

# Four Directions NEWS



## *Congratulations Graduates*

### **Moorhead Graduates are:**

**Christian Gott  
Kevin Jeanotte  
Kyle Jeanotte  
Chelsea Chosa  
Angelique Thompson  
Kelli Stoldt**

Introducing...

**Pat Fineday,**  
White Earth Enrollee is

Daughter's Of The Earth's new Office Manager.  
Her hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our office at  
116 - 12th Street South, Moorhead. Our phone  
number is 233-3505

**Grand Opening NDSU Native American Garden  
Grandmother Earth's Gift of Life  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
NDSU Campus Corner of Centennial Blvd &  
Administration Ave.  
Contact 701-231-1029**

### **Calendar**

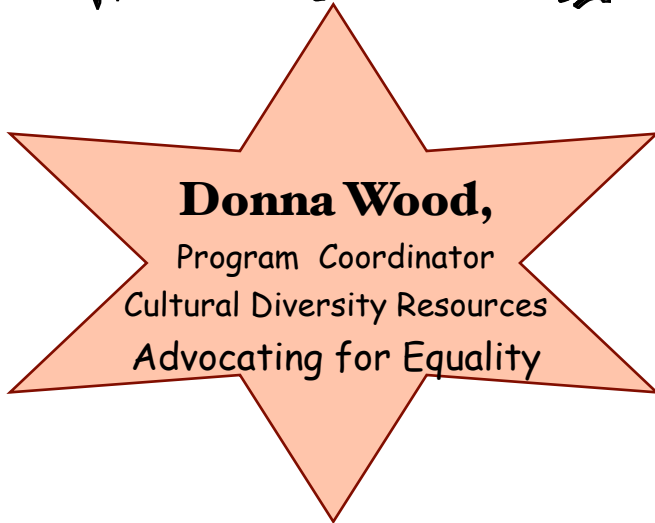
June 1 - NDSU Native American  
Garden Opening  
June 2 - Community Alliance  
June 3-7 - Leadership Training  
at Concordia  
June 9 - YWCA Luncheon  
June 9 - PEPP Fest  
June 11 - Native American  
Commission Meeting  
June 13 - Pat F. Birthday  
June 14 - Mary J. Birthday  
June 23 - Fargo Police  
Community Picnic

### **FYI**

4 Directions News will not be  
published for July 2009 due to  
pow-wows, sundances, vacations,  
etc. etc....

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Woman Of The Year*



**Donna Wood,**

Program Coordinator

Cultural Diversity Resources

Advocating for Equality

**Leonard Peltier has a parole hearing set for July 27th, 2009.**

Please log on to [www.whoisleonardpeltier.info](http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info) and write to the parole board. Also call the White House and ask Obama to Free Leonard! 202-456-1111  
 Contact LPDOC 701-235-2206  
 Kari Ann  
 Assistant Coordinator  
 Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee

**YWCA Cass Clay Presents  
 It's Time to Talk: Forums on Race  
 Fourth Annual Luncheon**

- Luncheon will feature keynote address on White Privilege by Wise, followed by a panel discussion with community leaders and a general Q & A

- Tuesday, June 9 from 11:30-1:00 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead
- Tickets \$35/each (Student tickets \$25/each)

The YWCA is proud to announce that it has again secured Tim Wise, one of the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the country, to deliver the keynote address. The topic for this year's luncheon is "Power and Privilege: The Product of Institutional Racism." Following Tim's keynote, a panel of local leaders will discuss the issues of racism right here in our community.

YWCA Cass Clay • (701) 232-2547 •

[www.ywcacassclay.org](http://www.ywcacassclay.org) For more information or to RSVP, contact Rosa at (701) 232-2547

Approved for general and social work CEUs through NDSU

**FYI**

**Minnesota Cell Phone Users**

Go to an Alltel store in Minnesota and bring in proof of enrollment and either your EBT card or Medical card so you can prove you get assistance from Minnesota plus proof of address that you live in Minnesota. They give you a phone but you have to pay to have it activated. My sister said her monthly bill is less than \$10 a month.. But it is only for Minnesota residents. -Kelly Cavanaugh-

## PEPP FEST SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2009

People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP) is a Fargo-Moorhead based non-profit organization that will celebrate its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PEPP Fest on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at Moorhead's Romkey Park. It is a fun and free community event. Over the years, this event has been supported by local businesses, banks and other nonprofits. Activities for the day include face painting, t-shirt tie dyeing, local musical talent, youth-friendly games, and free picnic food throughout the afternoon.

Please consider bringing a lawn chair, a friend, and a neighbor to this Annual Community Celebration which will be held: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at Romkey Park 900 19<sup>th</sup> St. S. Moorhead, MN.

In the early 1990's, the Romkey park area was pegged as Moorhead's most "troubled" neighborhood. 1993 was a difficult time for Moorhead's Southside Park. Romkey was the only park in Moorhead that had no youth programming or resources and the basketball court was ruled by gang wannabes. Young people were at odds with each other and the violence and tension was growing.

PEPP received calls from the Romkey neighborhood expressing unease about the rising tension and police profiling. A PEPP community organizer door-knocked to find out. After a few crowded living room strategy sessions the group elected representatives to present to the Moorhead Park Advisory Committee. They demanded the City of Moorhead implement programming in this park, giving their kids the same access to park resources as other kids in other Moorhead parks. In turn, the Park Advisory Committee was very receptive, meeting every demand the group laid out.

The recognition that systemic change had been

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effected through their collective power and united front was of great significance to this neighborhood. A long-lasting partnership between the Romkey park neighborhood and PEPP began at this juncture.

To celebrate their victory, PEPP hosted a Community Day Picnic and Graffiti Day at the park. Following this, parents and children created a brand new evening program for the park. Eventually, the neighborhood gained access to City programs and secured funds to hire a park program supervisor. This was the turning point for Romkey Park which began a long-awaited transition towards a park run and supported by the neighborhood.

After a number of years, PEPP moved the event around to other parks, occasionally trying to make the event a fundraiser for the organization. However, those who had been involved annually, longed to be at Romkey where the cultural and ethnic make up is far more diverse.

Additionally, at Romkey, PEPP is supported and has been honored for the years of work in the neighborhood.

PEPP continued to hold festive summer events at the park thereby establishing a signature activity for children, youth and adults: Tie Dyeing! This marked the birth of PEPP Fest as an annual event. Over time, the event has evolved to include other organizations' participation, more games and activities, free food and local artists and musicians making for a truly fun-filled afternoon.

In the true spirit of celebrating community, you have an opportunity to participate in this innovative community tradition. We at PEPP invite you to join

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us to celebrate yet another year of community building and partnership. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at Romkey Park, at 900 19<sup>th</sup> St. So., Moorhead, MN

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### ~Community Alliance Launches 10 Year Check-In on Civil Rights~

Press Conference Tuesday, June 2, Noon at Romkey Park, 900 S 19<sup>th</sup> St. Moorhead, MN

Human and Civil Rights work is not a thing of the past. As illustrated in local media features, there are a lot of issues that surround race and racism in our current times. However, the past is many times a clear path to understand where we are today. For example, take a look at Moorhead. In Late May of 1999, the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights came to Moorhead to conduct three days of hearings on issues affecting communities of color in Moorhead. Many people and organizations brought forth people to give testimony at these hearings. Many people and organizations worked to assure people that there would be action based on testimony. At that time, there was a groundswell of activism focused on Racial Justice in Moorhead. It took months for an official report to come out from the US Commission on Civil Rights. The report titled "The Status of Equal Opportunities for Minorities in Moorhead, Minnesota" gave Moorhead statewide attention and illustrated many viable recommendations aimed at policy changes in education, housing, employment and the criminal justice system.

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Noon Press Conference will be held in Romkey Park at 900 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St. in Moorhead. The Press Conference will inform the community of the work that an Alliance of community organizations is conducting on a 10 year check-in on Civil Rights in Moorhead. Local

Organizational representatives, neighborhood residents and several others will speak at the Press Conference and begin a year-long process on the status of the recommendations made 10 years ago.

The Alliance intends to review the recommendations made 10 years ago by the MN Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights. How far have we come? What improvements have been made? Who is being left behind? What is the status on the recommendations made 10 years ago? There are many questions to follow up on.

PEPP together with Mujeres Unidas/Women United, Centro Cultural De Fargo-Moorhead and other community organizations will continue holding meetings and public forums to address the recommendations and policy issues affecting people of color in our community. The Press Conference will mark the beginning of a process to review the current status of Civil Rights Findings and Recommendations for Moorhead. Follow up meetings, forums and research will be done to address how far we have come in 10 years.

Be a part of the solution, not an obstacle to moving forward on race issues in this community. Join us in a movement for Justice and attend a Noon PRESS Conference on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, at Romkey Park, 900 S. 19 St. S. Moorhead.

For More Information, Contact Octavio Gomez at PEPP at 218-236-5434.

To view an electronic copy of the report: The Status of Equal Opportunity for Minorities in Moorhead, Minnesota, go to: <http://www.usccr.gov/pubs/sac/mn0101/main.htm> .

## Pow-Wows For June, 2009

### MN Pow-Wows

June 5-7:**Saa-Gi-Ba-Gaa traditional pow wow.** **Location:** Nett Lake, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. **Info:** Beemus Goodsky

June 6-7:**6th Annual Dakota Homecoming traditional pow wow.** **Location:** Winona, MN. Unity Park. **Info:** 507-452-2278 or 507-457-0957 [www.dakotahomecoming.org](http://www.dakotahomecoming.org) [baldrich@winona.edu](mailto:baldrich@winona.edu)

June 12-14: **White Earth Nation Annual Celebration and traditional pow wow.** **Location:** White Earth, MN. Type to enter text **Info:** 218-261-1231 [hisgun2@msn.com](mailto:hisgun2@msn.com)

June 12-14:**31st Annual Lower Sioux traditional pow wow.\*** **Location:** Morton, MN. Pow-wow Grounds. **Info:** 507-697-6185 [www.jackpotjunction.com](http://www.jackpotjunction.com) [kokeefe@lowersioux.com](mailto:kokeefe@lowersioux.com)

June 19-21:**2009 Lake Vermilion Traditional pow wow.** **Location:** Tower, MN. Lake Vermilion Pow Wow Grouds, Lake Vermilion Rez. **Info:** Tracey Dagen 218-753-7713 [tdagen@fortunebay.com](mailto:tdagen@fortunebay.com) Mary Strong 218-753-6941 Geraldine Hanks 218-753-4509

**MCs:** George Strong & Gilbert Smith  
**ADs:** Doug Fuhman & Jeff Boshey Jr  
**Host Drums:** Vermilion Traditional & Lake Vermilion Singers **Additional Info:** Spiritual Advisors-Gilbert Smith & Calvin Ottertail. Head Dancers-Karlene & Don

Chosa. Security Directors-Val Boness & Jimbo Boshey. Friday-Warm Ups. Saturday-Grand Entry 1 & 7 PM. Feast 5 PM. Sunday-Grand Entry 1 PM. Vendor Contact: Roberta or Jackie Chavez 218-753-3049 or Muriel Deegan 218-780-1777. Lakeshore camping available. Absolutely no drugs or alcohol allowed.

June 19-21:**18th Annual Grand Celebration contest pow wow.** **Location:** Hinckley, MN. Grand Casino Hinckley. **Directions:** 1 mile east of Hinckley. The Arbor and grounds are located south (behind) the 'Amphitheater'. **Info:** Michelle Ledoux 320-384-4556 [hinml@grcasinos.com](mailto:hinml@grcasinos.com) or [hinjjo@grcasinos.com](mailto:hinjjo@grcasinos.com) [www.grandcasinosmn.com](http://www.grandcasinosmn.com) Cost: Free

June 26-28:**S. Lake 6th Annual Traditional pow wow.** **Location:** S-Lake, MN. 28 mi. N Hwy 46 north of Deer River Minnesota. Eagleview School.

**Info:** Gary Charwood 218-760-7955 [maang40@yahoo.com](mailto:maang40@yahoo.com)

[LaVonne.Thompson@leechlakegaming.com](mailto:LaVonne.Thompson@leechlakegaming.com)  
Additional Info: Contest info: Specials to be announced call for infomation. June 26, 2008 is warm ups.

### ND PowWows

June 12-14:**Cannonball Flag Day Celebration contest pow wow.** **Location:** Cannonball, ND. Downtown Cannonball. **Info:** 701-854-7201 or 701-854-7170 [www.standingrocktourism.com](http://www.standingrocktourism.com) [ladonnabrave1@aol.com](mailto:ladonnabrave1@aol.com)

## More Pow-Wows

### June 19-21: **Twin Buttes Celebration**

contest pow wow.\* Location: Twin Buttes, ND. Pow-wow Grounds Info: 701-938-3362 or 701-938-4396 [www.mhanation.com](http://www.mhanation.com)  
[rexboy@ndsupernet.com](mailto:rexboy@ndsupernet.com)

### June 19-21: **Porcupine contest pow wow.\***

Location: Porcupine, ND. 1/2 mile west of Porcupine. Info: 701-854-7201 or 701-422-2022 [www.standingrocktourism.com](http://www.standingrocktourism.com)  
[landonnabrave1@aol.com](mailto:landonnabrave1@aol.com)

### June 20-21: **Nuxbagga contest pow wow.\***

Location: Parshall, ND. Pow-wow Grounds. Info: 701-627-3333 or 701-421-0144  
[www.mhanation.com](http://www.mhanation.com) [csun@mhanation.com](mailto:csun@mhanation.com)

### SD Pow-Wows

### June 12-13: **4th Annual Honoring Veterans traditional pow wow.**

Location: Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Empire Fairgrounds.

Directions: I-90 in Sioux Falls South Dakota go south on I-229 exit on Madison exit

fairgrounds is close to I229. THIS IS A

OUTDOOR WACIPI. Info: Marilyn loneHill

Dennis Quigley 605-334-4060

[francisq2001@yahoo.com](mailto:francisq2001@yahoo.com) [aissiouxfalls.org](http://aissiouxfalls.org)

Cost: None Additional Info: Free tent

camping, meal at end of day session both

days, plenty of hotels close by as well as

eating places, this event brought over 100

veterans over 60 were in grand entry, we are

a traditional wacipi welcoming all dancers to

come and dance in honor of our veterans who have given so much for our freedom, this is a fast growing wacipi attended by almost 2000 people, who all agreed that this wacipi truly carries the tradition of honoring our veterans from all culture.

This is a OUTDOOR WACIPI VENDORS WELCOME. There will be specials through out the two days of our wacipi.

### June 19-21: **Graduation contest pow wow.\***

Location: Kyle, SD. Oglala Lakota College.

Info: 605-455-6000 [www.olc.edu](http://www.olc.edu)

[mpourier@olc.edu](mailto:mpourier@olc.edu)

### June 26-28: **16th Annual Fort Randall Casino & Hotel contest pow wow.\***

Location: Pickstown, SD. Fort Randall Casino & Hotel.

Info: 605-487-7871 ext. 473 or 800-362-6333

[www.fortrandall.com](http://www.fortrandall.com)

[swade@fortrandallcasino.com](mailto:swade@fortrandallcasino.com)

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### Fargo Police Department Community Picnic

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

5:00-8:00 Island Park, S. Fargo

To reserve a table contact FPD Community Picnic Hotline 476-4160

## Navaho Frybread History

As with many cultures around the world, Native Americans have an all-purpose flat bread that is a staple of their cuisine. Fry bread is considered a food of intertribal unity and is made at all Indian powwows. The dough is a variation of that used for flour tortillas, consisting of wheat flour, shortening, salt, and water, leavened with baking powder or yeast. Navajo Fry Bread is a tradition Arizona and New Mexico, and fry bread with honey butter is a specialty in New Mexico.

Although considered a "traditional food," Navajo fry bread actually evolved in the mid-19th century. Beginning in 1860, approximately 8,000 Navajos spent four years imprisoned at Fort Sumner, New Mexico and were given little more than white flour and lard to eat. American scout Kit Carson and his troops drove the Navajo people from their lands by destroying their means of survival. They killed sheep, goats, and horses; poisoned wells; burned orchards and crops; and destroyed shelters and anything else that was of value to the Navajo. Carson and his troops then rounded up thousands of starving Navajo and sent them on the "Long Walk" to Fort

Sumner at Bosque Redondo, New Mexico. This was truly one of the saddest events in United States history.

The U.S. government provided those on the reservation with wheat flour as part of a commodities program. Because of this, lard and wheat flour became the main ingredients in the making of Navajo fry bread. The Navajo women had to make the best of what was often considered poor-quality rations in reservation camps and the varying availability of government-issued commodities. They thus created fry bread.

Source: See Link

<http://whatscookingamerica.net/History/NavajoFryBread.htm>



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There are no goodbyes in our Native Languages, so we will see you again, dear friend and relative....

George Allen "Joe Bush" Fairbanks, Sr., "Mishkow-Binise" (Strong Thunderbird), went home on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. You will be missed deeply Joe. There is no doubt that your wisdom will carry on in all those you shared it with...Miigwech.



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