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Pageant Committee Selects 2016-2017 Incoming Royalty

Powwow Chairman, Linda Bigsoldier, arranged the very first Iowa Tribal Princess Pageant on April 17, 2016 which was located at the Chena Building. This year the committee received six applications for each position. Candidates for the Miss Iowa Tribal Princess were, Destiny Chino and Lura Cox. Jr. Miss included Madison Fixico-Switch and Seannah Miller, and the Little Miss

candidates included Isabelle George and Cyrus Switch. The Princess title is bestowed upon young maidens who are willing to represent our Indian People and culture. The eligibility list included: Must be of Iowa blood, must be of good character, must be able to speak publicly, must know of Iowa history, no drug, tobacco, or alcohol use, must be of good character, must never have been married or conceived a child, must not hold a separate

title during reign, if selected must be willing to travel & participate in tribal events, and must wear traditional tribal dress during pageant. As young girls began to deliver applications, the pageant committee which included; Joyce Miller, Shayla Miller, Timmy



The committee would like to thank all of the young individuals, candidates, former Iowa Princesses, judges, singers, business committee, pageant MC - Gene Bigsoldier, as well as other helping hands for their support and participation in the event of selecting three young representatives for the Iowa People. The outcome was more than expected and we are greatly appreciated for the tribal members and visiting royalties attendance. We are also very pleased to announce our incoming

royalty who will be crowned Friday night of our 31st Annual Iowa Powwow, 2016-2017 Miss Iowa Tribal Princess, Lura Cox, 2016-2017 Jr. Miss Iowa Tribal Princess, Madison Fixico-Switch, and 2016-2017 Little Miss Iowa Tribal Princess, Cyrus Switch! Congratulations to these young ladies! We are very proud of you and great job to our outgoing royalty, Miss Dasia Miller, and Jr. Miss Seannah Miller, thank you!

Photos on page 10.



Bah-Kho-Je Journal

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Mike & Funny Bone appearance at the Ioway Prayer Partners 2016 Revival.



Happy Spring!
-Iowa Tribe



Happy Mothers Day!

Tribal Assistance Programs

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2016 ITO Holidays

Memorial Day May 30, 2016 Monday

Independence Day July 4, 2016 Monday

Labor Day September 5, 2016 Monday

Native Americans' Day September 23, 2016 Friday

Veterans Day November 11, 2016 Friday

Thanksgiving Holiday November 23-25, 2016 ½ Day Wed.; Thurs., Friday

Christmas Day (Observed) December 26, 2016 Monday

New Year's Day (Observed) January 2, 2017 Monday

Dust Ceiling Fans and Light Fixtures	Wash Mini-Blinds	Wash, Dust, or Steam Clean Curtains	Dust Picture Frames	Wash Mirrors	Wash Windows	Clean Window Sills & Sashes
Sanitize Kitchen Counters and Faucet	Wipe Down Kitchen Cabinets	Clean Inside Fridge and Freezer	Clean Under and Behind Fridge	Wipe Down & Clean Small Appliances	Clean Oven (inside)	Clean Stovetop
Wash & Sanitize Doorknobs	Wash Blankets and Throws	Scrub Trash Cans and Litter Boxes	Vacuum Under Couch Cushions	Clean Seals and Filter in Washing Machine	Clean Lint in Dryer	Clean Washer and Dryer
Wipe Down Bathroom Vanities	Sanitize Bathroom Fixtures	Wash Bath Toys/ Tub Mats	Scrub Tub & Toilets	Wash Shower Curtains & Shower Doors	Clean Grout and Reseal	Vacuum Under Beds & Behind Furniture
Wipe Down Baseboards	Wash Throw Rugs & Bath Rugs	Shampoo Carpets	get cleaning tips & tricks to go with each task at www.makinglemonadeblog.com			

To all Iowa Tribal Members:

Elections are coming up next month and I don't know who is running for office at this time. I have heard various names mentioned, I think we need to keep the ones that are in now so there is some continuity to be able to take care of business that are currently being pursued. To me the Tribe is going forward and we need that momentum. Thank you for letting me express myself.

Victor Roubidoux – Tribal member



**All Election Candidates please
send your letters to
shmiller@iowanation.org**

May 2016

**Former Iowa Tribal Princesses: Please send a photo to
lbigsoldr@aol.com for the 31st Annual Powwow Program Booklet**

Corrections should be noted*

Brenda Roe 1977

Crystal Deer 1977-1978

Sandra Taylor-White 1978-1980

Lisa Washington 1980-1981

Gabrielle Sine 1982-1983

Tammy McClellan 1984-1985

Alicia McClellan 1985-1986

Deanna Bigsoldier 1986-1987

Frankie Modlin 1988-1989

Jennifer Alley 1989-1990

Katherine McClellan 1990-1991

Lori Switch 1992-1994

Carrie McClellan 1994-1995

April Carson 1995-1998

Michelle Rice 1997-1998

PJ Modlin 1998-2000

Julia Venegas 2000-2001

Robin McClellan 2001-2002

LaTosha Gains 2002-2003

Robin McClellan and Tiny Tot Alexis Tanyan 2003-2004

Ashlee Jacobsen and Jr. Miss Alexis Tanyan 2004-2005

Annette Gibson and Jr. Miss Shayla Miller 2006-2007

Jessica Lookout, Jr. Miss McKayla Williams, Tiny Tot Alexia Adame 2007-2010

Shayla Miller 2010-2011

Alexis Tanyan 2011-2013

Danelle Springer 2013-2014

Dasia Miller, Little Miss Cyrus Switch 2014-2015

Dasia Miller, Jr. Miss Seannah Miller, Little Miss Cyrus Switch 2015-2016

Lura Cox, Jr. Miss Madison Fixico-Switch, Little Miss Cyrus Switch 2016-2017

Currently reigning princesses should send bio to powwow chairman Linda Bigsoldier.

**ALL Veterans: Send Photos & Information to
lbigsoldr@aol.com for the 31st Annual Powwow
Program Booklet**

May 2016

FREE ADMISSION

31st Annual

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Iowa Tribal Powwow

4 Miles South of Perkins, Oklahoma

June 17, 18, & 19, 2016

Head Staff

2015-2016 Outgoing Tribal Princesses

Miss, Dasia Miller; Jr. Miss, Seannah Miller

2016-2017 Incoming Tribal Princesses:

Miss, Lura Cox; Jr. Miss, Madison Fixico; Little Miss, Cyrus Switch

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Burgess (Comanche)
Pawnee, OK

& Kinsel Lieb (Ponca) Ponca City, OK

Head Singer: Jimmy Kemble (Ponca) Ponca City, OK

Head Man Dancer: Gary 'Chink' WhiteCloud, Sr. (Otoe)
Tulsa, OK

Head Gourd Dancer: Ted Grant (Otoe/Ponca) Red Rock, OK

Head Lady Dancer: Charlotte Niyah McCurtain (Comanche)
Indiahoma, OK

Co-Host & Gourd Clan: Comanche Little Ponies, Lawton, OK

Color Guard: Sac & Fox Nation Honor Guard, Stroud, OK

Contest Coordinator: John Arkeketa (Otoe) Tulsa, OK

Arena Director: Dwight Little Creek (Shawnee) Little Axe OK
& Stanley Smith (Ponca) White Eagle, OK

Honored Tribal Veterans: Grey Snow Warriors, Perkins, OK

Honored Tribal Elders: Leroy Springer, Wichita, KS
& Ruby Gibson Logan, Perkins, OK

Stomp Dance Contest!

Leader & Shell Shakers

Saturday after powwow

program. Cash Prizes!

Rations to campers!

9AM Saturday, register

Friday evening at arena.

Friday

10AM Health Fair

6PM Gourd Dance

7:30PM Grand Entry

Tiny Tots, Jrs. & Teens

Saturday

Fun Run/Walk (AM)

Softball Tournament (AM)

Horseshoe Tournament (AM)

Turtle Race (AM)

3 on 3 Basketball (AM)

2PM Gourd Dance in the Chena
Building

5:00PM Supper served to entire
camp

6:00PM Gourd Dance at arena

7:30PM Grand Entry

Golden Age Women, Adult Women
Stomp Dance Contest

Sunday

2PM Gourd Dance in the Chena
Building

5PM Supper Break

6:30PM Gourd Dance

7PM Grand Entry

Golden Age Men, Adult Men

Contests in all Categories! MUST make TWO grand entries! Registration opens Fri. & Sat. before Grand Entry.

MUST be in full regalia to contest- no exceptions.

Golden Age Men (combined), Golden Age Women (combined), Men's Fancy, Straight, Traditional, & Grass.
Women's Cloth, Buckskin, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl. Teen Boys Fancy, Straight, Traditional, & Grass, Teen Girls Cloth,
Buckskin, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl. Jr. Boys, Jr. Girls, Tiny Tot Boys, & Tiny Tot Girls

Friday Night Jr. Boys Combined Special Contest: Sponsored by Galen Springer, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd + Consolation.

All information contact Linda BigSoldier @ 405.614.5547 Vendors Welcome! NO Drugs/Alcohol, Security Patrolled.

May 2016



***MARCH TO
A HEALTHY NATION***

ITO HEALTH FAIR
JUNE 17, 2016

Bah-Kho-Je Chena building
Iowa Tribal Pow-Wow Grounds

335588 E 760 Rd
Perkins, OK 74059

Native American Veterans

Veterans Enrollment and Benefit Event
June 17, 2016 10-1pm

Sponsored by

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma & Perkins Family Clinic

THIS EVENT WILL PROVIDE NA VETERANS, ROTC, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND VETERANS SURVIVORS
WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO
SEEK ANSWERS ABOUT BENEFITS, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ENROLLED,
FILE OR CHECK ON CLAIMS.

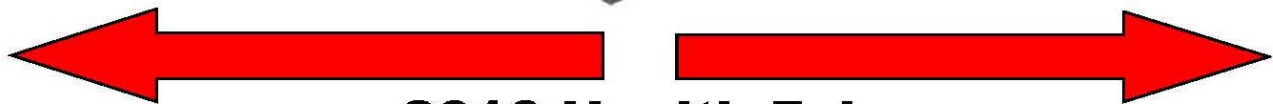
VETERANS CAN NOW RECEIVE CARE FROM PFC

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL PFC 405-547-2473 OR TERRIE WRIGHT, RN, VETERAN LIASON, 405-880-6961



March to a Healthy Nation

IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA



2016 Health Fair

Friday, June 17, 2016 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m

Bah Kho-Je Chena building

335588 E 760 Rd Perkins, OK 74059

Drawing for Door Prizes Every 15 Minutes

- Mobile WIC Unit
- Health Screenings PFC
- OBI Blood Drive
- ITO Diabetic Program
- ITO Fire Department & Emergency Response
- Smokey the Bear
- White Eagle Behavioral Health

- Honoring Veteran Warriors
- Veteran Enrollment Services
- Veteran Benefits Services
- ITO Vocational Rehabilitation

LUNCH
PROVIDED

FREE T-SHIRTS

EAGLE SHOW
GREY SNOW
EAGLE HOUSE

May 2016

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Mother's Day

Baseball Tournament



May 7th and 8th 2016

8 and under, 10 and under Boys Baseball

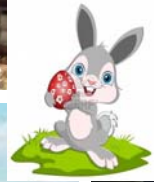
Entry Fee \$100.00 per Team

Call 405-547-2402 ext. 165 or email

gbspringer@iowanation.org or apost@iowanation.org

May 2016

Easter Hunt 2016





May 2016

Revised Meeting Date Notice (Effective 5/10/16)

Ioway Elders

Ioway Community Elders meetings are open to all interested Tribal and Community elders, families, and volunteers.

Regular meetings of the Committee will be held the **Second Tuesday** of each month, 12:00 p.m. noon, at the Chena Building (Hwy #177, South of Perkins OK). Lunch is Provided.

Please Attend!

You are invited to share in the Elders Planning, Fun, Fellowship, Activities, Events, and adventures. Please come and share your wisdom, skills, and ideas!

Revised
2016 Dates

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 6

November 3

December 1

Revised dates to accommodate other Tribal and community events. (effective May 10)

IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

FOR INFORMATION/QUESTIONS


CONTACT: elders@iowanation.org or
jmiller@iowanation.org, Telephone 547-2402 Ext. 366





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- Iowa Tribe Wellness Center
- Grey Snow Eagle House
- Cimarron Casino
- Ioway Casino.

Send ideas and suggestions to the Tribal Newsletter @ shmilller@iowanation.org.

Here are some further recommendations: Birthdays, Graduations, Veterans info, Events or photos of past events, Powwow flyers, Sweethearts / Just Married, Baby announcements, Winter/Childhood Stories

Thank you for readings this months newsletter!

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