



# LAST BEAR MOON POW WOW

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## EVENT PROGRAM BOOKLET



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Welcome Family, Friends & Relatives,

On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, we would like to welcome you to Last Bear Moon Winter Celebration & Powwow. In the spirit of this celebration we hope that you enjoy the many activities we have planned. We hope the drum, song and dance resonate through your heart and spirit to bring you a good feeling. The Tribal Council feels that this celebration is important so that we can keep our traditions alive and also foster the building of Nations.

We must recognize and acknowledge the Winnavegas Casino Staff for all of the hard work and the great hospitality to our visitors. Thank you to the Last Bear Moon Powwow Committee for all of the planning and coordination. Finally, we want to say thank you to the many customers, visitors, and friends of Winnavegas.

To each of you, may we celebrate together in peace and in harmony, and our prayer is that Creator will be with each one of you during this celebration, and bless you on your many travels.

Pina gi gi  
Winnebago Tribal Council



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Youth Tribal  
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## Welcome to the 2026 Last Bear Moon Winter Celebration

Greetings to our relatives and friends,

On behalf of the Last Bear Moon Committee, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped bring this year's Powwow to life.

This year marks our 6th celebration since our journey began in 2019. Like many of you, we navigated a two-year hiatus during the Covid-19 pandemic, making our time together today even more meaningful. A great deal of thought, prayer, and planning has gone into this event, and we are truly honored by your presence here at the 2026 Last Bear Moon Powwow.

In these trying times, the world can often feel heavy. However, when we gather around the Big Drum, those worries seem to fade away. It is in that spirit of community that we created this year's Spotlight Special.

We are excited to feature three distinct categories for this special:

Best Dressed

Best Sound

The People's Choice (Our inaugural debut!)

Your Voice Matters: The People's Choice

For the first time ever, we are putting the power in your hands. We have made the voting process simple: Scan, Vote, and Submit. How to Vote: Simply scan the QR code located throughout the arena, cast your vote for your favorite drum group, and hit submit. The more votes, the better!

As we continue to grow each year, your feedback is vital. We would love to hear what you enjoyed, what we can improve upon, and any suggestions you have for future celebrations. Make sure to send us a Facebook message: Last Bear Moon Powwow

We wish you safe travels and hope you thoroughly enjoy the dancers, the singers, and our wonderful vendors. Thank you for being part of our circle.

Have a wonderful Last Bear Moon Celebration!

*With respect,*

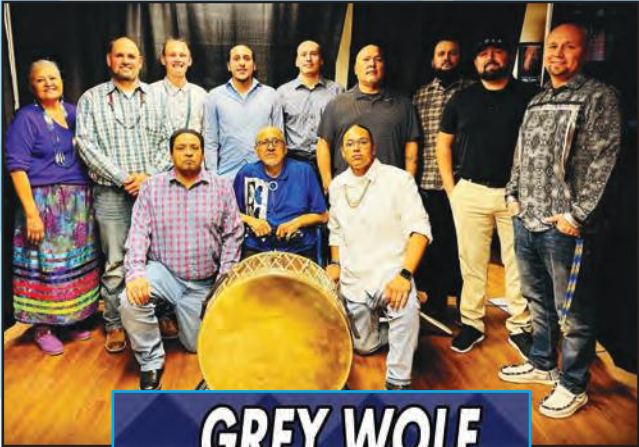
The Last Bear Moon Committee



# HOST DRUMS



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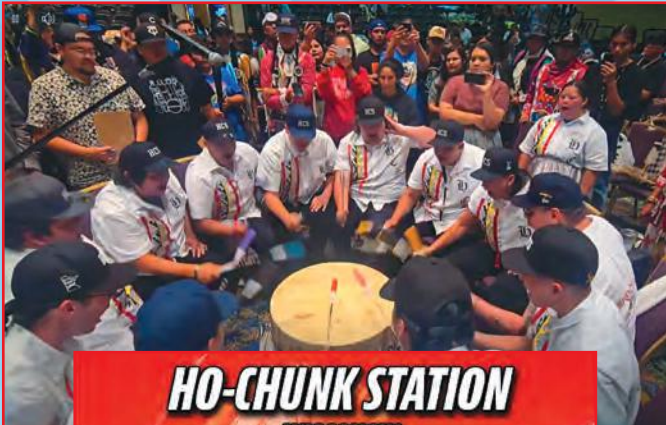
**GREY WOLF**



**NEW BREED**



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# KIKIJIRE COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM



## WHO ARE WE?

### Kikijire Community Crisis Response Program

We provide individualized care to the individual in crisis and their immediate needs through a collaborative approach with crisis workers, behavioral health specialists, and AVEL eCare. Our main goal is to help our relatives remain safe in the community surrounded by their family and support system.

## THE PATH TO HEALING

It is critical we utilize a multi-tiered approach to addressing trauma



Healing happens in community

## Kikijire "Help Each Other"

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- Respond to mental health crisis within the community
- We help individuals in crisis create safe and supportive plans to cope with mental health crisis
- We provide services in the community, such as homes, parks, treatment clinics, schools, hospitals, and shelters
- Provide crisis intervention and assessment
- Assist with needed services
- Provide ongoing mental health follow up care



Ione Suarez  
Kikijire  
Crisis Response Worker



Cheyenne Ickler  
Kikijire  
Administrative Assistant



Cassie Kitcheyan  
Kikijire  
Program Director

**Kikijire Crisis Line (24/7):**  
(402) 745-3968

**Behavioral Health Crisis Line (after hours):**  
(712) 259-3263

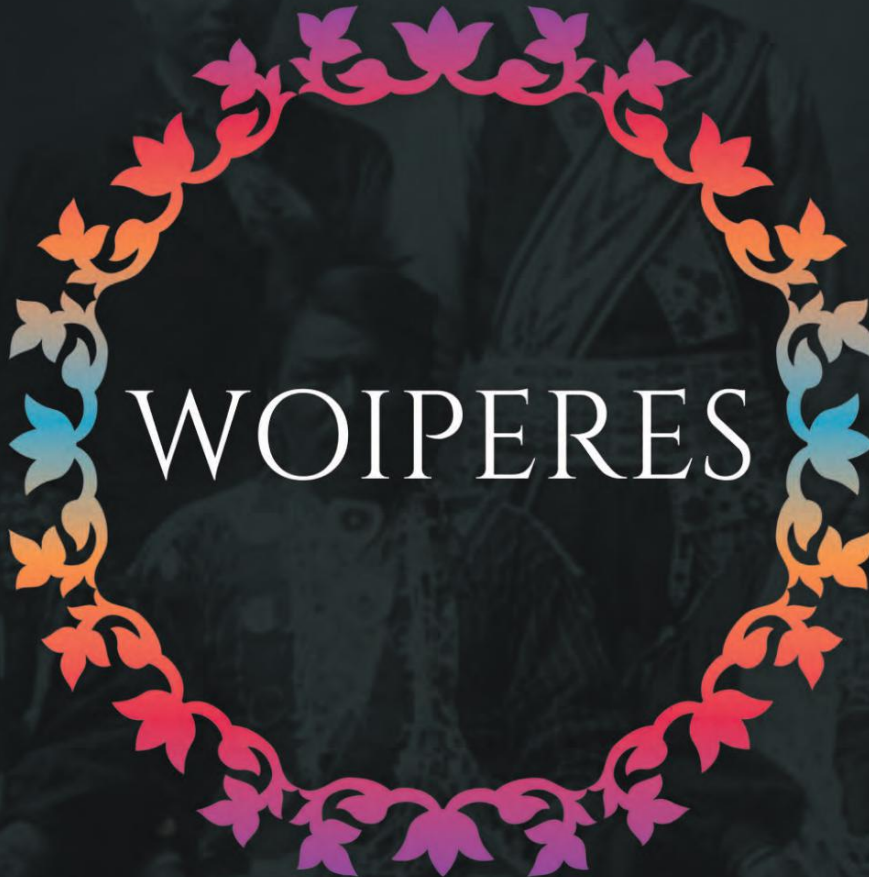
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 Desiree Kitcheyan - Hey Hey Girl  
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# 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<i>Blessing the arena-</i>		
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration Opens</b>		Boys Grass Girls Fancy Shawl Boys Fancy Feather
<b>11:45 PM</b>	Drum Roll call		<b>Teens 13-17</b> Girls Woodland Scrub Boys Woodland
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Invocation <b>Registration Closes</b> <b>Grand Entry-</b> HOST DRUM ( <i>4 starts</i> ) - <i>welcome song</i> Invited Drums- ( <i>4 starts each</i> ) HOST DRUM- <i>Flag song</i>		Girls Traditional Boys Traditional Girls Jingle Boys Grass Girls Fancy Shawl Boys Fancy Feather
	<b>Introductions</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Invited Drums (4 starts each)</i></b> <b><i>Round of inter-tribal</i></b> <i>Optional if head judge needs more time</i>
	<b>Invited Drums</b> ( <i>4 starts each</i> ) ]	<b>2:30PM</b>	<b>Adults 18-54</b> Women Woodland Scrub Men Woodland Women Southern Traditional Men Southern Traditional Women Northern Traditional Men Northern Traditional Women Jingle Men Grass Women Fancy Shawl Men Fancy Feather
	<b>Round of inter-tribals</b>		
	<b>Tiny Tot exhibition</b>		
	<b>Host Drums Round of Inter-tribal</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>	Calling the veterans
	<b><i>Invited Drums (4 starts each)</i></b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Retiring of the colors Host Drum
	<b><i>Round of inter-tribals</i></b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Supper break <i>(Meal sponsored by the Winnebago Tribal Council)</i>
	<b>Dance Contest:</b> <b>Gold Age 55+</b> 55+ Women Traditional 55+ Men Traditional 55+ Women Jingle 55+ Men Grass 55+ Women Fancy Shawl 55+ Men Fancy Feather		
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Juniors 7-12</b> Girls Woodland Scrub Boys Woodland Girls Traditional Boys Traditional Girls Jingle		

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<p><b>Evening Session:</b></p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b>     Drum Roll call</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b>     Invocation  <b>Grand Entry-</b>                    HOST DRUM (4 starts) -                    Invited Drums(4 starts each) -                    <i>Grand Entry songs until all the</i>                    <i>dancers are in</i>                    HOST DRUM- <i>Flag song</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Introductions</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOST DRUM-<i>Veteran song</i></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b>     <b>Spot Light Special</b>  <b>Invited Drums (4 starts each)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Round of inter-tribals</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tiny Tot exhibition</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b>     <b>Host Drums Round of Inter-tribal</b>  <b>Invited Drums (4 starts each)</b>  <b>Round of inter-tribals</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dance Contest:</b>  <b>Gold Age 55+</b>                    55+ Women Traditional                    55+ Men Traditional                    55+ Women Jingle                    55+ Men Grass                    55+ Women Fancy Shawl                    55+ Men Fancy Feather</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juniors 7-12</b>                    Girls Woodland Scrub                    Boys Woodland                    Girls Traditional                    Boys Traditional                    Girls Jingle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Boys Grass  Girls Fancy Shawl  Boys Fancy Feather</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Teens 13-17</b>  Girls Woodland Scrub  Boys Woodland  Girls Traditional  Boys Traditional  Girls Jingle  Boys Grass  Girls Fancy Shawl  Boys Fancy Feather</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adults 18-54</b>  Women Woodland Scrub  Men Woodland  Women Southern Traditional  Men Southern Traditional  Women Northern Traditional  Men Northern Traditional  Women Jingle  Men Grass  Women Fancy Shawl  Men Fancy Feather</p> <p><b>10:30 PM</b>     <b>Tiebreakers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Invited Drums (4 starts each)</b>  <b>Round of inter-tribal</b></p> <p><b>11:00 PM</b>     Retiring of the colors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announce winners</b></p>
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## 2026 LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW - DANCE COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Points will be accumulated through participation in Grand Entries and dance contests.
2. All dancers must register in their proper age and dance category.
3. Each dancer will be given one number at registration. Dance number should be visible at all times. Dancer is responsible for paying a \$15 replacement fee if their number is lost and a new number is issued.
4. If any major item of dancer regalia falls during competition, it is up to the discretion of the head judge whether dancer will be disqualified or not.
5. No whistles allowed out of respect for Winnebago traditions.
6. All complaints concerning the contests must be aired directly after the contest song, otherwise all complaints will be void.
7. In the event of a dance-off, all dancers will be given two (2) chances to appear in the dance arena.
8. Dancers observed as being under the influence of or using drugs or alcohol will be disqualified and removed immediately from the Pow Wow arena.
9. No immediate and/or adopted family member shall judge their relative's contest.
10. Any improper conduct will result in disqualification. The Pow Wow Committee will determine what is improper.
11. Final decisions rest with the Last Bear Moon Pow wow committee.

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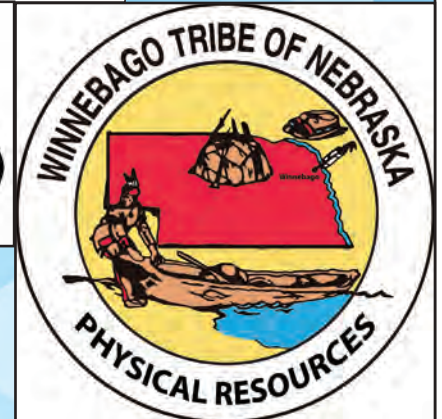
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Photos from previous Last Bear Moon Powwows

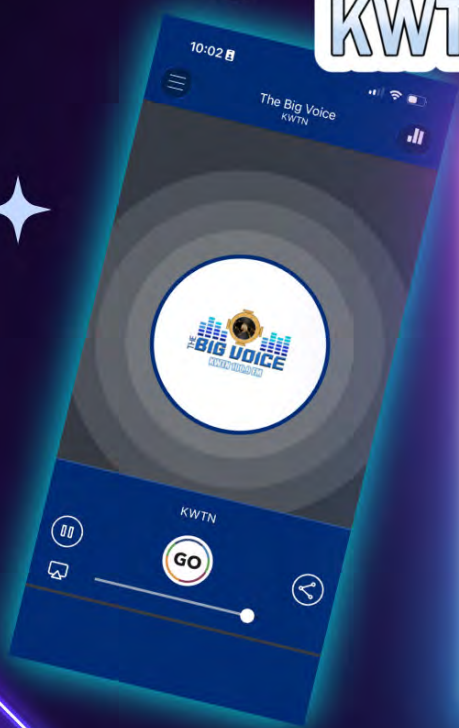




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