS to bring the agencies together with Tribal leadership and consult with Tribes about the best way to distribute the funds. Specifically, NIHB is actively working with Tribes, IHS and CDC leaders to conduct telephonic tribal consultation sessions.

"All Tribes across the country are feeling the effects of Coronavirus. All Tribes are suffering. All Tribes need funding. All Tribes need assistance to combat this virus and save their people's lives," said Chairperson Kitcheyan. "We are thankful to our allies in Congress, like Congressman Tom Cole, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Senator Mark Udall, Senator Steve Daines and so many others for continuing to fight for our people's health and wellbeing. We are thankful for the Statesmen and Stateswomen who are actively working with Tribes to fulfill the trust and treaty responsibilities of the federal government through adequate funding, resources and support for public health in Indian Country."

Legislative victories related to Tribal public health in the CARES Act include:

Healthcare

\$1.032 billion for the Indian Health Service (IHS) Services Account
Includes up to \$65 million for electronic health record stabilization and support
Allows up to \$125 million to be transferred to IHS Facilities

At least \$450 million shall be distributed immediately to Direct Service Tribes and Self-Governance Tribes

Public Health

Minimum \$125 million in set-aside funding for Tribes and Tribal organizations under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Funding is for surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities

Minimum \$15 million in set-aside funding for Tribes and Tribal organizations under Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Funding is for mental and behavioral health services in response to COVID-19

Minimum \$15 million in set-aside funding for Tribes and Tribal organizations under Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Funding is for health surveillance and other needs under the HRSA Rural Health program

Housing

\$300 million under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)

\$200 million is for Native American Housing Block Grants

\$100 million is for Indian Community Development Block Grant

Nutrition

\$100 million for the Food Distribution Program for Indians Reservations

\$50 million is for facility improvements and equipment upgrades

\$50 million is for additional food purchases

Funding in the CARES Act is in addition to the \$80 million reserved for Tribes and Tribal organizations under the first COVID package and administered through the CDC, and the \$134 million for IHS under the second package. CDC released a funding plan to award \$30 million to eight regionally designated tribal organizations and one Tribal health corporation, then the organizations will sub-award to the member Tribes within their respective regions. CDC will award \$40 million in new non-competitive grants for eligible Tribes that currently have a Title 1 and Title V contract or compact.

A fourth supplemental funding package is expected to be considered by Congress in the coming weeks. NIHB will continue to advocate for Tribal funding and legislative priorities.

National Indian Health Board Mission Statement

Established by the Tribes to advocate as the united voice of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, NIHB seeks to reinforce Tribal sovereignty, strengthen Tribal health systems, secure resources, and build capacity to achieve the highest level of health and well-being for our People.

Visit WWW.NIHB.ORG

for all of the latest updates and resources on Coronavirus (COVID-19) response.

For all media inquiries, please contact April Hale at ahalepr@gmail.com

Steps to protect children from getting sick

- Clean hands often using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid people who are sick (coughing and sneezing)
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in household common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, remotes, handles, desks, toilets, sinks)
- Launder items including washable plush toys as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely. Dirty laundry from an ill person can be washed with other people's items.

Children may present with mild symptoms

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. However, children with confirmed COVID-19 have generally presented with mild symptoms. Reported symptoms in children include cold-like symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported. It's not known yet whether some children may be at higher risk for severe illness, for example, children with underlying medical conditions and special healthcare needs. There is more to learn about how the disease impacts children.

Children don't need to wear facemasks

No. If your child is healthy, there is no need for them to wear a facemask. Only people who have symptoms of illness or who are providing care to those who are ill should wear masks.

Children and their friends

Practice Social Distancing: The key to slowing the spread of COVID-19 is to limit contact as much as possible. While school is out, children should not have in-person playdates with children from other households. If children are playing outside their own homes, it is essential that they remain 6 feet from anyone who is not in their own household. To help children maintain social connections while social distancing, help your children have supervised phone calls or video chats with their friends.

Clean Hands Often: Make sure children practice everyday preventive behaviors, such as washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important if you have been in a public place.

Revise Spring Break & Travel Plans: Revise spring break and travel plans if they included non-essential travel.

Remember, if children meet outside of school in groups, it can put everyone at risk.

Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE March 30, 2020

Our physical office at the Capitol may be closed but my staff and I have been hard at work in the District and remote from our homes.

My week has included assessing current status, answering questions, and finding answers for many individuals and agencies all over District 17.

I am proud to report that throughout the District, I have found communities to be compliant with safety guidelines and coming together to creatively socialize even while observing social distancing.

Some example of creativity can be found in the emergence of the "Corona Cruise", in Wayne and Dakota counties, where residents exercising social-distancing while driving their neighborhoods and waving at neighbors. Additionally, in Pender, the residents go out onto their driveways and recite the Pledge of Allegiance together at 9:00 A.M. What a great way to start the day!

My Administrative Assistant and I visited all three counties in the District to listen to concerns and needs, to discuss the President and the Governor's directives, and to discuss local efforts including school closings, social distancing, meeting size limitations, feeding programs for school age children, and more concerning the Coronavirus and COVID 19.

For discussions in the District we combined small in-person groups with more modern technology of Zoom, etc., that allow us to meet in groups fewer than ten and to maintain social distancing guidelines. On Thursday and Friday, we met with the following:

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Macy, Nebraska: Thurston County and Omaha Tribal Emergency Managers, Tribal leaders, law enforcement, first responders, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department administrators, school officials, and community leaders.

Dakota County Health Department & Emergency Management: DCHD Director, DCEM Director, SSC Chief of Police. Discussion included special challenges during this time for communities operating with shared state borders.

Friday, March 27, 2020

Wayne County, Wayne Area Economic Development Office. Met with WAED Executive Director Luke Virgil and produced the weekly Chamber Facebook broadcast. We discussed the challenges faced by local businesses and creative solutions being implemented by many. I also updated viewers about the latest from the Governor's office and the importance of following the guidelines provided by the State Health Department.

Wayne County Emergency Management: visited with the County Emergency Manager and Wayne County Commissioners. In addition to the topics noted above, we discussed challenges for children of

essential personnel like health department, nurses, fire, rescue, and law enforcement.

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD): We discussed the commendable actions of members of District 17 in following the guidelines of social distancing, maintaining healthy hygiene practices and working to keep everyone safe during this time. Weekly calls are taking place with schools.

At this point, I want to give a huge shout out to our District 17 newspapers, radio, and television stations. They have done a wonderful job of keeping residents fully informed and up to date during this crisis. As a reminder, there is more information available in the District by going to the website of Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD), watching the weekly Wayne Area Economic Development (WAED) programming with Luke Virgil, at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website. Additionally, the Governor is holding daily briefings that are broadcast on weekdays at 2 PM on 98.9 FM in Wayne and at NET TV.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

The Legislature met on Monday and Wednesday March 23 and 25 to pass an emergency \$83.6 million appropriations bill to help families, health care providers, and businesses get through this health crisis.

The Legislature will reconvene upon the call and direction of the Speaker.

Speaker Scheer announced on Wednesday that, because of the delays and uncertainties of dates that it will reconvene, his plan is that, when the Legislature does reconvene, we will meet for six days straight for two weeks, and finish off the 17 days remaining for the session the following week.

My office is preparing to hear a large number of bills in a fairly short time. One of the primary debates expect we will have upon return is property tax relief. Earlier in the session, LB974 was introduced and had first round debate. Since that debate, Senator Linehan and members of the Revenue Committee have been working with schools, governing bodies, and other Senators to make changes that are acceptable to them while still moving forward with the primary goal of property tax relief for landowners across the state. The result of that work has taken the form of LB1106, which incorporates LB974 and the changes. My office is researching and analyzing the changes so that I can present updated information and comparisons in my newsletter next week.

As always, I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions by contacting me at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov or by calling my office at 402.471.2716.

Garden Bits

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

If you're at home and practicing social distancing, the one bit of good news in all of this is that we can be outside to tinker with plants. Spring is an exciting time, full of promise and possibilities. If you're not a gardener, no worries, learning how to garden is a trial and error process. The definition of a gardener, after all, is "one who kills many plants." Heaven knows I've killed my share and I've learned far more from my failures than my successes. Even now, umpteen years of gardening and two horticulture degrees later, I still relish the challenge of growing a vegetable I haven't grown before, planting a tree I've only seen in catalogs, and searching for that elusive new cultivar I've heard about.

Now is a great time to plant the seeds of cool season crops like radishes, lettuce, and snap peas into the garden. Broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage transplants can be set out too. Tomato and eggplant seeds can be started indoors for moving plants outside after danger of frost is past. If fresh herbs are your thing, start basil, dill, parsley and cilantro inside, planting them outside after frost. Whatever kind of edible gardening you like, new as well as veteran gardeners can add something different each year. What new favorites are just waiting for you to try them?

'Montmorency' and 'North Star' are two sour cherry cultivars that have been around for a long time. Now, new releases of shrub-form cherries offer cold tolerance, shorter stature, AND high sugar content. From the University of Saskatchewan comes the Romance Series of cherries, with cultivar names like 'Romeo', 'Juliet', 'Cupid', 'Crimson Passion' and 'Valentine'. These tough cherry shrubs are new enough to the green industry that finding them can be problematic. This doesn't mean they are impossible to find but ordering early is important.

Extension Master Gardeners are gearing up for Growing Together Nebraska, a joint service program between Nebraska Extension's Nutrition Education Program and Master Gardeners to grow vegetables for the food insecure. Even if you don't have a Growing Together Nebraska program in your county, be sure to donate excess produce from your garden to local food pantries.

BAGO NEWS

WHEN SHOULD I PLANT ?

Asparagus	Mar 15-Apr 15	Kale	Apr 1-30
Bean, bush, lima	May 10, June 15	July 1-Aug 1	
Bean, bush, snap	Apr 25-July 15	Kohlrabi	Mar 25-Apr 5
Beet	Apr 10-July 15	Aug 1-10	
Broccoli	Apr 10-May 1	Lettuce, leaf	Mar 25-May 15
	July 1-15	Aug 15-Sept 15	
Cabbage	Apr 10-July 15	Muskmelon	May 10-June 15
Carrot	Apr 10-July 15	Mustard	Apr 1-May 10
Cauliflower	July 10-20	Aug 15-Sept 15	
Chard	Apr 10-June 1	New Zealand spinach	Apr 25-June 15
Corn, sweet	May 1-July 9	Okra	May 10-June 15
Cucumber	May 10-June 15	Onion, from seed	Mar 25-April 15
Eggplant	May 10-June 15	Onion, from plants or sets	Mar 25-May 1
Endive	Apr 1-May 1		
	July 1-Aug 15	Parsley	Apr 10-May 1
Garlic, from cloves	Mar 25-Apr 15	Peas	Apr 10-May 1
Kale	Apr 1-30	Pepper	May 10-June 1
	July 1-Aug 1	Potato	Apr 1-15
Rutabaga	May 1-July 1	June 1-10	
Spinach	Mar 25-Apr 15	Pumpkin	May 20-June 10
	Aug 15-30	Radish, spring	Apr 5-June 1
Squash, summer	May 10-June 15	Aug 20-30	
Squash, winter	May 20-June 1	Radish, winter	Aug 1-15
Sweet Potato	May 10-June 1	Rhubarb	Mar 25-May 15
Tomato	May 10-June 1	Turnips	Mar 25-Apr 15
		Aug 1-15	
		Watermelons	May 10-June 1

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We need the money right now': Tribes await billions of dollars in coronavirus relief

Wednesday, April 1,
By Acee Agoyo

With the number of COVID-19 cases in Indian Country continuing to rise, the Trump administration is embarking on the most consequential tribal consultation in recent history.

Starting on Thursday, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Treasury will be asking tribes about the \$8 billion coronavirus relief fund that was just approved by Congress. The goal is to get the much-needed funds out to Indian Country as soon as possible to help address the devastating cultural, social and economic impacts of the global health pandemic.

"We need the money right now," Aaron Payment, the chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, said on an Indianz.Com broadcast on Wednesday evening.

"We are 100 percent relying on these dollars," Payment added, noting that it will take at least \$20 million to keep his tribe's operation -- which serves thousands of citizens and employees hundreds of people throughout Michigan -- afloat during the crisis.

"Don't forget," said Payment, who also serves as vice president of the National Congress of American Indians. "We pre-paid for everything. We are the only population in the country that has a federal right to health care, education and social welfare."

Federal officials are in agreement about getting the funds out as quickly as possible. The first consultation on Thursday will be followed by another one next week, with comments from tribes due by April 13.

"A compressed timeline is necessary, so that we may distribute the funds as soon as possible to address your needs in these unprecedented and uncertain times," Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney wrote in a Dear Tribal Leader Letter on Tuesday.

Tribes and key members of Congress pushed strongly for the \$8 billion fund, though it's much lower than the \$20 billion initially sought. Lawmakers from both parties said they had to fight tooth and nail for the money, which is included in H.R.748, also known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act. The bill passed the U.S. Senate on March 25, before clearing the U.S. House of Representatives two days later.

"I won't bore you with all the knife-fighting that had to happen here," Sen. Martha McSally (R-Arizona), a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said on a town hall hosted by several Indian organizations last Thursday, "but I was literally presiding on the floor of the Senate the night that the deal was announced and this fund was still in jeopardy."

McSally, whose Republican party controls the chamber, said she "went to the mat" with high-level

officials from the White House and from the office of Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), the Republican Senate Majority Leader, to keep the \$8 billion alive after attempts to reduce it -- and even remove it -- were made.

"I told them, 'We've gotta get this money for the tribes!'" McSally said on the town hall. "It has to happen!"

But the funds in the hands of the executive branch, lawmakers want to make sure the federal government lives up to its trust and treaty responsibilities. Led by Sen. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico), the vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, a bipartisan group of lawmakers wrote to President Donald Trump on Wednesday, seeking adequate consultation as the money rolls out to tribes and their citizens.

"The U.S. government has specific trust and treaty responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, responsibilities that all federal agencies share equally," the 31 members of the House and the Senate wrote in the letter. "Implementation of the CARES Act will require many federal agencies within DOI, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Treasury, the Small Business Administration, and others to work directly with Indian Country on implementation of complicated new authorities and deployment of critical funding."

The \$8 billion tribal government relief fund isn't the only resource available as a result of the CARES Act. The law, which President Trump signed on Friday, infuses about \$2 billion into the federal agencies that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives.

A significant amount -- more than \$1.5 billion, according to the National Indian Health Board -- will go to critical health programs in Indian Country. The funding includes \$1.032 billion for the Indian Health Service, at least \$125 million for tribes through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a minimum of \$15 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and at least \$15 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

"Most tribal health facilities are already operating on a slim budget, so this funding is vital to tribes' ability to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak safely and effectively while also caring for their communities, families and elders," said NIHB Chairperson Victoria Kitcheyan.

"NIHB is committed to working with the administration to ensure that all funding gets to tribes and tribal organizations in a way that is fair, streamlined and expedited," said Kitcheyan, who serves on the council of the Winnebago Tribe. "Tribes need this money now."

The consultations this Thursday and next Thursday will take place over the phone. Call-in numbers are available on the Indianz.Com COVID-19 page.

Higher Education Department DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

1. All undergraduate applicants shall comply with the following deadlines:

a. Applications, and Certificates of Indian Blood are to be received by WSFAP as follows:

Fall Semester/Quarter/Trimester **April 15**
Summer Sessions **April 15**
Winter/Spring Semester/Quarter/Trimester **October 15**

b. Transcripts, Letter of Admission, Class Schedule, Education Plan and Financial Need Analysis are due to be received by WSFAP as follows:

Summer Sessions **April 15**
Fall Semester/Quarter/Trimester **July 15**
Winter/Spring Semester/Quarter/Trimester **November 15**

2. All continuing applicants and/or recipients shall comply with the above deadlines except for transcript submission. All continuing applicants shall submit their grade reports and transcripts to the WSFAP no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term.

3. All graduate applicants shall submit required documents in accordance with the above deadlines except for transcript submission. All graduate applicants shall submit their grade reports and transcripts to the WSFAP no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term.

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Screening and Testing Information


If you are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19, please call ahead to your healthcare provider to be evaluated and determine if you need to be tested. If you do not have a primary care provider, below is a list of healthcare networks that can help. If you see a doctor at one of the health systems below, call or use the hospital's information line below.


- Bryan Health**
<https://www.bryanhealth.com> - EZ Visit (Coronavirus questions will be answered free of charge)
COVID-19 hotline - 402-481-0500 (Available 24/7)
Drive-thru testing at LifePointe Campus - 7501 S 27th St., Lincoln, NE 68512 (2-6 p.m. seven days a week)
- CHI Health (Creighton University Medical Center Bergan Mercy, Immanuel Hospital, Lakeside, St. Elizabeth's, St. Francis, Good Samaritan, and others)**
<https://www.chihealth.com> - Virtual Care (Available 24/7)
Free screening service - take the questionnaire
Visit www.chihealth.com/coronavirus
Free Virtual Care
Visit www.chihealth.com/virtualcare or call 1-844-355-2273
- Methodist Health**
COVID-19 Hotline - 402-815-7425 (SICK) (Available 24/7)
- Nebraska Medicine, Bellevue Hospital**
COVID-19 Information Hotline and Referral - 1-800-922-0000
- OneWorld Community Health Center**
<https://www.oneworldomaha.org/oneworld-coronavirus-covid-19-updates>
Un-insured or under-insured individuals seeking medical assessment for COVID-19 should call ahead. See website above for information on locations, hours of operation and contact information.


Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by a new virus strain that can spread from person to person, causing severe illness including pneumonia in some people.

Symptoms can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. The most common symptoms reported are:

Fever



Cough


Fatigue


Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing


CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

<p>COLD OR ALLERGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ITCHY EYES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUFFY NOSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SNEEZING 	<p>FLU OR CORONAVIRUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEVER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FATIGUE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BODY ACHES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUGH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORSENING SYMPTOMS
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CORONAVIRUS:

- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- HISTORY OF TRAVEL
- EXPOSURE

SYMPTOMS AND RISKS VARY FROM PERSON TO PERSON. ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR.
Sources: CDC, Mayo Clinic

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.

Next WIN News Deadline:
April 13th

WINNEBAGO THROWBACK PICS



1992 View of the Old Heritage IGA, in the making



Construction of the new treaty hospital, back in 2002



2005 view of Ho-Chunk Village, in the making



Early 90's view of the old iconic Merry Mart getting demolished



A look down Main Street Winnebago, before the first roundabout



Taking a look back into 1997



The Heritage Mall in 2000



A view from the late 90's



The old car wash in June 1997



Update Announcement on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

WinnaVegas Casino Resort to Remain Closed Until Further Notice

WinnaVegas Casino Resort announced that the property will remain closed until further notice per the Iowa Governor Reynold's State of Public Health Disaster Emergency that was recently extended on March 27.

"This has become a day-to-day situation," said WinnaVegas General Manager Mayan Beltran, "Although we want to open the casino and resort to our guests immediately, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska felt it was necessary to remain closed for the safety and well-being of all our guests and team members."

Winnavegas Casino Resort will remain closed and will continue necessary cleaning and sterilization of the entire property. Casino management will continue to 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.

"The Siouxland community and the health of our country are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time," continued Beltran, "It's been a challenge for all of us but we've been here for the past 28 years and we'll be here for the next."

Casino management will continue to utilize social media and their website (www.winnavegas.com) 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.

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