



## Four Directions News

### Editors Note:

4 D News is back on track after a month off. August is now upon us, the Berry Moon (Miinihiizis-Ojibway) and the Moon When The Geese Shed Their Feathers/Cheeries Turn Black for the Dakota/Lakota people. It is also time to Get Ready To Go Back to School Month and wind down from vacations. Here is an opportunity to get started.

- Families in need of school supplies can pick up backpacks full of supplies: Saturday, August 8 from 7-11am at the FARGO DOME (1800 N University Drive) OR Thursday, August 13 from 4-8pm at Moorhead Center Mall (510 Center Ave) OR West Fargo High School (801 9th St)

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North Dakota State University  
Dakota Studies: It's part of our name.

### New in 2009-2010

This year NDSU inaugurates an array of courses in Dakota Studies: Dakota Language I & II, Dakota History, Dakota Sociology/Anthropology, and Dakota Religious Studies. These offerings in the humanities and social sciences complement NDSU's long-standing Native American programs in engineering and pharmacy.

The courses will be taught by Dr. Clifford Canku, recently retired as director of Dakota Studies at Sisseton-Wahpeton College in South Dakota. A native Dakota speaker from childhood, Dr. Canku has been teaching courses in Dakota language and culture at the college level for many years, not only at Sisseton-Wahpeton College but also at the University of Minnesota—Morris and Southwestern State University in Marshall, Minnesota. He is an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota Nation).

Still much a part of the tribal lands from Prairie Island on the Mississippi River to Spirit Lake and Standing Rock in North Dakota, Dakota language and culture are vibrant elements in the fabric of the North Central region and its people. Farther west and south, the language is known as another variety, Lakota.

### **Fall 2009 courses**

LANG-199 Special Topics: Dakota Language I

\*Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Living & Learning Center, Room 126

HIST-299 Special Topics in Dakota Tribal History

\*Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Living & Learning Center, Room 126

### **Spring 2010 courses**

Dakota Language II, Dakota Sociology/Anthropology, Dakota Religious Studies

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Native American Commission

Starting August 1, **Native American Commission meetings will be broadcast on TV Fargo each Tuesday at 7pm, Thursday at 3:30 pm and Sunday at 11:30 am.** Live meetings will continue to be covered on your regularly scheduled day (2nd Thursday of the month) and time (5:00 p.m.) however, rebroadcasts on that day may start late as they conflict with live Community Developments meetings.

## Applying to be on a board or Commission

If you are interested in being a member, please complete our application form to express your interest. We will consider your application when it is time to fill a vacant position on the commission, committee and/or board you choose. The Application form is on-line. Just go to the City of Fargo website. ([www.CityofFargo.com](http://www.CityofFargo.com)) then to (city

info) then tick on the (Boards and Commission) on the left side of the page, once you get into the that page scroll down to the bottom to (Applying to be a board or commission) and tick on that and the application will appear then fill it out and send.

You may contact Willard Yellow Bird by email at [WYellowBird@cityoffargo.com](mailto:WYellowBird@cityoffargo.com)

## LEONARD PELTIER PAROLE HEARING SET JULY 28, 2009

Leonard Peltier's first full parole hearing was held in 1993, at which time his case was continued for a 15-year reconsideration. Mr. Peltier has recently applied for and been granted a parole hearing. The hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2009. All supporters are encouraged to step up their efforts in support of parole for Leonard Peltier.

Attend the Vigil in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania in support of Leonard's release. Call the White House everyday. Ask Obama to support Parole!

Let Leonard out

FINALLY, The White House has a comment line. The number is 202 - 456 - 1111. Call and message that you are in support of parole for indigenous political prisoner Leonard Peltier.

### Art Auction

Leonard Peltier has donated an original oil painting, entitled "Abaqua" or "Stays At Home". It measures 8X10, and also comes with an original handmade frame by Leonard. This beautiful frame was constructed with rolled

newspaper. Coffee grounds were used for stain, oatmeal for glue, and floor wax for shine. The LPDOC will be giving this painting away by having a drawing. For each \$5.00 donation, we will enter your name into the drawing. If you buy 4 tickets you will receive 5 entries. The drawing will be on August 15 2009. Your donation into this drawing is tax deductible. Send your donation to:  
LPDOC  
P.O.Box 7488  
Fargo, ND 58106

*Thank-you The Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee*

## 2009 DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Cultural Diversity Resources, a not-for-profit organization, is holding its second annual diversity conference on August 11th (Tuesday) at North Dakota State University Memorial Union from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free parking is available at NDSU Visitors Lot E for registered participants.

The conference theme "Building and Managing Diversity" is targeted at business and organization professionals, educators and the general community to assess their diversity needs, build relationships across four generations, build commitments and core diversity skills, identify components of a healthcare cultural competency model and learn more about the growing Hispanic/Latino youth and communities.

Other highlights include presentation by the first 'Certified Diversity Professional' from *Cornell*



*University and the lunch keynote speaker who is the first Hispanic female serving on a local school board.*

*Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) has approved hour-for-hour recertification credits for PHRs, SPHRs and GPHRs for each session. Continuing Education Unit is available through NDSU.*

*'Building and managing diversity in all aspects of business, institution and community is a conference to provide you the opportunity to succeed locally, nationally and globally.'*

For more information or to register, contact Cultural Diversity Resources at (701) 526-3000 or go online at [www.culturaldiversityresources.org](http://www.culturaldiversityresources.org).

## Jingle Dress or Fancy Shawl Dancer Needed

Cultural Diversity Resources is still looking for someone who would like to demonstrate fancy shawl or jingle dress dancing at the Pangaea - Cultivate Our Cultures event on November 14, 2009. The performer is paid \$200 for a half hour performance. This should include a brief description of the cultural importance and relation of the dance.

Contact: Donna Wood, Cultural Diversity Resources 701-526-3000 ext 202;  
[dwood@culturaldiversityresources.org](mailto:dwood@culturaldiversityresources.org)





Yvette Roubideaux      Kim Teehee,      Jodi Gillette

## Leading the way

*Photo Courtesy Office Rep. Dale Kildee*

*Kim Teehee serves as a top adviser to President Obama on Native Affairs at the White House.*

*Photo courtesy United Tribes Technical College*

*Jodi Gillette serves as a deputy associate director in the intergovernmental affairs office.*

WASHINGTON – There’s Yvette Roubideaux leading the IHS, Kim Teehee serving as a top adviser to President Obama on Native Affairs at the White House, Jodi Gillette as a deputy associate director in the intergovernmental affairs office, Mary McNeil, the new deputy assistant secretary for civil rights at the USDA, and Hilary Tompkins – the first Native American solicitor of the Interior Department.

“We’ve just been so tickled to hear the appointments as they’ve come in,” said Montana Sen. Carol C. Juneau, D-Browning. “We’d get a big smile and say, ‘Yep, there’s another Native woman in charge.’”

Indeed, Native American women are doing well by President Obama. Of the top six high-profile positions Obama and his staff have filled with Native people,

five have gone to women. BIA head Larry EchoHawk, Pawnee, is the only man in the mix.

And there may be more Indian women leaders to come. Mary Smith, of Cherokee heritage, has been nominated to head the tax division at the Department of Justice. She’s currently awaiting confirmation.

Juneau, of Hidatsa/Mandan descent, sees a big opportunity for successful Natives on the national level to become role models for Indian youth, male and female.

“It’s up to all of us who choose to go into public service to see that the young ones who come after us are educated and are ready for great responsibilities.”

Heather Dawn Thompson,

president of the National Native American Bar Association and new partner at D.C. law firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, echoed the thought, saying the appointments have already had dramatic effects on young Indian folks she’s observed taking part in internships and other programs in the nation’s capital.

“The Native students here in D.C. for the summer are so proud of these women. They can’t get enough of spending time with them and learning from them.”

Thompson, Cheyenne River Sioux, also said the appointees exemplify “the best of Indian country” and deserve recognition, regardless of their gender.

“We clearly have a lot of men and women who are highly qualified. And many Native men

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**NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN LEADING THE WAY (CONTINUED)**

or women would have done well in these positions.”

Still, Thompson believes some of the “uniquely female experiences” of each woman will help them serve Indian country well from within the U.S. government.

Juneau believes the appointments alleviate sexism that she still perceives in America at large, including within tribal leadership.

She blames Western colonization mentalities and the conquering forces of some religions for partially adding to the problem for tribes, some of which were traditionally matriarchal.

“These are women who are stepping out and taking on the risk of being involved in a big way on the national level,” Juneau said. “They are examples of strength. Now we need more of them to be doing it on the tribal level.”

Only one out of the eight tribes in Montana is headed by a woman, she noted.

It’s a widespread scenario across the country. According to data gathered by the National Congress of American Indians, approximately one quarter of all current tribal leaders are women.

“I think the steps that Obama has taken in terms of the role of Native women is going to go a long way to demonstrate to tribal leadership that women have a part to play,” Juneau said.

“Women should be equal partners in the individual tribal government systems. And now, male leaders will have to meet with these female leaders when they travel to Washington. It’s going to open a lot of eyes and carry a very

strong message to Indian people.”

Rebecca Tsosie, director of the Indian Legal Program at Arizona State University, said she has been researching trends that suggest increasing numbers of Native women who want to and are choosing to get involved in leadership positions.

She’s noticed women who become active are often promoted by their families and communities.

“Yvette Roubideaux probably didn’t grow up thinking, ‘Hey, I want to be the head of IHS one day,’” Tsosie said.

“But I know for a fact that Yvette comes from a leadership family – her family has been in tribal leadership and is very educated. “If I had to make a guess, I’d say that that kind of background helps some members of this generation of women to be willing to take on increasingly important leadership roles.”

Tsosie suspects more Native women will choose to become leaders on the national, state, local and tribal levels in the future.

Juneau agreed, noting that her daughter, Denise Juneau, was recently elected as state superintendent of public instruction in Montana.

“I’m so proud of her, just as I am proud of all these strong women in the Obama administration. They’re all going to do great things. I can feel it.”

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**MINNESOTA POW-WOWS**

August 7-9: **Pine Point Traditional pow wow.**

**Location:** Ponsford, MN. **Directions:** .5 miles west of Pine Point School. **Info:** Mike Swan 218-573-2154 [mikes@whiteearth.com](mailto:mikes@whiteearth.com)

**MC:** Mickey Hodges **AD:** Butch Roberts

**Host Drum:** Smokey Hill

**Cost:** Free

**Additional Info:** Spiritual Advisor: Mike Swan. Demolition Derby on Friday at 5pm for more info Contact Donna Crowell (218)573-3142.

August 7-9: **16th Annual Dakota Wacipi Spirit of the Eagle Traditional pow wow.\***

**Location:** Granite Falls, MN. Upper Sioux State Park. **Info:** 320-564-6016 or 320-564-2360 [www.upperSiouxcommunity-nsn.gov](http://www.upperSiouxcommunity-nsn.gov) [theresa@prairiesedgecasino.com](mailto:theresa@prairiesedgecasino.com)

August 7-9: **Grand Portage Rendezvous Traditional pow wow.\***

**Location:** Grand Portage, MN. Pow-wow Grounds. **Info:** 218-475-2239 or 218-475-2415 [www.grandportage.com](http://www.grandportage.com)

August 14-16: **43rd Mille Lacs traditional pow wow.\***

**Location:** Mille Lacs, MN. Iskigamizigan Pow Wow Grounds. **Info:** 320-532-7496 or 320-532-8800 [mj@grandcasinos.com](mailto:mj@grandcasinos.com)

August 14-16: **Shakopee Mdewakanton contest pow wow.\***

**Location:** Prior Lake, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. **Info:** 952-445-8900 or 952-496-6160 [www.shakopeedakota.org](http://www.shakopeedakota.org) or [www.mysticlake.com](http://www.mysticlake.com)

August 15-16: **Heritage Festival pow wow.**

**Location:** Perham, MN. Pioneer Grounds. **Directions:** County Hwy 8, Perham MN. One mile north of Perham MN on Cty 8. Very easy to find! **Info:** Holly Baker 218-841-1499

[jhczbaker4@hotmail.com](mailto:jhczbaker4@hotmail.com)

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

**Cost:** \$6.00 per car

August 21-23: **29th Annual Cha Cha Bahning traditional pow wow.\***

**Location:** Inger, MN. Pow Wow Grounds. **Info:** 218-335-8250 [dorothy.robinson@llojibwe.com](mailto:dorothy.robinson@llojibwe.com) [lavonne.thompson@leechlakegaming.com](mailto:lavonne.thompson@leechlakegaming.com)

August 27: **CCCC American Indian Educational contest pow wow.**

**Location:** Minneapolis, MN. 1024 27th Ave. SE **Directions:** Located at Como Student Co-op near the intersections of 27th avenue SE and Como Ave SE in Minneapolis. **Info:** Ona Knoxsah 612-331-8340 [officemanager@comoccc.com](mailto:officemanager@comoccc.com) [www.comoccc.com](http://www.comoccc.com)

**Cost:** Free

**Contest Info:** Adult categories-Winner Take All- Men's Grass, Men's Tradish, Women's Fancy, Women's Jingle. Based on point system. Points awarded for grand entry.

**Additional Info:** The purpose of this powwow is to educate non-Indians about American Indian culture @ the underrepresented University of MN housing complex for student parents. 6pm-9pm. Grand entry @ 6pm sharp. Drum split. Honorariums for dancers 17 and under. Adult dance contest, winner take all. Vendors contact Ona @ 612-331-8340. \$50 per table (table provided).

August 29-30: **3rd Annual Callaway Niimiwin traditional pow wow.**

**Location:** Callaway, MN. **Directions:** 11 miles north on Hwy. 59 of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. 25 miles south on Hwy. 59 of Mahanomen, Minnesota.

**Info:** Thomas Mason 218-375-4900

[roymas@arvig.net](mailto:roymas@arvig.net)

**Cost:** Free

## NORTH DAKOTA POW-WOWS

August 7-9: **Little Shell Celebration contest pow wow.\***

**Location:** Newtown, ND. 4 Bears Casino.  
**Info:** 01-421-1512  
[myoungbird@mhanation.com](mailto:myoungbird@mhanation.com)

August 7-9: **Annual Traditional Pow-wow of Turtle Mountain Tribe.** Location: Dunseith, ND. Info: Call Bobby or Alice Longie 701-244-2113.

## SOUTH DAKOTA POW-WOWS

August 7-9: **Kul-Wicasa contes pow wow.\***

**Location:** Lower Brule, SD. Fair Grounds.  
**Info:** 605-473-0561 [www.lbst.org](http://www.lbst.org)

August 14-16: **Wakpala traditional pow wow.\***

**Location:** Wakpala, SD. Wakpala Community.  
**Info:** 701-854-7201 or 605-845-2067  
[www.standingrocktourism.com](http://www.standingrocktourism.com)  
[ladonnabrave1@aol.com](mailto:ladonnabrave1@aol.com)

August 28-30: **133rd Annual Rosebud Fair contest pow wow.\***

**Location:** Rosebud, SD. Pow Wow Grounds.  
**Info:** 605-747-2289 or 605-747-2381



## North Dakota Bridge to Benefits!

Bridge to Benefits is a multi-state project sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund - Midwest Region focused on improving the well-being of families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits.

To see if you or someone else may be eligible for support programs and tax credits, we will ask you a few simple questions but we will NOT ask you for information that identifies you, such as your name or Social Security Number. It's easy, confidential, and free!

This screening can help people in North Dakota learn if they **may** be able to get benefits from the programs below:

- \* Caring for Children
- \* Child Care Assistance Program
- \* Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- \* Healthy Steps
- \* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \* Medicaid (pregnant women and children to age 6)
- \* Medicaid (ages 6-18)
- \* School Meal Program
- \* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

**For question about this web site, please contact:** <http://nd.bridgetobenefits.org/>

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Executive Director The North Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers seeks a part-time Executive Director. Successful candidate will have 3-5 years of managerial experience and the ability to articulate social work values. Essential skills include: organization leadership, legislative advocacy, financial administration, membership development, strong communication abilities and the use of office technology, cultural competency and ability to work with diverse populations. MSW preferred; experience working with boards a plus. The position is based in Bismarck; however, statewide travel is required. Salary in the high \$20s plus an excellent benefits package. Please forward cover letter and résumé via email to David Bialik, Search Committee, at [dhbemail-nasw@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbemail-nasw@yahoo.com) by August 7, 2009.

### Native American Community Family Potluck Picnic

**When:** Sunday, August 30th

**Where:** Oak Grove Park,

**Time:** 10 am-3:00 p.m.

In collaboration with the Fargo Native American Commission, Native American Christian Ministry, Sweet Medicine and Daughters Of The Earth of Moorhead we invite you to our end of the summer get together.

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