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LNI Rookies become LNI Champs



Dubbed LNI (Lakota Nation Invitational) basketball tournament Rookies by South Dakota Public Television game announcers, the Winnebago Indians went on to claim the LNI tournament Championship before the Christmas break. The Indians arrived in Rapid City, South Dakota to take on the best teams in Lakota Country. Not expected by the home town crowd to get past their first game against McLaughlin the Indians had to disappoint by winning that game, 67-30; and for sure they couldn't get by Class B ranked #2 Red Cloud, but once again, the Indians had to disappoint the home town crowd with a 73-58 win. In the semi-finals of the tournament the Indians, by now home town favorites, won convincingly against Pine Ridge, 75-43. But once again, the home town crowd boasted their White River team, and that the Indians could no way win their tournament...Winnebago 74-White River-41. Oh buh! Congratulations Indians on your win, and Good Luck with the rest of your season.

Bago Bits...



The Indians received a few Awards at the recent LNI Tourney held in Rapid City, South Dakota. (l tor) Aspen LaPointe, Mr. Defense; Jeff Berridge, Coach of the Tournament; and D'Von LaPointe, Mr. Hustle.



St. Augustine's Mission School has joined the community of electronic billboards on the Winnebago Rez, watch for all the school and mission updates.



The Winnebago Cheer Team made the trip to the LNI Tournament and picked up a few helpers to cheer the Indians on.



The Winnebago Roads Department is sporting a new maintainer, the rest of us call it a road grader, to help them maintain our Rez Roads.



The Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Department has had a wood cutting crew out & about this fall to remove downed trees and prepare some wood for fuel.

Bago Shorts

NOTICE from the HoChunk Center.

The HoChunk Center will be closed the week of January 4th to January 8th for Building Maintenance.

Sacred Sites are Threatened!



Since 1986, Wisconsin's state law has protected mound sites with the help of the Wisconsin Burial Site Protection Act (157.70). The act protected mounds throughout Wisconsin by giving property owners a tax exemption incentive for registering mounds with the State Historical Society. With mounds sites on the registry,

their protection was ensured. Recently, Wisconsin Senator Kapenga introduced a bill, LRB-2890/1 which would amend the Wisconsin Burial Protection Act by giving property owners the right to excavate mounds. The purpose of this amendment is to determine the existence of human remains using methods set by the bill. Where human remains are not found, the property owner has the right to remove the mound from the State Historic Registry that protects it. During a meeting in Waukesha, WI between Ho-Chunk Nation and Senator Kapenga, tribal leaders expressed the importance of the mounds and the

protection act currently in place. After those present expressed their opposition to the bill, it was evident that Senator Kapenga was unchanged in his decision. There will be a rally in Madison, Wisconsin at the Capitol with Ho-Chunk Nation to urge Wisconsin elected officials to protect our sacred sites. The rally will take place on the East side of the Capitol at 1 p.m. on January 12, 2016. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is also currently preparing a letter of support to the Ho-Chunk Nation to help protect our sacred mounds. For more information please contact call Sasha Rivers, the Winnebago Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at 402-878-3313.

WinnaVegas' "Christmas for Kids" Delivers

By Travis Morgan, WinnaVegas Marketing Director
WinnaVegas started a new program this year to help more kids from Winnebago have a Merry Christmas. The new program called "Christmas for Kids" allowed guests to drop off a toy of at least \$10, and receive \$10 in free play at WinnaVegas. We wanted to make sure every single toy would be going to a member of the Winnebago Tribe. After Mayan Beltran (General Manager) and I explaining the idea to Tribal Chairwoman, Darla LaPointe, she reached out to the groups in Winnebago that needed help and put them in touch with me. For over a month toys flooded in to WinnaVegas. Hundreds of toys were



delivered to Child and Family Services (96 kids), Indian Welfare Care Act (30 kids), Juvenile Services (20 kids), ATLAS (34 kids), and TANF (99 kids). Because some gifts didn't match the needs of certain age groups, we decided to also give \$500 in cash to ATLAS and TANF. After the wrapping paper cleared, nearly

300 kids in Winnebago received gifts. On behalf of WinnaVegas, we'd like to thank everyone who donated gifts in this programs inaugural year. Let's make next year bigger and better! Mr. Morgan, we want to thank you and your staff so very much for your support of the Angel Tree. The gifts you were able to collect will be much appreciated by the children. Both WinnaVegas and HCI really helped make this year our greatest year yet. We had 156 children we provided for this year. 96 were in the Child and Family Services, 30 in the Indian Welfare Care Act, and another 20 in the Juvenile Services Program. Please let everyone know what a great job they did. Rex Monif DDS

Indianz.com... Lakota Nation Invitational: Winnebago finishes off first LNI with boys title



White River's Nicholas Young (45), left, fights for the ball against Winnebago's Miguel Baker (23), center, during Saturday night's championship game at the Lakota Nation Invitational at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. December 20, 2015 1:00 am • Richard Anderson Journal staff
The Winnebago Indians came into the 39th annual Lakota Nation Invitational boys' basketball tournament for the first time and were a bit of an unknown. It didn't take long for the area fans, coaches and teams, however, to see that they were for real. Let's just say they were real good in these past four days, putting an exclamation point on their stay, running past White River 74-41 late Saturday night in the Barnett Arena for the title. The defending Nebraska Class C-1 state champions not only dominated the Tigers in the second half, but dominated the tournament, winning by an average of nearly 30 points in their four wins. Their closest game was a 15-point win over Red Cloud in the quarterfinals.

"We're a pretty good team, I know my team is good," Winnebago head coach Jeff Berridge said. "I expected that we would come up here and make everybody play our game. That's what we did. We came away with victories because we made people play our game." The tournament's most valuable player, 6-foot-7 inch junior David Wingett said they came into the tournament thinking that they couldn't take anybody lightly despite their success in their home state. Yet, he said they wanted to come to the LNI and have a big performance for their first time here. "When we got to the championship game, I knew if we just played our own game and executed well, we had it," said Wingett, who scored 26 points on Saturday. "We had to play defense and run the floor, everything." White River, last year's champions and shooting for its fifth overall LNI title, stayed with Winnebago in the first half, trailing by just seven points at the break. But behind Wingett, D'Von LaPointe and Aspen LaPointe, the Indians steamrolled the Tigers in the final 16 minutes, 45-19. White River head coach Eldon Marshall said Winnebago is a very talented team and it did a good job of getting to the rim. "They play so well together, you could tell," Marshall said. "Defensively it was very tough to slow them down at all. They were able to get by you and they

could finish. They can shoot and they have size. They are an all-around team." Wingett, a second team All-Nebraska and third team Super State last year when he averaged 17.9 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, averaged 20.0 points a game in the LNI, scoring 50 points in the last two wins. Marshall said Wingett is the complete package and hard to defend, especially with a smaller team such as his. "I thought our guys worked real hard and did everything they could against them, but when he gets the ball, he is so tall that he can shoot over you," Marshall said. "If you try to guard him in the perimeter, he can go by you. He's just a great all-around player." Even with his performance, Wingett thought he has the worst shooting tournament in his career. "But I try to work hard and get my teammates as involved as much as I can by running the floor and playing defense," he said. D'Von LaPointe finished with 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting, hitting all three of his 3-point attempts, while Aspen LaPointe added 10 points. As a team, the Indians were 28-of-54 from the field and also hit 14-of-18 from the free-throw line. "It doesn't hurt to have a nice solid big guy who can dribble and shoot," Berridge said. "We all play what we call Rez Ball, up and down, but what we bring to the table is defense. We rely

Go Big Blue!



The Winnebago Indians were back in Nebraska this week with the opening of the Shoot Out on the Elkhorn Basketball Tournament held at Wisner-Pilger Public School. The Indians are back to back Champs at this tournament and begin the Tournament with a convincing win over the Lutheran Northeast Eagles from Norfolk, with a 68-45 showing. Starting clockwise, from the top left: Senior Aspen LaPointe lets one fly from beyond the arch, while Junior David Wingett gets in on the three point action; with the commanding lead the next generation gets some PT; and it wouldn't be a Bago Boyz game if Baby Dave didn't get his jam.

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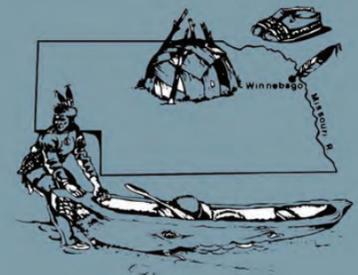
2015 LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The Winnebago Indians



4TH PLACE FINISHERS

The Winnebago Lady Indians



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In My Opinion

Thoughts from 2015... by Lance Morgan



5 + 1 Big Things from 2015

I was thinking about this year and what happened and I decided to pick the six biggest things from my perspective for 2015.

6. Land Management Company

I was only going to have 5 things, but I wanted to add the Land Management Company. It has been controversial I hear, but I really don't know why. The company has one goal. Use the tribe's growing land income to buy more land. I think supporting buying up our reservation should rank right up there with being pro traditional culture and pro Ho-Chunk language. In a few generations we could own most of the reservation. Having a planned approach is really the best way to accomplish this goal. I believe a community meeting will be held soon to give out more facts on the subject, but the establishment of this company could be one of the most impactful things the tribe has ever done when we look back 100 years from now.

5. Ho-Chunk, Inc.

Simply stated Ho-Chunk, Inc. absolutely knocked it out of the park this year financially. Our projected profits will exceed \$15 million up 45 percent from last year—that is very hard to do by the way. I think it will be a challenge to keep that up in 2016, but before I start sweating 2016 I think we should stop and acknowledge the incredible work put in by the Tribe and the Ho-Chunk, Inc. team.

4. Housing Plan

Not super exciting immediately, but the passage of the long term housing plan is going to be a big deal. Allocating what amounts to 6 percent of Ho-

Chunk, Inc.'s profits directly to housing development should really pay off for our tribal membership. Our plan is to build another 100 housing units in the next 5 years and add the infrastructure for another 100 more. It is a tall order for such a small town, but I think it is possible.

Just as an FYI, the city administrator of South Sioux City related a story from the mayor of a northeast Nebraska town. Apparently the mayor met with the students from their town on what they wanted their town to be like in the future and they all said they wanted to be like Winnebago. Now I have heard everything, but what a great compliment!

3. Lakota Nation Invitational

I found myself staying up late to watch the Winnebago boys' basketball team absolutely dominate the 16 team field of mostly native teams at the Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament. I wasn't sure how they would do this year after losing 4 starters of their state championship team, but holy smokes they looked good winning by an average of 30 points in each game and some of them weren't even that close because Winnebago cleared the bench in each game. It was great seeing so many tribal members cheering in the stands. Winnebago sure made an impression in South Dakota and winning the tournament really sets the tone for what should be another fun season of Rez Ball, as the coach calls it.

2. Tribal Council Drama

Stability has been one of the keys to our success as a tribe, but change has been our mantra in 2015. This year was the most dynamic and fluid year I have witnessed in 25 years of watching tribal politics. Due to some pay and credit card issues, we turned over the entire council in late 2014 and 2015. We then added 3 new council members in the last election. So we have had 22 tribal council members in the last 18 months, that is crazy, but here we are getting through it just like always.

State Champs

In the middle of all our political turmoil, the Winnebago boys' basketball team gave us all something to hang on to and tie us together. On the strength of some seriously talented players and coaches, our local boys won in convincing fashion. Seeing 10,000 people at the championship game was a moment of pride that we all could share in and winning the championship was just the cherry on top of what was a fabulous team that without knowing it reminded us that we are one tribe and that when it matters we rally to support our own.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"The Light continues to Shine in the darkness"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He leaves His throne on high,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

The birth of the only begotten Son of God brings peace on earth to each and every man, woman and child who has had faith created by God's Spirit in them. Christians around the world give glory to Creator God for this greatest of all Christmas gifts!

The third verse of the hymn above speaks of Creator God's universal offer of Light and life, everlasting life and the Light of Jesus Christ. One of Jesus' disciples began his Gospel or good news account with the following words:

In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was turned toward God, and the Word was God. He was in the Beginning, turned toward God. All things came to pass through him, and apart from him not one thing came to pass. What has come to pass in him was life, and the Life was the Light of men. Indeed, the Light continues to shine in the darkness, and the darkness has not been able to put it out. [St. John 1:1-5]

"Darkness" characterizes the world estranged or alienated from God and opposed to his will and therefore determined by death. "Darkness" is grounded in unbelief, rejection of the Christmas gift of Jesus, and expressed by the lack of love

for one's brother [or neighbor]. The Light of Jesus' birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection shines through and offers life and light to all mankind in spite of the darkness of this fallen world.

John's good news account continues: There appeared a man having been sent as a messenger from God. His name was John. This man came for witness, that is, to bear witness to the Light, so that all might come to believe [the Light] through him. He himself was not the Light, but [he came] to bear witness to the Light. [The Word] was the real Light who, coming into the world, casts light upon every person. He was in the world, and the world had come to be through him, and yet the world did not acknowledge him. He came to his own land, but his own people [tribe] did not accept him. [St. John 1:6-11]

Jesus knew all too well what he was getting himself into when he was sent by Creator God into the darkness of this world. His own tribal members lied about him, mocked him, slapped him around and led a riot that would have the Roman governor condemn Jesus to be crucified. It was the love of Creator God that sent Jesus to his death. But the darkness of death could not overcome the Light.

The light is cast upon every person. The light exposes us sinners of our need for Creator God to create faith in us and thereby receiving us as children of God. As born from above children of God we are guided by God's Spirit to love God above all else and to love our neighbor, starting within our own families, and going on even to our enemies as we love ourselves.

The hope, love, peace and joy of the Christmas gift of baby Jesus shines bright! It is my prayer that his Light shines to and through you to others this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

Letter to the Editor...

Hocagoite

If and when the Winnebago field lexicon is put on CDs the one who reads and records it must be a fluent speaker. Someone who has been speaking it all their lives.

It is good when some one wants to learn but their pronunciation is incorrect. If they were to read and record the lexicon, children all over the country will all learn incorrect pronunciation. A fluent speaker must read and record the lexicon for distribution and selling to hocaks.

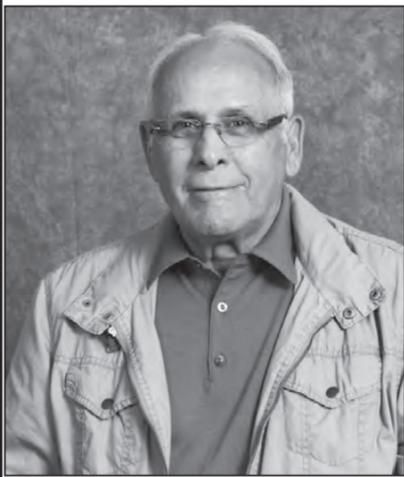
If someone who is not a fluent speaker read and recorded the lexicon, everyone will laugh at the incorrect pronunciation.

Renaissance"

2013—844,000
2014—1,014,000
2015—817,000
2016—943,000

Thanks,
Pat Greyhair
Maxi Ska

Council Speaks...



The following article is my opinion of the current conditions this tribe faces with the hospital situation, the status of the DDU unit, and the construction activity that goes on at the IHS facilities. For lack of a better title, I'll call this article "My Manifesto," which according to Webster's dictionary definition means "public declaration."

The fact that both Tribes (Winnebago and Omaha) have always had to come up with joint resolutions to get something accomplished when it comes to healthcare issues at the Winnebago facility it is just not conducive to a good relationship between the two tribes. It creates mistrust and delays progress, when holding one or the other hostage by not providing supportive resolutions. This kind of behavior plays right into the hands of the IHS.

All of this, however may serve as a wake-up call for the Winnebago Tribe to become more aggressive in our decision to move forward with our plans to

contract the hospital and DDU operations. At the same time, we would be able to contract construction projects at the two facilities. I'm convinced that a strong resolution will go a long way and moving us forward without the present roadblocks, because the joint resolutions will become a thing of the past.

It was this kind of system that took the hospital so many years to become a reality, let's not go there again. Withholding joint resolutions from each other for something in return may be a way of playing hardball for that which someone wants, but it is not a tactic we as Winnebagoes need to revert to. As a tribe, we have possession, property, legal capacity and employment capability to achieve our goals and objectives. Do we want the support and blessing of our neighbors to the south? Certainly...but if we have to do it alone, we can do that too.

Yes, we have a tribe value the Omaha people as part of this tribes workforce at the hospital, WinnaVegas, HCI and throughout our community, but we also value our sovereignty an opportunity to pursue our ambitions without outside intervention and roadblocks that would slow us down. We've been asked as a Council if we have the capability of accomplishing the above. I think we do. If we should run into some unforeseen obstacles, we certainly have the God-given ability to surround ourselves with good people who can help us make it happen.

The whole situation reminds me Celtic fable of a family that fought over everything, only to get nothing an have an outsider come and take what little they didn't have...

Kenn Mallory

Class of 2015 announces
Antonia Lois Ybarra
is graduating from
Western Iowa Tech Community College
with an Associate's Degree in
Professional Photography

The Commencement Ceremony will be on
Tuesday December 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the
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Educare Winnebago

Educare Winnebago opened in March 2014, with 16 classrooms for our birth through 5 year old children. Capacity for Educare Winnebago is 191 children. There are 9 birth through 3 year old classroom with a maximum of eight children and 7 preschool age classrooms with a maximum of 17 children in each room. We have three teaching staff in each room, a Lead Teacher, Associate level Teacher and a Teacher Aide. Educare was constructed through funding from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and Buffett Early Childhood fund. Operation costs come from Head Start, Early Head Start, Nebraska Department of Education, Childcare subsidy, parent pay, and Tribal Appropriations.

The goal in mind when Educare was being created was to close the achievement gap of our youngest people so that when they leave our program and enter kindergarten they are academically and socially ready according to the national standards. In years previous our children showed on assessments that they were 2 or more years behind their peers (nationally) in their academic achievement. This means they immediately have to start playing catch up, and truth of the matter is they really never do. We want our children to go to kindergarten at the level they should be.

In March of 2015 The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska received an Early Head Start grant for all 72 birth to three positions. This means that all children in our birth to three classrooms can attend the center at no cost to the families. This also means that all 72 slots are based on income and low income families receive priority.

The Head Start program is funded for 90 children and the preschool is funded for 29. We are still looking for a few Pre School age children.

Early Head Start and Head Start follow the Head Start Performance Standards which are the guidelines that we have to abide by in order to receive this fund-

ing. Early Head Start slots are free from 7:00am - 5:30pm. Head Start is free through the hours of 7:45am - 2:30pm. If a preschool age child stays longer than the listed time, they are considered in wrap around care and will be billed for the time outside of 7:45am - 2:30pm. The cost is \$2.75/hour.

One of the most difficult things in the standards is the Health screens that are required. For the b-3 children the requirements are different according to their age. Once a child enter preschool they are to meet these requirements in the first 45 days of school. We do not do this to create a hardship for parents, we do this so that we can be sure that all children come into our program with no health ailments that could hinder them from learning at their fullest capacity. We all know if a child is not feeling well (they need glasses, need to get their teeth fixed, or any other health ailment) they will not be fully focused on learning. We want them to be in the best health possible.

Educare Winnebago uses the Creative Curriculum for all our classrooms. Our ongoing monitoring tool is Teaching Strategies GOLD. Educare is really focused on assessment and getting data to make sure that our children are improving their skills while at Educare Winnebago. The University of Nebraska Medical Center staff come to Educare Winnebago in the fall and the spring and provide our staff with the results, and the results are what we use to improve our services that we give to the children.

If you are interested in signing up at Educare please stop in and see one of our family support specialists for an application. We will need a copy of the child's birth certificate, a copy of their current immunizations signed by a nurse or physician, and a copy of your income (12 months' worth). If you have any questions please give us a call at 402-878-4370.

Brown and Zagurski Make Wrestling History at Winnebago



The Winnebago Wrestlers headed out to North Bend on December 12th for the North Bend Invite. 8 wrestlers took the mat and showed much improvement from the first weekend.

Two wrestlers made Winnebago Wrestling history. Airic Brown 285 became the first wrestler to get a varsity win in a wrestled match with his pin over Bryce Robinson of Twin River. Airic Brown ended up with 2 more pins and two losses by pin to bring his varsity record to 3-2 the only wrestler with a winning record this year.

Derrel Zagurski 285 as a JV wrestler went 2-3 on the day and became the first ever medalist in school history placing 4th.

Other wrestlers in action were Toby Thomas 113 who wrestled 5 matches going 1-4 on the day and in his last match got his first win of his career with a 15-9 decision over Mann of Arlington. Jamisen Wolfleader 126 was wrestling up a weight class and ended the day 0-2 on the day. Tyrese Gorin 138 wrestled up a weight class too but wrestled extremely well showing huge improvements from the previous

weekend. He wrestled Wegrzyn from Lincoln Christian who pinned him in 10 seconds the week before. This week Tyrese showed probably the most improvement wrestling with Wegrzyn for over a minute and reversed him for 2 points before getting pinned. "Tyrese showed he is really taking what we do in practice and remembering it and using it on the weekends," said Coach Tranmer. Wyatt Lopez 145 had a tough day but worked hard the entire time going 0-4 on the day. Brendan Catches wrestled for the first time this year as JV 195 losing 2 matches on the day. The Varsity wrestler Nick Painter 195 also went 0-2 on the day. Kalif Harden 220 had a good day too going 2-3 on the day with a pin against Henson of Tri County and a forfeit win over Adams of Freeman. "After Kalif got his first "wrestled" win of his career you could see the fire in his eyes again and when the kid from Freeman forfeit he looked a little said and I said smile Kalif you just won another match," stated Coach Tranmer. Kalif replied, "Ya but I wanted to wrestle again Coach." When Kalif told me that I was like yes that is what I want to hear," said Coach Tranmer.

Overall the wrestler grew a lot over the weekend. The weekend before the wrestlers won 5 matches all by forfeits in the duals and nothing at the Invite. This weekend the wrestlers won 8 total matches 6 Varsity and 2 JV matches. The wrestlers head to Wisner for the Green Machine Invite at Wisner and hope to come home with more wins and more medals.

Adam Tranmer
6th Grade/Head Wrestling Coach
Winnebago Public School

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on defense."

Yes, this was the first time Winnebago was at the tournament and there is a bit of unknown coming in, but Berridge said a lot of these players and these teams travel during the summer to Indian high school tournaments, so they see them.

"But when it comes down to it, we just have to play our game," he said.

Despite losing four of the five starters from last year's state title team, it is more like reloading than rebuilding for the Winnebago coaching staff.

"It's early, but I think this team is working harder than last year; we just have that drive. We lost a lot of talent, so we know we have to work twice as hard," Winggett said.

In his fourth season as head coach and fifth overall with the program, Berridge said what he has attempted to



bring these last few years is consistency.

"We have the talent, so I am trying to improve it so every year we can compete for state titles. That is the bottom line, we want state titles," he said. "They just work hard, some of them experi-

enced and some of them were on the JV team last year. But they got the experi-

ence of playing against our starters in practice, so they were ready to step up."

White River, 4-1 overall and ranked second in Class B, was led by Dru Espinoza with 12 points. Justice Morrison added nine points. The Tigers were 16-of-38 from the field, but took just five free throws making four.

"I think our guys worked hard and had a good tournament," Marshall said. "We will learn from this and move on."

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The Rez Car Auto Shop is happy to announce the hire of **Mr. Sean Bear II** as their new Auto Technician.

Sean comes to Winnebago from the Tama, Iowa-Meswaki Settlement. Sean is a graduate of Meswaki High and the Marshalltown Community College Automotive Technology Program where he graduated in 2014 with an AAS.

Sean is married to Jaralyn Kelsey Bear and lives in Winnebago with their son Sean Bear III.

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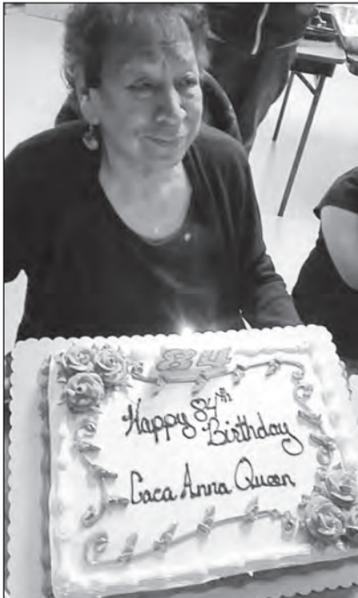
News from HoChunk Renaissance...



On December 17th, staff members of the HoChunk Renaissance Program received awards for their committed longevity working with the HoChunk language. Lewis "Bleu" St.Cyr, director of the HoChunk Renaissance language program, wanted to acknowledge the staff on their dedicated efforts to the revitalization and preservation of the tribal language. Those that have committed 3+ years received wood grained pens, 5+ year received a smaller award and the 10+ years received a bigger award. The recipients were Elaine Rice (11 years), Maria Scott (12 years), Mary Merrick (11 years), Phyllis Armendariz (5 years), Warner Earth (11 years), Gloria "Ziggy" Sheridan (12 years), Julie Grant (3 years), Leilla Logan (3 years), Velma Alaniz (3 years).

The HoChunk Renaissance Program is thankful for all their hard work and devotion for not only teaching our youth but creatively developing lessons plans from ground up.
P nagigiwi!

"Happy Birthday to the Queen Bee who turned 84 years young on December 20th



With love,
your family

Ho-Chunk Hope Classroom Use (updated 12/21/15)

A \$10 per hour use charge to all Non-Health Department Programs. This is to restock coffee, water, cups and wear and tear on the classroom. It will also be used for cleaning supplies such as paper towels, cleaner, trash bags and vacuum bags.

Rental of the classroom includes use of the laptop, projector or conference calling.

Hours available for rental will be business hours M - F (8:00am - 4:30pm).

No security deposit is required. If anything is broken during use, the renting party is responsible for payment to cover whatever is broken.

The responsible party renting the classroom is responsible for clean-up and supervision of property while the classroom is being rented.

Please contact Linea @ (402) 878-3156 or Tina @ (402) 878-3147 to see if the classroom is available to rent.

You will receive an invoice that will be due upon receipt.

Merry Christmas...

Mr. Morgan, we want to thank you and your staff so very much for your support of the Angel Tree. The gifts you were able to collect will be much appreciated by the children. Both Winnevegas and HCI really helped make this year our greatest year yet. We had 156 children we provided for this year. 96 were in the Child and Family Services, 30 in the Indian Welfare Care Act, and another 20 in the Juvenile Services Program. Please let everyone know what a great job they did.
Thank you, Rex Monif DDS

Ho-Chunk Renaissance The Language & Culture Program of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. CHRISTMAS TERMS AND PHRASES

Mani kisak	Christmas
Mani kisak nā	Christmas Tree
Wāksik xunūik wagijire ra	Elf
Mā cek wōzawa	Happy New Year
Wagitune	Gift
Wāk nuk waza wōga ga	Santa Clause
Wā gisāṣā	Snowflake
Wāhuhi jena	It's Snowing
Hisge hirang!	Believe
Cāwaruti	Reindeer
Mās Šošox	Jingle Bells

Merry Christmas from all of us!



Project Step Up would like to congratulate students who have successfully completed the fall semester at Little Priest Tribal College, Nebraska Indian Community College, Western Iowa Tech, and Northeast Community College.

A special recognition to the Western Iowa Technical Community College Class of 2015 graduates!

Reva Danforth	Diploma	Pharmacy Technician
	Certificate	Pharmacy Technician
Jeré Free	Certificate	Carpentry
	Certificate	Wall Framing and Roofing Construction
	Diploma	Construction
James Tidwell	Certificate	Carpentry
	Certificate	Wall Framing and Roofing Construction
	Diploma	Construction
Shane Rouillard	Certificate	Heating

Best of luck on your continued successes!



DECEMBER 31ST 2015

WINNEBAGO, NE
BLACK HAWK COMMUNITY CENTER

2016

MATTHEW CLEVELAND JR.
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

HAY-LUSH-KA
HOST DRUM

PETE SNOWBALL SR.
ARTIST DIRECTOR

SCOTT ALDRICH
HEAD MAN DANCER

CRYSTAL FRENCHMAN
HEAD WOMAN DANCER

Agenda

- 6:30 PM : Supper/Registration Open
- 8:30 PM : Grand Entry/ Registration Closes
- 9:00 PM: Inter-tribal, Exhibition, Contest Singing & Dancing
- 11:59PM: Count Down to January 1st, 2016
- 12:00 AM: Blessing & Mid-Night Snack
- 12:30 AM: Contest Singing & Dancing (until we are done)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE
POW-WOW

LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE "BE STRONG AND EDUCATE MY CHILDREN"

SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

COME REGISTER FOR SPRING CLASSES!

- CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 11TH, 2016
- LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 16TH, 2016

FOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES BUSINESS SCIENCE
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COME START YOUR NEW CHAPTER AT
LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE
NEW YEAR. FRESH START.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 402.878.2380

New Deadline!
for Winnebago Newspaper
December 28

Community Notices



Indians Winter Sports Schedule

Varsity Boys Basketball			
1/4	Fremont Bergen Tournament	A	TBA
1/5	Norfolk Catholic	A	8:00
1/8	Laurel Concorde	H	8:00
1/9	Oakland Craig	A	8:00
1/12	Emerson-Hubbard "Rumble on the Rez"	H	8:00
Varsity Girls Basketball			
1/5	Norfolk Catholic	A	6:00
1/8	Laurel Concorde	H	6:15
1/9	Oakland Craig	A	6:00
1/12	Emerson-Hubbard "Rumble on the Rez"	H	6:15
Junior High Boys Basketball			
1/7	GACC	A	5:30
1/11	Wakefield	H	3:00
1/14	Macy	H	4:30
Junior High Girls Basketball			
1/7	Pender	A	4:00
1/11	Walthill	A	3:00
1/14	Macy	H	2:30
Varsity Wrestling			
1/2	Wisner-Pilger Invite (JV)	A	9:00

Winnebago Housing And Development Commission

The WHDC board members participated in two full days of training on December 9 & 10. Christine Dennis, CPA, was the training consultant, along with Kendal Talmadge of The First Nations Development Institute.

Several board members expressed their opinion that the training covered a lot of information and was very helpful to them as new board members. The training was provided at no charge by the H.U.D. Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs. The WHDC extends a Thank You to all the tribal Members, and tribal program staff as well as local program staff who attended the annual Winter Gathering held on December 4, 2015 in the Whirling Thunder Wellness Program.

The WHDC also sends Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season to all of Winnebago!

From The Higher Education Office...

Full Time students that have completed the Fall 2015 semester, don't forget to turn in your final grades to the Higher Education office by U.S. mail, email: education@winnebagotribe.com, patrice.bass@winnebagotribe.com or fax: 402-878-2637. I have also included Article 25 and Article 9 for your reference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Higher Education office at: 402-878-2631 or 2634.

ARTICLE 25: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INCENTIVE POLICY
 Purpose: The Academic Excellence Program is hereby established to award incentives to full time college students for their academic excellence per academic term (must meet ARTICLE 9 guidelines (40. (b.) (i.)). All applicants shall submit their grade reports and transcripts to the Higher Education Program no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term.

Incentives will be determined by the following scale:
 \$200 incentive for each 'A' grade earned
 \$100 incentive for each 'B' grade earned
 Grade reports received after the fifteen (15) working day deadline are ineligible for the incentive; no exceptions will be considered.
 The incentive will be calculated and will be paid directly to the student within 15 days of determination. (Based on available funding each fiscal year.)

ARTICLE 9. ACADEMIC STANDARDS; FUNDING PERIODS; STANDARDIZED GRADING
 All continuing applicants and/or recipients shall comply with one of the following academic standards prior to receiving continued funding:

For full time undergraduate financial assistance:
 Academic Term: Earn twelve (12) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, with a term grade point average of 2.50 or higher, including college freshmen taking remedial courses. Freshmen shall be allowed to take a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours of remedial courses, six (6) credit hours per academic term, including 100 level and below courses, within the first two academic terms.

Winnebago Police Department Notice

If the public could abstain posting anything on any social media about traveling, or not being at home (in any case), not to post pictures of expensive items & record serial numbers of electronics & other numbered items. Call the Police Station at (402)-878-2245 if anyone sees anything suspicious at a neighbors house or in the community.
 For public knowledge, it is a crime to be in possession of stolen property. If you believe you have any stolen property please contact the Winnebago Police Station, that way it can be taken care of before further actions can be taken.

ATTENTION AMERICAN BROADBAND TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) Surcharge Factor recovers costs associated with American Broadband's contributions to the federal universal service fund. Effective the first quarter of 2016, there will be an increase in this charge from 16.7% to 18.2%.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 402.426.6200 or 1.888.262.2661.
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402-878-4210
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Little Priest Apartments
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 For 1, 2 and 3 bedroom Units

Little Priest Apartments, LLC is an affordable apartment development that is located in the Ho-Chunk Village Subdivision one block south of Honoring-the-Clans Sculpture Garden.

For More Information contact Patricia Waupoose at Ho Chunk Community Development - Woodland Trails Office, telephone number (402) 878-2192

The Waiting list application is ONLY good for 6 months
 Be sure to update every 6 months or your name will be removed from the waiting list.

Apartment For Rent

Lovely 1 bedroom apartment available for persons 62 years of age or with a disability in Walthill, NE.
 Controlled access building with laundry facilities. Rent based on income.

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 or write: Weinberg P.M. Inc.,
 600 4th Street, Suite 306, Sioux City, Iowa 51105
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV15-133
 In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of:
 LETICIA CABALLERO
 vs
 RODRIGO JOEL CABALLERO
 To: RODRIGO JOEL CABALLERO:
 You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV15-133 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2016 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV16-011
 In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
 MICHELLE ROUILLARD,
 In Re:
 N. W. (DOB 12-27-2012)
 TO: DOMINIQUE WHITEBEAVER,
 Mother
 UNKNOWN, 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. CV16-011 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2016 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

Masthead Scene

The Winnebago Dental Clinic hosted their Annual "Santa's Visit" for the Winnebago Community before the Christmas break. The event held at the BHCC entails sugar cookie decorating and gifts for local kiddies, that are collected by the Dental Clinics "Angel Tree."

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV15-136
 In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of:
 EMILY LOUISE TRAVERSIE
 to EMILY LOUISE WHIRLWIND SOLDIER
 To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES
 You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV15-136 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2016 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

New Deadline!
 for
Winnebago Newspaper
January 8

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV15-130
 In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of:
 JOYCE ENCINAS
 vs
 EDMUNDO ENCINAS JR.
 To: EDMUNDO ENCINAS JR.:
 You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV15-130 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of APRIL, 2016 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Congratulations Indians!

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A committee of the Nebraska Horsemen's Association and Ho-Chunk, Inc. are putting forward an effort to get casino gaming legalized at the state's licensed horse tracks. Each year hundreds of millions of dollars flow out of Nebraska into other states. We want to keep that money in Nebraska.

We are asking for volunteers

to help circulate the petition for legalized gaming in the counties of Thurston, Dakota and Dixon over the next 3 months.

We need your help, but we also want to thank you for your help! So each month, we will be awarding a prize valued at \$75 to the highest signature collector.

Please join us in the important effort to **KEEP THE MONEY IN NEBRASKA!**

★ To volunteer or for more information, please contact
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