

## Bago Bits...



Winnebago Public School's Golf Team competed in their first meet at the Laurel-CC Golf Meet on April 15th; pictured is team members Eugene, Kelsi, and Randy! (Photo courtesy of Eugene DeCora)



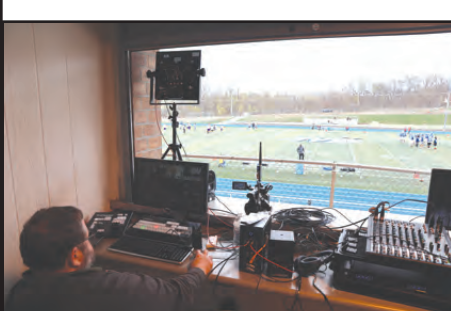
Shoutout to Little Priest Tribal College for presenting custom t-shirts and a plaque for our Winnebago athletes who have made amazing accomplishments this season. The Lady Indians received custom t-shirts that shared the message: Shock the World! #BagoPride



Little Priest Tribal College also presented our State Wrestling Champion Zeriah George with a customized plaque that showed all of her amazing accomplishments throughout the wrestling season. Pictured is Zeriah with her coaches, Adam Tranmer and Adam James.



On behalf of the Winnebago Indian News, we would like to send a huge congratulations to Winnebago Senior Toby Bassette! He has been accepted into the Johnny Carson School as a Performance Major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Way to go Toby!



Pictured during the April 16th football game in Winnebago is Mr. Matt Maynard at work! Thank you to everyone on the communications team for all your efforts in making sure these live-streamed events are available to all.



The Winnebago Indians won 20-6 at their home game against Lower Brule Sioux on April 16th. During the end of 4th quarter, players lined up for the final handshake. Winnebago (2-0)

## Two Winnebago High School Girl Basketball Players Continue to Shock the World



Keisha and Natasha holding up their letters of intent to Peru State.

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—On April 21st, Keisha Snyder and Natasha Deal signed their letters of intent to continue their basketball careers at Peru State.

Peru State women's basketball head coach Ian Holleran shared, "this has been a very exciting process for our program and our school, to get two players of the caliber of Keisha and Natasha obviously is a very big deal for us. I know both of them are going to come in next year and be able to contribute as Freshmen and make an impact both on the court and off the court with the students and the people that they are as

well. Obviously watching Winnebago play at the state tournament only solidified my thoughts on how good of players I know they are and know they can be. To get a point guard like Natasha and a post player like Keisha that can stretch the floor and shoot, I think is going to be very important for our future success at Peru State. I am ecstatic to get both of them. It feels good to make it official."

Keisha Snyder said, "It felt amazing to sign with Peru State, being able to play basketball at the college level and continue going to school is a dream come true. One of the things I am looking forward to next year is being able to play in a whole new at-

mosphere and tougher competition. I can't wait to be with my new team and coaches for the next 4 years."

Natasha Deal said, "It is very exciting, and I am looking forward to meeting my new teammates and working harder than I ever did not only in workouts but also in education."

Winnebago Public School Lady Indians Head coach Treivan Bear stated, "I am very excited for both of them. I know they are going to keep each other motivated there. They know they have the full support of the school and the community. It is a very proud day for me as their head coach."

## WinnaVegas Celebrates 29th Anniversary



Pictured inside the WinnaVegas Casino Resort: Gift Shop and Guest Services

### Winonah Leader Charge

Sloan, IA--The WinnaVegas Casino and Resort in Sloan, Iowa owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, is celebrating its 29th anniversary this month.

General Manager Mayan Beltran an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska stated, "Twenty-nine years is historic because we were one of the first casinos in the state of Iowa to open up. Back then, we started with \$5 max bet limits and you could only bet \$200 every four hours. We had little coupon books and when you were out, you were done gambling until the four hours was up then you could get another coupon book. It was crazy back then. Today we are thriving, against the increased competition over the years. We are breaking records."

The casino had a modest start from two mobile trailers to expanding and establishing itself as one of the popular gaming destinations in the state.

Long time WinnaVegas employees share their stories over the years:

Ray Thomas tribal member and slot manager shared, "I started back in '92' as a change person and I worked my way up through all the ranks. In the 29 years I have been here, there has not been a dull moment there is something always going on. It is a very exciting business to be in. It's been a good 29 years."

Deana J. Whistler Market Manager, "I started in '95' and I have been here ever since. It is a lot of fun, I met a lot of nice people, it's like a family. It has really changed in the years we have been here. I really enjoy it and the

tribe has been good to me. I really like working for a tribal casino."

Kiva Harden-Free tribal member and Inventory Control Coordinator in Shipping & Receiving, "I have been here since July 20th, 1995. I never imagined that I would be in this casino for 26 years. Being here it is a family, I love being here, I can't imagine myself being anywhere else. I think it is cool that we are still here and we are still doing good despite the other casinos."

Rhonda Gomez Kitchen Supervisor, "I can't believe it has been that long because I remember when it opened up, it does not seem like it has been 29 years. It is quite a milestone."

On April 29th, WinnaVegas Casino Resort will host a champagne toast and gourmet cupcakes to celebrate its 29th Anniversary.



# BAGO NEWS

Posted April 2021



## AUDIOLOGY CLINIC

May 6th & 7th  
June 3rd & 4th  
July 8th & 9th  
August 6th

Contact Maurice Blackbird in Public Health Nursing at (402) 878-2258 to schedule an appointment.



#WinnebagoStrong

## STEP FORWARD WINNEBAGO!

Show your strength by stepping forward to get the COVID-19 vaccine.



Sign-up now for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Appointments are available to anyone 16 years and older. The vaccine that is available is the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine. Vaccination includes the initial dose and the second dose 21 days after.

To register for an appointment, please visit:  
[www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList](http://www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList)  
or call (402) 878-2258

Upon submitting the form online, a representative from the Winnebago Public Health Department will contact you to schedule a vaccination appointment.



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Please note: Eligible recipients include both native and non-native participants, regardless of the area of residence. However, appointment preference will be given to Tribal Members.

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April 2021

## 2021 Winnebago Community Pet Care Day

At the Land Wellness



### SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

May 28, 2021, Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
June 03, 2021, Thurs. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
The last check in will be at 3:00 PM on May 28th and June 3rd.  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE WILL BE FIVE PETS DONE A DAY.**  
**402-878-3588**

### VACCINATION CLINIC

June 09, 2021, Weds. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
July 14, 2021, Weds. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sept. 08, 2021, Weds. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
The last check in will be at 4:30 PM on June 9th, July 14th, and September 8th.

Attention Winnebago Community

The office of Environmental Health Vaccination and Spay & Neuter program will be referring all clients to these clinics.

Tuesday Vaccination Program will be on hold for the summer.

Spay and Neuter program will be on hold.



## NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

APRIL 24TH

Twelve Clans Unity Hospital has a medication disposal program available all year round. No contact with a pharmacist necessary!

Medications can be dropped in the med safe container (pictured right) in the lobby area of the Pharmacy Department. Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### SAFELY GET RID OF MEDICATIONS BY DROPPING THEM IN THE CONTAINER.

Disposal available for all unused or expired medications, including controlled substances.

Please note: This container is not for the disposal of illegal drugs, liquids over 120 ml, and needles or syringes.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT EMPTY BOTTLES IN MED SAFE

For more information or if you have any questions about medication disposal, call (402) 878-3692.



## Winnebago Community

### Free

## Private drinking water well testing

Focusing on Manganese.

When: May 10 - 14, 2021  
Hours: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM



Please start making your appointment today!

Your point of contact will be:

Denise Jensen Water Quality Specialist Winnebago Environmental Protection Program 402-878-4060 ext. 2002	Monica Cleveland, BS Environmental Health Specialist Winnebago Environmental Health 402-878-3588
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## Covid-19 put you behind on your bills?

### WHDC can Help!

## Emergency Rental Assistance,

### Call Rena Brownrigg

1-402-922-1145  
[Rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com](mailto:Rena.brownrigg.era@gmail.com)



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## Next WIN News Deadline:

# May 11th



# TRIBAL NEWS

## Winnebago Construction Update for 4/26 - 4/30



4/30- Harris Construction is scheduled to pour mainline on the south end this Friday. IES is placing conduit under the driveways in this area. Next week, working on driveways, throats, underdrain, sidewalk & electrical. Installing storm sewer from Mercer to Mathewson. Should have the pipe all laid this week, and will finish up structures and rough grading next week. Should have the area ready for Harris construction on May 10th. The area is now temporary surfaced back and will remain that way until

the permanent pavement is installed. May 17th- We anticipate closing West Beck Street. This will involve advanced notice signs all the way back to Highway 9. The Mercer intersection will remain open until Mathewson is completed and open. Completing backfill and installing more street lights on the north end. Sidewalk should start Wednesday or Thursday of this week. We have a little pipe to lay next week, after that southbound traffic should begin to go into the circle before May 17th.

## A & D Contracting and Remodeling Company Native owned. Native operated.



Dana and Andrew Zagurski owners of A & D Contracting and Remodeling.

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—Dana Zagurski and Andrew Zagurski are the owners of A & D Contracting and Remodeling. They began their local company in the fall of 2017, it is native owned and native operated. They moved from Omaha to Winnebago in 2013. Andrew was a union ironworker for 15 years and while laid off, they decided to start their own company. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has kept them busy throughout the years with numerous projects. A&D Contracting and Remodeling does general contracting, demo, new & old construction, concrete and dirt work.

“We are thankful and proud to do something that is helping build the community. We are going to keep going with the flow, hopefully good things keep happening” said Zagurski. A&D has completed numerous projects within the Winnebago community including:  
Remodeled the Physical Resource Building  
Remodeled the Commod Building office and built their entryway  
Concrete work at various projects  
Built the Screen Building  
Built the Police Department storage facility  
and much more....

## Question of the Edition:

What eco-friendly thing do you do to help the planet?



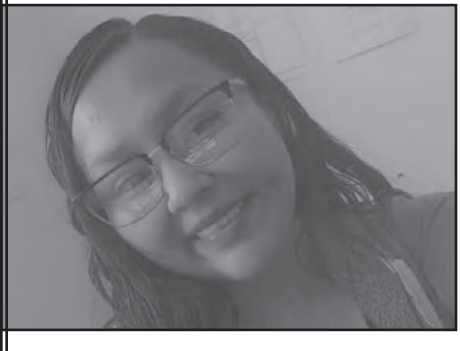
**Garan Coons**  
Winnebago Communications Officer

Ok WIN you caught me...I could do better to help save the planet, but I am working for the Winnebago Tribe that has tons of solar panels. Does that count? I also limit my straw use but from watching the netflix documentary "Seaspiracy" straws account for .001% of the ocean's pollution. Overall, thank you WIN for bringing awareness as we all must take care of our Mother Earth.



**Winona Leader Charge**  
WIN Editor

I have been slacking in this area and could do better... I use to be a big recycler but slowly stopped. The eco-friendly thing I do to help the planet is, I refuse to utilize any type of aerosol sprays such as hairspray or spray deodorant because they play a significant role in climate change and global warming. Also, I do not litter! My motto is: Mother Earth takes care of us, so we need to take care of her.



**Bethani Redhorn**  
WIN Office Manager

I could do a lot better at becoming more eco-friendly! I'd love to recycle; I briefly started years ago but did not stick with it. Recycling has many benefits that help protect Mother Earth! Recycling can reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserves natural resources, prevents pollution, and saves energy!



**Christina Parker**  
Desktop Publisher

I really had to think about this one, which means I could be doing better. Although I do have a couple, I was gifted metal straws that I use at home regularly, I try to keep lights turned off in the rooms that are not occupied and I do my part in putting trash in its place.

## Winnebago Public Students create their own cradleboards



“Mayo, do you have a board for your baby?” It was this question that started off a great project that would allow students to participate in their culture and TEACH the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Mrs. Mayo. During the infant unit, students in Human Growth and Development created their own baby boards. The students selected their own fabrics and their own choice for the appliques on the ties. Students worked individually on their baby boards with the guidance of WPS Title VI Language & Culture teacher, Mrs. Earth. During the construction of the baby boards Mrs. Earth would teach the dimensions of the fabric, the Hocak language, & family traditions of boards. Some of Ho-Chunk words taught were “Nikjaik”- baby , “ Wirugis” -Scissors, “Waipera”-cloth. Students learned the history and significance of the boards to Ho-Chunk culture. Mr. Earth, who is a Hocak Language & Culture teacher at WPS visited with the students on the final day encour-

aging the students to be proud of their work and to be proud to be Ho-Chunk. At the conclusion of the project students wrote a reflection of their plans to use the boards and the meaning to them. Kelsi D stated, “I thought the process was good because I like doing this type of stuff. I thought the process was long, but definitely worth it. I was planning on giving away my baby board because my mom told me that you should give away the first thing you made and the baby board was my first one.” Thank you to the following individuals for making this project possible: Mr. Dusty Welsh - cut the boards, Mrs. Earth & Mr. Earth - taught the construction and culture of the boards, and Hey-Hey Girl for the beautiful fabrics and of course the students, for finishing the project from start to finish.  
  
Mrs. Hannah Mayo, FCS Teacher  
Mrs. Kristine Earth, Title VI Language & Culture Teacher

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fish Consumption Advisory at Kelly Pond

Despite the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic, spring is here. Wanted to remind the community that there is a Fish Consumption Advisory for mercury at Kelly Pond. This advisory doesn't discourage eating fish from the pond but rather following the guidelines listed below.

Sensitive Population Children 0 to 6 years old	Sensitive Population Children 7 to 18 years old	Sensitive Population Pregnant/Nursing Women 18 to 45 years old	Sensitive Population Elders: Men & Women 55 years and older	General Population Men and Women 18 to 55 years old
Black Crappie 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 1 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 2 1/2 meal/month	Black Crappie 3 meal/month	Black Crappie 3 meal/month
Largemouth Bass 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 1 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 2 1/2 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 3 meal/month	Largemouth Bass 3 meal/month
Common Carp 1 1/2 meal/month	Common Carp 5 meal/month	Common Carp 7 meal/month	Common Carp 8 meal/month	Common Carp 8 meal/month
Channel Catfish 1/2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 1 meal/month	Channel Catfish 1 1/2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 2 meal/month	Channel Catfish 2 meal/month
Black Bullhead 1 meal/month	Black Bullhead 2 1/2 meal/month	Black Bullhead 3 meal/month	Black Bullhead 4 meal/month	Black Bullhead 4 meal/month
Bluegill 1 meal/month	Bluegill 2 1/2 meal/month	Bluegill 3 meal/month	Bluegill 4 meal/month	Bluegill 4 meal/month

Consumption limits for Non-Cancer Health Endpoints for mercury are based on an adult weighing 150 pounds eating a one-half pound or 8-ounce (precooked weight) fish portion or meal. To adjust the fish portion size for a lighter or heavier weight person just subtract or add one ounce of fish for every 20 pounds of body weight.

Example: 170-pound Adult = 9 ounces of fish  
80-pound Child = 4 ounces of fish

Even though, the guidelines recommend 1 fish portion or meal per month, you can divide by four to get rates in portions per week or eat smaller sized portions over the month. Also, be sure to space out meals throughout the month. For example, do not eat all your fish portions or meals for the entire month within a few days.

Please note that not all the fish that can be caught in Kelly Pond are listed in the table. These are the most common and those of which have been tested for mercury. Other fish have the possibility of containing mercury so moderation is always encouraged.

If you have any questions please contact Denise Jensen, Environmental Protection Department at 402-878-4060 Ext: 2002.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



### "Apparent contradiction?"

There are times in life that one becomes confused on what to say or not say. How would you answer this question: When is it time for you to speak up and when is it time for you to remain silent? If you are in the God-given role of serving as a parent, or a grandparent, or as a daga or auntie, or as a teacher or coach when do you speak up and when is it best to remain silent?

When it comes to spiritual matters how should one respond to someone who is foolish regarding his/her Creator and His ways? God's Sacred Word has the answer and yet His Words of wisdom seems contradictory.

We turn to Proverbs, chapter twenty-six, verses four and five. First, this advice in verse four: 'Do not answer a fool according to his stupidity. Otherwise you too will be like him.'

Then the very next verse gives the opposite or apparently contradictory advice: 'Answer a fool according to his stupidity. Otherwise he will consider himself wise.' [Steinmann translation].

So which is it? Remain silent or speak up?

There are some times, in my own foolishness, that people would be wise not to respond to what I say. You have probably learned that it is better - to 'bite your tongue' rather than to get into an argument with a fool! That is what verse four of Proverbs 26 means. If one responds to a fool, then that individual often ends up being foolish as well. I don't want to admit to the countless times that I responded to a fool only to reveal my own foolishness.

On the other hand, there are times that if one remains silent, then the ignorant fool is led to think and believe that his/her position is correct. Others who hear or read the fools words are also led to think that you accept what he/she says as being true.

This holds true when it comes to spiritual matters which can have everlasting consequences. Then the

ignorant fool may lead others away from his/her Creator. That is the time for the Christian to speak up - boldly, clearly and all the while being humble.

Jesus followed the advice found in Proverbs. At times, for example when he was on trial, Jesus remained silent to the foolish and false accusations of the Pharisees, the chief priests and the spiritual leaders of his tribe. He was like a lamb led to the slaughter and he died for the sins of these fools.

At other times Jesus spoke up. Jesus responded to the ignorant and foolish tricks of Satan who tempted Jesus to prove that He was the Son of God. Jesus spoke up and He used the Sacred Word of God to prove the ignorance and foolishness of Satan. Note well: Jesus knew the Word of God so that He would not end up being led astray by Satan. You too can use God's Sacred Word so that you will not be led by the Evil One on the road to everlasting separation from your Creator.

Jesus also spoke up against the Pharisees as He exhorted and called judgment on the Pharisees and the teachers of the law: "Woe to you! hypocrites, blind guides, brood of vipers, as well as: blind fools!" [See Matthew 23]. Jesus spoke words of warning out of love for them, so that they would turn from their foolishness and turn to see Jesus as a friend and not as an enemy.

Ultimately Jesus silenced His enemies by rising from the dead! When Jesus returns He will silence for good all ignorance while rewarding those who placed their faith in His being the way, the truth and the life!

God grant you wisdom and patience as you remain silent when it is appropriate and not respond to the fool's stupidity with your own. God grant you wisdom and courage and humility to speak the truth in love when it is appropriate for the sake of the Gospel and for the love of the fool!

## Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees make record donation to Winnebago Youth Shelter



Sam Burrish

Winnebago Youth Shelter director Daryl LaPointe Jr. and staff try their best to make the kids who stay at their facility feel at home.

"Our mission at the Winnebago Youth Shelter is to provide a safe, supportive environment for some of our most at-risk and high-risk youth in our communities," LaPointe said. "Typically, these children are involved in Child Protective Services or Child and Family Services. We really try to provide that safe, secure environment for them during a really difficult time in their life."

A Ho-Chunk, Inc. employee committee selected the Youth Shelter as the 2020-21 recipient of the Ho-Chunk Way employee-giving campaign. The funds will go toward much-needed building renovations.

"The renovation does mean a lot of different things for a lot of different kids and staff members to be able to have something nice, something more comfortable that doesn't seem institutional," LaPointe said.

Updates to the bathrooms, kitchen and other areas are a high priority at the Youth Shelter. Ho-Chunk Way contributions will support that initiative. Federal CARES Act funding last year kicked off basement and other renovations so Ho-Chunk Way dollars will go even further this year.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. started the Ho-Chunk Way Employee Do-

nations Program in 2017 and it builds on the company's mission to provide a better quality of life for Winnebago Tribal Members. Since its inception, Ho-Chunk Way has raised more than \$125,000 for Winnebago organizations.

A record \$43,359 has been raised for the Winnebago Youth Shelter. Funds are currently being raised for a second Ho-Chunk Way payment to be made this summer.

The Youth Shelter received that first payment in March. Of that amount, \$33,795 was donated by Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees — with a company match — and the remainder came from public donations to the Ho-Chunk Way program.

"It was very, very heartwarming knowing that that donation came directly from the pockets of Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees. They are making that sacrifice to help create a better place for our children," LaPointe said.

Previous Ho-Chunk Way recipients include the Winnebago Boys & Girls Club, Ho-Chunk Renaissance and the Winnebago Senior Center. LaPointe is grateful the Youth Shelter has joined that list.

"We really, really, really appreciate it, and thank Ho-Chunk, Inc. and all of its team members, employees for everything that you've done for us and everything that you guys are continuing to do for us," he said.

## Farmer's Market Update



On Saturday, April 24, the Winnebago Farmers Market opened at 10am. It was a crisp and sunny morning with the temperature of 41 degrees and a brisk wind. Despite these conditions, 6 brave vendors showed and set up their tables and displays. LPTC Ext. also had a table to hand out information and sign up folks for the next Food Handler training. It was exciting to see this many vendors on our opening day which was more than we had last year on any given day. Vendors offered a variety of products, food and a large selection of beautiful arts and crafts that are handcrafted with much detail and at great prices. They have put much effort into creating their artwork and other products, packing and transporting them to the Farmers Market, setting up their tables and arranging their tables to display their work. After all of that work, very few customers showed up which was a bit disappointing to the vendors but it was very cool and windy on that day. We thank those that did stop by. If we are going to have a successful Farmers Market, we need our community and visitors to stop by to see what our vendors have to offer and conduct a little commerce with them. They are all ambitious and potential business owners and there are many more people that are interested but may be hesitant to make their move. Being a vendor at the Farmers Market is a good way to "get your feet wet". If we have entrepreneurs or new small businesses here in Bago, we need to support them if they are to survive because we need them. Without our own businesses here, we will continue to spend all of our money elsewhere. Studies show that money spent in a community turns around 7

times within that community. We need more small businesses and there are so many opportunities to fill the needs of our community. We need a sporting goods store, small engine repair, auto mechanics, landscapers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, heavy machine operators, golf driving range & putting greens, electronics repair, computer store, building construction businesses, home repair, green energy contractors, farming and gardening, butcher shop, pastry shop, coffee shop and countless other businesses. Get creative and think about what this community needs. Be your own boss. There is help available to start your own small business. If interested, I can point you in the right direction. These entrepreneurs and the ones that follow will create jobs for their family and many people in this community. I am very excited to be on the "ground floor" to witness our People step out of poverty by sculpting our own future by the many things that we are doing as a Tribe and community. We are doing the right things. So please come to the Farmers Market to support our vendors and our future and bring a bag of goodies home with you. I am very optimistic about the rest of our Farmers Market season. Anyone can be a vendor and sell nearly anything, as long as it is legal and safe. We need more vendors and welcome all arts and crafts, cooked food, flea market items and soon fresh produce will be offered. It's never too late to fill out an application to become a vendor. If interested, contact Vince Bass via email and I will send the application to you via email. Send to: vbass@hccdc.org. A vendor fee for the entire season is \$5 for enrolled Natives and \$25 for anyone else. For more info, just shoot me an email. Pinigigi!



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

...cont. from last issue

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

\$63,000 May Day Basket Giveaway every Saturday in May 2021.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas Marketing Department: Re: \$63,000 May Day Basket Giveaway every Saturday in May 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Continuity Campaign- September 2021

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Marketing Department: Re: Continuity Campaign – September 2021. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Continuity Campaign – November 2021

Thelma Whitewater motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Marketing Department: Re: Continuity Campaign – November 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Winnebago Gaming Commission Report for February 2021. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

NIGA 2021 Tradeshow and Conference

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Gaming Commission to pay for the dues for the NIGA Membership for \$7500.00 and Adopt Resolution #21-76: National Indian Gaming Association Naming Victoria Kitcheyan as the Delegate and Rona Stealer as the Alternate. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

INVESTMENT UPDATE: Presented by Leon Rozeboom & Brad Knepper of Liberty National Bank.

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the February 2021 Tribal CFO Financial Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

[Rona out]

FY 2020 Tribal Opioid Response Grant

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-123A: FY 2020 Tribal Opioid Response Grant amendment. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Rona in]

2021 Angel DeCora Museum Ho-Chunk Way Project

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #21-77: 2021 Angel DeCora Museum Ho-Chunk Way Project. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Treasury letter

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the drafting a Letter to the Department of Treasury. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Employees return to work

Lorelei DeCora motioned to direct the CEO, CFO, and HR Director to develop a plan for all employees to return to work on June 1, 2021. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Alcohol Program

Brian Chamberlain motioned to direct the CEO to work with Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare Systems to move the Alcohol Program under WCHS. Louis LaRose seconded.

OBJECT: Thelma Whitewater

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

BARRY FISCUS LAND

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-68A: Re: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of Land Account for Land Sale Applicant – Barry Fiscus.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brian Chamberlain motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

ADJOURN:  
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa LittleGeorge,  
Executive Assistant*

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

**CONCUR:**

*Lorelei DeCora, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**April 5, 2021 via GoTo Webinar**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Louis LaRose

Aric Armell

Coly Brown

John Snowball

Thelma Whitewater

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Pam Adams

Garan Coons

Teresa LittleGeorge

Alan Post

Brandon Stout

Don Archer

Esther Mercer

Joy Johnson

Lynelle Blackhawk

Tyresha Wolfe

Erika Dunn

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** John Snow-

ball offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Brian Chamberlain motioned to

approve the agenda. John Snowball

seconded.

VOTE:(8) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

3-15-21 Mid-monthly meeting

minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the

March 15, 2021 Mid-monthly meeting

minutes.

Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[Thelma Whitewater out]

3-23-21 CEO Report meeting min-

utes

Louis LaRose motioned to approve

the March 23, 2021 CEO Report

meeting minutes. Brian Chamberlain

seconded.

OBJECT: John Snowball

VOTE: (6) yes, AA, BC, LLR, CB,

RS, LD (0) no (1) abstain, JSB

Motion carried.

3-24-21 General Council meeting

minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to

approve the March 24, 2021 General

Council meeting minutes. Aric Armell

seconded.

OBJECT: John Snowball

VOTE: (6) yes, AA, BC, LLR, CB,

RS, LD (0) no (1) abstain, JSB

Motion carried.

3-31-21 Treasurer’s Report meeting

minutes

Coly Brown motioned to approve

the March 31, 2021 Treasurer’s

Report meeting minutes. Aric Armell

seconded.

OBJECT: John Snowball

VOTE: (6) yes, AA, BC, LLR, CB,

RS, LD (0) no (1) abstain, JSB

Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNAUTRES:

Adopt resolution #21-74; FY 2021

USDA – Winnebago Nutrition Educa-

tion (passed)

Brian Chamberlain motioned to

ratify the five-signature adopting reso-

lution #21-74; FY 2021 USDA-Win-

nebago Nutrition Education. Louis

LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0)

abstain Motion carried.

Approve Winnebago Tribe to host

Cante Waste Win Wiconi Ichimani

Ecun Memorial Horse Riders on

March 30, 2021 per logistics with a

\$500.00 budget (FAILED) – do not

need to ratify

[Thelma Whitewater in]

Approve \$500.00 donation to Cante

Waste Win Wichoni Ichimani Ecun

Memorial Horse Riders via Blue River

Forest non-profit with no on-site

activities.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the

five-signature approving a \$500.00

donation to Cante Waste Win Wichoni

Ichimani Ecun Memorial Horse Riders

via Blue River Forest non-profit

with no on-site activities. Coly Brown

seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

\*update. Still awaiting proper pa-

perwork in order to provide the dona-

tion to the riders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Adams – American Broadband

update – Update from Pam Adams and

Don Archer. No action taken.

Planning Department; Action

Items/Resolutions

FY2021 Winnebago Public Library

Project

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt

resolution #21-78; FY2021 Winnebago

Public Library Project. John Snowball

seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

FY21 OVW Grants to Indian Tribal

Governments

Aric Armell motioned to adopt

resolution #21-79; FY21 OVW Grants

to Indian Tribal Governments. Coly

Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Turtle Island HandTalk Founders &

Members Letters

Thelma Whitewater motioned to

approve a letter of support for the

Turtle Island HandTalk Founders

regarding their proposal to retire and

rename Dawes House at Gallaudet

University. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Community Protective Supplies

– Discussion about community PPE

supply hand out day.

Thelma Whitewater motioned to

work with the CFO for PPE hand out

to the Community members. Coly

Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

NIHB Health Summit Donation

request

Aric Armell motioned to approve a

donation to NIHB Health Summit for

\$5,000.00. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Treasury ARP Letter update – Up-

date only, no action taken.

ADJOURN: Aric Armell motioned to

adjourn the meeting. Brian Chamber-

lain seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned

the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa LittleGeorge, Executive As-*

*stant*  
*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

**CONCUR:**

*Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
SPECIAL MEETING – WILD LIFE &  
PARKS**

**April 9, 2021 via GoTo webinar**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Victoria Kitcheyan

Lorelei DeCora

Rona Stealer

Brian Chamberlain

Coly Brown

John Snowball

Thelma Whitewater

Aric Armell

Louis LaRose

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jewel Parker

Tina Lewis

Sean Bear

Tammy Littlewalker

Trey Blackhawk

Esther Mercer

Ireta Blackbird

Alan Post

Garan Coons

Jason Lawrence

Scott Aldrich

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman

Kitcheyan called the meeting to order

at 9:02 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Louis LaRose

offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:**

Addition: Lorelei adds; Litter/trash

control on all Wild Life & Parks.

John adds that he would like the

meeting live streamed. Chairwoman

Kitcheyan declined the live stream.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to



# BAGO NEWS

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## APPROVE AGENDA:

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## ACTION ITEMS:

Home Site Lease Cancellation – Greg Smith

John Snowball motioned to adopt resolution #21-80: Home Site Lease Cancellation – Greg Smith. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Home Site Lease – Monica and Matthew Cleveland

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #21-81: Home Site Lease – Monica and Matthew Cleveland. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Home Site Lease – Danae Vargas  
John Snowball motioned to adopt resolution #21-82: Home Site Lease – Danae Vargas. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

## ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Littlegeorge,*

*Executive Assistant*

**CONCUR:**

*Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

## The Hunt Is On

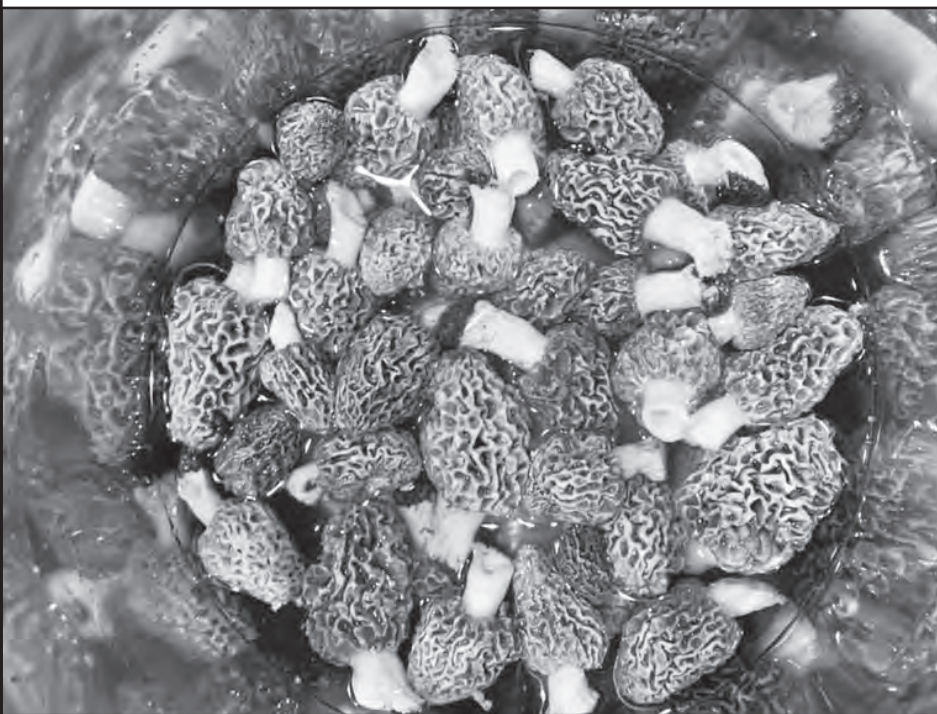


Photo courtesy of Andreana Sharpback, taken in April 2021.

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—It is an exciting time for many, morel mushroom picking season is upon us. "Morel mushroom season depends on the weather but more importantly the ground temperature, when the ground temperature reaches 50-55 degrees Fahrenheit is when you want to start looking but it all depends on the rain too" said Trey Blackhawk Manager at the Winnebago Tribal Farms & Cemetery Program.

Blackhawk has the following tips for morel mushroom hunting:

Be able to identify the mushrooms you find. Morel mushrooms have ridges and indents in the mushroom. You can use a picture to help identify them.

Use insect repellent especially for wood ticks.

Look for fallen dead trees with the bark coming off.

A useful and easy tip is to look for tree lines. They always have dead or dying trees.

If you see someone's vehicle on the edge of the woods, wait. Once they are gone look at that spot, more than likely they might have missed some.

Winnebago is mostly public land.

Don't let anyone else know about your spots.

For more information, Blackhawk has a Facebook group titled 'Northeast Nebraska Morels' it was created for people who are enthusiastic about morel mushrooms. It keeps people updated about the season, additional tips and has a lot of experienced morel hunters on the page.

## Winnebago company launches smokable CBD hemp product



WINNEBAGO, Nebraska – A new business started by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's economic development entity has launched its first hemp product, a smokable preroll made with CBD flower.

Winnebago Agriculture & Industry, a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk, Inc., recently started manufacturing the prerolls, which are a wrap of paper filled with premium ground hemp. There are no fillers or additives.

"More consumers are turning to hemp CBD to relax and ease discomfort. It's in all types of mainstream products now," said Aaron LaPointe, president of the subsidiary. "We have years of expertise in smokable products, so it made sense to enter the market with a preroll."

The new product is called Niota (pronounced NYE-Oh-tah). Each preroll is handmade in Winnebago and sold online to adults age 21 and over in most states. Niota is also distributed by numerous partnering tribes, and contract manufactured under other brand names.

Ho-Chunk Farms and the Win-

nebago Tribe were among Nebraska's first hemp producers in a 2019 state pilot program, after the 2018 U.S. farm bill legalized industrial hemp.

That farm bill also authorized federally recognized tribes to develop their own regulatory plan for hemp production. The Winnebago Tribe has since gained USDA approval of its regulatory plan, and is currently developing its cultivation licensing for Tribal members and entities.

"We look forward to growing 10 or so different strains. It's like the small batch, craft approach," LaPointe said. "We can then diversify into more hemp-based products, and own the entire process from growing to manufacturing. It's a versatile plant."

Currently the hemp flower in Niota prerolls comes from a certified grower and is independently lab tested. Learn more at <https://www.niotalife.com/>.

"We're excited to enter a new market with a premium product, and in turn, advance Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s mission of creating jobs and economic opportunity for Tribal members," LaPointe said.

## Garden Update

Week of April 26, 2021



Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

Pollinators and Pollinator Gardens are the focus of the next GROBigRed Virtual Learning Series. Nebraska Extension Educators in entomology and horticulture will teach participants about steps to take so pollinators thrive—both from flowers and plants important to their health to insect-friendly garden practices to implement. Why are we concerned about pollinator health? Pollinators are first and foremost critical to our food supply. Most notably, some of our favorite fruits and vegetables, like apples, peaches, cucumbers, and beans, would not exist without our pollinator friends.

Just have a balcony-sized garden space? The good news is research indicates no gardening space is too small to foster pollinator health. Your garden, when combined with the neighbor's garden, nearby creeks, and prairie spaces, add to the collective whole. So limited space

excludes no one from contributing to pollinator health and this series will provide the know-how to get started.

The first class will be held May 4 at 6:30 pm. "Creating a Pollinator Habitat" focuses on design and the necessary components to include in the space, such as water, shelter, and food. Other components of the class will emphasize the need for good gardening practices, for instance when to cut back spent perennial stems and how to reduce pesticide use.

On May 11 at 6:30 pm, "Bees, Butterflies, and Beyond" will speak to the whole array of pollinators, including bees and butterflies, but also wasps, flies, and beetles and their contribution to pollination. Insect life cycles will spotlight why it is important to implement practices that save insect lives and ultimately enhance their environment.

At 6:30 pm on May 18, "Pollinator Blooms for All Seasons" will highlight outstanding plants to include in the garden, most notably for the nectar (a carbohydrate source) and pollen (a protein source) they provide to pollinators and their progeny. Having plants in bloom throughout the growing season ensures food is available to pollinators when they need it.

There is no charge for the series, but registration is necessary to receive the emailed link: <https://go.unl.edu/pollinatorgardening>.

## Morel Mushrooms Recipe:

### Ingredients:

Eggs  
Garlic/Seasoned Salt  
Crackers  
Butter  
2 separate bowls

### For starters:

Soak mushrooms overnight

### Steps to cook:

Crack eggs into a bowl and mix.  
In a separate bowl, mash up crackers.  
Place 3 sticks of butter into frying pan.  
After soaking mushrooms, rinse one more time.  
Put onto a plate with paper towels.  
Cut and lay them onto covered plate.  
Dip into egg mix  
Dunk into crackers mix  
Fry the battered mushrooms in the butter, until golden brown.  
Place onto separate plate covered with paper towels.

### (By Choice):

Add pieces of chicken or fajita meat (from frozen section at your local grocery store).  
Add inside uncut mushrooms.  
Dip into eggs.  
Repeat prior steps.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Winnebago Indians Improve to 3-0

*Garan Coons Winnebago Communications Broadcaster for the Winnebago Public School (WPS) football live streams*

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Indians Football team are now leading the all nations football conference.

They won against Lower Brule on Friday, April 16th with a score of 20-6.

Friday, April 23rd they took on Marty Indian School and won with a score of 30-6. The Indians Quarterback Caleb Kearnes leads in rushing and passing yards.

The Winnebago Head Coach Adam James said, "We have a lot of improving to do yet, I'm not really pleased with how we play in the first half." During the game against Marty Indian School the Winnebago Indians didn't find the end zone. After a stern speech during half time the Winnebago Indians made some adjustments and put up 30 points in the second half to come away with the win.

The Winnebago Indians defense has only allowed 12 points out of all three games. That's pretty impressive. It's truly a team effort. "To only allow 12 points in three games in this format of 9-man football is amazing. Usually it's a shootout because the game is faster than 11-man football" said Garan Coons WPS Football Broadcast Announcer.

The Indians face a tough test against Tiospa Zina (2-0) on Thursday, May 6th at 6:00 pm. "It's a home game, so I expect more people to attend. I think bago is going to need all the help they can get for this game. It's going to be a great match up. Tiospa Zina so far averages 45 points a game. Will Winnebago's defense be able to stop them? We will find out!" said Coons. Tiospa Zina is from Sisseton, South Dakota.

## STAR STUDENT FROM MRS. LANGE'S KINDERGARTEN:



One of our Star Student's this month is Harper McAllister. Harper has earned the Star Student because of her hard work in class and kindness she always shows. She has improved in reading, is confident in sounding out words now. Harper is doing really well at solving addition and subtraction equations. She is kind to everyone and involves others who may be left out. Harper tries her best all the time! I love how Harper is always showing her kindness to everyone!

## WPS Star Student from Mrs. Lange's Kindergarten:



One of our Star Students this month is Lilliah Blackhawk.

Lilliah is always eager to learn. She loves math class, and it shows in her work! Lilliah is helpful to the teachers and other students in our class. She is kind to all her peers and gets along well with anyone she is with. Lilliah has grown in Reading and loves reading our books that we get to use in class. She is competitive with our intervention, Reading Eggs. I really love Lilliah's ambition and helpfulness in class.

From Lynelle, Lilliah's mom:

She's always so excited for school. She never complains about getting up and going to school. She loves going to see her friends at school.



The Winnebago Indians won their game against Lower Brule (20-6).



The Winnebago Indians gained another win against Marty Indian School 30-6.

## Garden Update

Week of April 19, 2021



*Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator*

### Growing Strawberries

Summer's first tasty bite of fresh ripe strawberries is enough to convince many to try their hand at growing this delicious fruit for themselves.

The first consideration—what type of strawberry to grow—depends on your picking preference. June-bearers produce a bounteous crop in June and July. Ever-bearers can have multiple crops depending on your location and the growing conditions—one in spring with the possibility of several more crops through the season. Day neutral strawberries like cool moist conditions and will yield fruit regularly when these conditions are met. Of these 3 types, June-bearers have the best overall yield each growing season.

Choose a reliable nursery to ensure varieties are disease-free and accurately labeled. Starter plants can be purchased in bundles of bare root dormant plants or as actively growing potted plants. Look for varieties that are not only tasty but winter hardy as well. June-bearing varieties 'Honeoye', 'Earliglow' and 'Cavendish' fulfill these requirements, while 'Ogallala' and 'Ozark Beauty' set the standard for ever-bearers. Alpine strawberries, like 'Tristar' and 'Tribute', are short-lived day neutrals.

Be sure to site the strawberry patch where it gets lots of sunlight—10 or more hours of direct,

uninterrupted sunlight daily for best production. A strawberry patch located on higher ground will have less problems with late frosts and water ponding around plants. Higher ground also provides better air circulation for timely drying of leaves which will cut down on some fungal disease problems, like leaf blight and gray mold, that thrive in still air. A loamy soil with lots of organic matter will get plants off to a good start. If organic matter is lacking, work into the soil some compost, well-aged manure, leaf mold, or decomposed straw.

Space strawberry plants 18-24 inches apart in rows 3 to 4 feet apart. Strawberry flowers and groundcover growth habit means plants can also be enjoyed in an edible landscape when grown at the edges of flower beds. As a groundcover, strawberry plants may be planted in a 1 foot by 1 foot grid pattern. No matter what type of bed devised for strawberries, plants should be planted so the midpoint of the crown is even with the soil surface. Planting them too shallowly or deeply means plants will dry out or be smothered, which is not good for plant survival.

For more information on weeding, diseases, insect pests, and winter care of strawberries, follow these links: Growing strawberries in the home garden | UMN Extension and Growing Strawberries in Wisconsin.



# BAGO THROWBACKS



Where it all began; WinnaVegas Casino (Vegas Style Gaming).



The first building for WinnaVegas while under construction.



Before WinnaVegas, we had Winn-A-Bingo! (Captured in black and white)



Winnebago Tribal Members Kenneth DeCora and Wanda Lewis pictured with others during bingo at WinnaVegas Casino Resort!



Here is a flashback look at Food & Beverage for WinnaVegas Casino Resort.



Winn-A-Bingo becomes WinnaVegas! Pictured during his speech is former Chairman for the Winnebago Tribe, John Blackhawk.



Winnebago Tribal Chairman John Blackhawk pictured with WinnaVegas employees during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Bingo Hall at WinnaVegas!



Captured in black and white; Bingo Hall employees at WinnaVegas pictured during a Bingo session.



Winnebago Tribal Member Kellie Snow pictured with other WinnaVegas Craps Dealer employees at the Table Games area.



Do you remember the old betting machines at WinnaVegas? In the beginning at WinnaVegas, slots consisted of quarter slot machines only.



WinnaVegas Casino in the earlier days, during a Car Giveaway event.



# 2021 WPS PROM NIGHT



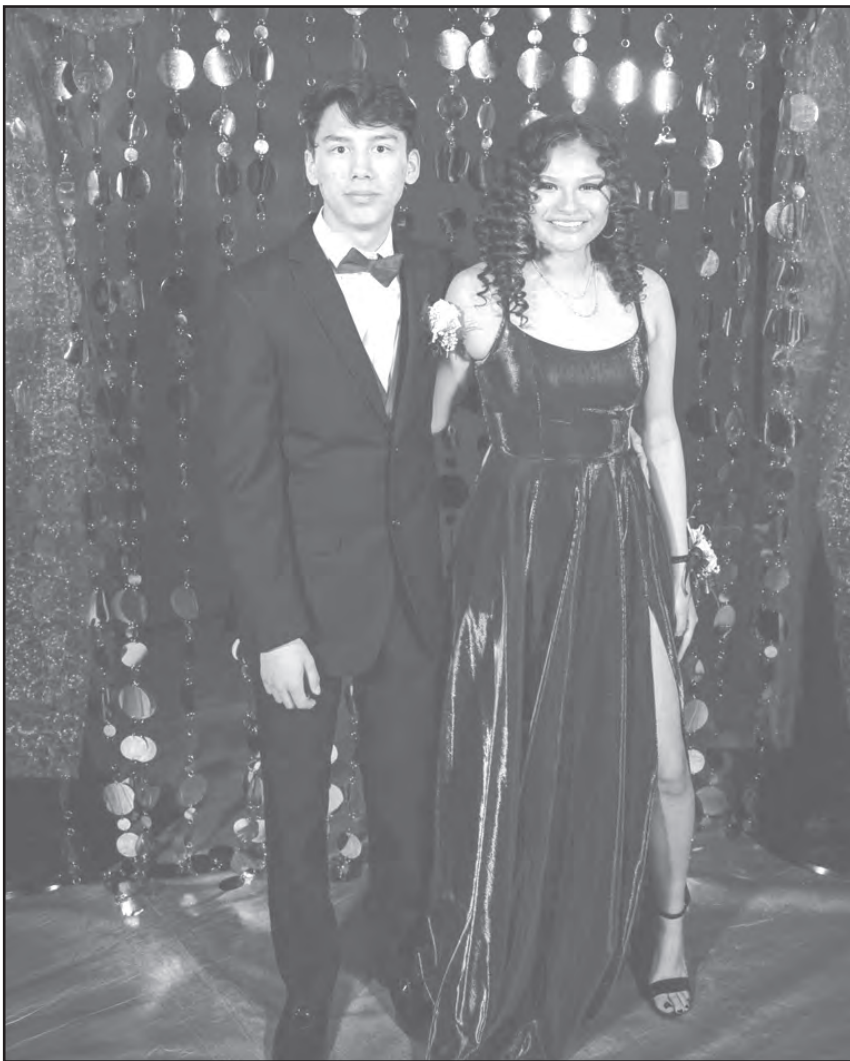
*Sam LaRose and Mia Regalado.*



*Angel Frenchman, (Unknown), Toby Bassette, and Samantha Littlegeorge.*



*Navasha Fremont and Logan Fremont.*



*Aiden Bear and Simiah Proctor.*



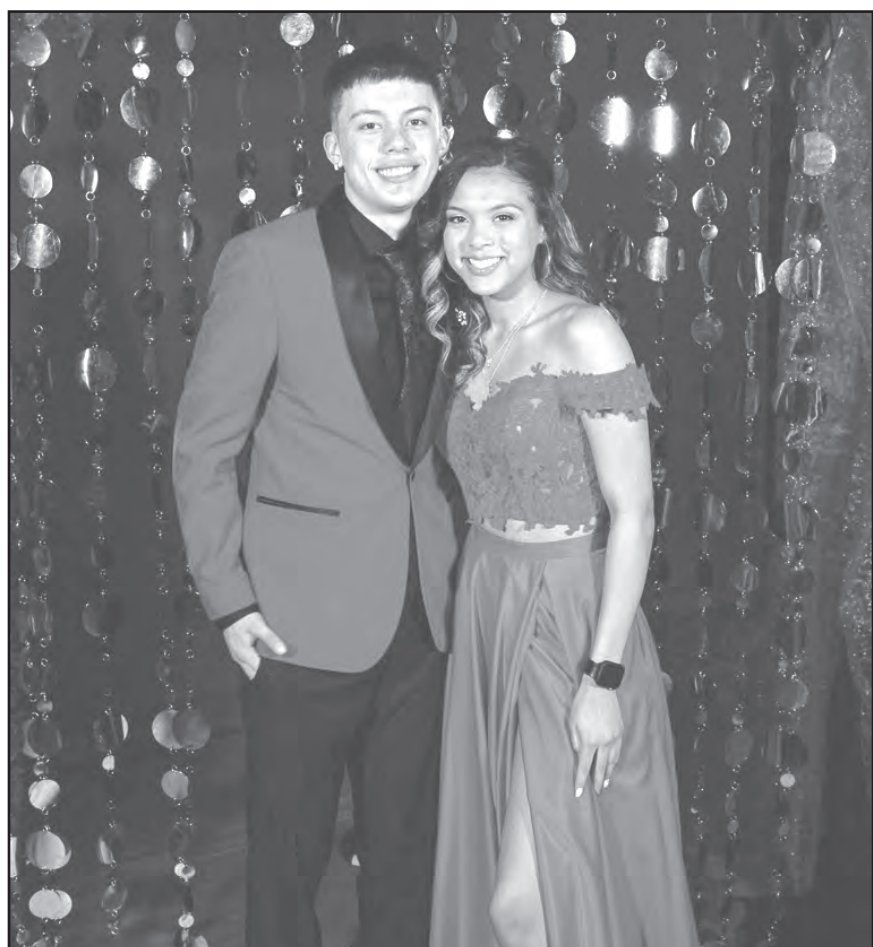
*Winnebago Public School's Junior Class of 2022!*



*Winnebago Public School's Senior Class of 2021!*



*Aiden Robles and Antonio Robles.*



*Caleb Kearnes and Natasha Deal.*



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

### How to Apply: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on April 12, 2021  
844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

### Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

### How Funds are Received?

If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process on our Funeral Assistance FAQ page at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance#eligible>

*\*\*\*Assistance is through FEMA not the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska\*\*\**

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ21-002D  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
L. W. (Born 3/2007)  
Latia Whitewater, Mother

To: POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-002D has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25TH day of MAY, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-032  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
MICHELLE PICOTTE

In Re:  
I. D. (Born 2/2019)  
Angelica Picottte, Mother

TO: TIMOTHY R. DENNY, 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. CV21-032 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-141  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
MARIAN THOMAS

In Re:  
D. S. (Born 12/2012)  
K. S. (Born 9/2015)  
C. S. III (Born 9/2016)

TO: LOYLEE KENNEDY, Mother  
CHARLES SEWELL II, 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. CV18-141 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-068  
In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
DELANO MARTINEZ  
to  
DELANO MOORE

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. CV21-068 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-067  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
CHRISTINA PARKER

In Re:  
C. E. (Born 1/2020)

TO: KYLA EARTH, Mother  
DANIEL EARTH, 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. CV21-067 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ21-002C

The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
A. T. (Born 6/2008)  
Latia Whitewater, Mother

To: MICHAEL THOMAS, Father  
POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-002C has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25TH day of MAY, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-142  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
MARIAN THOMAS

In Re:  
A. T. (Born 9/2009)

TO: LOYLEE KENNEDY, Mother  
HEATH THOMAS, 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. CV18-142 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-065AB  
In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
BRYSON MICHAEL MILLER  
CHARLA LYNN MILLER  
to BRYSON GARY LASLEY  
CHARLA LITA LASLEY

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. CV21-065AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-064  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
LOUISE THOMAS

In Re:  
K. E. (Born 2/2017)

TO: KYLA EARTH, Mother  
DANIEL EARTH, 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. CV21-064 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

## WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 & OCTOBER 5, 2021

<b>May 3rd, 2021</b>	Monday	Draft of Eligible Voters List Posted
<b>June 14th, 2021</b>	Monday	Update & Approve Eligible Voters List
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		<i>Nominate Election Board</i>
<b>June 14th, 2021</b>	Monday	Post Eligible Voters List-Five (5) Days to Challenge
<b>June 21st, 2021</b>	Monday	Deadline for Challenges to Eligible Voters List
<b>June 25th, 2021</b>	Friday	Challenges to Eligible Voters List Approved
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		<i>Election Board Officially Appointed</i>
<b>June 25th, 2021</b>	Friday	Post Final Eligible Voters List & Tribal Election Code
<b>July 5th, 2021</b>	Monday	First Day of Notice of Intent
<b>August 2nd, 2021</b>	Monday	Last Day of Notice of Intent
<b>August 3rd, 2021</b>	Tuesday	List of Candidates Posted
<b>August 4th, 2021</b>	Wednesday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Primary
<b>August 20th, 2021</b>	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
<b>August 23rd, 2021</b>	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Primary
<b>September 7th, 2021</b>	Tuesday	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>
<b>September 8th, 2021</b>	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
<b>September 8th, 2021</b>	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		
<b>September 9th, 2021</b>	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
<b>September 17th, 2021</b>	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
<b>September 20th, 2021</b>	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular
<b>October 5th, 2021</b>	Tuesday	<b>REGULAR ELECTION</b>
<b>October 6th, 2021</b>	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members
Oath of Office		

*Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members*

**If you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list, please contact us at:**  
**Phone: 402-878-2272**  
**email:**  
**[winnebagoindiannews@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:winnebagoindiannews@winnebagotribe.com)**

**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 04-27-2021, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.

Next  
WIN  
News  
Deadline:  
**May 11th**



# 2021 WPS PROM NIGHT



Mario Suniga and Samantha Littlegeorge.



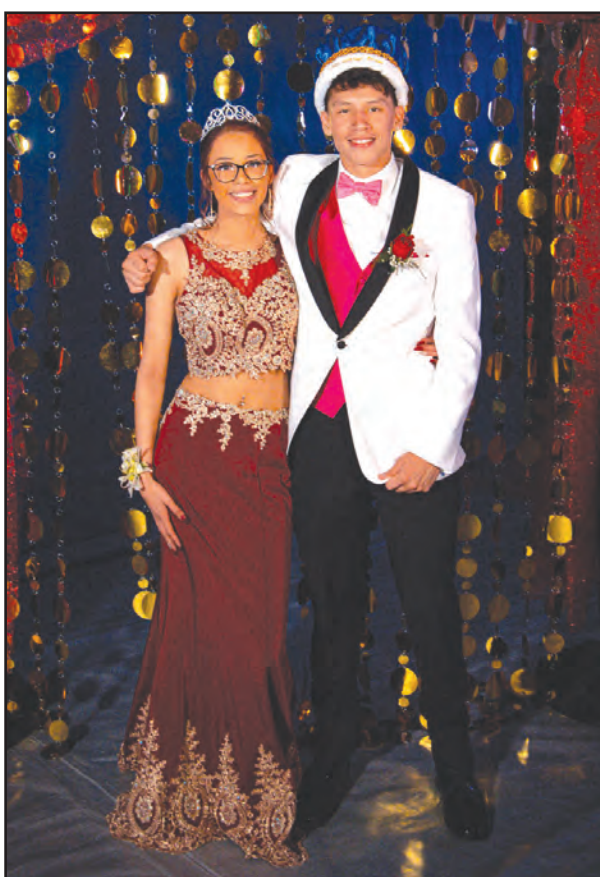
Bryson Miller, Destin Vargas, Carlos Vargas, Elijah Vargas, Antrel Harlan, and Lucian DeCora.



Kaden Sheridan and Keisha Snyder.



Kellen Crossbear, Hayley Smith, Lakaylah Kearnes, and Bryson Miller.



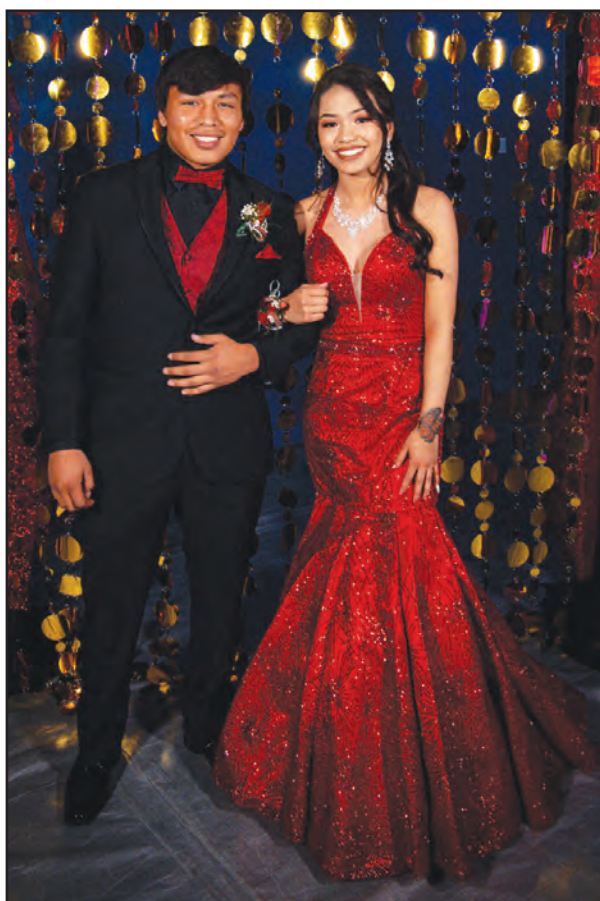
Winnebago's Prom 2021 King and Queen: pictured is cousins Hayden Parker and Asaias Bernie.



Zaden Bernie and Keela Klein.



Desia Kitcheyan and Lakaylah Kearnes.



Robbie Lovejoy and Diane LaPointe.



Danny Houghton and Diane LaPointe.



Jordan Ghostdog and Alayah Frazier.



Sinya Harlan and Gabe Bassette.



Zeriah George, Elizah Masquat, and Cassie Harden.



# Mother's Day

## Purse Giveaway

Sunday, May 9, 2021  
Noon to 5:45pm

Come in on Mother's Day and you can win \$5,000 instantly! Plus a designer purse! Every 15 minutes we'll draw a winner who will pick a designer purse stuffed with a cash prize. Over \$7,500 in cash and \$3,000 in purses and you keep the purse!

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