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## WINNEBAGO HUMAN SERVICES & CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH CULTURE

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WINNEBAGO, NE – The month of April is known as Child Abuse Awareness month. The Winnebago belief that “children are sacred” is a belief amongst many other Native American communities. Recently a BIA report on the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative report, marked that on June 22, 2021, the secretary of interior Deb Haaland directed the Department of Interior to undergo an investigation of the loss of human life, and the lasting consequences of the federal Indian boarding school system.

The WIN met with the Winnebago Human Services Department to discuss how they see the effects of intergenerational trauma in the community, and how they are re-connecting families with the Winnebago culture.

Miskoo Petite (Miskoo Benasche -Redbird), - Human Services Director - is an enrolled member of the Winnebago tribe, but has lived



(left to right) Miskoo Petite, Nona Bearskin-Buffalo Calf, and Angie Walker advocate and drive cultural awareness to the families they work with.

on the Rosebud reservation throughout his life. Petite shares, “I learned a lot about Rosebud’s culture, traditions, and customs. But I’m glad to be in my community. Where I’m enrolled, I’m glad to learn about Hochunk culture, our history, and how we ended up here. I ask myself, what can we take from that as a community, to keep us alive.”

The Human Services Department has first-hand insight on the issues we face as a community. Petite said, “the work we do causes a lot of stress, anxiety, and bad feelings in families. The history of what happened in the boarding schools, all of those issues come from our traumatic history. Prior to colonization, our native communities had a learning system that taught our youth how to survive on their own. We used to have a training system, we taught our children, but now our school districts oversee that. They prepare them to be adults in this world.” The one teaching that remains prevalent in our community today is the clan and kinship system. Whichever clan you belonged to, you were to carry out those duties and responsibilities. Petite adds “if everyone wasn’t working together, we would suffer.”

Angie Walker (Āhu gišinišini wiga - eagle clan) – Preserve a Native Families Unit Program

Manager- she is the daughter of Sheila Snow-Walker, and the late Michael “Micky” Thomas-Walker. She is the granddaughter of Neola Earth-Walker, Thomas Walker jr., Mary Ann-Big Bear and Chris Snow jr.

Prior to her role at Human Services, Walker has been an actively facilitating classes with Winnebago tribal court as the victim witness coordinator. She says “in 2010 I seen that we had a need for domestic violence education programs. We didn’t have that at the time. I seen all these people and I wanted there to be a place to send them.” Currently she facilitates the classes with the Preserve a Native - Families Unit. The following are programs she hosts, Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred, Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships, Addressing Family Violence & Abuse, Women’s Turning Point, and the Men’s Re-education. Individual sessions are available virtually.

Culture and spirituality has been at the forefront of each program, prior to the pandemic classes were held in person and Walker would start the classes off by a prayer and smudging with sweetgrass. She shares “we also would provide them with a shell and sweetgrass to take home. Then we would connect them with Nona (Bearskin-Buffalocalf). She helps kids with regalia, and going forward we will

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See, Families

**The incentive trip gives the opportunities for students to experience life outside the reservation.**

## WILDLIFE & PARKS "BISON PROJECT"

Written by:  
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WINNEBAGO, NE – The Winnebago Wildlife & Parks’ mission is to protect wildlife for past, present, and future generations of the Winnebago people, and to have a positive impact on the quality of life and health of our people.

Jewel Parker (turtle clan), is a Winnebago tribal member, and is the daughter of Ramona Sheridan and Justin Parker. Currently she is director and conservation officer of Winnebago Wildlife and Parks.

After attending the U.S. Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico she worked with the Winnebago Police Department for 2 months for field training. That includes being shadowed by a current officer, and all tasks include everything from learning to use the radio, and other technical training.

The Bison project is a grant-funded



Winnebago has two buffalo pasture locations. (photo courtesy: HCI Communications)

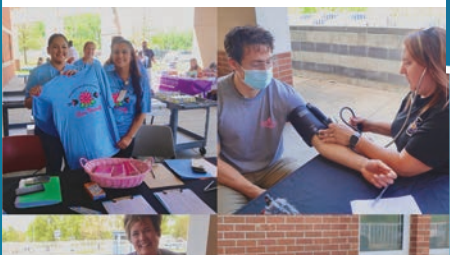
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## BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



May 12th WTN’s Wildlife & Parks Department, with the help of community members, were able to clean up The Big Bear Park and the surrounding Riv areas. For participants’ hard work there was lunch provided. Thanks to those who took the time to help keep our environment clean for the coming summer, Pinagigi!!!



On May 19th Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, WPHD & WCHS held their 2022 Womens Health Fair to celebrate the month of May being Womens Health Month! The fair was full of information regarding different areas of the body to educate women on what steps they can take to improve their health or know the diverse types of signs. Thank you to those who helped put this event together or were present to educate our people!



Also, on May 19th WTN’s Higher Education Department held their Summer Youth Program interviews! Various departments from the tribe were present and got the chance to interview students from 8th to 11th grade! Good luck to our students with their learning experiences, what an effective way to spend the summer!

## FAMILIES

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continue to do that.”

Nona Bearskin-Buffalocalf – Cultural Family Support – is the daughter of Benjamin John Bearskin sr. and Hapgumaniwiga. Nona works closely with the children in foster homes. Children who are in Iowa placements often request information pertaining to their clans or their family tree. For younger children she provides them with a Hochunk Renaissance coloring book and beading kit, and Facetiming with them often. In the last year the culture committee was formed, and Nona was challenged with providing ribbon skirts for their department (32 ribbon skirts, and 3 ribbon shirts). Reflecting on her experience, she said “the project was overwhelming, but my mom used to say that when you do something it has to be with a good thought in mind.” Petite is optimistic about the effort his team puts into the work they do with families. He said, “I’m excited to be apart of this team, and I think we have everything right here in our department to do good things. Nona, Candace, Angie, and Selena.”

So how does historical trauma and the boarding school era affect us today? When you think about the issues native American communities face today, we lead the nation in domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse, suicide, etc. Petite shares, “when you work in law enforcement, health care, and child protective services. You see the bad parts of our communities. We look at reports and we lead the nation in all of these issues. It can be disheartening, but we always have our culture to lean on.”

The effects of the Indian boarding school era are still felt today. Petite shared that “when you look at federal policies and treaties. The treaties were all about peace. When the colonizers came here, they didn’t understand us, because

we lived so different from them. I’ve seen a document that said, their children are so well behaved, and they were amazed from their perspective.” Human services always promote good behavior and working to create peace within the community. “Often times those systems are flawed. But we must work together and get along to survive.”

Focusing on the healing of a generation, we can put effort in raising awareness to our youth. Walker shared “there are a lot of things we want to do for our youth, but we need to plan it so it’s structured, we need to have an understanding and to be consistent. They will know where they belong, and to understand all that our ancestors went through. You have to learn both worlds. There was a lady who spoke at a youth ceremony in South Dakota, what she said to the kids was; it’s coming to your time. Where you’re going to have to pick all of this up.”

Many of our teachings are how our people learned to conduct themselves as adults. Bearskin-Buffalocalf shared with us that “it’s like a bird. You have that little bird and you push it out, and they either fly or die. So sometimes when I share that, I get laughed at. But the birds teach them everything they need to know to survive. Up to that point when they’re going to push them off, then everything after that is their own personal choice. We need to teach our children to be kind, to have self-love, and to have inner peace. We have to teach them to be respectful, and we need to teach them at home.” Petite added “when we were raised, everybody would correct us and say; don’t be doing that, you’ll bring shame to our family. That was always told to us.”

The Winnebago Human Services

department is at the front lines in combatting a lot of our issues, helping families/individuals who face hardships. The work is not easy, but they are taking the effort in looking at our history and driving awareness to cultural aspects and providing the tools individuals need to help themselves live a healthier and more meaningful life. Addressing issues through reconnecting them back to their culture. In order to heal from historical trauma, we must face our issues to gain an understanding on who we really are, finding and making that connection to honor our ancestors for the loss they faced.

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## Here’s Your Horoscope For June 2022

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This June, your focus will be on getting out and enjoying the summer sun without letting reality checks strip away your optimism. Mercury retrograde will end in Taurus on June 3, starting the month off with serious, practical vibes. Revisit any unrefined plans, written work, or ideas you had last month, and be on the lookout for missing or unspecified details during the planet’s post-retrograde shadow period. On June 4, Saturn — the planet of discipline and responsibility — will begin its retrograde in eccentric Aquarius. Assess whether you’ve been meeting the responsibilities of adulthood while maintaining your joyful spirit.

Mercury will return to its rulership sign, curious Gemini, on June 13, making it easier to express yourself clearly and ask questions with confidence. The information you’ve acquired this

month will shift your perspective when the free-spirited full moon in Sagittarius illuminates the sky on June 14. Keep your eye on the bigger picture, and remember that you get to choose the thoughts that create your reality. The Sun will illuminate sensitive Cancer on June 21 — the same day as the summer solstice — marking the beginning of an affectionate, tender, and personal season.

If your social life hasn’t picked up yet, it certainly will once Venus moves into charming Gemini on June 22, bringing a lighthearted energy that will kick off a summer of fun. However, prepare for deep reality checks and tests of faith once Neptune begins its retrograde in its rulership sign Pisces on June 28. On this same day, the new moon in Cancer will initiate an emotional last few days of the month. Expect opportunities to form

intimate connections with your loved ones, and try not to focus on your wants and needs alone.

### Happy birthday, Cancer!



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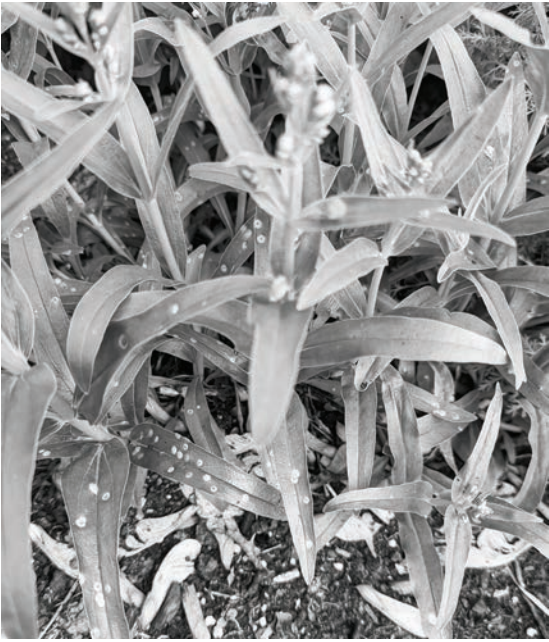
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## GARDEN UPDATE

Week of May 16th, 2022



Many tree owners have been confronted with browning evergreens this spring. Even the tough-as-nails-never-needs-attention junipers are brown, in some cases entire trees. The winter of 2021-2022 showed deepening drought and this dryness, coupled with strong winds, was death to many evergreens, particularly junipers and arborvitae.

Evergreens are unique for their ability to photosynthesize on days when temperatures are above 45 degrees F. The region saw a lot

of days like this with the mild winter. But the process of photosynthesis is hard work, requiring water along the way. When water cannot be replaced because of dry soils, then brown needles are the result.

What can tree owners do? First, trees may not be dead so giving them another week or two before cutting them down will give them time to rally. For those trees that survived but are looking rough, practice good tree care:

In the absence of precipitation, water 1 inch per week. It's best to apply the water all in one application. Be sure to water trees and shrubs in the fall, going in to ground freeze, to help them overwinter.

- Refrain from using any lawn weed herbicide containing dicamba as this can spread to trees.
- Do not fertilize trees as this deepens tree stress.
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## When the Spirit of Truth comes

Written by: Pastor Ricky Jacobs



Where is Jesus now? Our preschool children will say that Jesus rose from the dead and that he is not here. If pressed they will say, as they have learned by saying the Apostles' Creed, that Jesus ascended into heaven. So Jesus is in heaven is the proper answer.

And yet it would also be proper or correct to say that Jesus is everywhere and therefore he is with us here and now! Jesus said that he would be with us always, until the end of the age. But not in the physical sense.

Let me ask you another question: Why in the world did Jesus have to leave? I do not think that our preschool students can answer this question. It is not found in the Apostles' Creed.

Jesus Himself gives us the answer found in the 16th chapter of John's Gospel. Jesus was speaking to his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. Jesus said, "Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

So let me get this straight - Jesus said that He will only send the Counselor if he goes away. But why can't he stay too? And if Jesus is with the disciples why does

one need His Spirit? The answers are found in the understanding both the work of the Son of God as well as the work of the Holy Spirit.

The work of Jesus would be completed upon His death and resurrection. Jesus' work included paying the full price for each and every sin. Jesus paid with his holy precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death. Jesus offers a way back to His Father, our Creator, through this payment of His perfect sacrifice.

The work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, is that of bringing one to faith in Jesus and then keeping him/her in faith till one's death. But first - the Spirit of Truth must convict one of his/her sin. And secondly, the Spirit of God - the Spirit of Truth must instill faith in the heart and the mind of the individual into to believe in Jesus as one's Lord and Savior.

The Spirit of God worked through inspiring men to write down God's Sacred Word. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth. This is quite a contrast from that of the Evil Spirit. The Evil Spirit, also referred to by Jesus as the Prince of this world, is the father of lies. In fact, the Evil Spirit - can only speak lies.

The Evil Spirit attempts to put doubt into the mind of people. Sin is the rejection of God; either by trusting in something or someone rather than God; or by total lack of faith - unbelief in Creator God; His Son or both! By rejecting the Father and/or Jesus His Son - one is rejecting the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God convicts the world by teaching about Jesus and how He now sits at the

right hand of God the Father. The Spirit of God convicts the world by revealing that one is unable to live up to the righteousness that our Creator demands, and that Jesus in fact did. Jesus' righteous life, in contrast to our countless rebellious ways makes it obvious of our need for a Savior. The wages of sin is death, temporal and everlasting death. Without the Spirit's blessing of faith in Jesus, one remains on death row - spiritual death row.

However, one does not have to remain on spiritual death row. One can, by the grace of the Spirit of Truth, reject the lies of the Evil Spirit and trust in the saving work of the Son of God!

The Spirit of Truth has come and now those who have been blessed with trusting in Jesus can hardly wait for Jesus imminent return!



TOP STORIES

**BISON**

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**Louie LaRose was active in starting the buffalo project. (photo courtesy: Sharon Redhorn-Chamberlain)**

program, through herd management grants and the Indigenous Tourism BC. Parker says, “the buffalo project isn’t completely established, but I know we could make it more profound, Sean Bear is our buffalo manager, but our team all share the same duties.” She goes on to add that “we haven’t had to use tribal appropriations until this year. With that I know we can use it to enhance other areas.” Wildlife & Parks is also self-sufficient through revenue from hunting permits.

Winnebago tribal members can also add bison meat to their kitchen tables. Parker shares “charging for buffalo is a colonizers mentality. We only take what we need and use everything we harvest.” Wildlife & Parks give away bison meat to Winnebago tribal members free of charge, non-tribal members at eight dollars/lb, and in store at twelve to fourteen dollars/lb. Prior to the harvesting process, a prayer is said over the bison which has always been a way to express gratitude to the buffalo for sacrificing its life to feed the people.

The project has been a part of the community since the early 90’s, and it would not have come about without the leadership of current Tribal Council member Louie LaRose. He was a conservation officer for 15 years, and in that time he has become known as “the buffalo man”. Reflecting on the moments when they first introduced bison meat to the community, he says “there was a health fair when we first taste tested the buffalo burger, we compared it to hamburger, and a burger substitute. One little guy took a bite, I asked him what is that buffalo, hamburger, or substitute. He said it’s buffalo. I asked him, how come? He said because the buffalo man is not going to feed me beef.”

The WIN asked LaRose about what was his

favorite memory working with the buffalo is, he shares the first time they had to take a buffalo down “the CEO of the tribe told me to get a buffalo, if not they would ask someone else. I needed more information, about when they needed it, what they were going to use it for, and how was I going to process it. I told them we needed to pray first; they didn’t understand why. I panicked because I didn’t know of any prayer. I talked to Stanford Whitewater”.

Later, LaRose and Whitewater met at the buffalo pasture. “Stanford said the prayer, the buffalo I selected was on the other side of the herd. He walked around the whole heard. Then he walked up to me. So, it could be shot. I shot him; he went down. We loaded him up and took him to Oakland where they processed them. I took Stanford back, he said Louie, that buffalo knew. I said Stanford, that buffalo answered your prayer.”

After a successful first harvest, LaRose was then tasked by the late Tribal Chairman Daryl LaPointe Sr. to have a proposal for the Intertribal Bison Coalition for funding and equipment for a much larger bison herd. Working with the Diabetes Program, and with research from Dr. Jung and Dr. Sheheb, they were alarmed by the diabetes rate within the community. They developed a proposal that showcased the impact diabetes would have on Aboriginal DNA in the next 25 years. Then he discussed the possibility of a buffalo herd becoming a healthier food source for elders, youth, and heart patients. LaRose was successful in getting the Tribal Council what they asked for.

Parker says “it’d be nice to put them in our diets. From a cultural aspect, the buffalo was a part of our oral stories, it is one of our clans, we used them for shelter and tools. We used to migrate with the buffalo herds. Their protein matches our DNA, so it’s healthier for our bodies.” Currently Wildlife & Parks have given away meat for personal use, health reasons, and ceremonial purposes.

Tribal food sovereignty is the ability to produce traditional food on tribal homelands to sustain communities. LaRose expresses his vision for the buffalo for the future generations, “we need to make a stationary processing plant to harvest the buffalo and become USDA certified. We can get help from a retired USDA inspector, grant personal, and our tribal people and task them

with getting a plan together. Keep in mind that there won’t be enough buffalo to last all year, but we can process other animals to make it work. People will want to work all year, so engineer it in a way that would make it last longer.”

He expresses the tribe could add the Bison project to the Little Priest Tribal College curriculum and train our own people to maintain and learn the buffalo harvesting process. “We need to study the buffalo. Kids these days can’t just sit and observe. I got a young buffalo from the Badlands National Park, you had to put the young buffalo in with the mature ones. So, we got an old female buffalo, and the calves wouldn’t fight her. They respected her. One day I couldn’t find the calves, I got panicked because I couldn’t see them. I went over and they were sitting in the lowlands. The female was taking care of the herd. She was teaching them buffalo manners, I also wondered how they learned, they learned from the elders. It’s a complete cycle of learning.”

Bison is an important part of who we are, with the loss of millions of bison across North America, it is more important than ever to continue to maintain our own herds for the betterment of our future generations, bison is a much healthier meat alternative, the bison has cultural significance to our people, and if we learn to study the bison we can learn from them.



**Jewel Parker, director of Winnebago Wildlife & Parks rounds up the buffalo.**



**QUESTION OF THE ISSUE: A whole host of graduations happened in May. What words of advice do you have for the class of 2022?**

**Garan**  
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"For those going to college, make sure to learn how to cook ramens as those late-night study sessions take a lot of brain power. The hardest year is the freshman year but if you complete the first year of college successfully the odds of finishing almost double. It goes by faster than you think!"

**Bethani**  
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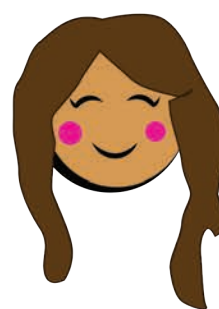
"My advice for the Class of '22 is to learn to live in the moment. Don't get caught up in what was or what will be, put your focus on what is. If you find that you're already practicing this, continue to strengthen that mindset."

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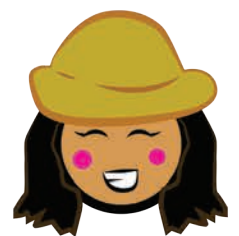
"My advice is to find something that you enjoy doing and spend your time wisely Haha, like Garan said, time flies."

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"Make money first, fall in love later. That's law."

**Jordana**  
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"Be proud of yourself for finishing! Continue to make goals for yourself, and always strive to be a better version of you."



### UNL Scholarship Tribal Receptient



“Receiving this scholarship was just so heartwarming,” Zeria said. “I didn’t expect to get this scholarship, but at the end of the day, I know that I deserved it because I worked so hard for myself. It greatly impacted my year, and it also goes to show how fortunate I am as an individual that I have these resources and Ho-Chunk, Inc. and my community behind me.”

Zeria started her freshman year studying pre-health, but like many college freshmen, she made a change and chose a different path – criminal justice. With that, she hopes to make a difference in the Winnebago community.

“I want to further my education within the criminal justice field because my people suffer from a lot of injustices from the federal system,” she said. “Then I would like to eventually come back to Winnebago to help my people and be their voice against those injustices.”

“Also, I’d like to be involved with the Winnebago Public Schools to help break the generational cycles of alcohol abuse within the reservation,” she continued. “I really want better for our people.”

Inspired by this goal for her community and her siblings, Zeria has forged ahead on her path as a first-generation college student.

“Making the transition from high school to a Big Ten University was very difficult, but despite the challenges I never gave up on myself,” she said. “Coming into next year, I know what to expect and I feel prepared and excited to be taking criminology classes.”

“Just like Chief Little Priest said, ‘Be strong and educate my children,’” she added. “That was way before his time, and that’s such a great way to put it.”

Zeria George is no stranger to carving her own path.

First-born of eight children. First female Nebraska state wrestling champion. First-generation college student.

The Winnebago Tribal member may not have started with a clear path to success, but she always knew the stakes were high.

“Everything I do is for my siblings,” Zeria said. “I just wanted to show them that you can come from not much and build from it.”

Zeria recently wrapped up her freshman year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), having received several scholarships. One of which was a \$5,000 grant funded through Ho-Chunk, Inc.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. established a fund with UNL in 2020 to provide scholarships to enrolled members of the Winnebago Tribe, committing \$25,000 in scholarships total. Zeria was the first recipient of the program.

### Beware the Dangers of Ozone

Air purifiers have become popular and widely available on the market these days. Beware of certain room air purifiers that produce Ozone. While we need ozone in the upper atmosphere to shield us against cosmic radiation, low atmosphere ozone is toxic to all life and is one of the six main air pollutants tracked by the EPA. This is for two reasons.

First, it’s dangerous to all life, like plants and animals. Ozone is so good at killing things it’s used in industry to decontaminate clean rooms, instruments and used in water purification against pathogenesis microorganisms, viruses, bacteria, molds, and funguses. However, the ozone concentrations needed to achieve this is very high, making it extremely hazardous and must be handled with many precautions. The oxygen in the air that we breathe is made up of O<sub>2</sub> (2 oxygen atoms) while ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) is made up of three. One extra atom doesn’t sound like a problem but it’s toxic to nearly all living things. The O<sub>3</sub> molecule is unstable making it highly reactive when it comes in contact with organic materials. It can cause serious damage to your lungs, irritate your eyes and throat, and aggravate asthma symptoms you may already have.

The second reason is it’s a precursor gas. This means it helps to create new pollution to form in the air. The unstable nature of ozone causes it to revert back to normal oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) detaching one oxygen atom which then attaches to other particles in the air changing its chemistry. This leads to creating new compounds like NO<sub>2</sub> (Nitrogen Oxide i.e. SMOG) and VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) to name a few. So, ozone is not only toxic on its own, it helps to create new air pollution.

Yet we see Ozone generators on the market that make it sound like Ozone is a good thing, calling it “energized oxygen” or “Pure Air”. They might also suggest that ozone can clean the air, which is misleading. According to the EPA, the scientific evidence indicate that when air impurities are at lower to moderate

levels, ozone does very little to remove those indoor air contaminants.

There are other “air purifier” devices on the market, such as *electronic particle air cleaners*, *ionizers*, and *electrostatic precipitators*, which remove airborne particles like dust and smoke soot. The tradeoff is they often produce ozone while they operate. So while you’re taking out impurities in the air, you are adding toxic ozone and precursor gasses back in. So before you purchase an air purifier like these be sure to check how much ozone it produces.

What are the allowable limits for Ozone? Let’s take a look at a few government agencies standards for ozone. 1) The FDA puts a limit of 0.05 ppm (parts per million) for ozone that is produced from medical devices. 2) OSHA has set an upper exposure limit of 0.10 ppm for 8 hours while working around ozone indoors. 3) The EPA’s standard for ozone while working outdoors is 0.08ppm for 8 hours. This should help you judge if the air purifier is safe for you and your family. What else can be done to control indoor air pollution? The first step would be to eliminate what’s creating the polluted air in the first place. This can be any number of things. Cleaning up to remove biological contaminants, controlling humidity and moisture, cleaning up and disinfecting any wet surfaces, and using good housekeeping practices to control the amount of dust in the air.

The second thing would be to vent out pollutants. Open windows to get air flow, change furnace or air conditioning air filters every 3 months, use exhaust fans when needed. This might even include cleaning out air ducts that have collected buildup over the years.

The third approach, and the last line of defense, is to clean the air through air filtration devices. This option should only be used to supplement air cleaning and not to be the main way to control your indoor air in-of-itself. Being aware of the ozone risk is part of deciding on which purifier is best for you and your family should you want to use one.

By Kurt Lyons ~ EPD AIR

### Seeking an Executive Director

HoChunk Community Development Corporation (HCCDC) Winnebago, Nebraska

The Board of Directors of HCCDC seeks a full-time executive director to replace our current ED who is retiring in the coming months. HCCDC is a dynamic, 501c3 private non-profit organization affiliated with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and operating on the Winnebago reservation. The Board seeks a chief executive to be responsible for all functions of the agency, to continue and expand the important community development work underway in our community. Key duties will include:

- Manage/supervise a staff of 6 to 8 employees and/or contractors
- Create and implement an annual operating budget [\$3M to \$5M range]
- Working with tribal and community partners, develop programming in response to community needs/opportunities in the areas of affordable housing, infrastructure, workforce development, food sovereignty, quality of life, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy
- Serve as the agency’s Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) for federal, state, tribal, and foundation grant awards and contracts
- Develop competitive proposals for project funding from government and foundation sources
- Maintain healthy collaborative partnerships with key tribal and community entities [Tribal Council, Tribal Planning Department, Winnebago Housing & Development Commission, Little Priest Tribal College, Ho-Chunk, Inc., etc.]
- Maintain Board relations and work cooperatively with the Board to strategically guide the organization

Qualified candidates will have education and/or significant experience in non-profit administration, community planning, grant writing, project management, fund-raising, working in tribal communities, and ensuring compliance with federal, state, and tribal regulations. We will give preference to qualified Winnebago Tribal members and other qualified Native American applicants. We will provide considerable on-boarding support, training and orientation to the right candidate.

TO APPLY -- Send a cover letter and resume to: Executive Director Search

HoChunk Community Development Corporation  
509 HoChunk Plaza N  
Winnebago, NE 68071

*In Loving Memory*

Please join the family for a first memorial lunch to cherish Bernadette's memory.

Monday, May 30th at 12:00pm  
HoChunk Center-337 BIA Rd 3  
Winnebago NE



# Congratulations

On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, the Class of 2022 at Little Priest Tribal College set the record as the largest graduating class in LPTC history. The graduation ceremony began at 11:00 AM in the Winnebago Public School Theatre. Thank you to New Breed for singing the Little Priest song & the Flag song. The colors were presented by the Winnebago Veterans Association, followed by speakers such as Mr. Isaac Smith, Dr. Loretta Broberg, Mr. William Bass, Mr. Kyle St Cyr, and Ms. Mariah Rave. An award for Faculty of the Year was presented to Cassie Kitcheyan, congratulations to her from the Communications department! Then, the reason for gathering and celebrating is the conferring of degrees which was presented by Dr. Loretta Broberg, Mr. Manoj Patil, and Mr. Miskoo Petite Sr. In conclusion, closing remarks were shared by LPTC President Manoj Patil. New Breed brought the ceremony to a finish with the singing of the honor song. In all of LPTC graduating history, the Class of 2022 set a record with being the largest class to graduate from Little Priest Tribal College! Congratulations to all of the graduates! May this year bring you a lot experience & opportunities.



### Associate of Arts—Liberal Arts

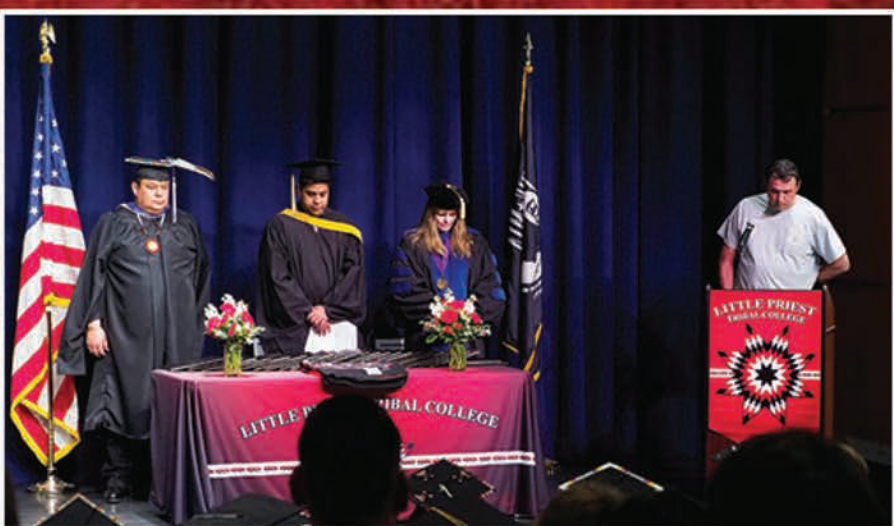
- Brandi Brown, Winnebago, NE
- Tyrese Brown, Phoenix, AZ
- Ansley Griffin, Emerson, NE
- Katherine Rice, Winnebago, NE
- Keeley McCauley, Macy, NE
- Cheyenne Penn-Kennedy, Winnebago, NE
- Rosella Tebo, Winnebago, NE
- Marcus Walker, Walthill, NE
- Agnes Warner, Winnebago, NE
- Emily Whirlwind Soldier, Winnebago, NE
- Kaylynn Whitebear, South Sioux City, NE



*"Be Strong and Educate and Educate my Children."*  
- Chief Little Priest

### Associate of Arts—Native American Studies

- Iva Masquat, Winnebago, NE





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JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Program Manager	Dynamic Systems	Detroit Lakes, MN/Winnebago, NE
Senior Graphic Designer II	Blue Earth Marketing	Sioux City, IA
Graphic Designer	Blue Earth Marketing	Sioux City, IA
Staff Architect	BluStone Architectural	Sioux City, IA
Maintenance Worker	Ho-Chunk Centre	Sioux City, IA
Risk Insurance Manager	Ho-Chunk Centre	Sioux City, IA
Project Manager	Ho-Chunk Capital	Sioux City, IA
Business Operations and Strategic Planning Manager	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Accounting Manager	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Financial Analyst Accountant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Siouxland Ambassador Site Supervisor	Ho-Chunk Inc.	Sioux City, IA
(2) Barista	Sweetwater Café I	Sioux City, IA
Benefits Manager	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Corporate Recruiter	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Carpenter/Finish Carpenter	BluStone Homes	South Sioux City, NE
Carpentry Apprentice	BluStone Homes	South Sioux City, NE
Concrete Apprentice	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Concrete Journeyman	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Carpentry Apprentice	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Carpentry Journeyman	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Laborer	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Project Manager	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Project Manager Assistant	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Senior Superintendent	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Team Manager I	Pony Express Atokad	South Sioux City, IA
Barista I Floater	Sweetwater Café III	South Sioux City, IA
(3) Barista I part time	Sweetwater Café III	South Sioux City, IA
Team Member – Floater/Trainer	Pony Express	Sloan   South Sioux City
Team Member	Pony Express	All Locations
Ambassador I, II, & III	Thunder Ridge Solutions	Winnebago, NE
Team Supervisor I	Heritage Foods	Winnebago, NE
Assistant Team Manager I	Heritage Foods	Winnebago, NE
Maintenance/Stocker – part time	Heritage Foods	Winnebago, NE
Benefits Manager	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Senior Benefits Assistant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Ho-Chunk Inc. Internship	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Corporate Recruiter	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Food Service Team Supervisor I – Pony North	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
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Barista I	Sweetwater Café II	Winnebago, NE
Team Member I – (part time)	Pony Express	Emerson, NE

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**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ22-016AB  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
T.B.D. (Born 08/2009)  
J.B.D. (Born 08/2010)

To: JOSEF DRUM, Father  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-016 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 21ST day of JUNE, 2022 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-074  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
Case No. CV20-088

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
Reuben Snake IV  
vs.  
Alicia Garcia Dobbs

To: ALICIA GARCIA DOBBS,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV20-088 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JULY, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-063  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
Twila Redfeather  
In Re:  
N.M. (Born 05/2012)  
N.M. (Born 03/2015)

TO: Nevin Masquat, Father  
Niana Masquat, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV22-063 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of July, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-074  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Matter of the Name Change Petition of:  
JILLIAN BERRIDGE  
to JILLIAN KELSEY

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 in case no. CV22-074 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JULY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV20-088  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
Case No. CV20-088

Case No. CV22-070

In the Matter of the Divorce Petition of:  
CASEY KEARNES NAVA  
vs  
MIGUEL NAVA

To: MIGUEL NAVA

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV22-070 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 16TH day of JUNE, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

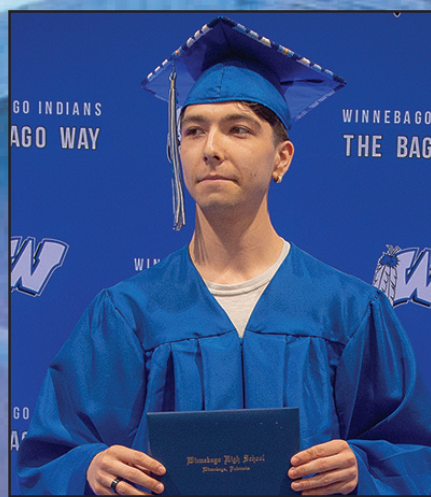
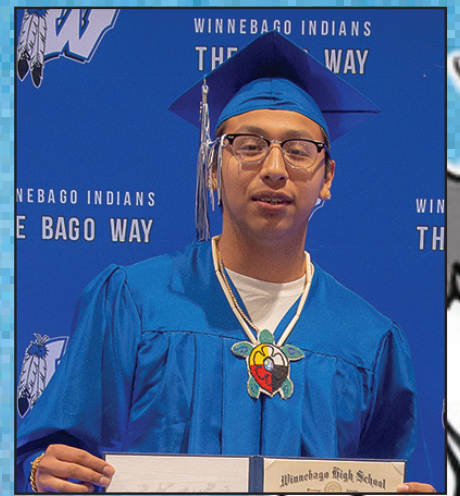
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June 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> July 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Screen in Winnebago	Starts at 5:30 p.m.
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No Reservation needed. Just show up and find a spot to hang out. Refreshments will be provided. Check us out on Facebook for more information! "LPTC Public Library"



## 156th Winnebago HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

### JULY 28 - 31, 2022

**Invited Drum:**  
Mo-Town  
Host Drums:  
Haylushka  
New Breed  
M.C.s:  
Boye Ladd  
Craig Cleveland, Jr.  
Garan Coons  
Arena Directors:  
Pete Snowball  
Head Man:  
Scott Aldrich  
Head Woman:  
Belle Bearskin  
Outgoing Princesses  
Sr. Miss Winnebago Princess,  
Martha Warner  
Jr. Miss Winnebago Princess,  
Azalea Jefferson

**DANCE CONTEST**  
Golden Age Men (50+)  
Fancy & Grass Dance Combined  
Northern & Southern Combined  
Golden Age Women (50+)  
Hocak Applique  
Northern/Southern Traditional Combined  
Fancy/Jingle Combined  
\$1,000 - \$800 - \$600 - \$400 - \$200  
Adult Men (18-49)  
N. Traditional + S. Straight + Grass + Fancy  
\$1,000 + \$800 + \$600 + \$400 + \$200  
Adult Women (18-49)  
N. Traditional + S. Buckskin/Cloth + Jingle + Fancy + Hocak Applique  
\$1,000 + \$800 + \$600 + \$400 + \$200  
Teen Boys & Girls (13-17)  
Traditional + Fancy + Grass + Jingle + Hocak Applique  
\$500 + \$400 + \$300 + \$200 + \$100  
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Traditional + Fancy + Grass + Jingle + Hocak Applique  
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Friday 1 & 7 pm  
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Sunday 1 pm  
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Registration:  
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Closes Friday at 6:30 pm  
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taramamfo@winnebago-tribe.com  
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**Keli Warrior**  
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**HoChunk Traditional Cultural Education**

- Medicine Wheel Healing**  
5/18, 5/25, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Community Crafting**  
Weekly on Wednesday,  
5/25 - 8/10, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
- Paxge Keychain Workshop**  
5/21, 12:00 - 4:00 PM
- HoChunk Moccasins**  
5/26, 6/2, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
- Applique 1 Potholders**  
6/4, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Clip & Fold (Moccasins)**  
6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
- Paxge Earrings**  
7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
- Ribbon Shirts**  
8/11, 5:30 - 8:30 PM; 8/13, 10:00 - 4:00 PM

**Community Health, Wellness, & Nutrition**

- Walking Wellness**  
Weekly on Tuesday  
5/24 - 8/9, 8:00 - 8:30 AM

**Pathways to Prosperity: Career-Building, College Prep, & Other Useful Skills**

- Intro to Canva**  
5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Word 1**  
5/24, 5:15 - 8:15 PM
- Excel 1**  
5/31, 5:15 - 8:15 PM
- Excel 2**  
6/7, 5:15 - 8:15 PM
- Keyboarding**  
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Intro to Airtable**  
6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Lawn Care Workshop**  
6/14, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Household Finances: Saving and Investing**  
6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- First Time Home-Buyer Workshop**  
7/12, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

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### RESOLUTION # 22-100

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE MONTH OF JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), (25 U.S.C. § 5123) as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat. 378), and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article III of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, the governing body of the Tribe shall be the Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(c) of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, the Tribal Council is vested with the power, *inter alia*, "To safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Tribe"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(h) of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council, in exercising its powers of self-government, shall not "Deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska recognizes that the celebration of Pride month began in June of 1969 to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Two-Spirit+ (LGBTQ+) and allies stood up against constant harassment by police and discriminatory laws, and

**WHEREAS**, Tejáčowiga or Šjáge people have always existed among the Ho-Chunk people, and

**WHEREAS**, prior to colonization, Tejáčowiga or Šjáge people were prophets, healers, and artists, and

**WHEREAS**, today Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ people of the Winnebago community are leaders, educators, culture keepers, and hold many other roles that positively contribute to the success of the Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that family and community support reduced suicide risk by more than half among American Indian LGBTQ+ youth (The Trevor Project 2020), and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half (49%) of American Indian LGBTQ+ youth reported being physically harmed or threatened due to their LGBTQ+ identity (The Trevor Project 2020), and

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**WHEREAS**, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and Two-Spirits (MMIP2S) movement includes Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ people as result of the high rates of violence and murder committed against them, and

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago Tribe passed Resolution 22-86A recognizing same-sex marriage on April 11, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ people to feel accepted, safe, loved, and uplifted by their family, peers, community leaders, and tribal nation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to declare the month of June as Pride Month.

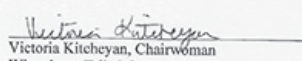
**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska hereby proclaims and declares the month of June as Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ Pride month in order to recognize the contributions made by members of the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ community.


#### CERTIFICATION


We, the undersigned Officers of the Winnebago Tribal Council, hereby certify that on April 20, 2022 at a meeting duly convened by the Winnebago Tribal Council, voted to adopt the above Resolution by a vote of 4\_ for, 0\_ against, 0\_ abstentions, with the Chairperson and 4\_ Member(s) not present.

Dated this \_\_\_20\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_April\_\_\_, 2022.

Attest:

  
Victoria Kitcheyan, Chairwoman  
Winnebago Tribal Council

  
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council



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