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Sgt. Bluff Spring Hydrant Flushing Schedule

(SBA) – The Water Department will begin hydrant flushing this spring to maintain high water quality throughout the system. During this process, you may notice your water appearing darker than usual. This is normal and temporary.

Hydrant Schedule...

April 6–10: Old Town & Rec Complex

April 13–17: Pioneer Park Addition, Golden

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WEEKLY FUEL REPORT



Gas Prices Rise as Trump Signals Iran Negotiations

(SBA) - The nation's average price of gasoline has risen 24.3 cents over the last week and stands at \$3.92 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from more than 12 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The

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5 DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

	April 2, 2026 (80%) AM RAIN/ICE HIGH: 42° LOW: 29°
	April 3, 2026 (58%) RAIN/FREEZING RAIN HIGH: 46° LOW: 30°
	April 4, 2026 (30%) AM RAIN/ICE WIND HIGH: 46° LOW: 26°
	April 5, 2026 (6%) SUNNY HIGH: 59° LOW: 32°
	April 6, 2026 (5%) PARTLY CLOUDY HIGH: 67° LOW: 40°

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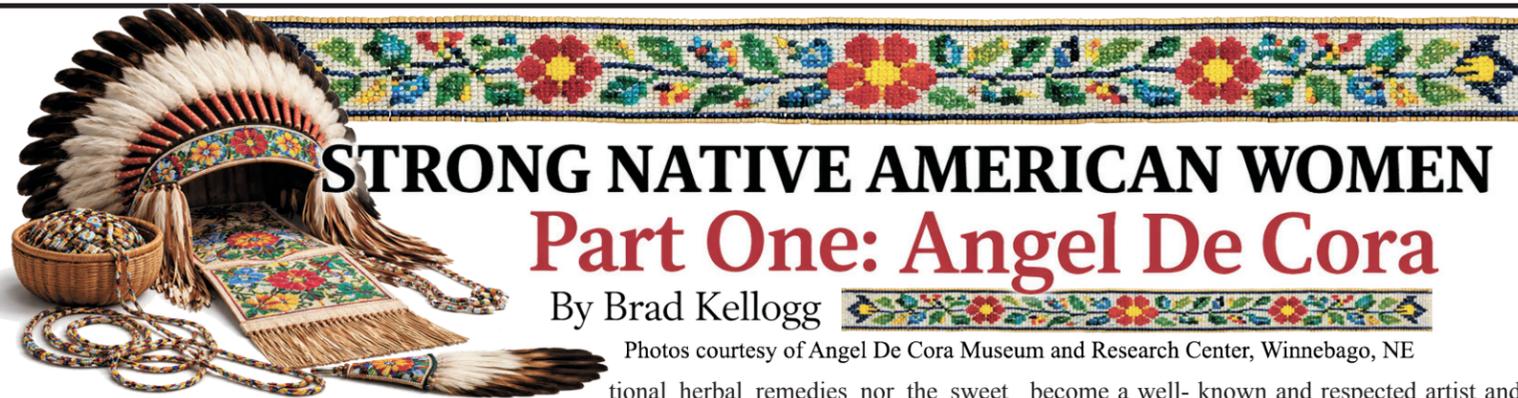
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STRONG NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN Part One: Angel De Cora

By Brad Kellogg

Photos courtesy of Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center, Winnebago, NE

(SBA) - The rolling hills and river valleys of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa are rich with history. At a time in a distant past that we can no longer see, the great prairies of

the Midwest held 170 million acres of lush prairie grass. Native grass that had never seen a plow grew tall and waved in the breezes. It provided a home for birds, butterflies, rabbits, and grazing for elk and bison. The prairie also provided all the shelter and sustenance required for the indigenous people to live and thrive.

As is the timeless story, explorers from the east came in increasing numbers, the buffalo became few and far between. The interlopers came faster, bringing railroads, firearms, and more people. The newcomers also brought with them diseases that the Native Americans had never dealt with, afflictions that neither tradi-

tional herbal remedies nor the sweet smoke of white sage in the sweat lodges had any effect on. Years of strife with both other tribes and the advancing white man had an impact on the native residents. Various wars came and went. The Winnebago or Ho-Chunk Tribe grew smaller, eventually eroding from a population high of 25,000 to about 1,370 in 1870 and their lives were changed forever.



Angel De Cora at work in her studio.

Out of these times of both prosperity and adversity grew Winnebago tribal legends like Little Chief and Little Priest. Warriors with names like Bad Earth, Green Thunder and Southwind.

History mostly records the exploits of the men. There were however Winnebago women who would become notable in their own right. They would be as strong as the men, but in different ways.

Two of these women were born on the reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska. Angel De Cora would grow up to

become a well-known and respected artist and illustrator. Lillian St. Cyr would become one of the first Native American women to star in silent movies.

De Cora was born in a traditional lodge in either 1870 or 1871 to David "Tall" Decora and



An early but undated photo of Angel De Cora.

Elizabeth Le Mire. Her father was the son of Chief Little Decora, one of the last great chiefs of the Winnebago Tribe. Over time the spelling of the name gradually changed to De Cora. Her childhood was typical of the times, although being the granddaughter of a chief, and daughter of a future chief allowed her certain levels of training in tribal customs. She listened

every evening to her father and grandfather talk to her about Winnebago history and customs as well as what was expected of a woman of her-

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SBL Band Takes the Stage at Bishop Heelan



The SBL Band performed at the State Solo/Ensemble Festival held on March 28 at Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City. (Photo submitted)

One Person Dies in Early-Morning House Fire in Salix

SALIX, Iowa — One person was killed early Saturday when a house fire broke out in a residence off Elm Street in Salix, according to information published through NewsBreak from KTIV's reporting.

The Salix Fire Department received the call at 12:45 a.m. and arrived within minutes. Firefighters encountered heavy flames and smoke coming from the home's main floor, NewsBreak reported.

Responding crews from Sergeant Bluff, Sloan, the 185th Fire Department, and Woodbury County deputies assisted at the scene. The unified response helped bring the fire under control shortly after arrival.

According to the information shared with NewsBreak, the fire chief said crews quickly entered the structure and worked fast to extinguish the fire, but despite their efforts, one resident and two pets did not survive. His remarks emphasized both the rapid suppression effort and the tragic outcome.

Authorities determined the house was uninhabitable due to extensive damage. The American Red Cross has contacted and begun assisting the surviving resident of the home, according to the report.

Officials said the cause of the fire remains under investigation

SBL Schools Tap Angela Bemus for Primary Principal



Angela Bemus

(SBA) — The Sergeant Bluff-Luton Board of Education announced Tuesday, March 24, that it has offered a contract to Mrs. Angela Bemus to serve as the next principal of the district's Primary School.

Chad Janzen, superintendent of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District, said "the district is looking forward to welcoming Bemus to the leadership team."

Bemus currently serves as associate superintendent in the Sioux City Community School District. During her career in Sioux City, she has held a broad range of leadership positions, including elementary assistant principal and principal, middle school assistant principal and principal, and director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Prior to entering school administration, Bemus taught third and fourth grade at Irving Elementary School in Sioux City.

Bemus earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Morningside College. She later earned a master's degree in education from the University of South Dakota and an education specialist degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

Janzen said "the district looks forward to working with Bemus as she helps support students and staff at the primary school."

Bemus is expected to begin her new role with the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District on July 1, 2026.