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Who's Got the Bones? Timeline Reveals Park Service Employees Covered Up Theft of Ancient Remains at Effigy Mounds

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Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com>

It's like something out of a Stephen King story. An aging National Park Service superintendent steals the remains of hundreds of ancient medicine men and leaders and sticks them under a workbench in his garage in cardboard boxes. It's 1990 and [NAGPRA](#), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, is about to go into effect. The superintendent suspects the remains will have to be returned to the Native tribes in the area because of NAGPRA. He's not worried about that so much, but he fears also having to return the funerary objects that were

buried with them thousands of years ago, objects now on display in the park's museum. He hides the bones in his garage.

According to a timeline prepared by current [Effigy Mounds National Monument](#) superintendent Jim Nepstad. The timeline shows how approximately 2,200 human bone fragments were stolen from the park's museum collection and hidden in former superintendent Thomas Munson's garage for over 20 years while park employees and several state agencies half-heartedly searched for them. The timeline reads like testimony from the 1973 Senate Watergate Hearings, with letters, phone conversations and in-person meetings being documented between park administration, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Midwest Archeological Center and the Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service. Boiled down to its essential elements, the timeline sounds more like a government version of the Abbott and Costello routine "Who's on first?" "Who's got the bones?" "I don't know. I thought you had 'em." "No, we sent them to you." "Are you sure? Our records say we sent them to you." "Ok, let me check. Nope. We definitely don't have them. Seems like I remember sending them to Lincoln, Nebraska." And so on... for years! But it doesn't stop there. The timeline shows how reports and studies were authorized that investigated the missing bones. At one point a "Curatorial Strike Team" was formed to review park records. The strike team looked over documents provided to

them by the park and found nothing that explained where the bones were. It was later revealed that key documents were withheld from the team by unnamed park employees. Then in August 2000, all investigation into the missing bones just seemed to stop. The timeline shows no activity until 2011. In April of that year, Patt Murphy, who at the time was the NAGPRA coordinator of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, requested to see a copy of the park's "NAGPRA inventory," the list of Native items in the park's possession that are required to be entered into the Federal Register. This apparently triggered a lot of anxiety and whispering among park employees.

White House counsel John Dean in 1973, Greener supposedly informed her boss of the seriousness of the park's involvement in the missing bones issue. She presented him with two separate reports from 1998 "both of which contained numerous mentions of missing human remains," according to the timeline. Nepstad began making inquiries. He assigned Park Law Enforcement Officer Bob Palmer to investigate. On April 27, 2011, Palmer visited former Park Superintendent Thomas Munson at his home, asking if he had any information on the missing bones. The timeline states Munson provided no further information and said the remains were sent to the Midwest Archeological Center years before. The timeline doesn't state whether or not Munson's pants immediately burst into flames, but it wouldn't be surprising if they did, considering that the bones were right in Munson's garage. Meanwhile, Greener confided to a co-worker that she was nervous about the missing bones. When asked why, she revealed she had boxed up two sets of human bone fragments in 1990 at Munson's request and helped him carry them out to Munson's car where they placed them in the trunk. What did the co-worker, Administrative Assistant Theresa Wilson, do with this vital piece of information? Nothing. She told no one, saying later she thought Greener had confided her secret to many others and she thought they had reported it. So the investigation continued. Nepstad, ordered an inventory be conducted of the park's entire collection, which was done and, surprise surprise, turned up no bones. With the heat turned up, Palmer again visited Munson at his home and impressed on him the gravity of the issue. Munson buckled, giving Palmer one box of the stolen remains that he said he found. He told Palmer there weren't anymore. Continued...

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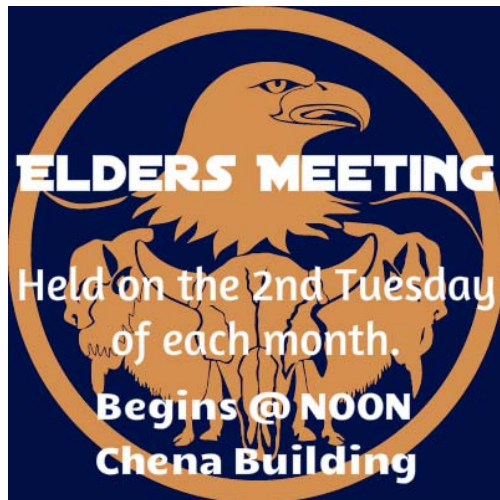
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2016 ITO Holidays

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



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A new team was formed to investigate the missing bones, this time led by Special Agent Barland-Liles of the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office. On May 16, 2012, Barland-Liles leaned on Greener for information. After a lengthy attempt to extract the truth, Greener admitted to helping Munson take the bones out to his car in 1990. Barland-Liles went to Munson's residence the next day, explaining what Greener told him and demanding permission to search Munson's house. Munson's wife Linda, bless her heart, signed a consent to search and there in Munson's garage, in a beat-up cardboard box sitting on the ground beneath a workbench, was the remaining set of Native bones. Munson eventually received one year of home detention and nearly copy12,000 in fines and restitution for stealing the bones and for the damage caused by his disrespectful storage of them. Greener was fired by the Park Service in June



Constitutional Reform Meeting dates are as follows for the remaining year of 2016:

September 10
October 15
November 12
December 10



2013 and was then reinstated a year later after a successful appeal. No one was ever charged for helping cover up the issue of the missing bones. The unsung hero in all this is Murphy, whose initial request to view the park's NAGPRA inventory resulted in a renewed investigation and the eventual discovery of the bones. The spirits of those ancient medicine men and leaders whose bones were once buried in the Effigy Mounds at the park never did possess anyone and make them start killing people. Instead they blessed the mind of Murphy, causing him to find an answer to the question, "Who's got the bones?" Without that blessing, they'd probably still be in Munson's garage.



Sandra Massey of the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma (left) and Patt Murphy of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska answer questions during a press conference following the sentencing of Thomas Munson at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on Friday, July 8, 2016. Liz Martin/Cedar Rapids Gazette)



IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
**CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM MEETING**

All Tribal Members Invited!

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2016
CHENA BUILDING • 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

PLEASE ATTEND, OR REVIEW ONLINE

View proposed language changes: <http://bahkhoje.com/>
then click the Constitution Reform Registration Box.

Submit comments, questions, or suggestions at:
ITOREform@iowanation.org



August 2016

2016

**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Installation of new Tribal Officials
July 2016**



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CONGRATULATIONS!



August 2016



Toway Invitational

INDIAN RELAY RACE AND AMAIRA REGION 8 RODEO FINALS

RODEO SEPTEMBER 23 - 25 | 7:30PM
INDIAN RELAY SEPTEMBER 24TH - 25TH | 2PM

WITNESS DEATH DEFYING WARRIORS AS THEY RACE AT BREAK NECK SPEEDS AND LEAP FROM ONE GALLOPING HORSE TO ANOTHER. PLUS, CHEER ON LOCAL RODEO FAVORITES IN EXCITING EVENTS DURING THE AMAIRA REGION EIGHT FINALS.

Location: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Event Grounds,
922 W Freeman Ave.
Perkins OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-5352

Tickets: \$15 adult
\$5 youth(8-12)
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Quilts of Valor Honors Veterans

Shelly Pruitt, representative of the national organization, Quilts of Valor, was present at the Iowa Tribal August Veterans meeting which is held every month. Her duty that day was to deliver a self-made quilt to two tribal veterans. The Quilts of Valor Organization is made up of volunteers from across the United States to honor veterans that have been touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Pruitt presented a beautiful quilt and certification to tribal elder & veteran, Jacob BigSoldier Jr., in joyful tears BigSoldier accepted it by surprise! Pruitt had mentioned after that she had another quilt to present to the Chairman of the Iowa Veterans, Eugene BigSoldier, Jr., who was also took by surprise and happily accepted. Thank you so much to the Quilts of Valor Organization for honoring our Tribal Veterans!



Also at the meeting, Tribal Elder, Joyce Bigsoldier-Miller presented sacred Tobacco plants to all veterans!



August 2016

NEW EDUCATION SERVICES!

K-12 Private Education Program Assistance

The K12 Private Education Program assistance is available nationwide for Iowa Tribal Members who have been accepted into an accredited K12 private school. With proper documentation and application, Iowa Tribal members will receive funding for full-time students who are enrolled in a full time accredited K12 education institution. Scholarships are limited to a first come first serve basis. **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2016.**

[K12 Private Education Application](#)

3rd – 6th Grade After School Program

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is looking for **15 youth 3rd – 6th grades** that reside within the ITO service district to sign-up for our new 3rd—6th grade Afterschool Program. Our new Afterschool Program will be an academic program providing instruction on an individualized basis; by certified teachers.

[ASP Student Flyer](#)

[Afterschool Program Application](#)

eLearning Technology

eLearning is learning utilizing electronic technologies to access educational curriculum outside of a traditional classroom. eLearning is an excellent tool for anyone wanting to improve their academic achievement. The ITO eLearning Classroom program is composed of virtual seats, within the Reading Plus and Think Through Math self-paced computer programs, which are for students 3rd grade through college and adults who need help raising their academic levels or who may need to prepare for GED classes.

[eLearning Application](#)

ALL APPLICATIONS MAY BE FOUND ON THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SERVICE TAB -> EDUCATION PROGRAMS



BECOME EDUCATED

“AN EDUCATED NATIVE IS A DANGEROUS NATIVE, BECAUSE HE HAS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!”

August 2016



The ITO Education Program will be taking a College Visit Trip to the University of Oklahoma (OU)

On American Indian Visitation Day – Friday, September 9, 2016

This day-long conference is designed to help you connect with your American Indian heritage through cultural celebrations, candid conversations, and even a keynote address from a prominent American Indian leader. We will host open dialogues about the importance of higher education and how to equip American Indian youth for success. We hope you will join us!

- **12 Iowa Tribal Youth- Jr's and Sr's only**
- **We will leave the ITO Complex Friday September 9, 2016 at 8:30am and will arrive back to the ITO campus at approximately 4:30pm.**
- ***Please bring money for lunch**

Please contact Regina Riley, Education Specialist at the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Education Department if you wish to attend.

ITO Education Department
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Or
riley@iowanation.org

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program

“See the Person Not the Disability”

Juniors



Seniors

History:

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians since 1994, and transition services to students since 2009. Our goal is to develop and provide specialized services to American Indian students with a disability. We want to help these students that are making a transition from high school to work or who are seeking post-secondary education.

Services Than Can Be Provided:

Depending on an individual’s needs and goals, will determine which services are best for you. However, some services that we can provide include testing fees such as SATs & ACTs, assistive devices, evaluations, and various other services.

Qualifications:

Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school, and must reside in one of the seven counties served by the Iowa Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program. You must also provide documentation of your disability and this can include a doctor’s statement or the IEP or 504 plan from your school.

Counties We Serve:

Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Lincoln, and Logan

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Vocational Rehabilitation Program
P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059



Contact: Christa McClellan
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Thank you to our AMAZING 2016 summer youth interns: Woody McClellan; Deon Joseph; Marie Davis; Matias Pewewardy; Daniel Franklin; Derek Franklin; Dasia Miller; Lura Cox; Baylee Washington; & Kaylee Washington, for all of your hard work this summer. You have made this summer memorable, unique, and have demonstrated so much of what it means to be a faithful employee. We wish you the best in your school year and upcoming endeavors!



The **Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Summer at the Library** Program would like to thank the various tribal and community outreach departments, who have helped us with presentations and activities. Your time given to the program was very much appreciated! We would like to share some photographs from the past three months, and wish them all the best in their upcoming school year as they all go to their schools and communities.



**Thank
You!**



August 2016



SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH

DOWNTOWN CUSHING

STREET CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

4:00 – 6:00 P.M. ART SHOW RECEPTION

6:00-7:00 P.M. GRAND MARSHAL PRESENTATION HONORING

SAGINAW GRANT

SATURDAY SEPT. 10 - NOON

JURIED NATIVE ART SHOW • INTERTRIBAL POW WOW

TEXTILES · BEADING · POTTERY · BASKET WEAVING · JEWELRY · ART

(COMPLETE LIST OF CATEGORIES ON ART ENTRY FORM)

**ARTS AND CRAFTS, FOOD, NATIVE HISTORY AND CULTURE
AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2016
BOOTH REGISTRATION AND ART ENTRY FORMS AT CUSHING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OR 918-306-1547 OR DCRA.CUSHING@GMAIL.COM

ORGANIZED BY DCRA
DOWNTOWN CUSHING REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION

Cushing to hold 2nd Annual Native American Heritage Festival: Invitation to Iowa People



The second annual Native American Festival in Cushing will be a two day event for 2016. This event is again being organized by the Downtown Cushing Revitalization Association (DCRA) and held in the Downtown Cushing.

The Cushing community and surrounding areas will be honored to have Saginaw Grant as the Grand Marshal for the 2016

Festival. Saginaw is from the Cushing area, still has family here, but he now lives in Southern California. An actor and lecturer and stated to be the most photographed Indian in the film industry. Saginaw, being in many movies, was recently filmed with Johnny Depp in Long Ranger. Saginaw is hereditary Chief of the Sauk & Fox Nation, Iowa/Otoe-Missouria Nations.

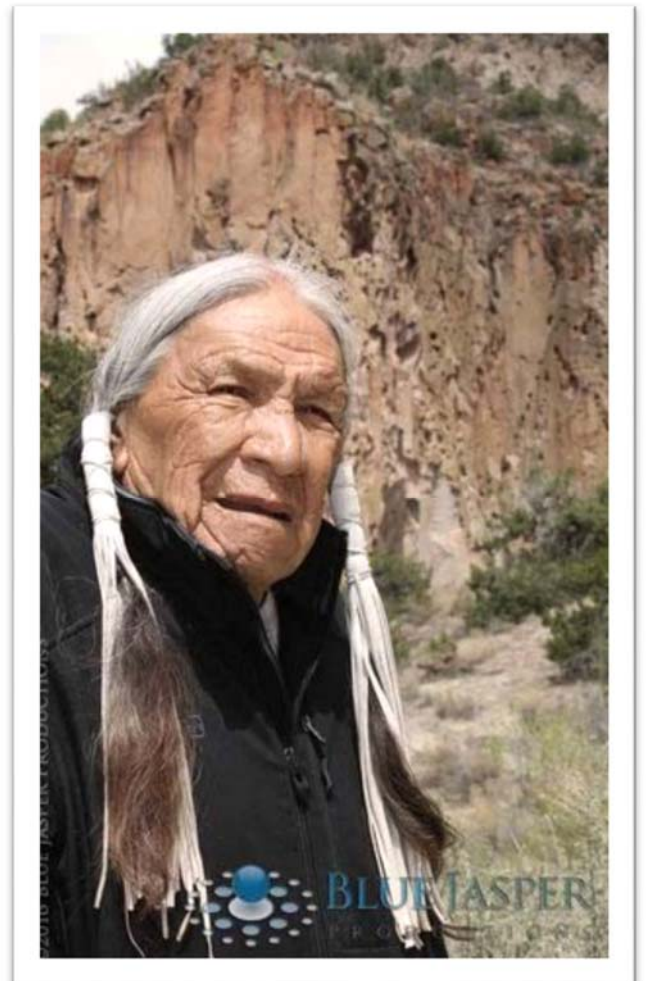
A new addition to this years Festival will be a Native Juried Art Show on Friday, the 9th. This is planned to be held in the Cushing Community Theatre, along with the reception for the public to attend and view the art work with awards for painting, graphics, photography, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and cultural crafts. Contact for registration is Art Show chairperson, Gabby Farnes at 918-306-1547 or DCRA.cushing@gmail.com

Plans are also in the works for an Intertribal Powwow. Helping to organize this powwow is Sac & Fox Councilman Robert Williamson, Pawnee Head Chief Junior Pratt, and Linda BigSoldier, Powwow Chair of the Iowa Tribe.

Otoe-Missouria tribe as been invited to participate in the Festival as well as the Absentee Shawnee and several

other tribes. Valerie Branyon, Festival Chair has stated there will also be Arts & Craft Booths as well as food vendors during Saturday's activities.

DCRA will also be selling drinks as well as the newly designed T-Shirt. More activities are being planned with Board members. Marilyn Duff, President of DCRA is asking for more volunteers and hoping the community and surrounding areas will become more involved so we can honor, commemorate and educate all about Native heritage and traditions. This unique Festival reaches out to all of the Cimarron Valley and includes Native and non-native individual of all ages. To help with the Festival please Call 225-2930



TA MINA XEMODHA SEPTEMBER MENU & ACTIVITIES 2016

MONDAY	 TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Menu Subject to change without Notice</p> <p>Sack Breakfast are given to those who are homebound & at home during Thursday Delivery.</p>	<p>A labor union leader who in 1882 proposed a celebration honoring the American worker.</p>	<p>Title VI offers Respite Contracts to Caregivers of Elders & Grandparents to disabled Children if Caregivers need a break to go shopping, need to leave the home to take care of business let us help.</p>	<p>1 Lemon Herb Tilapia On Wild Rice Pacific Blend Lemon Mousse 2% Milk Sack Breakfast loway Casino leave Whitecloud at 9:30 Casino 10-1pm</p>	<p>2 Grilled Ham, Cheese & Egg Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Sliced Avocados Plums 2% Milk SHOPPING DAY Wal-Mart Guthrie & lunch on your own</p>
<p>5 Iowa Offices CLOSED</p> 	<p>6 Herbed Chicken Breast Capri Blend Salad Bar Peaches 2% Milk</p>	<p>7 Corn Soup Boiled Potato Asparagus Salad Bar Orange Fry Bread 2% Milk</p>	<p>8 Tuna Salad on Bun Pasta Salad Salad Bar Pineapples 2% Milk Sack Breakfast</p>	<p>9 Birds in a Nest Sausage Patties Tomato Slices Cranberry Juice 2% Milk Cimarron Casino leave Whitecloud 9:45 Casino 10-1pm</p>
<p>12 Roast Turkey Baked Sweet Potato Green Beans Salad Bar Whole Wheat Roll Apple Raisin Crisp 2 % Milk</p>	<p>13 Chicken Quesada Refried Beans Salad Bar Chocolate Pudding 2% Milk</p>	<p>14 Hot Roast Beef & Swiss Sandwiches Baked Chips Salad Bar Nectarine 2% Milk Caregiver Meeting 10:30am to 11:30</p>	<p>15 Shrimp Creole Brown Rice Carrots Salad Bar Corn Bread Cherry Cobbler 2% Milk Sack Breakfast SHOPPING DAY Walmart Stillwater</p>	<p>16 Bacon Western Scrambled Hash Browns Biscuit & Gravy Cranberry Juice 2% Milk SAC & FOX TAILGATE Chena Building 9am-2</p>
<p>19 Sloppy Johns Baked Chips Sliced Pickle, Tomatoes, Onion Salad Bar SF Cherry Crisp 2% Milk</p>	<p>20 Chicken Pot Pie Salad Bar Peach Yogurt 2% Milk Nutritional Education 10:45- 11:30 Door Prize tickets between 10:45 to 11 only</p>	<p>21 Indian Taco Salad Bar Strawberry Shortcake 2% Milk</p>	<p>22 Oven Fried Catfish Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw Salad Bar Pears 2% Milk Sack Breakfast</p>	<p>23 All Tribal Offices Closed for Native American Day </p>
<p>26 Meat Loaf Scalloped Potatoes Winter Blend Salad Bar Hot Wheat Roll 2% Milk</p>	<p>27 Stewed Chicken w/Vegetables and Noodles 3-Bean Salad Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Corn Bread 2% Milk</p>	<p>28 Goulash Mixed Veggies Salad Bar Garlic Bread Tropical Fruit Salad 2% Milk</p>	<p>29 Fish Sticks Capri Blend Salad Bar Corn Bread Jello 2% Milk Sack Breakfast</p>	<p>30 Ham & Cheese Omelet Roasted Potatoes Sliced Tomatoes Grape Juice 2% Milk</p>

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Pawnee Tribe
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STANDING BEAR POW WOW

SEPTEMBER 23rd & 24th, 2016



CASH PRIZES IN ALL CATEGORIES

CONTEST CATEGORIES

MEN – Straight, Fancy, Traditional, Grass
JR./TEEN BOYS – Straight, Fancy, Trad./Grass
GOLDEN AGE MEN – Combined

WOMEN – Buckskin, Cloth, Jingle, Fancy Shawl
JR./TEEN GIRLS – Buckskin, Cloth, Jingle/Fancy Shawl
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN – Combined

TINY TOTS

◆ SPECIAL CONTESTS – SATURDAY ◆

Men's Team Dance & Ladies' Team Dance
\$1000 each – winner take all

All
Drums
Welcome

HEAD STAFF

FRIDAY
Gourd Dancing – 5:00
Princess Contest - 6:30
GRAND ENTRY – 7:00
Princess Selection
Intertribal Dancing
Tiny Tots Contest
Jr./Teen Division Contests
Golden Age Contests
Exhibition Dances

Master of Ceremonies.....LESTER EAGLE
Head Singer.....MICHAEL GAWHEGA
Head Man Dancer.....MICHAEL CORNELL
Head Lady Dancer.....AVIS BALLARD
Arena Director.....JUAQUIN HAMILTON
Arena Director.....THOMAS GOODEAGLE
Water Carrier.....AUGUST PICKERING
Head Gourd Dance Group.....PONCA GOURD DANCE SOCIETY
Fri. Night Color Guard.....OTOE LAW ENFORCEMENT
Sat. Night Color Guard.....OTOE LAW ENFORCEMENT
2015-2016 Standing Bear Princess.....JUDI KI MOSES

SATURDAY
Gourd Dancing – 1:00
Specials (afternoon only)

Meal – 5:30

GRAND ENTRY – 7:00
Intertribal Dancing
Adult Contests
Special Contest

All Specials will be held during the afternoon session only.
Dance registration will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday only.
(Princess competition registration will be from 5:00 to 6:30 Friday.)
All contestants must dance both evenings. Registration required.
Friday night grand entry or exhibition dances will qualify.
Saturday night grand entry required.

Food Vendors and Native American Arts & Crafts
(Registered vendors only.)

Princess Competition Guidelines on back of flyer


For Information Contact: - Standing Bear Park - (580) 762-1514 - P.O.Box 247
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- 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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