



## Bago Bits...



Whirling Thunder Wellness Center and LPTC have updated their LED signs, on Main St, with a reminder to continue practicing the social distancing guidelines and stay home to protect our elders!



On April 9th, National Indian Health Board Chairperson and Great Plains Area Rep. Tori Kitcheyan featured on C-SPAN to discuss the coronavirus impact on Native American communities, in this country.



The Pony Express and Heritage stores are putting safety first with the newly installed plexiglass barriers at the cash register, to protect employees and customers.



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## COVID-19 Temporary Curfew Order Goes Into Effect for Winnebago



Winnebago Tribal Council orders 7:00 pm to 5 am COVID-19 Temporary Curfew. Here is a picture of Winnebago shortly after the 7:00 pm siren sounded on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 turning Winnebago into a ghost town. Stay home Stay Safe!

### Winonah Leader Charge

Numerous tribes across the nation have initiated the implementation of curfews within their communities. Implementing curfews is a proactive approach to protecting and combating against the Coronavirus. Fortunately, there has been no cases of COVID-19 in the Winnebago community, although there has been confirmed COVID-19 cases in neighboring communities.

A temporary curfew order enacted by the Winnebago Tribal Council went into effect April 15 from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am daily. According to the resolution, "The Winnebago Tribal Council finds this Temporary Curfew Order necessary to minimize in-person interaction, which is the primary means of transmission of COVID-19. This order will remain in effect no longer than necessary to ensure that COVID-19 no longer poses a public health threat."

Read the full ordinance at [winnebagotribe.com](http://winnebagotribe.com)

There are many questions about the newly established Curfew Order, Winnebago Indian News asked Shelia

Corbine of Big Fire Law Firm to answer some of these questions.

*Q: Is there exceptions to being out past curfew?*

A: There are exceptions to be out during curfew hours. If you are an essential employee (Police, Fire, Health worker, Human Services) you may be out during the curfew times if your work necessitates it. However, even essential employees engaging in essential travel or working are encouraged to practice safety standards such as wearing a mask and observing the six-foot social distancing recommendations.

Essential travel is also excepted and includes any travel related to the provision of or access to health care services, travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or other vulnerable persons, travel from a place of residence on the Reservation to employment outside of the Reservation and return; and travel required by law enforcement or court order which may include transport of children pursuant to a custody agreement.

*Q: What happens if a community member violates the Curfew Order?*

A: There is an enforcement provision of the Curfew Order. Law enforcement will be allowed some discretion in handling potential violations of the Order, starting with a warning. Continued violations will result in civil fines of increasing severity depending on the number of times the Order is violated. If there is a continued failure to abide by the Curfew Order, law enforcement has the option to charge somebody with "Failure to Obey" under the Tribe's criminal code.

Lastly, Corbine added that "the Tribal Council is being very proactive in keeping their membership as safe as they can during this health emergency. It is hoped that the coronavirus will not affect the community at all, but the limiting of travel and interpersonal contact, even during just the curfew hours, goes a long way toward the virus infecting members in the community. Once the Tribal Council determines that COVID-19 is no longer a public health threat then the Temporary Curfew Order will be lifted."

## The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of the Upcoming Stimulus



Winnebago Tribal Chairman, Coly Brown is not painting or working construction instead he is running a Winnebago Tribal Council Meeting wearing a face mask. The Winnebago Public Health Department is now urging all community members to wear a cloth face cover as a precaution towards COVID-19 or as Chairman Brown would say "The Rona".

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE. – The much-anticipated stimulus payout from the U.S. government, prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, will begin in Mid-April according to the IRS website. These payments are intended to financially assist Americans with short-term costs such as rent, utilities, or groceries.

Winnebago Tribal Chairman, Coly Brown recommends the community to spend their stimulus money wisely. The council is concerned when tribal members receive their stimulus, they will be tempted to leave the community and expose themselves to the COVID-19 virus. It is advised to stay at home and continue practicing social distancing. "If anything, hold-on to your money...

until Winnavegas re-opens" Chairman Brown said jokingly. Money spent within the community will benefit the local economy.

Now the bad, IRS warns about scams. Our elders are at high risk to be scammed. Scammers claiming to be the IRS have begun deceiving unsuspecting people through mail, social media, phone calls, email and text messages. These are attempts to steal stimulus payments. The IRS website states, "... be on the lookout for scam artists trying to use the economic impact payments as cover for schemes to steal personal information and money. Remember, the IRS will not call, text you, email you or contact you on social media asking for personal or bank account information..."

The ugly, unfortunately there are enablers and self-seekers within the community that will take advantage of unsuspecting tribal members who are receiving a stimulus payout.

Jason Lawrence the Winnebago Chief of Police advises community members to protect their money by keeping it in their bank account. This will allow community members to keep track of their money and how it is being spent. Lawrence also mentions there is video surveillance at local businesses in event of money being stolen. Lastly, he stated if there are any concerns to contact the Winnebago Police Department.

If anyone has questions about the stimulus payment refer to the IRS website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

# BAGO NEWS



## NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### Thurston County Democratic Party to Hold Phone Convention to Select County Officers and State Convention Delegates

The Thurston County Democratic Party will hold its convention on May 17, 2020 at 2:00 via phone to elect officers and delegates to the Nebraska Democratic Party state convention.

The county and state conventions are being done via phone this year due to the coronavirus.

Registered Democrats are encouraged to participate in their county convention and run for a delegate position to the state and national conventions.

Democrats must register to attend their county convention by May 1, 2020. All the details and online registration form are on the NDP's website: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/convention/>

"We had to make adjustments, but everyone pitched in to make this happen," said County Party Chair Danelle Smith. We really want voters to send in their requests to vote by mail and check out the Thurston County Democrats Facebook page for updates during this election cycle."

Said NDP Chair Jane Kleeb: "County parties are the foundation for us to keep building the state party and winning elections. While we will miss seeing everyone at the local conventions this year, we encourage Democrats to register for their county convention to have a voice in local and state leadership. Your local county chair volunteers year-round to build a party for 'We the people' and we are proud to stand with them."

## WE ARE HIRING!

### Ambassadors



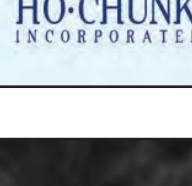
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We are hiring for multiple part-time positions.

- Gain hands-on work experience
- Learn new skills for professional and personal growth
- Work **40 hours per month** on a flexible schedule

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and live on the Winnebago or Omaha reservation.

More details: <https://hochunkinc.com/employment/>



A message from the Winnebago Tobacco Cessation Program

# COVID-19 is a serious threat to those who smoke.

This includes individuals who smoke tobacco, marijuana, or vape.

It's time to quit.

For help, contact the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Pharmacy at 402-878-3700 or Winnebago Public Health Department's Public Health Nurses at 402-878-2258.

You can also reach the Nebraska State Quit Line at

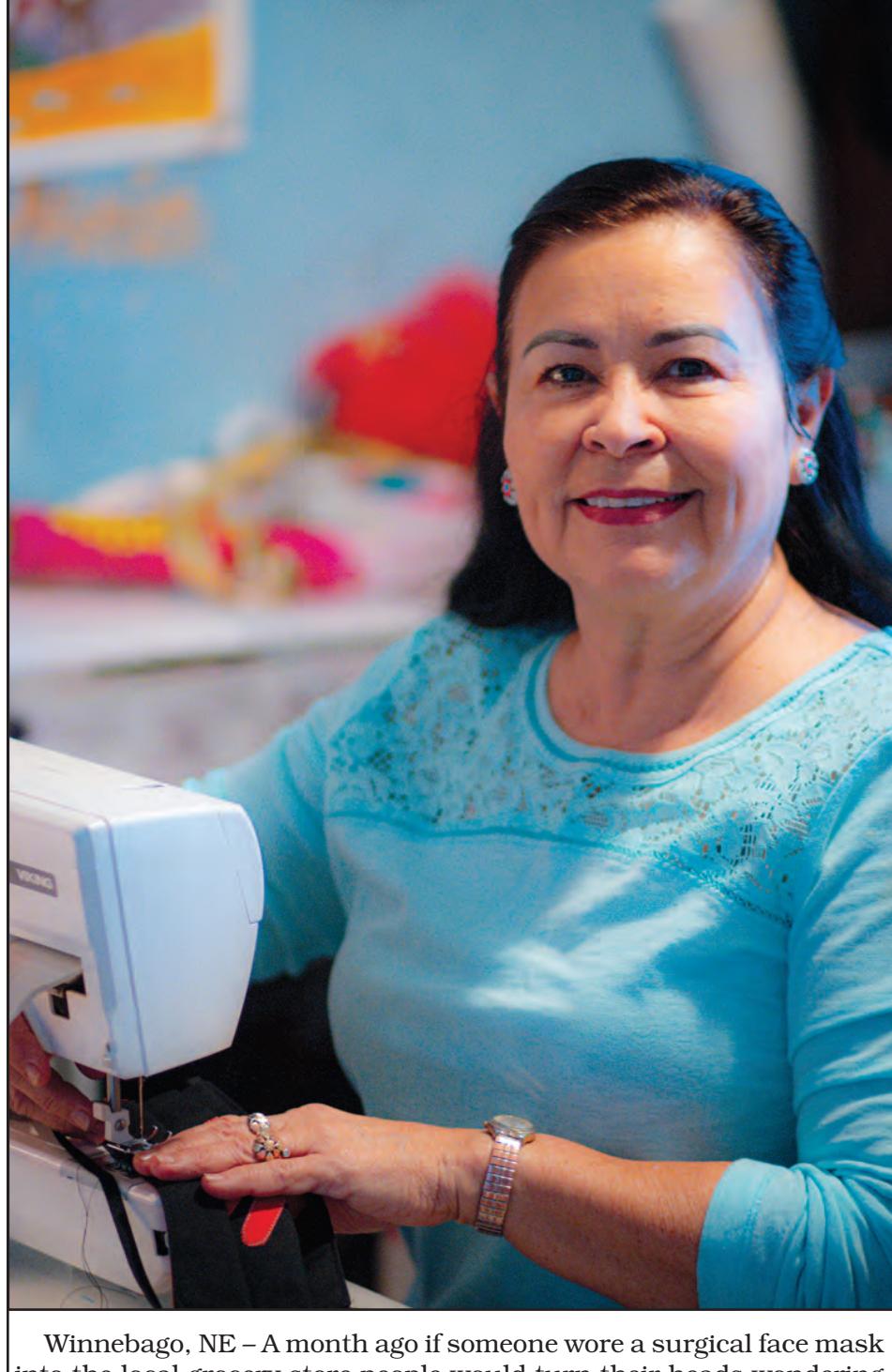
1-800-QUIT-NOW.



Next WIN News Deadline:

**April 27th**

## Local Seamstress Called to Action



Winnebago, NE – A month ago if someone wore a surgical face mask into the local grocery store people would turn their heads wondering what was wrong with that person. Today, if you don't wear a mask in public people turn their heads with the underline thought, gee that person must not care for our elders.

The COVID-19 Pandemic will forever change the way we live, think, and now even how we dress in public. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends that people wear cloth or fabric face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Therese St.Cyr, who is a retired laboratory director from the Winnebago Hospital and a lifelong seamstress was called to action by the Winnebago community. "In the past few weeks I have made over 150 masks and sent them to Michigan, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. At first I made a few just to give away then recently I have been flooded with requests. A nurse from the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital ordered 20 because she wanted to give some to her co-workers and patients." said St.Cyr.

The style of masks that are being produced by Therese adhere to the CDC guidelines and also have a cool native flare.

"A few members of the Winnebago Tribal Council grabbed some of my masks I made. I'm not out to make money but it does require time to cut the patterns and sew them together. The main thing is everyone is protected and staying safe. I know there are a lot of other sewers in the community that are probably working day and night as well" said Therese.

During this pandemic a mask or face cover will be the new normal, just like wearing gloves during the winter, a sweater when it's chilly, and shorts when it's hot. It will take some getting used to but one must always think that they are protecting our elders. In the words of Chairman Brown "Let's do our part".





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WINNEBAGO HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The WHDC Board approved rent relief for the month of April for all tenants in low-income rental units. A two page news-letter was mailed to all rental tenants; many tenants did not pick up their mail. Follow up required by HUD: bring your employers' letter which informed you that you were laid-off or furloughed due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. It documents your eligibility for rent relief. When you are determined to be eligible for Unemployment Compensation, please bring that in also. This will support any further rent adjustment. The WHDC remains open, only through the south side of the building. When you call the office to request a work order, you will be asked a few questions before you relate the need for a work order. Be advised that only serious emergency work will be done. A list was included in the last newsletter. There are no confirmations of COVID 19 in Winnebago. Please maintain the social distancing, especially when you go to the grocery store once a week. If we all take the recommended precautions, we contribute to remaining virus-free. If we don't practice precautions for our self, it can and should be done for our children and elderly. Be Safe!!

## The Northern Pecan

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

In preparation for April 14's National Pecan Day, what better way to celebrate the day than planting your very own northern pecan tree, *Carya illinoinensis*. Native to southern Wisconsin and the northern parts of Illinois and Iowa and extending south to Texas, the northern pecan can handle winter temperatures as low as -35 degrees F. It has pinnately compound leaves that turn a beautiful yellow color in the fall. This tree gets large, upwards of 70 feet, with a crown extending 40 feet or more, so give it plenty of room at planting time.

The northern pecan tree is monoecious, meaning it has both female and male flowers on the same tree. The best nut production, however, is ensured when more than one pecan variety is planted. The nuts mature around mid-October and are highly nutritious. From planting, northern pecan trees can start producing in as little as 6 years.

The northern pecan is not fussy as to soil pH, being tolerant of alkaline as well as acidic soils. They do, how-

ever, need to be in a well-draining soil to prevent crown and root problems. The extensive tap root that the northern pecan develops makes it highly drought tolerant but it also limits recommendations for a starter-sized tree. People seeking the best results for nut production from their northern pecans should start with small trees, those started in 4-inch pots are ideal. Starting with such a small size isn't an impediment—the idea is to get a small tree planted before a deep tap root has developed. Since the northern pecan has such a wide native range, purchasing a tree from a nursery that collects seeds from the northern parts of its range will be important to assure winter hardiness. Once happily planted, the northern pecan doesn't waste any time when it comes to growing, increasing in height more than 12 inches each growing season.

If you're interested in knowing more about growing the northern pecan, or any type of nut tree suitable for this area, check out the Nebraska Nut Growers Association at nebraskanutgrowers.org and the Northern Nut Growers Association at nutgrowing.org.

## Thurston County Voters - Deadline May 1st

### OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, DEADLINE MAY 1ST

Voting by mail is easy and secure. No driving. No waiting in lines. You can even look up all the candidates as you vote from home.

Thousands of Nebraskans are now voting by mail. The only way we win elections and end the current one-party rule of our state is to vote. **Join fellow Democrats and Non-Partisans (Independents) in growing the good life for all Nebraskans. You have the power to change our state.**

**DEADLINE:** May 1st is the last day your county election office can receive your Vote By Mail application. Please return your official Vote By Mail application today!



Check out your Democratic Candidates:  
[nebraskademocrats.org](http://nebraskademocrats.org)



Voting Information from Nebraska Secretary of State:  
[sos.ne.gov](http://sos.ne.gov)



Questions and Help: **402-434-2180** or  
[info@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:info@nebraskademocrats.org)

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### VOTE BY MAIL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Fill out the attached Vote By Mail application with your information and sign your name.
- 2 Drop your Vote By Mail application in the mail early enough to be received by May 1st (the earlier the better).
- 3 Wait for your ballot to arrive in the mail, ballots start getting sent to voters on April 6th, 2020.
- 4 When your ballot arrives, look up all the Democratic candidates at [NebraskaDemocrats.org](http://NebraskaDemocrats.org) so you can vote for change.



### OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATION

Printed First Name and Last Name of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

Current Home Address of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address Where Ballot Is To Be Sent (if different than above)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

I live in Cuming, Douglas, Gage, Gosper, Hall, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, or Scotts Bluff county, and would like to be added to the Permanent Vote By Mail request list.

I am a Non-Partisan / Independent voter and would like a Democratic Primary Ballot.



Signature of Voter or Person Acting as Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Agent (if Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

### "Jesus lives for you!"

There was once a man who suffered the loss of all of his children. Not one or two but ten children all died in a wind-storm on one day. His seven sons and three daughters had gathered together at one of his son's homes and were killed when that house collapsed. I can not imagine the sorrow and the loss that he and his wife felt on that tragic day.

He could have turned against God and blamed him. How did this man respond? 'At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. YAHWEH gave and YAHWEH has taken away; may the name of YAHWEH be praised. In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing" [Job 1:20-22 (NIV84)].

We learn from Sacred Scriptures that YAHWEH was testing Job. And Job had passed the test. Things got much worse as YAHWEH allowed Satan to tempt Job again, this time by afflicting him with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Job's suffering continued for many days.

Three friends came to visit him. They sat in silence for seven days and seven nights. When they opened their mouths they added to Job's suffering. Each one of them said in so many words that Job had obviously done something wrong for YAHWEH to allow such suffering.

Through this all Job did not turn on YAHWEH. He was no doubt depressed. He even said that he wished that at his birth that he would have been stillborn. And then we come to these words of hope in the darkest of times: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me' [Job 19:25-27]!

These words of Job, as inspired by

the Spirit of God, revealed his faith in the resurrection of the dead. Thousands of years before the birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection of his Redeemer - Jesus - Job had this hope. This past Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of the world's only Redeemer. Each and every person who places his or her faith in Jesus has the blessed hope of the resurrection from the death!

About two hundred years ago a pastor by the name of Samuel Medley put these words of Job into a hymn. We sing this heaven each Easter at Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church. Here are three of the eight verses:

*I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!*

*He lives, He lives, who once was dead;*

*He lives, my ever living head.*

*He lives to bless me with His love;*

*He lives to plead for me above;*

*He lives my hungry soul to feed;*

*He lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;*

*He lives to wipe away my tears;*

*He lives to calm my troubled heart;*

*He lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;*

*He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*

Please note well that Jesus lives for you! Jesus lives for you day and night, as well as night and day. He offers to feed your hungry soul. How? Through the reading of and meditation on His Sacred Word and through the body and blood of Jesus our Savior. He offers to adopt you into His family through the water of Holy Baptism, connecting you to the cross of Jesus and to His victorious resurrection!

Jesus lives for me - praise the LORD! Jesus lives for you, too! Will you allow His Spirit to guide you so that you can live for Him?

## New and improved Winnebago children's Lexigon

The Lexigon will be ready soon. No date set yet. Here are some examples:

I love you mom.  
*oca rohuna wixrera wagwe.*

I love you dad.  
*oca rohuna wixrera geskap.*

It's ok.  
*Pigac wamgux.*

Classical music on C.D.  
*Chawaxu washup wamca cuca.*

Movie on DVD.  
*wahsak wamca tete.*

Call me.  
*ciporo ritahu.*

It's cool.  
*Pigac gomik.*

Hi.  
*Nikac*

Hello  
*Nemas*

Goodby  
*Mekere*

Good Behavior  
*mesis biha*

Thanks,  
*Patrick Greyhair*

## On Common Ground

We've recently been experiencing a phenomenon that only a few living souls have experienced... a worldwide pandemic. I've seen a group of people come together to answer the needs of the Winnebago community, and I see a working group coalescing into a formidable force with a common goal to improve the lives and food security of the Winnebago Tribe. Little Priest Tribal College Extension is proud to be a small part of the Food Sovereignty and Security movement.

As things progress through the year, changes will occur in our Extension Calendar, some things will be cancelled, postponed or be presented remotely in GoTo Meetings or even YouTube. Some of you have experienced this already with last week's Meet, Eat & Grow presentation by Extension Director Janyce Woodard. As we proceed, we will do our best to get the word out to the community of our programming and other important community announcements.

For the month of April, we had an Earth Day celebration planned, but due to the Covid-19 shutdown, we must cancel the event. I encourage everyone to celebrate Earth Day in some way on April 22nd, but please always celebrate and honor Mother Earth!

Best Wishes and Good Health!

*Stuart Fischer  
LPTC Extension  
Outreach/Education Coordinator*

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 16, 2020**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mayan Beltran  
Mike Means  
Garan Coons  
Susie Taylor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Brown called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

\*Additions:  
WinnaVegas  
Dance Across America Concert Contract and Ticket Pricing

Bring a Friend & Bonus Free Play Day

Triple Play/Bonus Free Play Offer Update

HR Hiring Freeze

HR Guidelines for Services

Dance Troup

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions.

Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

2-27-20 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes

Melton Frenchman motioned to approve the February 27, 2020 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

3-2-20 Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the March 2, 2020 Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

3-11-20 CEO Report & Land Meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the March 11, 2020 CEO Report & Land meeting min-

utes. Melton Frenchman seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

**RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**  
Approve Budge Modification – Garden/Cemetery Project

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Garden/Cemetery Project Budget Modification of \$6,500.00 for vehicle repairs. John Snowball seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Adopt Resolution**

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify five-signature adopting resolution #20-103: FY2020 NPS Historic Preservation Fund – FY20 Holca\k Worak (Ho-Chunk Storytelling). Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**WINNAVEGAS ADDED ITEMS:**

Bring a Friend & Bonus Free Play Day

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the WinnaVegas promotion of Bring a Friend & Bonus Free Play Day. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Triple Play/Bonus Free Play Offer**

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the WinnaVegas promotion of Triple Play/Bonus Free Play Offer. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Dance Across America Concert Contract and Ticket Pricing**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the WinnaVegas promotion of Dance Across America Concert Contract and Ticket Pricing. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Human Services Guidelines for services**

John Snowball motioned to have a hiring Freeze to coincide with the closure of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska until March 27, 2020 with the exception of essential services. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approve Payment of Gift Orders – LBM pow-wow gifts

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the gift orders for the Last Bear Moon Drums & Drum sticks for \$465.00. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**ADDED ITEMS:**

Hiring Freeze

John Snowball motioned to have a hiring Freeze to coincide with the closure of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska until March 27, 2020 with the exception of essential services. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Dance Troup – Eugene DeCorra**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ap-

Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to approve the payment for Moccasin games sets design for \$50.00. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No personal business – no action taken.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**VK – Fern Saul – Financial Assistance**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**VK – Rescind motion from 12-30-19 meeting**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to rescind the motion made during the December 30, 2019 Mid-monthly meeting to hire Dayle Knutson as consult to investigate complaints/statements at 12 Clans hospital. Melton Frenchman seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, LLR, VK, MF (3) no, RW, TW, AA (0) abstain Motion carried.

**DHHS – At Large nomination for Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee**

Louis LaRose motioned to nominate Victoria Kitcheyan for Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, LLR, VK, MF (4) no, JSB, TW, RW, AA (0) abstain Motion failed.

Aric Armell motioned to nominate Thelma Whitewater for Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, TW, RW, AA (4) no, JSB, LLR, MF, VK (0) abstain Motion failed.

**ADDED ITEMS:**

**Hiring Freeze**

John Snowball motioned to have a hiring Freeze to coincide with the closure of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska until March 27, 2020 with the exception of essential services. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Human Services Guidelines for services**

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the revised Guidelines for Human Services Emergency Assistance for the purpose of the COVID-19 pandemic. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**Dance Troup – Eugene DeCorra**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ap-

prove a honorarium payment to Eugene DeCorra and their dance troupe for singer and Performance during the CDC Site visit for \$750.00. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Motion carried.

3-16-20 Special meeting minutes Aric Armell motioned to suspend the rules to approve the Special meeting minutes.

John Snowball seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the March 16, 2020 Special Tribal Council meeting –COVID-19 minutes. John Snowball seconded.

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

Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

John Snowball motioned to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL-  
WINNAVEGAS CASINO  
March 17, 2020**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Coly Brown

John Snowball

Roland Warner

Aric Armell

Louis LaRose

Victoria Kitcheyan

Thelma Whitewater

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alan Post

Esther Mercer

Garan Coons

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

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

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

\*Temporary closure of WinnaVegas, Financial hardship, Investment with Liberty National Bank, Funds for Tax Commission, and Emergency Relief.

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Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. John Snowball seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WINNAVEGAS CASINO & RESORT:

John Snowball motioned to follow the closure of WinnaVegas by Governor Kim Reynolds of Iowa starting at noon March 17, 2020 until March 31, 2020, at which time the Tribal Council will re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation. Louis LaRose seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL HARDSHIP:** Meeting with Gaming Commission and Winnebago Gaming Development at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2020 to discuss financial hardship during the closure.

**INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO:** Information only.

**FUNDS FOR TAX COMMISSION:** Discussion only.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF:** Discussion only.

**ADJOURN:** Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:59 a.m. John Snowball seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING March 18, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Redhorn-Chamberlain  
Brian Chamberlain  
Damon Payer  
Garan Coons  
Alan Post  
Bill DeCora  
Lance Morgan  
Marc Aldrich

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Roland Warner offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

\*Trust Account Draw down, Gaming, Boys & Girls Club, Purchasing, Early Payroll, and WinnaVegas Casino Employees.

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

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

### TRUST ACCOUNT DRAW DOWN:

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-106: Trust Account Draw down (PL 7334-70-6) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Aric Armell seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Louis LaRose motioned to approve withdrawal from account PL 7334-70-6 amount of \$1,000,000.00. John Snowball seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### GAMING: updates

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Discussion only.

PURCHASING: Discussion. "No unnecessary spending on appropriation dollars".

EARLY PAYROLL: Discussion.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to allow payroll advance & waive the requirement for one (1) per quarter. John Snowball seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

WINNAVEGAS CASINO EMPLOYEES: Discussion.

HCI: Information only.

### ADJOURN:

Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. Aric Armell seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING March 24, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Louis LaRose  
Victoria Kitcheyan (via Skype)

Melton Frenchman  
Vacant Seat

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Garan Coons  
Sharon Chamberlain  
Brian Chamberlain  
Matt May  
Brandon Stout  
Danelle Smith (via Skype)

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Roland Warner  
Aric Armell

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 recommendations some meeting participants participated through Skype.

**OPENING PRAYER:** John Snowball offered the opening prayer.

### RESOLUTIONS:

DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #20-107: Declaring a Public Health Emergency and Authorizing the Winnebago Public Health Department to take any action necessary to address Infectious Diseases. Melton Frenchman seconded.  
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### CREATION OF THE WINNEBAGO PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TASK FORCE

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-10: Creation of the Winnebago Pandemic Preparedness Task Force. Melton Frenchman seconded.  
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

MEMO FROM VILLAGE OF EMERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING GOVERNORS RECOMMENDATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

John Snowball motioned to close the Native Star Casino in Winnebago, NE and the Iron Horse Casino in Emerson, NE effective today (March 24, 2020) and closed until further notice. Melton Frenchman seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

**FEMA:** John Snowball motioned to appoint Matt May as the Tribal Coordinating Officer for FEMA. Louis LaRose seconded.  
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### ADJOURN:

John Snowball motioned to adjourn at 2:41 p.m. Thelma Whitewater seconded.  
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING – COVID-19 March 27, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayan Beltran (skype)  
Garan Coons  
Matt May  
Esther Mercer  
Alan Post  
Erika Dunn  
Brandon Stout

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Roland Warner offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Gaming Commission. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### EDUCARE:

John Snowball motioned for EduCare to follow in line with the Winnebago Public School closure and reopening during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA: ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE:

Roland Warner motioned to extend Administrative Leave to the Winnebago Tribal Employees until April 10, 2020 for non-essential Employees. Aric Armell seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE:

John Snowball motioned to extend the Family Medical Leave waiver until April 10, 2020. Roland Warner seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### PAID TIME OFF

Roland Warner motioned to extend the Paid Time Off waiver until April 10, 2020.

John Snowball seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### TRAVEL BAN

Roland Warner motioned to follow the recommendations of the CDC regarding travel, no travel except for essential staff. Louis LaRose seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### GAMING COMMISSION:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to authorize Administrative Leave to the Winnebago Gaming Commissioners until April 7, 2020 or when the Casino opens. Louis LaRose seconded.

Victoria motioned to modify the previous motion to authorize The Winnebago Gaming Commission to work remotely until April 7, 2020 or when the Casinos re-open.

Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### ADJOURN:

Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

### Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT March 30, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Melton Frenchman  
Victoria Kitcheyan (Skype)  
Vacant Seat

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Damon Payer

Matt May

Alan Post

Erika Dunn

Garan Coons

Brandon Stout

### SKYPE:

Danelle Smith

Gene Gilpin

Kim Sulsberger

152L – James Crane  
153L – David Bear  
358B – White Pidgeon

Should you have questions, comments or concerns regarding this notice, or the pipeline maintenance projects, please contact Sergio Gonzalez at 402-530-2026. You may also call Northern's Hotline at 1-888-367-6671, which is available 24 hours per day.

The Winnebago Tribal Council is 100% AGAINST Meth. Not only is Meth harmful to the individual, it destroys families and our community. Meth use is not the HoChunk/Winnebago way of life. On 12-30-19, during the Winnebago Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting, a motion was passed to publish all meth related offenses occurring on the Winnebago reservation, in the Winnebago Indian News.

The following individual(s) has been arrested for a meth offense...

Kezia Masquat, Age 23  
Possession of Paraphernalia or Drug Manufacturing Equipment

## 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.

Mayan Beltran  
Nick Flores

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Thelma Whitewater offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

John Snowball motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of WinnaVegas extended closure date. Roland Warner seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

John Snowball motioned to approve the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System financial report for month of February 2020. Melton Frenchman seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### GAMING COMMISSION:

John Snowball motioned to approve the Gaming Commission report for February 2020. Louis LaRose seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK:

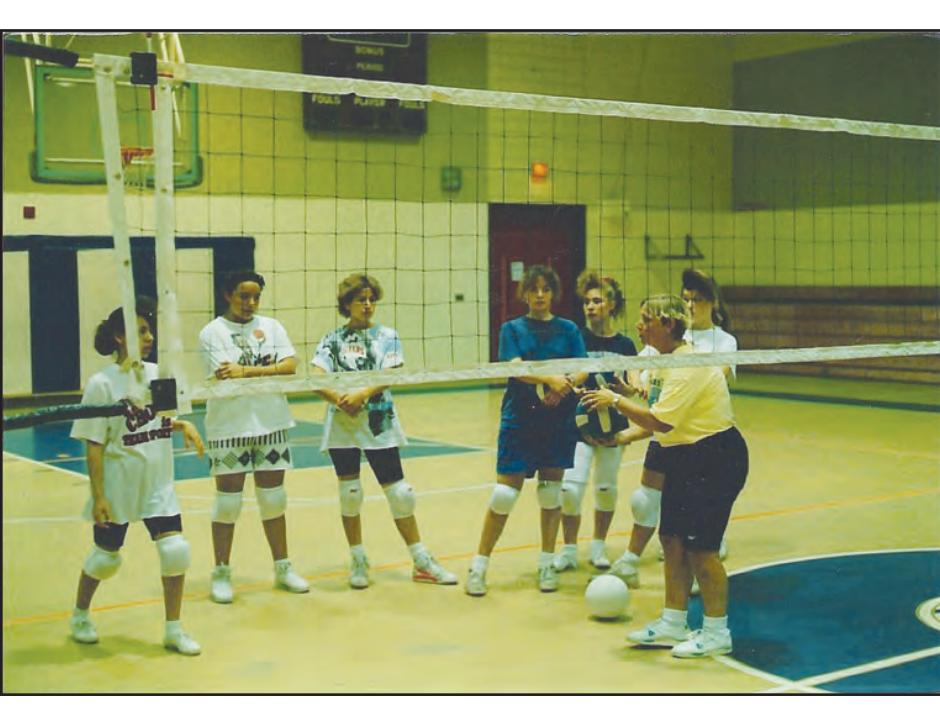
Information update only.

### TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Tribal CFO report for February 2020. John Snowball seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

### [Victoria in at 10:00 a.m. via Skype]</h

# WINNEBAGO THROWBACK PICS



Early 90's view of the Bago Volleyball Girls team with their coach



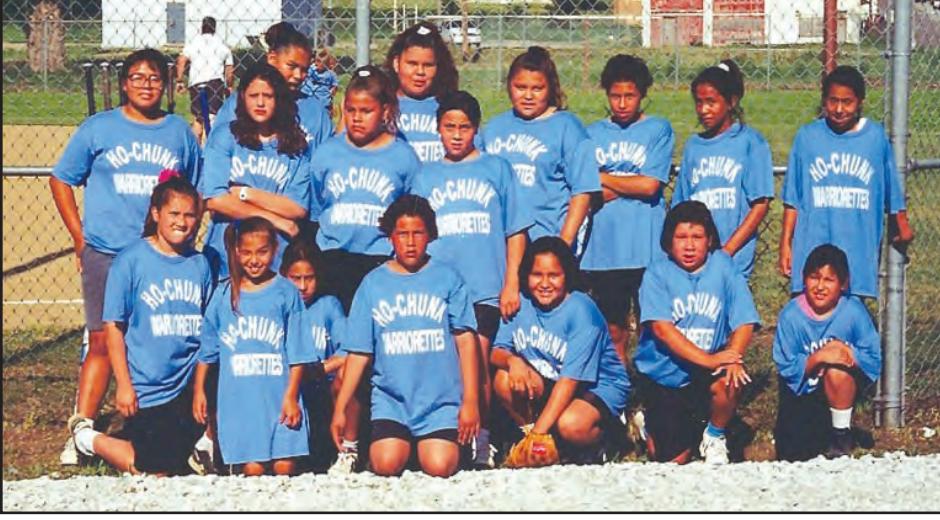
Lady Indians at the State Basketball Tournament in 1990.



Game night view of the Bago Boys football team in October 2001.



Lady Indians take the net after a win, (Bago 48 - Lynch 43)



Girls softball team photo from the 90's, The Ho-Chunk Warriorettes.



Lady Indians vs. Homer Knights in November 1995.



Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in September 1993.



Mid-block shot from a 2005 Lady Indians basketball game.



Bet these ladies look familiar; a team photo from the early 80's of the Bago Volleyball girls.



Starting the season off right; a view from a football practice session in 1993.



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## B I N G O

Winnebago Homecoming Powwow	Blackhawk Community Center	Winnebago Senior Citizen Center	Land of Wellness Fields	Pony Express
12 Clans Unity Hospital	Winnebago Statue Garden	Big Bear Hallow	Look Out Point	Hole in the Rock
Native Star Casino	Ho-Chunk Center		Little Priest Tribal College	Winnebago Public School
Ho-Chunk, Inc. Headquarters	Whirling Thunder Wellness Center	Heritage Express	Four Corners	The River
Winnebago Canning Center	Engineer's Point	Company A Gas Station	Wally Rodgers Barber Shop	The Merry Mart

\*For entertainment purposes only

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