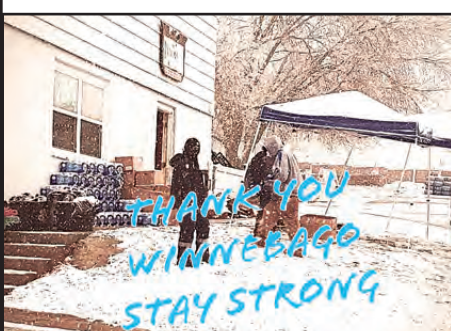


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## Bago Bits...



The Winnebago Food Distribution department began their annual Tribal Turkey distribution thru a curbside pickup from Sunday (11/22) to Wednesday (11/24). Thank you to the Winnebago Food Distribution department for your dedication to safety in proceeding with this year's turkey distribution!



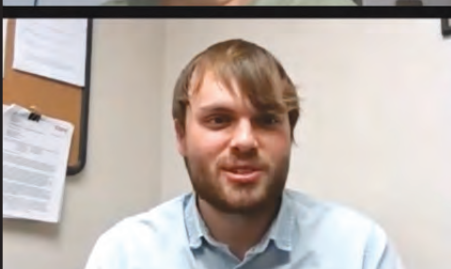
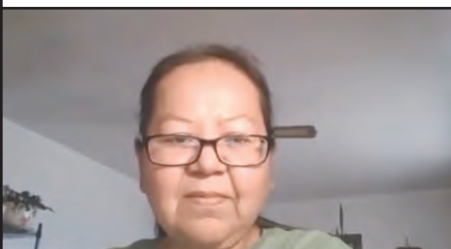
On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe, THANK YOU to ATLAS of Winnebago for your continued efforts in providing household item necessities and food package distributions to the community through the good and sunny days, the cold and snowy days, and the rainy, ice storm days! Your hard work is very greatly appreciated!



Since the last issue, the big screen LED Projector has been installed and looks awesome! Here's an updated look at the installations progress. The purpose of this screen is to help the community members stay informed by streaming COVID response videos, Tribal Council meetings, and other live streamed events and updates!



Winnebago Tribal Councilmember John Snowball offered the prayer for this year's annual community meal provided by the Winnebago Human Services department to ensure the safety of our tribal elders during this pandemic. Thank you to Mr. John Snowball!



Tune in with the Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center's Curator Ben Crawford on their YouTube page where he hosted a virtual interview with Winnebago's very own, Michelle LaMere! You can hear about her time involved with the 2016 anti-pipeline protests, A Standing Rock Story.

## ATLAS of Winnebago Food Distribution



The ATLAS crew was working hard with a long line of cars for their Thursday (November 19th) morning distribution. Before the drive thru started, ATLAS shared their prepping duties of packaging the food items. Pictured in the middle (ltoR): Shari Patton, Michael Snake, Audrey Wolfe, Reuban Snake, Denise Milford, Kelly Lonewolf, Alf Lopez, Ed Whitebeaver, and Ramona Greene. Bottom right photo is tribal member, Antonia Ybarra, who was happy to give some great feedback about ATLAS and their mission! #TeamworkMakesTheDreamWork

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE— Rain, snow, or shine, it does not matter for Denise Milford the Director of Atlas and her staff. Every week they are working hard distributing food boxes to the Winnebago community. On distribution days, vehicles are lined up around the block awaiting their turn to collect a food box. The demand for these resources is representative of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Since June, when the ATLAS program was awarded CARES Act funding, the demand for services have increased. "Our numbers have quadrupled. Our distribution went up from four times a month to fourteen times a month. My staff grew too" shared Milford. Atlas of Winnebago receives food for approximately 250 families every distribution, give or take, depending on the break down. Exactly 250 boxes were distributed in an hour and a half.

"Out of 250 families, about 180 tribally enrolled members who live here in town are using our services. They are the majority" said Milford. There are also people from out of town who travel to Winnebago on distribution days. The Atlas program provides services to everyone regardless their race, creed, or financial status, "especially with the Covid 19 epidemic in full swing, we will not turn anyone in need away today" stated Milford.

On November 17th, Atlas served a total of:

- 180 Enrolled members.
- 10 Non-community enrolled members. 8 Non-natives.
- 29 Non-enrolled community members.

50 deliveries to those with chronic medical conditions, no internet accessibility, and no transportation 25 households in quarantine or isolation status.

"With those numbers I am satisfied. We reach a good amount of our people in a good way" said Milford.

Kelly Lonewolf a local tribal member who works for the Atlas program shared, "The lines are getting a little longer now days but if they miss out they can still get food pantry. A lot of people give us good feedback. They are appreciative for what we do for them."

Antonia Ybarra an enrolled member living off the reservation drives from Sioux City to distribution days shared, "I think it is a good thing that they are doing this because I am a family that does not qualify for food assistance. We can't live off our income, so this is helping us so much. With the tribe being there for the people is a blessing for all of us because I don't know what we would do without it, I really don't. I'm in there with everybody else trying to survive."

Milford and her staff deliver after distribution to local elders who do not have transportation or internet access or have serious chronic medical issues. "We have a total of 54 people on that list that we deliver too. We are truly trying to help our people" said Milford.

When Milford and her staff are not distributing food boxes, they are assisting other programs in the community. Recently, helping paint the homeless shelter's shed and helping with the unloading of freezers that were distributed to tribal elders earlier this month. Atlas will also be assisting with the annual turkey distribution

later this month, "We don't ask any questions; we get out there and help. We are a team here. We come in and we get the reward of serving our people" stated Milford.

Before every distribution the Atlas crew says a prayer and smudges to better serve the community and them feel good to do better every time. The Atlas crew consist of three Atlas workers, five tribal employees and one volunteer. Ed White Beaver volunteers his own time to help with every distribution, and longtime Atlas employee Winona Armell who is the Senior Pilot worker.

ATLAS of Winnebago Inc. has been serving the community of Winnebago Nebraska since 2010. "Atlas advocates for those who don't have a voice and reaches out to families that may have exhausted all other programs in the community and need immediate resources and support. We believe in getting out there and getting our hands dirty to make sure even support is given to those in need. Not with just food but support, a lending ear, a construction of plans to move forward to unify homes and families and most importantly the relationship with the creator" shared Milford.

December 31, 2020 distributions will end.

Atlas of Winnebago encourages you to come early.

Days and times of distributions:

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reminder to please remain in your vehicles, wear a mask, and have your trunks clean to help keep the process quick and efficient.

# BAGO NEWS



## Winnebago COVID-19 Hotline

Available by call or text message Monday - Sunday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**(402) 922-1508**

Closed For Holidays on:

**Thanksgiving: November 26th, 2020**  
**Christmas: December 25th, 2020**  
**New Years Day: January 1st, 2021**

\*The COVID-19 Hotline is not intended for emergency use. Patients needing immediate medical care should visit the Emergency Room at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital.

Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System

# TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

*A Temporary Program Available for All Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Eligible Patients*



Patients have the option to request a ride from the Transportation Program OR utilize their own vehicle for transportation to medical appointments. Patients will be issued a \$10 gas voucher for Sioux City and \$25 gas voucher for Omaha and Sioux Falls areas\*.

\*Gas vouchers must be redeemed at the Pony Express gas stations in Winnebago or South Sioux City.

Gas vouchers can only be used for PRC referral received through Outpatient, Inpatient, Dental, Optometry, Public Health Nursing, and Behavioral Health Departments. Patients referred to another facility from the Emergency Department are not eligible to receive a gas voucher.

**CONTACT THE PRC DEPARTMENT AT (402) 878 - 3730 FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE.**



2020 WINNEBAGO CHILDREN'S

# Angel Tree

TOY DRIVE




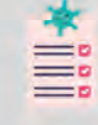
Join us in providing holiday gifts to children in need within the community. We serve children with the Child and Family Services Department, Temporary Assistance Needy Family Program, and the Juvenile Services Program.

Located in the lobby of the Winnebago Dental Clinic at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital  
 225 US-75 Winnebago, NE 68071

**Beginning Monday, Nov. 16th, 2020:** choose a child from the tree and register your selection with the Dental Clinic Front Desk or drop off any gift and we will match the gift to a child. Please bring back the unwrapped gift to the Dental Clinic no later than **Wednesday, December 16th, 2020.**

**FOR QUESTIONS CALL (402) 878-2465**

## What happens after being tested for COVID-19 through the Outpatient Drive-Up Clinic at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital?

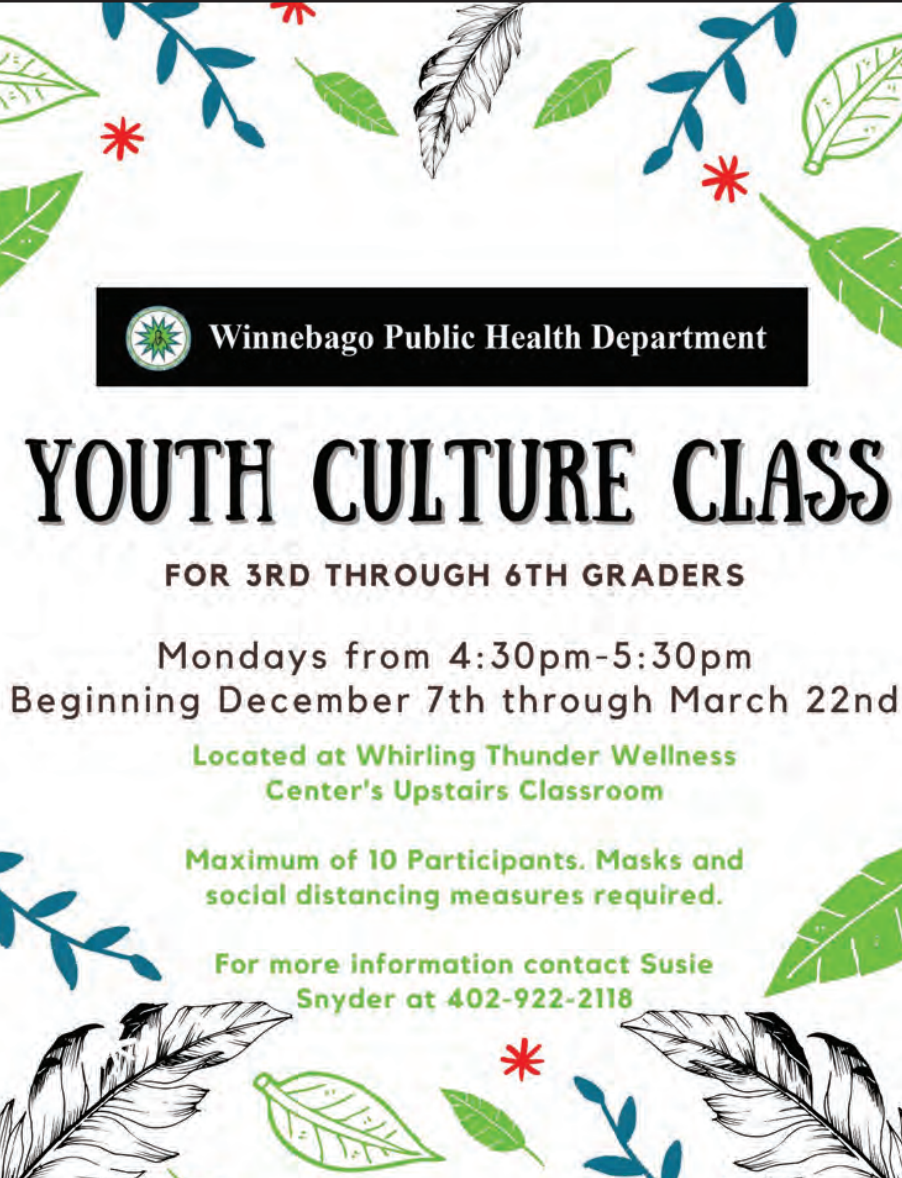
-  Your Provider or nurse will contact you with your results by phone. You will be contacted within 24 hours of collection of being tested if an in-house rapid test is used. Results might take as long as 72 hours if sent to an outside lab. Make sure we have a correct phone number so we can contact you.
-  Continue to follow self-isolation or quarantine instructions until you receive your test results.
-  Provide your email address so we can securely send your results to you (instructions will be given). This helps avoid the need to return to the hospital to obtain a written copy.
-  If you will need a written copy of your results, contact Health Information Management/ Medical Records AFTER you receive verbal results from your Provider or Nurse. Call 402-878-3682 to arrange this service.

## COVID-19 Testing at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital

Please call (402) 878-3404 for an appointment.  
 Appointments available Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 pm (subject to change).

COURTESY TESTING (COVID-19 Testing Through the Outpatient Drive-Up Clinic)	CRITICAL TESTING (COVID-19 Testing Through the Emergency Room)
<p>COVID-19 testing through the Outpatient Drive-Up Clinic can be utilized for patients who do not need emergency care or have little to no symptoms.</p> <p>COVID-19 testing is done by <b>appointment only</b>. Call the Outpatient Clinic at (402) 878-3404 for an appointment.</p> <p>Patients who have had a COVID-19 exposure should not get tested until 5-7 days after the initial exposure. This is because you can test negative if you get tested too early. It is possible to test positive up to 14 days after an exposure.</p>	<p>COVID-19 testing through the Emergency Room is reserved for patients having severe symptoms like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble Breathing</li> <li>• Persistent pain/pressure in the chest</li> <li>• New confusion</li> <li>• Inability to wake or stay awake</li> <li>• Bluish lips/face</li> </ul> <p>This ensures ER resources are allocated to the community members who need immediate attention. This helps ensure that emergency medical attention is available for you, family, friends, and your loved ones when needed.</p>

Posted as of Nov. 23, 2020



Winnebago Public Health Department

# YOUTH CULTURE CLASS

FOR 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADERS

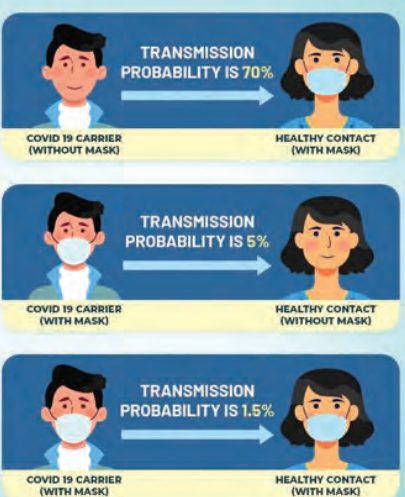
Mondays from 4:30pm-5:30pm  
 Beginning December 7th through March 22nd

Located at Whirling Thunder Wellness Center's Upstairs Classroom

Maximum of 10 Participants. Masks and social distancing measures required.

For more information contact Susie Snyder at 402-922-2118

## IMPORTANCE OF FACEMASK IN PREVENTING COVID-19 TRANSMISSION



Transmission Probability is 70% (Without Mask)  
 Transmission Probability is 5% (With Mask)  
 Transmission Probability is 1.5% (With Mask)

HFWDisha

Next WIN News Deadline:  
**December 8th**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Annual Community Meal Serves 550 meals



*In an effort to maintain social distancing guidelines, families were able to drive thru and pick up their meals this year for the annual community meal provided by the Human Services department. Thank you to everyone that helped prepare the meal and safely distribute the meal packages to the community!*

### Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE--The annual community meal was held on November 20. It was a little different this year with it being curbside pickup. In past years, the community meal was hosted at the Blackhawk Center but due to the covid pandemic it was decided to do curbside pickup at the Human Services Department.

Human Services every year calibrates with different programs within the tribe to provide the annual community meal. "Everyone pitches in a side dish or monetary donations. Our department specifically cooks all the hams and the turkeys, and serves the community" said Tina Tassler the Human Services Deputy Director.

Council member John Snowball shared, "this community dinner is an

annual thing done by the Human Services and it is really special. It is really good that we are continuing that through this pandemic in a safe way. This morning, I thought about what was going to take place today and I felt good and real thankful for my family and thankful to be a part of this tribe and apart of this community."

This year a whopping 550 meals were provided to the community in just 30 minutes, "The work that our department does is hard and our employees look forward to giving back every year. We coordinate a few events every year but this Community Meal is by far a favorite. It gives us the opportunity to take time for reflection and to show our appreciation, as well as get to know this wonderful community on a different level" stated Tassler.

## Congratulations to Alex Pelkey on 8 years of Active Duty in the U.S. Army



*By LeRoy Pelkey Jr.*

Congratulations to Alex, who just completed eight years of active duty serving in South Korea and other various Army Installations within the U.S. Army. Alex will be coaching at Haskell Indian Nations University. He will be looking into other colleges where he can obtain his general education classes, and then pursue a degree in social work. He is a Grass Dancer in the powwow arena and dances in our Big Drum ceremonies for all our relatives in all four directions that are serving in the Armed Forces.

Family of Alex includes: his Parents LeRoy and Dora (Shopteese) Pelkey Jr.; Grandparents LeRoy and Laura (White) Pelkey Sr.; Grandma Joyce Pelkey; Great-Grandparents Alex and Ruby (Buchanan) Pelkey; Great Great-Grandparents Thomas and Annie (Good Heart) Buchanan; Daughter Hain May Lynn Pelkey; Brother CaDence Pelkey; Sister Brittany Pelkey; two nephews and one niece.

Alex's Winnebago name is "Huuc Suc" (pronounced Hoonch Suuch) meaning "Red Bear." The name comes before the color, signifying one of the colors of the four bears in our clan ancestors. They all came to earth singing and came in order, being: Green, Red, Yellow, and Blue. Your boy has a sacred name.

In true meaning, it would traditionally be, "MaCo Suc" (MaCho Suuch) meaning, "Red Grizzly." We are true Grizzly Bear Clan. In HoCak way, that's how it is brother but Red Bear is actually the same!

*(As told to me by Gabby Furmaker.)*

## FAMILY OF GRADUATES!



Congrats to each of these 2020 graduates! They are grandkids of Joyce Pelkey, and great-grandkids of the late Alex Pelkey and Ruby (Buchanan) Pelkey.

Mariah Esperanza May (daughter of Doreen Miera) graduated with her Master of Social Work with a concentration in American Indian Alaska Natives, from Washington University in St. Louis / Brown School of Social Work. She is currently working as a supervisor at Pathways Family Services in Topeka, Kansas.

Alexandra Joyce Holder (daughter of Melissa (Stanley) Holder). She graduated with her Associate of Science in Environmental Sciences from Haskell Indian Nations University. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, while working as a student researcher at the Dr. Chandler Lab at the University of Kansas. Her plans are to attend med school. (She is currently has her eyes on the University of Minnesota.)

Gabriel Antonio May (son of Doreen Miera) graduated with his high school diploma from North High School in Sioux City. He currently works full-time for the city of Sioux City and part-time at Best Buy. He is not sure of what his future plans are. (Hopefully, they include moving out of mom's house.)

Joyce also has four more grandkids (Brianna, Stanley, Thaliah, and Eva) currently pursuing their higher education. Watch for upcoming graduation announcements!

Hope they have all made you proud mom! We all love you and thank you for everything!

Your daughters,

Doreen, Ruby, Missy, and Stephanie



## One Act Play Congratulations



Congratulations to the one act cast and crew on a great performance at the Lewis and Clark one act contest yesterday. Honorable mention goes to Gitana McClelland, Angel Frenchman, Devin Houghton, and Alex George for outstanding performance. A big shout out to Toby Bassette for being awarded the best actor award for 2020 Lewis and Clark conference. Great job! Their next performances are December 2nd and 4th. #Bagoprize

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thoughts on How to Act...



very controversial things over the years and things did not always seem like they were going to work out, but they always do.

Things have been going so well since the tribal election. I almost forgot about how it felt to live through it and then I saw a particularly negative social media post from a tribal leader. The negativity was almost like a trigger for me and for a moment my stomach felt sick and I wanted to fire back with something sarcastic. Instead I basically said nothing.

Hate takes energy. It has a cost. The fighting and all the visceral hate of the past summer took a physical and mental toll on me. I cannot sustain personal hate and run Ho-Chunk, Inc. at the same time. During September, we had the worst month ever from a tribal politics standpoint. At the same time, Ho-Chunk, Inc. had the best month financially in our history. We also won a Nebraska supreme court battle and were conducting our gaming campaign.

It is hard to kick butt for the Winnebago people while looking over your shoulder. People do not understand that in order to run Ho-Chunk, Inc. you have to be a serious optimist. No one would have ever thought we could build such a large company. No one thought the Ho-Chunk Village could be built. No one thought we win the Nebraska election expanding gaming. I was not sure on many occasions, but optimism and hard work carried me through.

Some people thrive on negativity and hate. I feel so bad for them. How can you live that way? It takes so much energy away from the good things about life. I am still suffering a bit mentally from the way the last few months played out. I need to move on, which is why I am writing this column to be honest. So, I am going to ignore the weird, the negative and personal stuff for a bit and I suggest we all do the same. We should just focus on figuring out ways to make our lives better—not who to blame for them.

On this Thanksgiving, I am thankful to be Winnebago and I am thankful that the Winnebago people always do the right thing and I swear I will do all I can to honor the responsibility trusted in me by our people.

Contact me at hochunk@aol.com

Although it seems like ancient history, this summer two duly elected council members were removed from office over the type of drug test they took or refused to take. I am not in favor of drug usage by our leaders, but it was never about that really. It was personal. It was political. It was an act designed to take power. I warned a few of our leaders at the time that it would start a cycle of negativity that would last months and not go the way people thought it would.

After the removal, there was someone appointed to help push an agenda. There was a special election. More drug tests were added. People were kept off the ballot. Lawyers removed and new lawyers hired. Lawsuits filed. I had the worst council meeting ever for Ho-Chunk, Inc. A controversial primary took place. A pandemic raged through our community. Finally, the tribal election took place.

Approximately 75 percent of Winnebago voted for change in the tribal election. Overnight everything changed. The officers changed. The decorum changed. The lawyers have changed again. Our council meetings do not fill me with trepidation anymore.

While all the drama was going on this summer and fall, I said what I always say about Winnebago. "Trust in the Winnebago People—they always do the right thing in the end." It is not a phrase to me. It is something I believe. I have been mixed up in several

## On Common Ground LPTC Equity and Extension

Hi Everyone,

Stuart and I would like to introduce two new additions to LPTC Extension, Eleanor Brasfield and Kyle Urbanec. Eleanor is an AIHEC VISTA Outreach Assistant who will be involved with food sovereignty and community engagement projects. Kyle is a seasonal Extension Assistant/Lead Gardener who you'll see working with the experiential learning gardens on campus. I've asked each to tell us more about themselves, so please read on. We are excited to be able to expand our work with the LPTC and Winnebago Communities with the addition of our new colleagues.

Eleanor:

I am Eleanor Brasfield, the new Americorps VISTA member based out of the LPTC Extension office. I will be working with Janyce and Stuart for the next year to engage community gardeners, Farmers Market vendors, and local entrepreneurs in training and technical assistance activities. The intent of these activities is to strengthen and build on sustainable agriculture programs that already exist here in Winnebago. Starting out, I'm looking forward to learning more about (1) the history and culture of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and (2) what programs are already in place that are relevant to my project.

A little bit about me: I grew up on the East Coast in Maryland. My parents are Midwesterners – mom is from south central Nebraska, and dad is from Chicago. I earned a BA in History from Catholic University in DC and an MA in Intercultural Communication from the University of Maryland. I served in the Peace Corps in Zambia from 2013-2016 under the Linking Income, Food and Environment project. The purpose of my work in Zambia was to address the issue of conserving natural resources through the promo-

tion of agroforestry, soil conservation and management, improved gardening techniques, and teaching of basic business skills. I expect most of the skills I gained there will be transferrable to the work I'm doing here in Nebraska.

Please let me know if you'd like to chat about any of the above! I am excited to join the LPTC community and ready to dive into this work.

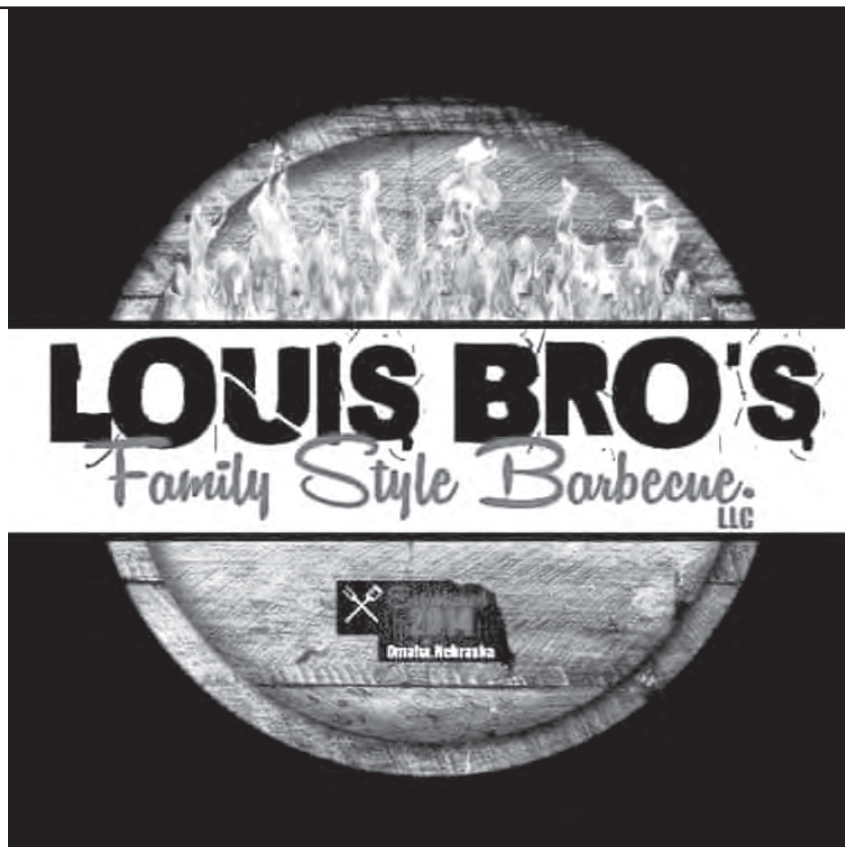
Kyle:

Hello, my name is Kyle Urbanec. I am working as the Lead Gardener for Little Priest Tribal College Extension, I will be working with Janyce Woodard and Stuart Fischer. I'm a graduate of Winnebago Public Schools.

I worked for Common Grounds Gardens for 4 years as a teenager. I've also worked as a welder, a wood cutter and am a volunteer fireman for the Winnebago Fire Department. I'm looking forward to working for LPTC Extension to help move the program forward, doing a job I really enjoy.

DECEMBER Meet, Eat, & Grow! - December -12:00-1:00 PM -Lunch & Learn Garden Series for all things Gardening! Join us for a virtual GoTo presentation and garden inspiration. Topic: Healthy Holidays Winter Nature Crafting -Wednesday, December 16th 4:30 - 6:00 PM-Connect with nature and create a winter craft!

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## Louis Bros Family Style BBQ LLC

Winonah Leader Charge

Quincy Louis Sr. and his wife Brenda Armell-Louis of 18 years started Louis Bros BBQ back in Omaha Nebraska. He was a local DJ who specialized in barbecue, he would sell it outside of bars and clubs after DJ events.

Louis and his wife moved back to Sioux City, Iowa to be closer to family. This is when Louis began setting up his business around the local area, "I would set up at a relative of my wife's home by the powwow grounds and we would provide little smoke ribs and a small side. At the time, I was really small I just had a pop-up canopy and a little bity barbecue grill" shared Louis.

Over the years, Louis became acquainted with a lot of his wife's relatives and family including elders and veterans of the Winnebago community, "I decided that once or twice sometimes three or four times a year I would provide a meal for the veterans and the elders of Winnebago, Nebraska. Just a way to give back for the love that has always been shown to me" said Louis.

This year for Veteran's Day, Louis Bros Family Style BBQ LLC provided a free meal for veterans and elders. 120 meals were served. "I have a lot of family through marriage and Winnebago is deeply rooted in the military. It is important to always honor and respect them for their sacrifice and what they

have done. The elders of the community are the education of each community, no matter what tribe, no matter what race or nationality. I took it upon myself to find a way to honor them when I can and to give back. I like seeing people smile and seeing people enjoy the food that we provide" shared Louis. Providing meals to veterans and elders in the Winnebago community has become a tradition for Louis Bros Family Style BBQ LLC over the past few years.

Louis recently lost his sister-in-law Marilyn Blackhawk a Winnebago Tribal member, "she is a ground foot in the business that I do, and why I continue to push on and do it. She always motivated me and was a big part of Louis Bros from day one. She prayed for me and motivated me to keep it pushing, to believe and to stay strong. I do the things I do today like helping a team, feeding the elders and the veterans, or helping another family out. She was that seed, that spirit who pushed that."

It does not matter how big or how small, Louis Bros Family Style Barbecue LLC accommodates all request including catering and MCing services. You can reach Louis Bros Family Style BBQ LLC at Louis Bros Family Style Barbecue LLC on Facebook or at 712-204-0845.

Thank you Louis Bros Family Style BBQ LLC for everything you do! We appreciate your services to the community.

## Y. C. I. C. Announcement

Hello,

My name is Isaac Yellowbank. I work at the Youth Crisis Intervention Center (Y.C.I.C.) as the Prevention Specialist under the Youth Resiliency Intervention Program (Y.R.I.P), which is funded by the OJJDP (3 year grant). It will be my/our task to assist in development and delivery of a comprehensive intervention program that we will conduct individual and group dynamics, classes, presentations, one-on-one sessions with youth, and family sessions that promote positive life choices and healthy living. We will also educate youth by offering tools on how to cope with trauma and underlying issues that fuel risky behaviors.

We are recruiting for our program. We are in search of two elders to fill our requirements. This is a paid part-time position. The elders will be vital in assisting in all aspects of our program, from development to implementing. I understand recruiting for the hiring of elders is a difficult task, which is why I am turning to social media for the assist. We are looking for elders for their role, life experiences and their expertise, whether be healing, teachings and/or devoted to community.

If you or you know anyone that would be willing to be a part of our team. Please contact Daryl La Pointe Jr. [daryl.lapointe@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:daryl.lapointe@winnebagotribe.com) or myself [isaac.yellowbank@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:isaac.yellowbank@winnebagotribe.com) on how to apply. You may also contact us at the Y.C.I.C. 402-878-2046

Thank you

## New Employee Spotlight!



Hello Winnebago People & Community! First I would like to introduce myself, my name is Ireta Hunter-Blackbird. I am an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and I come from the Thunder Clan. I am honored to be selected as the Physical Resource Director for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

I am confident my experience and educational background will be a great asset to the Physical Resource Department. I received my A.A. at Little Priest Tribal College in 2019 and I am currently attending Bellevue University for my B.A in Business Administration. I appreciate the opportunity and continuing to look forward to working with the Winnebago Tribal Organization.

Pinagigi. Thanks Ireta

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

...cont. from last issue

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

OCT. 14, 2020 CEO REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Aric Armell motioned to approve the October 14, 2020 CEO Report meeting minutes. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

OCT. 15, 2020 SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING – ENROLLMENT MINUTES

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 15, 2020 Special Tribal Council meeting – Enrollment minutes. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:  
APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EPSS PROJECT COORDINATOR

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Job Description for EPSS Project Coordinator. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

APPROVE I.T. BUILDING, COMMUNITY SCREEN SITE

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the I.T. Building, and Community Screen Site. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS:  
TURKEY AND CHRISTMAS

Aric Armell motioned to approve the purchases for the Annual Turkey Distribution and the Christmas Baskets for 2020. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – S. BASSETTE

Aric Armell motioned to approve a \$200.00 Sponsorship for Sharon Rose Bassette for her Cheer team at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

6-0-0  
[Coly Brown in @ 5:28 p.m.]

PAMELA BAZIS – UNL/SPECIAL EDUCATION: PROPOSED EXPLORATION PROJECT

Aric Armell motioned to refer Pamela Bazis of UNL/Special Education to the Winnebago IRB. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

INDIAN HOUSING PLAN FOR WHDC

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Indian Housing Plan for Winnebago Housing Development Commission. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

MELTON FRENCHMAN LAND SALE

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution 20-189A: Re: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests- Melton Frenchman \$16,439.50. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

TRIBAL EDUCATION CODE

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #21-17: Approving Title 19 Article 1 Education Code. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

HEIDMAN LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C. CONTRACT 30 DAY NOTICE FOR TERMINATION

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve to give (30) thirty day notice for termination of General Counsel Services to Heidman Law Firm, P.L.L.C. Louis LaRose seconded.

OBJECT: Aric Armell, Thelma Whitewater, Coly Brown

VOTE: (4) yes, LLR, LD, RS, BC (3) no, CB, TW, AA (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve to advertise Request for Proposal for General Counsel Services effective immediately.

OBJECT: Aric Armell, Thelma Whitewater, Coly Brown

VOTE: (4) yes, LLR, LD, RS, BC (3) no, CB, TW, AA (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION: AMENDING ADOPTED MANDATORY DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-18: Amending Adopted Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing for Tribal Council Members. Louis LaRose seconded.

OBJECT: Aric Armell, Thelma Whitewater, Coly Brown

VOTE: (4) yes, LLR, LD, RS, BC (3) no, CB, TW, AA (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:  
Tony Wood (Executive Session)

Brian Chamberlain motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

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

Brian Chamberlain Motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to table the Tony Woods item. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*CONCUR:  
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING October 23, 2020

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Thelma Whitewater  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose (in at 10:20 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Friloux  
Shelly Bear-Tashquinth  
Alan Post  
T. Mallory  
Brad Knepper  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Brandon Stout  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Garan Coons  
Sharon Frenchman  
Esther Mercer  
Michael Musselman  
Mayan Beltran  
Mike Means  
Joy Johnson  
Michael Michaul  
Leon Rozeboom

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (leave)  
John Snowball (leave)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Thelma Whitewater offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Additions to Agenda: NCAI resolution, NIGA resolution, FY21 Cares Act Supplement Food Distribution Program revisions to small business program on Indian Reservations, WinnaVegas server room upgrade, Jordana Bass request, John Penn issue.

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

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

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Financial Report for September 2020. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the September 2020 WinnaVegas Report. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY THREE BID PROCESS

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas marketing re: Kneopfler: New Year's Day Three Bid Process in the amount of \$29,929. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

SERVER ROOM UPGRADE

Thelma motioned to approve the request from WinnaVegas IT Manager server room upgrade with the selected bid from High-Point Solutions quoted for \$155,869.20. Aric Armell seconded.

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

DEC. 5, 2020 HANDS TO HEART – Discussion

SMOKING AREA IN THE CASINO – will set up smoking area in the casino.  
SENIOR GATHERING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: excused absence

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

Investment review - Leon Rozeboom & Brad Knepper, Liberty National Bank September 2020 Financial Report

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribal September 2020 Financial Report. Thelma Whitewater

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

COVID-19 FUNDING UPDATE: Update only.

[Louis LaRose in at 10:20 a.m.]  
CARES ACT PROJECTS AS OF 10/19/20: Update only.

Housing Utility Assistance Facilities

Food Pantry

Wake & Burial Security

Small Business Grants Communication

Quarantine Housing Project Freezers and meat

Clean Water initiative

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the changes from the Pandemic Task Force amending the language of the Small Business Grant Program. Rona Stealer seconded.

OBJECT: Brian Chamberlain

VOTE: (5) yes, LD, LLR, TW, AA, RS (0) no (1) abstain, BC Motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION TERMS:

Thelma Whitewater motioned to extend Tanya Baker and Damon Payers terms for the Gaming Commission for 30 days and advertise the two expired terms and one vacant seat. Rona Stealer seconded.

ABSTAIN: Brian Chamberlain

DISCUSSION: Home many members are there on the Commission?

VOTE: (5) yes, LD, TW, AA, RS, LLR (0) no (1) abstain, BC Motion carried.

NCAI MEMBERSHIP:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve NCAI membership renewal with Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan as the Delegate and Ann Bledsoe-Downes as Alternate along with the rest of the Tribal Council as alternates. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-19: Approving Membership 2020-2021 – National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Louis LaRose seconded.

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

NIGA membership:

Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #21-20: Authorization of Delegate and Alternate for 2021 National Indian Gaming Membership, naming Rona Stealer as the Delegate and Brian Chamberlain as the Alternate. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

John Penn outstanding payment:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to table the John Penn item until the November 2, 2020 Regular Tribal Council meeting. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

JORDANA BASS REQUEST:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to grant permission to Jordana Bass to solicit funds from WinnaVegas Casino & Resort for sponsorship for her senior film project at Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

FY21 CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATION:

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #21-21; FY21 CARES Act Supplemental Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*CONCUR:  
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NERASKA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING – HEMP October 23, 2020 via GoTo Webinar

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer  
Thelma Whitewater  
Louis LaRose  
Aric Armell

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Allyson Dirksen  
Aaron LaPointe  
Alan Post

Adam Bowen  
Esther Mercer  
Brandon Stout

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
John Snowball (leave)  
Coly Brown (leave)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

PRESENTATION OF HEMP INFORMATION

FORMING A TEMPORARY HEMP OVERSIGHT AND LICENSING COMMISSION WITH LIMITED LICENSING APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #21-22: Forming a Temporary Hemp oversight and Licensing Commission with limited licensing approval authority and appointing Tribal Council Officers: Victoria Kitcheyan, Brian Chamberlain, Rona Stealer, Lorelei DeCora also Tribal Council member Louis LaRose and CEO, Esther Mercer in the capacity of Land Management spot. Louis LaRose seconded.

OBJECT: ARIC ARMELL, THELMA WHITEWATER

VOTE: (4) yes, LLR, BC, LD, RS (2) no, AA, TW (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: taken care of in previous motion.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

*CONCUR:  
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING November 2, 2020 via Go To Webinar

### Tribal Council Present:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Brian Chamberlain  
Rona Stealer  
Lorelei DeCora  
Louis LaRose  
Aric Armell  
Thelma Whitewater  
Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
**Others Present:**  
Garan Coons  
Brandon Stout  
Esther Mercer  
Lance Morgan  
Alexander Mallory  
Cheri Redhorn  
William Decora  
Misty Jefferson  
Alan Post

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the Meeting to Order at 9:05am.

**OPENING PRAYER:** John Snowball offered the Opening Prayer

**APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Rona Stealer.

VOTE: (8) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain  
Motion carried.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

October 16, 2020 Tribal Council Orientation Meeting Minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 16, 2020 Tribal Council Orientation Meeting Minutes, seconded by Louis LaRose.

VOTE: (8) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain  
Motion carried.

October 19, 2020 Mid-Month Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 19, 2020 Mid-Month Tribal Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rona Stealer.

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (1) Abstain, JSB Motion carried.

October 21, 2020 General Counsel Meeting Minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 21, 2020 General Counsel Meeting Minutes, seconded by Coly Brown.

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (1) Abstain, JSB Motion carried.

October 23, 2020 Treasurer's Report Meeting Minutes

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 23, 2020 Treasurer's Report Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rona Stealer.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

Our Mission: "Be Strong and Educate My Children"

Little Priest Tribal College is now taking applications for the following positions:

- **Full Time Faculty**
  - Business Faculty
  - English Faculty
  - Agriculture Instructor
- **Adjunct Faculty**
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  - Art Instructor Introduction to Art History & Criticism
- **Admissions Coordinator**
- **Community Education Coordinator**
- **Help Desk Coordinator**

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### Job Description

#### Legal Assistant

Big Fire Law & Policy Group LLP is seeking a Legal Assistant to join our Firm in the Winnebago, NE office. As a Legal Assistant with Big Fire Law & Policy Group LLP, you will provide support to our offices. The work requires professionalism, initiative, accuracy, discretion, and confidentiality.

This position involves the following job qualifications, in addition to others that may be assigned to meet business needs:

- Proofing, formatting, and sending letters or other correspondence.
- Sort and disburse mail, as well as respond to mail, as directed.
- Book and make travel arrangements.
- Oral and written communication with third parties via telephone, email, and letter.
- Filing hard copy and electronic files.
- Answers the telephone and routes as necessary.
- Greets visitors and assists appropriately.
- Orders office supplies.
- Interacts with vendors, building a positive working relationship.
- Work independently and as part of a team towards common goal of excellent client service.
- Ability to work under pressure/deadlines and to perform multiple tasks simultaneously; self-motivated.
- Other related office management duties, as assigned.

#### Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required.
- Minimum two years office experience, preferably in the legal field.
- Experience in Microsoft products, faxing, copying, organizing documents and files.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- General knowledge of legal terminology.
- Proven organizational and multi-tasking skills.

#### Preferred:

- Prior legal experience.
- General knowledge of legal terminology.

Working hours will be Monday and Friday 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

This position offers a competitive salary and benefits.

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: Depends on Qualifications, please provide cover letter with salary expectations to [careers@bigfirelaw.com](mailto:careers@bigfirelaw.com)

## Garden Update

Week of November 23, 2020

### When Ice Damages Trees

Ice by itself does not damage trees, but the accumulation of ice on branches creates loads that can and do result in branch breakage and complete tree failure. Case in point is the recent ice storm, creating ice coatings of ¼ to ½ inch over most tree branches. This is a tremendous amount of weight to add to trees and while structurally trees develop to handle wind and snow loads, extreme events like ice accumulation and derechos really throw a wrench into tree structural stability.

When it comes to clean-up after a storm event, "hangers", those limbs that are broken but remain partially connected to the tree, should be removed first especially if the hangers threaten roofs or people who may be passing below. The ideal time to prune is in April, May, or June, when small reaction zones within trees makes for timely and closure. If a storm damaged tree has sentimental value or is an important part of the landscape, hangers can be removed now but ask your arborist about completing the finished cuts and final pruning in April, May or June to promote the tree's timely wound closure from pruning cuts. Skip any products that tout wound protection when applied to pruning cuts. These are not effective and actually benefit decay microorganisms.

Much of the ice damage was particularly hard on branches and trunks with included bark. Included bark is the condition where bark gets pinched between two competing limbs or stems that are close together, creating an environment ideal for decay to develop and weakening branch attachment.

Be aware that the pruning practice of lions tailing contributes to tree failure. Lion's tail pruning concentrates the tree canopy to the ends of branches. Snow and ice loads accumulated at the ends of branches will have greater leverage to surpass the tree's structural capabilities and branches will break.

To ask questions about your trees, you can contact me, Kathleen Cue, at the Dodge County Extension Office at 402.727.2775.



## Notice to Creditors and Others

All claims against the Estate of Keith Chamberlain, late of Winnebago, who died on May 12th, 2020. Must file with the Winnebago Tribal Court prior to December 17th, 2020, after which the estate will be distributed in accordance with such court in pursuant to Winnebago Tribal Code 14-115.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ20-020A  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
A. F. (Born 4/2007)  
E. F. (Born 9/2014)  
F. F. (Born 10/2020)  
Loni Frenchman, Mother

To: AARON DEAN SR., Father  
HEATH THOMAS, Father  
HENRY THODEN, Father  
POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ20-020ABC has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 5TH day of JANUARY, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A. M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV17-010

In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
TALAYIA MONIZ  
vs.  
JAMES PRICE JR.

To: TALAYIA MONIZ,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a PreTrial concerning the above referred individual(s) in case no. CV17-010 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2020 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-001

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
AARON JOSEPH CASTILLA  
to AARON WHITEBEAVER SCOTT

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred individual in case no. CV21-001 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 14th day of DECEMBER, 2020 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-009

In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
ANNA PRESTON  
In Re:  
V. G. (Born 11/2017)

TO: ASHLEY CLOUDEAGLE, Mother  
SHAWKEEM GOODMAN, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) in Case No. CV21-009 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12TH day of JANUARY, 2021 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL PETERSON ANNOUNCES \$113 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH APPLE OVER IPHONE THROTTLING

Lincoln, NE – Attorney General Doug Peterson, along with a coalition of 33 additional attorneys general, today announced a \$113 million settlement with Apple, Inc. (Apple) regarding Apple's 2016 decision to throttle consumers' iPhone speeds in order to address unexpected shutdowns in some iPhones.

The attorneys general allege that Apple discovered that battery issues were leading to unexpected shutdowns in iPhones. Rather than disclosing these issues or replacing batteries, however, Apple concealed the issues from consumers. Apple's concealment ultimately led to a software update in December 2016 that reduced iPhone performance in an effort to keep the phones from unexpectedly shutting down.

The attorneys general allege that Apple's concealment of the battery issues and decision to throttle the performance of consumers' iPhones violated state consumer protection laws. Under the settlement, Apple must provide truthful information to consumers about iPhone battery health, performance, and power management. Apple must provide this information in various forms on its website, in update installation notes, and in the iPhone user interface itself.

"Consumers place significant trust in the manufacturers of their smartphones and other connected devices,"

General Peterson said. "I appreciate Apple acknowledging, with today's settlement, the importance of retaining that trust when it comes to helping consumers manage these same devices."

Under today's settlement, Apple will pay Nebraska \$1,339,427.

Apple recently entered into a proposed settlement of class action litigation related to the same conduct, and under that proposed settlement Apple will pay out up to \$500 million in consumer restitution. Consumers can find additional information here: <https://www.smartphoneperformancesettlement.com/>.

Joining Attorney General Peterson in this settlement are the attorneys general of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

To obtain information about how to protect yourself as a consumer, file a consumer complaint, or report a scam, please visit the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division website at [www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov](http://www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov) or call (800) 727-6432.

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

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

As of 11-24-2020, no recent meth arrest(s) have been reported.

# BAGO NEWS

## Christmas Toy Giveaway

Michael Bergen's • Hands to Heart

Saturday, December 5 at 1pm

Located at Winna Vegas Casino Resort in Sloan, IA off of I-29



Michael Bergen and the Hands to Heart crew will be distributing toys for children of all ages. They will also be giving away winter coats on a first come first serve basis. Starts at 1pm until supplies are gone. All children **MUST** be present and accompanied by an adult. All tribes welcomed!



We would also like thank the Moose Riders for collecting all the coats. Merry Christmas!

\*\*\* Masks Required\*\*\*



**For More Information**

Mike Bergen: 913.710.7356  
Chris Bergen: 816.918.6305  
Winna Vegas Casino Resort: 1.800.468.9466

### Winnebago Public School Star Students:

#### Deryk Stout



*From Mrs. Faeth:*

Deryk Stout has been working hard to stay caught up with his classwork. He asks for help when he needs it and wants to get all of his work done. Mike and Lisa have been great about getting him to school and helping him get on google classroom! Deryk always has his work done and correct, and his grades show this! I am so proud of how hard he works!

*From Lisa Stout:*

Deryk is doing very well in his class. He works very hard at every task his teacher asks of him. It has been pretty challenging this year but he works very hard. It seems to be helping; he talks more and is a lot more independent.

#### Cailee Whiteeagle



*From Mrs. Markve:*

Cailee WhiteEagle and her mother Crysteena Cleveland have been amazing to work with. Crysteena has made sure to be involved every step of the way and learn all the new technology that has gone along with homebound learning which is crucial for our younger elementary students. Crysteena has been learning the ins and outs of google classroom and kami right along with Cailee which is not an easy task. Cailee works very hard and completes all of her work every day. She is ready to log in and check her new assignments and lessons for the day at 8:00 am every morning.

*From Mom, Crysteena*

Our experience with homebound so far has been a roller coaster! We have had our good days and bad but all in all its a new experience that we have appreciated from the start. With the coronavirus pandemic still in full effect we are beyond grateful that the school has allowed us to be able to choose homebound at this time for my daughter's safety. I want to thank Mrs. Markve for always being so helpful and checking in on us everyday!! We are beyond grateful and appreciate every ones help.

#### Tomi Li Scott



*Message from Ms. Prewett:*

Tomi Li has done such a wonderful job! She and I visit every day and she asks for help when she needs it. She is always caught up on her work and is eager to do her assignments. Mom is around for support and is always so positive! Tomi Li is a great role model for homebound learning with her daily schedule, work ethic, support system and desire for learning.

*Message from Mom:*

Tomi gets up and logs in every day, sometime between 7:40 and 8:00 a.m. She works until she is done with her school work for the day or until 3pm. Most of her daily work is done by 3. She has worked longer because she wanted to finish up what she was working on. I take Tomi to pick up her lunch at noon. We had a time when she was doing fractions! Tomi says she prefers homebound school. She works at her own pace. Ms. Prewett or Ms. Cervany also call daily to check to see if Tomi needs help. I like that the teachers can see what Tomi is working on in real time. Homebound schooling has helped Tomi take more responsibility for her education. The one thing she misses about school, is her school friends.

#### Ashton & Keon Lyons



*From Mrs. Lange:*

Ashton and Keon are always willing to try new things. They listen really well and follow directions in class and online when we have done virtual learning. Keon is a great listener in our Reading Mastery group. He always participates and has his eyes on the teacher ready to answer all of the questions. Ashton is always ready to use his manipulatives in Math and follows directions with building our numbers and comparing, which is something we

have been working on a lot lately. Kaira has been great to work with and easy to communicate with as well. I enjoy having both boys in my class and can't wait to see the progress they make this year!

*From Kaira Wolfe:*

Ashton and Keon are combined in the same classroom this year and to our surprise it is helping make everything that much easier. If we were ever to go virtual again, or be quarantined again, this is what we need. They are being taught the same lesson at the same time, they work on the same homework, and then we are able to assist them during the same time. Mrs. Lange has been the best teacher for us all. She is so helpful and welcoming, she always communicates with the twins and I on how the work needs to be done, to set up their lessons and any concerns we have. It has definitely been challenging, but thanks to their teacher and the Winnebago Public School staff, we are succeeding! Ashton and Keon say, "With masks we are safe. We learn new things at the big school".

**ENTER to WIN!**

**Super COLOSSAL Christmas Stocking**

**Pony Express** wants to make your holidays a little brighter by giving you the chance to win this incredible, fun-filled **Christmas Stocking!** Simply use your Pony Rewards card between now and December 21<sup>st</sup> and you could win!\*

*\*Winners will be drawn December 22nd and notified.*

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