

4 Directions News

Native American Community Meeting

In Honor Of
All
Grandmothers

Mothers
Aunts
Sisters
Wives
Daughters

Respect each other, we are the Women of our Cultures that will carry our Heritage on to the generations to come.

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On Saturday, February 21, 2009, Cultural Diversity Resources held a community meeting at the Great Plains Food Bank from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to discuss Native American needs in Cass County, North Dakota and Clay County, MN.

Representatives were from the Fargo Native American Commission, Daughters of the Earth, the White Earth Oshki Manidoo Center, Native American Christian Ministries, Fargo & Moorhead Public Schools - Indian Education Programs, Mujeres Unidas / Women United, Cass County Social Services, Cities of Fargo and Moorhead Police Departments, the City of Fargo Human Relations Commission, Churches United for the Homeless, the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless,

Persons, the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and MN Workforce.

The meeting included discussions regarding the vision for the Native American Community in Cass and Clay Counties, challenges to achieving the vision, strategies to meet those challenges and existing resources in the community. A common theme among the participants was the establishment of a central resource for information and services that could be accessed not only by the Native American Community, but, also community agencies serving Native Americans.

Many of the participants were meeting for the first time and new relationships were established. The meeting ended with all participants excited to be part of a much larger project that in the end will benefit everyone.

DIABETES FOCUS GROUP

How common is diabetes among those you know and care about?

Does diabetes affect your family? Would you like to be included in a discussion that may bring about successful community based efforts to help prevent diabetes?

Consider participating in a focus group designed to seek input about effective strategies to reduce diabetes in communities where diabetes is common. Each focus group discussion will include six to ten Native Americans. The discussions, confined to one hour, will be held on the NDSU campus as part of a research study.

Results of the study will be used to guide health professionals as they communicate within their communities.

We will meet on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 12 pm until 1 pm for the focus group. Please come to Jaclyn's office in 178 Memorial Union, NDSU campus for the meeting. Please let me know if you cannot attend because we would like to begin asap at our scheduled time.

Snacks will be served

Jaclyn Walette, Director of Multicultural Student Services, and Pamela Leino-Mills, a graduate student in the department of communication will co-facilitate the sessions.
Jaclyn Walette 231-7314

Second Chance Opportunities

PEPP is organizing people who have had contact with the law and people who have been in jail or prison and trying to put their past behind them to move forward as a law abiding and tax paying community member.

Our organizing will lead to bringing about system and policy change, and help to advance effective solutions to issues of concern that have been identified through research and demonstrated findings around Second Chance Opportunities and how doing so will save communities money, resources and increased public safety.

Outreach Public Education Presentations and Leadership develop - The most effective outreach is done by including people affected by the barriers and who have lack of access to housing, jobs and healthcare to participate in this work from the ground up. You will learn or be you able to use your skills for public speaking, strategic planning, event planning and building power.

Get involved and become a Leader today!
Your Voice and Your Actions are necessary to build this Second Chance movement in our F-M area.

Contact - Lysa or Octavio at PEPP - 218-236-5434

Community Announcements

♥ **Tashina Marie Seminole** will be graduating from the US Marine Corps boot camp March 27, 2009. Tashina is the daughter of Lynette Seminole and the late Delbert Seminole Jr. She will be home briefly between graduation and extended combat training with the Marines.

☆ Every third Sunday of any month has been chosen to be an **Open Sweat lodge** for anyone interested.

☆ Delvin Rogers works for the Minnesota Eye Bank and will have an **informational eye bank** booth at the WHHP pow wow to inform public about eye donation.

☆ Also hoping to sponsor a yuwipi medicine man to come for a **ceremony** on April 17th, to run a sweat and ceremony at the Wesley with Canadian relatives to come for ceremony and pow wow. Any question email me - warriorredhawk@hotmail.com

◇ **Native American Commission Meeting** will be on March 12th in the City Commission Room, City Hall at 5 p.m. in Fargo.

Native American Christian Ministry Weekly Activities at the Wesley Center, 109 9th St. S. Fargo
Contact: Sandi Berlin
Community Life Coordinator
701-237-4453
Cell: 701-729-2627
Open 7 days a week 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday

Worship Services 12:30 (w/meal to follow)

Monday

Homeless Health 2:00-4:00 pm
Veterans' Representative 1:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday

Recovery Video(s) 6:00-7:00 pm
Talking Circle 7:00-9:00 pm

Thursday

Homeless Health 2:00-4:00 pm

◇ **Give-away**
Red Eye Video/Deb Wallwork has some extra Native American DVD's we will give away, free, to anyone who will use them to help or inform others. Tell me which video you want, and what you plan to do with it. And send a mailing address.

<http://www.redeyevideo.org/redEye.html>

♥ **Happy Birthday to Brittany Roy, March 3rd Lindsay Lacroix, March 21st. Stanley Lacroix and Ferlon Fox, March 5th Jr. Fox, March 27th**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A Presentation for Native Women The Center of Our Nations

The history of Native Women in American - our strengths and compassion.

When: **Saturday, March 28th**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Location: TBA, Flyers will be sent

PRESENTER: LaDonna Brave Bull is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Her ancestry is from the Blackfeet, Hunkpapa and Oglala bands of the Lakota Nation and Ihunktonwan, Cuthead and Sisseton from the Yanktonais and Dakota. She is the Tribal Tourism Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Join the discussion! Race Prejudice & Stereotypes

When: - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. March 11th

Where: YWCA Cass Clay
3000 South University Drive
Fargo, ND 58103

What: Educational sessions about racism and diversity issues in our community

Cost: Free and open to the public!

Participants will view a short video, Silent Beats, and discuss role stereotypes and prejudices.

To RSVP or for more info:

Contact Rosa at (701) 232-2547 or rchavezdeleon@ywcacassclay.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition 3rd Annual Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers

Date: **April 28th - 30th, 2009**

Place: **Grand Casino Mille Lacs
Onamia, MN**

Cost: \$50

Limited scholarships are available.

Vendor Tables \$25

**For more information, please contact:
Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual
Assault Coalition 1-877-995-4800**

**Or visit us online at
WWW.MIWSAC.ORG**

The Impact Foundation, Fargo, has received a \$2 million grant from the St. Paul-based Bush Foundation to provide training, education and resources to increase nonprofit efficiency, re-energize nonprofit boards, improve communication strategies, increase revenues and diversify nonprofit funding streams.

Impact Foundation officials say about 800 nonprofit executives, board members and staff will be trained through this initiative. The foundation has contracted with the North Dakota Association of Nonprofits to coordinate training and education throughout the state.

For more information, call the foundation at (701) 356-3130.

Native Voices Films

Wednesday March 4

9:00 am - 9:45 am

Poison Wind (Jenny Pond, Gilbert, Arizona)

9:45 - 10 am

Wasteful Sorrow (Tanya Carriere, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

10:05 - 10:15 am

Journey My Heart (Reil Munro, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

3:05 - 3:40 pm

Beyond the Mesas (Allan Holzman, Santa Monica, California)

Thursday, March 5th

8:45pm - 9:05 pm

Good Looking (Joseph Lazare, Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

9:05 pm - 10:35 p.m

Moccasin Flats: Redemption (Rob King, Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Friday, March 6

9:45 am - 10:45 am

Beautiful Resistance (Allan Holzman, Santa Monica, California)

Saturday, March 7th

9:00 am - 10:00 am

The American Carver (Hans Erching-Davis, Bellingham, Washington)

Fargo Theatre

314 Broadway

Fargo, ND 58102

<http://www.fargofilmfestival.org/contact>

Jingle Dress Workshop

A Workshop is tentatively planned for March 21st from 10 am to 4 pm, for women of all ages.

Location TBA.

Bonnie Rock of the White Earth Oshko Manidoo New Spirit Center will be the instructor. More info will be sent out.

FYI

Don Coyhis, President and Co-founder of White Bison, Inc. will be the Keynote speaker at the 20th Annual Conference of the Wakanheza (Sacred Child) Project, Prevent Child Abuse, MN at the St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, MN on Wednesday, April 8th. For more info, go online to www.pcamn.org



Woodland and High Plains Pow-Wow (WHHP) coming on April 18th, Fargo Bison Sports Arena, NDSU.

Admission: 6-18 - \$2

Adults 19-54 yrs - \$3

Children 5 & under - FREE

Adults 55 & over FREE

NDSU, MSUM, Concordia

students FREE with student ID

For more info, contact 231-1029 -

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Host Hotel: Howard Johnson Inn, Downtown (701)232-8850

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