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## Bago Bits...



December 20th: The 1st Annual Holiday Light Parade was held! The parade began with throwing candy from the Winnebago Public School & went all the way to the LED Big Screen, where both the original cartoon version of the Grinch & a Charlie Brown Christmas movies played Drive-In style!! To top it off, hot cocoa was served. We appreciate the Christmas spirit that the town has! Thank you to Winnebago Public Health, Project Launch & everyone who had a helping hand in this festive event! It was an honor to experience the very 1st Annual Holiday Light Parade! (Photo courtesy of Lena White)



December 17th's holiday event was also put on by WPHD & Project Launch with the help from Two-Spirit and more! At the Whirling Thunder Wellness Center, there were many tables with various activities, a few were a photo set up with Santa, book reading, ornament painting, Santas mailbox & even a service dog present. Thank you to these departments for thinking of the kids around the holidays!



WTN Food Distribution & WTN Tribal Council worked together to provide Christmas baskets to our enrolled households in Winnebago. Thanks to the volunteers who helped distribute these baskets, all the help that came together made the process smooth! The first day of distribution was December 13th and continued the following days till 3pm or depletion.



December 10th: The Winnebago Winter Gathering took place before a crazy wind-storm blew in town! I know everyone looks forward to this event, so a great turnout with all the different vendors was no surprise. The Whirling Thunder Wellness gym was full of tables ranging from known chefs around town, baked goods, jewelry, traditional wear, informational booths, crafts & more. Door prizes & Bingo was a nice way to top it all off! Thank you to HCCDC & WHDC for making this event happen, to Quince Bass for being the MC Speaker & to all the vendors who participated!!

## Winnebago Tribe Distributes \$500 to Every Enrolled Tribal Member for Winter Covid-19 Relief



Winnebago, NE – At the Winnebago Tribal Council Meeting held on December 7th, 2021 an item was added to the agenda simply titled "Discussion on \$500 Covid-19 Stimulus". When the agenda item came up, members of the tribal council expressed how the elderly and many tribal members were having a hard time especially during this time of year. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic many hardships are still ongoing said one council member. A lengthy discussion ensued and eventually a motion was made by council member Isaac Smith and seconded by Aric Armell. Would that motion pass?

After the agenda item was on the floor for debate some members of the council expressed where would this money come from? How would we be able to get it out to the tribal members? Would it be realistic to get this out before the holidays? This created a let's roll up our sleeves and figure this out mentality with the council.

The council used the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund this winter covid-19 relief payment. The budget for ARPA is a working budget meaning that depending on certain outcomes projects could be funded. For a project to be funded it must have met certain ARPA requirements. A relief or hardship assistance payment to every tribal member due to the pandemic is an eligible project. In fact, last summer one of the first ARPA projects was to distribute a \$1,500 covid-19 relief payment to all enrolled Winnebago Tribal Members.

What didn't get funded by ARPA as a result of funding another Covid-19

relief payment?

The council has been paying attention to President Joe Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that was recently signed into law. Eventually some of that funding will trickle down to the Winnebago Tribe and it was decided that some of the local infrastructure costs that were going to be funded in ARPA will wait for that bill. The council has said that the Winnebago Tribe isn't getting the full \$1.2 trillion but they would eventually get a small piece which would replace the funding they used to fund the winter covid-19 relief payments.

Is it realistic to get this out before the holidays?

That question was asked before Chairwoman Kitcheyan called for a vote on the item. The Winnebago Tribe's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Alan Post said it would be a huge miracle but his team would do everything in their power to get it out. A suggestion to expedite the process was to use visa cards with \$500 put on to them. This would allow tribal members who needed the assistance to use the payment immediately instead of worrying about going to cash it or not having an ID. Council liked the idea but after checking into it finance found out there would be a delay in getting the cards ordered and out before the holidays. Finance decided that it would run local tribal member checks so that they would meet the deadline of Monday, December 20th. If a tribal member wasn't able to pick up, then a gift card would be sent after the in-person distribution dates.

What about payments to the enrolled

children 18 and younger?

The enrolled children who are 18 years and under will have the \$500 relief payment placed into their Winnebago trust account which they can withdraw after they graduate high school.

After a lengthy discussion, the council passed the motion and finance immediately put the wheels into motion.

"I would like to thank the council for really working on a solution, we heard the tribal member's pleas and know that this pandemic has created a hardship for everyone. I am proud of our council that we could come together to get this done for the people. Also a huge thanks to the WTN finance department because without them this wouldn't have been possible" said Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman, Victoria Kitcheyan.

On Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 21st, a lot of tribal members came to the Blackhawk Community Center Gym to pick up their much needed relief. Finance with the assistance of other programs served the tribal members during the two day in-person distribution. Garan Coons, Winnebago Communications Officer said that he talked to tribal members that came down from Wisconsin and they were very thankful. "It's tough because I know a majority of tribal members are having it hard because of the pandemic. I honestly didn't think it would be possible before the holiday's but collectively the Winnebago Tribe pulled off a Christmas miracle for all tribal members" said Coons.

## Preventative supplies for Winnebago Tribal Members



Tyler Snake & Bethani Redhorn

The Procurement Department within The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has worked with various Government Agencies like FEMA & utilized the CARES Act, as well as many different COVID-19 related preventative opportunities. Utilizing these government organizations & passed bills has made a surplus of preventative care items available to our tribal members. In recollection when COVID-19 first began finding

hand sanitizer & wipes were scarce or overpriced!

Thanks to our Security guards in the front room of WTWC bags full of PPE gloves, masks, hand sanitizer spray & masks are readily available & free. Not only are the security guards providing the bags, but they help ensure mask safety & temperature rules are enforced, thank you for helping us stay safe!

Upwards of 400 bags have been given out with a nice supply left, don't be shy to stop in and grab one! In addition,

those who cannot travel, such as our Senior Tribal Members, can request delivery within the Winnebago Reservation. Contact (402) 878-2272 EXT. 2211 for Shar Fogleman for Delivery set up!

The Main objective is to share what the people in the community need to stay safe! Shar Fogleman states "We are simply playing our part in having preventative supplies available". Thank you to the Procurement Dept. & Security guards for making this objective possible!

# BAGO NEWS



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# JOBS

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STEP FORWARD WINNEBAGO!

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Appointments are available for the COVID-19 **Pfizer BioNTech vaccine** for the following:


- 1st and 2nd dose of COVID-19 Pfizer BioNTech vaccine for anyone 5 years old and over.
- A booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for individuals who are **16 years and over** and received a 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago (or two months after the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

**Clinic Locations:**

- 12/15/21: All Nations Room (Lower Level of Hospital)
- 12/22/21: NO CLINIC DUE TO HOLIDAY
- 12/29/21: All Nations Room (Lower Level of Hospital)

Contact Public Health Nursing for appointments or questions at **402.878.2258**



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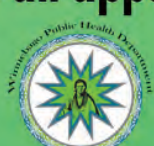
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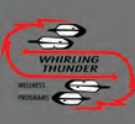


The Audiology Clinics will be scheduled on the first Thursday & Friday of each month (except for January 2022 - see below). The clinic hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call to schedule an appointment!

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# TRIBAL NEWS

## Notice of Availability

### Sacred Children Child Care North Facility Environmental Assessment

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Winnebago Agency has received a request for a commercial lease for approximately 11 acres of tribal trust land on the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (WTN) Reservation (Reservation) within Section 12, Township 26N North, Range 8E West, 6th Principal Meridian, in Thurston County, Nebraska. The lease agreement would be between the BIA, the WTN, and the Sacred Children Care Center North, a Tribal entity wholly owned by the WTN entitled to educate and help Tribal membership with childcare. The property lease is necessary for the construction and operation of the Sacred Children Child Care Center North facility, a childcare and workforce training facility designed to serve 70 to 75 children, including classrooms, sleeping areas, offices, a kitchen, indoor and outdoor play spaces, tiny homes transitional housing, and associated parking facilities.

An environmental assessment (EA) prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) determined that implementation of the WTN's preferred alternative, the Proposed Action, in which the BIA would approve the commercial lease with the WTN and the Sacred Children Child Care North, will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. The authority of the Secretary of the Interior to lease trust lands is under 25 U.S.C. 403. Under this preferred alternative, the lease between the BIA and the WTN and the Sacred Children Care Center North would be a 25-year commercial lease. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Contact the BIA Winnebago Agency Superintendent at (402) 878-2502 for more information and/or copies of the EA and this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

A FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore cannot be appealed.



## Question of the Issue:

**The year 2021 is coming to a close.  
What is one accomplishment that you are proud of that happened in 2021?**



**Garan Coons**  
Winnebago Communications Officer

There are a lot of accomplishments but if i had to name just one, i would say getting the radio station on air. KWTN 100.9 FM, Allen, Nebraska, is a non-commercial radio station that is going to be broadcasting local news, powwow music, oldies, and special DJ segments for the Winnebago Tribe and the Siouxland Community to enjoy. We are going to call it "The Big Voice". It's not even close to being fully functional but in 2022 we are going to be making some good headway. It has been a big goal of communications to get it up and running which was accomplished this year.



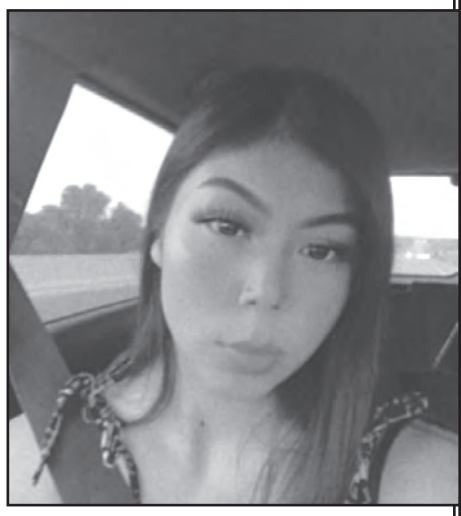
**Bethani Redhorn**  
Communications Office Manager

This year was very good for me. I am most proud of myself for accomplishing one year with the Winnebago Communications department. I've held down several titles throughout the years, but I am most proud of my current position! I learn something new every day, I get to participate in various community events, and I have room to improve and grow. I never felt as valued at any other place of employment as I do with Communications.



**Christina Parker**  
Desktop Publisher

This year I accomplished a goal that I used to only dream about and that was becoming a homeowner for my kids.



**Tyler Snake**  
WIN Office Manager

I feel like I have learned a lot of lessons dealing with my character. Whether it was how to handle a situation or reaction, I know I have grown. Behaviors and relationships aren't "taught", it is kind of like you form your own character over time, through decisions that make you who you are. With that being said I feel accomplished with my maturity growing. It is a different accomplishment than the usual expected, but I know it is something that not everyone practices. Growth never stops! Lol just a little bit corny.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

*from the W.I.N. Staff*

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Club Member Spotlight



Ashton Lyons is a 1st grader attending Winnebago Public School. Ashton has shown excellent leadership, attendance, behavior, and participation. We had a Q&A with Ashton and this is what we came up with.

**Q:** What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**A:** A builder

**Q:** What do you like about the Boys and Girls Club?  
**A:** I like recess!

**Q:** What is your favorite subject in school?  
**A:** Math

**Q:** Favorite activity  
**A:** Dodgeball, coloring, and snacks!

Thank you Ashton for being an awesome club member, we at the Boys and Girls Club appreciate you and what you bring to our club!



## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

### "You don't know Mary"

In the last issue I wrote about a man named Joe. Today I would like to write about Joe's wife Mary. What do you recall about Mary? What does God's Sacred Word reveal to us about the only woman who gave birth to a baby while she was still a virgin?

Long before Mary was born, over seven hundred years, a prophet of God named Isaiah foretold about this miraculous birth. We turn to the seventh chapter of Isaiah: 'Again YAHWEH spoke to [King] Ahaz: "Ask a sign of YAHWEH your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But [King] Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put YAHWEH to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore YAHWEH himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel' [Isaiah 7:11-14 ESV].

God sent one of his angels, named Gabriel to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel went to Mary and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! YAHWEH is with you." Mary was understandably troubled. Gabriel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."

"How will this be," Mary asked, "since I am a virgin?" Gabriel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

A little while later Mary would put her feelings to song as she was moved by the Spirit of God. Mary sang "My soul glorifies YAHWEH and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me--holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. . . " [see Luke 1:46-50].

Mary was a woman of courage who took her motherly role seriously. In this song she is also humble. Mary is filled with joy as she serves God by being the mother of her baby boy who would go on to serve her as her Lord and Savior.

Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary's husband leads her and baby Jesus to the temple in order to present him to his heavenly Father. It is there in Jerusalem that they meet a man named Simeon. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul, too" [see Luke 2:22-35].

Simeon's prophetic words are black and white. Some will fall and the others will rise based on whether or not this Christmas gift is received or rejected. And Simeon's closing words foretell that Mary would have her heart, the heart of a mother, pierced as she was at the foot of the cross when her son, as we'll as her Lord and Savior, died. The hope, peace, love and joy of God's Christmas gift be received in your heart this day and held tightly all the days of your life.

## In loving memory...

### Patricia L. McNaughton



she returned to academia to receive a degree in Graphic Design from Western Iowa Tech in 2002.

Trish held a variety of positions in the workforce before moving onto MCI, where she quickly worked her way into a management position. She was a very driven, hard working and motivated woman and utilized those strengths to quickly build her graphic design career. During those years she was also the President of the S.O.P.S. Investment Group, which she took on with fulfillment. She also worked at Winnebago Indian News for 15 years, retiring in 2018. Trish was a very talented seamstress and mastered the art of crochet. Among other things, she had an extensive bell collection and had a lifelong adoration of rocks. She looked at the blessings of everyday life and derived joy in the helping of others. She truly was a genuine person and was loved by all who knew her.

Trish is survived by her sons, Joel McNaughton and Adam McNaughton, daughter Emily McNaughton, her parents James and Phyllis (Bowman) Schrader and her sister Laurie Gardea.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard McNaughton in 2012.

Patricia L. McNaughton, 65 of South Sioux City, Ne passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. Services will be held 10 am Saturday, November 20th at Salem Lutheran Church, 1753 G Avenue, Dakota City, Nebraska. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at the church. Waterbury Funeral Service of Sioux City are assisting with the arrangements.

Patricia was born on September 13, 1956 in Sioux City, the daughter of James and Phyllis (Bowman) Schrader. Patricia graduated from the South Sioux City High School in 1974. She was united in marriage to Richard McNaughton on June 22nd, 1974. After spending some time building and raising a family,

**W.I.N. Publishers note, we are saddened to hear of Trish passing as she was a long time publisher for the Winnebago Indian News.**

## Travel Activity Kit Ideas for Kids

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  - Cheerios
  - Chex mix
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  - Popcorn
- KEEP THEM CLEAN**
  - Diapers
  - Hairbrush/clips
  - Tissues
  - Trash bags
  - Spare outfit
  - Tide to go pen
  - Wet wipes

Reminder: make sure all items are age appropriate to avoid choking hazards.



## Garden Update

Week of December 13, 2021

Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

### Nation Nourishment Food Sovereignty Program

People in medicine have long understood that what we eat has both short- and long-term impacts to our health, with some physicians prescribing fresh fruits and vegetables, along with medication, to patients. Food sovereignty is the right of access to nourishing and culturally significant food that is locally sourced, whether it is grown with your own two hands or by a local grower. Unlike purveyors of fast food, food sovereignty is about the dialogue between those who eat and local producers. This communication ensures food production strengthens human and environmental health while fostering community and cultural connections.

Like many cultures in the United States, the connection to gardening knowledge has been lost with the passing of grandparents and relatives who knew plants and how to grow them. The Nation Nourishment Food Sovereignty Program began in the spring of 2021 to educate the tribal communities of UmoNhoN, Winnebago, and Santee in a broad range of food-related topics, including gardening, foraging, food preparation, and canning.

The Nation Nourishment Food Sovereignty Program is a collaborative effort, partnering the University of Nebraska Extension and the Center for Rural Affairs. The program has fostered a similar project at UNL's East Campus, providing gardening classes to indigenous high school youth. In the spirit of paying things forward, the Nation Nourishment Indigenous Food Program has launched a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nationnourishment> to encourage commentary and celebrate stories surrounding issues of food sovereignty among indigenous people.

## Hocak Corner

### Mañi Kisak

(mah-nee kee-sahk)

### Christmas

## Mañikisak hinigirawi na.

(mah-nee-kee-sahk hee-nee-ghee-rdah-wee nah)

We wish you a Merry Christmas.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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NTAP and Toll Blocking support is available from American Broadband. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

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

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

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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 telephone service.

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

Tribal Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service by providing a \$30 credit. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

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; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance 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.

If you have any questions regarding telecommunications services, please call American Broadband's office at (888) 262-2661.

## KIDS COAT CARD PROGRAM

**\*\*\*DEADLINE EXTENDED\*\*\***

The Winnebago Tribal Council has extended the deadline for families to claim their Winnebago Tribal member's coat card until **March 31, 2022**.

All enrolled Winnebago children ages 0-18 are eligible for a \$100 VISA gift card to be used for winter ware. There are currently 218 cards that have not been claimed.

### How to claim:

1. Complete and notarize a kids coat form
2. Submit the completed form to the Winnebago Enrollment office.

### Where do you get a form?

<http://www.winnebagotribe.com/index.php/arpa> or  
Contact the Winnebago Enrollment office to request a form be mailed.

402-878- 2028 or [enrollment@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:enrollment@winnebagotribe.com)

### Then what?

Submit the form to the Enrollment office either via mail or in person.

Once verified as eligible, the card can be picked up or mailed from the Procurement office.

## LPTC Library Update

This is just a reminder that the library will be closed Dec. 17th through Jan. 2nd for the holidays and we will reopen on January 3rd. You are still able to place holds throughout on your account by logging into the catalog and placing holds that way. If you need a short reminder, please visit our Facebook page and look under videos for the instructional material.

Also, we are pleased to announce that the library will begin opening on Saturdays for a short time so that patrons can access the library and its materials on the weekend. A date has not been set but we are aiming for late January for our students and community. Students attending LPTC will be able to take advantage of this as a place to study and do research in a quiet environment.

Changes are coming to the library so be on the lookout and remember: We are here for you!

-Tripp Letterman

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Deadline:

**January**

**4th**

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-027  
In the Matter of the  
Guardianship Petition of:  
REBECCA BIGFIRE-  
ELKSHOULDER  
In Re:  
D. E. (Born 6/2007)  
I. E. (Born 4/2007)  
A. E. (Born 4/2008)  
D. E. (Born 10/2009)

TO: VANESSA PRETTY ON  
TOP, Mother  
DELRAE MEDICINE HORSE, Mother  
STONEY ELKSHOULDER, Father  
GEORGE ELKSHOULDER, 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. CV22-027 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-151

TITAN MOTORS  
vs.  
MIKE SNOW

To: MIKE SNOW:

You are hereby notified that a Civil Complaint, in the amount of \$7,139.25 plus Court costs, has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV21-151 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ22-004  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
K. K. (Born 5/2008)

To: KAYLA SMITH, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-004 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 18th day of JANUARY, 2022 at the hour of 2:30 P.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV22-024

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
PAIYA ALDRICH  
to PAIYA WOLFE

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. CV22-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of FEBRUARY, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV21-146

TITAN MOTORS  
vs.  
NICOLE LERMA

To: NICOLE LERMA:

You are hereby notified that a Civil Complaint, in the amount of \$3,113.24 plus Court costs, has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV21-146 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 12

### Strengths and Protective Factors

Across all populations, some of the most significant protective factors are:

- Effective mental health care
- Connectedness to individuals, family, community, and social institutions
- Problem-solving skills
- Contacts with caregivers

Two large studies found that for AI/AN youth strengthening protective factors may be more important than reducing risk factors in addressing suicide risk. In addition to the four protective factors above, research has shown the following to be among the most significant protective factors in AI/AN populations:

**Community control:** In a Canadian study of data from the British Columbia Coroner's Office, tribes with no suicides had more indicators of cultural continuity. Cultural continuity was defined as having infrastructure, such as the presence of cultural facilities, and sovereignty, such as self-government, having title to their traditional lands, and the provision of services within the community, including education, police, and fire; health care delivery; and child and family services. In another Canadian study, preliminary evaluative data and Inuit community member narratives indicated that community control in designing and carrying out suicide prevention programming "can be effective towards preventing suicide."

**Cultural identification:** Alaska Native tribal members following a more traditional way of life reported greater happiness, more frequent use of religion and spirituality to cope with stress, and less frequent use of drugs and alcohol to cope with stress.

Two studies of Native American youth in the Midwest found that those who had a stronger ethnic/cultural identity were better able to cope with acculturative stress and less likely to have suicidal thoughts.

**Spirituality:** Commitment to tribal cultural spirituality (forms of spirituality deriving from traditions that predate European contact) is significantly associated with a reduction in suicide attempts. People with a high level of cultural spiritual orientation have a reduced prevalence of suicide compared with those with low levels of cultural spiritual orientation

**Family connectedness:** Connectedness to family and discussing problems with family and friends are protective against suicide attempts among AI/AN youth.

If you know of someone struggling with suicidal ideation please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), or the Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911 or After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

Donna Wolff, Prevention Specialist, YCIC/Youth Shelter Winnebago Tribe of NE, 402-878-2046 Ext. 4111

**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 12-21-2021, there are no recent meth arrest(s) to report.

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

On behalf of the Winnebago Indian News, we want to thank all households that entered this year's Christmas Lighting Contest. We want to thank our retired WIN editor, Jerome LaPointe for always hosting this for the community in the name of his mentor and one of the founders of the WIN, Neola Walker. We aim to continue this Annual contest in that light. Old Lady Walker always had a special place in her heart to make sure the Winnebago community came together, especially during the holidays.

We wish everyone could place because all the entries were thoughtful and had intent behind the decorations.

We could not have done this without our sponsors! Thank you to WinnaVegas Casino Resort, Ho-Chunk, Inc. Winnebago Gaming Co., Ho-Chunk Capital, WTN Physical Resources, WTN Human Services, Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System, & American Broadband! Without sponsorship, we couldn't have had the honor in doing this contest.

The WIN hopes for this contest to continue to grow each year & help provide opportunities for families & neighbors to be brought closer together whether it be friendly competition or a family decorating experience.

Again, thank you to ALL entries, we encourage everyone in the community to join, every entry is carefully considered! Congratulations to all those who won! Much deliberation went into choosing to make all decisions final. Thank you!



1st Place: Krystal and Girard Grant



6th Place: Tana Lewis



2nd Place: Deidre Redhorn



7th Place: Jaralyn and Sean Bear



3rd Place: Jeffrey and Jennifer Berridge



8th Place: Carolyn Seymour and Justin Lasley



4th Place: Joshua Chamberlain & Mona Zuffante



9th Place: Andrea Paulsen



5th Place: Darla LaPointe



10th Place: Larry Payer

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## — BUFFET —

Saturday, December 25th, 2021  
from 11am to 7pm

Enjoy this all you can eat Holiday Feast serving your favorites like oven roasted turkey, our famous Broasted Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cornbread dressing, green bean casserole and much more!

\$16 Per Person



## New Year's Eve \$22,000 Giveaway

Friday, December 31, 2021  
2pm to 10pm and 1am

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 draw one winner of \$5,000 cash at 1am!

RADIO  
NATION

LIVE Entertainment in the 360 Lounge by:

## New Year's Day \$2022 Cash Giveaway

Saturday, January 1, 2022  
Noon to 5pm

We're giving away \$2022 CASH every hour!  
Starting at noon on New Year's Day you could win \$2022 CASH or be one of our five \$200 Hot Seat winners every hour!