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**Ship 13 million barrels of tar sands oil across Lake Superior each year?  
Pump more tar sands oil through MN than the proposed Keystone XL pipeline?**



**Join MN 350, Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), Minnesota Arms  
Spending Alternatives Project (MN ASAP), Idle No More, Occupy MN, & Honor  
the Earth in the fight against tar sands oil in Minnesota. To volunteer, contact  
[kate@mn350.org](mailto:kate@mn350.org)**

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**Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee: Leonard Peltier: Thank You and Bless You**

**[lpdoc.blogspot.com](http://lpdoc.blogspot.com)**

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## USDA Bioenergy and Biofuel programs/funding

Have your members and clients, join the USDA staff for a two-hour workshop:

### How to access USDA Bioenergy and Biofuel programs/funding

**Date:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013    **Time:** 10:00 a.m.—noon

**Location:** 230 N. First Avenue, Phoenix, 2nd floor conference room

**To RSVP** or for parking information contact: [dianna.jennings@az.usda.gov](mailto:dianna.jennings@az.usda.gov) or 602-280-8740.

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## Great Basin Naturalists Fall Outdoor Skills Camp!

From October 14th through the 18th, during the Washoe County School District's Fall Break, Great Basin Naturalists will be hosting a week long outdoor skills camp. Each day there will be a new theme related to nature and the cooler seasons. You may register your child for individual days at \$40 per day, or sign them up for the whole week for \$180.

### The following lists each day's outdoor theme:

#### **Monday, October 14: Fall Outdoor Skills**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to build shelter in the woods? Cook outdoors? Build a fire? Backpack in the forest? Then join us for Outdoor Skills Day!

#### **Tuesday, October 15: Plant Survival**

Big and small, the plants in Galena Creek Park have special adaptations to survive the ever changing weather patterns of the Sierra Nevada. Learn about these adaptations through fun outdoor activities.

#### **Wednesday, October 16: Animal Survival**

From hibernation to scavenging, find out the ways the furry and feathered residents of our park thrive in the winter.

#### **Thursday, October 17: Nature's Dangers**

*Although beautiful, Mother Nature has a dangerous side. Learn about these unpredictable natural disasters and how to be best prepared for them.*

#### **Friday, October 18: Creative Campers**

*Using our imagination as our guide, we will explore how critters can best survive, who can make the most sustainable winter community and other fun projects.*

**To register by phone**, call the Galena Creek Visitor Center at 775-849-4948.

**To register by email**, send us a message at [visitorcenter@thegreatbasininstitute.org](mailto:visitorcenter@thegreatbasininstitute.org)

Or you can find the registration paperwork **here**.

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## **12 nuclear plants on the chopping block** [money.msn.com](http://money.msn.com)

These aging reactors are most at risk of an early demise as the nuclear power industry struggles to compete in America's new energy landscape.

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## NARF Alert: Sovereign Immunity at Risk

Tribal Supreme Court Project was established by tribal leaders in response to a series of devastating losses for Indian tribes before the Supreme Court of the United States. Since it was established in 2001, we have put forward the strongest legal arguments when litigation could not be avoided. But the losses have continued. So our message to tribes became and remains: “Stay away from the Supreme Court!”

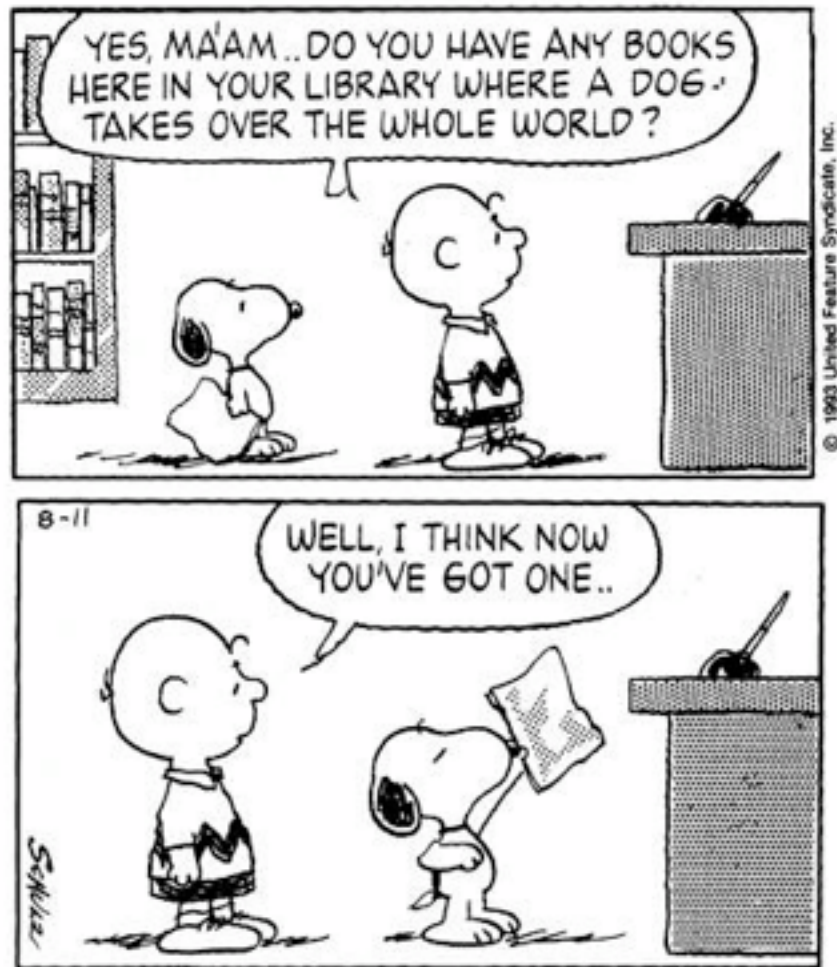
The Project is now following *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community*—a case granted review by the Supreme Court even though the United States had filed a brief recommending that review be denied. The State of Michigan is using this case to mount a full frontal attack on tribal sovereign immunity and the authority of states to regulate “gaming activity” under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

With the doctrine of tribal sovereign immunity and the authority of states

under IGRA on the table, this case has become high- stakes litigation for Indian tribes across the country. Although Bay Mills and other tribes have solid *legal* arguments to make to the Court, *politics* of this case do not bode well for a good outcome. Our hope is that the on-going efforts by the Bay Mills Indian Community to find an alternative resolution to this case will bear fruit.

To repeat our message to all tribes: “Stay away from the Supreme Court!”

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This strip was published on August 11th, 1993.

**Last year, Sierra Club and our allies submitted nearly 250,000 comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) opposing the expansion of the privately owned Alton Coal Mine onto federal land in southern Utah, ten miles from Bryce Canyon National Park.**

At the same time, both the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued formal comments opposing the mine. In addition, Utah's largest newspaper editorialized against the mine proposal.<sup>1</sup>

**But the BLM has never denied a mining expansion request like this one before. That's why we aren't taking any chances. With your help this will be the first!**

**[Keep up the pressure to halt the expansion of the Alton Coal Mine and protect Bryce Canyon National Park! Send a message to the BLM and Department of Interior Secretary Jewell now!](#)**

In response to the huge outpouring of opposition, the BLM agreed to further study the proposed mine. We anticipate the review will be released this fall. We need to ensure that the new Secretary of Interior, Sally Jewell, and the BLM, know we still oppose this boondoggle and the danger it poses to this stunning natural



landscape.

We can't risk the pristine night sky, the local recreation economy, the amazing vistas or the wildlife near the park just to dig more coal out of the earth for a few years of dirty electric power.

The world's most respected investor, Warren Buffett, isn't optimistic about coal. He recently stated, "**Coal will gradually decline in importance.**"<sup>2</sup>

**Coal's decline is already happening and the West is leading the way!**

Washington and Oregon are transitioning away from their coal plants and have stopped three out of six proposed coal export terminals.<sup>3</sup> In March, Los Angeles, the nation's second largest city, announced it would be entirely off coal by 2025. NV Energy, the largest utility in Nevada, announced in June that they would be closing their largest coal plant and making big investments in renewables.<sup>4,5</sup>

If the world's greatest investor is saying coal is declining and states across the West are ditching

coal, why are we even thinking about mining coal near one our nation's greatest natural treasures -- Bryce Canyon National Park?



**Secretary Jewell and the BLM need to hear from you that coal is a dirty, risky investment and a dangerous proposition for our precious natural wonders.**

Thanks for all you do to protect the environment,  
Mary Anne Hitt, Beyond Coal Campaign, Sierra Club

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*"The canyon country does not always inspire love. To many it appears barren, hostile, repellent - a fearsome mostly waterless land of rock and heat, sand dunes and quicksand, cactus, thornbush, scorpion, rattlesnake, and agoraphobic distances. To those who see our land in that manner, the best reply is, yes, you are right, it is a dangerous and terrible place. Enter at your own risk. Carry water. Avoid the noonday sun. Try to ignore the vultures. Pray frequently."*

*--Edward Abbey, The Journey Home, E. P. Dutton, New York (1977), p. 87.*

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**SAVE THE DATE--for NATIONAL PLUG IN DAY!**

**IMPORTANT! Do you wish to show your electric vehicle at National Plug In Day on Sunday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Idlewild Park? If so, you MUST RSVP. >>>Space is limited!<<< Please contact Bob Tregilus at elaterite[AT]yahoo[DOT]com or 775.826.4514.**

[National Plug In Day](#) is a **nationwide celebration** to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more.

[National Plug In Day](#) is on **Sunday, September 29, 2013**, at **Reno's Idlewild Park** (this year next to the lakes on the east side of the park), from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Map with details at this [>>>LINK<<<.](#))

*Please help us get the word out on Facebook, please 'share' the [National Plug In Day, Reno](#) event page AND 'invite' your FB friends!*

- National Plug In Day is **FREE!**
- National Plug In Day features **MUSIC!**
- National Plug In Day will have **FOOD!**
- National Plug In Day is all about **ELECTRIC CARS!**
- National Plug In Day will plug into **RENEWABLE ENERGY!**
- National Plug In Day is for **YOU, YOUR FRIENDS,** and **YOUR NEIGHBORS** to come out and **test drive EVs!**
- **BE THERE!**

Come join local electric vehicle and renewable energy enthusiasts celebrate Northern Nevada's National Plug-In Day. This is a non-profit event hosted by local groups to help spread the excitement about electric vehicle (EV) technology, and will include an EV show n' shine, test ride and drives, music, food, and fun.

Representatives from local non-profit groups will be on hand to answer questions about Nevada's energy and transportation future, and EV owners will happily discuss what it's like to drive an EV in our community.

*There will also be a raffle for three opportunities to test drive a Tesla Motor's Roadster! (Hosted by the Electric Auto Association of Northern Nevada.)*

If you would like to reserve a space to show off your EV, please contact Bob Tregilus at elaterite[AT]yahoo[DOT]com or 775.826.4514.

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*for the water wonks: a very interesting case.....sdc*

**[Antioch reaches deal with state to keep century-old water rights intact](#)**

**Paul Bugarino, Contra Costa Times**

The ability to draw water from the Delta without state permits has been a liquid asset for this city for nearly a century.

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## **Salton Sea could be worse than Owens Lake**

**ANTOINE ABOU-DIWAN, Imperial Valley Press**

The sparsely populated Owens Valley is the site of some of the highest levels of particulate matter air pollution ever recorded in the United States, with most of it originating from the dried Owens Lake bed.

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*Interesting app:*

## **See Where Your Trash Flows With This Interactive Map of LA's Streams And Rivers** **James Brasuell, LA Curbed**

Good news for river rats: [National Atlas](#) recently released an app called [Streamer](#) that provides a colorful representation of the nation's **watersheds**. Yes, the map even includes Southern California's network of rivers, washes, and arroyos (or flood control channels, depending on your point of view). National Atlas is touting the app as a way to imagine the downstream possibilities of dropping a stick into a river, or the origins of the water that flows through your campground. For Southern California's purposes it might be more fit for asking this question, "If I drop this Sausage Egg McMuffin wrapper in the gutter, where will it end up?" Or, conversely: "Where did the [840,000 tons of trash](#) that floats out to the ocean at the mouth of the LA River each year come from?"

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## **Tahltan shut down Fortune Minerals drill site** **warriorpublications.wordpress.com** **September 9, 2013 According to the Klabona Keepers Facebook page, members of the Tahltan's Iskut band have shut down a drilling site maintained by Fortune Minerals: DRILLING RIGS BLOCKADED SACRED H...**

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## **#FearlessSummer: How the Battle to Stop Climate Change Got Ferocious** **By Kristin Moe, Yes! Magazine 11 September 13**

A series of actions that took place this summer helped to shift the climate movement's center of gravity.

In Richmond, Calif., over two hundred people sat down at a Chevron oil refinery and refused to leave. Outside Boston, Mass., they were handcuffed at the state's largest coal plant. On Seneca Lake in New York, they paddled a flotilla of kayaks across the water to protest a natural gas [storage facility](#). In Utah, and Texas, and West Virginia, and in other places across the country, they simply placed their bodies in front of the land they wanted to protect.

This has been a #FearlessSummer: three hot months of nonviolent resistance to the fossil fuel industry in all its incarnations, from coal plants in Appalachia to oil refineries in California and [fracking](#) wells in Pennsylvania. Born of a potent mix of hope and [desperation](#), #FearlessSummer represents a larger shift in the climate movement's tactics: away from big-name organizations and electoral politics and toward decentralized, high-stakes direct actions led by those most at risk.

Some of those most at risk live on reservations in the Northern Plains, where the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, they fear, will threaten not only their land and water supply, but that of the entire region. For them, #FearlessSummer has been a rigorous preparation for more overt action. In Montana on August 23, activists began the latest in a series of "Moccasins on the Ground" trainings in preparation for the pipeline's construction. They have vowed, if necessary, to stand in its way. Debra White Plume, an Oglalla Lakota activist from the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, has been leading these trainings across the region.

"They're going to have to run over us, or destroy us, or put us in jail to have their pipeline," she says.

Her sentiments are echoed in actions across the country, where organizers are turning to more creative and confrontational means of protest, including civil disobedience. The stakes are rising, it seems, along with temperatures-and years of unprecedented heat, drought, floods, and storms. 2012 was the [hottest year on record in the United States](#); that summer, [fires raged](#) and corn [withered on the stalks](#). And then there was Hurricane Sandy, which flooded subways and shredded boardwalks. As more people sweated and evacuated and watched the news in disbelief, they took notice: This is climate change. This demands action.

The idea for #FearlessSummer was hatched last February during an "anti-extraction summit" in upstate New York that included representatives from a wide variety of environmental justice organizations. Social media expert and environmental activist Joe Solomon was in attendance, and is still one of a loose collective of de facto organizers who have helped facilitate, promote, and connect the summer's actions.

The biggest questions, he says, were: "How can we collaborate, coordinate, and build more power beyond the sum of our parts? How can we show the world we're the united and super huge movement that we really are?"

Solomon doesn't know for sure how many actions, large or small, have taken place over the last three months, but there's no doubt that there's been [an almost unprecedented surge](#). Now, having come to full fruition, the summer has been a turning point.

"For one of the first times," he says, "we've seen a glimpse of a movement that is led by frontline communities." He hopes that's what the future of the movement will look like, and envisions leadership "by people who live in shale country, by young people, by indigenous people, by people of color, by people who were smashed up by Sandy."

#FearlessSummer organizers look to previous movements as models: the movements for Civil Rights and against the Vietnam War in the U.S., and the movement to end Apartheid in South Africa. In their view, this history shows that real social change is often led by those most affected by injustice, and that movements can succeed only when the thousands of local struggles are connected-and strengthened-under a common banner.

The most important connections might be geographical; all up and down the Keystone XL pipeline route, for example, communities are coordinating with and aiding one another. Volunteer organizers from Tar Sands Blockade have several times traveled 1,200 miles from the pipeline

terminus in East Texas to assist with Moccasins on the Ground trainings on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as well as with other workshops and actions farther north. And the solidarity goes both ways.

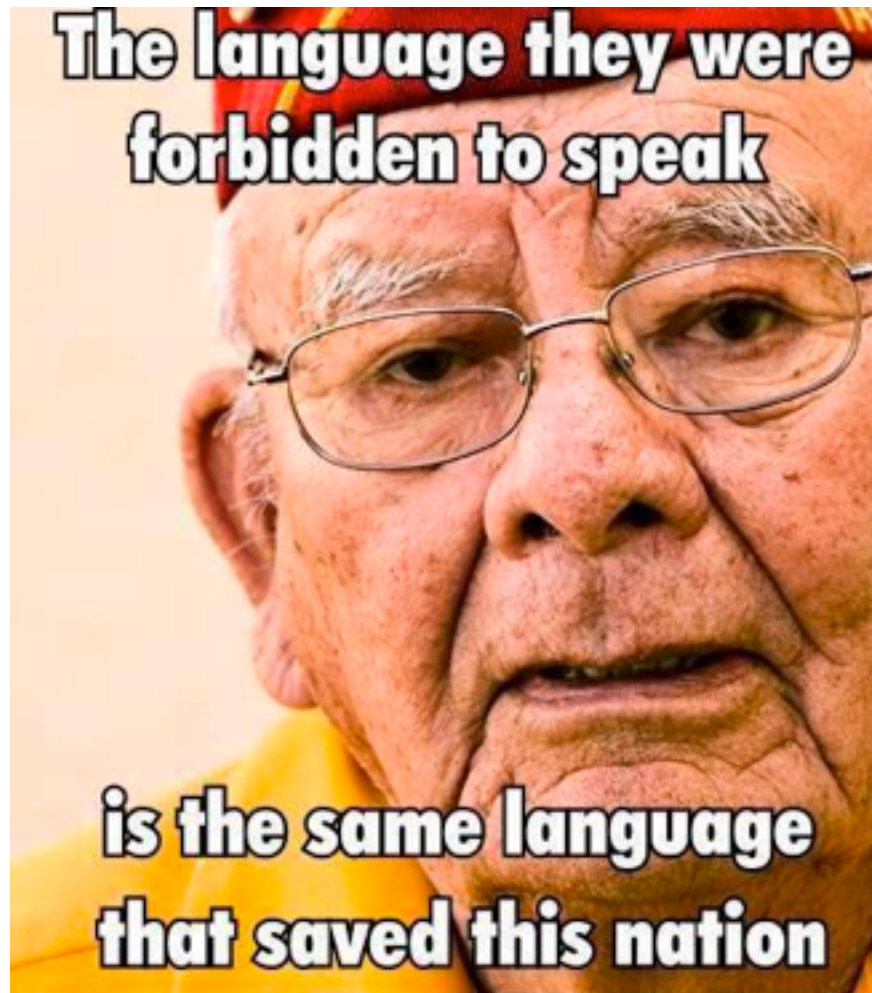
### **A Closer Look**

Kim Huynh is one of these East Texas activists who has spent the last year with Tar Sands Blockade, organizing with local residents against Keystone's construction. In many ways, her story parallels the trend towards direct action on the front lines. She spent several years working for environmental organizations in Washington, D.C., most recently as a member of Friends of the Earth's campaign to stop the extraction of tar sands.

In 2011, Huynh says, she shared the growing disenchantment with the Obama administration's environmental agenda and experienced firsthand how mass civil disobedience-the largest in 30 years-brought the tar sands and Keystone to national attention. She "watched the entire center of gravity in D.C. shift"-from inside-beltway lobbying to grassroots, community-based organizing. Then President Obama reversed his position and approved Keystone's southern segment. Despite the professed outrage of more mainstream environmental leaders, in her view, no one was actually doing anything to stop its construction.

At that point, Huynh says, she saw how "inward-looking and insular" the largest and wealthiest environmental groups were, how removed they were from the urgency of the pipeline fight in the places where it was already affecting people's lives.

The following year, when she heard about a small group of activists that were planning to block the pipeline, she left D.C. for good. "I felt like the most useful thing I could possibly be doing



was to be in Texas," she said, to support the people suffering most from the effects of oil spills and toxins from tar sands.

She's been working on everything from campaign strategy to civil disobedience trainings, and in the last few months has been helping organize [Houston's Manchester neighborhood](#), where residents battle health problems caused by pollution from nearby oil refineries. She hopes to help strengthen ties between indigenous groups, landowners, and those who live close to oil refineries, all connected by the same long pipeline.

**A year later, she's still there.**

#FearlessSummer isn't quite over; there are more actions planned before the heat subsides. These actions haven't yet brought the movement to a tipping point, haven't yet matched the scale of their history-making predecessors. But the fact that they are spreading and growing is a promising sign. Huynh wonders what comes next. After all, how do you escalate tactics that are already-in the U.S., at least-considered confrontational?

"Fearless Summer will pass," Joe Solomon says. "But we're close to seeing the birth of a movement that's far more ferocious and emboldened in its yearnings for justice-precisely because it's led by the people with the most on the line."

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## **CWI's 2014 SUMMER INSTITUTES for K-16 and Community Educators, Curriculum, Programs, and Schools for the Future**

### **CWI's Summer EAST Institute on Service-Learning**

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And as always our own *Green American* magazine is printed on **100-percent recycled paper.** [Subscribe to the print or digital edition here.](#)

Thanks for all you do, Frank Locantore, Better Paper Project Director, Green America  
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### **Illinois State Offers 100% Tuition Scholarship to Enrolled AmeriCorps Alums**

The [Applied Community and Economic Development \(ACED\) Fellows Program](#) at Illinois State University's Stevenson Center offers exceptional value to Alums accepted into its program. **Every ACED Fellow receives a 100% tuition waiver for all courses (worth up to \$27,924)** and a paid graduate assistantship. In their second year, paid professional practice provides students with invaluable field experience and networking opportunities.

Tackling community challenges is central to the Stevenson Center philosophy, which has been attractive to many [AmeriCorps alumni](#) who have already experienced a Stevenson Center education. For her professional practice with the Fremont Area Community Foundation in Michigan, Alyssa Curran researched poverty alleviation to drive funding priorities. Alyssa continues her work post-graduation as the Foundation's newest Program Officer. Similarly, other AmeriCorps alumni are using their Stevenson Center experience as a launchpad for professional success.

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# LA KA LEI BE POW WOW

## OCTOBER 25-27, 2013

Carson Colony Gym- 2900 S. Curry St. Carson City, NV

Host Drum- Tac Town (Tacoma WA)

MC- Tyson Shay (Ft Hall ID)

AD- Carlos Calica (Warm Springs OR)

Head Man- Anthony Quenelle

Head Woman- Ramona Quenelle  
(Montgomery Creek, CA)



Contest Pow Wow- Fri-Sun

Horse Shoe Tournament- Sat. 12pm

Hand Game Tournament-Sat at 2pm (Jackpot)

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