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WINNEBAGO, NE—The Virtual Dedication Ceremony of the new IT building and new dormitory took place January 5th. The ceremony was live streamed on the Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) Facebook page.

CARENS Act funding and funding from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska made it possible for the Little Priest Tribal College to successfully install the new IT building (Pink Clay) located on campus, and the new dormitory (Pigeon Clay) located off-campus on Hawk Street.

The new dorm is designed to house 8 students and 1 Resident Assistant.

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Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) President Manoj Patil stated, “Little Priest Tribal College is now in a growth mode. Even though the pandemic has caused significant problems to a lot of people across the globe including the Winnebago community. We believe the CARENS Act funding, and awards from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has really made a difference to the community and to the college. These two infrastructures, the IT building and the new dorm is going to significantly increase our enrollment and help provide better quality instruction to the students.”

The new IT building was built to help improve online instruction to the LPC students and build IT capacity for the future. The new dorm will be used by the Tecshe Clan Unity Hospital for isolation and quarantining purposes. LPTC plans to use the dorm as a third dorm after the completion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patil shared, “The Chief Little Priest mission is to strengthen and educate my children, and that is what we are doing. We are going to enhance and continue his mission not only to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska but to the entire Tri-state area. We are very thrilled with this opportunity and grateful for the community support.”

The second dose of vaccine will be administered at these clinics is at 3-dose series given three weeks apart. “Getting the vaccine is better than having COVID. We have had losses in our community and each loss is devastating to us. Those are knowledgeable leaders, and language keepers we cannot get back. I encourage people to look at us as attending and taking part in those community vaccination events to show these are their relatives, in hopes that they will feel more comfortable,” said Winnebago Public Health Administrator and EMR, Mona Zuffante.

The second dose of vaccine will be given to Winnebago healthcare workers on January 7th, 2021. “I know people are hesitant to get the COVID-19 vaccine. I hope after receiving the second dose that people will all see that they are all okay and that when we get to their vaccination group, they will take the vaccine” said Zuffante.

2 new COVID-19 positive cases and a recent death related to COVID-19 were reported in the Winnebago community as of Tuesday, January 5th. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases in the county is at 315. Reports indicate that 289 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. There are currently 17 active cases and 21 families in quarantine.

127 vaccines were administered at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Non-Hospital Employees, Spiritual Leaders, and Language Speakers. So far, 317 vaccines have been given in Winnebago.
CONGRATULATIONS to the Christmas Lighting Contest WINNERS!

On behalf of the Winnebago Indian News, we want to thank all 33 households that entered this year’s Holiday Lighting Contest. We want to thank our retired WIN editor, Jerome LaPointe for always hosting this event for the community in the name of his mentor and one of the founders of the WIN, Neola Walker. Old Lady Walker always had a special place in her heart to make sure the Winnebago community came together, especially during the holidays. This year was a tough decision for the contest judge, as all the homes were decorated amazingly! We look forward to 2021’s Christmas Lighting Contest. Congratulations to all 8 winners!!!

8th Place: Qui Qui St. Cyr
1st Place: Jeffrey Berridge
2nd Place: Joi Long
3rd Place: Larry Payer
4th Place: Keri LaPointe
5th Place: Deidre J. Redhorn
6th Place: Diana DeCora
7th Place: Casey Kearnes-Nava
8th Place: Qui Qui St. Cyr

The Winnebago Public Health Department’s Emergency Medical Service Department has received a new custom ambulance that was purchased using CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Funding. The vehicle is an AEV TraumaHawk Ford F-550 purchased through American Response Vehicles and arrived in Winnebago on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021.

The new ambulance features many custom integrations to provide a higher level of patient care and predoctor safety. One of the features of the ambulance includes the ActiveTek Induct 500 Decontamination System, which improves air quality and treats contaminated surfaces. This system also works to reduce COVID-19 contamination and kills up to 99.98% of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The vehicle is currently being outfitted with communication equipment and necessary supplies and is expected to be in rotation in the next month.

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

- COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.
- People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.
- Getting vaccinated can help prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19.
- Receiving the vaccine will not alter your DNA.
**January is Radon Awareness Month**

What if you found out there was a presence in your home? Something invisible that could attack you without even knowing it’s there? A gas that can be breathed, at times even in dangerous levels.

What is it you ask? It's something called Radon.

What's Radon? Radon is an element that naturally forms in the ground and is released into the atmosphere. Radon is known to be a by-product of the decay of other radioactive elements found in soil and rock. It is a colorless, odorless, invisible gas that can accumulate in homes and other indoor spaces, potentially posing health risks.

How can Radon get inside your home? Radon can enter homes through cracks, gaps, and other openings in the foundation or walls of your basement or crawlspace. Any mechanical ventilation system that pulls air from outside can also carry Radon into your home.

How can I determine if there is Radon in my home? There are many brands available at your local hardware store, and you can order testing kits online.

Radon can be dangerous. According to the EPA, about 21,000 people per year die of lung cancer from Radon exposure alone. People who lived in one house had a 1 in 2 risk of dying from lung cancer by age 65. Since Radon is a colorless, odorless, and invisible gas, the only way to know is to test for it.

There are ways to combat Radon. The first step is to test for it and find out if you are at risk. Pick up a tester and find out.

**JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT: Victoria Kitcheyan, Chairwoman — No conversa-

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LORELEI B. D. LLR: Motion failed. Ko Arg held by the Board in the tribe.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolutions passed. CEO called meeting to end.

typedef 18 quart of corn. Louis LaRose seconded.

CITY SENT TO LEGISLATURE: Thelma Whitewater states she is "singled out" of the issue.

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John commented: Minutes can be disagreed with, but they also in the process of being brought to the HCD Board of Directors.

Thelma Whitewater asks if one entity is "singled out" and would like to see an email request. Chairman Kitcheyan states she will not recognize the motion, as the motion is out of order.

Brian Chamberlain states the motion is out of order. Aric Armell seconded.

Thelma Whitewater motioned to approve the amendments on both bill no.

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Thelma Whitewater, a member of the Council, should be able to send minutes to the tribal council.
Benefits of a Primary Care Provider:

- **Consistent and Stable Care**
  - Primary care providers help with initial diagnoses and long-term supervision of non-emergency health conditions.

- **Improved Relationship with Your Healthcare Team**
  - With an established relationship with a provider, patients tend to have a higher level of comfort. Patients also find it easier to talk with a medical professional they are comfortable with.

- **Increased Quality of Healthcare**
  - Routine screenings can find any potential health problems earlier. Better preventative care helps you stay on top of your overall health.

- **Established Trust**
  - A primary care provider is a health advocate for the patient.

All patients will have an assigned Primary Care Provider (PCP). A PCP is determined by a patient’s visit history and can be changed at a patient’s request. Please speak with the outpatient clinic during your next visit or call (402) 878-3404 to learn more.

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**Hocąk Corner**

**Wažatire**
(wah-zhah-dee-rday)
Automobile, Car

**Waža hiraruti**
(wah-zhah hee-rlah-rdoo-dee)
Pick-up truck

**Nągu wirakara hitaža**
(nah-gloo wee-rlah-kah-rah hee-dah-zhah)
Traffic lights

**Wikini ruwi eja**
(wee-kee-nee rdoo-nee ay-jah)
Gas station
Every Saturday in January, 1pm-5pm

Spin the Money Wheel and win up to $10,000 in CASH! Every Saturday we’ll draw two winners every 30 minutes from 1pm to 5pm. Each winner will spin the wheel and win $100 to $10,000! You could be one of the 18 winners!

Give us a Spin!

Every Thursday in January
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Win up to $500 in Free Play! Every Thursday swipe your ClubWINN card at the kiosk and you can win $5 to $500 in Free Play by spinning the the Winning Wheel.

$28,000
FRIDAY NIGHT FACE-OFF

Every Friday in January
4pm to 10pm

Registration starts at 3pm

Play in our action packed Friday Night slot tournament every Friday in January!

Each round we’ll pay out $540 in prizes to the top 6 places. That’s over $28,000!

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