



# Winnebago Indian News

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## Congratulations to the Winnebago Indians on your 2nd Place Finish at the Nebraska C-1 State Basketball Tournament

### Bago Bits...



This was one fired up Bago Fan at the recent State Basketball Tournament. Guess who it is and claim a prize. Pic courtesy of Teresa.



The Easter Bunny is gearing up for April Fools Day, flyer inside this issue.



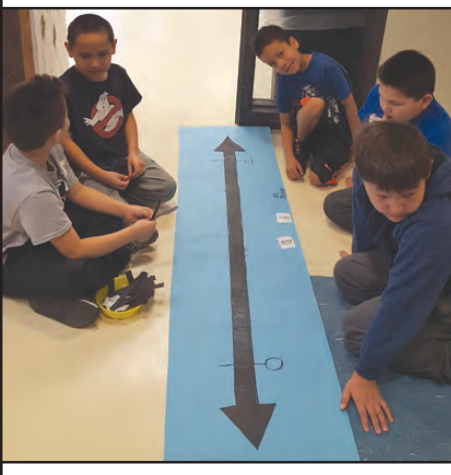
Little Jared Doxey was recently crowned the Champion at his first meet of the season. Photo by his Proud Mom Angel.



Coach G's 3rd, 4th & 5th grade boys basketball teams and parents honored the coach with a custom quilt at an end of the season celebration last weekend. Players received awards and got to participate in games and fun. Photo by BrookeLynn Bass.



Whirling Thunder Wellness held a Bison Cookoff last weekend at the BHCC Gym. Mz Tara Picotte was one of the entrants with her delicious Buffalo creation.



Mz Finzens 4th grade class was working on their fractions last week using the line method. Photo courtesy Mz Finzen.



The Winnebago Indians Boys Basketball team made their 4th straight trip to the Nebraska State Boys Basketball Tournament held in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 8th thru the 10th. First on the Indians menu was Syracuse on Thursday, at 3:45 pm at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Indians came out cold getting down early in the first quarter giving the Syracuse fans some hope, but after the Indians warmed up the close contest finished with the Indians on top, 50-59. Advancing the Indians to the Semi-finals and a new venue, the Pinnacle Bank Arena in downtown Lincoln. The Winnebago Indians with Seniors, D'Von LaPointe, Manape Cleveland, Maurice Scott, Macoonce Littlevoice and newcomer Lance Denny were ready for the Indians from Broken Bow, and sent them packing, 55-69. The Indians from Winnebago set themselves up for another chance to win it all for the first time in a few years. The Indians facing off against nemesis Wahoo came out ready for a Championship fight. The #1 & #2 seeds in the C-1 bracket traded punches, sometimes literally, for the entire game forcing a single overtime. The Indians went blow for blow but in the waning seconds in the game were forced to foul and could not recover, winning 2nd place, 70-66. The Indians had another great season with yet another piece of hardware from the State Basketball Championships. GO BIG BLUE!

### Indianz.com... Winnebago Tribe sends basketball team to championships again

Posted: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

D'Von LaPointe walks slowly toward the half court mark. He looks straight ahead, trying to get the play right in his mind.

To his right, Maurice Scott suddenly breaks free from his defender and rushes toward LaPointe. As Scott rushes past him, LaPointe hands him the ball just as MaNaPe Cleveland begins running toward Scott from the other side of the court.

Scott hands him the ball and turns to block Cleveland's defender as Cleveland stops and lines up the shot just behind the free throw line. He lets the ball loose as blue-clad fans from both Winnebago and Wahoo stand screaming on all sides of the arena.

The shot goes straight through the hoop, evening the score with less than 20 seconds to go before the end of the fourth quarter. A time-out and then a failed effort at a two-pointer by Wahoo a few minutes later sends the game into overtime.

This is rez ball. It's fast-paced and depends on lightning-quick teamwork.

And for the fourth year in a row, it's what got the boys from a small town in northeast Nebraska all the way to the state championships.

"I just like to speed up the game because around here, a lot of teams play the slow game and try set plays up all the time," said Jeff Berridge, head coach for the Winnebago boys basketball team.

He tells his players to "run the other team out of the gym" and constantly pushes his boys to condition themselves to be able to run four entire quarters.

Their game style even won them a state championship title in 2015, breaking a more than 70-year drought for the team.

A Winnebago drum group sings during halftime at the team's game in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 9, 2018, as the Winnebago High School's cheer-leading team watches. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



Janelle DeCorra holds up a gigantic photo of her son, Ed Payer, a player on the Winnebago basketball team, during the championship game in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 10, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



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## THOMAS SMITH

*Wanbli Oyate Owanankapi*  
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## Wanigicge Mās Zi Honi

### Golden Egg Hunt

**Mās zi (Gold): \$300**  
 provided by LPTC  
 Clues will be posted - March 26th - 30th

**Mās ska (Silver): \$200**  
 provided by HCI  
 Clues will be posted - March 26th - 30th

**Mās zi ra šep (Bronze): \$150**  
 provided by Tribal Court  
 Clues will be posted - March 19th-23rd

**Mās šuc (Copper): \$100**  
 provided by Tribal Court  
 Clues will be posted - March 19th-23rd

**All clues will be posted on HoChunk Renaissance office window.**  
 907 N. Mission Drive (west old Head Start Building)

Clues posted first in the HoChunk language.  
 Clues will slowly translate into English in a 2-day time frame.  
 The 2nd day, the clue will be fully translated in English  
 Clues posted daily at noon until the wanigicge is found!  
 CLAIM PRIZE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-4:30PM.

Immediate family of the HoChunk Renaissance staff are excluded from participation  
 Contributions are from LPTC, HCI, and the Winnebago Tribal Court.

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# WINNEBAGO EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY, March 30th, 2018 at 1:00pm  
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1:30 PM	5 to 6 year olds
1:40 PM	7 to 8 year olds
1:50 PM	9 to 12 year olds
2:00 PM	13 year and up

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# HOCHUNK singing

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Tuesdays in April • 5pm - 7pm  
 at the HoChunk Renaissance classroom/backyard

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Supper will be provided!

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RegeNErate Nebraska presents  
**RegeNErate Native workshop!**

Join us to discuss regenerative poultry and bison, sacred seeds and the creation of food forests.

When: March 27, 2018 2-7:30pm CST  
 Where: WinnaVegas Casino Resort 1500 330th St. Sloan, Iowa 51055

This event is FREE to the public and includes a local, regenerative bison supper!

RSVP to [Graham@GCRsolve.com](mailto:Graham@GCRsolve.com)

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## Weekly Language Publication

# Hōcaḡ SPRING Terms

wēna spring	xāwī grass	hōgu growing
maḡico sky blue	Nīžu rain	hapjāne sunlit
hatakac sunny	cāḡ the outdoors	kirikiriš colorful
xāwioxere flower	waxja pretty	takac warm

# Winnebago News

## Thoughts on a Controversy...

By Lance Morgan



young women. Either way, we need to get our young people into the work force. Waiting for them to learn their lesson can take a long time and really doesn't work that often. Instead, it leads to more drug usage and more abuse of alcohol because they lack hope and have too much time on their hands. It is weird, but our policy of testing can actually make the problem worse by taking away opportunity to change their life around by working.

I think if we can get our people into the work force then pride will kick in. Pride in themselves. Pride in taking care of their family. Pride in taking care of their children. Men really are defined by what they do for a living and they need something to mentally grasp onto to help define their core identity.

A lot of these young men in search of an identity look to cultural activities like Native American Church ceremonies or sweats or some combination. I think that can be a positive, but a man is not complete simply doing sweats. A real traditional Ho-Chunk man would also work to take care of himself and his family and adding the cultural elements really just strengthens it, but culture is only part of the puzzle.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. started testing years ago under pressure from the tribe. We were the last major entity in town to test for Marijuana because I knew that we end up hurting ourselves by leaving a generation of young men without a job. Since we started testing for pot, it has become legal in several states for medical purposes or for even recreational use. Obviously, some people will abuse it, but I think our goal is to help our people, not take away their ability to take care of their families. The social costs and side effects of this testing has perpetuated our cycle of high unemployment, single mothers and broken families.

I think it is time, we take a look at what we are doing and why we are doing it and ask ourselves, can we craft a better solution? A tribal solution. We do this already. We don't test for peyote because we decided not to for cultural purposes. Why not open our eyes to this reality and try and find a way to help nudge some of our young people into the work force. I intend to try and do something, because I am tired of watching our young people be locked out of opportunity. I suspect people will jump to some conclusion or be quick to be negative, but we need to be smart and craft our own unique solutions to our own unique problems or why even have tribal sovereignty.

Contact me at hochunk@aol.com

Over the last few years, I have heard of several people in their late 20's and early 30's dying of health complications from drug usage and alcohol, which is a total waste and a sad commentary on our ongoing legacy of generations of extreme poverty.

I think the tribe should reconsider its position on drug testing for Marijuana. Just for the record I am not a pot smoker, but also am not really against its recreational usage. Our current testing policy leaves a lot of people locked out of the workforce. The Tribe, WinnaVegas, Ho-Chunk, Inc., and I assume the BIA, IHS, and public schools all do some form of pre-employment screening and random drug testing.

This testing means that if you are a casual user of pot then you basically don't have many options to work locally. This has a few bad side effects. It means you can only work in Sioux City and the jobs are likely to be high turnover factory type jobs that don't pay great. They also mean when your car breaks down, the jobs are easy to lose. These jobs also make no consideration for typical tribal activities that require various days off for cultural and family obligations. I know very few people who last long in these types of jobs.

Another side effect is that we develop a sort of permanent unemployed class of young men because they are locked out of the work force. These young men end up sitting at home watching kids, playing video game and a lot of basketball. Also, 20 something year old young men need a focus or they will end up in some kind of trouble, which leads to a lot of relationships collapsing and this constant stream of single mothers we keep developing. It also can lead to the usage of worse drugs like meth.

I am focused on men, but we have the same issue to a lesser extent with

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**Service Summary & Purpose**  
The Omaha Nation Community Response Team Foster Grandparents Program is looking for 10 Volunteers over the age of 55 or older. Foster Grandparents serves children who need special attention, with more one-on-one encouragement. Foster Grandparents serve 5-40 hours per week.

**Qualifications**

- Foster Grandparent Volunteers must be at least age 55+, physically and mentally able to volunteer (4) hours a day, (5) days a week (after hours are also available).
- Foster Grandparent Volunteer must be able to meet income guidelines.
- Foster Grandparent Volunteer must be able to pass a Background Check.

**Benefits**  
In addition to all the rewards that come from making an impact in a child's life, Foster Grandparents also receive a number of benefits:

- Hourly stipend (\$2.65 per hour volunteering). This stipend is a non-taxable, reimbursement that does not affect eligibility for other income-based programs or services.
- Mileage assistance for costs incurred to and from volunteer station.
- Stipend reimbursement for sick, vacation and holidays.
- Training (pre-service orientation and ongoing monthly in-service).

**Elders Apply** →

**For More Information or to Apply Contact:**

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312 Main Street	509 N. HoChunk Plz
Walthill, NE 68067	Winnebago, NE 68071
402-846-5280	402-878-2192

← **Elders Apply**

## In Loving Memory...

Tyree was born on March 25, 1993. She attended school and graduated from Winnebago Public School with the class of 2011. She enjoyed weight lifting, basketball, and volleyball. She was employed with WinnaVegas Casino Resort after graduation.

She enjoyed listening to her favorite music and hanging out with her friends. Her nieces, nephews, family were her life.

Survivors include her; paternal grandfather, Clifford Wolfe Jr.; her mother, Michelle Blackfish; siblings, Tyren, Tyara and Tyresha Wolfe, all of Winnebago; and numerous nieces, nephews, and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenton Wolfe; a brother, Trevor McCauley; paternal grandmother, Lois Wolfe; maternal grandfather, James Sun Sr.; and a nephew, Duane G. Bassette.

Winnebago, Nebraska—Tyree L. Wolfe, 24, of Winnebago, gained her wings on February 6, 2018.

Services were held at the Ho-Chunk Center in Winnebago, with John Blackhawk in charge of the service.

# Mauna's Earth Day Celebration

**April 21**

**FREE EVENT**

**11AM - 3PM**

**Winnebago Nebraska City Field**  
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## Winnebago-based AmeriCorps Vista program plans to host Mauna's Earth Day Celebration

Winnebago, Nebraska--To celebrate the Earth, AmeriCorps VISTA's Planting Seeds program in partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Hocak, Environmental Protection Department, Wildlife and Parks, Juvenile Services Programs Board, and Winnebago Public Schools Title VI is hosting Mauna's Earth Day Celebration on April 21 at Winnebago's City Field located behind the Boys and Girls Club of Hocak and opposite from the Blackhawk Community Center and Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church. During this event, attendees will be able to learn more about the Earth and ways to protect it through interactive games, a seed exploration station, and craft making. A tipi will be setup at the event in honor of Earth Day and will include traditional songs. Prior to this Saturday celebration, Winnebago Public Schools Title VI will be hosting an Earth Day essay contest during the week of the celebration. Winners of the contests will be announced at Mauna's Earth Day celebration on Saturday.

"We [AmeriCorps VISTA] hope to encourage children and adults alike to celebrate the Earth" says Americorps VISTA Family and Parenting Developer, Jessica Wilkerson, "not only at the Celebration but in the comfort of their home."

The event begins at 11 a.m. and is free to the entire community and open to all ages. Pre-registration is not required for access. For more information about this event or about the Planting Seeds project, please contact Family and Parenting Developer, Jessica Wilkerson at 402-878-2046 at extension 228 or at [info.americorpsplantingseeds@gmail.com](mailto:info.americorpsplantingseeds@gmail.com).

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*Congratulations*  
**- JAZLYNN MUNIZ -**  
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*Congratulations*  
**- ETHAN STEINBRONN -**  
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**#2 • ETHAN STEINBRONN**  
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## Grief Support Group

**May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, Aug. 2nd, Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th**  
 Meets the first Thursday of each month at:  
 Whirling Thunder Wellness Center  
 100 Bluff Street  
 Winnebago, NE 68071  
 5-6pm at Ho Chunk Hope Classroom downstairs  
 Anyone who has lost a loved one to any form of death. A counselor will be available during our time together.  
 For more information contact Donna Wolff, Native Connections Project Coordinator, 402-878-3659

We recognize the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (collectively referred to as Native people) through the observance of **National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**.

This national observance, now in its 11th year, observed annually on the Spring Equinox, NNHAAD is a national community mobilization effort designed to encourage American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians across the United States and territorial areas to get educated, get tested, and get involved in HIV prevention, care, and treatment. This year's theme is *Unity is Community - Stand Strong to Prevent HIV!*

**From 2005 to 2014, the number of new HIV diagnoses increased 19% among AI/AN overall and 63% among AI/AN gay and bisexual men.<sup>1</sup>**



**March 20th NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**  
 For more information about services or events, please contact:

**Of the 39,513 HIV diagnoses in the United States in 2015, one percent (209) were among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs).**  
 -Of those, 73% were men, and 26% were women.  
 -Of the 152 HIV diagnoses among AI/AN men in 2015, most (79%, 120) were among gay and bisexual men.

The four seasons are highly respected in many cultures because they represent the cycle of life. The Spring Equinox is a time of equality and balance. It is a time of new beginnings. March 20th is **National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** (NNHAAD). We hope this awareness day will bring about an awareness of the presence of HIV/AIDS in our Native communities - American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/features/nativetwoits/index.html>

## Spring Community Clean Up April 2018

The Winnebago Environmental Protection Department invites all residents, businesses, schools, and all the community groups to help us to coordinate to Spring 2018 Clean Up Our Community.

We will have a Litter Dash, a litter cleanup, to help beautify our community and reduce the impact of litter on our environment. Working together with all of our village tribal programs and departments, these efforts will have a visible, positive impact on our community. Litter negatively impacts our environment, the aesthetic appeal of our community, and even economic development. By helping and volunteering for the event, you will send a strong anti-litter message and will receive recognition for your commitment to improve our community.

We have a Great Recycling /Solid Waste Program. If your program is not on the recycling schedule, please call us and we will help you with information to Recycle, Reduce, Repurpose and Reuse! 402-878-4060.


The Winnebago Environmental Protection Department looks forward to working with the Community toward a Better Future!

*Nancy Martin, EPD Manager*  
 Environmental Protection Department

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## FEBRUARY 14, 2018 CEO REPORT MEETING:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the February 14, 2018 CEO Report meeting minutes. James Snow seconded.

VOIE: (5) yes (1) no, VK (2) abstain, JS, VB Motion carried

## FEBRUARY 16, 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING:

Roland Warner motioned to approve the February 16, 2018 Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOIE: (4) yes (1) no, VK (3) abstain, CS, JS, VB Motion carried

## FEBRUARY 21, 2018 GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the February 21, 2018 General Counsel Meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

VOIE: (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, VB Motion carried

## RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION – APPROVE PURCHASE OF 3 BLANKETS:

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to ratify the five signature approving the purchase of three (3) blankets to present to USDA delegation. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

VOIE: (7) yes (0) no(1) abstain, VB Motion carried.

## AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR MAINTENANCE ON ALLOTMENTS CRP CONTRACTS:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five signature to approve the payment of \$6,852.00 to Donald & Heath Barclay for maintenance on allotments for CRP Contracts with Winnebago Land Corporation. Coly Brown seconded.

VOIE: (6) yes (1) no, VK (1) abstain, VB Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### RESOLUTION – APPROVING KAWAHARA LAW APC ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-40: Approving Kawahara Law APC Attorney Contract. Coly Brown seconded.

VOIE: (4) yes, CS, CB, RW, IS (3) no, VB, VK, KM (1) abstain, JS Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER OF INVESTMENT FUNDS TO WINNAVEGAS CASINO & RESORT:

Isaac Smith motioned to table the resolution Authorizing Withdrawal and Transfer of Investment Funds to WinnaVegas Casino & Resort. James Snow seconded.

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

[Roland out]

## TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

### JUDY REDHORN – CONTEST PROBATE DECISION:

James Snow motioned to suspend the rules and move Judy Redhorn to last on the agenda. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOIE: (3) yes, CB, JS, KM (1) no, IS (3) abstain, CS, VB, VK Motion carried.

[Roland in]

### ROBERT ALLEY – REQUEST:

Robert requested a vehicle to help transport his son to National Judo Tournament. No action taken.

[Victoria out]

[Frank out, Curtis assumes Chair]

### MARK ALDRICH – REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDS:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to match \$205.00 for National Honor Society trip for Semia Aldrich's trip to Washington D.C. April 3-6, 2018 for History class.

Roland Warner seconded.

VOIE: (4) yes, CB, RW, KM, IS (0) no (2) abstain, JS, VB Motion carried.

[Frank stepped away from the chair, Curtis assumes Chair]

### ANTHONY WOOD – SUBMIT ETHICS COMPLAINT

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to accept the Ethic Complaint from Anthony Wood. Vincent Bass seconded.

VOIE: (3) yes, VB, VK, KM (4) no, CB, RW, JS, IS(0) abstain Motion failed.

### JUDY REDHORN – CONTEST PROBATE DECISION:

James Snow motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Roland Warner seconded.

VOIE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain Motion carried

James Snow motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Frank reassumes Chair at 8:37 p.m.]

### REQUEST FOR JACKETS FOR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM & CHEERLEADERS:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the request for jackets for the Boys Basketball team and Cheerleaders for \$2,508.77. James Snow seconded.

DISCUSSION. Isaac Smith withdraws his motion.

Isaac Smith motioned to pay half the requested amount of \$1,254.39 for jackets for the Boys Basketball team and Cheerleaders. James Snow seconded.

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

## ADJOURN:

Isaac Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. James Snow seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council

## Indianz.com...

...Con't. from front page

This year, their championship dreams weren't to be, as the Indians fell to the Wahoo Warriors in overtime at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday.

But their success this season marked the first time in Nebraska history that a reservation school has sent a team to the state championships for four years in a row.

As the game ended, the teary-eyed Winnebago players collapsed in their chairs and held their heads low. Their coach patted them on the back and tried to cheer them up, one by one, as the Warriors cut the basketball nets from the rims.

"I told them they have nothing to hang their heads about," Berridge said later. "We went there and left everything on the court. Both teams played great."

For a reservation community like Winnebago, basketball is so much more than a game, so much more than a pastime or any one individual player or coach.

It's a way of life for young boys who prove their mettle on "the slab," a painted blue concrete court in the center of Winnebago where players hone their skills day and night.

It's a way for a people who've struggled for generations with grinding poverty and alcohol abuse to lift each other's spirits and find hope through a community effort to achieve success in sports.



Winnebago player MaNaPe Cleveland shoots a freethrow during his team's semifinal game in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 9, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



Winnebago player D'Von LaPointe shoots a freethrow during his team's championship game in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 10, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

For 17-year-old Cleveland, who will graduate this year and has big plans for college, basketball is a way to inspire his eight brothers and sisters, a way to encourage them to believe in themselves.

"I want all my other siblings to look up to me because when they look up to me and see me doing it, then I want them to be like, 'Oh, my brother did it, so then I can do it,'" he said.

"That's what I'm trying to do – set a bar so my siblings can push further than it."

An undeniable key to Winnebago's success on the court in recent years is Berridge, a 29-year-old Winnebago tribal citizen who decided after a particularly frustrating moment on the court during his junior year to come home and teach the game to young Winnebago men.

He said a racial incident occurred during a game between Winnebago and Ponca and people were thrown out of the game by police. He said his coach didn't do anything about it, and later during a school board meeting in Winnebago, Berridge made a promise.

"I love the game so I told the juniors that I would be back to coach the team," he said. "So that's what I did."



Head boys basketball coach Jeff Berridge speaks during a school rally on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Photo by Jerome LaPointe / Winnebago Indian News



The Winnebago boys basketball team practices in the Southeast Community College gym in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

But not before he went to Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, where as a basketball player he helped his team achieve its most winning season in the school's history.

All while raising a son who had been born during his senior year in high school.

These days, you can find his son, now age 11, practicing with the high school boys' team.

That's where he was the night before the team's quarter final game against Syracuse last week, running drills and facilitating the team by running after the ball.

During games, Dyami can be seen on the sidelines dancing and making funny faces at people in the audience. He's a sort of mascot, keeping people's spirits up and entertaining them. But he also gets the players drinks and towels when they need them.

"He knows all the drills, all the plays," Jeff Berridge said. "I can have him run a practice if I want him to."

He said having his son practice with his team allows him to be a father and a coach at the same time.

And his son wasn't his only relative present at practices this year, Jeff Berridge said.

One of his starters, LaPointe, is his cousin and a cousin to assistant coach Aaron LaPointe, he said.

"D'Von's pretty much our brother," he said. Such connections are common in Winnebago, where family and basketball are as intertwined as the earth and the rivers.

D'Von LaPointe said his teammates and coaches are his family, always pushing him to get better, run harder, practice more. He said it's that encouragement that makes Winnebago basketball what it is today.

"We're always ready to run and play rez ball," he said.

The expectations of the players' families, friends and community leaders also drive the players to push a little harder when things are tough, he said.

"They always expect us every year to win a state championship," he said. "It's a lot of weight on our shoulders, but I believe we can handle it and go out there and win."



A Winnebago fan holds up fans adorned with photos of players MaKoonce Littlevoice (left) and D'Von LaPointe. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

Michelle Free LaMere, 51, said basketball has given many young men and women in the community who've often faced many obstacles already an opportunity to find success.

"It really does a lot of good for our hearts."

Janelle DeCora, a counselor at Winnebago Public Schools, said boys and girls fill the town's outside courts year round, day and night. She said she grew up playing basketball and now her children are growing up playing basketball.

Her son, Ed Payer, a sophomore at Winnebago High School, made varsity as a freshman and this year got a significant amount of playing time, she said. She said he started playing basketball in first grade with the YMCA and has attended basketball camps each summer since fourth grade.

Last week, DeCora sat in stands at Pinnacle Bank Arena cheering for her son, and chiding him for his minor mistakes.

"He knows he's grounded for missing that layup," she said jokingly.

MaNaPe Cleveland said he and his teammates have focused solely on basketball in their high school years, forsaking other sports to hone their abilities in this one sport. He said Berridge is always willing to open the high school gym for his players and encourages them to attend fall and summer leagues to get practice during the off-season.

Cleveland said he learned to love the game from going with his father, Haga Cleveland, to games in different reservation communities during the summers and watching his dad's high school and college games on VHS.

Like his dad, he plans to attend college, hopefully on a basketball scholarship.

With his senior year nearly over, he said, he's honored to have been able to play basketball for himself, for his siblings, for his father and for his people.

"There are a lot of families having their own troubles," he said. "When they come out to watch us, they get away from that hurt or whatever is going on at home."

"It means a lot to play on this team and play for the people of my community, for my family, too."

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## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 16

Being native myself I understand the hesitancy towards speaking about suicide. Traditionally we were taught that if you talk about it, you call upon it. I respect that tradition of our people's, but having lost my son to suicide I also understand the importance of reaching out for help when someone is having suicidal thoughts. Again mental health needs to be addressed the same way we think about physical health. Suicidal thoughts DO NOT mean the person needs to die because of those thoughts. They CAN be managed. There is HOPE! We have always been a resilient people!

According to recent research, culture plays an integral role in both suicide ideation and willingness to seek help for these feelings. Measures included suicide ideation, enculturation (involvement and identification with American Indian culture), perceived discrimination, negative life events, self-esteem, depressive symptoms, hopelessness, anger, and substance use.

Results indicate that more external forces than psychological variables (self-esteem) are related to suicide ideation in American Indian youth. In addition to suicide ideation, participants were also asked: (1) whether they sought help during the time they were suicidal and; (2) the reasons for not seeking formal and/or informal help (if applicable).

### Importance of Culture

These studies show that cultural factors play a role in both suicidality and help-seeking for suicidal ideation in Native youth. Yoder and colleagues demonstrate that external factors such as discrimination and lack of identification with one's culture correlate with suicide ideation. According to Chandler and Lalonde, suicide rates among First Nation youth vary tremendously by tribal bands, and higher cultural continuity is related to lower suicide rates at a tribal level. Meanwhile, Freedenthal and Stiffman note that feelings of isolation and being stigmatized for one's suicidal feelings contribute to lack of help-seeking for suicidal thoughts. Overall, these results demonstrate a need to educate Native youth about the importance of acknowledging suicidal feelings and seeking help for them. Mental health awareness should be framed in a cultural context. Cultural factors should also be taken into account when investigating why these youth feel suicidal, yet do not seek help when feeling suicidal.

If you know of someone struggling with suicidal thoughts please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), or the Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911 or the After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

Next WIN News Deadline:

April 2nd

# Community News

**Spring Community Clean-up**

Winnebago Tribe  
Environmental Protection Dept.

Contact Information  
EPD Office: 402-878-4060  
Address: 115 North Mission Road  
Winnebago, NE 68071

**Where:** Mercer Street behind BHCC  
**When:** April 23-25, 2018 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)  
**Time:** 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.  
 Daily Volunteer Luncheon provided at 12 Noon for the days of April 23-25, 2018@ BHCC GYMNASIUM

- LITTER PICKUP AREAS been assigned to Departments & Programs.
- SIGN UP sheets located at the dumpsters drop-off or EPD office.
- Bags and gloves available at the EPD office or drop-off by dumpsters.
- In addition, vests will be available at EPD Office or dumpster's drop-off site. However, vest need to be returned to EPD Office when done picking up.

**NO Household Hazardous Waste:** Paint, Pesticides, Herbicides, Oil, Cleaning Chemicals, Yard Chemicals, Anti-Freeze, Fluorescent Bulbs, Car Batteries

Household Hazardous Waste Event: TBA

"Please continue to recycle cans, plastic bottles, and cardboard in the Recycling Trailer"

*spring cleanup*

**WARNING\*\*CAUTION\*\*WARNING**

A confirmed mountain lion photo and deer kill was reported near BIA 51 road on 03/15/2018. Mountain lions have a range of 10 to 370 square miles as they search for food and potential mates. The Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Department is issuing a restriction on entering or coming near any woodland or grassland until further notice. Please be mindful of children and pets if you live near these areas. We are accessing the situation and will provide any updates as soon as they become available.

*Respectfully, John Snowball - WL&P's Director*  
Report any sightings and or information to the Wildlife & Parks office @ 402-878-2362.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Center for Rural Affairs is a leading nonprofit organization with a national reputation for effective rural advocacy and policy work. We are seeking a full-time temporary Policy & Advocacy Organizing Intern to advance our legislative and policy objectives in Nebraska. Visit [cfra.org/careers](http://cfra.org/careers) for more information. Apply by April 27th for full consideration. EOE

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**Masthead Scene**

The Winnebago Indian's faithful Fan base were there when the Indians played for the C-1 State Basketball Championship in Lincoln on March 10. The Indians needed only 4 numbers to claim the trophy, coming up a lil short we brought home 2nd Place, 4th State trophy in as many years.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-057  
In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
MARY MORRISON  
vs.  
CAMILO LOPEZ JR.

To: CAMILO LOPEZ JR.,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-057 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.  
Dated this 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-032

In the Matter of the Customary Adoption of:  
E. M. & E. M. (DOB: 09/2006 & 10/2005)

TO: KAYLA REYNOLDS, Mother  
DAVID MEDINA JR., Father

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Customary Adoption has been filed and the final hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-032 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5th day of APRIL 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-032

In the Matter of the Adoption of:  
E. M. & E. M. (DOB: 09/2006 & 10/2005)

TO: KAYLA REYNOLDS, Mother  
DAVID MEDINA JR., Father

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Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-029

In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:  
EMILY L. HERRINGTON,

In Re:  
R. G.-M.. (DOB 08/2011)

TO: HANNAH GRIFFIN, Mother  
DWIGHT MORRIS JR., 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. CV18-029 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of MARCH 27, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ18-009AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
J. P. (DOB 07/2008)  
M. P. (DOB 08/2007)  
RHIANNON WALKER, Mother

To: MICHAEL PARKER, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ18-009AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ17-028B

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
A. H. (DOB 06/2011)  
STEPHANIE HARLAN, Mother

To: LAM LOK CHAN, Father

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-061  
In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
JAMIE SAUL-ZAVALA  
vs.  
FREDERICK MERRICK  
To: FREDERICK MERRICK,  
You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-061 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.  
Dated this 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-028B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of MARCH, 2018 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.



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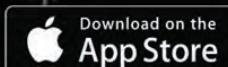
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