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Bago Bits...



The Winnebago Health Education's Annual Health Fair was held at the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital. Programs set up booths to share valuable information with the community and handed out plenty of goodies!



A group of Winnebago youth attended the 18th annual NABI 2021 basketball tournament in Phoenix, AZ over the past weekend. Excellent job to these young ladies for representing the Winnebago Tribe. Team name: Waksik Hinuk! (Photo courtesy of Eug DeCora)



On July 15th in Sioux City, IA., a fire was lit in honor and remembrance of the nine Sicangu children who traveled back home to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to be laid to rest. Pinagigi to everyone who helped or contributed in any way! #everychildmatters #bringthemhome (Photo courtesy of Trisha Etringer)



A small group of youth called Native Younity called for prayers and a candle-light vigil to remember the Indigenous children who never made it home from the boarding schools. The community came together at the Ho-Chunk Village statue garden in Winnebago. (Photo courtesy of Great Plains Action Society)



On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe, a special thank you goes out to the Winnebago Pandemic Taskforce, Winnebago Tribal Council, and the Winnebago Finance Department for their efforts in making the distribution pick up at the Ho-Chunk Center safe and convenient for everyone!



The Winnebago Human Services Department hosted a family fun event on July 16th in Sioux City, IA., at Riverside Park. The Summer Bash included tons of music, food, and fun activities. Thank you to the Human Services staff for all your hard work!

Mask Mandate Reinstated Immediately



Mask Mandate went into effect immediately on July 20th, 2021 for all indoor public buildings and businesses within the boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation. Photo by Winonah Leader Charge.

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—Looking at the stats and data Mona Zuffante Winnebago Public Health Administrator recommended reinstating the Mask Mandate to tribal council.

On July 19th, Winnebago Tribal Council Member Louis La Rose motioned to reinstate the mask mandate within the boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation, for all indoor public buildings and businesses. The motion was seconded by Winnebago Tribal Council Member Lorelei DeCora.

Tribal Council voted in favor to reinstate the Mask Mandate. The motion

was passed with a 6 to 1 vote.

The Mask Mandate went into effective immediately on the Winnebago Reservation. This is a safety measure to combat and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants.

As of June, 71-percent of people living in the Winnebago community, who are at least 12 years old, had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Communications Manager at Winnebago Comprehensive Health System Emilee Longuski said the fact cases have been rising and the concern from community members with the variants

in the area, it is important to take all precautions. The Best defenses against COVID-19 and its variants is to take all the precautions.

- Get vaccinated
- Wear a facemask
- Wash hands often with warm water and soap
- Practice physical distance between others

This is important for our younger generation, 11 years old and under, who can't be vaccinated. It's important to take all precautions for our kids, grandkids and all other relatives.

Winnebago Tribal Membership get Much Needed Relief from Tribal Council



First day of the Check Disbursement Event on Monday, July 19, 2021. Photo by Billie Kitcheyan.

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—On Monday, July 19th tribal elders lined up before 9:00 a.m. in anticipation for their \$1500 direct payment.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska began distributing direct payments to each tribal member who have suffered economic loss due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. These funds are provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury's American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 (P.L. 117-2); State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Check disbursements were held July 19 through July 21 in Winnebago.

Back on June 30th the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska COVID-19 Task Force and Winnebago Tribal Council approved \$1500 assistance payment to all enrolled members of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan said it is special that we are able to do it for all tribal members on and off the reservation. Tribal Council has been really committed to finding ways to stretch the dollar. I am thankful to council for looking to the people and trying to address their needs directly.

I want to give a special acknowledgment to our tribal council treasurer Rona Stealer and her whole team, as soon as the directive came from the table, they were on it immediately, it is a true testament that we are here for the membership and everything we do is about the membership.

Sharon Redhorn Chamberlain Winnebago Tribal member shared I really appreciate it because I am not the head of household and I never received anything directly from the CARES Act money but with the American Rescue Plan Act I feel like I am finally able to get something to use towards those things I would like to use it towards. It is going to go towards bills to get ahead and extra groceries.

Covid-19 Grant Coordinator Billie Kitcheyan said it was a priority to get a payment and relief to the tribal members. These payments are intended to help tribal member recover from the pandemic; to help pay for rent, utilities, transportation costs, emergency supplies, PPE costs, medical costs, medical supplies, food, household expenses, or fuel.

Kendra Bell Winnebago Tribal member said it is really nice and helpful to a lot of people because with all the people losing their jobs and this and that I think it really helps because you can catch up on bills like utilities or whatever you need.

Disbursement schedule:
 July 1, 2021: Notification to Winnebago Tribal Members.
 July 19-21, 2021: Check disbursements event in Winnebago
 July 27-30, 2021: Checks will be available in the finance department.
 July 30, 2021: Deadline for check pick up.

August, 2021: All remaining checks will be mailed to tribal members.

All tribal members are encouraged to update their address or inquire if current address is accurate. Contact the Winnebago Tribal Enrollment Department at enrollment@winnebagotribe.com or call 402-878-2272.

All payments to minor children will be placed in their minor trust fund accounts and held according to Winnebago Tribe minor trust guidelines.

BAGO NEWS

Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Monday, July 19th, 2021

| | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| New Positive Cases Since Last Report | Current Active Cases | Total Positive Cases |
| 3 | 12 | 373 |
| Total Deaths From COVID-19 | Recovered Cases | Households in Quarantine |
| 5 | 356 | 6 |
| Total Initial (1st Dose) Vaccines Administered in Winnebago | Total Booster Shots Administered (2nd Dose) | Total Vaccines Administered |
| 2,574 | 2,353 | 4,927 |

For COVID-19 vaccination appointments, please call (402) 878-2258.

www.WinnebagoHealth.com



Winnebago Reportable Disease & Public Health Emergency Hotline

The former Winnebago COVID-19 Hotline will now be the Winnebago Reportable Disease & Public Health Emergency Hotline beginning August 1st, 2021. If not already under the guidance of the Winnebago Public Health Department, Winnebago Community members are encouraged to use this hotline for reportable illness or public health emergencies.

Same number, new service!

REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

(402) 922-1508

REPORTING AVAILABLE 24/7

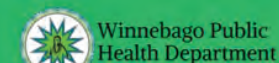
Callers can leave a message with important information anytime and may be contacted by Winnebago Public Health Department staff if further details are needed.

Examples of a Reportable Illness:

- Foodborne illness with symptoms such as diarrhea, stomach cramps, or fever that last longer than a day.
- Infectious disease
 - COVID-19
 - Ebola
 - Zika Virus
- Vector borne illness (this is an illness from insects or ticks).

Examples of a Public Health Emergency:

- An explosion within a 20 mile radius.
- Death of more than 5 animals.
- A natural disaster (for example: a tornado, mudslide, or fire).



Whirling Thunder Wellness Program

2021 Virtual Walk/Run

Complete a 5k or 7 mile walk or run between July 1st and July 31st. Register online at WinnebagoTribe.com!



- Distances can be completed in one session or multiple sessions to reach your goal.
- Participants that complete the challenge in one session will have the chance to receive a medal based on the top 10 best times for each event.
- T-shirts will be given to the first 350 participants that completed the challenge
- Participants are required to track and send their miles on a walk or running app. For any questions and to submit a photo and proof of completion, email wtwpuwalkrun@winnebagotribe.com.



Winnebago Elders will have the opportunity to walk 1-2 laps at the Land of Wellness during July 21st - 23rd from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Staff will be on site to verify time and attendance. Water will be provided.



PAINTBALL

Kids 5th-8th Grade

When:
7/28/2021

Where:
Big Bear Park

Deadline:
7/27/2021

Time:
1:00pm @ L.O.W

Leaving:
1:30pm @ L.O.W

Be Back:
4:00pm @ L.O.W

Waiver must be filled out to participate

Richard Kearnes (Outreach Specialist)

Cell # (402) 922-0664

Richard.Kearnes@Winnebagotribe.com

COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine

Now available for 12 years old and up.

Call the Winnebago Public Health Nursing Department at **(402) 878-2258** to schedule your COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

STEP FORWARD WINNEBAGO!

Winnebago Tribe Mask Update

July 20, 2021

Mask Mandate Effective Immediately

“ Reinstate the mask mandate within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation, for all indoors in public buildings and places of business. ”

2021 Winnebago Community Pet Care Day

At the Land Wellness

DATES HAVE CHANGED

NEW DATES FOR THE VACCINATION CLINICS

July 21, 2021, Weds. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sept.15, 2021, Weds. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The last check in will be at 4:30 PM on July 21st, and September 15th.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Office of Environmental Health at 402-878-3588.

WINNEBAGO ENVIRONMENTAL

Health and Safety

Tuesday Vaccination Program will be on hold for the summer.

The office of Environmental Health Tuesday Vaccination program will be referring all clients to these clinics.

The following will be provided at the clinics:

- Rabies
- Parvo/ Distemper
- Free registration

Next WIN News Deadline:
August 3rd

TRIBAL NEWS

July (07/19 to 07/26) Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community

07/20-07/21 Waiting for the center lane of concrete to get strength to allow traffic on it. Planning to put traffic on the new pavement Tuesday afternoon or early Wednesday!!

Please note the following traffic control notes for the Hospital to Mathewson area:

- Traffic will be head-to-head on the new pavement.
- Beck Street West will be open.
- Mathewson Street will be closed, Beck Street East will be closed.
- Mercer Street will remain open during this phase. We are planning to perform the work similar to the other side.

07/26 Planning to saw removals and prep for milling. No flagging or heavy construction traffic is planned this week in preparation for the Powwow weekend.

On the north end completing removals and rough grading for pavement. Backfill will continue.

Welcome Family, Friends & Relatives,

For the past 155 years, we the Winnebago People, celebrate to honor and pay respects to our last great War Chief, Little Priest.

Chief Little Priest along with his 75 warriors gave the ultimate sacrifice, and today we pay tribute and honor to them, as well as our Veterans of today, and to our fallen Heroes, that chose to walk the same path as Chief Little Priest.

As we begin to celebrate, let us not forget our men and women who are serving in the United States Armed Forces today. They are still fighting for freedom on our great nation. Our prayer is they will soon be reunited with their families and loved ones.

So today, to our many family, friends and relatives from the four directions, we welcome you to the 155th Annual Homecoming Celebration of War Chief Little Priest and Company "A" Fort Omaha Scouts-34th Nebraska Volunteers. To each of you, may we celebrate together in peace and in harmony, and our prayer is that Creator will be with each and everyone of you during this Winnebago Pow-wow, and bless you on your many travels.

Pini gi gi
Winnebago Tribal Council

Clothing Allowance Distribution

All minor tribal members enrolled by distribution date who are in school and between the ages of 3 to 18 years old shall be eligible for the clothing allowance.

Distribution dates:

August 2, 2021 (Monday) 9:00am-4:00pm
Blackhawk Community Center Gym

August 3, 2021 (Tuesday) 9:00am-3:00pm
Enrollment office

MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN PICKING CARDS UP IN PERSON

Once the card is picked up or mailed out the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is not responsible for it. Please call the number provided by the card company for any tracking, reports of a card lost or stolen or any other questions pertaining to your individual visa card.

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July 20, 2021

TO: Esther Mercer, CEO, WTN
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Jason Lawrence, Chief of Police
Ann Loera, Clerk, Village of Winnebago

FROM: Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

RE: Tribal Council Action Reinstating the Mask Mandate

MEMORANDUM

On July 19, 2021 via Go To Webinar, at a duly convened Tribal Council Meeting, there was an action item approved to reinstate the Mask Mandate and the following was recorded in the Minutes:

July 19, 2021 Mid-Monthly Meeting

Louis LaRose motioned to reinstate the mask mandate within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation, for all indoors in public buildings and places of business. Thelma Whitewater seconded.
Object: Brain Chamberlain
VOTE: (6) yes, LD, TW, LLR, AA, RS, CB (1) no, BC (0) abstain, Motion carried.

Respectfully,
Lorelei DeCora
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

CC: File
Alan Post, CFO
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant to the Chairwoman
Ireta Blackbird, Director, Physical Resources

Question of the Edition:

What part of Winnebago Powwow is your favorite?



Garan Coons
Winnebago Communications Officer

I have many favorites like the evening grand entries, the morning flag raisings, the food options, the vendors, and the good dancing and music. I would have to say my ultimate favorite however is the 49 haha, especially when that starting song is sung! "Yah hey yah, forty-nine!"



Bethani Redhorn
WIN Office Manager

Everything about our annual celebration is the best but my top 3 favorites of Winnebago powwow is watching all the different styles of dancing, eating tons of delicious powwow food, and drinking several big blue lemonades!



Winonah Leader Charge
WIN Editor

The music and dance is my favorite especially the women's fancy shawl and the jingle dress dance.



Christina Parker
Desktop Publisher

My favorite part of Winnebago Powwow is, the abundance of HoChunk culture and to call it my home is my most favorite.

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 & OCTOBER 5, 2021

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|-----------------------------|-----------|---|
| 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 |

Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts from Lance...



There has been a lot of controversy recently in Canada around finding almost 1000 unmarked graves of native children at two boarding schools. This story is still being written because there are almost certainly more graves to be found. Unfortunately, this issue is not limited to Canada.

Recently, a group of young Rosebud Sioux tribal members were assigned the task of bringing back the remains of 9 tribal children who had died over 100 years ago at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. This group stopped near Sioux City, IA, in an emotional ceremony honoring their journey. The children were finally laid to rest in their homeland on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

The federal government started establishing Native American board schools in the late 19th century. The goal was to educate the native children to help assimilate them into the dominant culture. It is a bit unfair to judge actions from 130 years ago with a modern moral lens, but I am willing to assume the goal of educating young people was meant to be a positive.

Regardless of the intentions of the formation of the Indian Boarding Schools, the results were undeniably tragic. The unmarked graves of thousands of native children are only one of many tragedies that played out at both the schools and when the children returned home.

Many children were forcibly taken to boarding schools by the government. Other native families chose to send children to the schools to escape the desperate poverty that resulted

from being forced onto reservations. I know many people from my grandparent's generation who went to boarding schools because their parents could not afford to feed and clothe them.

At the schools, the children were taught the basics, including trade skills for boys and domestic skills for girls. The use of tribal language, religion, and customs were severely punished and every other kind of abuse imaginable was common. I do not want to dwell on the abuses because it is hard to even think about thousands of helpless native children far from home with no parental support being indoctrinated into the dominate culture by a system based on punishment.

The legacy of these boarding school lives on today. Often children never returned home during their entire time at the boarding schools. When they did come home, they returned to poverty, discrimination, and lack of opportunity. These children did not belong anywhere. They did not speak their traditional language and had trouble meshing back into their tribal culture. They were not accepted by the dominant culture either. The result was often hopelessness and alcoholism, which lead to generations of broken homes and troubled lives.

This kind of historical trauma is still flowing through our community and is a hard to cycle to break.

I think understanding what happened is important. However, my personal anger about what happened does not change much in our community. Making people feel pity for us does not feed or house our people. Waiting for the federal to save us has not exactly worked either. I choose to spend all my time focused on trying to find ways to be successful so that we can address our own problems with our own solutions using our own capital.

We have a saying inside our tribal company when it comes to community development: "In order to do one thing, you have to do everything." There are so many broken elements to our world that only a concerted tribal effort focused on addressing our unique housing, educational, health and emotional needs will work. The boarding schools are a tough legacy to overcome, but our successful reawakening economically and culturally will be the only way break the negative cycle left over from the boarding school era.

The Story of Little Hill-A Winnebago Chief

By David Smith

In May of 1863, the Winnebago Tribe was moved by boat from St. Paul, Minnesota to Crow Creek, South Dakota. The trip down the Mississippi River and up the Missouri River took 25 days. Along the way, they passed the Omaha Reservation by Black Bird bend. Here, War Chief Little Priest made two Winnebago warriors drop off the boat and swim inland to the Omaha village. These two men were, Little Hog and John Omaha. They were to meet with Omaha chiefs about the possibility of buying land from them so the Winnebago's could move down to North East Nebraska. The rest of the Winnebago's went up to their new reservation located at Crow Creek. The living conditions were horrible there, and the people had nothing to eat, and many of them froze to death. Between, June of 1863 to June of 1865, some 673 Winnebago people died.

Chief Little Priest was asked by General Alfred Sully to scout for him against the Northern Lakota people. If he helped him, he then would help get land from the Omaha's for the Winnebago people. It hurt little Priest deep in his heart to fight against his own brothers, but he didn't want all his people to die at Crow Creek. So he said he would scout for the U.S. Calvary against the Lakota. The same time, Little Priest asked one of the Chiefs to travel down to the Omaha reservation to open up further negotiations with the Omaha Chiefs. This had to be done secretly, since the Winnebago's already escaped down the Missouri River to Northeast Nebraska.

So when Little Priest went north and west to help General Sully fight the Lakota, Little hill and

Little Hog left for Nebraska. While he was gone, Chief Little Hill lost his whole family to the elements. Four of his children froze to death, and three died of starvation along with his wife of many years. When he heard what happened to his family at Crow Creek, he felt devastated. But as a true Chief, he finished up his negotiations with the Omaha's, and they agreed to sell the Winnebago's land on their northern border. Soon after the Council meeting was over with, Chief Little Hill went into mourning. And he stayed in mourning for 4 years.

When the rest of the Winnebago's arrived in northeast Nebraska in 1865, they paid their respects to Little Hill. As much as he loved his family, he also loved his people. His family died so he could help his people. This is what tribal love for your family is about. Little Priest said it best;

"Ma-Ona made us Chiefs. And the tribe always comes before our own family. My friend Little Hill is glad that his people have a new home. He told me his family will understand that. They are now in their new home in the spirit world. This love of our people will always hold us together. When we quit loving our own people, then it is time for us to die and be like the white man. Little Hill is strong, and my heart will always think of his sorrows. Ma-Ona will take care of him now. For he is our father."

Little Priest also lost 2 family members at Crow Creek, and he would later lose his life for fighting against his own brothers, but he never forgot the love of family either.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"God has set you free to live sanctified lives"

"For as long as you were slaves of sin, you were free [in regard] to righteousness. Therefore what fruit were you having at that time? Upon which things you are now ashamed, for the outcome of those things is death. But now after being freed from the [slavery] of sin and after being enslaved to God, you are having your fruit for sanctification, and the outcome is eternal life. For the payment of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 6:20-23 Middendorf translation].

The apostle Paul wrote these words to the saints, believers in Christ Jesus, who were living in Rome. Many today live free in regard to righteousness. In other words, they have little or no regard for the will of God nor for His commands.

However, where does such living lead - or what fruit or benefits does such living for oneself have on one's family, on one's children or on one's community?

When one puts anything above Creator God one is a slave. Yes, a slave to sin, to rebellion, to a life temporary highs, and a bushel full of lows and a mountain of regrets.

Where does such a lifestyle lead? Paul is quite clear - it leads to death. He put it this way: 'The payment of sin is death.' And not simply for one to stop breathing and one's heart to stop pumping. No, Paul is also referring to a second death, and everlasting separation from one's Creator.

To those who by the grace of God, have come to realize where their sin leads and is moved to repent of it are set free! Yes, the work of the Holy Spirit moves one to be ashamed of how one has disobeyed God. The actions or failures to act according to God's will should lead one to regrets. It is then, when one is powerless to resist temptation, that the Holy Spirit can work wonders and moves one to seek a Savior.

It is then that the Spirit of God enters into the heart and the mind of the believer instilling faith in Jesus as one's Savior. The Spirit of God set the

believer in Jesus free. The believer is empowered by the Spirit of God to be "obedient from the heart."

When one lives without God and Christ, one's body did service to impurity and iniquity. Oh, one can be obedient out of fear--respect for "the dangerous one"-- to escape bad conscience or punishment. However, it's completely different for one to be obedient from the heart.

In the first instance, one is under the Law. One has principles, a concept of justice, morality. From these one judges others and oneself. In the second instance, one has a Lord and one loves because He loves him/her, forgives him/her, saves him/her, and becomes one's friend.

In other words, when one openly sins then that is proof that one doesn't have Jesus as one's Savior. One can not claim faith in Jesus and live a life of hostile rebellion against the will and the commands of one's Creator.

However when one does have faith in Jesus, one is made holy--sanctified. This is not a condition, not a reward, but a consequence. This is the fruit of faith and the work of the Holy Spirit. One is set free from regrets through the forgiveness of one's sin. One will not live a sin free life, but will strive to live and walk in Creator God's ways.

Jesus' payment, complete payment, took place through the shedding of His precious blood, along with His innocent suffering and death. Jesus' payment assures that one who believes in Him is forgiven. That doesn't mean one take sin lightly. On the contrary, one becomes obedient from the heart as one becomes a slave of righteous living. In other words, honoring one's Creator through living a sanctified life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Read again the last verse of this reading: 'For the payment of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' [Romans 6:23 Middendorf translation]. This gracious gift frees one from living a life overwhelmed with fear, the fear of punishment or of death. Rather one lives filled with hope, peace and joy now and always!

Stop Dumb Indians

When Teachers fail students and keep them from passing on to the next grade. Some parents go to the school board and complain. The school board passes the student. Both the parents and school board were never in the school with the student.

The school board passes the student. After that it gets worse. Since the student did not learn. Every grade after he doesn't learn. Every year it gets worse.

Both the parents and school board ruin the student for life! I could not live with that.

I asked a nurse, knowing you must take classes that prepare you for nurse's school. In High school she suggested these: 1 year Biology, ½ year Anatomy. ½ year Physiology, ½ year Microbiology, 1 year Chemistry. 1 year Algebra, 4 years English composition.

I hope Indian schools and Indian parent talk about this, Stop ruining Indian kids academically. Stop dumb Indians.

P.S. Scientists says "active early learning before age 5 shapes the adult brain"

Pat Greyhair/Maxiska

Winnebago Snake Dance

Written by ; Les Painter, Sr.

Although there many renditions of the snake dance in Native American Tribes across America. The Winnebago Snake Dance is to pay respects to the snake for helping the Winnebagoes in a time of need. The function of the Snake Clan was to keep the ground or the surface of the earth clean in the villages. More importantly it's members were to use their special powers to perceive the approach of enemies, against whom they were first line of defense. So because of this they remained humble until called upon. One time the Winnebago people called upon the humble snake to help with the sickness that came over the tribe. This snake had powerful medicine and the Winnebagoes needed help. The brought gifts and feasted with the snake, so in return the snake gave the medicine to cure the sickness. Days have gone by and the Winnebago thought of a way to honor the snake and all he has done for them. They thought of how the snake could renew it's life and start all over again. They knew snake could do this and the old ones liked the snake for that reason, because that is what he did for the people. The Winnebagoes created this dance to honor the snake and created their song for the dance. They shared this dance with neighboring tribes, describing it as a friendship dance. The

song tells the story of what took place so long ago.

The leader represents the snake head, the rest of the people follow in line. Next, the leader imitates the snake by moving left to right like the movement of the snake. Also the leader will direct the people to separate to opposite sides of the line and then follow the last dancer throw the tunnel made by the dancers. This particular part of the dance is important because this represents the shedding of the skin and starting a renewed life. So this is where he will end up in a coil like a snake would do when it protects itself. When the dancers are in the coil, the song will change and the dancer will began to clap. This represents the celebration of a renewed life that the snake gave them. After the leader leads them out of the coil and he moves left to right again form lines of dancers. This part of the dance is the highlight of the dance, where the people dance to celebrate and jump over a stick that represent jumping over to the renewed life. So this will take place until all the dancers jump over the stick. Then dance ends with final song that brings all the dancers together in the middle. This is the story I was told about the Winnebago Snake Dance...

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winnebago Veterans

Carolyn Fiscus



Inspired by other female HoChunk veterans, Carolyn Fiscus served as a staff sergeant within the Army Reserve for seven years while also working as an educator. She learned much of her knowledge of HoChunk history from the late David Smith. In the past Carolyn taught at the Tribal community college, and today Carolyn instructs at the University of Nebraska Omaha in the Native American Studies Program. In 2019 she was named National Elder of the Year by the National Indian Education Association.

William S. Winneshiek



Ho-Chunk aviator Lieutenant William S. Winneshiek, son of Bill P. Winneshiek served in the Army Air Force's 94th bomb group, 333rd bomber squadron. Winneshiek would complete an astounding 42 successful combat missions during the war, braving enemy fighters and flak over Nazi occupied Europe, and survived crash landing his damaged B-17. After the war, he was a career officer and became the highest ranking Ho-Chunk in the military, reaching the rank of colonel. He retired in 1971, passing peacefully 24 years later.

Raquel Painter



"Sergeant Major Raquel Painter (Ret.) Ho-Chunk and Santee, Painter began her service in the marine corps in the 1980's later serving overseas in both Iraq and Afghanistan in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. After her retirement in 2016, Painter began working with Hope for the Warriors, an organization that supports post-9/11 veterans and military families. Currently she works as the President and Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Onslow County. Photo credit to: Hope for the Warriors."

Recipes:

Dandelion Greens

Find dandelions in an area that has not been treated with pesticides or herbicides. Pick small green dandelion leaves; wash thoroughly. Boil washed leaves in pot in salt water for 1 hour; drain. Put into bowl. Eat whenever you want.

Baked Squash

Wash and clean a butternut or hubbard squash. Cut up squash into chunks. Place chunks in a large pan. Place a slice of butter on each chunk and top with brown sugar to taste. Bake at 350 degrees until squash is easily pierced with a fork. Allow to cool, then serve. Cinnamon is an optional addition.

River Bread

- 1.5 Cups Flour
- 1 Tablespoon of baking powder
- 1 Teaspoon of salt
- 1 Tablespoon of Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon of Shortening
- 1 Cup Water

Combine all ingredients until dough is pasty, do not knead. Pour dough into greased frying pan; cover and cook over medium heat. When edge of bread is browning, turn, cover, and cook for about 20 more minutes.

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JeNel.Baker@winnebagoTribe.com

HONORING OUR WARRIORS

Roster of Company "A" and the Veterans Participating in the First Celebration:

1. Henry Ewing (Noop-hi-lo-ki-shke-gah)
2. Little Priest (Hoonk-Xu-nu-gah)
The Little Chief
3. Norton White
4. Henry B Kaup
5. Mumford J. Street
6. Thomas Emmerson
7. Henry Dekora (He-nah) (Wah-Xo-pi-ni-gah) Fair Skin Frenchman
8. South Wind (Ku-nu-Xe-de-gah) Elder First Son
9. John Raymond (Mah-Xi-homp-hi-junh-hi-gah) Fourth Boy Changes the Day
10. Robert Lincoln (Mah-nah-k'oh-gah) Paws the Earth
11. Farrier Young Calf (Che-neegk-see-gah) Young Calf
12. Blacksmith Black Wolf (Shoonk-chunk-sep-gah) The Black Wolf
13. Saddler Solomon Hill (Sah-le-mah-ni-ga) Solomon
14. Wag. John Hill (Ma-Xo-ki-wix-gah) He Circles the Heavens
15. Jackson Breeze
16. Leon Ball
17. James Bird (Wi-jook-kah) The Cat
18. Henry Buchanan
19. Little Bird (Wah-nik-Xo-nu-nik-kah) Little Bird
20. John Bonaparte
21. Henry Brown (Mah-Xi-ska-nazhing-gah) Stands on White Cloud
22. Little Boyd (WeeX-ha-nah-se-gah) He Governs the Flight of Waterfowl
23. John Crosby
24. James Coffee
25. Thomas Clay (He-zhoo-zhe-gah) The Antlered One
26. Benjamin Chambers
27. Little Chief (Hoonk-Xu-nu-nik-kah) Smaller Chief
28. Good Chief (Hoonk-ping-gah) Good Chief
29. Thomas Dekora (Ni-zhu-mah-ni-gah) Walking Rain
30. Wite Deville (Hoonh-ska-nik-kah) White Bear
31. John N. Devoin (Wak-che-Xi-ska-gah) White Water Spirit
32. George Eaton (Ho-ki-le-oon-gah) The Standard
33. Bad Earth (Shi-ong-ge-gah) Hermaphrodite*
34. Thomas Earthquake (Mah-hi-gah-gah) Earthquake
35. Bright Feather (Wah-soo-woo-hi-mah-ni-gah) He Who Thaws the Snow as He Walks
36. Jake Holestone (Hagah-cho-kah-gah) Grandfather Third Son
37. William Hensley (Mah-Xi-wahkon-chunk-kah) Holy Sky
38. William Hatchet (Ho-bo-sinch-gah) Wind Blown
39. John Harrison
40. John Henry
41. David Hemens
42. Isaac Horn
43. James Horn
44. Little Hog (Goo-X'goo-she-nik-kah) Little Hog
45. Edward Hagaga (Ha-ga-se-lech-gah) Tall Third Son
46. John Johnson (Wah-Xo-pi-ni-gah) The Frenchman
47. George Lamb (Chah-ska-gah) The Lamb
48. Thomas Leigh (Jomp-hah-ki-wah-lace-gah) Sees With a Flash
49. Charles Mix
50. Large Man (No-loox-Xo-gah) Claws Wood
51. John Nichols (He-dah-ooh-gah)
52. James Ox (Che-zhan-ki-gah) Lone Buffalo
53. John Omaha
54. John Priest (Ku-nu-Xe-de-nik-kah) Small First Son
55. sGood Preacher (Ho-chi-chi-pah-zee-gah) Boy With Light Brown Hair
56. Henry M. Rice, Interpreter (Nah-gah) The Tree
57. Myron Soul (Shi-ong-ge-nik-kah) The small Hermaphrodite*
58. Milton Snow (Xung-mah-ni-gah) Swift Walking Sound
59. John Snyder (Je-jech-gah) Blue Jay
60. Mike Shorty (Wo-zheep-gah) Wood Clawings
61. George Sap (Mah-nah-Xe-gah) Clamours Loudly to the Earth
62. James Sherry (Mah-ni-gee-ke-le-gah) Starts at a Walk
63. James Seaton (Wak-kon-ska-gah) White Snake
64. Clark Thompson
65. James Twins (Wah-le-chah-wah-nik-kah) Smaller Twin
66. Green Thunder (Wah-kon-jah-cho-gah) Green Thunder
67. Asa White (Wah-pah-hi-hah-ni-gah) Armed with Sharp Weapons
68. Raised Wind (Wing) (Ah-hoo-loo-ung-gah) Raises His Wings
69. Green Cloud (Mah-Xi-cho-gah) Green Cloud
70. Isaac White
71. White Wolf

72. Chief Walker

**Self chosen name poking fun at Uncles who stayed home like women and children instead of going to war.*

War of 1866

1. George Carver (Mah-nah-pe-mah-ni-gah) Walking Soldier
2. Louis Brave (Carver) (Mo-la-jah-hoo-gah) Comes to Visit the Earth
3. John Brown (No-lu-Xo-nik-kah) Little Wood Clawer
4. John Fox (Mah-ni-kok-'ksik-kah) The Fox
5. Charles Houton (Mah-zi-hi-mah-ni-gah) Earth Yellow As He Walks
6. David McClusky (Che-nah-zhi-gah) Standing Buffalo
7. James Noble (Mo-chi-gah) Lives on Ground
8. Henry M. Rice, Interpreter (Nah-gah) (Shoonk-wo-woonk-kah) Bad Dog
9. Henry Brown (Mah-Xi-ska-nazhing-gah) Stands on White Cloud

Civil War Veterans

1. John Carriman (Wah-kahn-chunk-wo-gee-gah) He Strikes Mysteriously
2. John Hill (Xe-de-ni-shah-lahk-kah) The Wren
3. Joe Monager (Mah-ni-gah) He Who Walks
4. John Sherman (Nah-Xi-wah-mah-shjah-gah) Strong Fourth Son
5. Moses St. Cyr (Wahk'gis-ska-gah) White Medallion
6. Simon Payer (Si-mo-gah) Simon

Spanish-American War

Buchanan, Thomas
Lemmon, George J.
Lemmon, Henry
LaMere, Don
Russell, John

World War I

Armell, John, Jr. - Army
Armell, Raymond, Sr.
Bear, Jesse
Big Bear, Louis
Big Elk, Henry
Bradford, William
Brave, Louis
Brown, John
Brown, William
Brown, William McKinley
Carver, George (Walking Soldier)
Davis, Frank - Army
DeCora, Little
DeCora, Paul, Sr.
DeCora, Tall
DeCorah, Henry
Deen, James E.
Earth, George
Ewing, Charles,
Fourcloud, David, Sr. - Army
Fox, John
Free, William
Greyhair, Louis
Grizzleybear, Douglas
Harden, Wilbur
Horak, Joseph
Houghton, Charles
Huffman, Glen
Johnson, Edward
Johnson, George
Johnson, John P.
Johnson, Matthew
Kingsley, Pvt. Volney-Frass - Army
LaMere, Charles
LaMere, John
Littlebear, Dave - Army
Londrosh, Alva (Big)
Londrosh, Alvin
Lowry, Lyman - Army
Louis, Buchanan
Mallory, Thomas
Mallory, Tom
McClusky, David
McKee, Byron
McKee, Howard
Merrick, Dan
Nash, George - Army
Neibuhr, Lawrence
Noble, James
Priest, Henry
Priest, Norbert

Ricehill, William
Roefeldt, Harold
Russell, Jake
Seymour, Louis
Sharpback, Peter
Simpson, Oliver
Sine, Charles
Snow, Christopher, Sr. - Army
Snowball, Charles
St. Cyr, Leo
St. Cyr, Louis
Twin, Joseph
Waggoner, Perry LeRoy
Walker, Arthur
West, Arthur
White, Felix, Sr.
Whitesnake, George - Army
Whitewater, Leonard
Whittied, William
Wolfe, George
Yellowbank, James

World War II

Armell, Arthur - Army
Armell, Kenneth
Armell, Sr. Cpl, Kenneth
Wilson - Air Force
Armell, Lawrence
Armell, Ralph (Buddy)
Armell, Raymond, Jr.
Baker, Frank
Baker, Josephus
Baker, Wesley
Big Bear, Louis
Big Bear, Sam
Blakeslee, E. Frank - Navy
Blakeslee, MM, George H. - Navy
Caramony, Issac - Army
Chamberlain, Alvin L.
Chamberlain, Donald (Toby) - Navy
Chief, Walter
Clay, Levi
Clay, Reuben
Crosby, John
Davis, William, Jr.
DeCora, Abel, Sr. - Army
DeCora, Benjamin, Sr.
DeCora, David
DeCora, Elliott - Air Force
DeCora, Eugene
DeCora, John B. - Army
DeCora, Levi †
Earth, Charles A. - Army
Earth, Charles O. - Army
Earth, Spencer - Army
Earth, Warner - Army
Fields, Joseph - Army
Richard Lois Frenchman, Sr. - Army/O.A.F.
Funmaker, Adam. M.
†Greencrow, Harvey - Army
Greyhair, Pete
Greyhair, Theodore
Grizzleybear, Garland
Hall, Reuben - Army
Harden, Elwood - Army
Harden, Lucius
Harden, Wilbur
Harden, William
Harris, Art
Harrison, Thomas
Hayes, Louis
Henry, Elias
Henry, Joe
Hetrick, Jess
Hidalgo, GM/2 Robert A. - Navy
Horn, Ben, Jr. - Air Force
Hunter, William, Sr.
Johnson, Ben
Kellar, MM, Willis - Navy
Kelsey, Alvin
Kelsey, Charles
Kelsey, Raliegth - Army
Kelsey, Rawland
Kennedy, Eugene
Krause, Albert
Lakehouse, Walter, Sr.
LaMere, Cornelius
LaMere, George Curtis
LaMere, John
LaMere, Moses
LaMere, Peter, Sr.
LaMere, Wilson
LaVerdure, CPO, George A. - Navy
Lemmon, Fred R.
Lemmon, Hillard G.
Lemmon, Rue T.
Lincoln, David, Jr.
Lincoln, Levi
Littlebeaver, Abraham *
Logan, Ed
Logan, Elmer F. - Navy
Lowry, Benjamin C. - Army
Lowry, Martin
Mallory, Dudley
Mallory, Louis, Sr.
Mallory, Robert - Coast Guard
McKee, Harold
McKee, Vernie
Nash, Donald P. - Army
Nash, Glendale P. - Navy
Nash, James A. - Army
Nash, Maurice J. - Navy
Nash, Jr., Sgt. Robert F. - Army
Painter, John, Jr. - Army
Payer, Edward, Sr.
Payer, SGT. Louis - Army
Payer, Stacy, Jr.
Pelky, Edmore
Rave, Henry T.
Rave, John
Rave, Mose
Redhorn, John, Jr. - Army
Ricehill, Henry - Army
Sine, Sgt. Carson A. - Navy (also served in Korean War - Army)
Smith, Gustave
Smith, Waukon
Snake, Christopher
Snow, George, Sr.
Snow, Louis, Sr.
Snowball, Edward
St. Cyr, Louis
Sun, George, Sr.
Tebo, Sam, Sr. - Army
Thomas, Howard - Navy
Thomas, Lawrence, Jr.
Thomas, Peter
Thomas, William - Army
Thompson, Lloyd R.
Twin, Francis
Van Cleave, Milton
Littlewalker, Alfred - Army
Littlewalker, Steven - Air Force
Watson, Jr., Gen. George - Air Force

Watson, CPO, Oscar John - Navy
Waggoner, Chesleigh
LeRoy - Army
Waggoner, Frank C.
Waggoner, Perry F.O. - Navy
Waggoner, Raymond A.
Watson, General George H. Jr. - Air Force
Watson, CPO, Oscar John - Navy
White, Noah C. - Army
Whitebear, Mose
Whitebeaver, Charles
Whitebeaver, Reuben
Whiteeagle, Mose
Whitesnake, Michael - Army
Wolf, James
Wolfe, Wilbur J.
Yellow Cloud, Ted - Army

Korean War

Armell, Peter B.
Bear, Leonard
Bear, Raymond - Army
Bear, William
Clay, Christopher
Cleveland, Leroy, Sr. - Army
DeCora, Dwayne - Army
DeCora, Kenneth (Kix)
Eagle, Daniel P., Jr. - Army
Fourcloud, Robert - Army
Funmaker, Nathaniel - Army
Harden, Thomas F. - Army
LaPointe, Peter J. - Army
Lieb, Leroy
Lowry, Norman - Army
McKee, Joseph
Nash, John A. - Navy
Payer, S/Sgt. Louis - Army
Payer, Stacy - Navy
Payer, William - Navy
Picotte, Bernard
Rave, Clifford
Rave, Donald - Marines
Rave, Dwight M. - Army
Rave, Elmer
Red Cloud, Mitchell - Marines †
Redhorn, Ira
Rice, John R. - Army †
Rice, James N. - Air Force
Rogue, Charles, Jr.
Smith, Joseph
Smith, Sr., LaFlesche J. - Army
Snake, Sterling
Snow, Chris, Jr. - Air Force
Snowball, Harry C. - Air Force
St. Cyr, David
St. Cyr, Leo, Sr. - Air Force
St. Cyr, Richard R. - Air Force
St. Cyr, Sgt. W. Vincent - Marines
Sun, George, Jr.
Tebo, TSGT Marvin - Air Force (also served in Vietnam)
Tebo, Ona L. - Army
Thomas, Alonzo J. - Army
Thomas, George, Jr.
Thundercloud, Andrew, Jr.
Twin, Raymond - Army
Walker, Emmett, Sr. - Air Force
Walker, Thomas, Jr. - Navy
White Eagle, Edward - Army
Whitebear, Walter - Army
Whitebeaver, Wilbur - Coast Guard
Whitewater, Edward - Army

Vietnam Era

Baker, Karl - Navy
Bass, SP4 Taylor J. - Army
Bird, Francis, Jr. - Army
Bird, Marvin, Sr.
Blackwell, Steven Edward - Army
Bruce, SP4 Richard R. - Army
Bumann, "Chuck"
Cleveland, Matthew, Sr. - Army
Crosby, Emmett
DeCora, Levi - Army
DeCora, Paul, Jr. - Marines
DeCora, Randy - Air Force
DeCora, Richard T. - Army
DeCora, Russell, Jr. - Army
Dick, Norbert - Navy
Earth, Gerben D. - Army
Easu, Daniel A. - Army
Ely, Wyatt Richard - Navy
Free, Virgil - Army
Garcia, Frank - Marines
Garcia, Sam - Army
Gomez, Calvin
Goodteacher, Lonnie
Greencrow, Leroy
Hemsley, Henry - Navy
Houghton, Louis, Jr. - Army
Huffman, Ted
Humphrey, Bob
Kelsey, Alvin - Army
Koudsen, Jr., SP5, Starling B. - Army
LaMere, Anthony J. †
LaMere, Daryl
LaMere, David - Navy
LaMere, John F.
LaMere, Laverne Harold - Army
LaRose, Richard
Littlewalker, Leroy - Marines
Logan, David
Logan, Edward - Army
Lonewolf, Charles - Navy
Mallory, Arnold - Marines
Mallory, Grover

HONORING OUR WARRIORS

McCauley, Donald, Jr.
McKee, PFC Norman C. - Army
Morris, Martin
Old Coyote, Kenneth
Olsen, Kendall - Air Force
Painter, Ronald - Army
Payer, Larry - Navy
Payer, Roger
Rave, Charles
Rave, Dallas
Rave, Dwayne - Marines
Redhorn, Ivan - Marines
Reynolds, Arthur
Reynolds, Clarence
Ross, Brad - (Air Force)
Russell, David Priest - Army
Smith, Emery J. - Army
Smith, Michael
Smith, Robert K. - Marines
Snake, Reuben A., Jr.
Snow, James - Army
Snow, Louis, Jr.
St. Cyr., Michael L. - Army
Sullivan, Spencer
Tebo, Frank
Tebo, Richard
Thomas, Joseph Andrew - Army
Thomas, Larry
Thomas, Leroy
Thomas, Pa/3C, Ray Alan - Navy
Thomas, Rick
Thomas, Ron
Thunder Cloud, Andrew
Van Berkum, Mark
Waggoner, Duane LeRoy
Walker, Alan B. - Marines
Walker, Benjamin - Army
Walker, Michael R. - Marines
Walker, Michael T.
Walker, Terry W. - Air Force
West, Edward - Marines
White, Frank - Air Force
Whitewater, Donald
Wood, Larry
Yellowcloud, Alvis

Winnebago Veterans

Adame, SSGT, Mark-Air Force
Alan, Garner - Army
Armell, Robert P.
Armell, Eric D.
Armell, Lavern - Marines
Armell, Laverne
Armell, Louis
Armell, Oliver
Armell, Prosper
Armell, Robert - Army
Bayer, Leonard
Bearskin, Reuben
Beaver,Dennis
Belille, George Alan, Jr. - Navy
Belille, George Alan, Sr.
Big Bear, John
Big Bear, Joseph - Army
Big Bear, Lawrence
Big Fire, Harold, Sr.
Big Fire, Henry - Navy
Bird, James
Bird, Jerome
Blackhawk, Bryan J. - Marines
Blackhawk, Eugene - Army
Blackhawk, Harvey
Blackhawk, John W. - Marines
Bridge PFC, Benjamin L.
Bridge Spc, Alan T.
Brown, Adam
Brown, Arnold - Army
Brown, Edwin
Brown, Herman, Jr.
Brown, Herman, Sr.
Brown, Ralph
Buchanan, Amos
Buchanan, Bill
Buchanan, Donald
Buchanan, Lawrence
Buchanan, Thomas
Buckmann, Bill
Cassman, Arthur
Cassman, Francis
Cassman, Thomas
Chief, John D., Jr.
Chief, John, Jr.
Clay, Thomas
Cleveland, Adley
Cleveland, Albert
Cleveland, Harold, Sr.
Cleveland, Leroy, Jr.
Cleveland, Virgil
Coco, Gabriel J. - Army
Cotter, Lawrence W. - Army
Crosby, Jonah
Crosby, Kenneth
Cutler, Larry
Daker, Frank
Davis, Frank
DeCora, Charles Claude - Marines
DeCora, Conrad
DeCora, Jim
DeCora, Keith - (76-79)
Peace Time, Marines
DeCora, Kelton
DeCora, Matthew
DeCora, Richard
DeCora, Russell, Sr.
DeCora, Thos
DeCora, Ward
DeCora, Wilbur
Earth, Jonathan - Army
Earth, Oscar
Enry, Elias
Free, Carl
Free, Jesse
Free, Norman - Army

Frenchman, Francis
Frenchman, Richard, Jr.
Green, Anthony - Army
Green, Antoine
Green, Charles
Green, Daniel
Green, Edmore
Green, George
Green, Wesley, Sr. - Army
Greencrow, Steve
Greyhair, Charles
Greyhair, Pat
Harden, Bill
Harden, Elwood - Army
Harden, Frederick
Harden, Henry
Harden, Regis - Navy
Harden, Ross
Harold, John
Harrison, Charles
Harrison, Victor
Hensley, William
Hinman, Dave
Hook, Robert G.
Horn, David
Horn, Melvin, Sr.
Houghton, John
Howard, John Charles
John, Harold
John, Russell
Johnson, Henry F.
Johnson, Phillip
Kearnes, David
Kelsey, Raleigh
Kennedy, Bruce - Navy
Lakehouse, Walter, Jr.
LaMere, Delford
LaMere, Frank
LaMere, John - Army
LaMere, Mose
LaMere, Peter, Jr.
LaMere, Vernie
Lewis, Frank
Lewis, Grant
Lewis, James G. - Navy
Lewis, Kenneth E.A.
Lincoln, Dan, Sr.
Lincoln, Kenny
Lincoln, Richard
Littlewalker, Matthew
Littlewolf, John
Loera, Fernando (Jack)
Loera, Fransasco
Logan, Herman, Sr.
Lonewolfe, Jeremiah
Mallory, Charles
Maney, James
Maney, Pat
Masquat, Cpl. Kenneth J. - Marines
Masquat, Francis
Masquat, Melvin
McCauley, Don, Jr.
McCauley, Don, Sr.
McGillis, Ben
McKee, Albert
McKee, Anson
McKee, Joe
McKee, Martin
McKee, Melvin
McKee, Mike
McKee, Morris
McKee, Nathaniel
McKee, Raymond
McKenna, Daryl, Sgt.
USMC Iraq
McQuire, Cpl. Michael T. - Marines
McQuire, E-2, John A. - Air Force
Mickedite, Frank
Mickedite, Robert
Money, William P.
Morgan, Lance - Army Reserves
One Horn, Ben
Old Coyote, Edwina - USAF
Payer, Alex
Payer, Hillard - Marines
Payer, Simon
Payer, Stacey - Army
Payer, Stacy, Sr.
Payer, William - Army
Pelkey, Dave
Pelkey, Jr., LeRoy F. - Army
Picotte, Cameron
Pilcher, Matthew
Pinnick, Gerald — Army
Ponce, David Benjamin - Army
Pretendseagle, Daniel F.
Priest, Cleve
Priest, Walton
Prophet, Alex
Rainman, Homer
Raisewing, Ollie
Rambin, Robert Lee - Navy
Rave, Alan
Rave, Alan
Rave, Cpl. Lance D. - Marines
Rave, Eugene
Rave, Gayland
Rave, Gordon
Rave, Mike
Rave, Morris
Rave, Sr. Duncan
Rave, Willard
Rave, Wilmot, Sr.
Raymond, Charles, III
Raymond, Charles, Jr.
Raymond, George
Raymond, John
Redhorn, Iler
Redhorn, Ivan
Redhorn, Joe III
Redhorn, Joe, Sr.
Rice, Charles Noble - Marines
Rice, Henry
Rice, John Babe-Marines
Rice, Louis-Army
Rice, Melvin-Army
Rice, Robert "Bobwire"

Marines
Ricehill, Charles
Ricehill, Daniel
Ricehill, Ervin
Ricehill, Herbert, Sr. - Air Force
Ricehill, Leon †
Russell, Abernezer
Russell, David
Scott, Timothy S.
Sheppard, Samuel
Sine, Morris
Smith, Emery
Smith, George W. - Army
Smith, John
Smith, Michael P. - Army
Smith, Robert K. - Marines
Snake, Darren - Army
Snake, John
Snake, Walter
Snow, Christopher, Jr.
Snow, Don
Snow, Joe
Snow, Peter Martin-Navy
Snowball, Clifford
Snowball, John
Snowball, Thurman
St. Cyr, Carey - Navy
St. Cyr, Edward
St. Cyr, Leo
St. Cyr, Levi
St. Cyr, Mitchell
St. Cyr, Theodore
Sun, Clarence
Sun, James, Sr.
Tasso, Elliott
Tebo, Louis, Jr.
Tebo, Sam, Jr.
Thomas, Michael O.
Thomas, Ray
Twin, Jacob
Twin, Jake
Twin, Jasper
Twin, Melvin
Twin, Raymond
Twin, Solomon
Twin, Walter
Walker, Garrett
Walker, Llewellyn (Thunder)
Walker, Thomas, Jr. - Navy
Ware, Kent, Sr. - Marines
White Eage, Orville
White Eagle, Moses
White Snake, Orville
White, Bob
White, Eugene
White, Felix, Jr.
White, Joe
White, Justin
White, Kenneth
Whitebear, Walter
Whitebeaver, Charles
Whitebeaver, Reuben
Whitebeaver, Wilbur
Whitebeaver, Wilbur, Jr.
Whitewater, Luther
Whitewood, Joe
Whitner, Mark
Wilcox, John
Williams, Norvel
Wolf, Benny
Wolf, John
Wolf, Reuben
Wolf, Richard Joe
Wolfe, Cpl. Dan - USMC
Young Thunder, Bill
Young Thunder, Lester
Zach, Jr., Leonard
Zach, Sr., Leonard

WOMEN VETERANS

US Army

1. Debra Ann DeCora
2. Caroline Frenchman
3. Gina Snow Johnson
4. Edith Harden Owens
5. Alice Jane Hatchet Mullin
6. Geraldine Kelsey Alsborg
7. Wanda Kelsey Sollner
8. Regina Lowry Littlewolf
9. Ruby Miera
10. Mary Ruth Myers
11. Regina Smith Brown
12. Cheryl D. Smith
13. Teresa M. Smith
14. Velma T. Alaniz
15. Mary M. Renfer
16. Shelby Webster
17. Renee Hansen
18. Lori Fourcloud

US Air Force

1. Reva DeCora Barta
2. Juanita Maney Neff
3. Kimberly Skrabacz
4. Dorothy T. Free
5. Norma J. Hidalgo Ulmer
6. Emma LaMere
7. Shannon Wright
8. Linae Littlethunder Bigfire
9. Kristin Ross VanLoon

US Marine Corps

1. Sharon Buchanan
2. Merci Earth Hinzo
3. Dorothy W. McGuire
4. Barbara Whitehead O'Rourke

US Navy

1. Beth Johnson
2. Genevieve Lowry Johnson
3. Fontaine Rice
4. Brooke Bass
5. Abigail Lonewolfe Mousseu
6. Komiko D. Tubbs, 3rd Class Petty Officer, USS Harry S. Truman

US Coast Guard

1. Kathy Tebo
2. Bernadette Belille

Operation Desert Shield

Alaniz, AMH2 Ira L. - Navy•
Beltrán, SPC (E-4), Mayan-Army
Bridge, Sgt. Durand T.-Army•
Rave, Cpl, Andreww S.- Marines
Sharpback, Scott A.*
Van Berkum, John, Jr. - Navy

Gulf War I

Cleveland, LCpl Harold, Jr.-Marines
Cleveland, PFC Melodie L.-Army
Hinman, Cp. (E-4), Louis A., Jr. - Marines
Payer, PFC Damon - Army
Petite, Miskoo B. - Navy
Tebo, LCpl Randy - Marines
Tipton, Sgt. Sherman Dale - Air Force
Thomas, FN Jeff - Navy
Walker, LCpl Emmett, Jr.-Marines

Iraq-Afghanistan Era

Armell, Aric "Dusty"
Bird Neckkace, Jesse
Cook, Leanna
Doehoefer, Britiny -National Guard
Doenhoefer, Skylar - National Guard
Doxey, Jared - Army
Drapeau-Snow, Andrea "Bea" - Marines
Frazier, Chucky
Free, Tremayne
Staff Sergeant Jacobs, Jay K. - U.S. Air Force
Johnson, Jason H.
Kearnes, Jason - Army
Lance, John
Mark, Adam E.
PFC Mazur, Steven J. - Army
Payer, Sandy
Quagon, Elijah - Marines
1st Sergeant Reynolds Painter, Raquel - Marines
Smith, Vernon L.-Army Reserves
Snow, Christian
St. Cyr, C. Charles "C-Boy" - National Guard
St. Cyr, Joey - National Guard
Thomas, Simon
Webster, Shelby
Winneshiek, Damon
Whittenbrook, Korena Ashley - Marines

Current Active Duty Service People

Aldrich, Sky
Bassette, Jr., Anthony
Blackdeer, Xavier - Marines
Neff, Greg "Sonny"-US Army
Ross, Trisha - Air National Guard Security Forces
Snake, Elijah-US Army
St. Cyr, Jerilee - Army Reserves

**Indicates died while on active duty.*
†Indicates killed in action.
•Indicates served in both Operation Desert Shield and Gulf War I.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION THROWBACKS



Former longtime Winnebago Indian News Editor Jerome LaPointe pictured in the 90's at the annual homecoming celebration.



Powwow Royalty in the 90's during Grand Entry for the Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration.



An up-close look at these beautiful dancers from the Jingle Dress category in the 90's.



Winnebago Veterans flags retrieved during the 90's homecoming celebration.



Can you recognize any familiar faces? The variety of dancers and their regalia is such a sight to see.



Pictured is the Women's Fancy Shawl category from the 90's powwow celebration.



Pictured is the Men's Traditional category from the 90's powwow celebration.



Do you remember this performance in the 90's? Brian Hamill performed at the annual homecoming celebration.



A great capture from the 90's Grand Entry.

TRIBAL HISTORY

Chief Little Priest: The Last Of The Breed

BY DAVID LEE SMITH
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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

I'd like to dedicate this story to all our veterans, past and present. From the Algonquin Wars of the 1620's with the Potowatomies. To the war on Terror in Afghanistan. If it wasn't for our veterans, we would cease to exist as a people. Winnebago people tend to forget that today. This is not a celebration of contests and giveaways, but a celebration in honor of the last true war-chief of the Ho-Chunk people. The blood that he spilled in 1866, is the reason we are still on the reservation today.

Little Priest (Hoonk-Hoo-No-Kaw) was the son of Mor-ah-tshay-kaw (the traveler). His father was also known as Little Priest and was a village chief at Lake Koshkonong in Wisconsin in 1829. Hoonk-Hoo-No-Kaw was born and raised at the Koshkonong village and became war-chief in 1844, when the Ho-Chunks were residents of the Neutral Ground in Northeast Iowa (1840-46). He signed the treaties of 1846-1855.

In 1862, Little Priest, Hounka (Winneshiek's son), and a dozen others were at the Lower Sioux Agency when the Santee Outbreak started. They joined the Santee-Dakota when they attacked the American settlement at New Ulm. After the battle, the small force returned to their Blue Earth settlement. Since Little Priest was war-chief, he tried to enlist Ho-Chunk warriors in the war. He even organized a soldiers lodge and held meetings concerning America's wrongs and abuses they inflicted on Ho-Chunk people. He did his best to arouse their fighting spirits. But the older chiefs, such as Waukon-Ha Ga, Good Thunder, La Sallier, Good Heart, Four Cloud, Yellow Bank and Little Decorah wanted peace and since Little Priest respected the wisdom of his elders, war was called off.

This was a big disappointment for the Santee-Dakota, because if the Ho-Chunks were at their side, they could of captured Fort Ridgley and the town of New Ulm. Resentment soon broke out between the two groups. And this resentment and hatred ripened into open hostility between 1863-67. In 1863, the Ho-Chunks were moved to their new reservation at Crow Creek, South Dakota. After seeing some of their people die from starvation, Little Priest and his band, and Winnesheik and his group escaped down the Missouri to the Omaha Reservation in Northeast Nebraska.

In the summer of 1863, Chief Little Priest and 46 other warriors enlisted in a Nebraska Cavalry Regiment and fought with General Alfred Sully against the Teton-Lakota at the Battle of Heart River in North Dakota. This Ho-Chunk contingent continued westward with General Sully, when he marched to the region of the Yellow Stone in late 1863.

In August of 1864, Chief Little Priest's Company of Winnebago Scouts were placed under Captain Christian Stuff, an able cavalry leader out of Fort Omaha Nebraska. On August 10, Little Priest and his Scouts led the charge against the Miniconjou Lakota at the Killdeer Mountains in North Dakota. Five days later on August 15, they battled bands of the Tetonwan and Northern Cheyenne at the Battle of the Little Missouri River in Eastern Montana.

By late fall of 1864, 22 more Ho-Chunk warriors enlisted in Company C, and 24 in Company D, of Fort Omaha's, Nebraska Veterans Battalion and joined their War Chief when he fought the Tetonwan, Ihanktoneanna and Wehpetonwan bands of Sioux at Whitestone Hill, North Dakota. While Little Priest was away that fall. Other Ho-Chunk warriors joined the Omaha and stopped the Miniconjou and Sicanga at the Battle of Homer Hills (Present day, Beer Can Hill). These same warriors also had a running battle with the Miniconjou near Mondamin, Iowa. According to tribal legends, the lake north of Mondamin ran red with the blood of the Sioux. Ho-Chunk, and Omaha warriors.

Chief Little Priest returned home in December and led the charge. Then the Ho-Chunks fought the Oglala and Miniconjou Lakota near the site of present day Winnebago on January 5. After regrouping, the same Lakota bands met Chief Little at the battle of Winnebago Hills, one mile west of the present town of Win-

nebago. After spending a cold winter in South Dakota, bands of Oglala and Miniconjou fought a revenge with Chief Little Priest at Honey Creek on the Missouri River. Fifteen days later on May 15, Chief Little Priest annihilated a war party of Tetonwan Lakota near George Snake's old residence near the Winnebago/Omaha southern reservation border. Arrowheads are still found at the battle site. By the end of Spring 1865, the buffer zone between the Omahas and various Sioux bands was established. And Sioux raids into Omaha territory came to a stop.

The Sioux at this time began to consider Chief Little Priest "Big Medicine". Because he always accepted death every time they encountered him and his warriors. After the fight near the site of George Snake's, Little Priest, his son John Priest, his brother Grey Wolf and about 70 other Winnebagoes enlisted in Company "A", of the Fort Omaha Scouts at Decatur, Nebraska. Little Priest remarked, "that it hurt him deep in his heart to fight his own brothers, but he wanted to bring peace to his people, because he did not want to move again.

At fort Omaha, the Scouts were issued uniforms, guns, ammunition, horses and provisions. Then they proceeded westward, through Fort Kearny, Julesburg, Fort Laramie, Wyoming, to a part known as Deer Creek. From there they went north into Montana where they encountered Red Cloud's band of Oglala Lakota, with some Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapohoes, and Itazipco Lakota. This battle was known as the Battle of Tongue River. Chief Little Priest again distinguished himself in battle and was wounded in the leg while leading a charge against the enemy.

After this battle, the Ho-Chunks acted as an escort to an emigrant band of 35 wagons on their way to San Francisco. They accompanied this train as far west as the Big Horn Mountains. Returning from this expedition they were stationed at Fort Tyndall on the Power River. Then came the skirmish on the Power River, the day Chief Little Priest's medicine ran out. While out looking for horses, Little Priest and the others encountered a band of Tetonwan, probably Oglala Lakota. A fire fight began whereas Chief Little Priest became separated from his companions, which consisted of his sons, John Priest, Walking Priest, and James Bird. The Lakota remember that day clearly for they have a song sung in honor of Ho-Chunk Chief Little Priest. After becoming separated, Little Priest fled to some boulders with the Lakota in hot pursuit. After his horse was shot out from under him, he stood between two huge rocks and fought the enemy for hours. Little Priest was shot four times, one through the body, one above the right lung, and two in the left shoulder. Even with all those wounds, Chief Little Priest managed to kill nine Lakota warriors including their war chief and wounded many others.

The Lakota claim in their song that he changed himself into a "Grizzly Bear", and stood his ground as a Grizzly Bear would. White people would say this was impossible, but not to Indian people who know about Indian Medicine. Little Priest was carried back to the fort with his trophies, which consisted of the war chiefs horse, his rifle, shield, and his bear skin, all big medicine. When his warriors reached the fort, they performed the Grizzly Bear dance to heal his wounds.

After recovering somewhat, his Ho-Chunk warriors brought him home to the reservation where he died of his wounds on September 12, 1866. His remains were buried in a small mound in the Winnebago area. His brother, now Chief Grey Wolf called a council of all the clans down at the Big Bear Hollow council house, and proposed a celebration in honor of his death. Besides honoring their great War Chief. They also honored all veterans of Company A, Omaha Scouts, Nebraska Volunteers.

Many veterans have since followed the road that Chief Little Priest walked at death. And they should not be forgotten. These veterans should be honored with traditional song and dance, not all contests and giveaways or else we will lose the real meaning of Chief Little Priest's death.

First Recorded Celebration of the Winnebago Nation

By David Lee Timothy Smith

In 1634 Governor Samuel de Champlain of New France dispatch a French Voyager name Jean Nicolet on a trip into the uncharted timberlands west of Lake Michigan to look for the Tribe of Indians known as, "People of the Sea". The 28 year old Frenchman was given the title of "French Commissary" for New France. Governor Champlain had heard a lot about this strange tribe of Indians who ruled the Forrest lands south of Lake Superior and west of Lake Michigan. There was also another reason why Governor Champlain wanted Jean Nicolet to visit the western unknown. He wanted him to establish peace between the Upper Great Lake Tribes who were at war with the "Nation of the Sea". Without peace, Champlain knew it would be dangerous for any trader to travel in the Upper Great Lakes. The Winnebago's at the time were involved in trade wars with the Huron, Beaver, Chippewa, Potawatomis, and Ottawa Nations of the Upper Michigan peninsula. The Winnebago's linguistically different from their Algonquian neighbors, resented these people for intruding into Northern Wisconsin to trade and hunt.

The Winnebago's were already exploiting the area for furs and did not want to operate through intermediaries when dealing with the Europeans. The almost continual state of warfare which characterized Winnebago and Algonquian relations during this period and beyond may have pre-contact historical precedent, but the conflict was intensified by the influx of Algonquian tribal groups into present day Wisconsin during the early 17th century.

Jean Nicolet left Quebec the first week of July and ascended the St. Lawrence River. From there he traveled to Lake Neppissing and to Lake Huron. In August he made it to the Mackinac Island. This was on the shores of Northern Michigan, at the Sault St. Marie area. From there he headed south down Lake Michigan to the Menominee village on the Menominee River. After consulting with the Menominee's about the "The Nation of the Sea", he headed south down the Fox River which flows into Green Bay. When he was two days journey from the "Nation of the Sea", he dispatched one of his Huron guides to bring tidings for peace to these strange people he wanted to meet. This Huron warrior carried a whiter wampum belt of peace and a sacred pipestone pipe, two instruments of peace recognized all over the Great Lakes area. The Huron envoy was well received when the Winnebago's heard that a white man who wanted to meet them. They dispatched several young men, probably Bear Clan members, to go and meet this great "Manitou" and carry his baggage.

The Winnebago's at the time were having one of their major ceremonies of the year. This was on the Fall Equinox. The corn crop was in, the fish caught and smoked the beans and squash dried and stored, the wild rice was harvested, pemmican was made and stored, and wild vegetable's pick and stored, wild game was dried and smoked. This was also a time for one of their Major Medicine dances; a fall trading fair with other tribes was on, and a huge Pow-wow where the Winnebago's perform all their dances for the people. Winnebago's from Illinois, Iowa and all over Wisconsin were coming in and pitching their Chi-pota-kays and long house's all over Doty Island and on the Western Shores of the little Lake. Visiting tribes of the Dakota Sioux, the Illinois, a few Shawnee, the Upper Mississippian people from Aztalan, Menominee's, and the Winnebago bands from the Effigy Mounds, the Otoe's, the Ioway's, and the Missouria's were also in attendance. In more peaceful times, many Algonquian Tribes from Canada and Michigan would have been there too. But the Winnebago's were now at war with these tribes. So what the Fall Equinox Ceremony amounted too was a huge get together of the people and a huge Pow-wow, and were the Holy people renewed their faith in the Creator.

This type of Ceremony was going on before the Historic record. There's a mention of it in the Legends of Red Horn the Great, and he lived over 1100 years ago. Winnebago's and other people from different tribes came to Doty Island to look for wives or husbands at this time. It was also a huge fair were people traded their vegetable products for skins or wild meat. They also traded for clothing with dyed porcupine quill work, and sea shells, and Basket made out of Birch Bark. Moccasins, bow and arrows, stone headed war clubs, spears, head dresses, knives, were also

traded. Games were played such as Lacrosse, Racing, Swimming, Target Throwing with the Spear, Knife, and Bow and Arrow. Also played was the moccasin game, dice game, hand to hand combat and other games. Night time was reserved for singing and dancing.

All 12 Major clans were there. The Thunder, Eagle, Hawk, Pigeon, Bear Wolf, Buffalo, Water Spirit, Elk, Deer Fish and Snake. Also in attendance were the 48 sub clans. Each clan took their place in the sacred circle. The Winnebago's perform many dances at their Celebration and Pow-Wow. They done the Scalp dance, Green Corn Dance, Captain Death Dance, Welcome Dance, Soldier's Dance, Begging Dance, Buffalo Tail Dance, Farewell Dance, Pleasure Dance, Buffalo Headdresses Dance, Bear Healing Dance, Two Step Love Dance, Wild Rice Dance, Fish Dance, Pipe Dance, Swan Dance for Virgins, Bird Dance, Two Legged Animal Dance, Marriage Dance, Bean Dance, The Eagle Dance, The Snake Dance, Flute Dance, Memorial Dance, Wolf Dance, and the Spear and Shield Dance.

On reaching Lake Winnebago, Jean Nicolet dressed himself in a robe of China damask, all strewn with flowers and birds of many colors, for he still thought that this "Nation of the Sea" where Chinese. As he approached the big Winnebago village at Doty Island in Lake Winnebago, he fired two pistols that he carried on his person. This alone frightened the women and children, but the men stood their ground. The news of his coming quickly spread to other Winnebago villages and over 5000 warriors of the Winnebago Nation assembled to meet him in council. Jean Nicolet was probably disappointed that these strange Indians were not Chinese, but he opened fur trade talks with them nevertheless.

The ten day celebration was going on when Jean Nicolet arrived on Doty Island. Most of the head officials of the Winnebago Tribe wore their traditional headgear and clothing, which is the scalp lock and embroidered deerskin dress, highly decorated with dyed porcupine quills, feathers, and shells. These were the same people that Governor Champlain met in 1614 at Lake Huron. They spoke the third major language of the Western Great Lakes, the "Siouan". At their council, the Winnebago's informed Nicolet through one of his Huron interpreters, that many miles to the west was a great river over which they traveled to other nations that lived further west. The Winnebago's were referring to their allies, the Dakota Sioux along the Mississippian River. The Winnebago's and Huron guides probably spoke using the trade language of the Western Great Lakes and that was the Chippewa tongue.

At the end of the council meeting, the Winnebago's had a big feast for Jean Nicolet and his men. At one banquet, it was reported that they had 120 Beavers, 10 Moose, and huge clay pots of wild rice. Listed below is a record of what they ate during their Ten Day Fall Equinox Ceremony, get together, and Pow-wow.

Dog with wild onions and hominy.

Venison, with red Indian corn and beans.

Beaver, with wild rice.

Elk, with wild onion, goose foot, and white Indian corn.

Raccoon, with wild carrots, herbs, wild onions, and wild potatoes.

Surgeon, roots, and wild rice.

Bear, with wild potatoes, squash, and beans.

Moose

Fish, with wild tubers.

Muskkrat, Duck, Geese, wild plant food and berries.

After the ten day celebration, the Winnebago's begin leaving for their homes all through Wisconsin, Illinois, and Eastern Iowa. There allies also left for home. Men left with new wives, women with new husbands, people left with many trade goods, and all were blessed by the Medicine Dances that they held. Jean Nicolet stayed in the area for the winter and left for home in the spring. This was the last major get together for the Winnebago Tribe for War Fare and Small Pox would soon becoming and they will pay a heavy toll in human life. But according to Jesuit records for 1640-50, Baqueville de la Potherie's History of Early New France, and the personal papers of Nicholas Perrot in 1640, plus Winnebago's legends of this time, the Winnebago's were having their annual Celebration in the fall of 1634, the time of the Fall Equinox. And today the Winnebago's are still celebrating the fall dances and get together, and renewing our faith in Ma-Ona the Creator.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Obituary and Tribute to Cora Nicholasa (de la Peña) "Nicky" Solomon



WINNEBAGO, Neb. Cora "Nicky" Solomon, 88, of Winnebago, Nebraska died peacefully on April 27, 2021 at Winnebago Treaty Hospital (Twelve Clans Unity Hospital). Services were held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Ho-Chunk Community Center in Winnebago, with Mr. Nate Merrick officiating. Burial services were at Evergreen Cemetery, Walthill, NE, with arrangements under the direction of the Winnebago Wake and Burial Program in coordination with Munderloh Funeral Home of Pender, NE.

Cora "Nicky" was born on February 11, 1933 to Maximo Reyes dela Pena and Ruth Nadette Armell, at the home of her grandfather, Louis H. Armell, located on the Oliver Armell allotment, Winnebago Nebraska.

After losing her father at a very young age, she was primarily raised by her mother in the home of her grandfather, Louis Armell. Nicky was strongly

influenced by her grandfather's good works and honorable teachings she often spoke of throughout her life. Nearing her teenage years, she and her sister were moved to California to reside with her father's family while her mother worked long hours. There she remained until graduating high school in 1951 from Brawley Union High School in southern California. Nicky graduated at the very top of her high school class of 112 students. She earned top honors in mathematics and received several other academic awards and scholarships, foretelling a successful future. Advanced education and a drive to continue learning would continue throughout her lifetime, a wonderful asset she successfully passed down to her children and grandchildren.

Returning to Winnebago shortly after high school, Nicky became reacquainted with Noah James Solomon, the man she had secretly hoped would one day be her husband, first noticing him in Winnebago at age 13. The couple was united in marriage on December 3, 1954, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sioux City, with Dorothy Longmarsh and John Littlewolf beside them. To that union 4 children were born - Nancy Jean, Neal Jay, Nolan James, and Nilah Jane. As time went on, three more daughters were lovingly acknowledged as her own in spirit - Lauren Buchanan, Darlakae McGhee-Mahon, and Dorcee Kearnes.

Nicky's first job out of high school was as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell, Sioux City. There was never a time when she sat idle - working for all she had. Even as a young girl in Winnebago, not yet a teen, she worked as a store clerk at Sam Riven's dry goods store on main street. She was described as an ambitious, kind, and beautiful young girl by all who knew her back then. In 1966 she began her career in community health and eventually became the Community Health Representatives Director for the Winnebago Tribe, a program which she spent over seven years advocating for and developing prior its beginning. With great passion and dedication to improving Native lives, Nicky successfully championed many other causes and key projects, such as advocating for funding and building Winnebago's Blackhawk Community Center in the mid 1970's, and acquisition of the new Winnebago Treaty Hospital, dedicated in 2004, for which she spent over thirty years behind the scenes helping to help make possible. The bulk of her career included advocating for improved healthcare and adherence to treaty rights on behalf of her Ho-Chunk people and all Indian nations throughout the country. Nicky often reiterated that all forms of native healthcare are not "benefits" nor "gifts" to tribal nations; healthcare is a "treaty right" in fulfillment of a legally binding agreement made long ago, to be honored [forever], as stipulated, and as partial restitution for the devastating removal and displacement of tribal members from land once forcefully stolen.

In the mid-eighties, Nicky was named the first National Director of Community Health Representatives (CHR's). In that capacity she spent twelve successful years in Washington, DC, leading the development of an infrastructure to reorganize and better meet dire healthcare needs of tribal peoples throughout the United States. Once retired, her work on various public health and human services related boards continued, and her ability to voice her thoughts in outstanding ways never ceased. If asked what makes for good leadership, she would tell you, "Take all things to God," and "It's the heart, always the heart."

Those who had the honor of working closely with Nicky often described her as an astute and fearless leader with a huge heart of gold. She was known for her ability to walk into any size gathering of decision makers on a local, state, or national level, and speak from her heart with such clarity and wisdom that those present were drawn to her every word. Her inspiring thoughts and strong voice on behalf of undervalued populations will be widely remembered and forever missed. Nicky was indeed a champion advocate for people, yet very reserved about the numerous local, state, and national awards she received over the years. Every CHR Area Office throughout the nation had awarded her publically for her dedication and meritorious contributions by the time she retired in 1985. She was grateful and humbled by each and every award she received; however, she was never one to brag about her accomplishments when there were many others to thank and still work to be done. As a woman who stood on moral principal, no meaningful cause was too big or small for Nicky to tackle. She loved all people, from every walk of life, praying often for the Nation of Israel with God's chosen people, along with a long prayer list for causes and individuals dear to her. She held great respect for our military and police forces, and made it well known. In 2019 she was named the "Nebraska Veterans Support Person of the Year" by Veterans in Support of Liberation.

In both her personal and professional life, Nicky was a woman of integrity and conviction, standing strong against hypocrisy, mistreatment, and injustice toward any race or subgroup. She was a woman of tremendous faith and a longtime member of the Reformed Church in Winnebago, where her children were baptized. She served on the Winnebago Public School Board for several years. A generous woman with great compassion, she by far found greater joy in giving than receiving, and quietly supported many charities for police, military veterans, wounded servicemen, her church, Christian ministries, community fundraisers, and most of all, hurting individuals who needed a helping hand. She also gave of herself to others by volunteering on numerous local, state, and national boards. While in Washington DC, every Saturday she filled her car with sack lunches and drove them to a park to the give to the homeless. If not for her admiring husband of 50 years having shared this incredible kindness, no one would have ever heard about it.

Nicky loved watching sports, including all sports of the Winnebago Indians, Nebraska Cornhuskers, and her beloved Duke men's basketball team. For well over 50 years she was a staple among Winnebago sports fans with her cowbell in tow. She attended every game she possibly could - ringing that cowbell, luluing and yelling out, "Good show Winnebago! . . . Good show!"

Survivors include her sons, Neal and his wife Rebecca of El Cajon, CA; Nolan of Bosque Farms, NM and his children - Noah and Angelica Solomon; her daughter, Nilah Solomon of Winnebago and her children - Trina and her husband, Cain Kearnes and Nicholasa Farmer; grandsons Justin Blackbird and his fiancé, Lauren Harms; Jarrod Blackbird; Kristina Blackbird; ; daughters in loving spirit - Lauren Buchanan of Winnebago and her daughters, Mary (Todd) Walker and Bambi Kearnes and all their children; Darlakae McGhee-Mahon her husband, Vince Mahon and their sons, Jakobe John-Joseph Mahon, and John-Emmett Mahon and his wife Shilah; Dorcee Kearnes and her children, Matt, Mark, and Noel Cleveland and all their children, and additional children of Richard and Loylee Kearnes, including: George, Jennifer, David, Steven, Lee Jay and all their spouses and children; Great-grandchildren, Jace, Jeremiah, and Nilah Solomon, and Lola Harms; Leyten (Ma-Chu-Pa), Lourde, Lakayla, Loyal Lee and Lovely Sweet Kearnes, Noah and Caleb Solomon, Winnie Blackbird, Bryson and Ruby Virginia Mahon; a sister, Maxine Garner - and numerous extended family members and friends.

Nicky was preceded in death by the love of her life, Noah J. Solomon; a daughter, Nancy J. Solomon-Blackbird; her parents and grandparents; and her Kearnes nephews/sons Richard, Kenneth, Victor and Noah.

As one of those special people whom most are lucky to find only once in a lifetime, Nicky will be greatly missed and forever remembered by too many friends, relatives, and former coworkers to count. She recently told one of her daughters, "I am ready to go now and I know my time is close. I have come to a point in my life where I fall to sleep praying I will wake up and find myself in heaven with Jesus. I never want any of you to worry about me or have any regrets. I have had a good life and I know where I am going." Good show, Nicky! God Bless you for eternity. "Hallelujah!"

The family holds deep gratitude for all those who were there for her and all of us in deed and in prayer at the time of her passing.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FROM THE FAMILY OF CORA NICHOLASA "NICKY" SOLOMON

The Cora Nicholasa "Nicky" Solomon family would like to thank everyone who was there for us, both near and far at the time of our loss, and all those who continue with prayers and thoughtful support as we grieve the loss of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, auntie, and friend. First, a huge thank you to Uncle Nate and Beverly Merrick, for always being there for her and our entire family through both the good times and the challenges throughout her life. We could not have done it without you both beside us, as well as your family members who generously have been with us all along. Thank you to everyone who joined with family in her final days at the hospital to offer your prayers and kind words and healing laughter at times. You know who you are, and we are forever grateful for each and every one of you.

Thank you to all who watched over the fire with Cain, Justin, Jarrod and so many others. Thank you, Dorcee Kearnes and the granddaughters for coordinating meals and cooking day after day, and for all who served at the memorial service, including Krystal Ross and all the employees of the BIA who pitched in to help with dinners and assisted in many other ways as well; your kindness meant a lot to all of us. To Sandy Anderson and all Public Health Nurses, CHR's, and Twelve Clans Unity Pharmacy team, thank you for going the extra mile over the past several years, staying on top of her many changing healthcare needs and treating her with love and respect. Thank you to Janet Bird, Senior Citizens Center Director and all other SCC staff, for preparing and bringing meals to her on a daily basis all these years - making things a lot better for her each day. You were always very appreciated by her and all of us, and we want you to know that. Thank you also to Nancy Gillis and all the Reformed Church friends and relatives for your constant prayers, and your Atlas Program staff and volunteers as well, for delivering boxes of food to her home during the pandemic. As you know, Atlas held a very special place in her heart for many years, and many reasons.

Thank you to the administration and employees of Winnebago Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, for all the days of loving care and consideration extended to her and all of us in those final days. We are eternally grateful for each and every one of you who helped to make a way and a place for her to come home and prepare for her while journey surrounded by her loved-ones. Thank you to Joe Pluth, Director of Nursing, and the kind and giving nursing and care staff, including: Meloney Winhusen, Matt Matos, Tiffany Johnson, Gloria Thomas, Shawn Monroe, Sandy Parker, and Anna Berridge; A special thank you to Robbi LeMaster, Social Worker, who for three years gave support in obtaining essential services

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We would also like to thank UNMC's lead doctors, interns, nurses, CNA's, techs and all UNMC hospital staff for the excellent care she received over and over. She deserved the best, and she got the best. We are grateful for her team, led by Dr. Scott McPhearson, Primary Care; and specialists, Dr. Adam Burdorff, Cardiologist, Dr. Andrew Goldsweig, Cardiac Interventionist, and Dr. Susan Ohnoutka, UNMC Physician at Madonna Rehabilitative Care Center. Each of you treated her with such great kindness, thoroughness, and truly the best in medicine there is to offer. Added to this list is Sonya Hufstedler, Madonna Rehab Social Worker, who together with Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Social Worker, Robbi LeMaster, worked magic to coordinate transportation from Omaha and lined up the best hospice services anyone could ask for.

Thank you to Munderloh funeral home for doing everything in a timely and sensitive way upon her passing. Lastly, a very special thank you to Robin Bear, Director of the Winnebago Wake and Burial Program. As you always are for everyone, you were there for us in our darkest hours when there were so many decisions to make, and made things much easier than they might otherwise have been. We know your work is more than just a job for you, and we are grateful for all your prayers and acts of kindness.

Please forgive us if we have left anyone off this list, because we want all of you to know how much you are appreciated, just as she would have wanted to. For those of you who did not attend her memorial service because you were somehow misinformed it was for family only, we sincerely apologize for that mishap; we know you were there in spirit and are thankful you were with us in that way.

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With much love and gratitude,
The Nicky Solomon family

THE HISTORY OF THE VETERANS TRADITIONAL FEAST

By David Tim Smith

In March of 1866, before Little Priest went on his last war party with Company A, Omaha Scouts; the Winnebago's had a council with the Omaha tribal leaders half way between the two reservations. The meeting took place near some white stone cliffs. Today the place is called "New Deal Camp". The Omaha's who just received some livestock from the United States government sent word to the Winnebago's that they would bring the meat for the kettles. When the Omaha's arrived, they brought with them 10 deer, 10 dogs, and ten heads from some pigs they got from the government for selling the Winnebago' land on the northern part of their reservation. The Omaha 's kept the best part of the pigs for themselves. This was supposed to be a joke on the Winnebago's because the Omaha 's never thought the Winnebago's would eat them.

At first Little Priest and his warriors were perplexed on what to do with the pig-heads. Finally a medicine man said, "We should cook the pig-heads the same way we cook the dog". So they burned all the hair off the pig-heads and cut them into pieces. Then they put them into a kettle of boiling water. Later they added Indian corn, some squash, and wild onions and cooked it for 4 hours. The Winnebago's in the mean time had built a long house. When the kettle with the pig-heads was done, Little Priest and his warriors filed into the long house and took their seats. Little Priest also asked the Omaha 's to join them. And according to tribal custom, they had to. Then the kettle's of deer, dog and pig-heads was served to them.

I don't have any history that the Omaha 's enjoyed the meal, but the Winnebago's warriors did. The Head of the Warrior Society then proclaimed that from that time on, Hog-head soup would be the traditional meal of the Warrior Society. Today, that would be the Armed Service Veterans of the Winnebago Tribe. After the council meeting with the Omaha's was over with, Little Priest and Company A, Fort Omaha Scouts went into Wyoming and Montana to fight the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, and Northern Arapahoes. Little Priest was shot four times near Deer Creek Fort, and later died of his wounds on September 12, 1866.

At his four day wake, Little Priest's warriors bought some pigs from the Omaha 's, and prepared their traditional veteran's meal. And today in 2017, this tradition is still going strong.

WARHORSE UPDATE

WarHorse Gaming Announces Plans for Norfolk Property

Winnebago, Nebraska – WarHorse Gaming, LLC recently announced its intent to construct a five furlong horse racing track and eventual gaming facility at the current DeVent Center in Norfolk.

“Norfolk has a long track record of supporting horse racing but isn’t served with a track in the community. We hope to bring the excitement, entertainment, and significant economic development that will come with fully developing the site,” said Lance Morgan, CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., parent company of WarHorse Gaming, LLC.

On Friday, July 16, WarHorse Gaming representatives will appear before the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission to officially apply for a racing license ahead of breaking ground on construction of the new track and revamping of the current structures.

WarHorse Norfolk is anticipated to contribute roughly \$2.1 million in annual tax revenue to Norfolk and Madison County and employ roughly 250 individuals. With plans for nearly 500 gaming positions and a sports book, the state’s property tax relief fund could see an increase of as much as \$8.4 million annually from the future Norfolk casino.

“The community development benefits are clear,” said Josh Moening, Mayor of Norfolk. “The project attracts new investment from a northeast Nebraska-based business, is part of the solution to reducing property taxes, increases tourism and spurs new economic activity, and adds to the growing mix of entertainment and recreation venues that are making Norfolk a vibrant and dynamic place to live and visit. Beyond that, it allows local racing enthusiasts to stay closer to home to enjoy the sport, keeps money in the local economy, and represents one of the single largest business investments in Norfolk in recent years.”

“The community and city government are remarkably supportive of the development,” said Brian Chamberlain, Executive Director of WarHorse Gaming, LLC. “So it is incumbent upon us to build a top-notch facility that complements horse racing, while at the same time providing guests a next-level experience.”

“We are very excited to welcome WarHorse Gaming to Norfolk,” said Donna Herrick, CEO and President of Divots Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge & Suites. “We are excited they will be converting our DeVent Center into a new level of entertainment experience for the Norfolk community. This will be a tremendous complement to the recreation and hospitality features available at the Norfolk Lodge. WarHorse has been wonderful to work with, and we look forward to a long relationship with our new neighbor.”

In addition to the proposed Norfolk facility, WarHorse Gaming, LLC will be responsible for casino management and gaming operations at South Sioux City, Lincoln Race Course and Horsemen’s Park in Omaha. The Omaha and Lincoln properties are a partnership with the Nebraska Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, who are the owners of the horseracing tracks at those locations.

Though still in the planning stages, WarHorse Gaming anticipates construction on the track and facility could begin later this year, with full operations beginning in the spring of 2022.

About WarHorse Gaming, LLC.

WarHorse Gaming, LLC, is a division of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the award-winning economic development corporation of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. In addition to constructing and managing a new track in Norfolk, WarHorse Gaming, LLC will manage and operate the expansion of casino gaming at the existing horse racing tracks in South Sioux City and in partnership with the Nebraska Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) in Omaha and Lincoln.



LPTC SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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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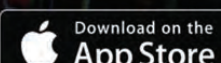
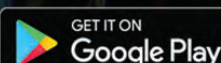
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