




WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS

Winnebago Indians call themselves "Hochunkgra." A Siouan people, they once occupied the southern half of Wisconsin and the northern counties of Illinois. The Black Hawk War of 1832 and a series of treaties forced the Winnebago out of their homeland, and they were removed to reservations in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and finally to a portion of the Sisseton Reservation in Nebraska. With each removal, the Winnebago lost more of their language and traditions.

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Bago Bits...



The Winnebago Veterans Association hosted the 154th Annual Homecoming Celebration T-Shirt SALE on August 20th & 26th. Both rounds started at 10 AM and was held south of the firehall. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Winnebago Veteran's Park and Veterans affairs.



Here is the Husker Legend with Tribal Councilman Karl Baker, who also attended the 2020 Census MQA Self Response Event. This event is once a decade and is vitally important to ensure that we are counted and represented.



The Winnebago Tribe would like to recognize ATLAS of Winnebago for their hard work and continued efforts in providing necessities to the community. Thank you for distributing pine sol and detergent to elders and families in need! (Read an update from ATLAS in this issue.)



Ho-Chunk, Inc. C.E.O. Lance Morgan announced on Monday (8/31) that both Ho-Chunk Village playgrounds are now open!



A special thank you to the Human Resources for planning and distributing the 2nd Annual Employee Appreciation event and gifts while maintaining safety guidelines. Awesome job to everyone!



Here is an updated look at the Senior 12 plex project and the progress being made. You will find more construction updates in this issue!

Angel De Cora Debuts Historical Documentary about the Winnebago Tribe



Winonah Leader Charge

On the evening of Monday, August 31 it was "lights, camera, action" for the Angel De Cora Museum Staff. For those who tuned in, on the Winnebago Tribes social media sites, were greeted with a one-minute trailer of the video documentary "History of the Hōcāk Nīšoc Hacı". After the trailer, Garan Coons the Winnebago Tribes Communications Officer greeted everyone in the virtual world but had some audio difficulties. After a few minutes of trouble shooting the audio became clear and viewers were able to see the production crew behind this historical documentary. Coons further explained how the director respectfully asked for permission from the family in mourning to proceed with the documentary, and they said to proceed.

Before the showing Chairman Brown offered a beautiful prayer for those in mourning and for those who had a hand in the movie.

The Production Angel De Cora Museum Director Sunshine Thomas Bear directed the documentary and oversaw the entire project, in addition to narrating the documentary.

Ben Crawford is the Angel De Cora Curator and served as the project script writer.

Joy Johnson who is the Winnebago Tribes Planning and Development Director was the one who helped write the grant for this project. The one year grant awarded to the Winnebago Tribe was from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The main goal of the grant was to create a series of video learning materials which document, preserve, and

contribute to the revitalization of Winnebago language, cultural practices, and traditional knowledge. This to address a rapidly growing population of young people but small and rapidly declining population of Elders who are able to pass on traditional cultural knowledge to the youth.

August 31st was the final day for the grant, so it was a good day to premiere the video. Due to the pandemic the Angel De Cora Museum staff asked the Winnebago Communications Department to help coordinate a one-time showing for the tribal members. The event was very successful, it reached over a thousand viewers on the Winnebago Tribe's YouTube Channel and Official Facebook Page.

Prior to the premiere viewers were able to hear from the production crew on the making of the video. Challenges the staff faced was some of the Winnebago elders passing away. The video features three people who passed on. Additionally, in March production halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic but a decision was made by museum director to continue to capture as much as possible. "This is just a snapshot; we have a lot of leaders from the Winnebago Tribe. We hope to do more in the future for part II of this project" said Ben Crawford. Plans for the documentary is to work with the Ho-Chunk Renaissance Language Program on translating it. "It was a really good feeling to work on this project. I got to hear some of the voices of the late Jim Snow, Frank LaMere and Helene Lincoln. It made me choke up and get teary. Overall, I think Winnebago should be really proud of this documentary" said Coons.

"This project was a team effort of Ben Crawford, Onipaa Productions and my-

self. Although COVID 19 caused some issues with being able to reach everyone, as well as the passing of some of our elders, it was important not only to us, but to honor their memory, as they wanted to share stories and to have them heard. It was important to me to convey to our tribal membership what they wanted to be shared." stated Sunshine Thomas Bear.

The movie features glimpses of Ho-Chunk historical events. It tells the Ho-Chunk creation story, the smallpox pandemic, Chief Little Priest's last battle and Sergeant John Rice. "As we continue to move forward and grow as a tribe, it is important to remember our history. We come from a strong and beautiful people. Each of us have an ancestor(s) that prayed for us long before our physical presence was here today. It is important to give them something that they would be proud of. We must begin to share and learn our history, so we all know our place on this creation, we have a history to be proud of. After every removal and loss of our people, we are still here surviving. Resilient." said Thomas Bear.

The plans now are to submit this video to film festivals. "I think this should be shown globally. We need to let people know where the Ho-Chunk people come from. Overseas in places like Germany, Italy and Russia really have a big interest in indigenous nations. It's pretty educational and it ends with a great speech from one of the Winnebago Youth" said Coons.

If you would like to learn more about the video's that were produced from the grant. Contact the Angel De Cora Museum. The ir Facebook Page "Angel De Cora Museum" and are located on the Little Priest Tribal College Campus.

CELEBRATING the 4th YEAR OF THE INDIAN CORN HARVEST



The Indian Corn Harvest Project had a new location this year: Ho-Chunk Village. The firepit is new and was installed in time for the event. Community members were able to maintain social distancing while participating in this annual tradition.

Winonah Leader Charge

WINNEBAGO, Nebraska - Sarah Snake the Senior Ambassador for Ho-Chunk Inc., recalls as a young girl the traditional way of planting and harvesting corn. Before planting the corn, her Grandpa would say a prayer. Each person using sticks with sharp points to dig, the females dropping one or two seeds into the ground while the males followed close behind covering the seeds. All summer long weeding and singing traditional songs for a good harvest. When the corn was ready to be picked, tobacco would be offered. Once picked, the corn is husked, boiled, wasgu (scraping of the corn), dried and stored. This is a traditional tradition of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

The Indian Corn program started because there were only a few producers in Winnebago, those being the Catholic church and a couple families

from the community. "There was a high demand for it but the supply was not there, not having access to seed or not knowing the process of planting." stated Aaron LaPointe the Ag. Business Manager. The Indian Corn program provides seeds and teaches the community the step by step process. LaPointe mentioned, they are like a technical assistance group to help get people going. It has turned into something larger, there are a lot more producers now.

"We saw the Indian Corn Project as an important cultural practice that the Winnebago's have always done, there was a lot of elderly people doing it, so we wanted to teach the youth knowing the cultural practice would live on longer through education." said LaPointe. The Indian Corn Project works with the Winnebago School Academy, teaching the students the tradition of harvesting Indian Corn.

2017 was the first year of the In-

dian Corn project only starting with a quarter of an acre and only 4 or 5 volunteers to help. It began small with a small amount of seed but since then, in 2020, it expanded. "Today, planting a total of 15 acres and having about 25 producers of corn, and having 20-30 volunteers. There is a lot of involvement now." LaPointe shared.

The Indian Corn Project also helps the community on a shared basis. Ho-Chunk Farms lets the school's academy and other local programs keep their share of Indian Corn to help generate revenue from fundraising.

The program has been successful in many ways by keeping a supply of corn to help sustain the need for the community and teaching the community the entire process of planting Indian corn from the beginning until the end.

2020 TRIBAL ELECTIONS



Winnebago Tribal Council Election Candidates



As you all have heard, I have decided to run for a vacant seat in this year's tribal council election, the year of change, challenge and collaboration of 2020.

I have many work experiences from a variety of jobs. I have always worked. Right after high school graduation, I worked for the hospital in the medical records department. It was from there that I learned my first lesson, that a higher education was needed to advance. I graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in December 2000 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

I am a single parent, college graduate, hard-working, honest, and reliable. I am a lifetime student. By that I mean every day is a new day to learn something new.

As I grew up in Winnebago, I have witnessed these hardships amongst our people such as employment, housing, healthcare, elder care and childcare. Those worries are of the past, and a bright future waits if we work together, building each other up, accept all faults, repair and improve what is not working.

I promise to work for all people through collaboration. I wish to "evaluate" all programs, "revise and build" programs as needed to improve what is already in place. Hard work is waiting but nothing is impossible.

Vote for Rona Stealer for Winnebago Tribal Council. Thank you, Pinagigi.



Dear Winnebago Tribal Members,

My name is Victoria "Tori" Kitcheyan and I am candidate in 2020 Tribal Council Election. I am fully committed to serving the Winnebago tribal membership and respectfully ask for your vote.

My parents are Desiree Kitcheyan and the late Vincent Kitcheyan Sr. My maternal grandparents are the late Lydia Whitebeaver and William Bear of Winnebago. My paternal grandparents are the late Victoria and Evans Kitcheyan of San Carlos, Arizona.

I am seeking reelection because I believe I represented the Winnebago Tribe well from 2015-2020. I have the qualities of a strong tribal leader and will use my education, experience and skillsets to contribute to the livelihood and advancement of our tribal nation.

The source of a Winnebago tribal leader's power comes from the Winnebago Tribal Constitution. I will uphold the constitution and will never abuse that power. I believe in shared governance. I do not believe in micromanagement. I will elevate others to do their jobs. An empowered organization leads to an empowered tribe.

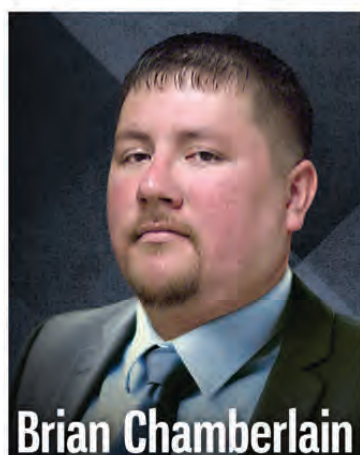
To serve on Tribal Council is an honor and a servant to the people. I will carry the responsibility of office with a clear perspective and transparent decision making. I will practice loyalty, emotional stamina, empathy, credibility, dependability and respect to tribal members.

Our community's needs and success are interconnected by a wide variety of issues and entities. I have the best intentions for our tribe.

I believe in capitalizing on our strengths to focus on specific issues to accomplish shared goals. Topics such as robust healthcare, adequate housing, expanded law enforcement, improved education systems and other tribal member services all need to thrive.

I have a purpose to make a difference. I hope you will support me in contributing to the process of improving the quality of life for all Winnebago tribal members. Please vote for Victoria Kitcheyan at the Primary Election on September 8th.

Respectfully, Victoria Kitcheyan



My Fellow Tribal Members,

Greetings! I hope this finds you all in good health and spirit. First off, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out in support of my candidacy during the recent Special Election. I appreciate your ongoing support. In that light, I am here to announce my candidacy for Winnebago Tribal Council for this Fall's election, of which we will hold the Primary on September 8th, 2020.

Now I'm no political novice. I've been a part of and seen some pretty odd things over the years, but I have to tell you, THIS year's council experience has been by far the most acerbic. As one member of the council, you are one voice in 9 that ought to be advocating for the good of all our people. Yet with this council I can say that is most definitely not the case. You see, to me hate for other tribal members is not a good standpoint. Just plain blind hate fueled by deliberate ignorance, poorly veiled jealousy, and political agendas with vengeful destruction not well hidden creates nothing good, for anyone. Further, that kind of hate for our own people doesn't translate into progress or production that benefits the goodwill of our tribe and quite frankly is wasteful beyond measure. It is our people who pay the price and I for one am sick of it.

Because my belief in being positive outweighs any other individual's desire to destroy what a lot of us have worked very hard for, this kind of political environment can change. It is all changeable and that is the best part. We may be targets of some dark

political wills, but we are NOT victims. You see, when we vote for people who can do good things for us all, and ignore the unfounded rants of those who think hate is a political platform that will somehow transform into good things for our people, we can see how WE have the power to change the landscape of our tribe. All we have to do is vote for positive candidates.

Now I know some people will speak of ideals, and pipe dreams, but what makes things happen is electing people who know how to get things done, because they prove that every day. When we vote for people who ask you to vote, and in turn vote at the council table to uphold your right to vote, the chances that your rights will be secured grows. But when you vote for those who vote to take your rights away, it's only a matter of time until that erodes more and more of our ability to make good things happen. None of us want that. So let's continue to choose good candidates that not only know how to get things done, but also prove by their actions that your voice matters - because it does.

We have the power to create great opportunities for our people. When the people use their voice to vote for people that show a genuine desire to create, not destroy, the progress of our entire tribe continues to move forward. Do we have everything we need, not yet. But when we vote for positive people our chances of success are far greater, and this is what I hope we can support together.

So with this I humbly ask for your votes and know that you understand what's at stake in this election. Will we vote for political hate that only begets more hatred for our own people ironically, or will we vote for those who can get things done for all of us, in a good way, because that is truly who we are - good people of the Winnebago tribe.

Thank you all for your time and consideration. Please go vote and never forget that indeed your voice matters - especially when others have voted to keep you quiet.

Respectfully, Brian K Chamberlain, Candidate for Tribal Council 2020



To Our Enrolled Members:

My name is Lorelei Hope DeCora and I am running for the Winnebago Tribal Council in the upcoming 2020 Tribal Elections. I humbly ask for your vote.

On my Hochunk side, my father is Dwayne A. DeCora Sr. and my paternal grandparents are Henry DeCora Sr. and Edna Rave. I am a 66-year old mother of three, grandmother of eight and great grandmother of two. Through my father, I am a member of the Thunderbird Clan.

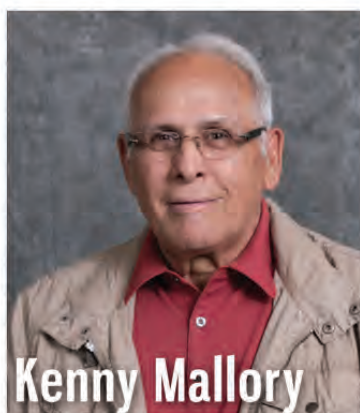
I am running for the Tribal Council because I hope to help our people and all our relatives survive these coming years as the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Sadly, we are facing our very survival as a people with this COVID 19 and/or other coronaviruses that may still be coming. I think of you that are mourning, you and your sick loved ones and especially our children. I believe the teachings are there for us from our ancestors of our Hochunk ways and together with prayer, we will get through this.

I am thankful for and will continue to support the positive initiatives we have in our Tribe:

- Ho-Chunk, Incorporated, building a sustained, economic future for our Tribe;
- Our Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System restoring wholistic health care services for our people.
- Food Sovereignty Task Force, a collaboration of LPTC Extension, HCCDC, HCI Farms, the WTN, Public Health Department restoring a sustainable, Hochunk food system for our people.

Thank you, Lorelei Hope DeCora



I only have the right to ask for one vote, but it's going to take five votes of the same mindset to get positive results. I humbly ask you for your vote on September 8th.

Thank you,

Kenny Mallory

Kenny Mallory

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Wins USDA Nutrition Education Grant Nearly \$1 million in grants awarded across 15 tribal nations and states

August 19, 2020 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today that the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was one of 15 organizations nationally to win a FY20 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education (FDPNE) grant. The tribe has won \$22,217 to fund several nutrition education initiatives.

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides nutritious, 100% domestic-grown and produced USDA Foods to eligible households living on Indian reservations and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near reservations and in Oklahoma.

“These grants will help support projects to enhance the nutrition knowledge of FDPIR participants and foster healthy lifestyle choices through nutrition education services,” said Cheryl Kennedy, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Regional Administrator.

According to the tribe, they plan to use the grant funding to create and disseminate culturally relevant nutrition education resources and improve the nutrition-related skills among FDPIR participants in order to achieve the nutrition-related outcome of making half of one’s plate fruits and vegetables. Healthy recipes will be translated into the Ho-Chunk language and compiled into a cookbook for distribution to the families participating in FDPIR. In addition, Winnebago Food Distribution Program staff plan to conduct bi-monthly cooking demonstrations and nutrition classes using fruits and vegetables provide in the FDPIR food package. Demonstrations will be filmed and played on the program’s television in the program market area.

FDPIR is a vital program for tribes, providing nutritious foods to households in need, and those who operate the program are critical partners in USDA’s mission to “do right and feed everyone.” Many households participate in FDPIR as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) because they do not have easy access to SNAP offices or authorized food stores.

Since 2008, USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has been awarding funds for nutrition education projects to tribal nations and states through Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) grants.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, FNS is awarding nearly \$1 million in FDPNE grants across 15 tribal nations and states that administer FDPIR.

Deadline Approaching for USDA’s Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Application Deadline is Sept. 11

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28, 2020 –U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is Sept. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

“FSA offers several options for farmers and ranchers to apply for CFAP, including a call center where employees can answer your questions and help you get started on your application,” said Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency administrator. “With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on our website and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions.”

Over 160 commodities are eligible for CFAP, including certain non-specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wool, specialty crops, eggs, aquaculture, and nursery crops and cut flowers. All eligible commodities, payment rates, and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP program by the Sept. 11 deadline:

Using an online portal, accessible at farmers.gov/cfap. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications, and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.

Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed, and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.

Downloading the AD-3114 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local service centers when calling to discuss the CFAP application process. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Communications IT Update



Chris Agee the Winnebago Tribe Network Administrator, Brandon Stout the Winnebago Tribe IT Services Director with the Disaster Recovering Team. This group installed the outdoor access points throughout the tribe.

Pandemic Taskforce Subcommittee Communications/IT subcommittee:

Installed outdoor access points. This is to provide signal and connectivity to the public and employees. This project is to provide internet for the community and its employees to stay updated on COVID 19. Outdoor access points are located at all tribal building, Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System, and Powwow grounds (on a need bases). Password protected.

Laptop distribution. Winnebago Pandemic Taskforce Sub Committee Communications and IT distributed 600 Chromebooks to tribal members from the counties of Thurston, Woodbury and Dakota to assist with watching the COVID-19 weekly update and have Telehealth availability.

Tribal fiber project (tribally owned fiber-optics). Connecting all Tribal buildings to the Blackhawk Center for

internet. Phase one has been completed for the Northside and the Westside of Highway 77. The fiber project increases internet connectivity, speed, signal, security, cost efficiency on equipment and gives central manageability to one location.

Phase 2 of the fiber project will include the Eastside of Highway 77. Projected to be completed December 31st.

Local Radio (KWTN) Studio will be installed in the Physical Resources Building with a transmitter site located outside of Jackson, Nebraska. Signal will cover most of Dakota County, Sioux City Iowa and into Winnebago. We are awaiting the FCC construction permit to begin building and testing by the end of 2020.

LED sign will be installed in front of the WIC Office and the Planning office. Dual purpose: display daily messages and weekly COVID-19 updates.

600 Chromebooks distributed to Winnebago Tribal members

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE--On Thursday, August 27th the Winnebago Pandemic Taskforce Sub Committee Communications and IT distributed 166 Chromebooks to tribal members from the counties of Thurston, Woodbury and Dakota. “The reason for those counties is because they are in the health services area for Winnebago. They can use the Chromebooks for telehealth during this pandemic” said Garan Coons the Winnebago Tribe’s Communications Officer.

In total, 600 Chromebooks were distributed for this project. “It was really a team effort and a quick response to get everyone connected. They can watch the weekly Covid-19 updates or research more prevention tips on the internet.” said Coons. Everyone who received a Chromebook was very appreciative.

The subcommittee would like thank the following individuals who helped with the distribution of Chrome books on some of the hottest days of the year:

- Erika Dunn
- Brandon Stout
- Allison Decora
- Tyresha Wolfe
- Matt May
- Garan Coons
- Bethani Redhorn
- Anna Bess Preston
- Tom Perez
- Sunshine Thomas Bear

A special thank you to the Winnebago Human Services Department, Winnebago Tribe IT Department, Winnebago Tribe Insurance and Inventory Manager, Erika Dunn and the HCI Interns. Their hard work and dedication made all this possible.

This project was funded by the CARES Act.



Picture: Winnebago Emergency Manager, Matt May, Winnebago Indian News Office Manager, Bethani Redhorn and Winnebago Inventory and Insurance Manger, Erika Dunn process chrome books for tribal members at the Educare parking lot on Thursday, August 27th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMPAIGN "STUFF"

Before I launch my campaign for the up-coming tribal council elections, there's a thank you matter that I want to share.

This past spring, I received a letter that had a gift certificate to Walmart in it from the Neiman Towing Company. At first, I wasn't sure what to think. After checking around, I found out that Elmer and Lydia Neiman's grandchildren gave the senior citizens of Winnebago gift cards. I knew Elmer and Lydia well for many years and I have to say, you grandchildren are just "chips off the old block". Thanks so much on behalf of all the senior citizens in Winnebago.

Since last year's elections and results, I accepted those results with a positive mind set of things to come. I didn't involve myself in any political activities or community and social events. I did go to most funerals to express my condolences to the families, then I left (for Covid reasons). I did watch one council meeting live stream, but I was so disappointed that I never watched another, nor did I read the council minutes in the WIN newspaper. I stayed positive by doing what needed to be done around my home and with my family.

Now that elections have come full circle, I feel the desire and need to run for a seat on the Tribal Council again. I know the evil and ruthless nature of politics and that it will once again rear its ugly head, but I have set my mind on running a positive campaign.

I feel I can continue to be the kind of council member who has the tribal members' best interest at heart. I'm still healthy, wealthy and wise. Healthy in that I can be on the job every day making myself available to hear the

concerns of the people and at the same time EARNING an honest paycheck. Wealthy in that I am generous to others with the resources I have and am no poorer because of my generous habits. Wise in that I have 23+ years of experience as a council member (not 1 years' experience twenty-three times)...Chairman twice, Vice-Chair twice, Treasurer once and Secretary once. I know our Constitution and the proper interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order. Most of all, wise to the needs of tribal members. It just bothers me that with all our resources we're at a stand still when it comes to generating revenue for this tribe. HCI, WinnaVegas, Twelve Clans Unity, land management and the taxation office could be generating loads of revenue if the Council would build them up instead of tearing them down. If the people that work for these companies don't stand up for their employer, it could only get worse, especially if you don't vote.

This tribe got over \$21M because of the effects of the Covid virus. Imagine what kind of money could be generated if we invested in money making projects. How much money is a \$1.2M road to nowhere going to bring into this tribe? That could have been a start to a dividend if invested wisely. Is this road something the BIA should pay for?

In closing, I only have the right to ask you, the people, for one vote but it's going to take 5 like-minded people to make a difference this year. What have you got to lose? Political Science 101 states that if you vote a second time for a corrupt politician, you only embolden them all the more for the next time around.

*Thank you for your vote,
Kenny Mallory*

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"Pray continually"

On Wednesday, August 26th, we held our preschool graduation for our 2020 students. I reflected on our theme Bible verse for the year: "Be joyful always; pray continually; in everything give for this is God's will, for you in Christ Jesus." 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18.

I focused our attention on the second phrase of praying continually. Most of us have no problem talking. Our problem most times is listening. However, when it comes praying however most don't know what to say when they pray.

This year has increased my prayer life due to all of the medical concerns and the multitude of affects that come to from the pandemic. There have been many prayer requests posted on Facebook or that have come my way. So you are probably not at a loss what to pray for. You might be wondering what to say as you pray.

My advice is first to stop . . . and allow God to speak to you first. I am not saying that God's voice will speak directly to you. However I encourage you to read what God has said as recorded in His Sacred Word. Allow God to give you some direction as you lift your voice to Him.

I also encourage people to read God's Sacred Word out loud. Let the words to be heard by you. God's Word offers much comfort, peace, hope and courage in difficult times.

I printed up and passed out two prayers to the preschool graduates. One

to begin one's day with this morning prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,

that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You.

For into Your hands I commend, myself, my body and soul, and all things.

Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

And then to end one's day with this evening prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,

that You have graciously kept me this day;

and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend, myself, my body and soul, and all things.

Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Atlas of Winnebago

by Denise Milford

Atlas of Winnebago has a target group of families that we will be making priority during distribution. This prioritized group is elders, families with small children, and families with little or no income. This will begin immediately. If you believe you have an emergency, please call the office at 402 878 2162 with a written referral from another community program regarding your need. The reason for this is to stop people that can obtain these already through sustained income flow, hoarding, and families that are unable to obtain transportation or info regarding items and miss out on them. Thank you for your time.

In Loving Memory...

Thomas Walter Harlan



Three brothers: Lawrence Buchanan (Suzy Aldrich) from Onawa, Iowa; Ruben Buchanan (Agnes Warner) and Tyler John from Winnebago, Nebraska. Four sisters: Stephanie Harlan (Mario Aldrich) from Sioux City, Iowa; Marvella Harlan, Lauren John (Jaden Cline) both from Winnebago, Nebraska; and Laura Buchanan (Keyon Perkins) from Sioux City, Iowa. He had 3 children: a daughter, Sinya Harlan from South Sioux City, Nebraska; two sons, Terrance Warner and Sincal Warner from Sioux City, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Laurence and Marvella Buchanan, his paternal grandparents Jean Parker and Richard Hastings. He also had many nieces and nephews. His father David Lee Harlan and a sister Andrea C. Harlan were there to greet him into the spirit world.

He worked at WinnaVegas and Seaboard, J&L employment, and Short Staff employment. He always had a smile for everyone, he greeted everybody with respect. He had a great sense of humor. He loved his children very much, always made an effort to see them.

Rest in Heaven, you will be missed by all but not forgotten.

Thomas Walter Harlan entered the Spirit world on July 19, 2020, at the age of 35. Many knew him as "Tommy Donut." His grandfather named him "Waca be Zhingá" which means Little Black Bear. Thomas was born on October 4, 1984. He is from Winnebago, Nebraska.

Maunka Morgan Candidate Letter...



Haho! Hicakoro ni wina hinikaragi win. Raza Maunka Morgan higairena.

I greet all of you. My relatives, they know me as Maunka.

Wakaja hikikarac hiza wauhajena. Ho-chunk Nisoc eja howawajina.

I am a member of the Thunder Clan. I am a Ho-Chunk living here in Nebraska on our Treaty lands.

I writing to each of you to respectfully ask for your vote in both the upcoming Hochunk Nisoc or Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Primary and Regular Election.

Our Native Nation is at a crossroads and we must reflect deeply and make a deep commitment and decide where we want our people to be 100 years from now. I promise to ensure we produce a strategic plan that will help to ensure our peoples' holistic wellbeing. It is our people's wellbeing that will be central to our Tribal Nation plans that will address our challenges today and in the future. Moreover, that our freedoms and rights are protected from anyone that threaten our way of life, existence, and our property.

Our population is growing and that means that we must be prepared to address the needs of a growing nation. All our people should have equal and protected rights and opportunity for a better quality of life. Together, we can continue to carry our ancestors dream and fulfill their vision they articulated to us which involves the Hochunk

Wank Shiks (people) being independent, self-sufficient, and not beholden to others. In other words, I believe they were speaking to us about our freedom and being a free people once again in all that it means.

We have come a long way since our relatives talked about those important things that they wanted for us. We have done much of the work to honor their vision. However, there is much more work to be done to strengthen our Native Nation in this era of Hochunk history.

When you look around our community and see that we are rebuilding our nation, keep in mind that those thoughts began with a sacred prayer and dani wakanchunk (sacred tobacco) offering and as our relatives taught us. Our people put that tobacco down with those sacred words and these things we wanted for our people have begun to emerge.

Even though we are in a challenging time we have a lot to be grateful about and should be humble and appreciative of all that has transpired up to this point in our history. Let us not stop here but continue to evolve and extend that prosperity to all our people living now, and in honor of those gone, and in preparation for those yet to come.

I promise, I will get things done for all of us.

Contact me with your thoughts, ideas, comments, and vision. Collectively, we can achieve our goals for the benefit of all our people.

Wa'iniginap Sana (Thank you) and Wanoishguni wi (All of us/you be well),

Maunka Morgan, M.B.A.

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Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Wednesday, August 26th, 2020



COVID-19 Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Next WIN News Deadline:

September 15th

BAGO NEWS

Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community



North of Winnebago construction zone is now alternating traffic with the use of stoplights and expanding for more work to be done near the 2nd roundabout worksite.


September 2020 Construction updates include:
 8/31: Pavement of the middle lane this week. This will allow for another traffic switch putting traffic head to head.

9/1: Traffic will return to the middle of the road on the North end of town. This will allow construction of the last temporary road on the Eastside.

9/8: The intersections of Wilson, Waddell and Osborne East will open. Wilson and Osborne West will close. Every effort will be made in the construction sequence to get the Wilson Street intersection opened sooner on the new pavement. Projected for October 10. .

Mid-September: Construction of the circle at Mission Road is projected to begin. During that time a new temporary road and changing traffic patterns will be utilized.

Please be aware of the changing patterns and to be on the lookout for turning vehicles, especially in areas where there may not been turning vehicles before. The trail will be placed in temporary rock around, the new temporary road and the trail will continue to go East up Mission Avenue through the winter and probably until this time next year.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska 
2020 Primary Election Candidates

- Karl Baker**
- Brian Chamberlain**
- Craig A. Cleveland Sr.**
- Lorelei Hope DeCora**
- Waukon Grasty**
- Marian Holstein**
- Victoria Kitcheyan**
- Kenneth Mallory**
- Maunka Morgan**
- Rona Stealer**
- Roland Warner**
- Thelma Whitewater**

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 & OCTOBER 6, 2020

September 8th, 2020	Tuesday	PRIMARY ELECTION
September 9th, 2020	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
September 9th, 2020	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
<i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>		
September 10th, 2020	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
September 18th, 2020	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
September 21st, 2020	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular
October 6th, 2020	Tuesday	REGULAR ELECTION
October 7th, 2020	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members Oath of Office

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Update on Keep the Money in Nebraska's Suit Against Secretary of State:

Keep the Money in Nebraska was informed that the Nebraska Supreme Court has agreed to take the case against the Secretary of State to secure the three expanded casino gaming initiatives' place on the ballot in November General Election.

Lynne McNally, representative for Keep the Money in Nebraska, stated, "We are fortunate the Nebraska Supreme Court has agreed to take the case." Oral arguments will be presented next week.

More than 400,000 signatures were collected to get the initiatives on the ballot, clearly signifying Nebraskans want the sustainable property tax relief provided through legalized gaming – a fact reinforced by the Unicameral's passing of LB 1107 earlier this month.

About Keep the Money in Nebraska

Keep the Money in Nebraska is a political committee supporting a series of 2020 ballot measures to expand, tax and regulate casino gaming at licensed horse tracks in Nebraska. More than \$350 million is being spent in neighboring states' casinos by Nebraskans every year -- that's \$65-\$80 million in tax revenue Nebraska is losing. Legalizing casino gaming can help keep that money here in Nebraska, to be used for real property tax relief, and other city and county initiatives.

WinnaVegas Casino Resort receives multiple casino industry awards

Sloan, Iowa – WinnaVegas Casino Resort recently received numerous "2020 Best of Gaming" awards by Casino Player Magazine, a national publication that specializes in delivering the most informative, up-to-date casino news and information to players and vacationers across the country. Casino Player Magazine conducts reader surveys on an annual basis asking readers about their favorite casinos, restaurants, lounges, nightclubs, players' clubs, spas, etc. The surveys are conducted in every state where casinos operate.

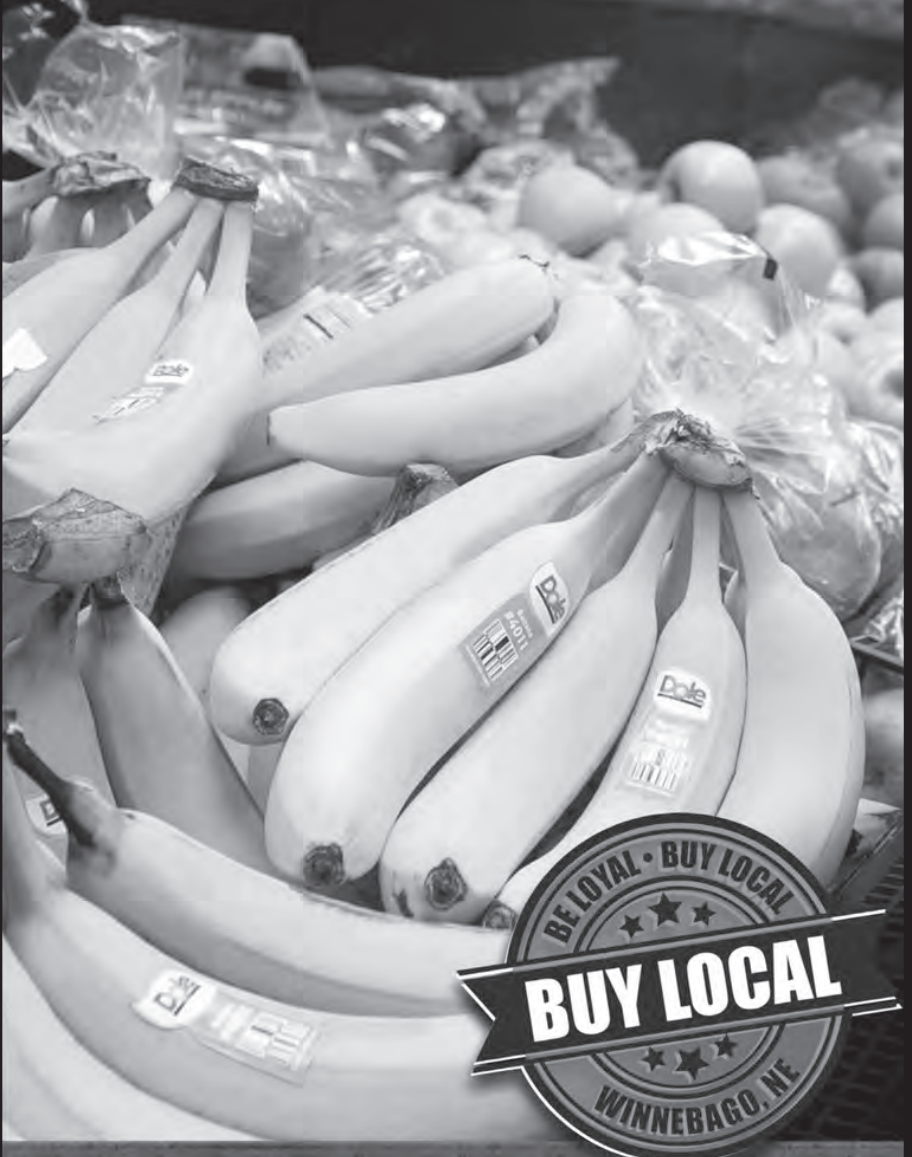
WinnaVegas Casino Resort received the following "2020 Best of Gaming" accolades in the state of Iowa: #1 Casino where you feel the Luckiest, #1 Favorite Casino Resort to Vacation at, #1 Best Table Games Dealers, #1 Best Non-Smoking Casino Area, #1 Best Hotel Staff and #1 Best Casino Hosts.

"It's a great honor to receive these awards and recognition," said General Manager Mayan Beltran, "Especially working through the pandemic, our top priority has always been keeping our guests, our associates and the local community safe. We reopened with some of the strongest restrictions in any local casino and for our loyal guests to still vote us as the best is a testament to our hardworking staff and management."

Iowa was the first state other than Nevada and New Jersey to legalize commercial gaming. Iowa Riverboats were launched in the Spring of 1991 and were the first one's of its kind. Soon to follow was Louisiana, Illinois and Mississippi. Initially, the riverboats were required to cruise with scheduled boarding and disembarking times, but those requirements all in the past.

"The gaming industry is constantly changing," continued Beltran, "from new amenities, to technology, new table games, new slot machines and so on! Winning 19 awards last year was great but to win 23 this year reflects our renewed commitment and dedication to be the best we can be for our guests."

WinnaVegas Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and is currently in its 28th year of operation. Opening originally as a bingo parlor in April 1992, WinnaVegas has grown over the years to become the largest gaming floor in the area. Total gaming space is 54,353 square feet and the casino has over 750 slot machines, 10 casino table games and Siouxland's only bingo hall. The resort features 78 first class room hotel, indoor pool, arcade room, world-class indoor golf simulator, multiple dining options, a spacious event center and multiple meeting rooms.



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Notice of Holiday Closure



Twelve Clans Unity Hospital and the Winnebago Public Health Department will be closed on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2020

In observance of Labor Day

The Inpatient and Emergency Departments remain open. Patients and authorized visitors should continue to use the ER or East Entrance. Masks must be worn at all times. We will re-open for business on **Tuesday, September 8th, 2020.**

Thank you,
Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System



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

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

Janissa Frazier, 29 –
Charged with possession of paraphernalia and/or drug manufacturing equipment, possession of a dangerous drug.

Bryan Cordona, 34 –
Charged with possession of paraphernalia and/or drug manufacturing equipment.

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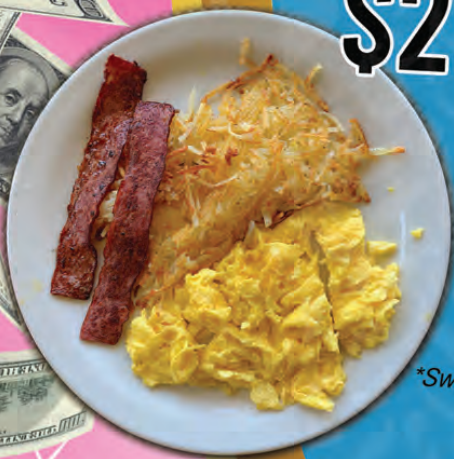
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