LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE HITS RECORD HIGH & FUTURE CAMPUS EXPANSION

WINNEBAGO, NE – Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) has been in the community since May of 1996. Prior to that it was a part of the Nebraska Indian Community College. LPTC started offering classes in fall 1998. But as this fall semester continues, the college has seen its highest number of enrollments, which today is 210 students. It is with great pleasure to announce the campus will expand in the next one to two decades. Recently the college leased 10 acres of land, that will expand westward.

The WIN met with LPTC President Manoj Patil to learn about all the great things happening at the college. Little Priest Tribal College is working to prepare for this year’s upcoming audit of the college. An accreditation audit is the most important step for higher education institutes. They will be preparing for theirs in April of 2023.

It will determine whether LPTC will be accredited or not. Patil shared “we’ve been preparing for it since last year, and we are almost finished.” Early 2023 the president and the board will prepare for interviews, and practice mock interviews. He has big plans and goals for the future of LPTC, sharing with us that “I tell this to my executive council team and the board that, I have a plan, but the plan is not going to run, its baby steps, I don’t like to trip and fall. It’s been hard and it’s been with the past 3 years due to COVID.”

Also new to the program this year is Diversified Agriculture, and Cannabis Studies. The highest enrolled courses start with Liberal Arts, Cannabis studies, and business. The college is partnering with Doane University (Lincoln, Nebraska). Almost 75% - 85% of enrolled students are tribal members, whereas other students range from high school students who are taking dual enrolled courses, which is Winnebago Public School Academy students, students from Homer and Rosalie. Some of the iStudents who take HyFlex courses (face to face and online learning) are in Florida, Oklahoma and other parts of the US.

Patil added, “I’m excited, we also have the highest number of programs at the college.” Adding to the program this year CNA program, and the board recently approved a partnership with Northeast Community College. Which students now have the option to earn a diploma in welding. Which is the 13th program offered.

Another update from the president of LPTC is the long-awaited expansion of the campus. Which his goal is to be near completion in the next 10 years. The new campus will add brand new dorms, a gymnasium/athletic center, a daycare, and cultural center. Not to mention a CTE building that will instill new programs like HVAC etc. Patil added “the main thing is for us to go

BTN.100.9 - “THE BIG VOICE” CELEBRATES ONE YEAR WITH PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS & BDAY BASH

SLOAN IA - It’s been a full year since the Big voice radio station has been operating, and on October 15th, 2022 its birthday was celebrated by hosting the first Big voice people’s choice awards. The event was held at Winnavegas Casino & Resort. The evening started out with a prayer by Bill Decorah, and a meal was followed. Guests enjoyed a taco bar and beverages. Soon after the meal, the first music performance was by local hip hop artist Iya Don and mix music. Let me tell you, it was sure a way to kick off the first ever award show.

Garan Coons, (Akíčhita Kinyan Hokíla “Flying Soldier”) is the son of Therese St. Cyr and the late Curtis St. Cyr. His maternal grandparents are Gina White Cow Killer & Lawrence Coons. His paternal grandparents are Rosalie & Russel St. Cyr. He had shared “I grew up in Winnie’s, NE. Graduated high school in 1999 from WPS, Went to Wayne State College and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree. In 2016 I became the Winnebago Tribe’s Communications Officer and have been in this position since.” He was also the MC of the night at the Birthday Bash! Therefore, he continues to be effective in his work for the WTN Communications Dept. Coons shared “It feels amazing, it’s something that everyone should be proud of. For the tribal leaders to have the vision to use the radio as a tool to communicate and get tribal members informed is really rewarding. Not only that but to have the radio play powwow music, native American church music, and music that is created by native artists is really unique.” The first ever award show had a total number of 6,252 votes towards the Big Voice People’s Choice Awards. Coons shared “I expected maybe 40 votes but we had an overwhelming response.”

Sarah Snake presented the award for best fry bread and shared her excitement for the Big Voice “I can’t

Continued on p. 3

KWTN.100.9 - “THE BIG VOICE” CELEBRATES ONE YEAR WITH PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS & BDAY BASH

Garan Coons awarding the “Best Winnebago Drum Group”, New Breed Singers

Published Bi-Weekly for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska • Volume 51, Number 22 • Saturday, October 29th, 2022

V i s i t u s a t w w w. w i n n e b a g o t r i b e . c o m
WINNEBAGO HEMP COMMISSION UPDATE

Written by: Jordana R. Bass

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has been moving the group forward through updates and progress that has been made. The Hemp Commission to the tribe now have the ability to test THC levels, which since it has opened its doors has seen much success. The Native Nations Cannabis dispensary will now be expanding to keep up with demands. He shared “They invited us up, it’s triably owned. To visit their internal field, or green house. We just want to build our capacity so we can make informed decisions and have informed discussions, we’re fairly new commission and we’re still learning. But I feel like we’re making really good progress.”

The difference between THC and CBD. Hemp is currently legal in the State of Nebraska, which the difference is 0.3% of THC is where the threshold lies, and which it is no longer considered hemp.

In closing, Bass adds “we’re learning along the way. These differences, the process, the whole industry. Natives growing on their reservations are significantly able to be profitable, than a state grown license. So tribes have an advantage. People think of hemp and then close the door immediately. Hemp can be used for a lot of many different products. We shouldn’t always close the door every time we hear the word hemp, but instead we need to see it as an opportunity.”

Stay tuned for further updates from the Winnebago Hemp Commission.
EXPANSION
Writing/Photography: Jordane R. Bass

H e s h a r e d his goal "It's called a capital campaign, and my goal is to raise at least $25-30 million. I don't know how long it's going to take, but somebody has to take this on somebody has to work hard. It's not going to be easy. I'm pretty stoked about the progress we're going to have." P r e s i d e n t Mano Patil is adamant, and considers himself an optimistic realist. He has an extensive and impressive background with the work he has done with higher education institutes. Sharing he has 20 years of experience. "When I joined here, I was the vice president of Academic Affairs in 2018. This November it'll be three years for me as president. I became the interim president, then the board decided to hire me as a full time president. I bring a variety of experience to the college. I know academics pretty well. I'm also a peer reviewer for higher learning commission. That means I go and visit other colleges. I audit other institutions."

The college also has it in their strategic plans to do more community outreach, recently hosting a community feed. Also working closely with community programs.

In closing, we cannot wait to see this vision come to fruition. It is not all done by one person, but a team who wish to see these goals out. Patil closed by saying "People need to come here because we do a good job. Our faculty are working hard, our staff are working hard. That's the driving force for us." C u r r e n t l y L P T C is registering students for the spring 2023 semester.

Call today to sign up! 402.878.2380. Call today to sign up!

TOP STORIES

BIRTHDAY BASH
Story Continued from page 1...

Believe it when I hear our radio station. 2 months ago I walked into Walmart and they were listening to the Big Voice. Some of the listeners were saying "People need to come here because we do a good job. Our faculty are working hard, our staff are working hard. That's the driving force for us." Currently LPTC is registering students for the spring 2023 semester. Call today to sign up! 402.878.2380. Call today to sign up!

Here are your list of winners for this years people's choice awards.

- Best Winnebago Drum Group: New Breed
- Best Frybread: Kathy LaRose
- Best Native music artist: Mobscene
- Best radio station: Big Voice
- Best soup: Corn soup
- Best TV Show: Reservation Dogs
- Best Casino: Winnavegas
- Best outdoor activity: Powwow
- Best non-wago Drum Group: Mo-Town
- Best song of the year: Nuthin' but a "G" Thang by Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre (they couldn't make it this year)
**WPHD COMMUNITY UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE**

**SUBMITTED BY: WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.**

The Winnebago Public Health Nursing Department is asking the Winnebago Community to help in part in preventing illnesses this winter by scheduling their COVID and flu vaccines as soon as possible! A COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination clinic is being held at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, lower level, Wednesday, October 26th for those 12 years of age and older. Call 402-878-2258 to schedule an appointment for Wednesday. You may also contact the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital appointment desk (402-878-3400) to schedule for all ages Covid-19 and Influenza vaccination appointments.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu by the end of October. Nevertheless, getting the flu vaccine and Covid-19 vaccine can still offer protection even if you get it later in the fall and or early winter.

“Vaccines save lives and it's safe to receive both your COVID vaccine and flu shot at the same time,” said J. Wootten, M.D., M.P.H., public health officer. “The vaccines are effective and everyone who is eligible should get vaccinated to avoid getting sick and spreading viruses to others.”

It's particularly important to get vaccinated against the flu and its potentially serious complications if you are at increased risk.

Influenza can cause a significant illness, especially in children under 5 years of age. Getting the vaccine helps children protect themselves, and more at-risk people they come in regular contact with, such as their grandparents or siblings under 6 months of age.

Your health care provider is willing to answer your questions, and assist you with how to schedule your Covid-19 and flu immunizations. For example, some children may need two doses of flu vaccine if they have never been immunized against the flu before. Those children should get the first dose as soon as the vaccine is available, because the second dose needs to be given at least four weeks after the first.

For those 65 years of age and older, the CDC (2022) recommends a special flu vaccine because studies have shown older individuals need to create a stronger immune response to the flu.

Please, protect those you love, especially those at increased risk including your elders, and children 5 years of age and younger! Get your Covid-19 and flu immunization TODAY!

---

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE**

Little Priest Tribal College is now taking applications for the following positions:

- **Full Time Faculty**
- **Business Faculty**
- **Extension & Equity Coordinator**
- **Chemistry Laboratory teaching Asst**
- **Maintenance / Security Assistant**
- **Adjunct Faculty**
- **Tutor**

For more information, visit us on the web at: https://lptrcl.edu/Job-Opportunities/

LPTC is an equal opportunity employer.

**Volume 51, Number 22 • Saturday, October 29th, 2022**
CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE

APPROVE AGENDA:  

ADDITION – Meeting on gun violence in Rapid City, COVID relief fund payment

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:  
Presented by Kim Friloux.

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

Meeting on gun violence in Rapid City

APPROVE AGENDA:  

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

ACTION ITEMS:  
1. Request from the Slot Dept., RE: Aruze Technologies purchase of six gaming machines, Total expense is $149,451.30.  Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the Slot Dept., RE: Aruze Technologies purchase of six gaming machines, Total expense is $149,451.30. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

2. Request from the Slot Dept., RE: IGT Purchase of two gaming machines, Total Expense is $30,000.00  Isaac Smith motioned to approve the request from the Slot Dept., RE: IGT Purchase of two gaming machines, Total Expense is $30,000.00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

3. Request from the Marketing Department, RE: Hi-Lo Game Show in October. Total estimated expense of $33,000.00  Rona Stealer motioned to approve the request from the Marketing Department, RE: Hi-Lo Game Show in October. Total estimated expense of $33,000.00. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS:  
1. Roads Dept. Equipment Purchase  Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the Roads Dept. Equipment Purchase for John Deere Compactor (new) $168,800 with trade in of old compactor. Total expense is $200,000 to Human Services for (1) $100k to Tribal Member Services for ($100k each for 2023 and 2024). Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the tribal CFO report and add a position to YCIC. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Aric Armell motioned to approve a TRIBAL CFO report as presented. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:  
1. Tribal Relief Payment  Aric Armell motioned to approve a Tribal Relief Payment of $1,000 per enrolled member 18 years and over, and $500 per payment to Tribal members 17 years and under, paid from the ARPA funds for the Tribal Council Administrative building to be disbursed in October 2022. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

DISCUSSION:  
[Isaac Smith out at 12:29 p.m. – Leave]

OBJECT: Louis LaRose

VOTE: (5) yes, LD, KM, CB, AA, BC (2) no, RS, LLR (0) abstain Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the CFO, COO, COA, finance all actions necessary to present a distribution plan by Sept. 15th, 2022. Aric Armell seconded.

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

To update Org Chart for Tribal Council and add position to YCIC.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to update the Tribal Council Org Chart and add a position to YCIC. Aric Armell seconded.

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

To table to the Wake and Burial Analysis equitable budget to next Treasurer’s Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Tribal Revenue – presented by Michael Michaud

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

ACTION ITEMS:  
1. Roads Dept. Equipment Purchase  Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the Roads Dept. Equipment Purchase for John Deere Compactor (new) $168,800 with trade in from 99 Cat Compactor, John Deere motor Grader (used) $96,500 with trade in of old grader and Case Excavator - $254,931 with trade in and a Mulcher Attachment - $69,121. Funds from BIA ARPA total cost $589,352 with trade in. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

2. ARPA Budget Mods  Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the ARPA Budget Modifications as presented. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

3. FY2023 Appropriations Budget  Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the FY2023 Appropriations Budget. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to suspend the rules for hear an emergency assistance for T.S. and M.W. out of Human Services Tribal money. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Coly Brown motioned to approve the cost for the outgoing C.E.O, Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care, Advocare Jaquie and blanket. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei DeCora, Secretary Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska minutes continued in next issue...
WINNEBAGO, NE – The WIN would like to introduce the newly elected Jr. Miss Harvest Princess Eliana Blackhawk. The Harvest celebration was held September 7th, 2022.

We met with Eliana, and she started the interview off by introducing herself in the traditional language. Her traditional name is Caxsep Hinuk Winga (Little Eagle Woman) and she comes from the eagle clan. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Smith and Orin Rubio, and granddaughter of Victor Smith.

She had shared, “I’ve been dancing basically my whole life, I'm 11.” We asked her who she learned to dance from, she added “my mom, my Nani, and it was mostly from Maddie Cleveland. Just watching her dance. I liked the way she danced.”

Many dancers love being in the arena for Blackhawk, she shared “mostly it’s because of culture. Just the way the style is. Just feels right to do it. To represent your tribe and your family.”

Being only 11 the pressures of competing in the powwow arena can probably be nerve-wracking. Blackhawk shared how she felt the moment she had won, “I felt excited, and really proud of myself, especially because basically all my coka's and tega’s were in the middle singing. I just felt that weight come off my shoulders and everything. Because basically my coka's and tega’s they’re scary and intimidating.”

When it comes to other dancers, Blackhawk shared a word of encouragement “Don’t be nervous at first, you’ll be nervous. You’ll be scared. But once you start dancing, everything will just feel good. If you don’t get it, you could just try again. There’s always next year. There’s always other powwows.”

Congratulations Eliana, we know you will dance hard and represent your tribe with grace!

NEWLY CROWNED 2022-2023 JR. MISS HARVEST PRINCESS, ELIANA BLACKHAWK

Written/Photography by: Jordana R. Bass
MARLIN'S COLORING PAGE

Artwork by: HCI Apprentice, Marlin Mousseau
LIVE FIGHTS ARE BACK!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022
DOORS AT 5PM - FIGHTS AT 6PM
MAIN CARD AT 8PM

For more information: visit WinnaVegas.com or call us at 800-468-9466