

NOVEMBER 2009

4 DIRECTIONS NEWS

Daughters Of The Earth/Native American Project

Minnesota State University Moorhead Celebrates American Indian Heritage Month November 2009

All events are free and open to the public!

12:00 Noon - Tuesday, November 3 - Opening Pipe Ceremony (Library Mall)

Earl Hoagland, White Earth Nation Spiritual Advisor, will lead a traditional pipe ceremony to welcome in November American Indian Heritage Month on the MSUM campus.

2:00 PM Wednesday, November 4 (CMU 205) First Nations Day: Indian Homelands, Tribal Citizenship and the and U.S. Constitution

6:00 PM (CMU 216) Representatives of the Indian Nations in the United States will be convening in a historic meeting with President Barack Obama on Thursday, November 5, 2009. American Indian education leader **Phil Baird** (Sicangu Lakota) will focus his multi-media presentation on the fundamental political cornerstones of Indian Country, clarifying why Indian Nations are gathering in Washington, DC. His discussion will also touch briefly on the origins of the UND Fighting Sioux debate as one of several key contemporary issues facing American Indians today. *Phil Baird is the Vice President of Academic, Career & Technical Education at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, ND, serves as governor-appointed member of the ND Indian Affairs Commission, and is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.*

7:00 PM Thursday, November 5 Bingo Night! (CMU Ballroom) Join the American Indian Student Association (AISA) for a night of bingo, fun, and food!

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 10 Native Craft Demonstrations (CMU Main

Lounge) Traditional and contemporary native artists will demonstrate various art and craft forms including black ash basketry, birch bark basketry, beadwork, and sweet grass basketry.

1:30 PM Wednesday, November 11 Peyote Stitch Workshop (CMU Room 216) Learn how to design and create a beaded item using the peyote stitch (also

known as the gourd stitch), which is an off-loom beading technique. This class will be taught by *Rhonda Shinnaberry, AISA member*. All materials will be provided; class is limited to 20 participants. Email Jody Steile to pre-register, steilejo@mnstate.edu, or call 477-4272.

9:00 AM Thursday, November 12

We Are All Related: Kinship and Social Organization in Native North America (Science Lab104) *Lecture by Dr. Erik Gooding, Professor of Anthropology and Earth Science*

2:00 PM Tuesday, November 17 Naamijig - The Ones Who Dance (CMU Ballroom)

Naamijig (Ojibwe word meaning, "The ones who dance") is a family of Native American powwow dancers from the White Earth Nation. They make their own regalia, and are happy to live a traditional, chemical-free life. As a family, they travel all over Turtle Island, dancing in the grass, jingle, traditional and fancy shawl categories. *Naamijig* will exhibit different types of regalia and dance styles.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Thursday, November 19 Traditional Native American Flute Music (CMU Main Lounge)

Bryan Akipa is an award winning traditional Native American flute player, recently awarded the "Best Male Artist," by the Native American Music Awards for *Songs from the Black Hills*. Come and meditate to the penetrating and tranquil sounds of the traditional Native American flute. CD's will be available for purchase.

Refreshments provided at most events

Sponsored by MSUM American Indian Student Association (AISA), Cultural Diversity, American Indian Student Activities, White Earth Program, STOCAR, Student Diversity Committee, and Multicultural Affairs

For more information or questions, contact Keith Clark, AISA President, clarkkei@mnstate.edu

Leonard Peltier Update

Leonard is now 65 years old and in deteriorating health. It is long past time for the U.S. government to acknowledge its role in the violence on Pine Ridge that led up to the tragic shooting of two FBI agents and one Indian activist in 1975. Please call or fax Sen. Al Franken, a member of the Committee on Indian Affairs, if you live in Minnesota or Sen. Byron Dorgan if you live in North Dakota, and ask them to investigate the circumstances that led to Peltier's conviction and to call on President Obama for his immediate and unconditional release, as recommended by Amnesty International and millions of people throughout the world.

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NDSU GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10 A.M.- 2 P.M.

MEMORIAL UNION GREAT ROOM

Make plans to attend the North Dakota State University Graduate School Information Fair to learn the benefits of graduate education and options for student financing. Representatives from over 20 NDSU graduate programs will share information and answer your questions in the Memorial Union Great Room from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Presentations with additional information will also be offered every hour in the Memorial Union Prairie Room. See the schedule of presentations below.

Please encourage current NDSU undergraduate students, professionals and other potential graduate students to attend this event. The Graduate School Information Fair is free and open to the public.

NDSU GRADUATE SCHOOL SPONSORED PRESENTATIONS

All presentations will take place in the Memorial Union Prairie Room.

10 a.m.

Trends in Graduate Education
Dr. David Wittrock, Dean, North Dakota State University College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies

11 a.m.

Why Should I Attend Graduate School?
Dr. Charlene Wolf-Hall, Assistant Dean, North Dakota State University Graduate School

12 p.m.

Graduate Student Panel Q&A Session
Current NDSU Graduate Students

1 p.m.

Funding Options for Graduate School

Tara Thoreson, NDSU Student Financial Services and Janis Bork, NDSU Graduate School

For more information about this event, please visit www.ndsu.edu/gradschool

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Seasons of Hope

A program of Firstlink and the Salvation Army, is a community wide effort to assure that families and children in need are provided with gifts and goodies during the holiday season. Holiday food baskets and Coats for Kids are also available during this application process.

Applicants must go to the Salvation Army, Oct. 5 through November 6th from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Intake will go until 7 pm on Oct 8, 12, 22, 26.

Applicants must bring a photo ID for head of household, Social Security cards of all household members and proof of income.

It is your responsibility to notify Firstlink of any address or phone number changes: 701-293-6462.

Gifts/Food are to be picked up December 17 at Centennial Hall in the Fargo Civic Center between 9am and 4pm.

~ A reminder postcard will be given to the recipient at the date of entry at the Salvation Army.~

Pat LaCroix Benefit Taco Sale & Silent Auction



When: Saturday, November 7th, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Teamsters Hall, 21 18th St S in Fargo

What: Indian Tacos, coffee, juice

Silent Auctions Items: Star Quilts, Gift Baskets, etc.

Why? MEDICAL CRISIS: Pat was hospitalized in late August for what was initially thought to be a stroke. In September, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent surgery and several weeks of rehabilitation. She will begin chemotherapy treatments in late October.

TO DONATE ONLINE: To help the Pat LaCroix family, go to www.dakmed.org/lendahand, Learn More/Make A Donation, Individual/Family Fund, Pat LaCroix Fund

TO DONATE BY CASH/CHECK: Direct checks payable to Pat LaCroix Benefit Fund & send to US Bank, 3802 13 Ave S, Fargo, ND, 58103

Questions: Patty Leaf (218) 235-8158, (701) 361-5415 or Jeana Peinovich DMF Lend A Hand (701) 356-2661, (701) 866-6240, jeanapeinovich@dakmed.org

Happy **21**st Birthday

Alex Brien Jacobson

Love always~Your sister, Cocoa and family



Prayers Needed

Beth Fox,
Pat LaCroix,
Veterans,
Elders
Our Children,
Women in domestic
violence situations,
All persons suffering
from illnesses and
addictions,
Prisoners,
Healing Men to
respect women

New Native Student Group at Moorhead Technical College

James Shepherd is a first year student in Graphic Design at Moorhead Technical College. He is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe and has lived in the Fargo-Moorhead area his whole life.

James will start a new Native Student organization at the technical college on **November 5th at 1:30 at the East Commons area.** Guest speaker will be Willard YellowBird. The name of the group will be an agenda item at that time.

Healing for Our People Everywhere

HOPE (Healing for our People Everywhere)

Conference is scheduled to take place in Rapid City, SD at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn on December 18, 19, and 20 2009; coinciding with the Lakota Nation Invitational. The purpose of this conference is to begin an open dialogue and the healing process by addressing the silent epidemic of child sexual trauma which has plagued Indian Country for generations. This conference is open to the public. Registration is \$100 and can be accessed at www.thehopeconference.com

The conference is being organized by a consortium of national and community

leaders, experts, and activists.

Scheduled to speak/present are: Cecelia Fire Thunder, Ila McKay, Bea Shawanda, Theda New Breast, Lisa Thompson, Roger White Jr., Jim Neumann, Eilene Iron Cloud, Tim Giago, Jerry Clown, Jerilyn LeBeau-Church, Dr. Dewey Ernst, Fawn Little Sky, Chance Rush, JR Redwater, Mylo Redwater, Nakoa Heavy Runner, Linda Thompson, Melissa Merrick, Sarah deAngelo, SD (Pine Ridge) Representative Kevin Killer, Bunky EchoHawk, Terry Friend, and others.

The epidemic of sexual trauma and sexual abuse is well documented statistically and yet remains

prevalent among Native people.

Karen Artichoker (Oglala) states: "It's clear that tribal, state and federal institutions that have a responsibility to respond have not prioritized the issue." The HOPE Conference endeavors to respond by calling upon Indian Country's finest experts, community leaders, artists/activists, health care professionals and survivors to bring this subject to the circle for an open dialogue, to consider solutions and to begin the healing process.

Contact: Elrae D. Potts
elrae.potts@gmail.com
dayadevelopmentgroup@yahoo.com

The Collaborative's Planning & Evaluation work group invites you to join us for a new series of our grant writing roundtable.

Back by popular demand is a grant-writing session featuring presentations by local funders (Otto Bremer, Dakota Medical Foundation, FM Area Foundation and United Way) – on November 17 from 11:30 – 1 at Probstfield Center for Education in Moorhead, 2410 14th St. S., Moorhead. There is no cost to attend this session – unless you want us to provide lunch at a cost of \$10.

To register: contact Dawn Tommerdahl, Coordinator, Clay County Collaborative, phone: 218.498.2389 email: coordinator@claycountycollaborative.org or mail: 715 15th St. N., Moorhead, MN 56560 Make check for lunch payable to "Clay County Collaborative" coordinator@claycountycollaborative.org
www.claycountycollaborative.org

Native American Heritage Events 2009

North Dakota State University

Thursday, November 5
9:00 am- 10:00 am - Arikara,
NDSU Memorial Union
Clifford Canku
Opening Ceremony
and Dakota Cultural
Presentation

November 1st -30th
8: 00 AM – 5:00 PM - M-F
American Indian War Bonnet
display

The war bonnet was presented as an honor to fallen U.S. Army National Guard Cpl. Nathan Goodiron, 25, of Mandaree, ND, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation.

This headdress is on loan from NDSU student, Sam Floberg, a decorated veteran of the War on Terror.

Floberg was honored with the gift of the war bonnet upon returning to North Dakota by both the Goodiron family and the North Dakota National Guard, 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery.

Nov. 13 & 14 Depart Campus to Belcourt, ND

Turtle Mountain service trip
A group of NDSU students, staff and faculty will travel to Belcourt, ND to learn about the Turtle Mountain Chippewa reservation and will paint, clean, and do minor repairs on elders' homes in the area. Organized by the Turtle Mt. Housing Authority, NDSU Memorial Union's Service Learning Program, and NDSU Office of Multicultural Programs
Nov. 14 Return to Campus
See Monique Vondall-Rieke for

more information.

Friday, November 13
1:30-2:30 pm
Native American Panel
Topic: Fargo-Moorhead Native American Organizations
directors will share information on their organizations and ways you can be involved to meet Native Americans in the local community

5Daughters of the Earth
Sacred Spirits
Native American
Commission
Native American Veterans
Sweet Medicine
Wesley Center
New Native American Center
Fargo Indian Education Prog
Moorhead Indian Education

Thursday, November 19
3:00 PM

Monte Yellow Bird, Native American Artist, art commission dedication and ceremony.

Sponsored by :
NDSU Memorial Union Gallery
For more information Contact:
Esther Hockett, 701-231-8239

Saturday, November 21
1 PM to 4PM - Hand Games

Students from the Candeska Cikana Community College which is located in Fort Totten, ND will perform Native American Hand Games. They will also teach others how to play.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - 6 PM
Getting to Know our Partners
Seminar Series: Native History
Pre & Post Columbus
The historic story of Native

Americans from just before Columbus' arrival in North America to the mid-20th century from the perspective within the culture.

Presenter: Clifford Canku

Sponsored by the Tribal College-NDSU Partnership Initiative, EDGO Division, ND Extension, and ADVANCE-Forward.

Health Disparities for Native Americans

Phyllis Howard, an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation and also the Director of the Office for Elimination of Health Disparities for the North Dakota Department of Health, will conduct a focus group on Health Disparities for Native Americans.

The Native American elderly and young, both men and women, are invited to participate in the focus group on health care on Nov. 12, 2009 at Fargo City Hall Commission Chambers (200 N. 3rd Street, Fargo) from 6 to 7 PM.

The focus group will discuss health disparities among the urban Native American community.

Contact: Jaclynn DavisWalette, City of Fargo Native American Commission, at 701-388-3008 if you would like more information.

Indian Health Care Improvement Act (HR 2708) to be Included in House Health Care Reform Bill

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), the foundation for the health care delivery system of American Indians and Alaska Natives, has been waiting on reauthorization for 10 years. Today - that can all change!

House Speaker Pelosi announced this morning that she was "Excited to include the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009 in HR 3200, the Affordable Health Choices Act." HR 3200 is the House of Representatives' Health Insurance Reform bill. HR 3200 is on its way to the House floor for a full vote. This opportunity is the best prospect we have had in passing a full

reauthorization of IHCIA in 10 years. Please call your House members today and ask for their support of IHCIA. IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED:

Call your Representative today and ask them to support HR 3200, the Affordable Health Choices Act and our health bill, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

THE SPEAKER NEEDS TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT THEY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT!

Message:
This is the only opportunity to get the IHCIA

passed this year;
If HR 3200 does not pass, we will not have another chance to move IHCIA in the House this session;
Please support Indian Country's health bill and vote to pass HR 3200.

To find your Representative visit: <http://www.house.gov/>

Or on the front page of National Indian Health Board's website: www.nihb.org

Contact Stacy A. Bohlen or Jessica Burger at (202) 507-4070 for more information - or through: sbohlen@nihb.org

Community Events

Attention Veterans!

November 6, 11:30am - 1:30pm:

In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, Russ Hawkins will present on Medal of Honor Recipient, Woodrow Wilson Keeble, for VA staff and community. Russ Hawkins is step-son of Master Sergeant Keeble; he shares stories and displays memorabilia about MSgt Keeble. This event will be held at the Fargo VAMC 3rd floor auditorium.

November 11 2:00 PM

The Fargo VA Medical Center along with AMVETS will be having a Veteran's Day program at 2:00pm in the Fargo VA 3rd floor auditorium.

Cleo Monette, Case Manager
Fargo VA
2101 Elm St. N
701-239-3700 x 3810

Women's Sweat

November 21st

at 2:00 p.m. Run by
J. T. Belgrade

Sweatlodge Dates:

There will be sweatlodge ceremonies through fall & winter, most weekends for anyone interested, still gathering wood and rocks, so any donations are appreciated, Delvin & Misty Rogers-701-205-1262.

Monte YellowBird will be here Nov-16 thru Nov 20th for an art reception at NDSU, (check schedule) and will run a sweat or two while in town, his web site is blackpintohorsefinearts.com

Comments from the Women and Justice Conference held on October 28

...I hope the day was just as powerful for you as it was for me - I guess more so the latter part of the day, the Stolen Sisters event. What a beautiful way to honor our sisters in such a "traditional" way, in which I mean stories and testimonies. Listening to Ana talk about teachings reminded me more than any lawyer or dignitary could ever about having the solutions within ourselves, as we always have had. miigwech Mary for passing tobacco and asking her to speak. She brought the whole day to a close in a way I could never have imagined or planned...

November Pow-Wows

MN Pow-Wows

November 6-8: 1st Annual "Twin Cities Showdown" Contest pow wow.

Location: Minneapolis, MN. Midtown YWCA
2121 East Lake Street.

Directions: Very convenient from lake street,
21st Ave. A block west from the Mpls light rail,
so you could take the train from your hotel.

Info: John 612-217-3238

showdownpowwow@gmail.com (site should be
up by Oct 6th) MC: Johnny Smith, Redlake MN.
Host Drum: Mpls Little Earth & Minomin Creek
(Ponemah MN) Cost: (daily price at door) 13
and older \$10.00 6-12 \$5.00 Seniors \$5.00
Weekend Pass 13 and older \$21.00 6-12 \$9.00
Additional Info: Head Judge: Joe "Tiny"
Bellanger, Redlake MN (OREGON). Come to
the "SHOWDOWN". Craft vendors galore. "Live
Band" Blue Dog. Contest info: Thousands \$\$\$
in prizes TBA after more sponsors. If you want
to sponsor a category, craft vendors, and/or
info Call 612-217-3238. Final categories will
compete for a showdown. Grand entries Fri
7pm, Sat 11:30am sharp, & 5:30pm sharp, sun
1pm.

November 7: Gathering for Our Children and Returning Adoptees Traditional pow wow.

Location: Minneapolis, MN. Minneapolis
American Indian Center, 1530 East Franklin
Ave. Directions: <http://www.maicnet.org>.
Info: Sandy White Hawk 651-442-4872
sandywhitehawk@gmail.com

www.geocities.com/fnoac Host Drum: Oyate
Teca, Co-host Drum - Healing Spirit
Cost: FREE Additional Info: This pow wow is a
celebration our community's strengths. We
want to bring awareness to the need for Native
foster and adoptive parents. We also welcome
back our adoptee relatives who are finding their
way back to our circle. As we continue to gather
and acknowledge the strengths of our families,
we heal from the intergenerational trauma
within our extended family systems. As our
families and communities heal we are better
able to adopt and foster our Native children.
The Wablenica Song will be sung for those
returning adoptees and fostered individuals and
their families. A ceremony will be offered to

heal the grief caused by separation from family
and heritage. Vendors contact Nancy
Bordeaux, 612-879-1713,
(nbordeaux@maicnet.org)

November 11: Leech Lake Vets Traditional pow wow.*

Location: Cass Lake, MN. Pow Wow Grounds.
Info: 218-335-7034 or 218-335-7400
jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com

November 14: Traditional pow wow.

Location: Brooklyn Park, MN. North Hennepin
Community College, Health and Wellness
Center (on campus), 7411 85th Avenue North,
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
Info: TRIO Office 763-424-0937
ghuerth@nhcc.edu or ws-sss@nhcc.edu
www.nhcc.de

November 14 & 15: Native American

Heritage Pow-Wow Locatiin: Shooting Star
Casino & Event Center, Mahnomon MN. MC:
Mickey Hodges, Arena Directors: Tom and
Sam Mason. Grand Entries, Sat. 1 & 7 p.m.,
Sun 1 p.m. only. Singing Contest-Winner Take
All - Sat. & Sun. Sat. Men's Chicken Dance
Special, Sat. Woman's Old Style Jingle Dress
Special, Winner Take All. Meal served Sat 5:30
p.m.. Info: Dennis His Gun, 218-261-1231.
Vendors: 218-983-2711, ext. 7215.

WOODLANDS AND HIGH PLAINS POWWOW PLANNING MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009

3:00 PM

Minnesota State University Moorhead **Comstock
Memorial Union - Room 208**

**Mark your calendars....the 2010 Woodlands and
High Plains Powwow will be held at the Nemzek
Fieldhouse on the Minnesota State University
Moorhead campus on Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**For more information, call or email Jody Steile
at (218) 477-4272 or steilejo@mnstate.edu**

**Native American Christian Ministry 2009 Activities at the Wesley Center
109 9th St. S. Fargo, ND Sandi Berlin, Community Life Coordinator (Cell: 701-729-2627)**

Doors to Wesley unlock 8:00 am Doors locked 9:00 pm - Seven Days a Week

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
12:30 - 2:00 Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am Bible Study	11:00 am Bible Study	11:00 am Bible Study	11:00 am Bible Study	11:00 am Bible Study	11:00 am Bible Study
4:00 Clan up	1:00 -4:00 Veterans Outreach	4:00 Clean up	4:00 Clean up	4:00 Clean up	4:00 Clean up	4:00 Clean up
5:30-9:30 Fall.Winter Football Night	2:00 - 3:30 Homeless Health	6:00 - 9:00 Cultural Arts Sewing and Drumming	5:30 -9:00 Talking Circle	6:30 - 9:00 Cultural Arts Drum/ Sewing	6:30 - 9:00 Movie Night Music/ Talent	6:30 - 9:00 Music/ Talent
5:30 – 8:00 Summer: Softball	4:00 Clean up					
	6:30 - 9:00 Support Group					

**Doors locked 9:00 pm - Seven Days a Week Sandi Berlin, Community Life Coordinator
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DAUGHTERS OF THE EARTH

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