



31st Annual Iowa Tribal Powwow

June 17, 18, & 19, 2016

Powwow Chairman



Linda Big Soldier



Greetings to all!

Welcome to the 31st Annual Ioway Powwow. It's an honor for the powwow committee and I to serve as your hosts this weekend. We are happy you have decided to honor us by your attendance for this year's Iowa celebration. We would like to thank you and hope that you have a great time while you are with us.

We extend a hardy welcome to you and your family!

From all of the powwow committee, we want to welcome our guests for the weekend. We would like to thank the Iowa Tribal Business Committee for their support this year and all their efforts to assist with the Iowa people's annual celebration.

This year's festivities include three days of fun and enjoyment for the whole family starting out with the Health Fair on Friday morning, all followed by three days of food, dancing, games, competition and enjoying catching up with old friends and family while making new friends!

We hope you truly will enjoy yourself this weekend and best wishes for safe travels.

Thanks for coming,

Linda Big Soldier

Iowa Powwow Committee

FREE ADMISSION**31st Annual****OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

All information contact Linda Big Soldier
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Vendors Welcome!

NO Drugs/Alcohol,
Security Patrolled.

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: Michael Snake, (Ponca) Ponca City, 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.

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 55+(combined), Golden Age Women 55+(combined) (4Places \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300)

Men's (Ages 18-55) Fancy, Straight, Traditional, & Grass. Women's (Ages 18-55) Cloth, Buckskin, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl (4Places \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300)

Teen Boys (Ages 13-17) Fancy, Straight, Traditional, Grass. (4Places \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50)

Teen Girls (Ages 13-17) Cloth, Buckskin, Jingle, Fancy Shawl (4Places \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50)

Jr. Boys (Ages 7-12) Fancy, Straight, Traditional/Grass, Jr. Girls (Ages 7-12) Cloth, Buckskin, Jingle/Fancy Shawl (4Places \$150, \$100, \$75, \$25)

Tiny Tot Boys, & Tiny Tot Girls (Ages 6 & Under)

Friday Night Jr. Boys Ages 5-10 Combined Special Contest: Sponsored by Galen Springer, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd +Cons.

ROYALTY



**2016-2017
INCOMING ROYALTY
IOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS**

**MISS
LURA JON COX**

**JR. MISS
MADISON FIXICO-SWITCH**

**LITTLE MISS
CYRUS SWITCH**

**2015-2016
OUTGOING ROYALTY
IOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS**

**MISS
DASIA MILLER**

**JR. MISS
SEANNAH MILLER**



2016-2017 INCOMING

MISS IOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS: LURA JON COX

Ah-Ha,

Lura Jon Cox is an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and daughter of Chalis Cox. She is the Granddaughter of Thomas Cox and Ellen Whiteshirt and Great Granddaughter of the late Arthur Cox and Loretta Osage as well as John and Maxine Whiteshirt. She currently attends Carney High School and participates in softball, archery, and serves on the student council. She has been accepted in to the Biomedical Science program at Meridian Technology Center in the fall. When she graduates high school she would like to pursue her degree in the medical field at the University of Oklahoma.

"I am very honored to serve as the 2016-2017 Iowa Tribal Princess and will do my best to represent my Bah-Kho-Je people and be a good role model for the youth. Thank you to all the visitors and relatives, and hope you enjoy the Pow-Wow"



2016-2017 INCOMING LITTLE MISS IOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS: CYRUS SWITCH

Aha! Dalixga? My name is Cyrus Switch, I am 8 years old. I am Iowa, Comanche, Kiowa, Otoe and Absentee- Shawnee. I am honored to be this year's 2016-2017 Little Miss Iowa Princess for the 31st Annual Iowa Tribal powwow. I am proudly enrolled in the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. I finished the 2nd grade at Perkins-



Tryon Elementary. I study Karate in Stillwater I am currently an advanced blue belt and I also studied to fight with Nun chucks, Bo-staff, Kama's, Sai's and Swords, I also spar and practice self-defense. I study pre-pointe ballet at Stillwater School of Performing Arts where I have been featured in various performances such as The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and OSU's Summer on the Plaza and a Spring Show. I have been inspired by the late and great first major Native American Prima Ballerina, Maria Tallchief.

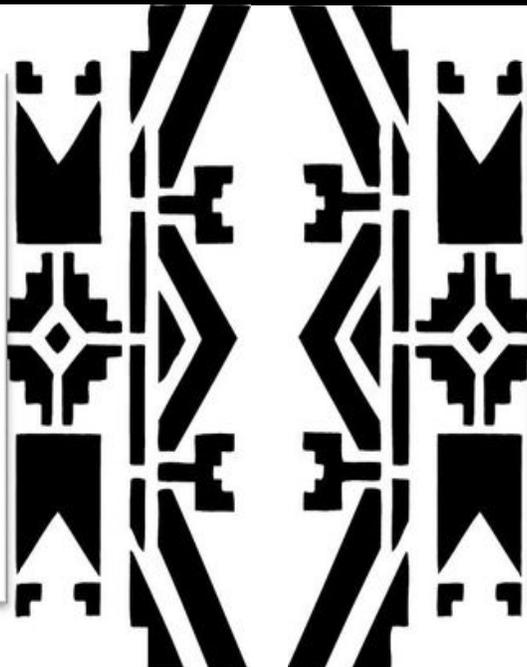
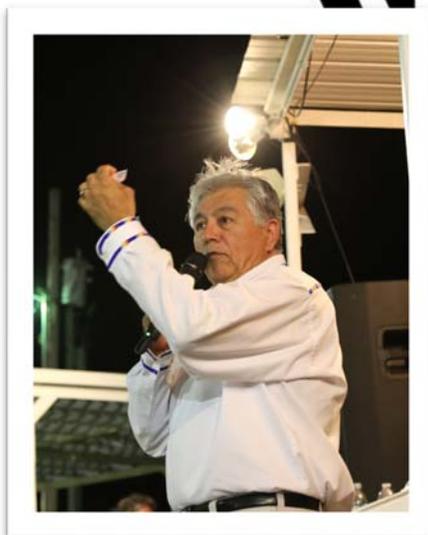
My mother is Kent Tehauno; step father is Wilbur D. Birdshhead Jr of Stillwater, OK. My grandparents are Ada White and William Pawnee of Shawnee, OK. My great grandparents are the late Nelson & Vera White, great-great grandpar-

ents Iowa Chief and reverend Solomon Kent & Rosa (Dailey) Kent and late Corbett & Ruth White of Red Rock, OK. Garon Tehauno of Oklahoma City, OK, great-grandparents of Vernon Tabbytosavitt Tehauno Sr. & Patsy Ruth Sankadota Tehauno. My great-great grandpa was a frontier lawman for Quanah Parker named Ruben Tabbytosavitt Tehauno whose wife is Thurma Tehauno. I am decedent of Comanche War Chief Ten Bears. As in my Kiowa Bloodline Patsy Sankadota Tehauno, her great grandparents are Clarence Sankadota & his wife Maggie Panadah Sankadota and also I am a decedent of Kiowa War Chief Satanta. I am very excited this year to represent the Iowa Tribe for 2016 - 2017. I wish everyone the best and I shall aspire to do my greatest this year.

-Ahe' – Cyrus Switch Little Miss Iowa Tribe 2016-2017



MASTER OF CEREMONIES MIKE BURGESS & KINSEL LIEB



HEAD SINGER JIMMY KEMBLE



Greetings! I'm James L. Kemble and my parents were Ellsworth and Lucy Kemble. My Dad was a member of the Ponca Tribe and my Mom was a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. I have a brother, Kirby W. Kemble and two sisters: Diana Sue Kemble and Terri Kemble-Roy. My children are Andrea Morningstar Kemble, James L. Kemble Jr. and William A. Kemble. My grandchildren are: Anthony J. Kemble, Alissa R. Hamilton and Acey R. Kemble....and I have a granddaughter on the way!

My companion is Sammye Adson and we make our home in Cleveland, Oklahoma and Ponca City, Oklahoma. We enjoy our tribal dances and the powwow lifestyle and travel almost every weekend to a dance somewhere. We believe in God and put him first in our daily life. Credit is given to God in our songs and dances. He gave us this way. So, let's all keep God utmost in our hearts and minds and enjoy this time that we have with the Ioway Nation this weekend!

HEAD MAN DANCER

GARY 'CHINK' WHITECLOUD, SR.



HEAD GOURD DANCER

TED GRANT



Aho my relatives, my name is Ted Grant and it is a great honor for me to be a part of this year's 31st Annual Iowa Tribal PowWow and to serve as Head Gourd Dancer. I am Otoe-Missouria from Red Rock, Oklahoma and come from the Buffalo Clan of our people. It is a great time of year for all Tribal Nations to gather for such a respected event. The Gourd Dance comes from the Kiowa Tribe. I will always acknowledge, respect and honor this dance that was given to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe back in the 1920's. This relationship between our tribes will always be taken care of in a manner of great respect and honor. I would like to thank the Iowa Tribe for asking me to be part of this year's Head Staff and look forward to a great powwow! Travel Mercy's to all and may God continue to bless you and your families in the days to come.



HEAD LADY DANCER

CHARLOTTE MCCURTAIN



Charlotte Niyah McCurtain

Charlotte is a full blood Comanche tribal member. She was given her mother's traditional Indian name of "Tha Cha Vee Tah", which means "Someone Good at Catching Up on Horseback". Like many others in earlier days this name was a warrior name given to her mother through the Native American Church, to give her strength. Charlotte is proud to carry on her Indian name.

Charlotte and husband, Larry have been dancing for over thirty years. They have been running the Chappabitty/Quassychecky family powwow for over 24 years. Their family powwow was moved to Fredericksburg, TX in 1999 to honor the birthplace of Charlotte's great grandmother, Takey Yetchy (Stand and Speaks) and to honor the 1847 Musebach Treaty between the Comanche and the German founders of

Fredericksburg, TX.

Charlotte dresses in traditional Comanche woman regalia. She makes her own Comanche leggings, beadwork and beadwork. She designed her first traditional Otter Cap (Pah Cha Tsone Cah), which is unique to Comanche women, was designed after her great grandmother's cap, which is over 100 years old.

Her professional career includes twenty years as a human service manager/social worker and eleven years as a public school Indian Education Director. In her earlier career at the Comanche Nation she did grant writing and program development. She is most proud of starting the first domestic violence shelter for Indian women in Oklahoma, which is still in operation today after thirty years. She also acquired funding for the Comanche Nation's Halfway House program, which also continues operation after some thirty years. She is currently employed as the Vocational Rehabilitation Director of the Comanche Nation. She has been in this position for six years.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree and plans on continuing working on her Masters of Vocational Rehabilitation.



The Comanche Little Ponies are a tradition dating back to when Spanish explorers first encountered the native people of Comancheria, a vast territory including parts of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The hunter-gatherers developed into a nomadic horse culture and young men were left in the encampments to take care of the women and children while the warriors left to hunt. The young men became known as the “little Ponies” who were responsible for their community. The tradition was revived by world War II soldiers going overseas to fight on the front lines and leaving behind their families.

As in the warrior days of old, the Little Ponies became responsible for the home front when the men were called to fight. “There are more than 200 Little Ponies across the nation now. Symbolism is part of all the powwows and teaches the younger generation about our past. Its significant to the Indian community to stay connected.

2017 COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES PRINCESS

Malayna Parker Dinwiddie. Malayna is 16 yrs. old and a Sophomore at Lawton High School.



HONORED TRIBAL VETERANS

GREY SNOW WARRIORS



Standing L to R: Victor Roubidoux, Edgar Kent

Sitting from L to R: Chairman: Eugene Big Soldier, Jr., Secretary: Linda Big Soldier, & Treasurer: Tim Cox

Warriors of the Grey Snow People

The Warriors of the Grey Snow People are featured this year as the Iowa powwow's honored veterans. The newly formed group has adopted their bylaws and selected officers as outlined in their bylaws, which were adopted only this year. But the veterans have been meeting regularly on a monthly basis since the fall of 2015.

The Warriors of the Grey Snow People consists of Iowa veterans representing all eras of military services and includes both male and female veterans, combat and peacetime veterans with the majority representing the Vietnam era.

The Warriors have organized with the intent to serve all veterans of all services and eras, and to promote comradery among all veterans.

As part of the Warriors' list of objectives, one goal is to work to have a military monument established to commemorate Iowa veterans, past and present. Another goal is to make sure all veterans are enrolled for all veterans benefit services.

The Iowa Tribe and the Iowa Powwow Committee are very honored to have these fine warriors to represent the Tribe in this capacity for the 31st Annual Iowa celebration.

VETERANS FLAG FLOWN

HOWARD SPRINGER



The family of Howard Springer are very honored and humbled that the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Powwow Committee will fly his flag during the 2016 powwow.

Howard Leroy Springer was born in Perkins, OK on March 5, 1924 to Amble Springer and Mary Ford Bassett Springer. His siblings were Wiley Springer, Annie Bassett and Robert Bassett. He went to school in Perkins, Oklahoma. He eventually met the love of his life, Ruth McClellan and married in 1941. They had 9 children Louis Logan Springer, Lois Logan Springer, Thomas Leroy Springer, Katherine Gashwazra, Shirley Blenden, Tyrone Springer, Beverly Springer, Monica Harden, and Grace Springer.

Howard Leroy Springer is a veteran. He was a private first class in United States Army during World War II. He was accompanied with his good friends Elize Sine and Kirwin Murray. He returned from the war and moved to Arkansas City, Kansas. There he and his family resided. He found work at the New Era Mill where he would retire after 35 years of employment. He moved back to his family land in Perkins, Oklahoma to enjoy his retirement. He did serve as a chairman for Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma for a very short time. He loved his tribe and wanted to see the tribe's traditions, and language grow and prosper. He was active in the Native American Church and a member. He ran many meetings and lots of people would come from many miles away. He believed in God and his faith. He had an unwavering belief in prayer. He saw himself as a wealthy man. A man wealthy not from riches but from faith and family. He had a lot grandchildren and great grandchildren who loved him dearly.

In 2001, September 10th, Howard Leroy Springer laid to rest after fighting leukemia. He lived a long eventful life full of love, faith and family.

The family would like to thank the powwow committee once again for this huge honor.

COLOR GUARD

SAC & FOX NATION HONOR GUARD



Sac & Fox Veterans Honor Guard was
established in 2004.

Motto: Veterans helping veterans.



Mission: Perform last honors for our deceased veterans.

Honor for tribal activities where we assist other veterans organizations.

American Legion—Veterans of Foreign Wars and other tribal groups that

Also include OK State and local parades.

**CONTEST COORDINATOR:
JOHN ARKEKETA**

**ARENA DIRECTOR:
MICHAEL SNAKE
& STANLEY SMITH**

**HONORED TRIBAL ELDERS:
LEROY SPRINGER, WICHITA, KS
RUBY GIBSON LOGAN, PERKINS, OK**

IOWA TRIBAL VETERANS SUBMISSIONS



Tsgt. Linda Big Soldier
USAF 20 Year Retiree
Wideband Radio Tech,
Communications



Timothy Cox
123rd 3rd IFD



Recon Eddie B. Kent

Sergeant Jesse Murray, grandson of Levi Don Murray, Sr. continued the family tradition of serving in the armed services when he joined the Army in



1996. He completed basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and received advanced training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His first duty station was in Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he joined with the 101st Air Borne Division and earned his Air Assault Badge. Sergeant Murray then went on a two year deployment as a member of the Signal Corp to Camp Redcloud in Korea near the demilitarized zone. After returning from Korea, Sergeant Murray attended Recruiter School in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. For four years he excelled as a recruiter in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where he earned an Expert Recruiter Badge, met and married the love of his life and recruited his twin brother into military service.

After four years of recruiting Sergeant Murray wanted a change of duty but the Army was reluctant to let a good recruiter go prompting Sergeant Murray to leave the Army. But he soon found he missed the military life so in 2007 Sergeant Murray joined the Oklahoma National Guard as a member of 205 Signal Company, 45th Fires Brigade. He trained at Fort Hood, Texas with Bravo Company 158 Field Artillery and deployed to Ramadi, Iraq where he earned a Combat Action Badge.

Following that deployment Sergeant Murray trained at Camp Shelby in Mississippi and deployed to Afghanistan with the 45th Infantry Division. While serving in Afghanistan Sergeant Murray was variously stationed at Gamberi, Charakhar (a Korean Base) and finally at Baghram Air Force Base.

During his military career Sergeant Murray earned multiple awards and medals. The most important medals and awards include the Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas Service Award, 7 Army Achievement Medals and three Army Commendation Medals.

Sergeant Jesse Murray is married to Christina Murray and they are the parents of Jade Ann Murray, John Miachel Murray and Samuel Colt Murray. He is the son of Levi Murray, Barbara Murray and John Tanner and the grandson of Barbara Curtis. His family is very proud of his military service.



Sergeant Joshua Elias Murray, grandson of Levi Don Murray, Sr. continued the family tradition of serving in the armed services when he joined the Army in 2003, based on the incessant prodding from his twin brother, Jesse Murray. He completed basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia and received advanced training at Fort Gordon, Georgia and Fort Lee, Virginia. His first duty station was in Fort Carson, Colorado where he joined with the 59th Quartermaster Company. Sergeant Murray deployed with the 59th Quartermaster Company from December 2004 to November 2005. In 2008, Sergeant Murray attended Recruiter School in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

SGT Murray served as a recruiter in Schenectady, New York from 2008 to 2012. During his recruiting duties SGT Murray earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Information Technology, Networking with an emphasis in Microsoft.

After three and a half years of recruiting Sergeant Murray wanted a change of duty and reclassified into the Military Intelligence Corps. Sergeant Murray served as a Counterintelligence Special Agent while stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with the 902D Military Intelligence Group, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, Delta Company, Fort Sill Field Office. SGT Murray is currently enrolled in graduate studies to complete his Masters Degree in Cybersecurity.

During his military career Sergeant Murray earned multiple awards and medals. The most important medals and awards include the Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas Service Award, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Sergeant Joshua Murray is married to the former Miss Lori Ann Lundholm and they are the parents of Ashlyn Gabrielle Lundholm, Isabella Jean Ann Murray and Elias Alden Murray (Troup). He is the son of Levi Murray, Barbara Murray, and John Tanner, and the grandson of Barbara Curtis. His family is very proud of his military service.



A Look at the Past . . .





Welcome! Our Iowa Annual Powwow is a celebration of homecoming and fellowship amongst our Bahkhoje people. It is a way of renewing old friendships and building new ones. The powwow is a celebration of life. It is a full weekend of singing, social dancing, feasting and dance competitions. The powwow is organized by a designated committee where they begin planning many months beforehand to assure all plans and budget expenses are met. The weekend typically begins on a Friday evening starting out with a Grand Entry. This is the time when veterans, chiefs, royalty, and dancers make a grand entrance into the sacred arena. Flags are carried by veterans to honor our fallen, retired, and present veterans. We are welcoming you to come and enjoy a time of new experiences with your family and friends.

Former Iowa Tribal Princess

Brenda Rowe 1978-1979
 Crystal Deer 1979-1980
 Sandra Taylor-White 1978-1980
 Lisa Washington 1980-1981
 Gabrielle Sine 1982-1983
 Tammy McClellan 1984-1985
 Alicia McClellan 1985-1986
 Deanna Big Soldier 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-Holata 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

Thank you for coming!

See you next year!