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## Bago Bits...



On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe, a huge CONGRATULATIONS to newly promoted Cpl. Arika Armell! We thank you for your service!



Congratulations to Winnebago's Victor Bird! Victor is a Junior attending East High in Sioux City, IA., and will be the only wrestler from his school to be state bound on Thursday, February 18th!



Congratulations to the Winnebago Boys Basketball team on their 2020-2021 Lewis and Clark Tournament Championship!!! #BagoPride



The Boys and Girls Club of The Hōcāk Nīšoc Hacı's Facebook page shared a few photos from their fun Valentine's Day party project!

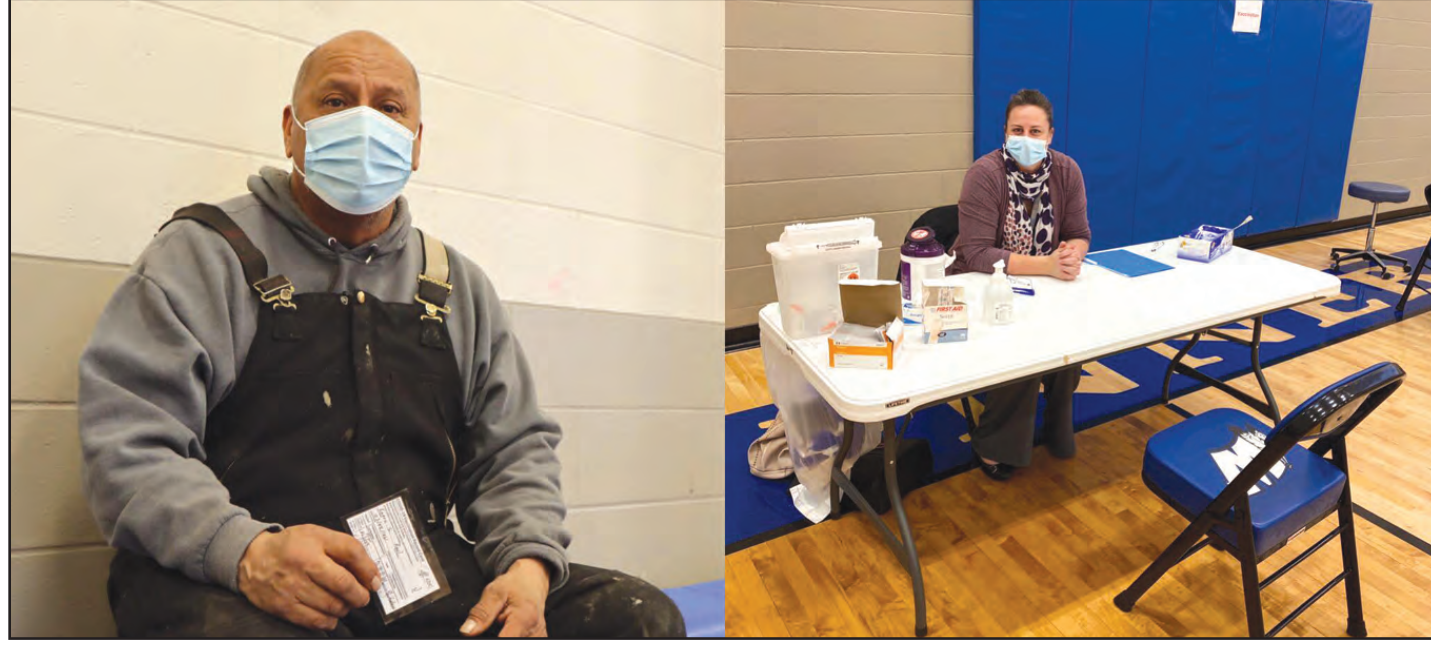


A behind the scenes look at the production crew hard at work during February 11th's live streamed event for Winnebago High School's basketball home game against the Omaha Nation Chiefs.



Congratulations to Winnebago's Speech Team on their medal winnings at the Homer speech meet!

## Winnebago COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update; 80% is the Goal, Currently at 35%



February 10th, a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic was held at the Winnebago Public School gymnasium.

### Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—On February 10th, the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic continued in the Winnebago Public School gymnasium. The vaccination clinic is a part of an ongoing series of clinics for the Winnebago community. Currently, the vaccine clinic is open to the entire Winnebago delivery service area, this includes:

Anyone who lives in the Winnebago service area (Dakota County, Dixon County, Woodbury County, or City of Wayne, NE).

Patients who are active patients at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital and/or the Winnebago Public Health Department.

Anyone who works on the Winnebago Reservation.

All must be at least 16 years old to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

At the clinic, some were receiving the vaccine for the first time while others were returning for their booster shot. The booster shot is for people who received their first dose of the vaccine 3 weeks prior. The goal is to get 80% of the Winnebago community vaccinated. Currently, 35% of the Winnebago population has received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Previously, and in the CDC distribution plan, the first phase of vaccinations went to all healthcare workers and those living in long term assisted living facilities. The second phase was

for non-health care essential workers and adults over the age of 65. The third phase was for adults with a chronic disease. Currently, the vaccine is available to the entire Winnebago delivery service area. These phases ensure the vaccine gets to those who are at the highest risk for exposure.

The COVID-19 vaccine that is being administered at these clinics is the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. It is a 2-dose series given three weeks apart. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is 95% effective at preventing COVID-19.

"I was asked the other day why we should get the vaccinated. I know there are many that are still skeptical about the vaccine, but ask yourself why is that? We have vaccinated over 35% of our population and we need to continue until we have reached 80%. We have seen many losses and many people that have been affected either directly or indirectly. I ask you, do you want to get back to living as we did before the pandemic? If I were to ask each of you: have you prayed for this pandemic to end, have you been affected by not able to see or hold your loved ones, have you been tested for COVID-19 over this past year? If the answer is yes, then what is stopping you from taking that last step to protect your loved ones? We have a responsibility to the people of our past, present, and those future generations to show that we might have been scared, but we stepped up because it was our

time to be leaders and to ensure that the 7 generations continue into the future. You might not want to do it for yourselves, but I encourage you to do it for your children or grandchildren. Can you find one reason to step up and believe that the Creator answered our prayers? Now it is up to us to honor what he is sent to us to protect us," shared Winnebago Public Health Administrator and EMT, Mona Zuffante.

"Get over being scared. There is nothing to be scared of. It is a regular shot. There is nothing to it, the second shot was even easier. I didn't feel a thing. I feel like I did any other day," said Tribal member Raul Loera.

One new COVID-19 positive case was reported in the Winnebago community as of Monday, February 8th. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is at 325. Reports indicate that 314 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. There are currently 6 active cases and 14 families in quarantine.

As of this week, a total of 1,740 vaccinations have been administered in Winnebago. 1,018 of those have been the initial (first dose) of the vaccine and 722 booster shots.

COVID-19 Vaccine sign-ups are now open. Please complete this form and a representative from the Winnebago Public Health Department will contact you: [www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList)

## Winnebago Basketball Fan Appreciation Night



On Thursday, February 11 th, a match-up between Winnebago and Omaha Nation was held at Winnebago Public School.

Go Big Blue! Huge thanks for everyone who turned out and joined online for Fan Appreciation Night at Winnebago Public School. The event was sponsored by Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Community Impact & Engagement team.

Fans got a free hot dog and Ho-Chunk, Inc. swag during the match-up between Winnebago and Omaha Nation on Thursday, Feb. 11. You can see a photo gallery from the game on the Facebook page for Ho-Chunk, Inc.



# BAGO NEWS



## Summer Internship Program

See yourself here.

APPLY NOW  
bit.ly/ho-chunk21



*The internship program helped me get out of my comfort zone. I applied because I wanted to see what it was all about along with challenging myself because I knew it was going to be something I never experienced before. If you're thinking about applying, do it. You're only going to grow personally and professionally while you're here.*

Kellen Kelsey, 2019 & 2020 Intern  
HCCDC & HCI Distribution



APPLICATIONS OPEN



March 1, 2021  
DEADLINE TO APPLY



July 30, 2021  
INTERNSHIP ENDS



May 17, 2021  
INTERNSHIP BEGINS

Contact Felicia Masquat at [fmassquat@hochunkinc.com](mailto:fmassquat@hochunkinc.com) for more information.



Winnebago Public Health Department

## PROTECT OUR FUTURE GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE



[www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList)  
or call (402) 878-2258  
For Individuals 16 Years and Older

2.5.2021

601 East College Drive, P.O. Box 270, Winnebago, NE 68071

## Library Reopening

The Library is happy to announce that it has reopened to the community of Winnebago! We invite you back to once again check out books and take advantage of the services the library has to offer! Contact Tripp Letterman at 4028782380 ext.128 for more questions or at [tripp.letterman@littlepriest.edu](mailto:tripp.letterman@littlepriest.edu)

## JOBS

Founded in 1994, Ho-Chunk, Inc. is the award-winning economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Our business model reinvests in the Winnebago Tribe through programs including employment, housing, education and health.

JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Business Dev./Capture Manager	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Contract Administrator and Writer I	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Director of Legal	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Director of Human Resources	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Financial Analyst	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Human Resource Assistant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Human Resource Director	WarHorse Gaming LLC	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
HR Projects & Task Assistant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
HR Projects Specialist/Compensation	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Project Cost Specialist I	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Sales Representative	HCI Logistics	Bellevue, NE
Team Member	Pony Express	Emerson, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Rosalie/Sloan/Winnebago
CAD Technician & Staff Architect	BluStone Architectural	Sioux City, IA
Team Member	Pony Express	Sloan, IA
Construction Manager/Estimator	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Project Manager Assistant	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Senior Superintendent	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Shop Tech Delivery	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Team Member PT	Pony Express	South Sioux City, NE
Asst. Team Manager & Food Service	Heritage Foodtown	Walthill, NE
Ambassadors (2) PT	Thunder Ridge Solutions	Winnebago, NE
Assistant Team Manager	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
Barista	Sweet Water II	Winnebago, NE
Housekeeper	HCI Management Services	Winnebago, NE
Team Member PT	Pony Express & Pony Market	Winnebago, NE
Temp. Human Resources Recruiter	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE

APPLY ONLINE [www.hochunkinc.com/employment.php](http://www.hochunkinc.com/employment.php)

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants are considered without regard to age, sex, race, religion, national origin, gender identity or expression, marital status, or physical disability. However, preference may be extended to persons of Native American descent in accordance with applicable laws.



UPDATED: FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021

## WINNEBAGO QUARANTINE & ISOLATION RULES

IF YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19, YOU ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE AFTER AN EXPOSURE.

You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second shot.

Isolation is for people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine is for people who have been exposed to COVID-19. The length of time depends on the status of each household member. The Winnebago Public Health Department will inform you on the amount of time for quarantine or isolation.

### STAY AT HOME

Public Health Nurses will regularly check-in with all people and families who are in quarantine. The Winnebago quarantine and isolation housing program is still available for patients who need it.

### STAY IN A DESIGNATED ROOM

If possible, COVID-19 positive people on quarantine or isolation should use a designated bathroom and stay in a separate room away from the other household members.

### WATCH OUT FOR OTHER SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and fatigue.



**THE BEST DEFENSE IS TO USE ALL OUR TOOLS AGAINST COVID-19, INCLUDING THE COVID-19 VACCINE.**

Sign-up to receive the shot by calling (402) 878-2258 or by completing the wait list form online at:

[www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList)



Winnebago Public Health Department

## COVID-19 TESTING

Drive-up COVID-19 testing is available by appointment only Monday - Friday. Call (402) 878-3404 for an appointment.



Next WIN News Deadline:  
**March. 2nd**



# TRIBAL NEWS

## Star Student-February



The Star Student in Mrs. Lange's class this month is Skyler Redhorn. Skyler has done an excellent job of following the BAGO Way in our class. He is respectful during our Reading Mastery time. Skyler has great handwriting when he is working and really tries his best on everything we are doing. He answers questions when he is asked and does a great job of retaining information. Skyler is kind to his friends and helpful to the new students that just recently started. He has matured a lot this school year. Congratulations Skyler on being our Kindergarten Star Student!

## 4th Grade Star Student:

Kendrick is a 4th grade Star Student. He cares about his assignments and tries hard every day to be the best he can be. He is never late to school and is rested and well prepared each day.

Kendrick is an enthusiastic learner who enjoys being at school and readily grasps new concepts and ideas. He is courteous and always exhibits good manners in and out of the classroom. Kendrick is kind and respectful to fellow classmates and uses his free minutes of class time to help others who may be struggling.

Kendrick remains an active learner throughout the day. He has mastered the skill of time management and tackles his assignments in an organized manner. Kendrick sets a wonderful example of excellence in behavior and cooperation in our classroom.

Kendrick is certainly a Star Student to have in the 4th grade.



## FCCLA Members Attend Mind Bending Careers Virtual Conference



Hannah Mayo

15 students from Winnebago FCCLA recently attended the Virtual Mind Bending Careers conference, which was hosted jointly by Nebraska HOSA|Future Health Professionals and Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). This annual event was launched virtually on Thursday, January 14, 2021, with over 450 students from 30 different FCCLA and HOSA chapters registered for the conference. This conference works to bring awareness to careers in the fields of behavioral and mental health as well as address risky behaviors teenagers typically choose to engage in.

Dr. Lisa Fuchs, Respiratory Care Program Director & Assistant Professor at Nebraska Methodist, presented a keynote presentation, speaking about the dangers of vaping. Breakout sessions about financial balance, mental illness, drug dilemmas, and careers/college were pre-recorded and viewable by the students.

All of the pre-recorded sessions were focused on careers and opportunities in mental and behavioral health. This conference is a great opportunity for high school students interested in mental health careers to learn more about the path to reach the career and what

opportunities exist in Nebraska for them to do so. Participants heard from various professionals and pre-professionals in the mental and behavioral health field.

When asking students what they took away, students responded with the following...

"I had learned that many people are fighting mental illnesses today, and that there are so many people and organizations out there that are here to help. I had also learned about nicotine and how it affects the body."

Ameah K.

"Tobacco or any kind of vaping can give you cancer and that 10% of recorded meth users are in the eighth grade. Alcohol can cause long term effects on your body after only 3 years of use."

Lucian D.

FCCLA is a useful and dynamic national career and technical student organization that aids young men and women in their journey to become leaders and teaches them lifelong skills. It demonstrates the importance of understanding how to address important career, community, family, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. For more information about FCCLA, please visit [www.nebraskafcccla.org](http://www.nebraskafcccla.org).

## Ho-Chunk, Inc. paid internship deadline soon

College students, are you looking for something to do over winter break? Get a jumpstart on your summer goals!

We are accepting applications for our 2021 Summer Internship Program, which includes a full-time, paid position. Based on educational goals and interests, interns are placed across a wide range of projects and business sectors.

During the 11-week paid program, interns learn directly from company leaders, see classroom teachings come to life and make impactful contributions to the company and Winnebago community.

For more details and to start your application, visit [bit.ly/ho-chunk21](http://bit.ly/ho-chunk21).

## Ho-Chunk Way accepting community group applications



Nominate your organization for the next BIG CHECK!

Applications accepted through March 1, 2021!

The Ho-Chunk Way employee donations program is accepting applications from Winnebago community organizations.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees have raised over \$150,000 since 2017. Each year, an employee committee selects a community organization we can help in a direct and lasting way.

Past recipients include the Winnebago Senior Center, Boys & Girls Club, Ho-Chunk Renaissance and the Winnebago Youth Shelter.

The next one could be your organization! To be considered, please fill out the questionnaire by Monday, March 1. The link is on the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Facebook page and also this address: <https://form.jotform.com/210275006255042>.

## Hocak Corner

### Haini woruc

(hy-nee woh-rdooch)

Breakfast

### Wīrarocaje woruc

(wee-rdah-rdoh-chah-jay woh-rdooch)

Lunch

### Hoxjaṅa woruc

(hohx-jah-nah woh-rdooch)

Supper

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on March 6, 2021. DEADLINE for this issue will be March 2, 2021.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thoughts on the Fragility of Success...



I am proud of the progress made by the Winnebago People. I have had a closeup and behind the scenes look at what we have been doing for 28 years. We have come so far in such a short period of time but knowing what it took makes me nervous. Our success is fragile. We have not progressed to the point where we can survive real tough problems without taking large steps back. I do not ever want to go back to the extreme struggles of poverty.

Our quest to grow and be successful has brought us to the brink of large-scale gaming success in Nebraska. We got 69 percent of Nebraskans to support our gaming expansion efforts. We are now planning for the development of three casinos in Omaha, Lincoln, and South Sioux City. We have been working non-stop since the general election. Hopefully, our efforts will set up the tribe financially for the next 25 years and perhaps much longer if we do it right.

It took 26 years to get Ho-Chunk, Inc. and the Winnebago Tribe to this point. However, this whole thing almost did not happen. As crazy as it sounds to outsiders, I thought there was a decent chance I would be fired last September. I even put serious thought about resigning and just kicking back for a few years.

Ironically, September was also the best month in the history of the company. We had \$41 million in revenue, but our success did not mean a thing to some people. Ho-Chunk, Inc. was being singled out as the bad guy and I was the ringleader. I was sick of it to be honest and wanted to quit, but quitting is not really my nature. I lose sometimes. I am wrong a lot too, but I don't really quit. You have to beat me and then still make sure I don't find another way to win. This attitude is

prevalent throughout Ho-Chunk, Inc. and part of the reason for our long-term success.

The main reason I did not quit in late September was because the tribal election was just a few days away and I thought I would see what happened. I always say that you have to trust in the Winnebago People. In the end, we always do the right thing. I know everyone will not agree with me, but the tribal election changed so much in one day. It is a new day and things are getting done in a positive manner. I appreciate not having to look over my shoulder while I fight with the outside world.

But let me ask a few questions. What would have happened if the tribal election had not changed things? Would I have been the CEO running the gaming election campaign that won in November? Hard to say. Would Ho-Chunk, Inc. be on the verge of building all these casinos? Probably not. This is what I mean by our success being fragile. This is what I worry about at night because I know so much depends on our tribal leadership doing the right things. No one wants to go back to the days when the Tribe just barely got by with a few grants and government programs, but it can happen if we are not careful.

I firmly believe that Winnebago is on the verge of great things with jobs, housing, health care, education, and community development. However, we need to keep being positive and focus on how all of us can benefit from this future.

I get why some people feel left out. There is opportunity here, but we are not all in the position or mindset to benefit from it yet. For what it is worth, I do not think telling people it is their own fault is the answer. I think the answer is to continue to give our people a good home, a good job, good health care, a good education, and the opportunity to thrive. Rarely does someone who is experiencing personal success begrudge the success of others. The solution is very simple. We need to do everything we can to create more success for more people.

I wrote 5 years ago in my letter to the shareholder in our annual report, that what I really want is to create a virtuous cycle of expectation and opportunity in our community where families who experience success create the expectation that their children will do the same. I absolutely believe those words and I will continue on that path. However, I sure do appreciate a positive and thoughtful tribal leadership and implore our people to avoid the mental trap of negativity.

Email me at hochunk@aol.com

## Garden Update

Week of February 15, 2021



Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Educator in Dodge County

Annual and Perennial Flowers  
Growing a vegetable garden versus growing a flower garden can be hotly debated. Vegetable gardeners ask, "What good is it if you can't eat it?" Flower growers think if it is not pretty, what's the point? For me, growing both vegetables and flowers are necessary—vegetables nourish my body while flowers feed my soul.

As the calendar pulls us towards March, gardeners can be assembling the seeds and materials to start their own annual flowers. The variety and number of plants are as wide as the array of available seed and is not limited by the ready-to-plant cell packs at garden centers. Keep in mind, too, that the garden industry itself caters to the newest introductions, bypassing beloved past introductions and heirloom types to foster excitement. This means some older varieties are only available as seed

and your purchasing dollar provides the "votes" needed to incentivize growers to continue to offer them. All-America Selections is a trialing organization that releases plant introductions exhibiting outstanding performance. Their webpage lists current introductions as well as those going all the way back to 1933! [www.http://all-americanselections.org](http://all-americanselections.org).

Saved seed provides gardeners with more opportunities to grow favorite plants. While the seed may be harvested from hybrids, gardeners can still try them out, looking for surprises in flower color, disease and insect resistance, and plant form.

Don't be too anxious to remove mulch around perennial flowers and plants. Some warm days may push sprouting, but this is the Midwest and more deep freezes are ahead. Removing mulch too early exposes

plant crowns to possible freeze damage. Wait until April, when frosts won't pose a problem for perennial flowers like a hard freeze would.

And if you've held off growing flowers because of the whole vegetables versus flowers debate, remember there are edible flowers you can grow. Not only are they nutritious but they really pretty-up a plate. I'll never forget the gorgeous plate of daylily flowers stuffed with chicken salad. Who knew daylily flowers were edible? An excellent list of edible flowers is found on the University of Minnesota's Extension website: <https://extension.umn.edu/flowers/edible-flowers>.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



### "Love is and Love is not"

This past Sunday marked Valentine's Day. The Sacred Scripture reading was from the 13th chapter of Paul's first letter to the saints at Corinth. Paul was writing to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this chapter Paul contrasts what love is and what love is not. Put another way - Paul contrasts those who are moved by love with those who are consumed with hatred. Maybe you have observed the difference yourself, even in yourself.

Paul gives us a list of what hatred leads one to do. The fruit of hatred leads one to envy what one has not been blessed with - including but not limited to: material things, talents or abilities, or close relationships. Hatred is envious.

Next on the list of where hatred leads is boasting. Boasting is putting oneself up in order to put others down. The roots of boasting come from hatred. Then closely behind is arrogance. Arrogance leads to pride and pride often comes out in trash talking, spiking the ball at the foot of one's opponent, etc. Hatred of others includes boasting and arrogance.

Hatred also can lead one to be rude and to be crude to others. Rude actions include turning one's back, walking away, using a crude gesture or interrupting an elder, a parent, a teacher.

Hatred is self-seeking. The next rotten fruit is one's desire to make it all about one's own wants and not in the least concerned what it will cost another person. Sometimes we refer to such an individual as being spoiled. Sadly, parents often reward bad behavior with good things - sweets and treats - which only escalates into more self-seeking actions.

When one isn't rewarded or gets their way - he or she becomes irritable. When one is irritable - one is often avoided. Someone who attempts to love such a person is given the cold-

shoulder, or harsh words, verbal or emotional and even physical abuse.

Finally, Paul completes his list of the fruit of hatred with one becoming resentful. Resentfulness can be expressed both externally and internally. Externally one begrudges others and is bitter toward them. This can also turn inward as one regrets what he or she did or failed to do.

As one reflects on the fruit of hatred - one certainly can see oneself. When someone points them out to us - we often attempt to justify or shift the blame for our own evil ways. Instead of pleading guilty and seeking God's mercy - we attempt to cover them up, or we attempt to shift the focus to someone else's evil ways, or we attempt to change the subject - or to half-heartedly or insincerely say that we are sorry.

The love from our Creator is the extreme opposite of hatred. God's love is patient and kind and is unconditional. Unconditional love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. When one seeks God's mercy and grace - the love of God forgives. Once forgiven one's sin is forgotten as God's love keeps no record of wrongs.

The love that God gives the believers does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love from above never fails.

God loved the world so much that He gave His beloved Son who suffered at the hands of men women and children who hated Jesus. God's love is offered to you today and you can reject God's love or by the grace of God place your faith in Jesus.

God's love returned to Him always trusts in God and His promises - the promises of forgiveness, life and salvation. God's love returned to Him always hopes that there is a place for him or her in paradise. God's love returned to Him always perseveres to the believer's last breath, the final beat of one's heart. This love of God will last forever and ever, without end.

## In loving memory...

### LEILA J. PICOTTE



lived in Albert Lea,

Minnesota until 1967 when she moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. Leila was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and worked as a chemical dependency counselor for many years in the Twin Cities area. Throughout her life she helped many people and will be remembered by all as a friendly, caring, loving person.

She is survived by sister Betty Greencrow, children Kathlene Little Walker, Prosper Wahkon, Abel Bill DeCora, Renee DeCora, Norman Sutton, Billy Blackwell, brother Jim Clairmont and by many very loved nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends.

Her family would like to thank Episcopal Homes and their staff for the care, support and comfort they provided to our loved one Leila in her later years.

Due to Covid-19, a small family service will be held at Johnson Peterson Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Age 93 passed away peacefully on February 6, 2021. In her native language she was given the name Blue Hair Wolf Woman - Hi Co I Ga (pronounced Hee Choe Ee Ga).

She is preceded in death by her mother Katherine McKee, father Jasper Picotte, brothers Louis Snow and Bernard Picotte, daughters Sheila WhiteEagle and Katherine Masquot-Roy, sons Rapheal Masquot and Timothy Masquot.

She was born in Winnebago, Nebraska on June 13, 1927,



# BAGO BASKETBALL

**Varsity Girls Basketball home game on February 9th  
Lady Indians vs Lady Wakefield**



**Winnebago Indians  
2020-21 Girls Varsity Basketball**

Overall record 13-10-0

**Quick Stats**

Points Per game	56.4
Field Goal Percentage	42
Rebounds Per Game	34.6
Assists Per Game	15.6
Steals Per Game	11.6
Blocks Per Game	3.4

**Good Luck Girls at Sub-Districts!**

**Varsity Boys Basketball home game on February 11th  
Indians vs Wakefield**



**Winnebago Indians  
2020-21 Boys Varsity Basketball**

Overall record 13-8-0

**Quick Stats**

Points Per game	58.4
Field Goal Percentage	41
Rebounds Per Game	29.9
Assists Per Game	10.5
Steals Per Game	7.9
Blocks Per Game	3.3

## From Winnebago to Washington, tribal member takes on national role



by: Lydia Vazquez

with housing, job opportunities, and food security were some of the issues tribal members dealt with.

Bledsoe Downes said she's eager to take what she's learned on the reservation to help tribes across the nation.

In Bledsoe Downes' new role

in the Biden Administration, she'll lead the Indian Affairs Legal team at the Department of the Interior.

She's served as Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Executive Vice President of Community Impact and Engagement.

"We have a voice and our perspectives will be heard throughout the halls of the department of interior through Ann's leadership," Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan said.

As a member of the tribe, Bledsoe Downes said she's seen a fair amount of suffering in her community.

"There was a high rate of alcoholism and social problems in our community...We had extreme poverty and we still have certain individuals that are still struggling and we still battle some of those social challenges and economic challenges, but the rates were much much higher and so it was a community that was really struggling," Bledsoe Downes said.

But she said she's proud of the progress the tribe has made.

"We have really improved in those areas but I certainly saw that. I saw those families suffering and the impact it had on

growth and progress of our community. We have pulled ourselves up out of that little by little," Bledsoe Downes added.

She said one of her main goals is to address economic development in tribal nations and empower tribal leaders to make decisions for themselves.

"As Deputy Solicitor, I can help get the federal government out of the way and make sure tribes have what they need to create those local solutions," Bledsoe Downes said.

Bledsoe Downes said she's looking forward to creating more seats for tribal members at both the national and local tables.

"She is the hope made flesh of the ancestors and she'll continue on and those teaching that we'll all get from her that we'll carry on so it's pretty amazing," Kitcheyan said.

Bledsoe Downes said making her voice heard was always a challenge and now that she's in a position of leadership on the national level and hopes to bring more control back to the tribes and to her own home on the reservation.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FARMERS MARKET UPDATE



Inside Farmers Market: Trey Blackhawk with the Tribal Garden vendor table, Velma Alaniz with the Arts n' Crafts vendor table, plus other vendor tables.

Vince Bass

Saturdays, beginning on April 17 and continuing every Saturday through October 2, 2021, from 10am to 3pm. Although garden produce won't be available in April, it will be warm enough to open the season by expanding the Farmers Market into opportunities for all entrepreneurs to offer their products to the public. Everyone is welcome to become a vendor to sell their artwork, traditional crafts and clothing, business products, garden produce, starter plants, cooked food (must have ServeSafe or Food Handler certification), flea market items, antiques, in-season foraging harvest (mushrooms, plums, walnuts, maheench) and other products at our beautiful Farmers Market facility in the HoChunk Village in north Winnebago. We are making some positive changes at the Farmers Market to attract a larger variety of entrepreneurs to become vendors which will bring more customers and visitors to expand commerce in our community. All activities and participants at the Farmers Market will be required to follow our Covid-19 Protocols, so always wear your mask, social distance and sanitize. Public safety is our priority. We encourage everyone to become a vendor and to stop by and visit or shop around and purchase some unique or necessary items. With your help we can make the Farmers Market the "Go To" place to find what you need. All questions, the vendor application, Market Regulations, Covid-19 Protocols and other info can be sent to you via email by contacting Vince Bass, Farmers Market Coordinator at: vbass@hccdc.org . I hope to hear from you soon.

Last year in 2020, we only had 12 people apply to become vendors and perhaps 10 attended occasionally during the season, resulting in a lack of customers. There were several reasons for this: (a) The Covid-19 pandemic arrived and folks were hesitant to leave home. Some families struggled to pay bills or purchase household necessities and some lost their jobs. (b) We need to be more visible with better signage at and near our facility and more visible via social media and live events. (c) Due to the pandemic, various sources of funding allowed for distribution of fresh vegetables, dried goods and household items to community members 3 times per week, so the demand for purchasing fresh vegetables was very low. (d) Also, most families in Bago are now gardening which provides their families with garden produce daily and is shared with friends and neighbors, so some of that demand is being met. In the last 3 years, 220 raised garden beds have been distributed to community members, over 100 backyard gardens have been tilled and a Tribal garden was created. Seeds, starter plants and gardening workshops have been offered and are continuing. (e) Major highway construction on Hwy. 77 in front of our facility affected access to our Market. (f) A raised garden bed or a small backyard garden usually does not produce enough fruits and vegetables to bring to market as a vendor. (g) Wednesday is not the best day to hold the Farmers Market. Last year we learned a few things so this year we are moving back to



Michael Michaud the WinnaVegas Marketing Director presenting a check to the Boys and Girls Club staff: Caden Cleveland, Jasmine Colvin, Aspen Lapointe, Wambli Dolezal, Gregory Bass III, Jocelyn Colvin



Atlas photo from left to right: Nancy Gillis, Waukon Grasty, Michael Michaud, Pastor Lowell TenClay and James Price, Sr.

"WinnaVegas Casino Resort is proud to donate to local charities each month. We are part of the community and are here to serve but the real heroes are our guests! They are the ones that are making this possible by donating their spare change and unused slot tickets every day!" said Michael Michaud, WinnaVegas Marketing Director. WinnaVegas will have different community charities each month that will be receiving checks from the guests' spare change and unused slot tickets. There are donation boxes at the casino entrances.

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**March 2nd**

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-029

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
JAMES PRICE SR.

In Re:  
E. W. (Born 4/2008)

TO: CHANDA PRICE, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-029 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 6TH day of APRIL, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-030

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
RANESSA CHASE

In Re:  
Z. W. (Born 8/2016)

TO: TRISTA WHITEWATER, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-030 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 6TH day of APRIL, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-037

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
LAURA FREE  
to LAURA ZACH

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. CV21-037 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5TH day of APRIL, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-033

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
MICHELLE BLACKFISH

In Re:  
T. B. (Born 5/2006)

TO: GABRIEL BASSETTE, 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. CV21-033 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25TH day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ21-007

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
A. B. (Born 11/2005)

TO: ELOISE BLUE, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-007 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 9TH day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-027

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
RANA MERRICK

In Re:  
T. M. (Born 9/2003)

TO: JAMIE SAUL, 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. CV21-027 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22nd day of MARCH, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-021

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:

KAIRA WOLFE  
vs.  
PARYSS ALDRICH

TO: PARYSS ALDRICH,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a PreTrial Conference concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV21-021 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25TH day of March, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

**The Winnebago Tribal Council is 100% AGAINST Meth. Not only is Meth harmful to the individual, it destroys families and our community. Meth use is not the HoChunk/Winnebago way of life. On 12-30-19, during the Winnebago Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting, a motion was passed to publish all meth related offenses occurring on the Winnebago reservation, in the Winnebago Indian News.**

*The following individual(s) has been arrested for a meth offense...*

As of 02-16-2021, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.



# THROWBACK PHOTOS



Winnebago Lady Indians Volleyball home game in 1989.



Winnebago Indians Football home game vs Walthill Blujays, (October 1997)



Homecoming Football Game: Indians vs Allen (1993)



1998 National Indian Athletic Association Men's Slow-pitch Champions!



1993 Winnebago Indians Cheerleading Squad also pictured during the Homecoming Football Game.



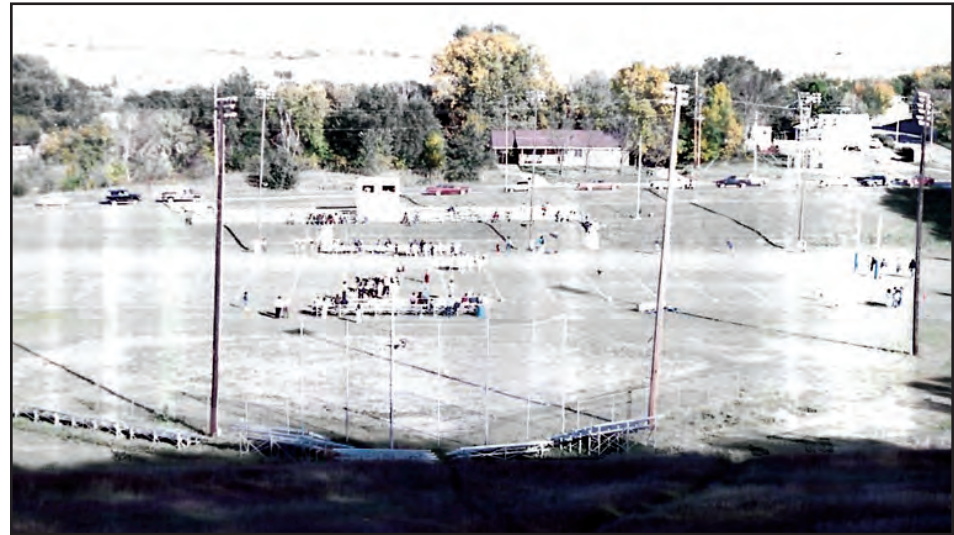
Winnebago Track team member Trish Harlan during a track meet.



Winnebago Indians Football team, (2002)



Winnebago Lady Indians vs Walthill Lady Blujays, (December 1995)



A lookback view of how things used to look at the Winnebago Public School Football Field.



Winnebago Lady Indians Cheerleading Squad



Winnebago Indians Football, (September 1997)



# \$56,000



## CUPID SHUFFLE

Every Saturday in February,  
6pm to 10pm

Win your share of **\$56,000!** Play the **Cupid Shuffle Hi-Lo**. Guess if the next card is higher or lower and you can double your money for each correct answer! We'll draw one winner every 30 minutes.

Nine winners each drawing day can win up to **\$1,600 CASH!**

Swipe daily for one **FREE** entry everyday in February  
Earn additional entries for every point earned.

### \$28,000 FRIDAY NIGHT FACE OFF SLOT TOURNAMENT

Every Friday in February, 4pm to 10pm  
Registration starts at 3pm

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

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

**EARN 10 PTS  
EVERY FRIDAY  
TO WIN UP TO  
\$200 IN FREE  
PLAY!**



### FLOWERS ISLAND RESTAURANT WEDNESDAY NIGHT \$3 DINNER SPECIAL

3PM TO 9PM



Open Faced Hot Beef Sandwich With Gravy



Grilled Salmon



Country Fried Steak



2 piece Broasted Chicken Basket



2 piece Fish and Ships