

### Native American Liaison Officer

Cristie Jacobsen serves as the department's Cultural liaison officer serving the Native American, Refugee, Immigrant and Asylee communities.

Officer Jacobsen works to establish an open dialogue between the police department and Native Americans through regular meetings. She works to address stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination based on race, injustices and historical trauma experienced by the Native American community.

Officer Jacobsen has an office in [our south Fargo location](#), but much of her time is spent working with the communities or assisting agencies in other locations. Officer Jacobsen's work is "call-generated": her agenda for the day focuses on addressing concerns she receives when individuals contact her by phone or when other agencies seek assistance with an issue that pertains to the other communities. Inside the Fargo Police Department, Jacobsen trains new recruits on cultural diversity. She also speaks to organizations, churches and departments, as well as answering any questions or concerns that they have relating to cultural issues.

To contact Officer Jacobsen, call her cell phone at (701) 730-8859 or (701) 461-7874 please leave a message if she is unavailable. -

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### Two Native artists receive Bush's Enduring Visions Award

Musician Kevin Locke ((Lakota/ Anishinaabe) and storyteller Mary Louise Defender (Dakota/Hidatsa) have each been awarded The Bush Foundation's \$100,000 Enduring Vision Award. A total of three artists received the award this year, with funds to be distributed over the next three to five years.

The Enduring Vision Awards are given to established artists to be an example for present and future generations in their fields, according to a Bush Foundation press release.

It's purely coincidental that two of the three final winners

are Native, as there are no racial or gender quotas in the criteria, according to Kathy Graves, a spokesperson for the Bush Foundation. In 2008, one of the award winners was White Earth Ojibwe painter Frank Big Bear

.Written by Jon Lurie  
The Circle

### Naïve American Christian Ministries

The Native American Christian Ministry has served this community for almost twenty-five years. With one paid part-time staff person, we operate on a shoe-string budget, relying on our volunteers and donations to continue to work towards our mission, which is to serve the Native American community, with healing and hope.

The Native American Christian Ministry and Sweet Medicine are partnering to better address some of the issues facing the local Native American community.

In 2006, together with other agencies and groups, Sweet

Medicine and Native American Christian Ministry established a pilot program to provide a safe place for many homeless in our area to go to 24 hours, seven days a week. This pilot program led to establishing the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo. Today adults are provided temporary shelter at the Gladys Ray Shelter, at 1519 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Fargo, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 am seven days a week.

On a daily basis, the Native American Christian Ministry serves as the first point of contact for many homeless individuals during the

day, providing food and clothing referrals, access to homeless health, veterans outreach, mental health and other basics, such as laundry, showers, phone messages, long-distance, and assist in the search for emergency shelter for families w/children or elderl with health issues.

The Native American Christian Ministry and Sweet Medicine is only able to provide these services, by developing network and partnerships with other organizations and individuals in our area.

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The Native American Christian Ministry/Wesley Center is located at 109 9<sup>th</sup> St. S. Fargo, and is open 8:00am – 4:00pm, seven days a week. Volunteers are ready help make

The initial connections and contacts for individuals, elders, and families with children, and community resources, to other organizations that offer meals, on site such as Churches United, New Life or

the Salvation Army. We are asking for donations of fresh fruit, vegetables and meat - for soups or hot dishes. Donations of coffee, sugar, personal hygiene and paper products are always welcomed. This fall we will also be accepting men's winter clothing,

coats, gloves, boots, coveralls and blankets.

Your donations may be dropped off the 109 9<sup>th</sup> St. S. Fargo. For more questions contact Sandi at 701-237-4453 or cell number 701-729-2627.

## Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred

Become a Certified Provider of the culturally sensitive, highly successful **Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred** Program.

The Fatherhood /Motherhood is Sacred program inspires and ignites self-motivation through natural techniques in bringing change to a person.

Contact us for more information by calling 480-833-5007 or e-mail us at [info@aznaffa.org](mailto:info@aznaffa.org) check out this great article about our program! **Tribal program helps parents, kids rebuild relationship**

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/08/06/20090806fathers0803.html>

### ♥ The Women's Business Seminar and Breakfast

Saturday, September 19  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm  
Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom, Corner of 6th Avenue S. and 14th Street S Moorhead, MN

The event is FREE but pre registration is required by September 5th by

E-mailing: [seifertj@mnstate.edu](mailto:seifertj@mnstate.edu)  
Or contact Jackie at 218-477-2286.

Hope to see you there!

### "How History Affects American Indian Family Dynamics: Implications for our work with children and youth" Conference

Friday, October 2, 2009 - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Cloquet Forest Center, Auditorium

How do the experiences of past generations affect American Indian youth today? Professionals working with children, youth and families often see only the "surface" of young person's life. An understanding of the experiences of generations past can help increase one's capacity to work effectively with young people. Register online at:

<https://www.regonline.com/AmerIndianFamDynamics>

It has finally happened! After almost a year of planning, we will be holding a **Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred** facilitator training session for individuals & agencies on September 23-25, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN. We are excited to offer this very successful program to tribes and organizations in the Upper Midwest Region of the United States and parts of Canada.

NAFFA's approach is simply an old pattern to a happy life that emphasizes the true need for families and the critical importance of loving and devoted parents. The family remains the most basic and important institution in society. Understanding one's self-worth and the value they bring to their family will change their very nature, drawing them closer to loved

## **Men Can Make A Difference OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD • CRAGUNS RESORT**

Why you should attend

This conference is organized to increase the number and strengthen the investment of men involved in the primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence. For too long men have stood on the sideline as women

have taken a stand. Men have focused their energy on other pursuits.

But the fact is, our daughters, our mothers, our sisters, friends, aunts and cousins and sometimes our brothers and Fathers, have been raped, harassed and battered.

For more information, contact: Frank Jewell: [frank@menaspeacemakers.org](mailto:frank@menaspeacemakers.org)

Phone & Fax: 218/727-1939

Chuck Derry: [gvi@frontiernet.net](mailto:gvi@frontiernet.net)

Phone: 320/558-4510, Fax: 320/558-9488

To Register, contact: MN Men's Action Network

[www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman09](http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman09)

The conference cost is \$35 per person. Discounted rooms are available for the conference for \$65 for two people.

## **25 Years of Woven Dreams: Bridging Our Past Into the Future**

*MIEA's Silver Anniversary Minnesota Indian Education Association Conference  
October 7-8, 2009  
Shooting Star Events Center, Mahnomon, MN*

### Events:

- Past Board of Directors Panel at General Assembly
- Life Time Achievement Recognition
- Educational & culturally relevant workshops/ Presentations
- Knowledge Bowl
- Hand Ball Contest
- Silent Auction
- Pow wow
- Awards Banquet

This is a call to conference! We are seeking workshop presentations, nominations for our "outstanding awards", and any ideas that will make our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference the very best one yet!! For further information, visit our website at [www.mniea.org](http://www.mniea.org)

Bernice Belgarde, Chairperson - 218-444-0512; cell: 701-361-2646

Luann Frazer, Vice Chairperson - 218-556-7512

Donna Norquay, Secretary

Steve Briggs, Treasurer - 218-324-0952

## Birchbark House to publish books in Native

Louise and Heid Erdrich, acclaimed writers and sisters, besides being busy nabbing Minnesota Book Awards, have embarked on a new venture to create a foundation that publishes Ojibwe, Dakota, and other Native language books and promotes Native language learning.

The Foundation, Birchbark House, operates under the direction of the two sisters and is associated with

Birchbark Books, a Native American focused, independent bookstore owned by Louise in Minneapolis's Kenwood neighborhood.

*Written by Sheila Regan  
The Circle*

Crafts and Art vendors needed for the Arts in the Park, which is taking place SEPTEMBER, 12<sup>th</sup> in Wolver ton, MN at 11:00a.m. for their 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday! If you are interested, here is her e-mail address.

[newman1805@gmail.com](mailto:newman1805@gmail.com)

## **The City of Fargo and The Native American Commission**

Recognized Mary John (Spirit Lake Nation) on August 13<sup>th</sup> for receiving The National Resource Center on Native American Aging and the Administration on Aging Award for extraordinary service to her community.

Pidamaya!

## JIM THORPE DOCUMENTARY TO BE RELEASED THIS FALL

He was regarded by many from Sports Writers and Broadcasters of America to the King of Sweden - as one of the most prominent athletes of all-time. And Jim Thorpe remains today a sports legend worldwide.

A new documentary, *Jim Thorpe: The World's Greatest Athlete*, to be released to PBS stations this fall explores the life of the iconic sportsman of the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma in a way that would not romanticize him posthumously but would show audiences that he was a real-life person too, faults and all.

"Because Jim Thorpe is a legend in many ways, you have this sort of interesting problem of trying to figure out who he really was," Co-Producer Tom Weidlinger said.

The film delves into Thorpe's rise to sports popularity at the Carlisle Indian School, and then follows his record-setting feats in the 1912 Olympics and controversy regarding his amateur status, which led to him being stripped of his gold medals, as well as his baseball success. The documentary also touches on his tumultuous marriage, at-times strained relationship with his children and his struggle with drinking, in addition to highlights Thorpe's eventual work as an advocate for American Indians until his death in 1953.

"Actually, we had enough to do a 12-hour documentary, which is what my first script would have Needed," joked Co-Producer Joseph Bruchac, who also wrote a book about Thorpe prior to the film. "In many ways

who also wrote a book about Thorpe prior to the film. "In many ways he was emblematic of the American Indian experience in the 20th Century."

Thorpe's son, Jack, who was interviewed for the film and was just 16 when his father died, said he initially hadn't thought of his father as superhuman. "That was just my dad. I thought what he did was normal," he said.

Still, Thorpe's son recalls the media of his father's time and their inaccurate depictions of his father.

"They were always portraying dad as that poor drunken Indian," said Jack Thorpe, who now works for his tribe. People lose sight of "who he was and what he accomplished in his lifetime. He did a lot of firsts. He was way ahead of his time."

Keeping in mind that during his father's Carlisle days, the media was also covering the Indian Wars.

The media, Jack Thorpe said, often lost sight of the fact that college in those days were for the privileged and not people like his father, who ended up competing against players like Dwight Eisenhower before his presidency.

An extensive part of the two producers' efforts to educate about Jim Thorpe was geared at students in a 10- chapter, 80-page teacher's guide to the film.

"It gives the whole story of Jim Thorpe a much broader historical context," Weidlinger said.

Some of the chapters include background about American Indian boarding schools, the various sports Thorpe played, the Native American portrayal in Hollywood and the struggle for equal rights.

Prior to making the film, Bruchac wrote a children's book about Thorpe and, as a sports buff and Native American himself, felt a connection to Thorpe - especially with

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regard to Thorpe's efforts later in his life to combat the stereotypes of American Indians in Hollywood.

"He was born at a time when the general opinion was that Indians were passing into the sunset," Bruchac said. "The last of his tribe."

In his own right, Bruchac, of Abenaki descent, has chosen a similar path through traditional storytelling and as a writer of poems, songs and novels. Living and working from Greenfield Center, N.Y., near the Adirondack Mountains, Bruchac is also founder and director of the Ndashakina Education Center, a learning facility that preserves Adirondack culture and teaches wilderness skills.

Though he had not

made a film prior to the Thorpe documentary, Bruchac plans to work with his son, who began his own film company, to pursue other documentary topics.

Currently, they are working on a project about contemporary Native American storytellers in the Northeast and another about deer camps in the Adirondacks.

"Storytelling is one of the most basic aspects of being a human being. We understand ourselves, the world around us and other people through story," he said. "So I have devoted much of my life to learning to be a storyteller to some degree and a tradition bearer."

Similarly, Weidlinger, has been telling others' stories for 19 years as a filmmaker. He is currently working on a film about

"learning differences," the correct term for learning disabilities, in high school students in the San Francisco Bay Area where he lives. Part of it has a diary component where the students describe their challenges to cameras which they operate.

Weidlinger enjoys the film medium because it allows for the opportunity to tell stories that might otherwise go unnoticed.

"The heart of any good film is a good story," he said. "That's as true for documentaries as it is for feature films, dramatic films. When we're crafting the Jim Thorpe story, or when I'm working on any story, it's not a question of retelling a chronology of events. It's sort of looking for a pattern in those events that telegraphs a certain meaning that has conflict, that has

your story something good will come of that."

*Written by Nancy Kelsey  
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### **Something To do On 9/11/09**

On Friday, September 11th, 2009, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this eighth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.



## September MN Pow-Wows

**September 4-6: Wee Gitche Ne Me E Dim contest pow wow.** Location: Cass Lake, MN. Veteran's Memorial Grounds. Info: 218-335-7400 [jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com](mailto:jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com) Flier (side A), Flier (side B) MCs: Dale Oldhorn - Crow Agency, MT, Danny Seaboy - Sisseton, SD ADs: Johnny Smith - Red Lake, MN, Nathan Smith - Fort Totten, ND Host Drum: Leech Lake Nation Additional Info: \$100,000 in prize money.

**September 4-7: 37th Annual O-Bah-Shing Labor Day Traditional pow wow.\*** Location: Ponemah, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. Info: 218-554-7474 or 218-554-7347

**September 11-13: Mendota's 10th Annual Traditional pow wow.** Location: Mendota, MN. St. Peters Church in Mendota. Directions: Near highway 110 and highway 13. By the Mendota Bridge. Info: Sharon Lennartson 651-452-4141 [mmdc01@comcast.net](mailto:mmdc01@comcast.net) [www.mendotadakota.com](http://www.mendotadakota.com) Cost: \$5.00 donation for button. Additional Info: No contest, just dance, we pay a small fee

**September 11-13: Nay Tah Waush Native Harvest Festival traditional pow wow.** Location: Nay Tah Waush, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. Info: MoJo Littlewolf 218-936-5789 [mojo\\_littlewolf@yahoo.com](mailto:mojo_littlewolf@yahoo.com) MCs: Dennis Hisgun & Mickey Hodges ADs: Jon Weaver & Tom Mason Host Drum: Eagle Spirit Cost: Free and open to the public. Additional Info: Spiritual Advisor: Sam Musqua. Friday: camp night, warm ups. Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm Saturday; 1pm Sunday. Saturday: 10 am Parade, cash prizes for 3 float winners; memorial walk/run, fun & games for kids & adults. Bingo, pie eating contest, canoe race, cribbage, volleyball and Horseshoe tournaments. This is a ZERO tolerance traditional pow-wow. Advertisement will be posted in the Anishinaabeg & the Mahnomen paper. Interested vendors please call MoJo at 218-936-5789 to sign up and reserve your spot. Contest info: Hand Drum Contest 17 & younger - boy & girl groups. 18 & older - men & women groups. Switch Dance Contest Female Grass and Male Fancy Shawl 15 & under category, 16 & older category.

**September 11-13: 12th Annual Battle Point Traditional pow wow.** Location: Sugar Point, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. Info: Diane Smith (218) 368-4070; Leah Monroe (218) 760-3127, [diane.smith@llojibwe.com](mailto:diane.smith@llojibwe.com) [lavonne.thompson@leechlakegaming.com](mailto:lavonne.thompson@leechlakegaming.com) flier Macs: Murphy Thomas & Gerald White ADs: Tony Smith & Roger Hare Host Drum: Leech Lake Nation, Co-Host: Red Lake Singers Additional Info: Spiritual Advisor: Steve Jackson. FLAG RAISING: Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm. GRAND ENTRY: Friday, Warm-up Saturday, Grand Entries 1 pm & 7. Princess & Brave Contest: Dance competition: Saturday afternoon Crowning: Sunday Afternoon Dancers Must Be In Regalia To Register. \*Registration Saturday & Sunday. \*All category payouts Sunday evening. \*No early payouts. Weekend Drum Split Sunday Evening. \*Drums MUST have four singers to set up & register. \*Drum split for first 20 drums. \*No drum hopping. \*Must provide your own chairs. EVERYONE WELCOME!

**September 18-20: 37th Annual Traditional Makato Wacipi.** Location: Mankato, MN. Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories Park). Info: Vicki or Paul Barry 651-592-0987 MCs: Jerry Dearly and Butch Felix AD: Richard Milda Host Drum: Mazakute, Santee, NE

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### ND Pow-Wows

**September 4-6: 4 Bears Casino & Lodge Labor Day contest pow wow.** Location: Newtown, ND. 4 Bears Casino Info: Fred Fox at 701-421-0391 or Rusty Gillette at 701-527-6275 Pow Wow flier MCs: Vince Beryl, Bemidji, MN, Ruben Little Head, Lawrence, KS, Lawrence Baker, New Town, ND ADs: Cricket Shields, Shawnee, OK, Rusty Gillette, Bismarck, No Host Drums: The Boyz - St. Paul, MN, Cozads - Carnegie, OK, Red Bull - North Battleford, Sass. Additional Info: Grand Entries: Fri: 7 p.m. • Sat: 1 & 7 pm • Sun: 1 pm. Color Guards: VFW Post #9061, Mandaree, ND Myron B. Johnson/Nathan Good Iron Post #271, Mandaree, ND, Young Hawk Bear Post #253, White Shield, ND. Singing Contest: 1st \$6,000 • 2nd \$4,000 • 3rd \$3,000 • 4th \$2,000 • 5th \$1,000. Drum Split: \$10,000 Specials. Friday Night Draw - 1 Men's & 1 Women's Category. Saturday Night Draw - 1 Men's & 1 Women's Category: 1st \$800 2nd \$600 3rd \$400 4th \$200. Women's Jingle In honor of Mia Wilkinson: \$2000 total. Vendors: Rhonda Packineau at 1-800-294-5454 ext. 7538 or 701-421-1990.

**September 10-13: 40th Annual United Tribes International contest pow wow.** Location: Bismarck, ND. Lone Star Arena. Info: 701-255-3285 [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu) [serickson@uttc.de](mailto:serickson@uttc.de)

### SD Pow-Wows

**September 3-7: 58th Annual Cheyenne River Sioux contest pow wow.\*** Location: Eagle Butte, SD. City-wide. Info: 605-964-7812 or 605-964-6685 [dhighelk@yahoo.com](mailto:dhighelk@yahoo.com)

**September 4-6: Winner Labor Day pow wow.** Location: Winner, SD. Powwow grounds in Winner Housing. Info: Rose Mendoza 605-842-6713 [megafish00@hotmail.com](mailto:megafish00@hotmail.com)

**September 18-19: 32nd Annual American Indian Celebration contest pow wow.\*** Location: Chamberlain, SD. St. Joseph Indian School. Info: 605-734-3300 or 800-762-2162 [www.stjo.org/powwow](http://www.stjo.org/powwow) [saintjosephs@stjo.org](mailto:saintjosephs@stjo.org)

### WI Pow-Wows

**September 5-7: Labor Day Weekend Celebration contest pow wow.\*** Location: Black River Falls, WI. Pow Wow Grounds. Info: 800-294-9343

**September 11-13: 23rd Annual Indian Summer contest pow wow.\*** Location: Milwaukee, WI. Maier Festival Park. Info: 414-604-1000 [www.indiansummer.org](http://www.indiansummer.org) [indiansummer@wi.rr.com](mailto:indiansummer@wi.rr.com)



# PAROLE DENIED

The Bush Administration holdovers on the U.S. Parole Commission today adopted the position of the FBI that anyone who may be implicated in the killings of its agents should never be paroled and should be left to die in prison. Despite judicial determinations that the unrepentant FBI fabricated evidence and presented perjured testimony in Leonard Peltier's prosecution; despite a jury's acquittal on grounds of self-defense of two co-defendants who were found to have engaged in the same conduct of which Mr. Peltier was convicted; despite Mr. Peltier's exemplary record during his incarceration for more than 33 years and his clearly demonstrated eligibility for parole; despite letters and petitions calling for his release submitted by millions of people in this country and

around the world including one of the judges who ruled on his earlier appeals; and despite his advanced age and deteriorating health, the Parole Commission today informed Mr. Peltier that his "release on parole would depreciate the seriousness of your offenses and would promote disrespect for the law," and set a reconsideration hearing in July 2024.

This is the extreme action of the same law enforcement community that brought us the indefinite imprisonment of suspected teenage terrorists, tortures, and killings in CIA prisons around the world and promoted widespread disrespect for the democratic concepts of justice upon which this country supposedly was founded. These are the

same institutions that have never treated indigenous peoples with dignity or respect or accepted any responsibility for centuries of intolerance and abuse.

At his parole hearing on July 28th Leonard Peltier expressed regret and accepted responsibility for his role in the incident in which the two FBI agents and one Native American activist died as the result of a shootout on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Mr. Peltier emphasized that the shootout occurred in circumstances where there literally was a war going on between corrupt tribal leaders, supported by the government, on the one hand, and Native American traditionalists and young activists on the other. He again denied – as he as always denied – that he intended the deaths of anyone or that he fired the fatal shots

that killed the two agents, and he reminded the hearing officer that one of his former co-defendants recently admitted to having fired the fatal shots, himself.

Accordingly, it is not true that Leonard Peltier participated in "the execution style murders of two FBI agents," as the Parole Commission asserts, and there never has been credible evidence of Mr. Peltier's responsibility for the fatal shots as the FBI continues to allege.

Moreover, given the corrupt practices of the FBI, itself, it is entirely untrue that Leonard Peltier's parole at this juncture will in any way "depreciate the seriousness" of his conduct and/or "promote disrespect for the law."

We will continue to seek parole and clemency for Mr. Peltier and to eventually bring this prolonged injustice to a prompt and fair resolution.

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