

THE CORNER

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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!!!!