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## BOYS SCOUT REQUEST

I/we are looking for someone for a presentation on Native American culture - history - traditions etc, or a demonstration, story telling etc. (For 20 to 30 minutes?) For part of the evening campfire program on Saturday evening, May 16 - 8:00 pm. However our camp out location is at Brewer Lake - NW of Casselton. (42 miles from Fargo) We have a little money for mileage/stipend. But please note the Boy Scouts are also a non-profit and the money comes from the participants themselves.

The audience will be mainly young boys/scouts from age 11 to 16 and us adult leaders - (better known as us "old guys") Probably about 100 folks. This is one of our ways to promote diversity and enlighten and enrich the boys with relevant information and some real history.

Could you help me out with this ?? or steer me to another to tackle this?

I can come by for face to face visit about this - if that would be more helpful.

Thanks for your consideration  
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## Judge says woman must be paid damages based on 1868 Sioux treaty

A Native American woman from Rapid City has won a historic ruling in federal court based on a century-old treaty between the U.S. government and the Oglala Sioux Tribe after she was sexually assaulted by a military recruiter.

The U.S. government will have to pay Lavetta Elk, formerly of Rapid City, nearly \$600,000 in damages after she was sexually assaulted by Army recruiter Staff Sgt. Joseph Kopf in his car January 2003, according to court documents. Judge Francis Allegra based the ruling on a “bad men” provision in the April 29, 1868 treaty between the government and the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

That provision of the Fort Laramie Treaty “provides that if ‘bad men’ among the whites commit ‘any wrong’ upon the person or property of any Sioux, the United States will reimburse the injured person for the loss sustained,” according to court documents filed Wednesday.

The judgement against the U.S. government based on the treaty is unprecedented, said Adam Horowitz, Elk’s Miami-based lawyer. It also is a marked change in interpretation of Indian treaties which have historically been construed negatively, he said.

“Never before has this treaty been used to bring such a claim,” Horowitz said. “It creates precedent for Native Americans who belong to tribes with treaties like this in effect.”

Elk, who was 19-years-old at the time of the assault, now is married and lives with her family in California. She could not be reached for comment.

*Taken from Indian Country Today*

## Swine Flu Update

Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu) The Department of Homeland Security has declared a public health emergency about the Swine Flu. This is not the time to panic, but rather to be prepared. Here is some basic information.

H1N1 (Swine Flu) is a respiratory disease typically found in pigs and not people. The H1N1 virus has changed and is now being passed from person to person just like the seasonal flu. You do not get the Swine Flu from eating pork. Those with the Swine flu can infect others 1 day before they have symptoms and up to 7 days after symptoms start. If you have flu symptoms, seek care with 48 hours.

Signs and Symptoms of the H1N1 flu include:

- Fever over 100.4 F
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Head & Body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

There are prescription medicines available to treat Swine flu that are only given if you are diagnosed with swine flu. Right now, there is no vaccine to prevent swine flu. If you had a flu vaccine this season it probably will not help prevent the Swine flu.

For More Information please visit:

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

[www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu)

[www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Donations for our Rummage sale will be accepted at Cultural Diversity Resources. Please call in advance so someone can let you in to the basement to put donations there. Our number is 701-526-3000 ext. 207 ask for Elverna or leave message in general mailbox. Your donations will go to the Native American Center project at CDR. Thanks-Elverna



Daughters of the Earth  
And the  
Native American Center Project

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

Friday- May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9am-5pm

Saturday-May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9 am-5 pm

2212 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South - Fargo

\* lots of household and misc. items

\* clothes-variety of women, men and children sizes-  
Something for everyone!!

COME CHECK IT OUT!!

• **The Indian Education Parent Committee** will meet on May 4th, 2009 at 6 pm at Probstfield, 2410 14th Street South, Moorhead, MN. The agenda includes the Graduation Picnic; Summer School and May activities. Door prize and refreshments served.

• **May 28th RRALC-Spring Celebration and Senior Recognition** from 5:30 -8 pm.

• No School on May 25th, Memorial Day.

• Summer School Schedules:

Horizon: June 15-June 25;

July 8-18; August 10-20

Moorhead Senior High: June 15-July 23

Elementary Schools: August 10-20

Breakfast/Lunch served - - Busing provided.

• **Grass Dance Outfits classes** meets every Thursday from 6-8 pm in room 301 at Probstfield.

• **Beginners Ojibwe Class** held each Thursday at Probstfield (2410 14th Street S) in room 231 from 6-7:30.

• **Spring Picnic 2009 for Indian Education**

May 28th - for all families and students of Moorhead and Fargo Indian Education Programs.

Hotdogs; Beverages; Cake; Chips and utensils supplied.

Potluck, so bring your favorite recipe for us to try out.

Where: Lindenwood Park, 1701 5th Street South, Fargo, First New Shelter by New Playground.

Time: 6 - 8 pm.

**Honor Song for Grads 2009** and all other students for this years achievement and Parents and Teachers for all their hard work.

If the plan changes, a flyer will go out.

**Keeping Families Together**

**May 12, 2009 (Parents/Caregivers)**

Tribal Administration Building

35500 Eagle View Road

Ogema, MN 56569

**May 13, 2009 (Professionals)**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Tribal Administration Building

35500 Eagle View Road

Ogema, MN 56589

A representative from the ICWA Law Center will be available to answer questions.

**You're invited to a Community Kick-Off Meeting.**

Learn about the strengths of cultures and ethnic groups in our community.

Talk about shared challenges.

Work on common solutions.

Create a stronger community together.

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – Noon

A Noon lunch of Local Ethnic Foods will be Provided at Centro Cultural de Fargo-Moorhead 1014 19<sup>th</sup> Street, South Moorhead

Please RSVP by calling: 701-526-3000 or 218-236-5434

**10 Year Check-In on Civil Rights Working Group**  
**The next scheduled meeting is:**

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 to 7:30 at PEPP

The meeting will focus on selecting a date; time and place for the Late May Press Conference and tasks of research, tactics and strategies will be explored. The purpose will be to check progress on tasks and get more specific about the May kick-off Press Conference and to get new people informed and engaged in moving this Campaign forward.

**Never been to Summer Camp?**

Heres your opportunity. Are you a Moorhead kids, ages 8-15, whose never been to summer camp? You may be eligible for a scholarship. Call or email Deb today to learn how you can qualify! 218-299-kids or [deb@metropartnership.org](mailto:deb@metropartnership.org)

**Hope for Recovery**

**May 16, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Riverview Hospital (Meeting Room One)  
323 S. Minnesota Street  
Crookston, MN 56716

*These workshops are funded by a grant through the MN Department of Human Services (DHS)*  
*Please call 1-888-NAMI-HELPS or 651-645-2948 for more information or to register for this workshop.*

**Joe's Memorial Ride**

Date: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

You are invited to take part in the memorial bike run for Ssg Joe Biel.

We remember our fallen brother.  
"ptsd and depression are real"

If You Wish to Ride Along with These Veterans, You May Join at East Grand Forks VFW Post 3817 on May 9<sup>th</sup>, or Meet at the Rally Start Point.

**Joe's Memorial Ride Route:** Devil's Lake, ND – Spirit Lake Casino, 9:00 a.m. Travel East on US 2 to East Grand Forks VFW post 3817. Depart East Grand Forks at 12:45 p.m. and Travel South on I-29 to Fargo. From There You Will Travel South to Wahpeton, ND.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.trailblazermc.com](http://www.trailblazermc.com), click on "information" tab for bike run info.

Location: **VFW post 3817**, East Grand Forks, MN  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

**Remember that this ride is to help fight the awareness of PTSD, and how it affects soldiers lives every day.**

**Racism & Kids May 13**

Participants will view two videos, discuss the affects of racism on kids, and develop activities that promote diversity

When: Second Wednesday of each month  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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!

Boozhoo! My Name is **Elverna “Cocoa” Vilas** and I am from the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in MN. I have lived in Fargo-Moorhead since I was 12 years old. Before that I was raised in Detroit Lakes, MN by my single mother, grandmother and extended family of aunts and uncles. I was an only child until the age of 12 before my two awesome brothers and little sister came along. I have four children of my own, 2 boys and 2 girls that range in age from 4 years old to 15 years old. I currently attend Minnesota Community and Technical College in the Liberal Arts A.S. program and have one year left to graduate. I work and attend school at the same time.

I am employed by Cultural Diversity Resources through the MN CEP OJT program. I have been in this area for a long time and really seen the hardships of our people. I have experienced a lot of struggles with my own family and want to make a difference. Since starting in September 2008, I have started Native American Programs here at Cultural Diversity Resources due to the continuing needs of the Native American people in the Fargo-Moorhead area. As a Program Assistant, I want to help the young families, youth and anyone Native American seeking help with employment/resumes, tribal enrollments, getting a hold of their tribal reservations, referrals, discounted bus passes. We will also be working to promote healthy living and help with Native American networking in the area. Hopefully, I will meet a lot of the many nations of Native American families/youth in the F-M area and get to know you all on an individual basis. Please stop in my office at Cultural Diversity Resources at 303 Roberts St. N. Fargo, ND 58102 to visit or if need assistance. We are open Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm and if you have any questions, please call me at 701-526-3000 ext. 207.

## **Violence Against Women is Not Traditional.**

**Sacred Spirits** is a Native American Women’s organization that offers presentations, advocate trainings, coalition meetings, and educational workshops on a regular basis. Contact our office for more information regarding activities, to request resource services, or to become an advocate to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

### **Sacred Spirits Provides:**

A certified S.T.A.R. Trainer for Law Enforcement and Tribal Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence through the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

A certified trainer on “Preventing Youth Dating Violence” through the Public Training Institute.

Staff trained by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health on Fundamentals of Waived Rapid HIV Testing and Prevention Counseling.

### **Our Mission**

To reclaim the sacred spirits of women, men and their families for the next seven generations through culturally competent practice utilizing traditional Anishinaabe values and beliefs.

### **Outreach Services**

**Sacred Spirits provides Community Trainings, Program In-Services & Conference Presentations on Dynamics of:**

Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Youth Dating Violence, P.L. 280 Jurisdiction Issues, Full Faith & Credit, Jumping Through Hoops, Stalking, Advocacy, Elder Abuse, Violence During Pregnancy, Sexual Objectification of Women, Prostitution, Human Trafficking, Child Sexual Abuse, Violence Against Native Women, GLBTQ/Two-Spirit Issues, Free & Confidential Rapid HIV Testing HIV/AIDS and other STD Prevention.

For More info, contact 218,261-1969 or 218-375-2762 or visit [www.sacredspirits.org](http://www.sacredspirits.org)  
Sacred Spirits Office is located in the PEPP Building, 116-12th St. So. Moorhead, MN

**MN Pow-wows**

**May 9-10: 1st Annual Honoring our Mother's traditional pow wow.**

Location: Mahnomen, MN.  
 Directions: Mapquest.com (Mahnomen, MN)  
 Shooting Star Casino & Convention Center.  
 Info: Tim St.Clair 218-204-0368, Dan Jourdain 218-234-9951 danj@whiteearth.com, Henry Fox 218-358-0415 henryf@whiteearth.com, Jane Fox 1-800-950-3248 X 1299 janef@whiteearth.com  
 MCs: Murphy Thomas & Mickey Hodges  
 ADs: Butch Roberts & Sam Mason  
 Host Drum: EYABAY (Red Lake, MN)  
 Cost: Free Admission  
 Additional Info: Spiritual Advisor: Joe Bush. Grand Entries: Sat 1PM-7PM\*\*Sun 1PM ONLY, Specials\*  
 WOMENS OLD STYLE JINGLE (1st)\$200.00 (2nd)\$150.00 (3rd) \$100.00 MENS OLD STYLE GRASS (1st) \$200.00 (2nd) \$150.00 (3rd) \$100.00.  
 Other Specials TBA, Meals will be provided. All registered dancers and drums will receive honorarium monies. For a flyer please call the Contact Person(s). Miigwetch and See you there. For Hotel Rooms or Vendors Please Call Shooting Star Casino at 1-800-453-STAR.

**May 9-10: Mother's Day traditional pow wow.**

Location: Minneapolis, MN. Cedar Field. Info: 612-724-0023

**May 22-23: Leech Lake Veterans Memorial traditional pow wow.**

Location: Cass Lake, MN. Located by Palace Casino on Palace Casino Dr. Cass Lake Minnesota.  
 Info: Lance Kingbird 218-335-3784 lance.kingbird@llojibwe.com or 218-335-7034  
 Additional Info: Jerry.Morgan@leechlakegaming.com

**May 22-24: 5th Annual Seven Clans contest pow wow.\***

Location: Thief River Falls, MN. 7 Clans Casino.  
 Info: 218-679-3361 ext. 1404  
 www.sevenclanscasino.com  
 ralussier@seveclanscasino.com  
 Host Drums: Blacklodge & Blackfoot Confederacy

**May 25:Veterans Memorial Day traditional pow wow.\***

Location: Mille Lacs, MN. Mille Lacs Indian Museum.  
 Info: 320-532-3632 www.mnhs.org  
 Host Drums: Blacklodge & Blackfoot Confederacy

**ND Pow-wows**

**May 28-31: 4 Bears contest pow wow.**

Location: Newtown, ND. 4 Bears Casino.  
 Info: 701-421-0615 701-627-3155 www.4bearscasino.com

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**Cultural Diversity Resources** is looking for either an individual or group who can give either a Fancy Shawl or Jingle Dress performance at Pangaea – Cultivate Our Cultures. The performance expectation is for a minimum of 20 minutes to a maximum of 30 minutes. This should include a brief description of the cultural importance and relation of the dance. The performer or performers will be paid a maximum of \$200. There are no funds for travel or accommodations. The event is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please let me know or have them contact me.  
 Donna Wood, Office Manager  
 Cultural Diversity Resources  
 303 Roberts St N, Fargo, ND  
 701-526-3000 ext 20

**Sweatlodge ceremony held each Wednesday at 5 pm at 45th Street and 3rd Ave North, Fargo.**

**SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE****PRIMARY RESULTS**

April 21, 2009

Candidates

**Fort Totten District Representative**

Clarise Ann Brownshield

Lorraine (Josie) McKay

**St. Michael District Representative**

Lois Leben (Incumbent)

Darwin Brown

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Justin Yankton

Lonna J. Jackson

GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

**2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness  
Commemorative Shirt**

Looking ahead into Spring we invite you to join us as we begin the 2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness that will began May 16th. Please see the [www.whitebison.org](http://www.whitebison.org) for detailed information. The purchase of the Commemorative shirt for \$30 and \$7 shipping will help support this effort.

This commemorative shirt features original artwork created and donated by Dana Tiger a well known Native American artist.

Only 1879 of these shirts are being printed and all proceeds will go toward the expenses of the 2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness. .

This is a limited Edition "Healing the Legacy of the Boarding Schools" t shirt. Buy them now - quantities are limited.

Don Coyhis, President and Founder

Coyhis Publishing, Inc

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

*Happy Mother's Day  
May 10*

*From DOE and NAP*



*When a child is born,  
there are two births:  
the birth of the child  
and the birth of the  
mother.*

## What: 6th Annual Share A Story Family Literacy Event

Where: Rheault Farm, South Fargo, ND

When: Saturday, May 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event description: Prairie Public teams up with the United Way of Cass-Clay and the Fargo Park District to host this free community-wide Share A Story event committed to inspiring adults to help develop literacy and language skills in their young children. The daylong event provides fun, “everyday” activities as specific ways for parents and early childhood educators to provide a stimulating environment around language, reading, and writing. Overall, the event aims to powerfully impact children’s literacy and educational development, foster parent involvement, and encourage positive social and emotional growth.

We are looking for a Native American storyteller or two to come and be an "on-the-lawn" performer for a portion of the day and

tell traditional stories to children and their families. This is a very laid-back environment where families can come and go as they please to the many different activities and storytellers that will be there that day. We try to get a diverse group of storytellers from around our area to educate the FM community of our area's rich cultural heritage. The event is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in being a storyteller for this event, please contact Matt Proulx at (701) 239-7531 or by email at [mproulx@prairiepublic.org](mailto:mproulx@prairiepublic.org).

## Future Events in next issue, Indian Taco Sale. Dakota Language Classes Coming

Giigaawaabaamin Minawa-See you later. (Ojibwe)  
Doksha-Later.(Dakota)

Daughters Of The Earth

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