



WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS

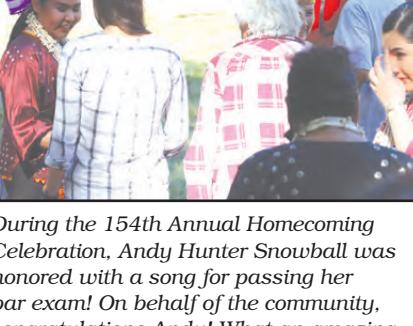
Bago Bits...

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PRIMARY ELECTION		
RANK	CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES %
10	KARL BAKER	48 451
2	BRIAN CHAMBERLAIN	189 1775
9	CRAIG A. CLEVELAND SR.	55 5.16
3	LORELEI HOPE DECORA	153 14.37
12	WAUKON GRASSTY	18 1.69
7	MARIAN HOLSTEIN	69 6.48
1	VICTORIA KITCHENIAN	199 18.6
8	KENNETH MALLORY	69 6.48
11	MAUNKA MORGAN	24 2.25
6	RONA STEALER	75 7.04
5	ROLAND WARNER	78 7.32
4	THELMA WHITEWATER	88 8.26

Shown above are the results from the Tribal Council's primary election that took place on Tuesday, September 8th. The top 6 advances to the general election set for Tuesday, October 6th.



Here is a look at the new design placed on one of the billboards in Winnebago! #NoKXL #WaterIsLife #WinnebagoAgainstKXLPipeline



During the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration, Andy Hunter Snowball was honored with a song for passing her bar exam! On behalf of the community, congratulations Andy! What an amazing accomplishment.



Winnebago Indian News would like to say thank you to Matt Cleveland Jr. for blessing the new Physical Resources building on Friday, September 4th.



On September 9th, Atlas of Winnebago distributed food items and household products to elders and families in need. Read an update from the program in this issue!



On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe, congratulations to Garan Coons on receiving the Nebraska Heritage Arts Award from the State of Nebraska! (Photo courtesy of the Nebraska Arts Council.)



Construction for the new halfway house is underway, here is an updated look at the worksite. (Read more construction updates in this issue.)

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Winnebago Veterans Complete Ceremonies by Holding Scaled Back 154th Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration



154TH ANNUAL
WINNEBAGO HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
FAMILY SONGS

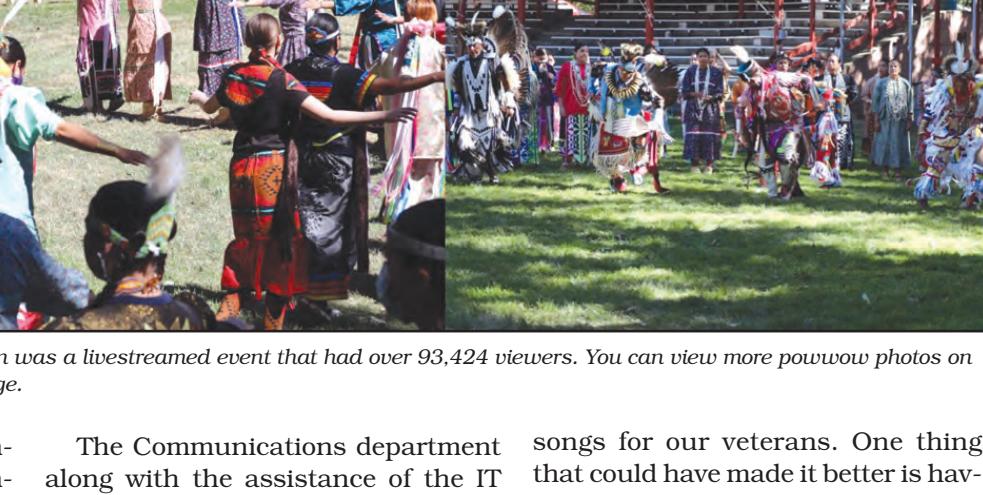
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The 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration was a live-streamed event that had over 93,424 viewers. You can view more powwow photos on the Winnebago Indian News' Facebook page.

WINNEBAGO, NE— On September 3, the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration took place for one day at the Winnebago Veterans Park. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the celebration was a closed community celebration. The powwow was intended for the community of Winnebago and those who lived or worked within the Winnebago Indian Reservation boundaries. Only local Winnebago Tribal members were allowed to participate. COVID-19 and social distancing precautions were taken at the celebration.

Initially, the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration was scheduled for July 25, 2020 but due to the pandemic, a decision was made by the Winnebago Veteran's Association to postpone the powwow portion of the Homecoming Celebration. This decision was made to ensure the safety of fellow veterans, community members and elders. However, they did raise Chief Little Priest's Flag and presented tobacco to the four directions in a small closed ceremony.

The Communications department along with the assistance of the IT department provided a wonderful live stream of the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration. A remarkable number of viewers tuned into the live stream on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska social media site, reaching over 90,000 people.

Tribal council member Aric Armell stated, "I'd like to start out on this subject by thanking the creator for giving us this opportunity to do a small and humble Homecoming Celebration to honor our last war Chief LittlePriest. The Homecoming Celebration went better than expected. The tribes Covid numbers were high during that time, thanks to our 12 Clans Community Hospital medical personnel. Everyone involved in making the 154th Homecoming Celebration had gone above and beyond their expected duties. Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. We had the opportunity to execute and perform quite a few of our traditional dances, family songs, and honor

songs for our veterans. One thing that could have made it better is having full participation from the community, but due to the pandemic I'm glad most of our enrolled membership had took heed to reinforce safety before anything. I say THANK YOU to everyone who watched through the live stream.

Some of the highlights for our 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration where watching our enrolled membership come together to ensure the rest of our people were able to come out and express themselves through their dances. Another highlight was seeing our family flags of fallen veterans fly and specially to see our last war chief Little Priests flag flying. To me the best highlight was to see EVERYONE who attended smile, laugh, and indulge in the moment.

So with that ... hopefully next year we will meet again in the arbor of celebration as we remember where we come from, remember who we are honoring, and while remembering... enjoying ourselves."

Tribal Council Announces Expansion of Casino Operations

Winonah Leader Charge

The Winnebago Tribal Council is working with the management team of the WinnaVegas Casino Resort to possibly expand the casino operations through the construction of an indoor water park, adding a hotel tower as well as expand the convention center space. Additionally, a food and beverage outlet, an indoor kid play area with an arcade, and potentially a golf course. The Winnebago Tribal Council plans to locate the expansion on tribally owned land in either Iowa or Nebraska. The waterpark operation would be owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska through the WinnaVegas Casino

Resort operation. The location will be determined upon the results of the expanded gaming initiative in Nebraska. Nebraska voters will have the opportunity to vote on this initiative on the state of Nebraska's general election ballot in November.

Chairman Coly Brown mentioned, this current council wants to see an expansion so we can help out tribal members more. Since he has been on council, there has been talk about expanding the casino. The extra revenue from the casino, will allow the tribe to provide more services to the tribal members such as emergency assistance, youth programs, social programs plus many more.

The tribal council instructed the WinnaVegas executives, the

CFO and its team, Ho-Chunk Inc., and the Tribal Treasurer Roland Warner to develop a feasible and responsible plan and send to the council so they can act on it. Those plans are currently under way. The Winnebago community is growing which is always a good thing, but it puts a larger demand to generate more revenue for the tribe to maintain the services they offer.

Tribal Treasurer Roland Warner stated, "during the pandemic, we have seen how much we can benefit by working together. We need to continue working on this project. Passing the resolution was a big step to ensure the process to meet the needs and demands of the tribe and continue to work together."

BAGO NEWS



WINNEBAGO SENIOR CENTER
NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

In observance of Native American Day. Regular operations will resume on Tuesday, September 29. Please call 402-878-2487 for any questions or concerns.

Winnebago Public Health Department



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Next WIN News Deadline: **Sept. 29th**

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Word from the Treasurer: Roland Warner

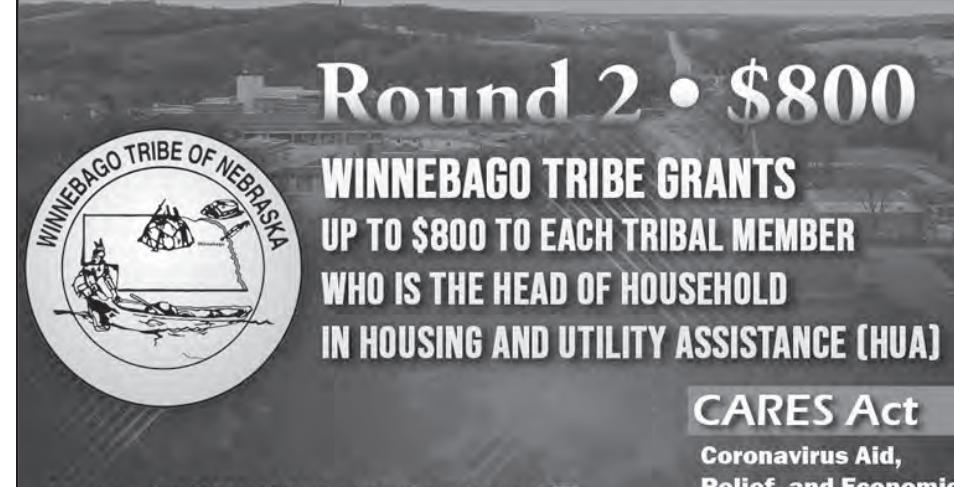


benefit as a result. During this time, we have made many contributions and brought forth cutting edge technologies to help move the WTN forward in the 21st century. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with our CEO Ester Mercer and help provide resources necessary to make all of our departments run effectively and efficiently.

We made improvements to grow our programs; tribal roads with equipment, the IT department, the Alcohol and Drug Program with a halfway house and a three quarter way house. We have worked hard to make sure our casino is set to expand and bring more revenue to the WTN to help benefit our tribal membership's lives. Above all it has been an honor and privilege to serve on this council with every individual who has served during this time. This council has made every effort to work with all entities on this reservation openly, honestly, and as transparent as we can make it. We have held each other accountable to keep the integrity of these offices we hold to the best of our abilities.

Thank you and God bless the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and God bless the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin.

As treasurer of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (WTN) it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Winnebago community for the past three years. During this time of service to the tribe, I have had the honor and privilege to serve with some of the best statesman ever produced on this reservation namely Curtis St. Cry and Jim Snow. It has also been an honor and privilege to work with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's CFO Alan Post and his entire finance team. It has been a great learning experience and I derive much



CARES Act

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

ATTENTION: As we approach the cold months, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is going to give each Winnebago Tribal Member who is Head of Household \$800 in Housing and Utility Assistance. This is available for both on and off reservation tribal members.

Applications for round 2 will be accepted starting September 8th. Round 1 of the Housing and Utility Assistance is now CLOSED.

If you received round 1 you must still fill out the new application which can be found on the Winnebago Tribes Website: <http://www.winnebagotribe.com/images/joomlart/corporate/tribe/COVID19/HUA-Application-R2.pdf>

Email the completed form to: wtnhumanservices@winnebagotribe.com or complete an over the phone application by calling 833-568-7882 during WTN Human Services Business Hours

This is in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We want to thank the Winnebago Human Services Department, Winnebago Tribal Council, The Winnebago Pandemic Taskforce, The Winnebago Finance Department, WTN CEO, CFO and Tribal Treasurer for all their work on this assistance to the tribal members.

We can't drop our guard...

Winona Leader Charge

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska CEO Esther Mercer stated in a meeting with members of the Tribal Council, "The COVID-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented and historical situation for our organization and community, and nobody had a perfect plan in place when this crisis hit."

Many organizations shut down during the early days of the pandemic, including the Tribal organization, for a brief period of time. What many are not aware of is that during this time, several of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's (WTN) administration, managers and staff continued to report to work to ensure the critical services that the Winnebago community relies on remained available to tribal and community members. Over the summer, the Tribe cautiously began the process of resuming operations and on Monday August 3rd, WTN resumed normal business hours of 8:00-4:30pm M-F. Staff are ensuring office coverage through a combination of shift rotation and safe scheduling. Staff who are not working in the offices are telecommuting. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is doing everything they can to protect their workers including providing air purifiers, Plexiglas barriers, protective masks, and supplying employees with hand sanitizer.

The Tribe is confident that in the event there is an influx in COVID cas-

es, and if there is another full shut down, the Tribal organization will continue to remain operational. When the pandemic first hit, the Tribe did not have policies that allowed for staff to work from home. The Tribe also lacked the technological infrastructure to allow employees to telework. Funding provided to the Tribe through the CARES Act supported the purchasing of necessary equipment and software that is allowing staff to be able to work from home. Given that pandemics historically last on average around 18 months, the Tribe is continually monitoring the situation and determining how to best deal with the circumstances at hand as the situation evolves.

The WTN administration and finance department presented a solid budget for FY 21 to the council for approval. The hope is to have this budget approved by October 1st. Presently, there is no concern about layoffs, however, the Tribe is still proceeding with caution. "We have to do our part and we can't let our guard down." stated Mercer.

Garan Coons the Communications Officer stated, "We can't relax, the Nebraska Governor and the President said we are getting past it but us as Native people need to keep our guard up and keep precautions until a vaccine comes out. Our population is very high risk so we as a tribe need to do our part to stay safe."

Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community



Here is an updated look at the progress with construction that is taking place on the main street through Winnebago, Bluff St.

Jerry Kabourek M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.

September 2020 Construction updates include:

9/17- 9/18 MECC is preparing the subgrade for the last temporary road located on the East side of the existing road at the Mission Avenue area. This will move traffic over to allow construction of the circle. Plans to start paving (weather permitting). Anticipated to be paved by 9/25.

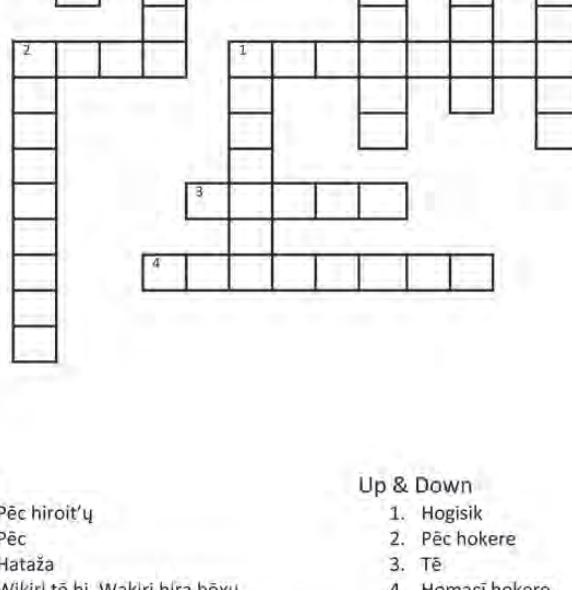
9/28 Plan for a traffic switch around.

9/30 MECC will be removing the West lane, laying pipe and rough grading in the West lane in the area from Mathewson North. Planning to have that ready for Steve Harris Construction to begin the permanent pavement.

Homaci hi'ujnekje na!

(Let's Go Camping!)

Ho-Chunk Renaissance



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WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Recommendations

WINNEBAGO PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TASK FORCE

Winnebago Pandemic Preparedness Task Force shall have the authority to develop and manage sub-committees to assist in the furtherance of its mission to develop short, mid and long term plans to help ensure the health, safety and welfare of the members of the Tribe during a public health emergency

Initial Members of W.P.P.T.F.

Esther Mercer, CEO, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Alan Post, CFO, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

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John Snowball, Chair
Winnebago Pandemic Taskforce

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- Community Healthcare

- Tribal Food Security

- Communications/IT

- Education

- Community Utilities

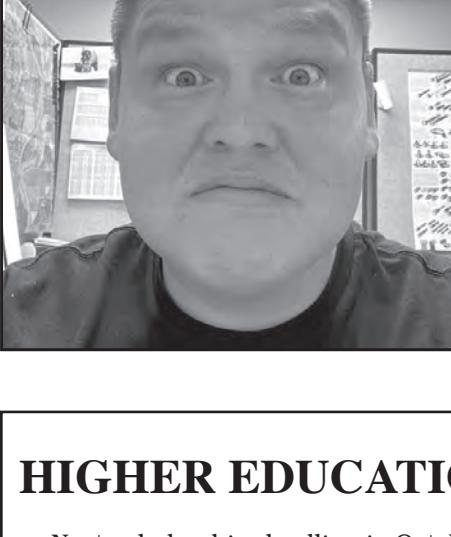
- Federal & State Funding

- Business & Employment

- Tribal Security

A huge THANK YOU to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Pandemic Task force, the Pandemic Task force subcommittees, and the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital. Thank you for everything that you are doing for the Winnebago Community and its tribal members! Your contributions and hard work is appreciated!

2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION



The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska appreciates the effort and time that each employee puts forth while carrying out their duties. One time each month, Human Resources sets out to recognize individual employees that go above and beyond to serve their co-workers, clients, and/or the public. Due to the pandemic and the tribal shutdown, these nominations were delayed.

Congratulations to April 2020 Employee of the Month, Benjamin St. Cyr, and July 2020 Employee of the Month, Tara Marrufo! Thank you both for all of your hard work and dedication.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"What or who is in your heart?"

What is in your heart? Or I probably should ask 'who' is in your heart? It makes all the difference in the world. It makes a difference on what you value. It makes a difference on how you live your life. It makes a difference on how others see or perceive you. And finally, it makes a difference on where you will end up.

The writer of the book of Proverbs, King Solomon, speaks to this topic with these words, "With all diligence guard your heart, because the source of life [comes] from it" [Steinmann, CPH Proverbs commentary, p. 143]. The Spirit of our Creator dwells in the heart of those who place God first and foremost. The heart of the Christian believer is a well-spring of life due to God's Spirit taking up residence there.

This is the same Spirit that Jesus promised and did send to his disciples. On the first Pentecost, ten days after Jesus ascended into the clouds, and fifty days after his victorious resurrection from the dead (no other God/god can claim this), the Holy Spirit came down and dwelt in the hearts of his followers.

This same Spirit dwells in the hearts of those, who by God's grace, have opened their hearts. This same Spirit also opens the ears of the faithful and continues to speak to those who, again by the grace of God, hear and put into action God's commands.

This past Sunday, the following Sacred text came up to be read in God's house at our church. The apostle Paul, inspired by God's Spirit, penned these words: 'But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not satisfy the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires [what is] contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit [desires what is] contrary to the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another in order that you do not do the things you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.'

There is no middle ground, no grey areas. Either your flesh, your self-centered desires lead you away from

God. Or the Spirit of God leads you on the path toward God. Paul makes the point that the one led by the Spirit is no longer under the Law - there is no judgment or condemnation for the believer.

Paul continues, 'Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are sexual immorality, impurity, indecency, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, rage, selfishness, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the such things as these, concerning which I am warning you, just as I said before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.'

Each and every one of us have been guilty of living our lives in these ways. However, do not be deceived into thinking that this is the 'new normal.' Nor think that it is acceptable to God as Paul emphatically puts out and in sincere love warns against!

Then there is the one in whose heart dwells the Holy Spirit. Paul offers you the Good News of the blessings of having God's Spirit leading you, guiding you and guarding your heart. He writes, 'The fruit of the Spirit, however, is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Law is not opposed to such things. Now those of Christ [Jesus] crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.'

What type of parent do you want to be to your children? What type of brother or sister, son or daughter do you want to be to your siblings, parents, grandparents? What type of co-worker or leader do you want to be? To be the best that Creator God intended you to be then allow God's Spirit to reside in your heart.

The apostle Paul concludes this section with these words: 'If we live by the Spirit, then by the Spirit let us also walk. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another' [Galatians 5:16-26 translation by A. Andrew Das: Concordia Commentary: Galatians; CPH p. 556].

On Common Ground

How do we plan for a future when our lives are so disrupted? Little Priest Tribal College Extension is trying to do just that, plan for a future that may or may not be face to face. We in Extension are using a variety of methods to conduct workshops, including virtual GoTo workshops and Facebook Live events. We are also collaborating with UNL Extension educators in Dakota-Thurston and Douglas-Sarpy counties to create videos that can be accessed by community members who would like to learn or "knock the rust off" long unused skills in food preservation.

The videos showcase step by step demonstrations of food preservation methods including canning, freezing, and dehydrating using fruits and vegetables that always seem to grow in abundance like cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and apples. We're in the beginning stages of gathering video and pictures of various food preservation methods and are thankful for the assistance of Bryce Anderson of Little Priest Tribal College IT Department.

Janyce and I (Stuart Fischer, LPTC Extension Outreach/Education Coordinator) are currently working on a calendar of workshops and events for the new year. Below you can find our current Fall 2020 schedule, fulfilling our commitment to bring quality Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Health learning experiences to the Winnebago and LPTC communities. For the most up-to-date workshop information, please like us on our LPTC Extension Facebook page.

Stuart Fischer

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATES:

Next scholarship deadline is October 15th for new students, please make sure to turn in the following documents or your application will be considered incomplete:

WSFAP application
Certificate of Indian Blood
Letter of Acceptance from the college of choice
High school transcripts
Official college transcripts if attended
Class schedule
Completed Financial Needs Analysis form (you complete the top portion and turn over to your Financial Aid office for completion)

Completed Education plan, signed by you and your academic advisor

If you are a current student, please make sure to turn in your new class schedule and Official transcripts no later than 15 business days after your term ends.

NOTICE FROM ATLAS OF WINNEBAGO:

Dear Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska community members,
As the Director of Atlas of Winnebago, I want to apologize for any confusion regarding the distribution of food stuffs, other items, and eligibility requirements. As of today, Atlas of Winnebago has served over 130 families 8 times a month without restrictions on race, creed, or financial status. Especially with the COVID-19 epidemic in full swing, we will not turn anyone in need away but we do encourage someone to be responsible to pick up for any sick, elderly, or without transportation and internet capability as we do not have adequate staffing to do more than minimal deliveries. The registration sheet is needed so we can track numbers and order supplies accordingly, no personal information given is passed on elsewhere. Please be assured we will do our best to serve all our people. This week, Atlas of Winnebago has added another day to our distribution, every other Saturday. We will have enough to provide for 200 families each Tuesday, Thursday, and NOW every other Saturday 9AM-12PM. This will begin immediately! Check our Facebook page for times and sites. See ya there!

Sincerely,
Denise Milford and Staff

Hocak Corner

Cī ra ske hi re.
(chee rdah shay hee rday)
Clean the house.

Sometimes, all I need is the Air that I breathe.....

Back in 1972 these lyrics were made famous and was as true back then as it is today. The air that we breathe is an ever-present reality for all of us. We need it to live just like we need healthy food, clean water, and a safe place to live. The air we breathe is usually taken for granted by many who, like me, never pay attention to each breath taken all day every day.

At rest, the average adult takes about 12 breaths per minute. That's 17,820 breaths every day, and more if you're active! So, what you breathe is, at least, as important as what you eat and drink. Considering we inhale approximately 14,000 liters of air per day it is something we ought to pay attention to. You wouldn't willingly drink contaminated water for fear of illness. Assuring your air is clean and healthy is just as important.

According to the EPA, indoor air pollutants are often 2 to 5 times higher than outdoors, and in some cases, these levels can exceed 100 times that of outdoor pollution. In other words, the air inside is usually more harmful than the air outside!

Luckily, Mother Nature gave us some defenses against harmful particles in the air. But things like nose hairs, mucus linings, and lung cilia can only protect you for so long before being overwhelmed. Continuous exposure to poor air quality often will lead to things like headaches, cold or allergy-

like symptoms, asthma, bronchitis, heart or lung disease, and even cancer.

If you already have asthma or trouble breathing, then you know all too well what clean air means for you. For others who have no problem breathing, being aware of the hazards can probably prevent future health problems for yourself and your family.

Here's how you can reduce those risks. First, make sure you are changing those air filters on your heating/cooling system every few months. Open your windows when it's nice out to let in the better outside air. If you smoke, do it outside! Don't add to the indoor pollution by smoking inside too. Clean, dust, and vacuum regularly. Avoid using harsh chemicals to clean when possible. Vinegar and water is amazing for cleaning! Studies have shown indoor plants can marginally reduce indoor air toxins. There are relatively inexpensive radon test kits. Get one and test your home. A more expensive option that is marginally effective is portable air purifiers. If properly maintained, air purifiers can help reduce indoor air pollutants.

There's no single answer to fixing indoor air quality. It's the combination approach that will give you the best results for you and your family. So, take those steps, and breathe easy!

Winnebago Environmental Department

Written by: Kurt Lyons AQS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

August 3, 2020 via GoTo meeting

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown
John Snowball
Roland Warner
Thelma Whitewater
Lorelei DeCora

OTHERS PRESENT:

Aric Armell
Louis LaRose
Brian Chamberlain
Karl Baker
Teresa Littlegeorge
Erika Dunn

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Brian Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:
7-28-20 Mid-Monthly meeting minutes

John Snowball had a correction to the minutes.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approve HR – Employee Handbook addition

Karl Baker motioned to ratify the five-signature approving HR- Employee Handbook addition. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Roland Warner
VOTE: (7) yes, JSB, KB, TW, LLR, BC, LD, AA (1) no, RW (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Approve COVID-19 Screening, Symptom and Confirmed Diagnosis Policy

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving COVID-19 Screening, Symptom and Confirmed Diagnosis Policy. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Purchase Backhoe for Facilities Dept. – Treasury CARES Act funds

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the purchase of a Backhoe for Facilities Dept. – Treasury CARES Act funds. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve Expanded Housing and Utility Assistance (HUA) rules

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Expanded Housing and Utility Assistance (HUA) rules. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve COVID-19 Health Screening Policy

Lorelei DeCora motioned to ratify the five-signature approving COVID-19 Health Screening Policy. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Capital Outlay Van from grant NE-2020-012-00

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the purchase of Capital Outlay Van from grant NE-2020-012-00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Approvals for: 1. Change opening date to Sept. 8 to follow WPS, 2. Revise yellow policy, 3. Approve code plan, and 4. Approve staggering of staff policy

Roland Warner motioned to ratify the five-signature approving: 1. Change opening date to Sept. 8 to follow WPS, 2. Revise yellow policy, 3. Approve code plan, and 4. Approve staggering of staff policy. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
Planning Consultant RFP

Roland Warner motioned to approve to send out Planning Consultant RFP.

Karl Baker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution FY 2020 FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds Opportunity (TTPSF) Project

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #20-164: FY 2020 FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds Opportunity (TTPSF) Project. John Snowball Seconded.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
General Council Selection

Thelma Whitewater motion to hire Heidman Law Firm as General Coun-

sel. Karl Baker

OBJECT: Louis LaRose, Lorelei DeCora

Brian Chamberlain calls point of order: Motion violates the policy of procurement.

VOTE: (4) yes, KB, TW, AA, RW (3) no, LD, LLR, BC (1) abstain, JSB Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Elizabeth Shane – Member request, Discussion.

Louis LaRose motioned to reimburse Elizabeth Shane \$2900.00 for her Education Loan. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

Further discussion.

OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora

VOTE: (2) yes, BC, LLR (4) no, KB, AA, LD, TW (2) abstain, RW, JSB Motion failed.

Open meetings - Tabled

Lorelei DeCora would like to open the GoTo meetings for the Tribal member's right to participate in tribal council meetings via GoTo meetings will be tabled until the monthly Land meeting on August 10, 2020 to allow for IT Dept. to give more information.

Recycling program

John Snowball motioned to re-open the recycling program as soon as possible.

Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Thelma Whitewater, Secretary

Winnebago Tribal Council

seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (1) abstain, LLR Motion carried.

COMMERCIAL LEASE

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM – 2020 L.E.D. SIGN FOR COVID UPDATE

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-171: Commercial Lease: 2020 LED Sign for COVID Update. John Snowball seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

ADDED ITEMS:

Winnebago Land Corporation Board – update only, no action taken.

Land Sales
VINCENT DECORA

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 20-172; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests- Vincent DeCora \$4,178,34. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

b. NELSON LEVERING, JR.

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution 20-173; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests-Nelson Levering Jr. \$48,521.11. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Motion carried.

D. Smith Discussion: Discussion only.

Info. On Thunderway: Discussion/ update on paving roads construction that is taking place at Thunderway.

Heidiman Law Contract:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Heidiman Law Contract. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

OBJECT: Brian Chamberlain

VOTE: (4) yes, AA, KB, TW, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (1) abstain, JSB Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE:

Residential Policy Application Approval, adopt resolution approving the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Residential Land Leasing Policy.

John Snowball motioned to table the items until the Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive As-

sistant

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

CONCUR:

Thelma Whitewater, Secretary

Winnebago Tribal Council

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MONTHLY LAND MEETING**

August 10, 2020 via GoTo Meeting

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown

John Snowball

Roland Warner

Thelma Whitewater

Aric Armell

Louis LaRose

Lorelei DeCora

Brian Chamberlain

Karl Baker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ireta Blackbird

Brandon Stout

Cecelia Earth

Erika Dunn

Garan Coon

Matt May

Teresa Littlegeorge

Esther Mercer

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Ireta Blackbird offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

LAND SALE:

CAROL SNOW

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-166; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Carol Snow \$100.00.

Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Motion carried.

TERRY BROWN

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-167: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interest – Terry Brown \$56,006.41. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

MERCI EARTH

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FALL 2020 Workshop Calendar

September

Farmers Market – September 2nd 9th 16th 23rd & 30th – 1:00-6:00 PM – Fresh Produce, Crafts, Food Vendors, and Garden Info

Chief Little Priest Week – September 8th – 12:00-1:00 pm – Story of a Warrior. A Facebook Live presentation facilitated by Craig Cleveland Sr.

Chief Little Priest Week – September 9th – 12:00-1:00 pm – Winnebago Homecoming Celebration Video. A Zoom presentation facilitated by Garan Coons. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3223023509?pwd=ZHUhYytwczBlOUJwYUhYRit1eGhmZz09> Meeting ID: 322 302 3509 Passcode: LPTC

Meet. Eat. & Grow! – September 16th – 12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a virtual GoTo presentation and garden inspiration. Topic: Preserving Your Produce

Meet. Eat. & Grow! – September 23rd – 12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a Facebook Live presentation at noon and a sample at the Farmers Market at 2:00 pm. Topic: Summer Grillin'

October

Farmers Market – October 7th & 14th – 1:00-6:00 PM – Fresh Produce, Crafts, Food Vendors, and Garden Info

Meet. Eat. & Grow! – October 14th – 12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a Facebook Live presentation and a sample at the Farmers Market at 2:00 pm. Topic: Scrumptious Squash

Fall Nature Crafting – October 28th – 4:30-6:00 PM – Connect with nature and create a Halloween craft!

November

Meet. Eat. & Grow! – November 11th – 12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a virtual GoTo presentation and garden inspiration. Topic: Garden Maintenance

December

Meet. Eat. & Grow! – December 9th – 12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a virtual GoTo presentation and garden inspiration. Topic: Healthy Holidays

Winter Nature Crafting - Wednesday, December 16th 4:30-6:00 PM – Connect with nature and create a winter craft!

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WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE OCTOBER 6, 2020

September 21st, 2020	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out- Regular
October 6th, 2020	Tuesday	REGULAR ELECTION
October 7th, 2020	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members <i>Oath of Office</i>

Homaci hi'ujnekje na!

(Let's Go Camping!)



Across

1. Pēc hiroit'ų (Firewood)
2. Pēc (Fire)
3. Hataža (Light)
4. Wikiri tē hi, Wakiri hira bōxu (Bug spray)
5. Homaci (Camping)

Up & Down

1. Hogisik (Fishing)
2. Pēc hokere (Fireplace)
3. Tē (Lake)
4. Homaci hokere (Campsite)
5. Ci hojjas (Tent)
6. Homjak haixip (Mattress)
7. Waža takac hožu/ Waža sjini hožu (Thermos)
8. Najnā wā (Radio)

Next
 WIN News
 Deadline:
**Sept.
29th**

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ20-017ABC

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
A. W. (Born 5/2016)
R. H. (Born 10/2017)
A. W. (Born 8/2020)
Audrey Wolfe, Mother

To: JERRY TYNDALL, Father
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-017ABC has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of OCTOBER, 2020 at the hour of 2:30 P. M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV20-053

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:

OLIVIA PARKER

In Re:
E. F. (Born 8/2013)
Kyla Phillips Earth, Mother

TO: EUGENE FRAZIER, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV20-053 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of DECEMBER, 2020 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. JFJ20-015AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
C. M. (Born 1/2004)
K. M. (Born 4/2007)
Michelle Marr, Mother

To: ARTHUR MARR, Father
JULIUS MORRIS, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-015AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2020 at the hour of 3:00 P. M.

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...

Dawnika Walker, 26 – Charged with possession of paraphernalia and/or drug manufacturing equipment

REGULAR ELECTION CANDIDATES

2020

Winnebago Tribal Council Election Candidates



Rona Stealer

As you all have heard, I have decided to run for a vacant seat in this year's tribal council election, the year of change, challenge and collaboration of 2020.

I have many work experiences from a variety of jobs. I have always worked. Right after high school graduation, I worked for the hospital in the medical records department. It was from there that I learned my first lesson, that a higher education was needed to advance. I graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in December 2000 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

I am a single parent, college graduate, hard-working, honest, and reliable. I am a lifetime student. By that I mean every day is a new day to learn something new.

As I grew up in Winnebago, I have witnessed these hardships amongst our people such as employment, housing, healthcare, elder care and childcare. Those worries are of the past, and a bright future waits if we work together, building each other up, accept all faults, repair and improve what is not working.

I promise to work for all people through collaboration. I wish to "evaluate" all programs, "revise and build" programs as needed to improve what is already in place. Hard work is waiting but nothing is impossible.

Vote for Rona Stealer for Winnebago Tribal Council. Thank you, Pinagigi.



Victoria Kitcheyan

Dear Winnebago Tribal Members,

My name is Victoria "Tori" Kitcheyan and I am candidate in 2020 Tribal Council Election. I am fully committed to serving the Winnebago tribal membership and respectfully ask for your vote.

My parents are Desiree Kitcheyan and the late Vincent Kitcheyan Sr. My maternal grandparents are the late Lydia Whitebeaver and William Bear of Winnebago. My paternal grandparents are the late Victoria and Evans Kitcheyan of San Carlos, Arizona.

I am seeking reelection because I believe I represented the Winnebago Tribe well from 2015-2020. I have the qualities of a strong tribal leader and will use my education, experience and skillsets to contribute to the livelihood and advancement of our tribal nation.

The source of a Winnebago tribal leader's power comes from the Winnebago Tribal Constitution. I will uphold the constitution and will never abuse that power. I believe in shared governance. I do not believe in micromanagement. I will elevate others to do their jobs. An empowered organization leads to an empowered tribe.

To serve on Tribal Council is an honor and a servant to the people. I will carry the responsibility of office with a clear perspective and transparent decision making. I will practice loyalty, emotional stamina, empathy, credibility, dependability and respect to tribal members.

Our community's needs and success are interconnected by a wide variety of issues and entities. I have the best intentions for our tribe. I believe in capitalizing on our strengths to focus on specific issues to accomplish shared goals. Topics such as robust healthcare, adequate housing, expanded law enforcement, improved education systems and other tribal member services all need to thrive.

I have a purpose to make a difference. I hope you will support me in contributing to the process of improving the quality of life for all Winnebago tribal members. Please vote for Victoria Kitcheyan at the Regular Election on October 6th.

Respectfully, Victoria Kitcheyan



Brian Chamberlain

My Fellow Tribal Members,

Greetings! I hope this finds you all in good health and spirit. First off, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out in support of my candidacy during the recent Special Election. I appreciate your ongoing support. In that light, I am here to announce my candidacy for Winnebago Tribal Council for this Fall's election.

Now I'm no political novice. I've been a part of and seen some pretty odd things over the years, but I have to tell you, THIS year's council experience has been by far the most acerbic. As one member of the council, you are one voice in 9 that ought to be advocating for the good of all our people. Yet with this council I can say that is most definitely not the case. You see, to me hate for other tribal members is not a good standpoint. Just plain blind hate fueled by deliberate ignorance, poorly veiled jealousy, and political agendas with vengeful destruction not well hidden creates nothing good, for anyone. Further, that kind of hate for our own people doesn't translate into progress or production that benefits the goodwill of our tribe and quite frankly is wasteful beyond measure. It is our people who pay the price and I for one am sick of it.

Because my belief in being positive outweighs any other individual's desire to destroy what a lot of us have worked very hard for, this kind of political environment can change. It is all changeable and that is the best part. We may be targets of some dark political wills, but we are NOT victims. You see, when we vote for people who can do good things for us all, and ignore the unfounded rants of those who think hate is a political platform that will somehow transform into good things for our people,

we can see how WE have the power to change the landscape of our tribe. All we have to do is vote for positive candidates.

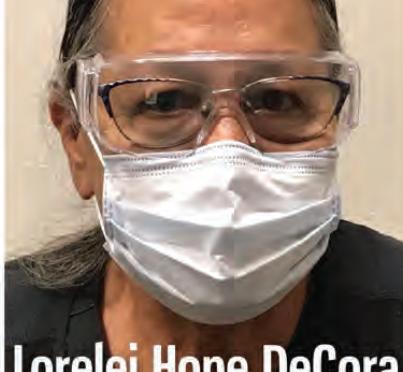
Now I know some people will speak of ideals, and pipe dreams, but what makes things happen is electing people who know how to get things done, because they prove that every day. When we vote for people who ask you to vote, and in turn vote at the council table to uphold your right to vote, the chances that your rights will be secured grows. But when you vote for those who vote to take your rights away, it's only a matter of time until that erodes more and more of our ability to make good things happen. None of us want that. So let's continue to choose good candidates that not only know how to get things done, but also prove by their actions that your voice matters – because it does.

We have the power to create great opportunities for our people. When the people use their voice to vote for people that show a genuine desire to create, not destroy, the progress of our entire tribe continues to move forward. Do we have everything we need, not yet. But when we vote for positive people our chances of success are far greater, and this is what I hope we can support together.

So with this I humbly ask for your votes and know that you understand what's at stake in this election. Will we vote for political hate that only begets more hatred for our own people ironically, or will we vote for those who can get things done for all of us, in a good way, because that is truly who we are – good people of the Winnebago tribe.

Thank you all for your time and consideration. Please go vote and never forget that indeed your voice matters – especially when others have voted to keep you quiet.

Respectfully, Brian K Chamberlain, Candidate for Tribal Council 2020



Lorelei Hope DeCora

To Our Enrolled Members:

My name is Lorelei Hope DeCora and I am running for the Winnebago Tribal Council in the upcoming 2020 Tribal Elections. I humbly ask for your vote.

On my Hochunk side, my father is Dwayne A. DeCora Sr. and my paternal grandparents are Henry DeCora Sr. and Edna Rave. I am a 66-year old mother of three, grandmother of eight and great grandmother of two. Through my father, I am a member of the Thunderbird Clan.

I am running for the Tribal Council because I hope to help our people and all our relatives survive these coming years as the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Sadly, we are facing our very survival as a people with this COVID 19 and/or other coronaviruses that may still be coming. I think of you that are mourning, you and your sick loved ones and especially our children. I believe the teachings are there for us from our ancestors of our Hochunk ways and together with prayer, we will get through this.

I am thankful for and will continue to support the positive initiatives we have in our Tribe:

- Ho-Chunk, Incorporated, building a sustained, economic future for our Tribe;
- Our Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System restoring wholistic health care services for our people.
- Food Sovereignty Task Force, a collaboration of LPTC Extension, HCCDC, HCI Farms, the WTN, Public Health Department restoring a sustainable, Hochunk food system for our people.

Thank you, Lorelei Hope DeCora

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