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Hūc wī hiroāgnī na  
Last Bear Moon

Saturday, February 14, 2026



In Honor of  
Neola Walker

In honor of the upcoming Last Bear Moon Powwow our featured masthead for this issue of the WIN is the icon representing the Bear Clan / Huc Hikikarac. As the most populous clan within the tribe, the Bear Clan holds many important responsibilities, including those being related to the Earth. Their primary function was to serve as police officers in a peace-keeping role. Bear Clan members ensured discipline within the tribe, and they also carried out orders delegated from the Thunder Clan. The Bear Clan is one of the eight Earth clans. Several of the Bear clan's responsibilities include selecting the tribe's camping grounds, overseeing land transfers, and duties related to traveling and hunting. Our gratitude to the HoChunk Renaissance Department for their assistance in providing this information and we wish everyone all the best as you enjoy the Last Bear Moon Powwow!

Local Mutual Aid Effort Connects Winnebago to Twin Cities



By Gayla Whitewater  
Photography by Gayla Whitewater

In response to recent immigration enforcement activity in Minneapolis, Winnebago Tribal member Tyler LaMere organized a grassroots mutual aid effort to support Indigenous relatives in the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities, being one of the largest and most diverse urban Native American populations in the U.S. with estimates over 35,000 in the metro, is a significant portion of Minnesota's total American Indian residents.

LaMere said her decision to act was driven by concern for Native community members affected by federal enforcement operations, as well as family connections to the American Indian Movement, notably her late uncle and activist, Frank LaMere. She described the effort as feeling less like a personal choice and more like an obligation to relatives living in Minneapolis.

What began as a small call for donations quickly grew. Contributions arrived from Winnebago community members and supporters in Omaha, Vermillion, Colorado, and other states. LaMere said she

expected to gather enough supplies to fill one vehicle. Instead, nearly four carloads of donations were assembled.

Inside Sunshine Bear's garage, the air was sharp with below-freezing temperatures as volunteers worked steadily among stacks of large plastic totes. Volunteers moved between boxes of winter clothing, nonperishable food, and essential supplies, checking lists, snapping lids into place, and lifting containers into waiting vehicles. Breath hung in the cold air as the group organized and loaded for nearly two hours.

While LaMere coordinated the effort, much of the physical labor and preparation was carried out by a small group of Ho-Chunk women who stepped forward without hesitation. The atmosphere was concentrated and intentional, with a steady rhythm of lifting, sorting, and loading supplies into four SUVs for the lengthy journey north, occasionally brightened by jokes and the loud, lilting laughter of native women echoing in the garage. She said the amount of support far exceeded her expectations, with donations continuing to arrive even as vehicles were being packed.

According to LaMere, the delivery pro-

cess went smoothly. While in Minneapolis, organizers met with representatives from the Indigenous Protector Movement and AIM Patrol. She noted that the Indigenous Protector Movement is serving as a primary organization coordinating mutual aid and frontline support operations in the area.

LaMere said the experience underscored the strength of community ties across state lines and demonstrated how quickly relatives can mobilize when support is needed. For everyone participating, this initiative transformed into more than just a supply drive; it became a heartfelt demonstration of love. Ho-Chunk grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and daughters braving the cold to ensure relatives, nearly 300 miles away, would feel supported, knowing they are not alone.

Community members who wish to contribute to ongoing efforts are encouraged to seek information directly from the Indigenous Protector Movement's official website, where organizers are directing monetary donations to assist Indigenous families and protestor safety efforts: [www.indigenousprotectormovement.com](http://www.indigenousprotectormovement.com)

Nī šoc Nīgešana

By: Tyler Snake



Student Senate President Lai-la Petite, LPTC Board Chair Amy LaPointe-Houghton, and President Manoj Patil testified before the NE Legislature's Education Committee in support of LB1184, marking the first time a legislative bill has been introduced on behalf of Little Priest Tribal College. LPTC expressed gratitude to Senator John Fredrickson for introducing the bill, as well as Judi Gaiashkibos (NCIA), Nebraska Indian Community College, and the ACLU of NE for their supporting testimony. More acknowledgements to the Tribal Council, LPTC Board of Trustees, the colleges lobbying firm, and legal counsel for their guidance.



The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System hosted a Heart Healthy Lunch & Learn. Ashleen Blackbird shared important information on heart healthy living as well as preventative measures for heart disease. Molina Healthcare, Great Plains Tribal Health and multiple WCHS health departments were set up to share supportive resources for our community.

Leadership Siouxland: A Landmark Evening in Winnebago



By Bethani Redhorn  
Photography by Bethani Redhorn

[Winnebago, NE] On the evening of February 5, 2026, Leadership Siouxland marked a historic milestone by hosting its professional development session in Winnebago, Nebraska, for the first time. The February session brought the current cohort to the campus of Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) for an immersive look at the intersection of tribal tradition and modern economic growth.

The event was spearheaded by William "Willy" Bass (Winnebago Tribal Member and Ho-Chunk, Inc. Community Impact & Engagement Liaison), with support from Ho-Chunk, Inc. (HCI) employees, LPTC staff, the Angel DeCora Museum and Research Center, and the broader Winnebago community. The evening began with a tour of LPTC campus and the Angel DeCora Museum, which shares a facility with

LPTC student services.

A panel of speakers featuring Winnebago Tribal Members shared insights into the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's history and local economic development. The presentations highlighted the growth of Winnebago, HCI, and its subsidiaries, featuring Lance Morgan (HCI CEO), Aaron LaPointe (Ho-Chunk Capital CEO), John Blackhawk (HCI Ambassador), Janelle DeCora (HCI Community Development Program Manager), and Eugene DeCora Sr. (Winnebago Tribal Councilmember). The cultural and educational perspectives were shared by Oscar "O.C." Earth and family (New Breed Drum Group), and Kaira Wolfe and family (Winnebago Public School Dual Language Immersion Program).

Following the presentations, Charlotte Nelson, Executive Director of Leadership Siouxland, expressed her gratitude for the historic February session held in

Winnebago, NE. She provided an overview of Leadership Siouxland's mission, established in 1984, to equip individuals with the skills necessary to drive positive community change.

The Winnebago community has a long-standing relationship with the program. Notable Winnebago Alumni's of their participation in Leadership Siouxland include: (2011) Victoria Kitcheyan; (2013) Dennis Johnson; (2016) Lynelle Blackhawk; (2016) Brook Donovan; (2016) Alexcia Boggs; (2021) Dulcie Greene; (2021) Danielle Gutierrez; (2021) Willy Bass; (2022) Terri Lee Medina; (2023) Jaime Monroe; (2023) Janelle DeCora; (2023) Darlyn St. Cyr; (2024) Cory Cleveland; (2024) Marshall Bass; (2025) Caden Cleveland; (2025) Charli Earth; (2025) Jose Garcia; (2026) Blade Smith; (2026) Kiana Lewis; and (2026) Rachel Penn.

For more information about Leadership Siouxland, visit: [www.leadershipsioxland.org](http://www.leadershipsioxland.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**LAST BEAR MOON  
POW WOV**

**DANCER PRE-REGISTRATION  
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**Linking Generations by  
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Facilitated by: Oyate Means  
-Winnebago/Oglala

Weekly group sessions will start Wednesday, February 18, 2026 6:00pm-8:00 pm

Wazoki Building  
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Winnebago, NE 68071

For more information:  
402-878-2570 ext.3310  
oyate.means@winnebagotribe.com

**FREE TRIBAL I.D.s  
FOR ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**AVAILABLE FOR 60 DAYS ONLY**

The Winnebago Tribal Council has authorized the Enrollment Department to issue Tribal I.D. cards for all enrolled tribal members at NO COST for a limited time.

This action was approved to support and protect Tribal members during current federal enforcement activities.

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Email: enrollment@winnebagotribe.com

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Under the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, all Native people born within the territorial limits of the United States are recognized as U.S. citizens by birthright. As Tribal citizens of a sovereign nation, Tribal I.D.s help affirm that status.


*Authorized by Winnebago Tribal Council - January 14, 2026*



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## Letter to the Editor

### In Loving Memory...

#### Victoria Mae Walker (Valentino)



November 26, 1972 – February 2, 2026

Victoria Mae Walker, lovingly known as Vicky, began her journey on February 2, 2026, following a lengthy illness. She was born on November 26, 1972, to JoAnn Valentino and Jeffrey Armell and was the oldest of three siblings, a role she carried with love, humor, and quiet strength. Victoria was baptized and a member of the Native American Church and given the name “Caxsep Wiga”.

Vicky graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1992. She had a joyful spirit and a deep appreciation for life, especially the time she spent surrounded by children. Her greatest happiness came from being with her kids, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and the many other children she lovingly cared for while babysitting. Wherever children were present, Vicky’s laughter and warmth were sure to follow.

She loved to cook, joke around, and bring people together, often filling homes with good food, laughter, and

a sense of belonging. Her humor and kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Victoria is survived by her husband, Nate Walker; her sister Roxanne (Teddy) Frenchman; her brother Richard (Jessica) Valentino; her daughters Amanda Valentino and Makailah Valentino-Tamayo; her son Juan (Josie) Gonzalez; her beloved grandchildren Genesis, Mathias, Rahmesis, and Maudie; her nephews Drew (Myranda) Boulware and DeAndre Bass; and her nieces Kelli Boulware, Angel Frenchman, Sylvia Valentino, and Talia Bass.

She was preceded in death by her mother, JoAnn Valentino, and her father, Jeffrey Armell.

Vicky will be remembered for her laughter, her loving heart, her devotion to family, and the joy she brought into the lives of so many. Her memory will live on in the stories shared, the meals remembered, and the love that continues through her family.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV26-021

In the Matter of the  
Name Change Petition of:  
LATRICIA LUCERO to LATRICIA  
BLACKHAWK

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. CV26-021 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska, on the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2026, at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ26-012  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
E.E.S. (Born 09/2012)

To: DELRAE MEDICINE HORSE,  
Mother  
GEORGE ELKSHOULDER, FATHER

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ26-012 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 25<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2026 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

### JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



by: Pastor Ricky Jacob

#### ‘My Word will not return to me empty’

I will begin with a couple of expressions. The first one is ‘talk is cheap.’ It is easy to utter sounds. From early on a child hears the sounds of his/her mother and father. These sounds include words - words spoken and often repeated. Little toddlers are like parrots - repeating what they hear.

It does not take long for a child to learn to say what he thinks his mom or dad wants to hear. That is to talk in a way that will win favor, whether it is the truth or not. Promises are often made and seldom followed through. ‘I will do such and such’, or ‘I promise never to do this or that again.’ And yet such talk is often just that = talk. ‘Talk is cheap!’

The second one expression is ‘Put up or shut up!’ These words are words of a challenge. What good are words or talk if they are not backed up by actions. Marriage vows, taking an oath of office, or confirming one’s faith - sadly, tragically, often end up being worthless words, with no actions to back them up.

However, now we come to some other words. Not mere sounds of no value. Rather these words have power. These words come to life. These words bring blessings. These words should move one to praise the One from whence these words come. These words are words of Creator God and according to His gracious plan of salvation.

Which are these words? We turn to one of Creator God’s prophets named Isaiah. “As

the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return there unless it water the earth, makes it give birth and causes it to sprout, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, thus will my Word that goes forth from my mouth.”

These words can be seen through the blessing of creation that continue to provide us with our daily bread. Isaiah continues: ‘It [the Word of Creator God] will not return to me empty. Rather, it will do that which I please, and it will accomplish [that purpose for] which I sent it.’

And what is the purpose of Creator God’s Word? The purpose of the Word of Creator God is to take root in one’s heart and bring one to trust in a merciful God. Now is the time to allow that Word to bring one first to his or her knees realizing that one is a fallen sinner.

Then the sinner accepts the Word of God that reveals that Creator God’s Word have taken on flesh. Yes, the Word of God took on flesh and blood in the form of a baby boy named Jesus. This baby boy grew to be a man who was born to die. Through his death the sin of the world has been paid in FULL.

And now according to God’s gracious plan anyone and everyone who trusts in Jesus as one’s Lord and Savior has peace with God. Now is the time to hear, read, mark, learn and take to the Sacred Word of Creator God heart the Sacred Word of Creator God. Now is the time for you to take Creator God’s Word to heart - until . . . until you can’t.

### What is truth?



Submitted by: Alexander M. Mallory

Pilate therefore said to Jesus, “Are You a king then?”

Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

Pilate’s question is not the inquiry of a student. It is the cynicism of a governor shaped by empire. He has seen truth bent to preserve order, rewritten to protect privilege, and invoked to justify political power. For him, truth is not discovered; it is enforced.

Two thousand years later we are still tempted to believe the same—that truth belongs to factions, that it shifts with power, and that it is whatever the strong can sustain. The iron laws of the world, some suggest. But if truth is merely partisan, then no one answers to anything higher than their side, and justice is elusive.

John’s Gospel insists otherwise. Truth is not abstract or fleeting; truth is a person.

“I am the truth,” Jesus says.

Pilate’s question is therefore not philosophical but moral: Where does truth dwell? Jesus answers: in the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the strange, the naked, and the imprisoned. To encounter them is to encounter Him.

Truth, then, is not a subjective preference but a practiced love. It is what we owe one another when brute force tears at the fabric of our faith—when bodies are harmed, communities are raided, and neighbors are dehumanized. We only love God as much as we love the person we love the least, Dorothy Day reminds us. Truth names dignity over domination, compassion over comfort, humility over hate.

For Native peoples, this is not theoretical. We descend from ancestors who learned that the government’s story was rarely our story. Half-baked truths thrust upon us. Our harms were renamed, the violence reframed, and dispossession justified in the name of assimilation. From land theft to language erasure, from broken promises to silenced histories, power has long depended not only on force, but on narrative.

So when Pilate asks, “What is truth?” we hear that question with a historical ear. A vigilant ear. We hear the whispers of our ancestors, reminding us of empires that mistake power for truth. And we hear a barefoot Rabbi still answering—not with violence, but with a life that stands before power and refuses to be rewritten.

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## COMMUNITY

### WCHS Cyber Security Training



Winnebago, NE- Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) partnered with the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to provide in-person cybersecurity training for employees. Warren Hagelstien, CISA’s Cyber Security Advisor, presented employees with invaluable information about recognizing potential threats, such as phishing emails, suspicious links, and unsafe online practices that can put sensitive information at risk.

Healthcare organizations are increasingly targeted by cybercriminals due to sensitive information and critical services. In 2024, it was reported that approximately 23% of all data breaches were healthcare-related, making it the most breached industry in the world. Human error is responsible for more than 88% of data breaches, such as clicking links, falling for phishing, sending emails to the wrong person, or using weak passwords.

“These statistics emphasize the importance of strong cybersecurity measures and ongoing staff training to help protect patient information and maintain safe healthcare operations,” said Monti Molzen, WCHS’s Information Technology Manager. “This is a dense and complex topic. The key is to work together to make our employees our greatest asset by sharing knowledge and training with each other. We are grateful to CISA for being willing to partner with us to help our staff be better prepared to identify and navigate cyberattacks - every little bit

helps.”  
In January of 2025, when Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System led the nation in becoming one of the first tribal-owned healthcare facilities in Indian country to separate from the Indian Health Services D1 network and be reimbursed over 5 million for the cost of that transition. This means that WCHS is responsible for owning, operating, managing, and protecting its independent IT infrastructure. Since human mistakes remain a primary driver of security incidents, in addition to this training, WCHS will continue to deploy a mix of online and in-person security awareness trainings to foster a culture where reporting mistakes is safe.

“WCHS is passionate about doing what we can to support and grow our employees’ professional skillsets,” explains Danielle Stone, WCHS’s Director of Human Resources & Talent Management. “Together, we can provide a variety of opportunities for our staff to receive ongoing education on a variety of topics, including IT and cybersecurity.”

WCHS remains dedicated to protecting privacy, safeguarding sensitive information, and maintaining secure healthcare services for the community. By investing in employee education and proactive security measures, WCHS continues to strengthen its ability to provide safe, reliable, and trusted healthcare services for the Winnebago community network.

### Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Receives Alzheimer’s Association Funding to Promote Brain Health and Dementia Resources For Local Families

– One of Four Organizations Nationwide for HBI Road Map Champions Program –

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, 2/6/2026 – Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System is one of four Tribally led health programs and urban Indian organizations selected to participate in the Alzheimer’s Association Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Champion Program. Participating organizations receive funding, education and technical assistance to establish a Road Map Champion, a public health professional who will help implement culturally-grounded actions to address brain health, caregiving and dementia outlined in the [HBI: Road Map for American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples](#).

The Winnebago Public Health Department is excited to be included in this elite group of organizations,” said Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer “This funding and support will help implement strategies from the HBI Road Map to promote brain health and better serve the Winnebago Tribal membership and families affected by dementia.”

“The Alzheimer’s Association looks forward to working with these public health practitioners to implement community-based strategies that advance brain health and address important dementia-related issues in American Indian and Alaska Native communities,” said John Shean, MPH, director, Healthy Brain Initiative, Alzheimer’s Association. “As Road Map Champions, they will demonstrate how the strategies from the HBI Road Map can be adapted and applied within their communities.”

Led in partnership with North Dakota State University’s American Indian Public Health Resource Center, the Road Map Champion Program equips local leaders to assess strengths and needs related to dementia, share dementia-related knowledge with community members, and implement priority actions from the Road Map – all while emphasizing a strength-based approach that honors culture and incorporates Indigenous knowledge.

The Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Strategist Program and HBI Road Map Champion Program are supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$17,025,598 with 100% funded by CDC/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement by, CDC/HHS or the U.S. Government.

CONTACT: Cari Hinrickson, Elder Care Services Coordinator

### WarHorse Lincoln to begin Phase 3 construction



LINCOLN, Nebraska – WarHorse Lincoln announced today that Phase 3 of its property expansion will begin February 9, marking a major step forward in the continued evolution of Nebraska’s second largest casino.

Construction will take place in the large, southeast parking lot and alters where patrons enter the facility through the end of summer 2027.

To maintain a convenient and welcoming experience, WarHorse Lincoln will offer clearly designated guest parking areas supported by continuous complimentary shuttle service. On-site signage and team members will be available to assist guests throughout their visit.

#### What Guests Should Expect

**Construction Area:** The southeast parking and access area adjacent to the casino will be closed to accommodate expansion.

**Guest Parking:** Parking will be available in designated areas, with shuttle service transporting guests directly to the casino entrance.

**Property Access:** Guests will continue to access WarHorse Lincoln via 1st Street and West Denton Road.

**Operations:** The casino will

remain open and fully operational throughout construction.

Phase Three construction is focused on significantly enhancing amenities and guest offerings, including:

Nebraska Ale Haus, a sports bar celebrating local flavor and game-day energy

Big Fire Chop House, a premium steakhouse experience

An expanded gaming floor, boosting the facility to more than 1,100 slots and 18 table games

“These improvements represent a major leap forward for WarHorse Lincoln,” said Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., WarHorse Lincoln’s parent company. “While guests may notice changes during construction, the end result will be a dramatically enhanced destination—one that offers more dining variety, more entertainment, and an even better experience.”

WarHorse Lincoln will continue to share construction updates through on-site signage, its website, and official social media channels.

For more information, visit [www.warhorsecasino.com](http://www.warhorsecasino.com) or follow WarHorse Omaha on social media.

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Our Mission: “Be Strong and Educate My Children”

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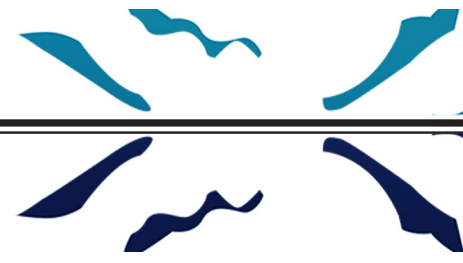
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LAST BEAR MOON



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**  
**WINNAVEGAS EVENT CENTER • SLOAN, IA**

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 (HO-CHUNK FAMILY DRUMS)  
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**MC: SILAS CLEVELAND**  
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**Arena Director:**  
**JOHN SNOWBALL**  
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**Head Dance Judge:**  
**TARA HERNANDEZ**  
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## Question of the Issue:

**Give us your thoughts on Superbowl LX. The good, bad, and the ugly...**

**GARAN:** The good for me was the food, the bad was the game. That's two years in a row that the Superbowl has been a snooze fest. The ugly? The hate on the Bad Bunny, I thought it was a great half time show. I didn't really know what he was saying but I felt what he was saying! Then to turn around and see a lot of people hate on it. That's ugly!

**BRIAN:** Bad Bunny, Bad Bunny, BAD BUNNY! Loved his show. He included all the peoples of our continents in his inclusive celebration of music, of love, and for amazing entertainment. I appreciated the event being at one of the outdoor arenas, and Green Day opened the show powerfully. The snacks were awesome, but the game sadly was lacking... probably because Chiefs Kingdom wasn't there. Oh well. Next season. The environment was good, the city embraced the crowd, and the people had a great time. Football at its finest.

**KEVIN:** I thought the Super Bowl was kinda boring and I wasn't a fan of the bunny.

**TYLER:** Well, I didn't watch any of the show or game for starters. I'm not the sporty type. I did see a lot of opinions on the performance though; it seems like their comments really say a lot about themselves but to each their own. I do know Cardi B unfollowed Steffon Diggs after he lost... Tea lol

**BETHANI:** I only tuned into the halftime show to watch Bad Bunny perform. I thought his performance was great and loved the "togetherness" of it all. The bad and the ugly would simply have to be all the closed-minded people spewing hate, but he put it best, "the only thing more powerful than hate is love." :)

**CHRISTINA:** Not sure who won that game at the Bad Bunny concert. I was excited for the music cuz I am a fan but was bummed he only did two of my favorites. I felt that Lady Gaga threw off the vibe. The overall message was powerful and I enjoyed it. However, I think the Seahawks won that game??

**GAYLA:** I'm not a sports fan, so that part is a snoozefest for me. I did tune into the Halftime Show and it was so good! I admit, I don't listen to Bad Bunny, but his music is catchy and I understand the appeal. I think the pride he takes in his culture is so beautiful and I loved how it was showcased to the masses. The positive message and representation was much needed especially considering the current social/political climate in America. Also, I loved that Pedro Pascal made a cameo! Out of pure curiosity, I peaked at the Turning Point USA's "All-American Halftime Show" and THAT was both bad AND ugly, haha.

**AYDEN:** I thought it was extremely cool that our town's football team was on the Superbowl. I liked the halftime show with Bad Bunny. That's about it.

## ATTENTION WTN GARBAGE CUSTOMERS:

All garbage collection patrons of the Winnebago Tribe will have their service provider reassigned from Gill Hauling (WMS) to Kings Disposal Co. beginning **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

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Please contact Kristin Neff with any questions at (402) 878-2203 ext. 2105, or by email at: [kristin.neff@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:kristin.neff@winnebagotribe.com)



**NEXT W.I.N. DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**Hokixap**  
(hoh-key-khahp)  
**Sweetheart**

**Nāt'up**  
(nah-toh-ooop)  
**Hug**

**Xāwǐ hoxere**  
(khah-we-hoh-kheh-ray)  
**Flowers**

HoChunk Renaissance  
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# FEBRUARY

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Cantaloupe	3 Bologna Sandwiches Mac Salad Baked Beans Relish Pears	4 Goulash Bread Stick Salad Corn Peaches	5 Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Veggie Medley Cantaloupe Grapes	6 Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Apple Crisp	7
8	9 Chili Hot Dogs Apricots	10 Pork Loin w/Gravy Rice Asparagus Fruit Cocktail	11 Rotini Pasta Garlic Bread Corn Cherry Crisp	12 Baked Chicken Au Gratin Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Wheat Bread	13 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Cake w/ Strawberries	14
15	16 <b>CLOSED</b>	17 Sloppy Joes French Fries Mac & Cheese Peas Salad Chocolate Chip Cookie Peaches	18 Taco Burger Beans Spanish Rice Strawberries & Bananas	19 Spaghetti Garlic Toast Corn Orange	20 Tomato Soup Grilled Ham & Cheese Cucumber Salad Oranges Bread	21
22	23 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Au Gratin Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Broccoli Apricots	24 Fish Fries Bread Coleslaw Pears	25 Chicken Soup Salad Wheat Bun	26 Hamburger w/Gravy Potatoes Corn White Bread Orange	27 Grilled Chicken Sandwich White Bread Pasta Salad Carrots Applesauce	28
1	2 <b>*ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</b>	3 	4	5	6	7

2026



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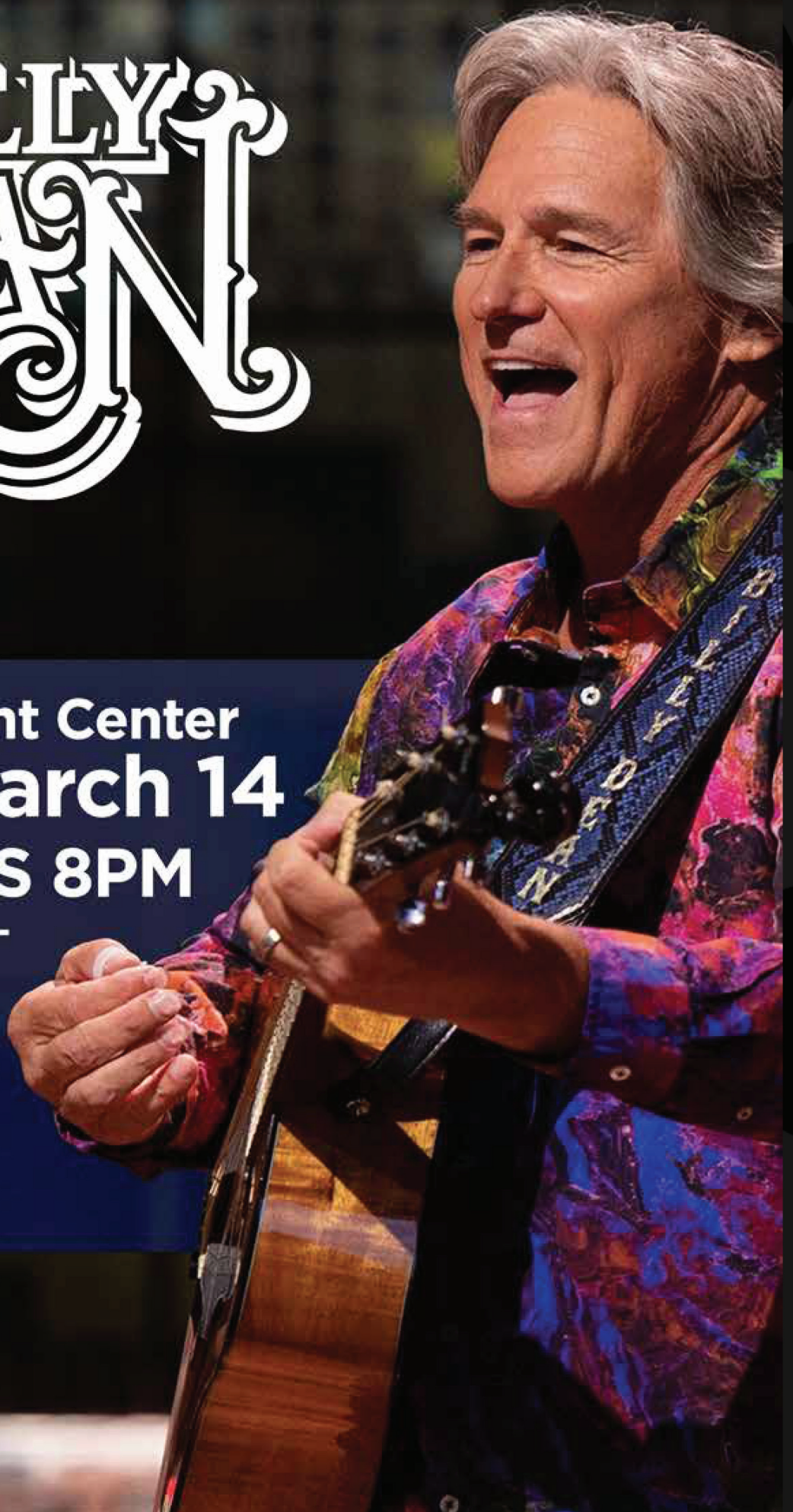
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