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FYI

Congratulations to all our Native graduates this year. We are very proud of you.

Please note that the whole Native community is invited to the Diversity Forum's May 7 meeting when CSIC is their host and Don Coyhis will be the speaker. See page 2 for more details.

Also, please note the calendar schedule for the June Wellbriety Training Institute classes is on page 7 of the newsletter.

CSIC COMMUNITY DINNER

There will be a Community Dinner honoring our graduates at the CSIC Dining Room on Saturday **May 22 from 1-3 pm**. We will be having a pig roast. If you would like to bring fresh fruit dishes, side dishes, salads, or drinks that would be great! (Dessert will be at the University).

After the dinner, from 4-6 pm, we will all move over to University Center Room 303 at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs for a reception honoring the graduates, refreshments, a Drum, Speakers, and other celebration activities. Campus parking on that day is free.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Marva Black Elk at CSIC: 719-599-8630.

HONORING GRADUATES

The Colorado Springs Indian Center will host a reception at the UCCS campus for all Natives graduating from any level; kindergarten, grade school, middle school/ Junior high school, high school GED, Vocational School and college (associates through college).

The event will be held from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, **May 22, in room 303 in the University Center at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs** (1460 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs). It will be held immediately following the CSIC community dinner being held the same day at 701 N. 20th Street in the dining room of Trinity United Methodist Church. The dinner will end at 3 pm and the reception at UCCS will begin at 4 pm.

Parents, family and friends: , if you know of a Native student graduating at any of these levels who should be invited to this reception, please send their name, the name of their school, and their address to Marguerite Cantu mcantu2@uccs.edu or phone Marva at the CSIC, 599-8630. For a nomination form, visit the CSIC website at <http://www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com/> or pick up a paper form to fill out at CSIC office.

DIVERSITY FORUM MEETING

CSIC will host the **May 7th Colorado Springs Diversity Forum's general meeting from 1-2:30 pm** in the dining room of **Trinity Unity Methodist Church**. Don Coyhis from White Bison will be the keynote speaker for the assembly. He will speak about Native American culture and a traditional approach to honoring diversity.

The CSDF organization has won national awards for the Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity event that they organize each summer and their work toward creating an inclusive community in our region. This year's

"Everybody Welcome" events will be from August 7 through August 15. Visit the CSDF website for more information and the schedule of those events at

<http://www.cospdiversityforum.org/>

Native people who are interested in knowing more about the Forum and promoting diversity in our community are encouraged to attend this or any future CSDF meeting.

TRI-LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN INTER-TRIBAL FESTIVAL

CSIC will participate in the Tri-lakes Native American Inter-Tribal Festival in Palmer Lake on **Saturday, June 5th, 2010**. This is not a powwow, but a celebration of Native history and culture.

Both the Center and the youth group will have displays and items for sale, so come by and check us out. Also see page 2.

Community Talking Circle

The Community Talking Circle meetings for May will be held on Fridays at 7 pm. See the calendar below for more info.

OUR THANKS TO....

Marva Black Elk for her volunteer work in the CSIC office three days a week
.... **Tecumseh Center** volunteers for cooking the pork for the upcoming May community dinner.... **Janet Mohler** for doing proofreading duty while one of our Camp Criers proof readers is out of town.... Our youth editors for working hard on planning future issues of the newsletter youth pages.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Fri. **May 7, 1-2:30 pm**, The Colorado Springs **Diversity Forum** will meet at CSIC. **Don Coyhis** will speak. See above for details
Fri. **May 7, 14, and 21, 7 pm**, CSIC **Community Talking Circle**, Dinning Room, Trinity UMC, 701 N. 20th. See above for details.
Fri. **May 14, 6 pm**, Native American Women's Association (NAWA) **monthly meeting**, 506 Salano. See p. 2 for details.
Sat. **May 22, 11-12:30 pm**, **Youth Group Teams meeting**, Thorndale Park, 24th and Uintah. See p. 5 for details.
Sat. **May 22, 1-3 pm**, **Community Dinner**, Trinity UMC dining room. See details above.
Sat. **May 22, 4-6 pm**, **Reception for Native American Graduates** from all levels, K-doctorate, at UCCS University Center, Rm. 303. See page 2 for details.



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Camp Crier News is a monthly online newsletter for the Pikes Peak region. Long ago, Camp Criers were respected people who went through the camp announcing important news of interest to the people.

How to submit material:

If you are interested in submitting news to us for publication consideration, we would be glad to hear from you. Our email address is listed above.

Due to lack of space, we will be able to cover local news only and powwow information will be a link that lists upcoming regional powwows.

Youth Newsletter Section:

Youth Group Intern: Alvin Chee, Navajo

Youth Editors:

Virgil Weil, Navajo/Odawa

The youth articles and art section of the newsletter will be created and edited by Native youth in the area and they will be the sole creators of this section. The adult editors and staff will check for good journalistic taste, standards and procedures. Young writers and artists are encouraged to submit their articles, jokes, reviews, news and other material of interest to their Native peers. We hope to have regular information from different schools, as well as good stories, interviews, etc. We will feature a different school in each issue for a while and we have a form for you to fill out to give your ideas about what to tell about your school. If you are interested in seeing the form, call or write us to receive a copy.

NAWA

The Native American Women's Association is undergoing reorganization. New members are welcome to help by bringing their good hearts and hard work to an organization that celebrates the role of Native American women in the world.

All Native women, the mothers and teachers of Native children and other interested women are eligible for membership in NAWA and are invited to an historic reorganization meeting on Friday, **May 14, at 6 pm** at 506 Salano. Call 472-3408 for more information about NAWA and the meeting.

UCCS

CSIC's reception honoring all Native graduates will be held at UCCS from 4-6 pm on May 2 in room 303 in the University Center at UCCS. Parking for this event will be free. See page 1 for details.

If you are interested in the Native student organization **Student Native American Society (SNAP)**, contact Alvin Chee Through the MOSIAC office.

Colorado College

Ten of Colorado College's thirteen Native students were able to go on a field trip to attend this year's 2010 Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque.

One of those Native students will be graduating from college this year. **Amber Jaquez, Navajo**, finishes her degree and will attend the annual Ball honoring all of CC's graduating minority students who are each given a

culturally relevant stole to wear over their gown shoulder at graduation. The Native CC graduates are easily recognized at the graduation ceremony by both the woven Navajo and NASU sashes worn over their gown. Congratulations, Amber! You join an elite band of past Native CC grads who are making their mark on the world.

PPCC

Cody Pegram, Creek, has earned his second AA degree from Pikes Peak Community College this year. He completed the work for a Law Enforcement degree and has started work on his BA degree in Sociology. Congratulations! He is working at Play It Again Sports while he is still in school.

Cody Coffman, Comanche/ Arapaho, is taking some credit classes for his degree from the Southern Colorado State University, Pueblo. Cody is the son of Jeremy and Vanessa Coffman of Colorado Springs.

Sweat Lodge

The next Colorado Warriors Sweat Lodge (*He Ska Akicita Iipi*) will be **Saturday, May 8**. At 11 am, they will work rebuilding the sweat. The sweat will begin at 3 pm.

If you would like to help, the lodge needs the following donations after their rebuilding: broadcloth in red, yellow, black, white, blue, and green, loose tobacco, ground up dried meat, blankets, and carpets of rugs.

These sweats are led by Michael Hackwith for any military personnel or local Natives.

If you have questions about the location, possible pot luck afterwards, or what to wear, etc., call Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929.

One Nation Walking Together

On May 31st, RFD-TV network will air a **program called "Gifts to the People"** on their Hidden Heritage program. It is about the work of our local One Nation Walking Together and how they help Natives living in poverty in North and South Dakota. This segment is part of a series called "Hidden Heritage" hosted by Paul LaRoche, of Brule' and AIRO (American Indian Rock Opera). RFD-TV is not carried on Comcast locally, but other local carriers might. You can find out more about the series here:

www.rfdtv.com/shows/hidden_heritage.asp. At this page is also a link to check RFD-TV program scheduling, which is posted one week at a time only.

Tri-Lakes Native Festival

An **educational and learning festival** about Native history, traditions, culture and customs will be an all day event held on **Saturday, June 5, 2010**. Location is the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, and across Highway 105, next to the lake. The exhibition times are set from 10 am to 7 pm. At 7:30, there will be a Native American Music Concert featuring Arvel Bird and the Bearsheart Dancers.

Day events will be staged in three areas, lakeside, teepee area and the Art Center, where continuous programs will be presented and repeated at different times in each area. More details about those programs will be provided later.

Vendor and Indian Centers (both Denver, CSIC and their youth group) demonstrations, sales and info will be continuous in the vendor booths area. Interested vendors should contact Al Walter at 719-559-0525 for info.

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NATIVE NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

ART SHOW MAKES HISTORY

A groundbreaking art display at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts displays some of the history and art of the White Clay People (Gros Ventre or A'aninin) who live on Montana's Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation. It is notable because it is probably the first time such a major art museum has mounted an exhibit devoted to a specific tribe, curated by members of that tribe, where tribal members wrote the catalog and contributed a historical and cultural narrative to the catalog.

The catalog is dedicated to George Horse Capture, a retired senior curator of the National Museum of the American Indian, who contributed the catalog's narrative. The catalog artist, is tribal member and teacher Sean Chandler. The associate curator of the display is George's son, Joe Horse Capture.

In the narrative, George says the Gros Ventre are a small tribe that did not create a lot of material culture because their migratory lifestyle. "Their solution was to



AP Photo/Minneapolis Institute of Arts combine the need for art with the requirements of daily life," he says.

In the intervening years since contact many have earned college degrees, and with help from their elders, they have searched and gathered information and artifacts from around the world that tells the story of their history and culture. Their clothing and tipis give evidence of their history, artistic visions and way of life.

Ft. Belknap was named for Wm. W. Belknap, Secretary of war under President Grant.

THE US WILL REVIEW STANCE

An article published in the April 20, 2010 Washington Post states that the United States is reviewing its opposition to the U.N. declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. Of the only countries not signing the non-binding document were the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand, all nations with sizable indigenous populations.

Since this was first announced, Australia and New Zealand have already backed the declaration. Review of the U.S. consideration of signing was announced by U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice.

The declaration states indigenous peoples "have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied, or otherwise used and acquired."

"We recognize that, for many around the world, this declaration provides a framework for addressing indigenous issues," Rice stated. She expressed a desire to consult on issues with U.S. indigenous people.

OSAGE TREATY DISPUTE



A display of beautiful Osage Ribbon work

The Osage Nation takes a long held position that their reservation was never abolished at the time of the Osage Allotment Act of 1906. They assert there is nothing in the wording of the act that disestablishes the reservation, and that, according to the Supreme Court, any ambiguity in the law "must be interpreted to the benefit of Native litigants."

Their contention is the Osage Act of 1906 is not a surplus land act. The Osage Act did not open any portion of the reservation for settlement or restore Indian lands to the public domain. Osage County in Oklahoma was entirely on Osage Nation land. At issue is competing sovereignty exercised by the tribe, state and even local governments and whether the State of Oklahoma can require income tax on wages paid to Osage citizens employed in

A UNIQUE MUSEUM ON SOUTHERN TRIBES

It took \$5 million to bring the "Big Apple of the 14th century" to the world class immersive experience it now is with the Moundville Museum reopening on May 15. The collaboration of scientists, artists, Native American scholars, and exhibition designers have combined to realize the two goals they set for the Alabama site.

First, they wanted to bring the Moundville culture to life through immersive experience, and second to "present artifacts in a way that shows their significance."

Visitors are greeted at the site entrance by two familiar cultural art pieces of the era, the ivory billed woodpecker and the red-tailed hawk on large wooden poles. Thirty-five items from early exploration at the site a century ago are on loan from the Smithsonian to enhance this exhibit.

Currently three exhibits are featured, "Realm of the Sacred Rulers," introduces a storyline of Moundville rulers at a wedding ceremony wearing regalia of the era and area.

The second exhibit "Joining of Worlds" features a Moundville chief, his family and a medicine man awaiting an incoming tribe to the area. The scene features exhibition homes and many artifacts that

would have been visible at the time.

The third exhibit is a three dimensional presentation film entitled "Portal to the Starry Sky," which features a medicine man played by a Native actor who talks about Moundville culture beliefs in the afterlife and performs "magic." Visitors will recognize the hand and eye symbol representing the portal to the "path of souls" used in this innovative tableau.

Most of the renovations involved the Jones Archaeological Museum at the Moundville site. Providing a more up-to-date and in depth interpretation of the culture was also paramount, as well as giving a true understanding of the greatness and grandeur of the Moundville culture.

The museum now features a larger gift shop and café that overlooks the entire 320-acre park. It is located of the museum at the far end of the park was chosen because it creates a unique visitors' experience where visitors can listen to a Native flutist play while looking out at the Native American mounds.

These improvements should help bring Moundville into the 21st century and give people with different interest levels a unique experience of how Southern tribes lived.

THE CORNER

May 2010

Speak your Peace Pipe

In a meeting with the youth editor and youth intern, we are considering change the Speak Your Peace Pike from a question to something else. We would like your ideas of what you would like to see in the space each month. Give it some thought and let us know at the May 22 meeting.

Last month's question was *If you had the money and talent, what kind of Indian owned business would you like to start?*

Input is needed on what the Youth Group would like to do together this summer. We will plan to meet twice a month doing fun things, having some adventures and creating some news over the break.

Come to the May 22 meeting at Thorndale Park (see page 5 for details) and fill out the survey on ideas you have for trips, events and activities we can spend the summer doing together.



Native Fashion

By Staff

This is not your grandmother's beaded pendant. It is an very pricey 16" seed bead necklace with titanium, glass and druzy made by Kiowa jeweler Teri Greeves Teri has won international prizes for her bead-work design and execution.

We say "Wow!"

GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Youth Group will be taking pictures, videoing, practicing writing, filming and submitting news stories beginning this summer. So bring your phone cameras or any digital camera you have. We will be having a contest to name our news broadcast station, so bring some good ideas for that to the May 22 meeting at Thorndale Park. We will doing fun activities and taking pictures for a news story later.

TRIBAL RESPONSE TO REZ NATIVE GANG VIOLENCE

Gangs and gang violence is reaching many reservations and at least one tribal councils are calling upon the Guardian Angels to help.

Known for the red berets they wear, the citizens' watch organization began in New York City over 30 years ago and has chapters in 14 countries and 140 cities. They have been invited to come to the Ft. Peck Reservation in Montana to train Native youths to help protect people on the rez from gang violence.

Ft. Peck, a 3,200-square mile reservation is home to 6,000 tribally enrolled Assiniboine and Sioux. Caunchey Whitwright III, vice-chairman of Wolf Point Community Organization, says he hopes the new Guardian Angels chapter will begin to expand to other Montana reservations that includes the Blackfeet, Rocky Boy, Crow and Northern Cheyenne, who report the same problem on their rez. Ft. Peck plans to recruit 50 Guardian Angels who will be given background checks and trained right away.

Angels founder, Curtis Sliwa, calls this move a breakthrough and hopes the new chapter becomes a model to other tribes with gangs

Student Recognized for Singing and Drumming



Photos courtesy Hasinai Society

Dakota Stillman, a fifth grader in the Anadarko Middle School in Oklahoma. For the past five years, he has been learning the music of his Caddo Tribe in a weekly program called The Hasinai Society. His dedication to learning to drum

and sing has resulted in his being able to sing the Caddo Flag Song, Turkey Dance, Fish Dance, Alligator Dance, and Bean Dance songs from beginning to end. He currently is learning to start the Bell Dance, Bear Dance, Drum Dance, Corn Dance and Quapaw Dance songs. He is also working to learn the Stomp Dance.

He was recently chosen as the outstanding student in Caddo song and dance classes sponsored by the Hasinai Society. The classes meets on Wednesday nights and are open to anyone interested in learning Caddo songs and dances.

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

Youth Group Summer Fun!!!!

The CSIC youth group invites all Native youth in the area to join them for some twice a month fun summer events beginning May 22. At this first meeting, we will talk about meeting dates and have the youth fill out a survey form of things they would like to do and places they would like to go. From those suggestions, we will schedule what trips and events we can work in during the summer months.

We will meet twice a month, once just before each community CSIC at a location within easy driving distance from CSIC so those who can will be able to attend the community dinner just after the youth group. We will also meet again half way between the scheduled monthly dinners. These meetings can be your choice. We will mail each family a schedule of when and where we will meet all summer.

On May 22, we will meet from 11 am-12:30 pm at Thorndale Park at 24th St. and Uintah, fill out the survey form quickly and then get down to having fun celebrating summer together. Be there and help plan an exciting summer of trips and get-togethers. Parents, we hope you will be able to come and stay.

PPITY SNOWBOARDERS



Pikes Peak Inter Tribal Youth spent the day snowboarding at Beaver Creek last February. The youth received lessons and were able to come down the mountain at the end of the day. Carrie reports that Everybody had fun.

The group, led by Carrie Howell includes Lexi and Micah Rodriguez, Vince, Noah and Lucas Bia, Vanessa and Kendal Coffman, Robert Williams, and Madi Fernandez, all from Colorado Springs except Lexi and Micah, who are Carrie's grandchildren from Denver.

UNITY meets monthly in summer and every other month during school months. They have been meeting for about two years.

Carrie works for Denver Indian Family Resource Center and works with a group of youth in Denver, also. She can be reached at chowell@difrc.org

Native Olympics Are Unusual

Alaska has their own Olympic competitions each year that are based on traditional skills needed to survive in the arctic, the Eskimo Olympics, Arctic Winter Games and the Native Youth Olympics. The NYO is divided into junior and senior categories and have unusual competitions: Eskimo Stick Pull, Wrist Carry, One-Hand Reach, Kneel Jump, Aslaskan High Kick, Seal Hop. For info about the NYO event recently held in Anchorage, visit here:

<http://www.adn.com/2010/04/22/1245989/2010-senior-nyo-day-1.html>

At the **May 22 Youth Group** meeting, we will be trying a few of the old and new events for fun and photos. Join us for this and many other fun and interesting activities. Attendees at this meeting will each be **given a Native American Sports Council T-shirt** to show off.

Demonstrating the balancing game from the Nunavut Region of Canada at the 2010 Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska.



Out and About

Many of our Native students will be out and about celebrating their graduation from some level of their education this month. We know about the following who have reached this landmark. If you or someone else you know is graduating, go on the CSIC website and fill out the form to let all of us know. Also plan to attend the May 22 dinner and reception honoring you and your fellow graduates (see page 1 for details on this.) The graduates we know about:

College: **Angela Saunkeah**, Kiowa and **Amber Jaquez**, Navajo, **Cody Pegram**, Creek (community college)
High School: **Meyghan Mahoney**, Salish, from Rampart; **Virgil Weil**, Navajo/Odawa, from Wasson; **Bran-**
don Tsosie, Navajo, from Doherty; **Josiah Fredericks**, Mandan/Hidatsa, Tesla.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

SANDY TURCOTTE WORKS HARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Sandy Turcotte is the creator and Administrative Director for Tecumseh Center, the organization that has volunteered to provide the meat dishes for all the CSIC community dinners and is active in meeting many other community needs in the area, for both Natives and non-natives.

She was born in Duluth, Minnesota, to Jane Workman Swenson, Milli Lacs Band of Ojibwe (<http://www.millelacsobjibwe.org/>), and Valerian Turcotte, Fond du Lac Band (<http://www.fdlrez.com/>). She is enrolled in the Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe. Duluth was built on Fond du Lac land and her paternal grandmother and great uncles were actively involved in their band's politics. The Fond du Lac was one of the first tribes to have casinos. Sandy credits this grandmother with influencing her community involvement now. She recalls a wonderful cabinet where her grandmother kept all kinds of great things for community gifts and traditional "giveaways" so important in Native society.

Chippewa and Ojibwe are the same tribe, but the French and English heard the Native pronunciation of their name differently because of their language differences, so it is written and spelled with both pronunciations today.

Sandy lived in Duluth until she was thirteen years old when she turned her mother in for child abuse and requested to be removed from her home. She was placed in a foster home in Oregon for a while and later moved to Colorado where she attended Fountain High School and graduated two years later.

Over the years, Turcotte has been very active in community issues here involving the poor, women, families, Native Americans and advocate issues. She has been so active in this pursuit, in 1998 she was declared qualified, as a Native American advocate, to have the same confidential

privileges as a client's physician or minister.

Locally, she has spearheaded several organizations besides Tecumseh Center. From 1994 to 2001, she created and supervised a housing program for families with children, elders and disabled adults. The program was called *Masaba*, which means "climbing the mountain" in Chippewa.

In 1990, Sandy became active in a program called HOPE (Helping Out Parents Everywhere), a part of the 1990's national welfare reform program under Bill Clinton. She became an agency liaison in this program and met Jesse Jackson, Ralph Nader and Wallace Black Elk while working with this program. There was a four-hour video called "State of Humanity." made and given to all the civil rights leaders in the US during that time.

She remembers attending the fireworks celebrating the changes that resulted from their efforts. She helped create the Kinship Care and Welfare to Work programs and advocated for the care of the mentally handicapped and their caregivers during this time, something she still does. She keeps abreast of the activities and involvement of community service organizations that oversee these programs. And she has been active in related issues from grassroots to the Colorado State Legislature. She also is actively involved with the trailer park for elder housing at Murray and Platte.

She stays active in local concerns about meeting the needs of families, children, women, cultural programs and resources to meet those needs. In this pursuit, she has been in court on many occasions. She knew and admired Katherine Carpenter who worked tirelessly to create and support some of the existing community centers in our community today. She credits Katherine for the existence of Hillside Community Center, which was started with Indian money generated by Katherine and, from the beginning, had a very strong connection to Native people and issues.

Turcott also was the driving force behind developing and still promotes what is

called an Indian 501c3 tax bracket for organizations serving the Native population and communities. She also has connections to get legal help for struggling individuals and organizations.

Christmas and Easter are the busiest times for Tecumseh Center volunteers. This past year on both holidays, they assembled and donated over 400 baskets to children, single moms, elders, and the disabled. This project also involves volunteers who have been helped through donations during the year to give them a chance to also help give back to others in need.

In spite of all these and many other activities Sandy has a full 24/7 schedule every week providing food and meeting the needs of many different people depending on outside help for their shelter, care or meals. On Thursdays and Saturdays, she picks up bread donated by Paneras. She and her volunteers bag the bread and start distributing it where it is needed. When she delivers bread, she checks on care and needs of the senior citizens in Manitou's Barker House, where she is also active as the Barker House community liaison. Her Sundays are open for whatever else did not get done during the week. Frequently, she runs a taxi service for elders who need rides for grocery shopping, doctor's appointments or court dates. This taxi service is also used when someone needs it to get to the hospital or emergency rooms on occasions, so Sandy manages to acquire serviceable vehicles to use for this.

And then, of course, she has family. Her daughter, Laura, has two children ages 14 and 8, and Sandy makes time to do things with them on a regular basis, too.

There are a lot of "alsos" in this story about the life of a very busy person who is on a mission to lead all her great volunteers into meaningful engagement in our community – and, in some cases, the state and nationally. She is blessed with good health, many talents at finding solutions for chronic community issues and the energy and willingness to make a difference. Tecumseh would be impressed with her record.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS

- Please be sure that your child(ren) know how to visit the CSIC website (<http://www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com/>) because a lot of our activities will be written up and posted there, along with any videos or photos taken by the youth. They will be the stars.
- Be sure that your youth get a copy of the current youth pages each month. They will be posted online, but also handed out at the twice monthly summer meetings. Encourage them to submit short articles and/or pictures to me for posting online.

Media, National and Local News of Note

LOCAL

All Female Color Guard

For March Powwow this year, **Mitchelene Bigman**, Crow, made dresses with the same color and same design but each set differently for herself, **Toni Eagle-Feathers**, No. Cheyenne, and **Cindy Dar- rington**, Navajo, with their ranks, combat patches and the U.S. flag sewed on them. All three served at Ft. Carson together. When they were in line for the Grand Entry an elder named Camille told them they should enter the arena with the **color guard group**. When the women said they were not in uniform, they were told their clothes spoke more than a uniform.

When they entered the arena with the color guard group, the MC told the crowd he had never seen an all women honor guard before and this was a first. The response from the crowd was "awesome." They were introduced by name, rank, and Nation and they were given the name "Army Women's Iraqi Freedom Veterans" color guard. Since then they have been invited to attend several powwows as a color guard team.

Title VII Indian Education Meeting

There will be a community meeting in support of School District 11's Title VII Indian Education Programs from 6-8 pm on May 3, at Tesla Education Opportunity Center, 2560 International Circle. Carolena Jackson is the coordinator of the TVII program.

NATIONAL

Website for Tribal Communities

<http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/>

This is a one-stop shop website for tribal communities with user-friendly, updated, comprehensive resources to help communicate what's available to tribal governments and consortiums. Created after the Tribal Nations Listening Sessions with Attorney General Eric Holder. Information to help further enhance communication about comprehensive grant opportunities and resources is available to Natives through the Tribal Justice and Safety and other government agencies. Access webinar training at

<http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/resources.html>

Inuit Scientific Knowledge

For 15 years, Inuits in the Arctic have reported weather has been becoming less stable. Scientists are now beginning to listen.

Two Nunavut (Inuit) communities in the arctic are making significant contributions to the study of global warming and weather patterns. A report in the journal Global Environmental Change authored by two University of Colorado authors, one an atmospheric physicist and one an anthropologist, says their study of the dramatic weather changes in the Arctic "integrates Inuit weather interpretations based on wind direction and speed, cloud formations, animal behavior, the stars, sun and moon with scientific evidence obtained from ice cores, weather satellites and computer models." The Inuit's traditional atmospheric knowledge has been reporting these changes in weather and ice conditions for decades.

Patricia Cochran, executive director of the Alaska Native Science Commission says a goal of the commission is to facilitate the inclusion of local and traditional knowledge into research and science. For more info on Inuit weather knowledge, visit

<http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/archives/80280857.html>

Pyramid Lake Photo on iPad

Pyramid Lake on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, NV, is the opening graphic on the popular new Apple iPad.

The Paiute Rez is just north of Reno. According to RGJ.com, it is the largest remaining remnant of a lake system known as Lake Lahontan that covered much of the Great Basin at the end of the last ice age. It is a saltwater lake of about 174 square miles entirely on the rez. It is managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The picture was taken in 2004 by Photographer Richard Misrach.

Language

In April, 635 children across Oklahoma entered the 8th Annual Native American Language Fair, the largest in the country. It showcased 30 different Native languages. Competitions included spoken word, performance, dance/music, & books.

MEDIA

Native Century



A documentary film titled *Native Century* will be released soon. Directed by Chris Eyre, Southern Cheyenne/Arapaho, it will "chronicle how Native Americans have sustained ancient traditions and preserved sovereign nations while adapting to the 20th and 21st centuries." It is four hours long and will be shown in four episodes under the titles below.

Civilization, the bleak years at the turn of the century, the "Civilization campaign" *Confidence*, critical years from 1920 to the end of WWII

Generations, a new era of activism from the end of WWII to Wounded Knee, 1973.

Who Am I?, the last thirty years reasserting our sovereignty. Visit here for more info: www.katahdin.org/films/indian/intro.html

Graphic Novels

Seven Generations Stone is a four series graphic novel story opens in present day Winnipeg, Canada, but the story covers 7 generations of the family of Edwin, a Plains Cree youth in the hospital after trying to commit suicide. His mother realizes he must learn about his family in order to understand who he is.

Book 1: **Stone**, an ancestor on a vision quest in the 19th century.

Book 2 **Scar** features the orphan White Cloud and is set during the smallpox epidemic of 1870-71.

Book 3: **Ends/Begins**, features Edwin's father and his residential school experience. Book 4: **The Pact**, is a story of redemption where father and son reconcile their past and begin a new journey.

The first novel has been released. The others will be release in three month intervals this year.

WELLBRIETY TRAINING INSTITUTE CALENDAR - May and June 2010

All held at 701 N. 20th St., Trinity United Methodist Church lower level

May 12-14, 2010, 8 am to 5 pm, **Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps for Recovery Coaches**, \$450, includes class and material

June 7-9, 2010, 8 am to 5 pm, **Fathers of Tradition**, \$450, includes class and material

June 22-24, 2010, 8 am to 5 pm, **Families of Tradition**, \$450, includes class and material

Community Resources to Know About

Resources

2-1-1 Referrals for assistance:

The Pikes Peak United Way has a list of community resources. To access the list follow these instructions:

First, log onto <http://www.ppunitedway.org/>

Second, You should now be on the Pikes Peak United Way page. Click the words "Get Help With 2-1-1" on the top left side of the page.

Third, in the Get/Give Help With 2-1-1 area on the left side of the page, click the underlined word "search." Either type in the type of assistance you need in the top keyword box, or click one of the quick topics choices in the quick search box below. This will bring up all the agencies in the area that can help you with the needed assistance.

If you need help with this, the contact person for El Paso County is Annette Blackhart at Pikes Peak United Way, or email tapestry@ppunitedway.org, or call the Call Center at 719-955-0742.

One Nation Walking Together:

Offers local Natives assistance through their Project Pride Program. Donated items available include **food, clothing, appliances, housewares, school supplies, medical supplies, hygiene products, building materials, furniture**... whatever they have in stock. No need for personal information, they just ask that recipients help them by working at their warehouse for an agreed amount of labor. They are located at 45-A Commerce St. Phone 329-0251, email onenationwt@qwestoffice.net, website www.onenationwt.org/

Recycling information

The CSIC Youth Group is recycling the following items.

Cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, laptop/notebook computers, Apple iPods, digital cameras and digital video cameras.

Unusable donations are fine. Proceeds from this fund raiser go to fund Youth Group Activities. You can drop them off at the collection box at either **White Bison, Trinity UMC, 701 N 20th, Pikes Peak UMC, 2727 W. Pikes Peak, Beth El Mennonite Church, 4625 Ranch Dr. OR Rocky Mountain Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, CO, 481-3255**

Computers: Any Goodwill will take them.

Recycle anything go to <http://earth911.com/> fill in what and near where. Good info and lots of choices, i.e. 14 kinds of oil.

SET Family Medical Clinics

825 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Bldg. 29 (so. of old St. Francis Hosp) Health care treatment and referral service for basic health care for uninsured, underinsured, elders, ex-offenders, and low income people. Free child immunization clinic. Homeless clinic at 14 W. Bijou. 719-776-7750.

Local Substance Abuse Treatment Centers

Go to <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/>, click on state, fill in location info (you can just use the city's name or your zip code), click distance from your location (from 5 to 100 miles). The programs are displayed 10 at a time (there are 36 programs within 20 miles of downtown C/S).

Local Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Visit here <http://www.coloradospringsaa.org/> and click on "meeting schedule" for a list of when and where meetings are going on each day of the week. One Native American meeting is "Down By the Creek" that meets Thursdays at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Education resources

Pikes Peak Community College

Multicultural Retention Program for Men at PPCC

Coach Eddie Hughes, Room A306, Centennial Campus, Phone: 502-2265 office 494-7891 cell

Native American Student Alliance, Carisa Gonzales-Yazzie. cerisegonz77@hotmail.com, or Prof. Joanna Grey, 502-3190.

UCCS

Pre-Collegiate Development Program (PCDP)

Middle school and beginning high school student preparation for college.

<http://www.uccs.edu/~pcdp/> Rm. 303A, 262-3039, Main Hall, Josephine Benevidez Aragon.

Colorado College

Native American Student Union

Sponsor **Susie Nashida**, Southwest Studies building, 389-6649. **Rochelle Mason** is Director of Minority Student Life, 389-6338.

<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/students/nasu/index.htm> NASU website, audio on CC <http://www.tigerbca.com/2008/12/taa-dixon-speaks/> Face Space <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/students/nasu/NASU%20Face%20Space.htm> (info on current Native students.)

Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO

Offers free tuition to any Native student. Has several Native student organizations, understanding instructors and lots of support. For Info

http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/scholarships_internships.aspx (scholarships)

http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/clubs_organizations.aspx (Native clubs)

http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/gallery.aspx (link to video and slide show)

CPCD Free Preschool Program

Free pre-school education programs preschool and infant/toddlers prepare children for school. Special needs children are welcome. Families must qualify, however income is not a limiting factor for programs. www.cpcdheadstart.org

REZKAST INFORMATION

All Indian website. You can visit or post your own info, music/videos. Categories include: members, videos, comedy, activities, politics, or you can start your own community group. www.rezkast.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Good source for Native audios, videos, podcasts, and radio theatre www.nativetelecom.org/print/60

TECUMSEH CENTER

For info about Tecumseh Center projects and resources, contact: Sandy Turcotte at 587-4772.



The evening entertainment group for the **Tri-Lakes Festival at Palmer Lake, CO, 7:30 pm on June 5th**. There is an admission fee to see this popular group, but the rest of the festival is free. For more information, see page 2 of the newsletter.