

# I Was Thinking

## Thoughts on Nothing Particular...by Lance Morgan



### Our First Tribal Member Retires

Being a CEO has its pros and cons. On the pro side, I had three lunch time meetings scheduled the other day. I had chicken at one, Chinese at the second and soup at the third. A three course meal at three different spots in 90 minutes. Unusual yes, but tasty. I'm surprised I am in such great shape! (round is a shape too)

The first lunch was to honor Art Reynolds, our first tribal member to retire from Ho-Chunk, Inc. It was attended by lots of our employees and Tribal Chairman, John Blackhawk, and Tribal Vice Chairman, Kenny Mallory. All of our dignitaries said nice words of appreciation for Art. But Art spoke last and gave a heart felt, Obama-like speech. I even thought maybe he was preparing to run for Tribal Council.

What was neat about the meeting that most of the people at the lunch wouldn't have known was that Art was on the Tribal Council back in the early days of HCI. If you know Art he is a straightforward and humble man. He didn't claim

any special business or legal expertise, but he believed in what HCI could become and thought it was important for the future of Winnebago. During his time on the Tribal Council, he supported HCI over and over again, often to his personal detriment politically.

What neither Art or anyone knew is that we would need truck drivers several years after he got off the Tribal Council and that he would be one of them. So his belief in the future of the company actually paid off with a decent job that he was actually able to retire from.

Art is a tribal member, friend, and frankly a guy I owed some loyalty to for his support over the years. We had lots of truck drivers, but Art was the only one who ever hung out in my office when he stopped by the headquarters. He never asked for special treatment, even though he probably could of and I would have done what I could.

Winnebago is a unique place. Doing good things always pays off in the end in ways you would never anticipate. I always hear people say that if someone does something mean that it will come back on them in some way. I honestly believe that is true and try to avoid being mean. But I wish that our belief wasn't spoken in negative terms. I wish we said more often that if you do good things that it will come back on you in some way. Then maybe life would be a little bit better for all of us.

I just think it is neat how things in life really do balance out. Unfortunately, sometimes you got to wait a long time, but it usually does happen.

### Indianz.com...

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Fourteen years after the Great Sioux Reservation was established in western South Dakota in 1868, President Chester Arthur issued an executive order creating a 50-square-mile buffer zone on its southern edge, in Nebraska. This was meant to prevent renegade whites from selling guns, knives and alcohol to Indians living on the reservation.

The buffer zone was ratified as law when Congress divided the Great Sioux Reservation into smaller units in 1889. But when Roosevelt became president, the liquor industry convinced him that the buffer zone should be abolished, which he did through an executive order in 1904. This move was, however, illegitimate from the start, because an act of Congress cannot legally be reversed by an executive order.

Today, the tiny Nebraska hamlet of Whiteclay has four liquor stores, ostensibly to serve its population of 24, but really more for the bootleggers and alcoholics living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, just across the border. The result has been murders, spouse beatings, child abuse, thefts and other undesirable consequences of the free flow of alcohol into the reservation."

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## 2009 Winnebago Powwow News...

### ARENA DIRECTOR

#### Tommie Snowball, Sr.

Tommie Snowball, Sr. is an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. He is a national registered emergency medical technician with the Winnebago Tribal Emergency Medical Services. Tommie resides with his wife Delaine in Winnebago. Together they have 6 sons, 1 daughter and 13 grandchildren.

Tommie has been dancing since before he could remember. He has won international, world class, and world championships in the Men's Northern and Southern fancy dance categories. Tommie would like to thank the Winnebago Pow Wow Committee for selecting him to serve as one of the arena directors. He expresses that it is a great honor to be part of the gift of song and dance. May we enjoy the beauty of togetherness as one great nation and celebrate. I encourage all families to share this gift with all our children, for there is no safer place for them.

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## Masthead Scene

It's Winnebago Powwow time; Indian Burgers, Frybread, Cornsoup, Indian Tacos, Kettle Corn, Funnel Cake, and unfortunately almost time for the end of summer. A few teams in Winnebago are still busy on the ball field, and you may still have an opportunity to catch a game of youth softball or the older kids playing. Here's a shot of a game I caught last week of some kids playing in a tournament down in Omaha.

**Congratulations!**

**CASSIE AND WAMBLI FOURCLOUD**

**ON THEIR MARRIAGE.**  
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