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Bago Bits...



The meat bundles began distributing on Tuesday, December 8th. Pictured is Trey Blackhawk assisting with unloading/loading the meat bundles for the drive thru distribution.



Congratulations to both Winnebago Public High School basketball teams for their home game victories over the Walthill Blujays on Friday, December 4th.



If you are still looking for Christmas gift ideas, go check out some of the custom beadwork available at Hey Hey Girl Beads & Creations! (You can view some merch on their Facebook page: Hey Hey Girl Beads & Creations)



There is still time to sponsor a child for the Angel Tree Toy Drive! Two Angel Tree locations in Winnebago, outside of the Winnebago Dental Clinic and in the Blackhawk Community Center lobby. Sign up with the receptionists!



Community Wellness Event on Wednesday, December 9th in Winnebago, where community members received this awesome hat & mask for making a pandemic pledge to: Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance, and Stay home!

Hands to Heart "Christmas Toy Giveaway"



Pictured in the top left is the founder of Hands to Heart Michael Bergen with a family who attended the Saturday, December 5th event. Assorted winter coats, gloves, hats, clothes, shoes, socks, boots, toys and much more were available for families to choose from!

Winonah Leader Charge

"If we do not hand to the hearts of our children then who will mend the hearts of us when we are old" is the motto of Michael Bergen the founder of Hands to Heart. Bergen founded the Hands to Heart 'Toys for Disadvantaged Children' in 1994, a nonprofit and volunteer organization that delivers toys to low income families throughout Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

In 1994, Bergen started with delivering toys to 50 kids. That number has increased dramatically, last year alone Bergen and his group of volunteers delivered toys to over 11,600 children. Every year he delivers all the toys between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In 2020, he will reach that goal if not better.

Bergen also founded and began the Michael Bergen's Night Train Run in 1997. It is a motorcycle run that occurs twice a year to collect toys for Hands to Heart. Instead of charging a registration fee, Bergen request toys

and all monetary donations are used to purchase more toys.

Bergen delivers toys to Head Start programs, elementary schools, women shelters, foster homes, and reservations across the Midwest. Bergen and his Hands to Heart crew deliver toys to reservations in Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. These tribes include: the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, Sac and Fox Nation, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Nation, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Omaha Nation, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and many more.

On December 5th, Michael Bergen's Hands to Heart "Christmas Toy Giveaway" event took place at WinnaVegas Casino Resort. Bergen and the Hands to Heart crew distributed toys and winter coats to children of all ages. 63 volunteers from Kansas assisted with the event. "The best thing about it was the man above blessed us with a blue sky and wonderful weather. Considering with all the bad stuff happening in 2020,

we had a great turnout" stated Bergen. Bergen's Hands to Heart distributed and served an estimated 700 kids.

Quotes from participants at the Hands to Heart "Christmas Toy Giveaway" include:

"Had a good time. My grandkids got loads of stuff. Thanks guys!"

"Thank you! Had a good time with my girls. They loved it!"

Bergen has been employed at GNB industrial for 31 years, they allow him the time he needs to do all the good work he does with Hands to Heart. "I cannot do this without the help of everybody. I am just a hand in it and everyone else is the heart and that is what makes it full circle. Having that full circle, we can get a lot of things done" Said Bergen.

Special Thank you to Michael Bergen and the Hands to Heart crew for all their hard work and generosity.

Special Thank you to Pat Dercher and the Moose Riders for the collection and donation of the winter coats, hats and gloves.

Winnebago Children's Angel Tree

Winonah Leader Charge

Winnebago, NE—Sixteen years and going strong, the Winnebago Children's Angel Tree provides holiday gifts to children in need within the Winnebago community, specifically children with the Child and Family Services Department, Temporary Assistance Needy Family Program, and Juvenile Services Program.

Annually, the Winnebago Public Health Department's Dental Clinic located at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital decorates an Angel Tree with angel tags. These tags provide the age and gender of a child on the toy drive list. Sponsors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. "We want to make sure each kid has a nice gift" said Dr. Rex Khan Monif, DDS.

This year the Angel Tree anticipates to provide around 280 gifts.

"This is amazing because we did not know how it was going to go this year with COVID-19. The community support and response is amazing every year. The community always steps up," said Monif.

Thank you to the Winnebago Public School, St. Augustine, Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, Winnebago Public Health Department, HoChunk Inc., WinnaVegas, and the community for helping a child during Christmas.

If you are interested in sponsoring a gift for a child, visit www.facebook.com/WbagoPHD and select a photo of one of the tags by commenting your name. Once you chose a child, bring your unwrapped present for the child to the Winnebago Dental Department no later than Wednesday, December 16th, 2020. Thank you for the help in making our community's children have a great Christmas!



A large inflatable Santa Claus was located near the Angel Tree by the Winnebago Dental Clinic.

BAGO NEWS

WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FAMILY FITNESS FRIDAYS

FOR AGES 5+

December 4th: Walking
 December 11th: Chair Exercise
 December 18th: Water Aerobics

Families who participate in all 3 events are eligible for an incentive. Sign up by calling or emailing the week of the class. A Trainer will be assigned to families to instruct the exercise and confirm completion.

Masks must be worn when coming in/out of the facility. An extra 30 minutes between family time slots will be used for proper sanitizing and cleaning.

Virtual personal training options also available. Email pilar.aldrich@winnebagotribe.com for more details.



FOR QUESTIONS CALL WTWC AT 844-568-6421

WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICE

Winnebago Public Health Department and Twelve Clans Unity Hospital will be closed on Friday, December 25th, 2020 for Christmas Day.

The Inpatient Unit, Emergency Department, and Essential Services will remain open. All patients should continue to use the East (ER) Entrance. Masks are required at the hospital and other public places.

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, December 28th, 2020.



Project LAUNCH: Indoor Decorating Contest



From December 7th to December 22nd, families in Winnebago can send photos of their in-home holiday decorations via Email or Facebook tagging the Winnebago Public Health Department (or any Project Launch Staff). Decorate your kitchen, living room, Christmas Tree, or it all! If your décor is chosen for 3rd, 2nd or 1st Place, a Prize will be rewarded to your family!

Project Launch staff includes:

- Brooke DeCora
- Teasha Bass
- Julie Paulsen
- Marci Hampton

Prizes will be disbursed on **Wednesday, December 23rd from 8am-4:30pm at Land Of Wellness!**



For more information, contact Teasha Bass @ (402) 922-2795 or at lateashabass@gmail.com



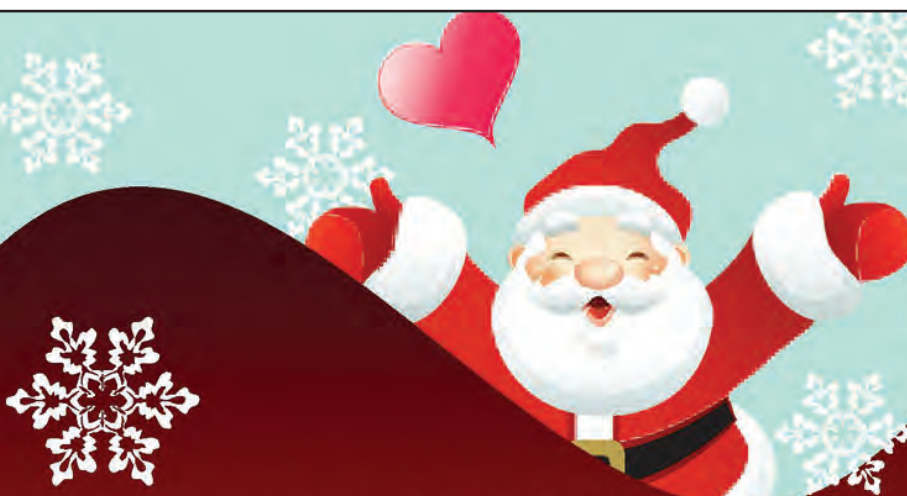
"Hope & Courage"

Stop by Sweet Water Café anytime in December and ask for your complimentary custom coffee wrap to remind yourself that **You Matter & You Have a Purpose!** (while supplies last)

Join us to raise awareness of Suicide and encourage Mental Health wellness during these tough times. As the winter months approach and we stay home more due to COVID-19, let's take the time to better care for ourselves. Here are three quick tips for self-care:

- 1.) Get enough sleep
- 2.) Try to eat healthy, well balanced meals
- 3.) Daily exercise

If you or someone you know is struggling, please call **Winnebago Behavioral Health: (402) 878-2911 M-F 8 am - 4:30pm**
After Hours Crisis Response: (712) 259-3263
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)



Santa Wishes

December 7th-18th

Drop off your Santa letters at Land of Wellness in the **SPECIAL MAILBOX** outside! Please make sure to have name & age of child (ages 0-8) on the letters. Families that are in quarantine after December 10th please contact Project LAUNCH at projectlaunch@WinnebagoTribe.com so we can make arrangements.

December 23rd
 From 11am-1pm

Santa will be in Winnebago for a special visit! He will be at Land of Wellness waving as the elves pass out gifts to each child that sent him a letter. *Please wear masks and stay inside cars*



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



COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE MARKET UPDATE

The construction of our new Village Market "Nisoc Wahagi Hoci" (Hochunk Harvest House) building in the HoChunk Village was completed in June of 2019. Within a few weeks our Farmers Market opened under the outside canopy. 14 vendors signed up to sell their fresh produce and arts and crafts. It was fairly successful but we would have liked to have seen more vendors and customers. In early 2020, the Covid pandemic affected the Farmers Market in numerous ways but we remained open following established health protocols. We have a beautiful facility and want to open up the Village Market to be used for other public, private, educational, business and other purposes. Entrepreneurs, gardeners, community members, churches, schools, veterans groups, youth and elder groups, cultural groups, artists, musicians and others can consider using the Village Market building for your activities. Tony Wood and Vince Bass have been tasked with informing the public that the Village Market outdoor facility will be available to the public for various purposes in early spring. When the pandemic subsides, indoor activities will be considered. We are working on an Activity Plan and a 2021 Calendar of events for use of the Village Market. For now, Tony has created a Facebook page for interaction among any interested people to discuss how we might best use the Village Market in 2021 and also as

a forum for communication, sharing of information, ideas, planning, gardening information, business information, grant and loan info, technical assistance and questions and answers for various related issues. You can access the Farmers Market Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/819985455437742/?ref=share>. If you want to receive the link by email, contact Tony or Vince at: twood@hccdc.org and vbass@hccdc.org. Your feedback will help us to plan activities and other matters based on your needs as a community. The Farmers Market facebook page is where you can submit any ideas, comments, questions or requests for all to see, consider and respond. Your feedback will help us to plan activities and other matters based on community needs and input. The FM Facebook page will remain and will continue to be the forum for discussion, to exchange ideas, comments, planning and communication to help us to create community commerce and to encourage entrepreneurs, gardening, consumption of healthy produce and other matters. The Village Market will be available to host community activities. Share your thoughts, comments and suggestions on our Facebook page. More info will be forthcoming. Please share this information with friends, family and others.

Vince Bass,
Farmers Market Coordinator

Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE December 7, 2020

As this update is being written, it is December 7. Today we reflect on the unprovoked attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and we remember the 2,403 United States citizens who were killed in the surprise attack that day. President Roosevelt described December 7, 1941 as "A day that will live in infamy." Each December 7 there are events across the country to remember our citizens. Along with others, I remember those citizens and mourn their loss. I also mourn the loss of the sense of security experienced by residents of the United States on that day. I join many in the commitment to do what I can do to remember, learn, and prevent such an attack from ever happening again. I salute those who served then and those who serve now to keep our country safe.

Back on the Job: I truly never leave the job of your State Senator behind. A huge part of serving you is being present in District 17, to meet and listen to the people and businesses here and to live under the laws I help create when at the Capitol. Meanwhile, my staff and I work over the phone and occasionally in person to prepare for the upcoming Session. I spent some time in Lincoln this past week, meeting with my colleagues and other individuals as we look forward to the 2021 Legislative Session currently scheduled to convene on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. There are discussions about what convening for the 107th Legislature will look like and roll out in a manner designed to keep the Senators, staff, and public as safe as possible. Remember that every bill introduced by lawmakers must be given a public hearing, so it is important that the State provide a safe environment and opportunities for you, the public, to be heard. Remember that you are always invited to testify live or submit letters to Committees considering legislation that is of interest to you. While in Lincoln, I also met with various people about results of studies and potential bills going forward. Some you will likely hear about as we move into and through the 2021 Session.

Last week's visit also included meetings of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. The first meeting was a joint meeting of the Committee and the Appropriations Committee. We received information about the State's highway needs and accomplishments for 2020.

In a second meeting, the Committee heard from the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) in a 911 service system briefing. The 911 service system is the next generation 911. The is a nationwide standard system that enhances voice and multi-media caller and 911 center communication and enables communications to be sent on to local to local dispatchers for resolution. Northeast Nebraska is the last leg of getting the entire state online with the system, which the PSC reported should be completed in 2021.

COVID-19 State Response Update.

The Governor held press briefings regarding the State's response to COVID-19 on Wednesday, December 2, Friday, December 4, and Monday, December 7, 2020.

Joining the Governor at the December 7 briefing was University of Nebraska Ted Carter.

The Governor again reminded us of the importance of taking precautions to slow down the spread of the coronavirus, including social distancing six feet, wearing a mask when in contact with the public, frequent hand washing and staying home if you are sick. Speaking about the season of holiday shopping, the Governor asked that we try to shop alone and only once a week. As he said, this is a good time to be extra careful with holidays approaching to take precautions that can help protect our families and reduce chances for illness over the holiday itself.

Hospitalizations again decreased over the weekend. If Nebraska continues to see progress, the Governor noted that the State will be able to move into a less critical phase and revise current restrictions accordingly. As of Monday morning's report, the hospital bed availability was:

- 32% of hospital beds available
- 30% of ICU beds are available
- 68% ventilators available

Tools to help protect the hospital avail-

ability in Nebraska include avoiding the 3 "C"s – close contact, crowds, and confined spaces. Wash hands frequently, sanitize hands and surfaces, social distance, and wear a mask when around others. If you are experiencing symptoms, get tested.

Did you know that TestNebraska has returned back nearly 499,000 tests? As a reminder, the test is available to anyone who wants to sign up at www.testnebraska.com.

University of Nebraska news. Joining the Governor at Monday's press briefing was University of Nebraska President Ted Carter. They both spoke of the University's success with in-person classes and effective safety measures.

President Green first thanked Legislature for supporting the University of Nebraska budget this past year. He reported that the Nebraska University system was one of the first universities in the country to announce a re-opening and to welcome students back to campus. The University did so all while keeping a close eye on protecting students, faculty, and staff safety. Unlike many universities seeing drops in enrollment, Nebraska saw a 1% overall increase in enrollment that included a 2% in students from Nebraska enrolling. The University was able to hold back tuition costs for two years running and to reduce online tuition costs as the need for online classes has increased. The University has developed in-person and online learning programs as well as hybrid programs that combine the two.

President Carter offered that one of the most strategic things the University did was take a look at the academic calendar and bring students back a week early, with all students returned to campus by August 24. This adjustment created an opportunity for most students to finish all course work and exams by Thanksgiving break. The University is considering that as students are returning later in January than usual, they will be an expectation to increase testing, exploring full student attendance and perhaps having each student get tested before returning. Looking at the fall numbers, requests for enrollment applications are up 7% for the 2021 Fall Semester and there are examples of the creation of the \$2 million Career Scholarship Program, which helps bridge the gap in needed high-skilled occupations keeping and bringing Nebraska's talented young people to complete studies in the State. Hearing about what's happening at the University, we will be visiting with leadership at Wayne State College and Northeast Community College in Norfolk and West Point to get news on campus status.

The Governor will be holding future press briefings on Wed. Dec. 9, and Friday, December 11. The briefings can be viewed live on many channels, including NET TV, as well as on Facebook and other social media sites. Summaries can be found at the Governor's website.

COVID-19 numbers in District 17

The number of positive tests reported for the periods November 28, and December 4, 2020 in District 17 are as follow:

Dakota County:	+175 (3317)
Thurston County:	+ 31 (711)
Wayne County:	+36 (813)

Legislative Look ahead: As I mentioned above, I was in Lincoln for a couple of days last week. In addition to my colleagues, I met with various people about topics for consideration as we begin the new Session. For instance, I met with representatives from the Nebraska Ethanol Board and Renewable Fuels Nebraska to discuss the report on my Interim Study (LR373) about the state of Ethanol production and use in the State and steps that might be taken to increase production in Nebraska, and use both inside and outside of Nebraska. We are exploring important steps to obtain more complete information about the breakdown of Ethanol blends currently being sold in Nebraska. Look for more details, as well as details on issues of interest being considered in future newsletters.

As always, it is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage you to contact me and I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at 402-471-2716 or by email at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov

Winnebago COVID-19 Status Report

Date: Wednesday, December 9th, 2020



COVID-19 Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(402) 922-1508



www.WinnebagoHealth.com



Here are some facts from the CDC about the COVID-19 vaccine currently in development:

1. COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.
2. COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.
3. People who have previously been sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.
4. Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19.
5. Receiving an mRNA vaccine will not alter your DNA.

For more information regarding COVID-19 and the types of vaccinations in development, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html>

Round 2B • \$300

WINNEBAGO TRIBE GRANTS UP TO \$300 TO EACH TRIBAL MEMBER WHO IS THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IN HOUSING AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE (HUA)

CARES Act
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL AND WINNEBAGO PANDEMIC TASKFORCE ANNOUNCE ROUND 2B - HOUSING AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Eligibility: Approved 2nd round applicants.

Amount \$300

Payment will be made to same vendor as round 2A.

If you want to make changes to the utility payment vendor you must notify Jennifer or Mindi at 402-257-5586 or wtnhumanservices@winnebagotribe.com with changes and documentation.

Deadline for changes: Thursday, December 17th at 4:30pm

If there are no changes you do not need to contact Human Services. The \$300 payment will be sent to the same vendor as round 2A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts on Housing 2020...



year that it will still represent a large amount for housing. Also, we anticipate the tribe needing more money for other community needs so we asked that the amount be reduced from 30 percent to 25 percent for the next 4 years. Our hope is that Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s dividend will grow enough that the amount actually allocated to housing will go up overall.

Housing is one of the most critical needs for our community. When the Tribe gave us this target 5 years ago, I was not sure how or if we could hit the target. I know people think in terms of what they can see, but what we really have done is create a unique systemic approach to housing that allows various types of housing be built quickly.

Everyone has a role with our new tribal housing system. The Tribe allocates money and sets the goal. Ho-Chunk, Inc. plans, builds, and manages the projects. Dynamic Homes and Bluestone Homes builds the housing, HCI Construction builds the big projects and infrastructure. The Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation writes grants, manages the low-income housing projects, and administers the housing down payment assistance program. The Winnebago Housing and Development Commission provides lots in Thunder Way and low income down payment assistance. Indian Health Service helps with water and sewer. Liberty Bank provides mortgages. All of these entities and more provide jobs that allow people to afford better housing.

This aggressive systemic approach did not emerge until the Tribe committed to the five-year funding plan. The five-year plan allowed the various tribal entities to think bigger and not be focused only on single houses or specific projects. The Tribe's renewed commitment should work out great. This time we are hitting the ground running and will take what we have learned to continue to use the tribal funds wisely and leverage as many outside resources as possible.

One more thing. I don't want to count our chickens before they are hatched, but a couple years from now we should have substantial gaming revenue coming in and having a large portion of the dividend go towards housing could be a huge boost for our local housing efforts.

Any questions or comments can be sent to hochunk@aol.com

I have written about tribal housing many times, but I have a new announcement to make. Five years ago, the Tribe allowed Ho-Chunk, Inc. to keep 30 percent of its dividend. We had to use the amount retained to build 100 housing units and the infrastructure for 100 more.

We will easily beat both targets and will end the year with 144 housing units and we added significant infrastructure with the Ho-Chunk Village 2.0 addition and the new lots added at the Thunder Way project.

Over the last 7 years, the tribe has allocated \$4.6 million from Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s dividend to build housing for the people. The 144 units were built at a cost of \$17 million. For every dollar, the Tribe invested in housing we were able to find another \$3.60 for a leverage ratio of 3.6 to 1. We were able to leverage the Tribe's money by using mortgages, low income housing tax credits, new market tax credits, development grants, Indian Health Service funding, and various loan programs.

Over the previous 20 years, the Tribe had built an average of 9 units per year, which actually is not that bad. However, over the last 5 years, we built on average 29 housing units per year—over 3 times the previous pace.

The five-year commitment is up this year, but the Tribal Council recently voted to extend the program for another 5 years. However, there will be a few changes. The percentage retained from Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s dividend will drop from 30 percent to 15 percent for 2020. This drop is ok, because Ho-Chunk, Inc. is having such a good

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



"Are your best days behind you?"

Is there anything in this world to look forward to? Or are your best days truly behind you?

When you read this article, there are less than fourteen sleeps until Christmas Day. When you were growing up - for some it seems like forever - you probably couldn't wait to open the presents under the Christmas tree. Some of you probably didn't wait and had to pick them up, check their size and weight, see if you could peer through the wrapping paper or tear a bit of it so as to read what was inside.

However, today life is so much out of whack! There are serious concerns whether families should even come together. For the last several months people have been limiting their travels outside of the perceived safety of their homes, covering their faces with masks as a sort of security blanket - apparently protecting friend and foe! Often people are looking at others as possible germ carriers, infectious walking outsiders with the potential of causing illness and even death!

So where does one go to receive encouragement? Where is one to turn when life is so chaotic and people are reminded almost on a constant basis that death is lurking around the corner? Is there no hope?

The apostle Paul writes to the saints in Rome these words: 'For as much as was written previously was written for our teaching so that through the patient endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope' [15:4 Middendorf translation].

Based on the Sacred Word of God, our best days are yet to come. I am not only talking about life in paradise with the second coming of Jesus Christ! I whole-heartedly believe that you and I have many best days yet to come in this world!

One of the spiritual gifts that your Creator offers you this season of Advent [Advent means 'coming'] is the gift of hope. Mauna is the God of hope as Paul boldly professes! When the hope of God

is referred to in God's Sacred Word it is a matter that should bring the believer in Christ confidence as God is true to His Word and fulfills each and every one of His promises.

Paul writes to the saints in Rome, the believers in Jesus, these words expressing hope: 'Therefore, after being declared righteous from faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained and retain access [by faith] into the grace in which we stand, and we boast upon hope of the glory of God. And not only [this], but we are also boasting within pressures, knowing that pressure is accomplishing patient endurance, and patient endurance [is accomplishing] tested character, and tested character [is accomplishing] hope. And hope will not put [us] to shame because the love of God has been poured out and remains within our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. [5:1-5 Middendorf]

And then again Paul refers to the blessed spiritual gift of hope in chapter eight: 'Indeed, we know that all the creation is groaning together and suffering birth pangs together until the present. And not only [creation], but ourselves, while having the first-fruits of the Spirit, we ourselves are also groaning within ourselves while eagerly awaiting adoption, [that is,] the redemption of our body. For we are saved in hope. But while hope is being seen, it is not hope; indeed, who is hoping [for] what we are not seeing, we are eagerly awaiting [it] through patient endurance' [8:22-25 Middendorf].

Let me close with these words of Paul: 'Now may the God of hope fill you [with] all joy and peace while believing, so that you might have an abundance in hope by [the] power of [the] Holy Spirit [15:13 Middendorf].

Your Creator as the God of Hope extends hope to you and then through you to others - to your children, siblings, family and friends. Mauna bless you and all creation with Christmas hope, peace, steadfast love and joy!

Letter to Editor,



Aho,

Greetings to all the Nisoc hoci people. I hope this article finds all of you in good health and spirits this holiday season. I wanted to take the time to make a few acknowledgements and say thank you to some well-deserved people who work tirelessly for our tribe.

While serving as treasurer I had the honor and privilege to work with and learn from some very top-notch individuals who have gone beyond the call of duty for all of the tribal membership on a daily basis.

I want to say thank you to Alan Post the CFO for the tribe, along with his team for all of the hours they put into making sure everyone in our tribal organization makes payroll. I would like to acknowledge his hard work and dedication in making sure during this pandemic all of our membership needs have been addressed. I know he worked many hours making sure our food needs, utility needs, and the freezers and meat bundles got out to all of us in a timely fashion. Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Esther Mercer the CEO of the tribe, along with her assistant for all the extra hours they put in to making sure our tribal organization keeps operating smoothly. There are many parts to our organization moving simultaneously on multiple levels every day. This takes a lot of time and dedication to manage, all the while addressing individual employee's concerns. During this pandemic, she and her team stepped up to help make sure all our employees were taken care of. Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Joy Johnson the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the tribe. Without her tireless

efforts, to help bring in much needed grants for our programs, we would not have the good things we enjoy today during this pandemic. I know how hard she and her team worked to help our tribe get the grant funding for our new Halfway House that is currently under construction. Our members who struggle with substance abuse issues will now have an up to date facility to help them in their recovery process. Joy and her team also made sure there was grant funding for new Alcohol and Drug counselors positions for the tribe. Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Danelle Smith the CEO of the tribe's 12-Clans Unity Hospital. During this pandemic, she and her team have put in many long hours making sure all of the members who needed assistance with COVID-19 received it. All of her team have truly done a fantastic job in all aspect of addressing this pandemic we are experiencing. Great job and thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Mayan Beltran the GM of our casino at Winna Vegas. During the outbreak of the pandemic, he and his team stepped up and acted expediently when it came to the concerns of our patrons, putting their safety first. During the short time of the shutdown, he and his team devised a comprehensive plan for reopening that addressed the safety needs of all our casino employees and patrons. Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Lance Morgan the CEO of Ho Chunk Inc. He and his team put in many hours formulating and crunching numbers to help in the aid of the COVID-19 Relief the tribe received. During the time of the shutdown, he and his team addressed the needs and concerns of their employees. Keeping their safety a priority. The time and energy put toward helping out is appreciated. Thank you!

Throughout this ordeal of the COVID-19 Pandemic, everyone stepped up, put their best foot forward and gave their best for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. It was a team effort! I for one am thankful to our Creator for allowing me to be counted as Hacakara. We all walk down the road of life together, when we lock arms and help each other, we can accomplish many good things together. Please have a wonderful holiday season and be well! Thank all of you for your good works. God bless the Winnebago Tribe and the Ho Chunk Nation.

*Respectfully,
Roland Warner*

Star Student:

Andrew Zagurski has been chosen as a Star Student in Mrs. Lange's class this month.

From Dana Zagurski:

Andrew has improved so much. He can count to 50 and write his numbers and name so good now. He can even add some numbers together now. He likes to do math and learning. Andrew said his new friend is Skyler. Once he gets in a normal routine he usually does an awesome job!

From Mrs. Lange:

Andrew has improved so much this first quarter. He is able to write his name, follow directions when given in class, and does an outstanding job in our small groups during Reading Mastery. Andrew answers any question he is asked and has shown improvement in his writing.

He is a great listener and follows directions the first time when given. When we have been remote learning, his mom Dana, has been so helpful with getting Andrew to log in to the computer so he can have his Reading lessons live. It is very helpful to have the support of the parents at home during these difficult learning times. I am so proud of Andrew and the gains he has made this quarter!



Hocak Corner

Manikisak hinigirawi na.

(mah-nee-kee-sahk hee-nee-gheer-dah-wee nah)

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

...cont. from last issue

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

October 23, 2020 Special Tribal Council Meeting – Hemp

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the October 23, 2020 Special Tribal Council Meeting – Hemp Minutes, seconded by Rona Stealer

Object: Thelma Whitewater
VOTE: (4) Yes RS, LD, BC, LLR (2) No TW, AA (2) Abstain CB, JSB Motion carried

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:
APPROVE FY 2021 BUDGET NARRATIVE FOR THE WINNEBAGO GAMING COMMISSION

Aric Armell motioned to Ratify the 5 Signature approving the FY 2021 Budget Narrative for the Winnebago Gaming Commission, seconded by Thelma Whitewater.

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZED TRIBAL OFFICIALS

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adopt Resolution # 21-23, Authorized Tribal Officials of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, seconded by Louis LaRose.

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

APPROVE EMERGENCY GRANT & NATURAL DISASTER GRANT APPLICATION FORMS REVISIONS

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

APPROVE VIRTUAL MEETINGS POLICY

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska – Virtual Meetings Policy, seconded by Louis LaRose

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

OLD BUSINESS:
ATF RAID & PROFIT SHARING AUDIT

Lorelei DeCora motioned to postpone indefinitely, the ATF Raid & Profit Sharing Audit, seconded by Brian Chamberlain.

Object: Thelma Whitewater, Aric Armell, Coly Brown

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TERMINATION OF KAWAHARA LAW CONTRACT

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Object: Aric Armell, Coly Brown, Thelma Whitewater

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RECESS: 5 Minute Break

Tribal Council Present:
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Chairwoman Kitcheyan breaks the tie voting yes.

FINAL VOTE: (4) Yes BC, CB, JSB, VK (3) No LD, AA, TW (2) Abstain LLR, RS

Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:
JULIE PAULSEN – REQUEST FOR REFERRAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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Object: Coly Brown
VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (1) Abstain, CB Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adjourn the Meeting at 2:10pm, seconded by Aric Armell.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
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.

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.

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

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Object: Coly Brown
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ADJOURN:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adjourn the Meeting at 2:10pm, seconded by Aric Armell.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MONTHLY LAND MEETING November 9, 2020 via Go To Webinar

Tribal Council Present:

Victoria Kitcheyan (in at 9:11am)
Brian Chamberlain
Rona Stealer
Lorelei DeCora
Louis LaRose
Aric Armell (in at 9:06am)
Thelma Whitewater
John Snowball
Others Present:
Garan Coons
Brandon Stout
Wilhemina Sharpback
Ireta Blackbird
Absent:
Coly Brown

CALL TO ORDER: Brian Chamberlain, Vice-Chairman called the Meeting to Order at 9:05am.

OPENING PRAYER: Rona Stealer offered the Opening Prayer

Lorelei DeCora asked to add to the Agenda: Liberty Bank Land Account Update

Victoria Kitcheyan assumes the Chair at 9:11am.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by John Snowball

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain 7-0-0 Motion carried.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by John Snowball

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain 7-0-0 Motion carried.

TREY BLACKHAWK HOMESITE LEASE

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adopt Resolution # 21-26, approve the Trey Blackhawk Homesite Lease, seconded by Rona Stealer.

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain 7-0-0 Motion carried.

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MICHAEL HARLAN HOMESITE LEASE

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adopt Resolution # 21-27, approve the Michael Harlan Homesite Lease, seconded by Louis LaRose.

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain 7-0-0 Motion carried.

KENNY MALLORY'S LAND EXCHANGE

Thelma Whitewater motioned to cancel the Kenny Mallory Land Exchange due to non-compliance with the Land Exchange Requirement of the Land Management Office, seconded by Aric Armell.

Object: Brian Chamberlain Discussion

VOTE: (2) Yes TW, AA (4) No BC, LD, RS, JSB (1) Abstain LLR 2-4-1 Motion failed.

Victoria Kitcheyan will talk with Kenny on this Land Exchange issue.

Lorelei DeCora updated the Tribal Council on the status of the former Winnebago Land Corporation Bank account at Liberty National Bank. Lorelei told the Tribal Council once the CFO hears back from Liberty Bank we will bring the Draft Resolution # 21-25 back to the Tribal Council for approval. The Draft Resolution establishes the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Land Account moving the funds from the former Winnebago Land Corporation to be under our WTN CFO and Finance Department. Treasurer Stealer told the Tribal Council an approximation of the balance in the former Winnebago Land Corporation Bank account at Liberty National Bank.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to Adjourn at 9:38am, seconded by LLR.

VOTE: (7) Yes (0) No (0) Abstain 7-0-0 Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council*

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Sincerely,
Winonah Leader Charge
Winnebago Indian News Editor

Winnebago Public School Spelling Bee

Adam James, PreK-6 Elementary Principal



2020-2021 School Spelling Bee winner is Sirvell Rave, 2nd place is Mehawee Grant.

Top 8 spellers will compete in the County Spelling Bee on February 10, 2021 at Pender.

(The other top eight students were Victoria Smith, Rimariya Walker, Ariayla Suniga, Athena Thomas, Marleigh Littlebear, and Zowie Zephier-Wilkie.)

American Broadband Customer Notice

American Broadband provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Party Residence Service \$19.95/month
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Local residence and business service includes voice grade access to the public telephone network; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge; access to 911 emergency services; and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers. This program provides for monthly service discounts on telephone service. NTAP reduces the cost of local phone service by up to \$8.75 per month. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available through NTAP. NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission

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NTAP assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

-Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8); -Medicaid; -Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC); -Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamps Program); -Supplemental Security Income (SSI); -Veterans Pension Benefit/Survivors Pension Benefit

For More Information And To Apply By Mail, Please Visit:

<https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-telephone-assistance-program> or call toll-free application to: Tribal Support Center, PO Box 7081, London, KY 40742, along with proof of eligible program participation (for providing proof of eligible program see "providing proof of eligible program form")

Mail your completed Citizenship Attestation form to: NTAP, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509

You May Also Apply Online Directly At:

<https://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline> If you apply through the CheckLifeline portal, please also mail your completed Citizenship Attestation form to: NTAP, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support is also available from American Broadband. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephoneservice.

Tribal Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers receive \$26.45 per month in discounts.

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A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribal Administered Temporary Assurance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For information regarding Tribal Lifeline services from American Broadband call American Broadband's office at (888) 262-2661.

American Broadband's voice service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

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Internet Café update:

Beginning on December 7th, the Winnebago Public School will have one teacher and one paraprofessional at the Internet Café to help and assists home bound students with their schoolwork. Days & Times: Monday-Thursday from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

JOBS

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

JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Capture Manager	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
HRIS Analyst	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Project Cost Specialist I	Flatwater Solutions	Bellevue, NE
Senior Enrollment Clerk	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Rosalie, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Sloan, IA
Construction Estimator	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Shop Tech Delivery	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Food Service Team Member	Heritage Foodtown	Walthill, NE
Team Member	Heritage Foodtown	Walthill, NE
Ambassadors (7) PT	Ho-Chunk, Inc.	Winnebago, NE
Assistant Team Manager	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Winnebago, NE
Information Technology Technician	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE
Maintenance Engineer Assistant	Pony Express Corporate	Winnebago, NE
Team Member	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
VP of Gaming	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Winnebago, NE

APPLY ONLINE www.hochunkinc.com/employment.php

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



We wish you a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year"

From the WHDC Staff and Board Members.



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...
Savannah Rave – 35
Charged with possession of paraphernalia

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

WINNEBAGO CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

PRESENTED BY



IN MEMORY OF NEOLA "OLD LADY" WALKER

- 1ST PLACE: \$1,000** Sponsored by Ho-Chunk, Inc.
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- 5TH PLACE: \$300** Sponsored by Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System
- 6TH PLACE: \$200** Sponsored by Little Priest Tribal College
- 7TH PLACE: \$100** Sponsored by WTN Human Resources
- 8TH PLACE: \$100** Sponsored by WTN Tribal Farm/Cemetery Program

CONTEST RULES:

- Judges will consider exterior house, yard lights, and decorations.
- Must reside within the boundaries of the Winnebago Indian Reservation.
- Must be 18 years of age, occupy own residence, and provide directions.
- Must register with the WIN staff by COB on Friday, Dec. 18th. (To register, please call 402-878-2272 ext. 4001 or e-mail winnebagoindiannews@winnebagotribe.com)
- Judging will take place in the evening on Monday, Dec. 21st. Winners will be announced the next day on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

2020 High School basketball: Bago vs. Walthill



\$50,000 Stuffed Stocking Giveaway

Every Saturday in December
from 2pm to 5pm

We'll draw two winners every 30 minutes. Win your share of over **\$50,000 in cash!** Every Saturday we'll draw 14 winners for a chance to win up to **\$5,000 in CASH!** That's **56 WINNERS** throughout the month!



Happy New Year! 2021

New Year's Eve \$22,000 Giveaway

Thursday, December 31, 2020
2pm to 10pm & 1am

Kick 2020 goodbye! Win your share of **\$22,000** in cash and prizes throughout the day. Every 30 minutes we'll draw two winners of **\$500 Cash** or **\$500 Free Play** from 2pm to 10pm. Then after the clock strikes Midnight we'll drawn one winner of **\$5,000 Cash** at 1am!

We saved you a seat at our table! FLOWERS ISLAND RESTAURANT

New Year's Day Brunch

\$16.95 per person

Friday, January 1st from 10am - 2pm

Mobile made to order omelet station, ham, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, fresh vegetable medley, scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, cheesy hash browns, rolls & butter, assorted pastries & desserts.
Served with complimentary mimosas.

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Join us for our

New Year New Car Giveaway

Friday, January 1, 2021 • 6pm to 9pm

Win a brand NEW 2021 Chevy Equinox! We'll draw two winners every 30 minutes from 6pm to 8:30pm. Each winner will receive **\$250 Cash!** At 9pm, we'll draw two more winners with one winner driving away in a brand **NEW 2021 Chevy Equinox** and the other with **\$1,000 Cash!**



Happy
Holidays
from all
of us!



It's Just More Fun!