

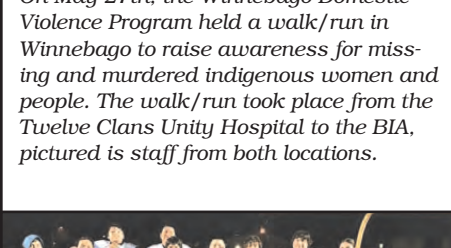
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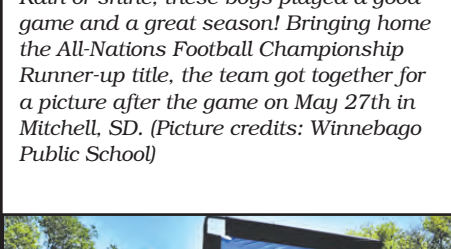
The Whirling Thunder Wellness Pool is now open! You can find the hours on the Whirling Thunder Wellness Program Facebook page; they are open M-F and closed on the weekends. (Picture taken on June 8, 2021)



On May 27th, the Winnebago Domestic Violence Program held a walk/run in Winnebago to raise awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women and people. The walk/run took place from the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital to the BIA, pictured is staff from both locations.



Rain or shine, these boys played a good game and a great season! Bringing home the All-Nations Football Championship Runner-up title, the team got together for a picture after the game on May 27th in Mitchell, SD. (Picture credits: Winnebago Public School)



On June 2nd, the Ho-Chunk Renaissance Program posted up in downtown Winnebago to help promote community participation in their very important language preservation survey.



The Winnebago Indian News staff would like to send an additional congratulations to all the Graduates of 2021! Here is a photo from EduCare's preschool graduation on May 21st. This event was a live-streamed event, you can also see more of these little graduates in this issue.



The Winnebago Public School FCCLA Students organized and hosted a "High School Competition Day" on June 3rd at the school's football field. Students of each class competed in various games as a part of the school's wellness initiative.

Tribal Members Provide Their Input on the Winnebago American Rescue Plan



Featured from top to bottom in the collage is Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribe CFO Alan Post, COVID-19 Grant Coordinator Billie Kitcheyan, and Communications Director Garan Coons discussed what the American Rescue Plan Act means for Winnebago in a Facebook live on June 8th.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—On June 7th, the Winnebago Tribal Council held a special forum at the Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) auditorium about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that is coming to Winnebago. The forum was to inform tribal members about the ARPA funding and to get the Winnebago Tribal member's feedback.

Billie Kitcheyan Covid-19 Grant Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation about the American Rescue Plan Act funding. She provided key points at the forum and left the floor open for discussion and feedback.

The main points included:
May 10th, 2021 the U.S. Department

of Treasury announced the American Rescue Plan Act.

- 20 billion reserved for Tribal Governments.

The ARPA is to help recover communities that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, help recover financially and as a whole in the public health sector. "The tribal government was able to calculate the loss of revenue that was not received due to the pandemic, and we will be able to use the funding to strengthen the tribal organization" said Kitcheyan.

- ARPA Recovery Funds: Eligible uses include.
- Support the health response.

- Address negative economic impacts.
- Replace Tribal Government Revenue loss.
- Provide premium pay for essential employees.
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
- Address health disparities.
- Investing in building housing & communities.
- Address educational disparities.
- Promote healthy childhood environments.

"At this time, we don't have a budget completed and we don't have a final number of what the tribe is eligible to receive" said Kitcheyan.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is respectfully asking for both on and off reservation Winnebago tribal members of all ages to participate in filling out a survey. The Winnebago Tribal Council would like to get tribal member feedback on the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is vitally important to get input from the tribal members because tribal council will use the feedback when deciding which projects to fund. It's time to give input before the funding arrives" said Garan Coons WTN Communications Officer.

As of the publish date, 94 tribal members have completed the survey out of over 5,000 Winnebago tribal members.

Scan the QR code on page 10 to take the survey or use the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTARP-Survey>

The Tribe held a virtual event on Tuesday, June 8th to gather tribal member input from afar. The virtual event can be viewed on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's YouTube and Facebook page.

The survey will be open until the evening of Wednesday, June 16th.

Next in person tribal member forum/consultation will be Tuesday, June 15th from 5-6 at the LPTC auditorium.

Veterans Announce Fully Vaccinated Homecoming Celebration



HoChunk women dancing the snake dance during the 150th Annual Homecoming Celebration.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, NE—The Winnebago Veteran's Association announced the 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration of Chief Little Priest the Last War Chief of the HoChunk. It will be a three-day event starting on Friday, July 23rd through Sunday, July 25th at Winnebago Veterans Park.

All in attendance of the 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration must be fully vaccinated and provide their COVID-19 vaccination record card or immunization record to gain entry into Veteran's Memorial Park. There will be no charge to attend this year's Homecoming Celebration.

"Our veterans advised us that three days will keep the numbers down of having people in close contact with each other" said Randy DeCora Vice Powwow Chairman.

"We're keeping the pandemic in mind, to keep our people safe, that is why we are keeping it at vaccinated and down

to three days. Otherwise it is going to be a normal powwow. We understand that some people don't want to get their vaccination or don't want to attend due to COVID, they can watch it on the livestream in the safety of their home" said Aric Armell Powwow Chairman.

The Warrior Kettle will be held Wednesday July 21st at 5:00 p.m.

"We are looking forward to everyone coming out and attending the 155th Homecoming Celebration" said Armell.

Cost for food vendors is \$750.00 for all three days. To have your name in the lottery, vendors will need to pay \$375.00 by July 1st per money order to the Finance office.

Arts and Crafts vendors who are local enrolled Winnebago Tribal Members cost is \$100 for the weekend. Non local Arts and Craft Vendors cost to be determined.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Alan Post at the Winnebago

Tribal Office (402) 878-2272.

*** In collaboration with the Winnebago Public Health Department and it's Covid-19 pandemic protocols plus following the CDC guidelines, the Winnebago Veteran's Association (WVA) is inviting the 11-year-old and under to attend this year's celebration with minimal risk. The Winnebago Public Health Department's data and CDC's national data for the 11 years and under age group COVID statistics attending outdoor events and being around vaccinated people presents minimal risk to that particular age group. This is one of the reasons why the Winnebago Veteran's Association decided to hold this fully vaccinated people only celebration. ***

The Winnebago Communications Department will livestream the 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration and can be viewed on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

BAGO NEWS



Winnebago Public Health Department

JOIN US FOR A BLOOD DRIVE!

Land of Wellness
341 Frenchman St. | Winnebago
Wednesday, June 23
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM



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Every lifesaving blood donor receives a health screening at their donation, finds out their blood type, and is being tested for COVID-19 antibodies to help our state health department understand the virus and identify more convalescent plasma donors.



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Saturday, June 19th
Prayer at 12:00 PM/Noon
Meal to follow
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ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOMED
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING IN SIOUX CITY OR SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL

COST:
\$0

LOCATION FOR DEPARTURE AND RETURN TO SIOUX CITY:
URBAN NATIVE CENTER
1501 GENEVA STREET, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

LOCATION FOR DEPARTURE AND RETURN FROM TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL:
ER ENTRANCE

DEPARTURE TIMES FROM URBAN NATIVE CENTER	MONDAY-FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
RETURN TIMES FROM TWELVE CLANS UNITY HOSPITAL TO NATIVE URBAN CENTER	MONDAY-FRIDAY	11:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

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- All riders will need to practice hand hygiene prior to entering the vehicle.
- All riders will need to wear a mask. Masks will be available if needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHR/EMS OFFICE-402-878-2277 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

JOBS

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

Last updated: 06/04/2021

JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Administrative Assistant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Sr. Business Development/Capture Manager	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Compensation Analyst	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Enrollment Clerk	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Sales Representative	HCI Logistics	Bellevue, NE
Customer Service Rep	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Director of Legal	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Payroll Clerk	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
Director of Finance	WarHorse Gaming, LLC.	Bellevue/Omaha, NE
Housekeeper	HCI Management Services	Winnepago, NE
Team Member	Pony Express & Pony Market	Winnepago, NE
Assistant Team Manager I	Sweetwater Café	Winnepago, NE
Project Specialist III	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnepago, NE
Ambassador I	Community Impact and Engagement	Winnepago, NE
Ambassador II	Community Impact and Engagement	Winnepago, NE
Ambassador III	Community Impact and Engagement	Winnepago, NE
Project Specialist III	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnepago, NE
CAD Technician	BluStone Architectural	Sioux City, IA
Senior Accountant	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Sioux City, IA
Laborer	BluStone	South Sioux City, NE
Carpenter/Finish Carpenter	BluStone Homes	South Sioux City, NE
Construction Manager/Estimator	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Project Manager Assistant	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Senior Superintendent	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Shop Tech Delivery	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Barista I	Sweetwater Café III	South Sioux City, NE
Team Member I	Pony Express	South Sioux City, NE
GIS Analyst II	Flatwater Inc.	Lakewood, CO
GIS Analyst III	Flatwater Inc.	Lakewood, CO
GIS Analyst IV	Flatwater Inc.	Lakewood, CO
Geospatial Architecture Specialist	Flatwater Inc.	Lakewood, CO
Geospatial Data Administrator	Flatwater Inc.	Lakewood, CO
Groundskeeper - Seasonal (2)	Real Estate	Sioux City, IA/South Sioux City, NE
Team Member I	Pony Express	Sloan, IA
Floater Team Member	Pony Express	Sloan, IA and South Sioux City, NE
IT Systems Engineer	WarHorse Gaming, LLC.	Lincoln, NE
Team Member I	Heritage Foodtown	Wathill, NE
Team Member I PT	Pony Express	Emerson, NE
Team Member I	Pony Express	Rosalie, NE
Property Manager	Titan Storage	Siouxland
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Rosalie/Sloan/Winnebago
Floater Team Member	Pony Express	Winnepago/Wathill, NE

Apply online at [www.https://hochunkinc.com/employment.php](https://hochunkinc.com/employment.php)

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

Liberty National Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Danelle Smith to its Board of Directors. Smith assumed her position on the Board as of May 27, 2021.

"Danelle will bring a diverse and innovative viewpoint to the Liberty National Bank Board of Directors and we are excited to have her join the team," said Liberty National Bank President/CEO, Mike Patrick. "She will be a great counterpart to our current Board."

Smith holds a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resource Management from Wayne State college and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa School of Law. She began her career as in-house counsel for the Winnebago Tribe and currently practices law at Big Fire Law and Policy Group LLP, focusing primarily in the area of tribal and federal Indian law. Ms. Smith also serves as CEO of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System, a subdivision of the Winnebago Tribe responsible for carrying out health care services for the Tribe by managing the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital and Winnebago Public Health Department. Smith also serves on the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation Board of Directors.

"I am very happy to join the Board of Directors," said Ms. Smith. "I look forward to working with the other board members and entire team at Liberty National Bank to help the bank continue on its path of growth and success."

THAT MAN IS A SUCCESS WHO HAS
LIVED WELL,
LAUGHED OFTEN &
LOVED MUCH...
WHO LOOKED FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS
AND GAVE
THE BEST
HE HAD.

-ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Please join us for the 2nd Memorial in honor of Frank LaMere, on Sunday, June 20, 2021, at noon, in the St. Augustine School Gym in Winnebago, Nebraska.

Bring The Whole Family

Bago Pride

JUNE 26 5:30

Drive-In Movie THE LITTLE MERMAID

Location: Winnebago Community LED Screen

Food & Fun

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TRIBAL NEWS

WinnaVegas Casino Resort Lifts Restrictions

Sloan, Iowa – WinnaVegas Casino Resort announced today it is lifting the mask mandate for those who have been vaccinated and asking those who are non-vaccinated to continue to wear masks when on property effective Friday, June 4th at 8am. Smoking will be allowed in designated areas.

“As recommended by the CDC and the Governor, those at high risk for more severe COVID-19 illness should stay home,” said WinnaVegas General Manager Mayan Beltran, “and we are encouraging everyone to wear a mask where social distancing is not possible. Our priority has always been the safety of our guests, staff and owners.”

Our golf simulators, fitness room and hotel pool are now open and the hours of casino operation to

8am -2am Monday – Friday and 24 hours on the weekends. You must be 12 years or old to enter the property.

“We look forward to bringing back the fun and excitement of live concerts with our first show scheduled for June 11,” continued Beltran, “Urban Cowboy tickets are going fast as everyone wants to enjoy live entertainment again!”

Expanded hours of operation will be determined on a later date. Casino management will continue to utilize social media and their website (www.winnavegas.com) to communicate and inform the public on any new developments regarding the different phases of reopening the Casino Resort.

June (6/7-6/14) Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community

6/7- MECC building the inlets by the senior center. That completes the underground work and the area will be ready to begin subgrade prep.

Blackhawk center: MECC will be removing the existing sidewalk from the front door north. I & A will pour the new back then will move the closure to the south end. Hoping to have the north side done this week.

At the north circle a short day of removals to finish then rough grading and ready for subgrade. One electrical crossing that will need done this week.

6/10- Will OPEN the Mathewson intersection off Highway 77 but will CLOSE the Mercer Street Intersection. All access to the Blackhawk center will come through Mathewson starting 6/10. DP Sawyer will make sure we have a stop sign and the necessary traffic control to perform this.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 & OCTOBER 5, 2021

June 14th, 2021	Monday	Update & Approve Eligible Voters List
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		<i>Nominate Election Board</i>
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
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		<i>Election Board Officially Appointed</i>
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
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		
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
		Oath of Office
		<i>Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members</i>

Question of the Edition:

What is a weird thing that people in Winnebago might not know about you?



Garan Coons
Winnebago Communications Officer

At Wayne State College I am known as the "Scorpion Assistant". Quick story, when I was in college, I was selected to be a resident assistant or R.A., which we were tasked with helping in the dorm life. I had the first floor in Neihardt hall. Well one year one of my guys on my floor had a huge surprise for us when we did room checks. He had over 170 real live scorpions in his dorm room! We called campus security, who called the president of the college who didn't know what to do so eventually the Wayne PD showed up. The guy was at work and when he returned, we asked him "Why would you have scorpions in your dorm?" His answer..."I like them and they are my pets". Well his punishment for having unauthorized pets in his dorm was to have the R.A. set up an educational about scorpions. They said "Garan make sure to assist him" thus I earned the title of Scorpion Assistant. Pretty weird still to this day.



Winonah Leader Charge
WIN Editor

A weird thing people in Winnebago might not know about me is I am a low-key nerd. My nerdy obsessions include Astrology, Astronomy, Art, Ancient Civilizations, Cultural Diversity, Human Sciences (Science in general), Pyramidology, Psychology, Sociology, I enjoy reading various informative articles on various topics (Google is the best!). I enjoy learning new words, their meaning, and how to properly use them in a sentence. I will end with learning and exercising the mind is an extraordinary gift.



Bethani Redhorn
WIN Office Manager

The weirdest thing I could think of that most people wouldn't know about me is how I shaved my head when I was about 20 years old. I've grown my hair out since then, but it all started when I enlisted into the United States Navy. Months before my leave-date, I changed my hairstyle a couple times before I settled for the mohawk with bangs. The night before I left for basic training, I asked my brother-in-law to cut it for me because I didn't want to get stuck with a crazy haircut from bootcamp and ended up with a GI Jane haircut. The Navy no longer requires a symmetrical haircut as such, but the best part overall was my hair growth journey.



Christina Parker
Desktop Publisher

Something weird about me that majority of Winnebago doesn't know is, I like to eat potato chips with melted cheese.

Hocak Corner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts from Lance...



I am the CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the economic development corporation of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. I have spent my most of my career being a bit of an outsider.

When we started the company in 1995, it took a year to get any bank to give us a loan. Interestingly, we did not even really need the loan. We just wanted to prove a bank could lend to a tribally chartered corporation because it was so unusual at that time.

We once fought a \$1500 tax issue with the State of Nebraska for 3 years because we wanted the state to recognize that a tribal corporation was the tribe for tax purposes. We had been denied because there was not a box to check on the state's form for tribal corporations. We spent \$50,000 in legal fees, but we got our refund and, more importantly, our status was confirmed.

We quietly grew our company. Occasionally we had issues with the state or federal government over expanding our economic and legal rights, but generally we were left alone. It is Nebraska so people were always polite, but we were never really part of the establishment and rarely did our economic or legal interests hold much sway with various business or political leaders.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. was funded with gaming revenue back in the mid 1990's, but competition from a series of gaming expansions in Iowa has left the Winnebago Tribe in a pretty stark competitive position. Strategically we were forced to roll the dice and fund

the effort to expand gaming at the Nebraska horse tracks.

Since we started the gaming expansion, something strange has been going on. We won a Nebraska Supreme Court case, which shocked us as much as anybody. We won the election despite some overtly negative campaigning. We even recently had state legislation passed by a wide margin, which helped clarify some aspects of gaming expansion.

Like it or not, we have stumbled into the mainstream of Nebraska commerce. I went to a public meeting recently. We were seeking Tax Increment Financing for help with some infrastructure in Omaha. It was a little controversial because it was for a gaming establishment, but anyone who drives down near the proposed facility knows we are going to need to work on Q street and surrounding public infrastructure to make it safer and more convenient for people to visit the area.

Public infrastructure is exactly the kind of role that this program was designed to stimulate. However, a few anti-gambling people were there objecting to our application. One of my team told me they heard a comment from an objector about the "greedy Indians." What?

I had thought I had heard it all when it came to insults about tribes. We have been described as poor, lazy, and alcoholics, but we have never been considered greedy. Now that I think about it, I suspect no group has been more generous to this country than natives.

Natives have been the poorest group of people in this state since Nebraska joined the union. I have been to so many protests about greedy corporations trying to hurt tribes that I have lost count. I have never been the subject of the protest march before, and I am struggling with how to act.

The good news is that our definition of what a corporation does is probably a lot different than most. We think a corporation's role is to be successful, but make sure our employees have a balanced life where family is a priority. We also have a long track record of reinvesting in our communities with housing, education, and not just funding but spearheading a variety of community development activities. So maybe having a few "greedy Indian" corporations around won't be all that bad.

Garden Update

Week of June 7, 2021

Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

Winter Dieback of Trees and Shrubs

A recent discussion thread launched on the Shady Lane listserv by Justin Evertson of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum asked observers how trees in their landscapes weathered the negative double-digit cold of winter. Used to extreme cold conditions, native trees and shrubs weathered the tough winter best. Others (that were thought to be very cold hardy) lost all living canopy growth and are now sending out sprouts at the base. Still others are no surprise at all, such as the Japanese maple, a marginal species for this region at best, which had major dieback and/or outright death.

Overall, the winter injury is divided into 3 main groups, with the first being composed of trees and shrubs with sparsely-leaved branches and stems. Woody plants that fall into this category include privet, burning bush, lilac, tuliptree, and sycamore. For these plants, recovery is a strong possibility though it may take several years.

The second group is made up of trees and shrubs that lost their top branches and stems to winter damage, with new growth arising from the base. Trees and shrubs in this group include black gum (also known as tupelo), Korean evodia, magnolia, and Siberian elm. The good news about this group is the plants survived. The bad news is tree growth is nothing like normal. A more accurate question would be do we really want to save them? That is a tough one to answer. It involves years of monitoring the tree, re-training a new central leader, and thinning out sprouts that give the appearance of a shrub instead of a tree. If you are willing to devote the time and effort to take on this task, then do

so. Otherwise remove the old plant and replace it with something with greater hardiness.

Conifers suffered dieback too, with the death of the tops of trees. Spruce trees were hit hardest, but juniper and pine were also affected. The dead central leader can be pruned out and a lower branch can be trained upright by tying the branch to a pole placed along the stem. Lower limbs can be trimmed back to give the new leader time to grow. Staking and tying materials are to be removed in one year to forestall stem girdling.

The third group consists of plants lost altogether, like boxwood and doublefile viburnum. Thankfully, the number of plants in this group is not many but planting something believed to be hardy only to lose it is frustrating. In many cases, trees had been growing successfully for years, only to die from freeze injury just when we thought they were large enough to weather most anything.

Oddly enough, not all species were affected uniformly. The paperbark maple in my yard looks just fine while in other landscapes, the tree had serious dieback. Tree health prior to the winter will impact its survival from an extreme weather event and the drought of 2020 compromised tree health.

This past winter emphasized the importance of provenance. Provenance refers to the source of seed, with trees grown from regional seed sources showing higher survivability than trees grown from seeds that come from outside the region. Differences in soil, precipitation, winter cold, and summer heat will negatively impact trees and shrubs grown from seed sources outside the region. When purchasing a tree or shrub, researching the plant's hardiness and where it came from are essential to plant success.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Abandon or Abide"

Henry Francis Lyte was born in 1793. Henry was abandoned as a little boy, and he never forgot it. I can not imagine what it feels like to be abandoned as a child. Maybe you can though. Henry had battle with the fear of loneliness. Henry also suffered with asthma. Now I can relate to dealing with the inability to catch my breath.

Henry would live his life with being frail and sickly. The good news was that he did not abandon his faith in God in spite of his being abandoned by his father and his mother, nor due to his infirmities. Henry persevered with his Biblical studies and earned a Doctorate from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Henry reminds me of what our high school football coach, Coach Keith Benedix, would tell his players: 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' And the going for Henry got even tougher. In the late 1840's, his physician gave him the news that he suffered from tuberculosis and didn't have long to live.

Not willing to give in to the disease that plagued him, Henry Lyte continued as always his pastoral responsibilities. In the summer of 1847, on his last Sunday in Brixham, Devonshire, England, he practically had to crawl into the pulpit to deliver his sermon. Leaving the pulpit, Lyte returned to his study, where he penned the beautiful and comforting hymn 'Abide with Me.'

By the gift of faith in Jesus, Henry was able to turn the fear of loneliness and frailty into great expressions of trust in God. Jesus was abandoned by His Father on the cross of Good Friday, later to be welcomed home after His resurrection and ascension into heaven. Lyte's trust was founded on this truth.

Lyte wrote the words to 'Abide with Me' knowing full well that he was about to die:

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*Come not with terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea,
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changes not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

I close with these words from the apostle John's first letter, chapter four, verses 17-19, that is the basis for this hymn: 'God is love. so the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this way, is love brought to completion with us so that in the day of judgment we may have confidence, because just as that one is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but complete love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. So the one who fears is not brought to completion in love' [Schuchard translation].

In Loving Memory...

Avis Marie Rice (Bigfire)



Avis Marie Rice (Bigfire), Winnebago, Neb.

Avis Marie Rice (Bigfire) passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021, at home surrounded by family.

Avis was born in Albert Lea, Minn. Her mother was Alice Mae Bigfire.

Her father was Adam Albert Brown Jr. She married Nicholas Rice Sr. on May 19, 1988.

She lived half her life in Worthington, Minn. She graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1975. She moved to Winnebago, Neb., in 1986. She worked as a cook for the Winnebago Youth Shelter, Head start, and finished her career working with the Winnebago Senior Center. She loved her job and she was great at it.

She has six children, daughter, Leatha Bass, son, Hugh Bigfire, daughter, Katherine Rice, son, Gabriel Rice Sr., son, Nicholas Rice Jr., daughter, Mary Hannah Rice. She has 12 grandchildren, Leandra Bass, Vincent Bass III, Raelyn Bigfire, Benicio Noble Rice, Ava Mae Arrow, Daisy Rice, Veronica Rice, Gabriel Rice Jr, Darren Greene, Camden and Rocky, and another grand baby on the way; and two sisters, JoAnn H. Brown and Christina Brown.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Mae Bigfire.

Thank You

On behalf of our beautiful angel, Avis M. Rice, we would like to graciously thank everyone who showed us support in any way. We want to thank the Winnebago Senior Center and the Health Department for the lovely donations. We want to thank everybody that had a helping hand in anyway for all your love, donations, kind words, support, and your prayers. It means a lot to us. We are truly grateful and thankful.

*Thank you,
The Family of Avis M. Rice*

SAVE THE DATE

MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED TO ATTEND

155th Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration

JULY 23RD-25TH 2021

“Commemorating the return of Chief Little Priest and The Ft. Omaha Company A Scouts”

Host Drums
Hayluska
 Winnebago, NE

TBA
Special Invited Drums

MANDAREE
 Mandaree, ND

MOTOWN
 Red Lake, MN

Men Golden Age (Combine)
 All Categories

Women Golden Age (Combine)
 All Categories

Men Dance Categories
 Traditional*Grass*Fancy
 Woodland*Southern Straight

Women Dance Categories
 Traditional*Jingle*Fancy
 Hochunk Applique*
 Southern Traditional

1st 1000 2nd 800 3rd 600 4th 400 5th 200

Teen Boys Dance Categories

Traditional*Grass*Fancy
Teen Girls Dance Categories
 Traditional*Jingle*Fancy
 Hochunk Applique*

1st 500 2nd 400 3rd 300 4th 200 5th 100

Jr Boys Dance Categories
 Traditional*Grass*Fancy

Juniors Girls Dance Categories
 Traditional*Jingle*Fancy
 Hochunk Applique*

1st 250 2nd 200 3rd 150 4th 100 5th 50

More info to come!

Specials, Vendor info, SR & JR Miss Contest
 Virtual Walk/Run, Pre-registration info

****Attention****

In collaboration with the Winnebago Public Health Department and it's Covid-19 pandemic protocols and following the CDC guidelines, the Winnebago Veteran's Association (W.V.A.) is inviting the 11 years and under to attend this year's celebration with minimal risk. The Winnebago Public Health Department's data and CDC's national data for the 11 years and under age group covid statistics attending outdoor events and being around vaccinated people presents minimal risk to that particular age group. This is one of the reasons why the W.V.A. decided to hold this fully vaccinated people only celebration.

The W.V.A. and W.T.N. wanted to remind you that getting the Covid-19 vaccine is a personal choice and is not forcing any one person to get vaccinated. If you are unable to get vaccinated due to unforeseen circumstances or choose not to get vaccinated, this year's celebration will be live streamed for those individuals.



WINNEBAGO, NE WINNEBAGO VETERANS PARK

Drum Contest
 (8 singers minimum)
 1st 10000 2nd 8000 3rd 6000 4th 4000 5th 3000

Winnebago/Hochunk Drum Contest
 (6 singers minimum)
 1st 6000 2nd 5000 3rd 4000 4th 3000 5th 2000

****Attention****

Dancers And Singers must present their "Covid-19 Vaccination Record card or their immunization records" prior to registration

Masters of Ceremonies
 Silas Cleveland
 Matthew Cleveland Jr.
 Boye Ladd

Head Man Dancer
 Alex Pelkey
Head Lady Dancer
 Brittney Pelkey

Grand Entry
 July 23rd- *1pm & *7pm
 July 24th- *1pm & *7pm
 July 25th- *1pm
 (*points will be given for the session)

Daily Duties
 Flag Raising - 6:00 AM
 Retiring of the colors 5:00 PM

Meals Served Daily
 Lunch - 12:00 PM
 Supper- 5:00 PM

Contest Age Categories
 Golden Age 55 and up
 Sr Adults 40-54
 Jr Adults 18-39
 Teens 13-17
 Juniors 7-12
 Tiny tots (Day Pay)

****WEAR YOUR MASK**
 WASH YOUR HANDS
 WATCH YOUR DISTANCES**

****Attention****

The Winnebago Veteran's Association are inviting you to join them at this year's 155th Annual Celebration of Chief Little Priest the Last War Chief of the Hochunk. Everyone attending the 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration must be fully vaccinated provide their "Covid-19 Vaccination Record card or their immunization records" prior to entering Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Winnebago Veteran's Association, Winnebago Homecoming Celebration Committee and The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska are not responsible for accidents, thefts, money hardships, deaths and Covid-19 related health issues



June 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Closed Inventory / Restocking Certifications Only	2 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	3 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	4 Distribution 10am-2:30pm
7 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	8 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	9 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	10 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	11 Food Tasting - Cooks Choice Distribution 10am-2:30pm
14 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	15 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	16 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	17 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	18 Nutrition Ed. - Fruit Salsa Distribution 10am-2:30pm
21 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	22 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	23 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	24 DRY/FROZEN FOODS DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	25 Nutrition Ed. - Cauliflower Tacos Distribution 10am-2:30pm
28 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	29 Distribution 10am-2:30pm	30 FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERY Distribution 10am-2:30pm	Take a look at Fridays! In-Store Shopping is Back! Call for your "Shopping Appointment" today Certifications/Re-certifications over the phone 8AM-4PM	

Any Questions Give Us A Call (402)878-2799 or Email to fooddistribution@winnebagotribe.com



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EDUCARE CLASS OF 2021



2021 EDUCARE HEAD START GRADUATES



Kylon Bears skin
"Scientist"



Jordan Dale
"Paw Patrol"



Fallon Denny
"Doctor"



Lokias Free
"Doctor"



Dredyn Grant
"Zookeeper"



Lumiya Hannan
"Veterinarian"



Mystiq Jefferson
"Police Officer"



Genevieve LaTray
"Ballerina"



Rhiana Mallory
"School Bus Driver"



Shane Morris
"Doctor"



Parish Saunsoci
"Zookeeper"



Karma Sewell
"Veterinarian at Zoo"



Kaylee St. Cyr
"Zookeeper"



Ares Thomas
"Cop"



Tayden Whipple
"Race car Driver"



Aubriella Whitebear
"Princess"



Christian Brownrigg Jr.
"Soldier"



Keanu Chavarria
"Godzilla"



Mila Decorah
"Doctor"



Wiragusgeguo Kearnes
"Teacher"



Zoe Grant
"Basketball Player"



Memphis Lasley
"Godzilla"



Ryatt Morrison
"Softball Player"



Theodore Miller
"Sonic"



Ciyanna Sheridan
"Ocean Diver"



Isaias Penn-Kennedy
"Monster Truck Maker"



Athena Thomas
"Elsa"

THE MORE THAT YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS YOU KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN,
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.



EDUCARE CLASS OF 2021



2021 Educare Head Start Graduates



Leia Stout
"Cop"



Nova Thomas-Redhorn
"Zookeeper"



Qaya Bass
"Princess"



Stella Bearskin
"Teacher"



Brilee Blackfish
"Art Teacher"



Stephen Blackhawk
"Bendi"



Tatum Blackhawk
"Ice Cream Worker"



Evanie DeCora
"Fairy"



Keo Fourcloud
"Clown"



Daxton Kemp
"Spiderman"



Whitney Lawrence
"Cop"



Avaiana Marrufo
"Gymnast"



Zaydin Nez
"Construction Worker"



Miinike Pelkey
"Ballerina"



Charlie Rave
"Princess"



Ryleigh Romero
"Cheerleader"



Dominique Starr
"Police Officer"



Zayvion White
"Firefighter"



Belle Blackbird
"Fix computers, help people
sign up for health insurance"



Rose Doxey
"Cop, to help people"



Kevyn Ebert
"Cop"



Evalynn Snow
"Cop, Doctor, Teacher"



Kaitlyn Thomas
"Cop"



Lois Wolfe
"Doctor"



Jeremiah Blackbird
"Astronaut"



Lamarr Walker
"Police Officer"



Keegan DeCora
"Red Power Ranger"

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WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Retiree: Daniela Gant



day I was working with a student, and I noticed that he was writing his number 9's backward. I asked him if that was how we were supposed to make 9's and he said, "that was the way we Indians always did it." Holding back a laugh, I asked, "Really?" and he smiled and replied, "No, we didn't even have paper or pencils back then." How could you not love a job that offered such joy and laughter?

When I offered to join Mrs. Pixler and become part of the Academy, I was thrilled. This was something that I had always dreamed of having at Winnebago. A program geared towards students who wanted to succeed and go to college. Little did I know what I was getting myself into! Each year I learned new information and subjects as I transitioned from 7th to 10th grade with my students. I used to joke that after my 3rd time through high school, I finally got it.

When I look back over the last 20 years of working and teaching at Winnebago, many enjoyable memories come to mind. I think my favorite memory is how my first year there, we only graduated 5 seniors. This last year we graduated over 50. When people voice displeasure with the school, I like to remind them of that and that things are getting better and better. It didn't happen overnight, and it didn't happen with only one person. I have always believed "It takes a village to raise a child." So instead of complaining about the school, ask what you can do to improve it even if it is only buttering bread in the kitchen. I will miss being a part of such an extraordinary educational institution and its incredible, talented children!

My first job at the Winnebago School was in 1997, subbing in the kitchen working for Pearl LaPointe. On my first day, I was assigned to butter the slices of bread, but I was taking too long, so Pearl demoted me to dishwasher. After I became a teacher, I would always tease her that I couldn't even butter bread, but they would let me teach her children and grandchildren.

I was then hired to work in the Special Education room, and I loved it. While working there, I was offered the opportunity to participate in the Roots Program to become a teacher. When I graduated in 2005, I became the K-4 special education teacher. One

Retiree: Jackie Koch



education and inclusion. The longest tenure of my 38 years of teaching is in Winnebago. Winnebago is the school I will always consider as "my school"; the kids will always be "my kids", and the entire staff will always be "my friends".

My favorite memory is taking junior high students to the Orpheum Theater in Omaha to see the Broadway production of The Lion King. The eighth grade boy sitting next to me gasped "Huuuuh!" as the curtain was raised to display the splendor of the African scenery and animals below.

I will be enjoying working in our flower gardens and flying to Spokane in June to see the grandchildren we have only seen once in the past two years. My husband and I will be traveling to visit various national parks. I plan to come back on a volunteer basis and as a sub after the state allows me to do so next January. Thanks to all for your prayers for my husband. He is back at work half-days at Brehmer Mfg. in Lyons.

This is my seventeenth year at WPS. I have taught third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade special

Retiree: Nurse Julie



I would only be here one day a week because I also was the school nurse for Walthill, Macy, Homer and St. Mikes in South Sioux City. ESU 1 was discontinuing the nursing services and WPS was interested in hiring a part-time nurse so the journey began.

What could you share as one of the highlights while working at WPS. It all started to fall into place beginning around 2010. A group of young basketball players who begin their careers playing together in 4th the 4th grade made the fans sit up and take notice. Now we are in the year 2015. I was their school nurse and also a die hard fan. Basketball game after basketball became a win and then we are headed to Lincoln to make History. A class C1 Championship. To this day I can still hear the chants of all the fans, feel the camaraderie and tell everyone that wants to listen how the Winnebago Boys Basketball team played Rez ball and are now all legends. I lived it and totally loved it and still do.

Take Care and Stay Safe, Nurse Julie

I have been at Winnebago Public School for about 30 years. I first started working at WPS as an ESU1 nurse. I was assigned various duties of health care.

Retiree: Pearl LaPointe



favorite memory. One of them would be the year we took State in Basketball. The entire community came together which

was awesome to see and be a part of. Jeff turned around the basketball program and the way we were perceived throughout the State.

Also the many Senior Steak Dinners I initiated after my first year. We started in the old board room upstairs with just 10 graduates. We gradually moved to the old lunch room upstairs then the round tables in the stairwell downstairs and then the competition gym with long tables and then this year to the cafeteria with 44 graduates. Seeing all the graduates enjoying a nice dinner and serving them one last time.

We've had many challenges throughout the years but the ways our staff has turned into one big family and come together to help and encourage each other and impact our students is awesome to be a part of.

Lastly I am going to miss the students' smiling faces as they come into the cafeteria (hopefully all students next year).

Respectfully
Pearl LaPointe

I started at WPS in July 1986. For a total of 35 years.

I was initially hired as Food Service Manager and over the years with the many Nutrition standard changes moved into Nutrition Services Director.

It is really hard to come up with one

Retiree: Dar Bales



I worked at the school for 14 years. I have been in Education for 33 years. I started teaching on the Reservation back in 1988 for NICC - Nebraska Indian Community College I taught at both Macy and Winnebago campuses. I worked for LPTC as Instructor, Technology Director, and Interim President. My teaching at LPTC included Technology, History, and Government. My favorite memory at Bago was the "Bago Boys" State Champs in 2015. Awesome and Amazing! It inspired a Community and lifted the spirits in Winnebago. It was a wonderful thing. It is still in the air to this day, inspiring students and providing memories to all who witnessed it. It was much more than a simple State Title.

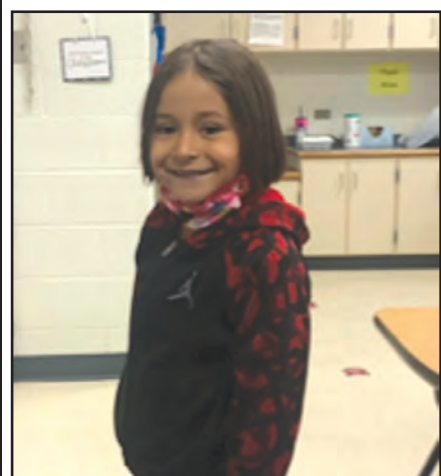
June Star Students!

• DeVonna Gorrin •



DeVonna Gorrin is one of the Star Student's from Mrs. Lange's class this month. DeVonna has a caring heart and tries anything she is asked. DeVonna has grown so much in Reading Mastery this year. She has improved in her math skills and is building her confidence every day. DeVonna's kindness is shown all day long, she is so sweet to everyone. Congrats DeVonna on being Star Student this month!

• Roselynn Baker •



One of Mrs. Lange's Star Student's this month is Roselynn Baker. She was chosen because she is helpful to her teachers and other staff in the classroom. Roselynn will help clean up or run an errand that needs to be done. She has shown improvements in her math skills, and loves to add and subtract in class. Roselynn has a kind heart and a great personality. Congrats to Roselynn this month!

Mrs. Lange's Star Student: Kade Walker



also shows compassion to his peers. He tries to help in any way he can. Kade's helpfulness in the classroom and improvements in his academics is why he was chosen as a Star Student. He amazes me every day!

From Mrs. Markve, Kade's Math Intervention Teacher:

Kade is a very hard worker. He wants to make sure he always gets the right answer and does his work correctly. He is very sweet and has a great personality. He is always up for a challenge in math. Kade loves to be a helper. He volunteers to stack chairs for his peers and is the first to get his table cleaned up and ready to go. Kade also uses his manners daily and never needs reminders. He is really fun to have in class.

From Rebecca Morrison, Kade's Mom:

Kade's mom Rebecca wrote, "I am proud of him for continuing to work hard at what he wants. I hope he continues his hard work to try and do it again."

This month I'd like to recognize Kade Walker as one of our classrooms Star Student. Kade has improved on his academics throughout the year. He tries his best in Reading Mastery. Kade is kind and considerate to staff members. He is always trying to help out someone. Kade

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

**Be sure and update
your child's address.
Clothing distribution
Is right around the corner.
SEND US AN EMAIL AT
enrollment@winnebagotribe.com
OR STOP BY THE OFFICE**

**Monday through Thursday
8AM-4:30PM
402-878-2028
See you soon!**

Letter from Judge Vampola,



In the fall of 1996, I stopped cutting my hair and was blessed with the opportunity to listen to tribal elders to learn more about Winnebago culture and traditions, including the Ho-Chunk "People of the Sacred Voice" language. Back then, it was easy for me to adopt the solitude of Native prayer because I was not comfortable praying in front of people. Then the Four Directions came to me in a dream. I was standing in a void like the absolute darkness of space without stars. East, South, West, and North slowly surrounded me. Other than the directions they came from, they were almost identical silhouettes centered in a brilliant light. Their long white hair formed a silver halo that waved in a gentle breeze that I did not feel. Then they spoke in unison and instructed me "to cut a prayer staff" as high as I could reach. At eye level, I was to carve the Cross of Christ; one for each of the Four Directions. Then in front and below the crosses, I was to carve the words "IN HIS NAME". The Directions faded from sight and I awoke from the dream.

The next morning, I immediately sought out an elder who shook his head and told me the dream was powerful from the "old ways" when the clans would come to the Council Fire. Each of the clans would have a staff that was held by the leader as he addressed the other clans. I cut the staff from a dogwood tree and placed it in the corner of my Tribal Court office where it sprouted a small branch before it dried out. I now keep the staff at home and offer up special prayers.

At first, I was confused about my prayer staff dream that combined the "old ways" of the Tribe with my Catholic upbringing. As time passed, I began to understand that I am very blessed with both faith and spirituality. My faith is centered in the Church and my spirituality is centered in Winnebago. Given the opportunity, I openly share both when speaking, teaching, and counseling others. For example, I recently had a young man in my juvenile court who openly refused to participate in any of the court-ordered services to help him with truancy and uncontrollable behavior. I knew his family was part Native American. With the permission of the parties involved in the proceedings, I took him back to show him my office and to talk with him. When we sat down, I asked him to look around and describe what stood out. He said he saw photos of many children, photos and statues of eagles, my Daniel LongSoldier painting of a fancy dancer, and a large photo of my Special Forces son (enrolled Chickasaw) under a parachute canopy flying a huge American Flag over the Arizona desert. I told him about some of my experiences in Winnebago and that he needed to embrace his Native American heritage and set the example for his younger siblings. I gave him a small eagle statue and a small amount of tobacco for prayer. We shook hands, then he sat back down and asked to hear more stories. After sharing more time together, we went back to my juvenile courtroom where he hugged his mother and cried. I promised him that when he completes probation and he is no longer under the court's jurisdiction, I would take him to Winnebago to meet some very special people to give him guidance.

Other than my wife and the birth of my four children, nothing has changed my life more than my association with the Winnebago Tribe. When I started as Tribal Prosecutor in the summer of 1995, my priorities in life were career, family, and faith. In a very short time, I felt my priorities change order to faith, family, and career. After nine years with the Tribal Court, two years as Chair of the Nebraska Board of Parole, and over sixteen years as County Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, my priorities remain faith, family, and career, and I remain closely connected to the Winnebago People. I will now share two of my experiences that I recently spoke about at the Fath erhood/Motherhood is Sacred "Spirituality in Recovery" Conference held at WinnaVegas, but before I do so, I will repeat that I do not feel worthy to receive such gifts of friendship and spirituality.

My first spiritual encounter happened about a year after I started with the Winnebago Tribal Court and I had attended my first Homecoming Celebration. I read accounts of Chief Little Priest's bravery in battles, and that after being severely wounded near Fort Tyndall on the Powder River, he was brought back to Winnebago where he died from his wounds. On a whim, I drove to the Winnebago Cemetery to try to find where Little Priest was buried. Since I knew that Little Priest enlisted in Company "A" of the Fort Omaha Scouts, I almost stopped at the row of small white gravestones and the American Flag as you enter the cemetery. Instead, I drove up the hill and parked under the cottonwood tree next to the gate. I then got out of my car and walked up the wooden steps directly to Little Priest's gravestone. (I later learned that is the place he is honored, but not buried). As I walked behind his stone and then came around to face the inscriptions, I was struck with what felt like a bolt of emotional lightning. I experienced a flash of anguish and sorrow that drove me to the ground where I wept aloud until I had no more tears to shed. There was a breeze moving the grass and trees, but I could not feel it, nor did I have a sense of time. It was the sound of a tractor mowing at the base of the hill that brought me back to an unnerved sense of reality. I immediately headed back to my office and shut the door to try to understand my experience at Little Priest's marker. Meanwhile, the Court Bailiff, John Earth, was at home on vacation when he turned to his wife and said he needed to go to the Court because he felt the need to be there. He knocked on my door and came in to ask what had happened. After I told him, he said it was a powerful event and that he needed to share it with others. On September 12, 1996, I was honored to participate in a sunrise memorial to commemorate 130 years after Little Priest's passing. After 25 years, I still take tobacco to Little Priest's marker to pray when I visit Winnebago.

"We Need Your Input!"

Please fill out the survey (scan QR code with smartphone). This survey is in regards to the Covid-19 response and the American Rescue Plan that was passed by Congress.



Notice

The Thurston County Clerk's office is seeking applications for a payroll/accounting position in the Clerk's office. Please contact Tammy Moore, Thurston County Clerk at 402-385-2343 for more information or for an application.
**Position open until filled.
Equal Opportunity Employer, preference to veterans.**

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-090AB
In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
MALKIJAH LOPEZ,
OMERIANNAH LOPEZ
to MALKIJAH YELLOWBANK,
OMERIANNAH YELLOW-
BANK

To: ELISIA LOPEZ,
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. CV21-090AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27TH day of JULY, 2021 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-039
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
ADRIANNA KINGSFORD

In Re:
M. M. (Born 07/2011)
TO: BRIANNA BLACKBIRD, Mother
MARCELL MORRIS aka
MARC HANSLIP, Father
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. CV21-039 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27th day of JULY, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-076
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
MARCELLA SMITH

In Re:
E. B. (Born 2/2018)
TO: FELICIA BLACKHAWK, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-076 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 27th day of JULY, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-080
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
PAMELA ALDRICH
In Re:
A. T. (Born 7/2018)

TO: SARAH THOMAS, Mother
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV21-080 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of AUGUST, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV21-057

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
MELODY JANAE SAUL
to MELODY JANAE LAPOINTE

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. CV21-057 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 19TH day of JULY, 2021 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ21-011

The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
J. W. (Born 8/2018)
Jerrine Whitewater, Mother

To: TYRAN SAUNSOI, Father
POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ21-011 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 20TH day of JULY, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 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...
As of 06-8-2021, there are no recent meth arrest(s) to report.

2021 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Wayne State College 2021 Graduate: Kaira Wolfe



B.S. Early Childhood Inclusive

2021 Homer Community Preschool Graduates



Kaiden Payer and Edyn Hunter-Maxwell

Congratulations to 2nd Lt. Daniel Alvarado



2021 U.S. Military Academy at West Point Graduate

Mrs. Lange's Star Student: Ahizhide Sheridan



This month I would like to recognize Ahizhide Sheridan as one of our Star Student's. Ahizhide earned the Star Student by working hard in class with his Reading and Math. He has mastered all of his Reading Mastery tests, and is a pro at blending his letters to make a word. He is

eager to do any assignment that he is given, and has improved with his writing on the assignments. Ahizhide always has a smile on his face. He is happy for everyone, showing the BAGO Way during the day.

From Mrs. Markve, Ahizhide's Math Intervention Teacher:

Ahizhide is really fun to have in class. He loves to give compliments to others and gets along great with his classmates. He is always in a great mood. He works very hard on his math in my classroom. He never gets frustrated or upset if we need to practice or fix a problem. He holds the door for others and always shows compassion for other students if they are upset or have a problem. Ahizhide also shows great sportsmanship. He is the first to congratulate others if we have a math competition and one of his peers wins.

June Star Student

Mrs. Lange chose Niya Sausnsoci as another Star Student this month. Niya has shown kindness to everyone. She has a sweet attitude and a love for everyone. Niya has shown growth in her reading skills this school year. She loves learning and being at school. Congrats Niya!

Noel, Niya's mom said:

Niya is the sweetest girl you will ever meet. I love the way she carries herself and is so helpful, loving and smart. She loves to play with her brother, Parish, or act like a (big girl) with her sister Hayley and go for rides, listen to music, paint with her or draw with chalk. She loves to swim and always enjoys dad reading to her...she really is a big Daddy's girl.

Ho-Chunk Science Activities in Summer 2021

Indoors at the LPTC Extension Office
in the Village Market
(behind Dollar General)

During the Ho-Chunk Village Farmers Market
from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm on
Saturday, June 12
Saturday, July 3
Saturday, August 7

Watercolors from Nebraska's Indigenous Plants

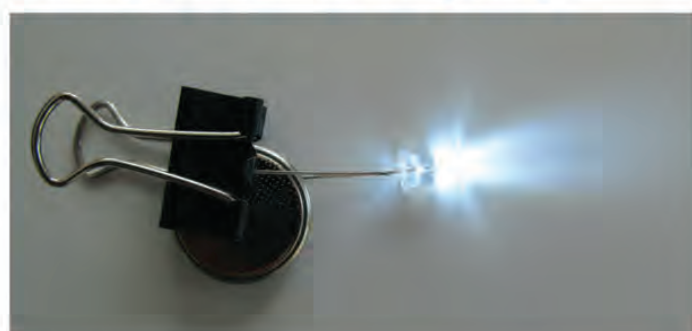
Four activities that take 30-60 minutes

1. Extract watercolors from plant materials important to Nebraska's Missouri River Tribes
2. Use the watercolors to paint the atomic structure of neon (symbol Ne, which is the same as Nebraska, the original name of the Platte River by the Otoe Indians)
3. Analyze the composition of the watercolors
4. Make your own spectrophotometer to determine the absorption spectrum of the watercolors

Take Aways

- Full set of instructions
- An original watercolor painted by you
- DIY spectrophotometer (LED, battery, clamp, and diffraction grating)

To set up a special session for your group, contact
Janyce Woodard at jwoodard@littlepriest.edu
or 402-878-2380 ext. 108



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