

WINNEBAGO INDIAN

NEWS

Bago Bits...



The Great Plains Action Society hosted an event on May 5th in Sioux City, IA. Families came together to honor and remember our Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Relatives. (Photo courtesy of the Great Plains Action Society)



On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe, we would like to send a special congratulations to our very own Charli Earth who signed to Concordia University on May 6th. (Picture courtesy of Eugene DeCora)



A huge thank you to WinnaVegas Casino Resort, the Environmental Protection Department, the Physical Resources Department, and Wildlife and Parks for all their efforts and hard work in putting together this year's Community Clean Up event. (Photo courtesy of Garan Coons)



The Winnebago Public School Theater Program premiered their musical "Singing in the Rain" on May 11th in the Winnebago school theater. Great job to the cast and crew on an amazing production!



The Boys & Girls Club of the Hocak Nisoc Haci held their annual NBA 2K tournament on May 10th. Pictured is the first-place winner Duran Blackfish holding up his prize.



Another huge thank you to all of the community members who came together and participated in Winnebago's Spring Community Clean up event! Pictured is Jordann Blackfish and Craig Neff.

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Winnebago Health Department Determined to get Winnebago Vaccinated. Here is the Latest...



Keri Lapointe received her first dose of Pfizer vaccine after giving birth to her newborn daughter.

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE--Winnebago Public Health Department has hit a milestone of vaccinating 70% of the Winnebago Community members who are 16 years and older. Although, this number can and will change if the CDC authorizes the use of the vaccine for teens between the ages of 12 years old to 15 years old.

"When the CDC recommends the Pfizer vaccine for the 12 years old and up population, we will administer those vaccinations immediately to those who sign up" said Emilee Longuski, Communications Manager at Winnebago Comprehensive Health System.

If the new age range is authorized to receive the vaccine, the Winnebago Public Health Department hopes the number of vaccinated community members will stay at 70% or hit their goal of 80% of community members vaccinated. If community members in this age range do not sign up for the vaccination, it could lower the current 70% vaccination rate.

"At this point, we have vaccinated over four thousand people which is pretty incredible at the rate we have been able to administer" shared Longuski.

Vaccine appointments have slowed down for the weekly clinic. "We still have a lot of available appointments and available vaccines. We are solely administering the Pfizer vaccine. Most people in the community want the

WINNEBAGO INDIANS
Winnebago Indians call themselves "Hochunkgra," A Siouan people, they once occupied the southern half of Wisconsin and the northern counties of Illinois. The Black Hawk War of 1832 and a series of treaties forced the Winnebago out of their homeland, and they were removed to reservations in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and finally to a portion of the Oglala Reservation in Nebraska.

With each removal, the Winnebago Indians lost land and resources, and faced challenges such as disease, poverty, and discrimination.

Today, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is a strong and vibrant community that continues to honor its traditions and culture while embracing modernity.

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Winnebago Football Team Stumbles Against #1 Ranked Tiospa Zina



The Winnebago Indians line up for kick-off in the 1st quarter during their home game on Thursday, May 6th against Tiospa Zina.

WINNEBAGO, NE - The Winnebago Football Team would have won if the game was only two quarters but during the second half of the game the Indians found a way to lose. One of the worst things to hear in football is the announcers say "Interception by Tiospa Zina returned for a touchdown!" That is what happened to Winnebago on Thursday, May 6th at the Winnebago Stadium. Winnebago ended up losing by 10 points.

Final score was 30-20.

Winnebago won in stats. They had more offensive yards, more passing yards, and better kick return yards. The stat that matter the most in this game was turnovers. Winnebago had 4 massive turnovers and Tiospa Zina had 2.

Winnebago Quarterback Caleb Ke-

arnes had a game high 230 passing yards. 84 rushing yards, 3 passing touchdowns, and 2 interceptions. He was helped by freshman running back, Antrell Harlan with 77 yards.

Winnebago will take on Omaha Nation on Thursday, May 13th for the final regular season game down in Macy, Nebraska (Due to publication schedule, scores will be reported next issue). This game is intriguing because Omaha Nation averages 47 points a game and Winnebago is only averaging 33 points per game. "I hope Winnebago can forget about the loss against Tiospa Zina because if they play Winnebago football going into the playoffs they will meet up with Tiospa Zina again in the championship game. However, they need to stay focused on Omaha Nation because they

been putting up 66 points in their last two games" said football announcer and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (WTN) Communications Officer, Garan Coons.

Remaining season schedule

#2 Winnebago @ #4 Omaha Nation, May 13th 6:00 pm

Playoffs Semi-finals - Friday, May 21st, 2021

#1 seed vs #4 seed @ Mitchell, South Dakota, Joe Quintal Football Field. Kickoff at 4 pm

#2 seed vs #3 seed @ Mitchell, South Dakota, Joe Quintal Football Field. Kickoff at 7 pm

Championship - Thursday, May 27th, 2021

Winners from the semi-finals @ Mitchell, South Dakota, Joe Quintal Football Field. Kickoff 7 pm.

BAGO NEWS

STEP FORWARD WINNEBAGO!

Get Vaccinated and Get PAID!

Winnebago Community Members who show proof of COVID-19 vaccination will receive a \$15 Hy-Vee gift card (while supplies last) at the next Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

When: Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Winnebago Public School Practice Gym
Sign-up now for the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine by calling (402) 878-2258 or going to www.WinnebagoPublicHealth.com/VaccineWaitingList!

Eligible gift card recipients must:

- Live in Winnebago and show proof of address (valid I.D. or current piece of mail with recent date).
- Present COVID-19 vaccination card or come to clinic to receive your COVID-19 vaccine.
- Must be there in person to claim gift card. Limit one gift card per person. Gift cards will be distributed at the vaccine clinic only, no exceptions.

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.

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NOW AVAILABLE!

TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL

PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapy can be valuable for children that:

- Experienced or are recovering from a serious injury.
- Have sudden, short, or long sicknesses that limit development.
- Have a developmental delay
- Have trouble performing daily living activities or self help skills.
- Have sensory processing differences

Outpatient Therapy Must Be Ordered By A Physician.
Call Twelve Clans Unity Hospital's Outpatient Therapy Department at (402) 878-3638 for any questions.

Project Launch May event

In honor of National Bike Week and Mental Health Awareness Month, Project Launch is having a "Clear Your Mind" event

When: May 20, 2021 from 3pm to 5:30pm, drawing @ 5:30pm
Where: Land of Wellness Softball Complex
Why: To promote physical and mental health for yourself and your family.

Requirements:

- 1 participant must be under the age of 8 years old
- MASKS REQUIRED for ages 3+
- Ride, walk or jog 5 laps around the Land of Wellness Softball fields

Complete the 5 laps to be entered into a drawing to win a new tricycle or new bike! Show Ms. Julie your tracking sheet!

For more information contact the Project Launch Staff at projectlaunch@winnebagotribe.com or at (833)391-3797

Educational Pathways to Student Success (EPSS)
Presents

RECRUITING COOKOUT

The Boys & Girls Club and Whirling Thunder Wellness Center will be hosting a cookout for community members interested in signing up their youth from 4th - 10th grade for the Summer Institute program provided by EPSS. Families with completed applications will receive food. Staff will be available to assist with completing applications.

May 21, 2021
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Behind Whirling Thunder Wellness Center
Masks are required.

More Info:
Sandy Scott
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(402) 878-4370 Ext. 1724
Wambli Dolezal
wambli.dolezal@winnebagotribe.com

Smush Ball

May 20th
At Land of Wellness
Starting at 6pm

Family Fun Event
3 adults / 3 High School / 3 Grade School
8yr old and older allowed to play
Team can have 10 in field of play
Boy/Girl alternating batting order

First 6 family teams signed up

WHIRLING THUNDER
WELLNESS PROGRAMS

For more information Call Eugene DeCorra 402-922-2536 Whirling Thunder Front Desk 844-568-6421

TRIBAL NEWS

Winnebago Construction Update 5/10 - 5/17

5/10- Pouring driveways & sidewalks in front of the Police Station. Place temporary asphalt millings between the old and new pavement. The new drives will be in use early next week. Electrical work to follow.

Closing from the Police station through Beck Street. Signs are being placed back at Highway 9 to give advanced warning. This closure of Beck Street will last 4 – 6 weeks.

5/11-Planning to pour the mainline pavement between Mercer & Mathewson.

5/14- Planning to begin inlet and step construction.

Backfilling on the north end, continuing electrical and placing a twin 54" pipe. This will allow a major traffic switch on 5/19 -5/21.

Southbound traffic will go through the new part of the circle.

Northbound traffic will stay on the outside of the temporary asphalt.

5/24- Electrical and retaining walls.

5/31-Sidewalks should be ready.

Please remember May 11th – May 13th is Winnebago cleanup days

This utilizes the Mercer Street intersection. We will be pouring May, Tuesday 10th in that area with trucks, but not all day. Everyone remember this is going on and exercise caution and patience!!

The Winnebago Indian News Staff would like to congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2021

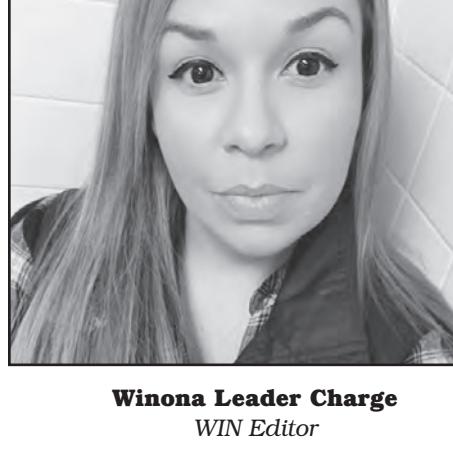
Question of the Edition:

What summer activities are you most looking forward to?



Garan Coons
Winnebago Communications Officer

Last year during the summer I really got into bass fishing. I think it was because of the pandemic and its way different from cat fishing at the river. This year the one thing I want make sure I do is attend an outdoor concert since we couldn't last year. Does anyone know if WinnaVegas going to have any? Jon Pardi (country artist) is going to be at the Stir Cove in Council Bluffs. Let's go!!! Bring on summer!!!



Winona Leader Charge
WIN Editor

The summer activities I am most looking forward to:
Trips to the lake, visiting waterparks, star gazing, driving with the sunroof open, wearing sandals, long evening walks, bonfires, and cookouts.



Bethani Redhorn
WIN Office Manager

The summer activities that I am most looking forward to: Swimming, fishing, cookouts, camping, visits to the park, spontaneous road trips, FIREWORKS!! And my faves: dresses, shorts, and sandals!



Christina Parker
Desktop Publisher

Summer activities I'm looking forward to are... Swimming, cook-outs, pow-wows, shorts & flip flops, just being outside all day.

WinnaVegas Casino Celebrates 29th Anniversary with a Champagne Toast and Cupcakes



Winona Leader Charge

SLOAN, Iowa — WinnaVegas Casino and Resort owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska celebrated its 29th anniversary on Thursday, April 29th 2021.

General Manager Mayan Beltran an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska began the celebration with a speech. Members of the Winnebago Tribal Council and others shared some words during the celebration.

Chairwoman of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Victoria Kitcheyan said "we are really happy to be here today to celebrate this. [We] have to acknowledge that we have so much success. The work contributed here (WinnaVegas Casino and Resort) is a direct contribution to the success of the Winnebago Tribe. [T]he dedication to this facility has really increased the livelihood and the positive outcomes for the Winnebago people."

A champagne toast and cupcakes were served to those who attended the celebration.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 & OCTOBER 5, 2021

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts from a Crazy 2020...



I have not been writing many columns lately. I have been very busy and have also started writing columns for the Omaha World Herald. The ones I have been writing for Omaha paper center on efforts to give a larger audience perspective on tribal issues. I think if people can see things from our viewpoint, it might help build understanding and trust. I will try and publish those columns here to if they are relevant. I will use this column to do a quick update on several things to get everyone up to speed and then go a bit more in-depth in the next few columns.

Record Year

2020 was the year of the pandemic, but it was also the best year in the history of Ho-Chunk, Inc. We managed to end the year with 1600 employees, \$308 million in revenue and \$28 million in net income. All of these numbers are company records—"hey hey!" Our previous net income record was \$15 million in 2015 and we came close to doubling it.

We have a record year, while a large percentage of our workforce was forced to work remotely. I have nothing but praise for our staff and our people in Human Resources and I.T. who figured out a way to not only keep going, but also thrive in a tough environment. Also, I want to thank the many employees in our community who couldn't work remotely and continued to provide much needed services at personal risk to themselves.

Gaming Update

During the pandemic we also had gathered almost 500,000 signatures for the gaming expansion in Nebraska. It was an incredibly stressful time. For example, we bought tens of thousands of dispos-

able pens to avoid concerns about spreading Covid 19. We fought and won a battle at the Nebraska Supreme Court to keep our petitions on the ballot. We waged a campaign against some overtly anti-Indian rhetoric and won in overwhelming numbers.

Winning is nice, but it meant a lot of work was ahead for us. Since the day after the election last fall, we have been working constantly to design the casinos and acquire all the land necessary to build the tracks and casinos. We also started a whole new corporate division called WarHorse gaming, which will more than double the size of our company over the next couple of years. We have been in the middle of working to get some extra legislation passed to help clarify our gaming expansion. We have also been trying to raise the approximately \$550 million it will take to build all of the casinos.

We have been keeping our political leaders up to speed, but only releasing information on a limited basis publicly because there are a lot of people who want to know what is going on in order to hurt us or help themselves. Once the legislation is passed, we can start the licensing process and hopefully start construction soon after we receive the official license. A lot of things need to happen, but I am hopeful construction will start in late summer or early fall. We will release more details when appropriate, but rest assured we are very focused on making this happen.

Elders Village

With the blessing of tribal leadership, we are in the process of designing what we are calling an Elders Village. We intend to create an independent living area where elders can have affordable and fully accessible housing. We want the houses and living units to be relatively close together with a shared green space and places for interaction, cooking, and physical activity. We intend to build it in the next phase of the Ho-Chunk Village, or Village 2.0 as we call it.

We are in the process of designing it now and hope to use some of the federal funding to fight Covid 19 to build it. We believe that quality and safe housing that is not overcrowded makes a lot of sense because it will help protect our elders from unnecessary exposure to Covid 19.

Contact me at hochunk@aol.com

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"God-given duties of Mothers"

This past Sunday was Mother's Day, a day that one often honors his or her mother in special ways. Mothers are often taken for granted, unappreciated or under-appreciated, this is sad. We should thank God for our mother (and fathers) as well as cherishing her each and every day.

Our Creator gave us a separate command regarding mothers. Do you know what it is? "Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land YAHWEH your God is giving you" [Exodus 20:12 NIV84].

This command to honor one's mother (and father) from God is to be lived each and every day. Dr. Martin Luther explained this command through these words: 'We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.' Note well: it does not say whether they deserve honor or not.

From the very beginning, Creator God blessed women in a special way. God gave Eve the blessing of motherhood. Eve's name means 'life.' Each and every person, besides Adam, came through Eve - the mother of the lives of all mankind. God promised that through Eve, that 'one' of her offspring, would crush Satan and redeem the world.

So throughout time, women have served Creator God through childbearing. The apostle Paul wrote these words to Timothy: 'women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety' [1st Timothy 2:15]. Only women can give

birth to a child. Women are saved not because they bear a child, rather God's Word clarifies that it is through faith in God's Son Jesus.

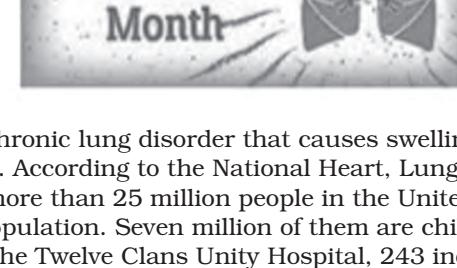
God's plan and way of salvation came through a virgin who was blessed to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus. God's will is that all men, women, and children would be saved and to come to a knowledge of truth. That truth is found in believing in Jesus as God and Savior.

Jesus was blessed to have a God-fearing and loving mother. Virgin Mary was blessed to give birth to Jesus, but more importantly she was blessed to know and to trust in Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Mary sang these words: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed' [Luke 1:46-48].

Here is an encounter Jesus had regarding the blessings of his mother, and of all women: 'a woman in the crowd called out [to Jesus], "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it" [Luke 11:27-28].

Yes, this past Sunday was Mother's Day. There were so many more people who gathered with their mother, treated her royally, maybe even taking her out to dinner - or at the least giving her a call on the phone - than who gathered in God's house in order to thank God for His gift of their life and the countless blessings of their mother!

I close with these words of Jesus: 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'



Asthma is a chronic lung disorder that causes swelling and inflammation in the lungs. According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, asthma affects more than 25 million people in the United States, or about 8 percent of the population. Seven million of them are children.

According to the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, 243 individuals received treatment for asthma during 2020. Given the total population in WTN, that means we are above the national average at around 9.3 percent.

The exact causes of asthma can be difficult to pinpoint. Allergies and triggers in the environment can cause asthma symptoms and asthma flare-ups, and genetics can play a role. However, the exact reasons why people develop asthma is unclear.

If you or someone in your family has asthma, you are probably well aware of the triggers that can bring on its symptoms. For others, it is helpful to understand what can cause asthma vs asthma symptoms.

Common Triggers

pollen, dust mites, mold spores, pet dander, particles from cockroach waste, smoke, physical activity, cold air, the common cold, certain medications, including beta blockers, aspirin, ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others) and naproxen sodium (Aleve), strong emotions or stress, sulfites and preservatives added to certain foods or beverages like shrimp, dried fruit, processed potatoes, beer and wine.

Common Symptoms

shortness of breath, chest pain or tightness, wheezing when exhaling (common sign of asthma in children), trouble sleeping caused by shortness of breath, coughing or wheezing, coughing or wheezing attacks that are worsened by a respiratory virus, such as a cold or the flu.

You may not be aware you have asthma since symptoms can be mild. You should see your doctor if you think you have asthma. Asthma symptoms vary from person to person. You may have infrequent asthma attacks, with symptoms only at certain times — such as when exercising — or have symptoms all the time.

For some people, asthma signs and symptoms flare up in certain situations. If you are experiencing a connection between these triggers and your breathing difficulties, you should see your doctor to get a diagnosis and set up an action plan. Early treatment for asthma can prevent lung damage later in life.

If you know you have asthma, work with your doctor to keep it under control. If your medication doesn't ease your symptoms or you need to use a quick inhaler more often, it's time to get with your doctor soon. Continued overuse of asthma medication can lead to side effects making your asthma worse.

If you want to learn more, Lung.org/asthma is a great place to start, where you will find long-standing resources like the Asthma Basics online course, Asthma Control Assessment tool and more. So make sure to listen to what your lungs are telling you and take care of yourself.

No Place Like Home

The library is happy to announce that its getting ready to kick off its Summer Program. A 6 week filled event that will introduce its participants to our theme this year and to the library who has been hard at work putting this together for our young ones. As we get closer to the opening of registration, we ask you to keep a look out for more information regarding our schedule and other things to look forward to. Below is some basic information so be sure to check it out and visit us on our Facebook page "LPTC Public Library" for more information.

Initial Start Date: June 14th to July 9th, July 12th to July 23rd

Registration Opens: May 17th

Registration Ends: June 4th

Age Groups: 5 to 9, 10 to 12, 13 to 16

Week 1 & 3 are dedicated to the first age group (5 to 9)

Week 2 & 4 are dedicated to the second age group (10 to 12)

Week 5 & 6 are dedicated to the third age group (13 to 16)

Food will be provided to our participants!

Hocak Corner

Ninā hisge racgane.

(nee-nah heesh-gay rdahch-gah-nay)

Drink some water.

2021 DRAFT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST

Whitewater	Amelia	Marie	Whitewater-White Eyes	Jaracelene	Larae	Wolfe	Kryssa	Reeann
Whitewater	Anthony	Wade	Whitewing	Lisa	Marie	Wolfe	Lili	Linae
Whitewater	Brandon	Terrance	Whitewing	Solomon	George	Wolfe	Natasha	Marie
Whitewater	Gayla	Jalece	Whitewing-Saul	Oliver	Lewis	Wolfe	Ricky	Tomas
Whitewater	Hannah	Marie	Whitewing-Saul	Olivia	Marie	Wolfe	Theodore	John
Whitewater	Jerrine	Tylah	Wilkie	Trevor	Chase	Wolfe Jr	Thomas	Edward
Whitewater	Kenneth	Wayne	Wingett	William	Marvin	Wolfe	Tyren	Lee
Whitewater	Kimberly	Joi	Wingett	Mathew	Paul	Wolfe	Tyresha	Lynelle
Whitewater	Latia	Rose	Wolfe	Alan	Duane	Wolfeleader	Justis	William
Whitewater	Lois	Leota	Wolfe	Alyssa	Deeann	Wolfeleader	Vincent	James
Whitewater	Louis	Benjamin	Wolfe	Bobbie	Jo	Ybarra Jr	Adrian	Estevan
Whitewater	Luther	Steven	Wolfe	Cyle	Louis Ward	Yellow Thunder	Tia	Raylene
Whitewater	Merle	Daniel	Wolfe	Daniel		Yellowbank	Kristina	Michele
Whitewater	Monica	Marie	Wolfe	Danya	Sherise	Yellowbull	Marie	Elaine
Whitewater	Sandra	Jean	Wolfe	Ellyson	Cecelia	Zach	Douglas	Rainen
Whitewater	Sheila	Marie	Wolfe	Henrietta	Ann	Zach	Eugene	Charles
Whitewater	Tanesha	Marie	Wolfe	Joseph	Wilbur James	Zagurski	Daelyn	Joy
Whitewater	Thelma	Jane	Wolfe	Kaira	Ashley	Zagurski	Dana	Lynn
Whitewater	Trista	Jewels	Wolfe	Karen	Maria	Zagurski	Derrell	James
Whitewater-Rave	Warren	Daniel	Wolfe					

COMMUNITY NEWS

Many from the Winnebago Tribe Recognized May 5th as a Day to Remember the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Children. Urging More Awareness.

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE--May 5th of each year is the national awareness day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

"The main thing with our MMIWG day is to have a lot more awareness brought to this topic because of the stigma and the minimal data that is being reported on it. So many of our relatives are dismissed too easily" said Donna Wolff Prevention Specialist at YCIC (Youth Crisis Intervention Center).

Data shows:

Indigenous women are murder at a rate 10 times higher than the national average (U.S. Department of Justice), and homicide is one of the leading causes of death for young indigenous women (3rd for women age 10-24, 5th for 25-44).

Native American women suffer sexual assault at a much higher rate and with more serious consequences than any other racial or ethnic group in the United States.

Rapes are overwhelmingly committed by individuals outside the Native American community.

"It is all about education. We need to keep better track of our people and letting relatives know where you are and who you are with" shared Wolff.

"We need to talk about it. It is a very hard topic to talk about. Families need to be more aware and keep in touch with their relatives. Letting young native girls know about this topic and what can happen to them especially, with the highway that goes through Winnebago. Youth can easily be picked up. We need to take this seriously" said Wolff.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 911.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is available 24 hours every day and is completely confidential. National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Winnebago Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Program in Winnebago, NE Hotline 402-922-3850 (24/7)

Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence and MMIW

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Centuries of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples

Native American cultures, languages, lands and lives were all systematically and forcibly taken through colonization. Our ancestors endured genocide and assimilation for more than five centuries. Today, there is ample evidence that genocide still occurs through the inhumane conditions on reservations, the jurisdictional issues that prevent the prosecution of non-Native perpetrators on tribal lands and ignoring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) crisis.

The Connection to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Domestic violence isn't a Native American tradition; it is a symptom of colonization that continues to this day.

Through colonization, Native women were devalued by non-Native people. They were degraded, they were attacked and raped. Acts that still continue today. Tribal communities still experience high rates of rape and sexual assault, largely committed by non-Native perpetrators. Native women are sexualized in the media--in costumes, in Native American imagery and caricatures, and in movies. Native women and men still struggle from the effects of colonization, marginalization and assimilation and our shared trauma. Over half of Native women, in particular, have been physically abused by an intimate partner.

StrongHearts Native Helpline understands the issues of MMIW are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We understand that missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, Two-Spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives. Survivors deserve justice.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else. Over 84% of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources also leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is coming from inside the home, or from strangers living near Tribal communities or in urban centers,

meaningful action must be taken to prevent more Native women from going missing or being murdered.

Prevention

One way to address these issues is through culturally-appropriate domestic and sexual violence advocacy. We need services that approach healing from an indigenous perspective – where victims feel understood and where their unique needs as Native people can be met.

Created by and built to serve Tribal communities across the United States, StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to answer that call. It is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native American and Alaska Native survivors and concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

MMIW Resources

As a helpline dedicated to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts honors our relatives and communities impacted by MMIW and those working to end this crisis.

Check out these resources from the National Indigenous Women's Resources Center (NIWRC).

EXPLORE: MMIW Special Collections Resource Listing <http://www.niwrc.org/resources/special-collection-missing-murdered-indigenous-women-girls>

DOWNLOAD: "Tribal Community Response When a Woman is Missing: A Toolkit for Action" in NIWRC's Resource Library. <http://www.niwrc.org/resources/tribal-community-response-when-woman-missing-toolkit-action>

MMIW DATABASE: The Sovereign Bodies Institute <https://www.sovereign-bodies.org/mmiw-database?fbclid=IwAR15hpz2hfDmSFuqs0PZIvvH9e4VcGvdnk4aToCqhhua7DKRR5iPOv7nxag>

DOWNLOAD: Urban Indian Health Institute's "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls: A Snapshot of data from 71 Urban Cities in the United States." <http://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Missing-and-Murdered-Indigenous-Women-and-Girls-Report.pdf>

DATABASE: NamUS-National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

EXPLORE: NIWRC's Online Resource Library for past webinars, reports, and articles on MMIW.

#MMIW

Indigenous groups keep up pressure to achieve remedies by the #MMIW hashtag and community support.

Next Winnebago Indian News

Deadline:

May 25th

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Liaison Volunteer Position

Basic Function:

This position will serve as a voice for all parents of students enrolled in the Educational Pathways to Student Success (EPSS) program, and provide input and the parent perspective to ensure that program goals and objectives are met, and the program is providing services that meet the needs of the program. They will be responsible for helping lead the monthly meetings. The Parent Liaison will assist in communicating with teachers, parents, students, support staff and the community regarding the EPSS program, services and student issues in areas such as attendance, academics, behavior and health etc.

We're Looking for Candidates Who are:

_ Family engagement experts: individuals with a proven track record of engaging families and strengthening relationships between schools and communities. _ Flexible: someone who is able to adapt quickly to changing priorities and conditions and can adjust effectively with complexity and change. _ Persistent: problem solvers who demonstrate tenacity and willingness to go the distance to get something done and learn all systems needed to execute their work. _ Skilled at cultivating teamwork: leaders who reach out to peers and cooperate with supervisors to establish an overall collaborative working relationship.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Serve as a liaison between the EPSS program and the parent/families of the school.
- Participate in the selection process for enrolling students into EPSS program.
- Promote family welfare efforts by establishing contacts with community organizations.
- Assist in making personal contacts through a variety of modalities (electronic, face-to-face, home visits, etc.) to encourage parental engagement.
- Assist in researching, collecting, organizing and coordinating resource materials and activities to facilitate parental involvement and engagement in their child's education, under the direction of the EPSS Project Coordinator and Education Director.
- Participate in program-based activities, such as curriculum, special events, PTA meetings, monthly talking circles, Summer Institute and fieldtrips.
- Assist with executing programs and initiatives to enhance services and strengthen relationships between school and home.
- Communicate and help guide parents with the service feedback process and survey.
- Serve as a Parent Liaison positon for the Tribal Education Advisory Board.
- Assist the Project Coordinator on the monthly EPSS Newsletter.
- Advocate for student/family need.

Required Skills, Qualifications, and Characteristics:

- Experience with providing family support, preferably within the context of schools
- Ability to effectively communicate with a diverse group of families and stakeholders
- Learns new technology quickly
- Must have a child enrolled in The EPSS program.

Time Commitment:

The Parent Liaison position is an annual, part-time commitment from April 2021 through October 2022. Once onboarding is complete, Parent Liaison will contribute 2 to 4 hours per week.

Location:

Parent Liaison must reside in the Winnebago, NE community. Programming and services will be focused in the Winnebago, NE community.

Applications:

Applications can be found on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska website under the Programs & Services tab, then under the Education tab, then select the Education Pathways to Student Success. Or an application can be picked up from Sandy "Macky" Scott at Educare.

Please submit applications to Sandy Scott at Educare. Or sign and email application to sandy.scott@winnebagotribe.com.

For further questions, please contact Sandy Scott at (402) 878-4370 Ext. 1724 or sandy.scott@winnebagotribe.com.

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Chemistry
Business
- **Full Time Library Aid**
- **Part Time Admin Assistant- Teaching & Learning**
- **Learning Lab Coordinator**
- **Extension Intern**

For more information, visit us on the web at:

<https://littlepriest.edu/jobs-openings/>

LPTC is an equal opportunity employer.

LPTC 601 E. College Dr. Winnebago, NE

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:
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Grand Opening of Henu's Second Hand Rose

Located: BIA Rd and Beck Rd located a mile east of Winnebago.
Open Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or call (301) 943-3404 to schedule an appointment.

We have a large variety of used items such as clothing, dishes, appliances, books, videos, some antiques and furniture for sale. We also accept donations of clean usable items.

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Deadline:

May 25th

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-073
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
ERICA HARLAN

In Re:
M. L. (Born 03/2010)
M. L. (Born 03/2017)
C. L. (Born 04/2019)

TO: JALYSSA LITTLEBEAR, Mother
DERRICK LITTLEBEAR, 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. CV21-073 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 2:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-071

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
WILHELMENA SHARPPBACK

In Re:
M. F. (Born 6/2018)
TO: JASMINE HARDEN, Mother
JARED FRAZIER, 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. CV21-071 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-072
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
ERICA HARLAN

In Re:
J. H. (Born 04/2004)
TO: AMANDA HARLAN, Mother
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. CV21-072 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 2:00 P.M.

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. CV21-070
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
TIESHA SNYDER

In Re:
S. H. (Born 10/2003)
TO: JASMINE HARDEN, Mother
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. CV21-070 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of JUNE, 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 Picotte, 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 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 JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.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 JUNE, 2021 at the hour of 1:30 P.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...

Gordon Dick – 44

Charged with possession of a dangerous drug, possession of paraphernalia x2

BAGO NEWS

WINNEBAGO BENEFITING FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY

WINNEBAGO, Neb. – Wind turbines and solar panels are all part of a long-term effort to make the Winnebago community self-sufficient when it comes to its energy needs.

So far, those steps have helped the community save \$250,000 with those funds being redirected toward supporting community programs.

A 2018 expansion project increased the community's solar capacity from 400kW to 742kW, reinforcing Winnebago's status as one of Nebraska's largest renewable energy infrastructures and officials predict the panels fully paying for themselves within seven years.

"Being able to save our money while also increasing our energy independence and doing our part to help the environment is a phenomenal achievement," said Willy Bass, Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Community Engagement & Impact Manager. "We try to be good stewards of the land and, hopefully, inspire others to do their part."

Renewable efforts in Winnebago date back to 2007 when Ho-Chunk, Inc. installed five wind turbines at its properties to offset energy use.

Since then, about 2,400 solar panels have been installed across the community at sites including the Blackhawk Community Center, Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s accounting offices, two Pony Express convenience stores and other tribal businesses.

Over the projected 20-year lifetime of the solar panels, the Winnebago community is projected to save about \$2.5 million dollars. The panels also have offset 1,920 tons of CO₂ emissions, which is equivalent to the consumption of 4,445 barrels of oil.

Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s mission is to drive the socio-economic development of the Winnebago people through a world-class tribally-owned company. Founded in 1994 with one employee, Ho-Chunk, Inc. has grown into a diversified corporation with numerous subsidiaries and over 1,000 employees from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and skill sets. Our award-winning business model reinvests in the Winnebago Tribe through programs including employment, housing, education and health. For more information about Ho-Chunk, Inc., visit www.hochunkinc.com.



The Winnebago community's investment in renewable resources – including boasting more than 2,400 solar panels – has helped it save almost \$250,000 in a little more than a decade.



Solar development technician Robert Byrnes talks about one of the solar arrays in Winnebago, which are part of an effort to increase the community's energy sovereignty.



American Legion Post 363 is one of more than a dozen sites in Winnebago affixed with solar panels, which have generated significant financial savings for the community while also reducing CO₂.



Renewable efforts such as wind turbines and solar panels have helped the Winnebago community save nearly \$250,000 since 2007 and removed 1,920 CO₂ emissions.

Wayne State College 2021 Graduates



Left to right: Dr. Benson, Cela Payer B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies Human Services, Carmelita LaTray B.S. Business Administration/Management, Cory Cleveland B.S. Business Administration Professional Studies, Brittany Thomas B.S. Business Administration / Management, Kellen Kelsey B.S. Political Science, Jaralyn Kelsey-Bear B.S. Sociology Public Administration, Jennifer Berridge B.S. Human Service Counseling



Enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe, DeAndre Webster, B.S.

Educational Pathways to Student Success



Educational Pathways to Student Success

Services:

- Virtual Tutoring (Begins Oct. 2021)
- Career/College Readiness (Begins 4/19/21) (After School Prog.)
- Summer Institute (Begins 6/7/21)
- Apprenticeship (Begins Sept. 2021)
- Cultural Exposure (Begins Jun. 2021)



REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Monday, March 22, 2021

APPLICATIONS:

Located on the WTN's website under the Education tab in the Education Pathways to Student Success tab. Also located at the Boys & Girls Club and the Winnebago Public School. Submit applications to Sandy Scott. 4th through 12th grade students are able to receive services. Applications are required and must be completed to receive services.

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Sandy "Macky" Scott
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WHERE:

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- Presentation about what PROJECT LAUNCH has done
- What PROJECT LAUNCH is about
- Being apart of the YCWA Committee

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