



## Wellbriety Indian Center News

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# THE CAMP CRIER

December 2008

### INDIAN CENTER NEWS

#### Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of The Camp Crier, the monthly newsletter for the Wellbriety Indian Center in Colorado Springs. We will be **publishing online the first of each month**. We will be sending mailed paper copies to the elders in our community and we will have a few paper copies in our offices for those dropping in who may not yet be on our mailing list.

We hope you enjoy the news from around our area. You will find us on the WICCS **web site** at

<http://www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org/NewsletterIC.html>.

Online, just click this link. Keep up with the latest and greatest happenings in the Indian community. The newsletter will also be archived there so you can eventually read back issues when you want.

WICCS currently consists of two committees that each meet once a month: The Steering Committee and the Cultural Committee. **The Steering Committee** plans long-term goals for the Center. These currently include the newsletter, eBay volunteers, the community resource team, a design team, and the volunteer coordinator.

**The Cultural Committee** plans short-term goals. These include the monthly community pot luck meetings, the community calendar, the youth group activities, elder gatherings, powwows, contests, and photography for the center.

Projects for the Center on the drawing board each month will be listed on this web page with more details so you can follow our progress toward self sufficiency as we work. You can also get involved by attending our monthly pot luck meetings for updates.

#### Calendar of Events

You will find monthly calendar events about community pot lucks and other events both on our website at

[www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org](http://www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org) (Click Community Events, and then the month you want), or the last page of this newsletter. For your convenience, you can print either calendar and post it on your refrigerator, or some other convenient place.

#### The Office is Open

Our office is located in the front of White Bison's office at 6145 Lehman Dr, Ste. 200.

Volunteers are now keeping **office hours** on **Mondays** 12:30-4 pm (Jean Steele), **Wednesdays** 9am-noon (Eulala Pegram), and **Fridays** 10am-2pm (Sharon Panning). We will be adding volunteers on Tuesday and Thursdays by the end of December. Our office phone number is 594-8630.

Our **eBay website** is currently the Center's main fundraiser. We are having the office volunteers process the donated items as they arrive and post them on eBay to sell. If you have an item to donate to this fundraising effort, contact us at the office. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

You can keep up with what we are offering on eBay by visiting the WICCS' web site at [www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org](http://www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org), click Donations on the left side of the page, and then eBay. We are trying to keep five or six items posted each week. We are building our reputation for nice items and prompt mailings on purchases as we go along.

Volunteers are also beginning work on a **community resources list** where we can refer community members in need as requests come in. We will not have funding for services in the office until late in 2009, so this list will be very helpful to refer community needs as they arise. A brochure with information about WICCS is in the works and will soon be available in the office.

#### Location news

Negotiations are now being made to acquire additional space for Wellbriety Indian Center activities. A committee has made a tour of the space and reported to the Steering Committee on an office space for the Center on the third floor of a building located at 3204 N. Academy. It has been offered rent-free for the next fourteen months. That means we may be able to house some of the no-cost programs we could offer for our new Center earlier than was expected. Several pieces of this windfall need to be investigated and approved. We will keep you informed of our progress.

#### eBay for Native Artists

WICCS will offer a **free eBay workshop** as a service to Native artists, artisans and crafters. If you make items for sale to the public and are looking for another way to reach buyers for your art, you are invited to attend a workshop from **10-12 am on Saturday, December 13**. The location will depend on how many will be coming and you will be notified when the place is confirmed. Jim Ramirez teaches eBay classes across the western part of the country and will have many helpful hints on selling, packing and mailing for shipping.

This date is during a morning of the Christmas Powwow at the Olympic Training Center when many of you will be in town and may have a booth at the dance. If you can take the morning off, it would be worth your time to learn about selling your art across the country - or even internationally, if you choose. Contact us at [thecampcrier@wellbrietyindiancenter.org](mailto:thecampcrier@wellbrietyindiancenter.org) if you are interested in attending. Registering will insure that you will have a workshop packet, but you may come without registering.

#### Camp Crier Information Box

All the information about Wellbriety Indian Center and this newsletter will always be on page two of every issue of The Camp Crier. If you need to contact us, submit information, or ask questions about any of our news coverage, please refer to this section.

All the staff of this newsletter are dedicated to giving you the latest, most accurate news out there and invite your comments, suggestions, or contribution to the content of these pages to make it a truly community newsletter.

You are invited to any of the events published in this newsletter or listed in the community calendar on page seven of each issue. Happy reading.



## The Camp Crier

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Camp Crier news is a monthly online newsletter for the Pikes Peak region. Long ago, Camp Criers were respected people who went through the camp announcing important news of interest to the people.

### How to submit material:

If you are interested in submitting news to us for publication consideration, we would be glad to hear from you. Our email address is [thecampcrier@wellbrietyindiancenter.org](mailto:thecampcrier@wellbrietyindiancenter.org)

Due to lack of space, we will be able to cover local news only and powwow information will be a link that lists upcoming regional powwows.

### Youth Newsletter Section:

#### Youth Editors:

James Low Dog, Assiniboine

Patience Low Dog, Assiniboine

#### Middle School Editor:

Robert Howell, Pawnee/Sioux

The youth articles and art section of the newsletter will be created and edited by Native youth in the area and they will be the sole creators of this section. The adult editors and staff will check for good journalistic taste, standards and procedures. Young writers and artists are encouraged to submit their articles, jokes, reviews, news and other material of interest to their Native peers. We hope to have regular information from different schools, as well as good stories, interviews, etc. We will feature a different school in each issue for awhile and we have a form for you to fill out to give you ideas about what to tell about your school. If you are interested in seeing the form, call or write us to receive a copy.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NAWA

NAWA, The Native American Women's Association, will hold their annual **Christmas Banquet** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on **December 5** in Room 303 at the University Center, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

The theme of this year's program will be **Past, Present, Future**. Also on the program is the presentation of the newly elected NAWA officers, the crowning of the 2009 NAWA Princess, and presentation of the 2009 Elder of the Year.

The speaker for the evening will be **Karen Wilde Rogers**, Creek, a former Director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs for over eight years. She is a business owner and resident in Aurora and currently serves as Chairman of the Board at DIRC in Denver.

### Project Lighthouse

Project Lighthouse 5<sup>th</sup> **Annual Christmas Powwow** will be Friday-Sunday, **Dec. 12-14**, at the Olympic Complex, 1750 E. Boulder. It is **free** and open to the public. For a flyer with all the information about times, staff, specials and events, visit <http://www.fortnet.org/PowWow/pdf/xmaspw08.pdf>. Lots of good music, dancing and vendors.

**Santa visits** is Sunday.

### Ideas for Parents

We will have a trial run on providing short suggestions in the newsletter that will tie in with what the youth are writing about in the newsletter or doing in their youth group activities each month.

This month, with the article on Wasson High School, our suggestion is to check out the free APEX online learning program at Wasson's web site. It is free web-based classes offering regular level, honors, and Advanced Placement courses, as well as credit recovery and credit advancement.

[www.d11.org/wasson/parents/parents.htm](http://www.d11.org/wasson/parents/parents.htm)

## UCCS

Becky Thompson, PhD., has been named Director of Women and Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She began work there this fall semester.

As one of her first activities, she will be hiring a Native American scholar to teach Native courses at UCCS. She has already advertised the position, processed the applicants and reports that they will be interviewing the final applicants after the application deadline in mid December.

Thompson says she received some exceptionally qualified Native scholars for the women from a wide range of tribal affiliations for the Native position. Two will be visiting the campus in December and both want to meet the Native community. Sheryl Lightfoot, Ojibwe PhD candidate, will visit Dec. 8th and 9th and available for meeting the community on the 8th. Janice Gould, Koyangk'auwi Maidu from California, will be here Dec. 10 and 11th and can meet the wider Indian community on the 10th. We will announce the time and place for the larger meetings when it is known.

Professor Thompson moved from Boston to take the UCCS position. She is already attending WIC meetings, meeting the Native community, and reporting her progress in the hiring process. I think we have a winner here. Welcome Prof. Thompson.

### Also at UCCS

On the calendar for UCCS is a 3:30 pm, **Dec. 3 multiracial rally** called "Safety is a Human Right" in support of the safety of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, inter-sex and queer students (GLBTIQ) on campus and beyond.

There will be special guest speakers, music, poetry and fun for everyone. Location will be Upper University Center.

For more information, contact

Ayden Merino, 229-3833, [amerino@uccs.edu](mailto:amerino@uccs.edu).

## PPCC

Arnetta Hartmann, Navajo, a commercial art student at PPCC, has agreed to be the graphic artist for The Camp Crier newsletter. She will be doing our graphic designs throughout the newsletter beginning with our January issue. We thank her for lending her talents to our publication and look forward to seeing what neat graphics she will be furnishing to brighten up our news pages, and for us to be part of her impressive work portfolio.

### Mark Your Calendar

The next Elder Gathering will be held at 6 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th St. (one block north of 19th and Uintah). Elder **Eugene Red Hawk**, Mohawk, will present a program of his life experiences. Eugene is medically retired from the military after he was severely wounded in Viet Nam while serving in the U.S. Army. A light snack will be served.

Eugene will soon be honored by having a new, wheel chair accessible sweat lodge named in his honor. It will be designed with entrances from both the east and west side and built on the grounds of the Air Force Academy. The two doors would make it culturally appropriate for any tribal sweat traditions. Jim Ramirez, So. Ute, has worked with Eugene and others on selecting the location and getting approval through the military chain of command. The lodge plan has been well received by the military personnel in charge of giving final permission for construction.

They report that approval is in the last stage and permission is probably near.

# NATIVE NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

## Celebrating Native American Month

There were several events around the area celebrating November as **Native American Month**. One excellent event was planned and sponsored by the ELD Native American Advisory Council team co-chaired by **Debbie Howell**, Pawnee-Sioux, and **Kateri Kerwin**, Navajo. The event took place at the Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Ave., on November 5.

Headlining the event was the keynote speaker **Don Coyhis**, Mohican, President of White Bison. He spoke on "The Gift of Giving" to the gathering of area youth and their sponsors at the beginning assembly. Debbie Howell also was the co-coordinator of all the cultural heritage activities throughout the day. **Robert Howell** demonstrated Native dances for the group, as well as leading everyone in a round dance.

The Native America Women's Association participated by having a table with information about NAWA's activities and passing out their student scholarship applications. Assisting at the table were **Kris Low Dog** and NAWA President **Grace Goodeagle**. Grace also did a brief presentation to the adults about NAWA and their involvement with services to the Native community.

On hand to cover the event for the newsletter's youth pages were youth editors **James and Patience Low Dog**, Assiniboine, with their Camp Crier press pass badges on their shirt. They report an unusual atmosphere of interest and engagement by the youth throughout the event. Congratulations to NAC for such a great program for area students interested in leadership.



## Woodland Park Parade

Cherokee Donna Finicle's Welcome Home Warrior support group will create a float for the December 6th Woodland Park parade. The title of their float will be "Coming Home" and it will feature soldiers and families on the float around a Christmas tree filled with yellow ribbons and lights for those not home yet. There will also be people to walk beside the float giving out candy to the kids.

The group is looking for a flat bed truck or trailer they could mount the float on and pull in the parade.

Welcome Home Warrior's offices are now located at 117 N. Center in Woodland Park. They are in the Help the Needy log building. The office is open two days a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9-4.

Donna says the group is establishing a vet safety net for veterans and families with resources, information, and counseling, including support groups for spouses and for vets, if needed. Their services are for "that miserable time in between coming home and getting the longer term help that will be needed for the problems of the transition."

You can reach Donna by cell phone at 439-3621 or her home phone at 686-0478

Merry  
Christmas  
To  
All



### A REAL BEAUTY

NAWA's popular Christmas tree entry in the EMC charity Christmas tree auction of trees was much admired, thanks to the many talented and generous women who contributed ornaments for the occasion. The tree sold and the funds will help local families with food, clothing and housing needs in the future.

WICCS volunteers are creating a list of help available to families in need in the Pike Peak Area, including EMC.

## Native Government Appointees

Six Native people have been appointed to President-elect Obama's transition team. NARF's Executive Director, John Echohawk, Pawnee, will serve as a member of the Energy and Natural Resources work group. He will also serve with two other Natives formerly with NARF, Keith Harper and Robert Anderson, to advise Obama on changes proposed within the Interior Department.

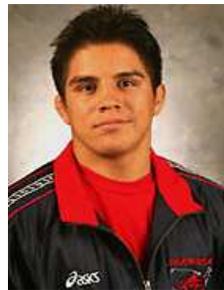
The other three Natives have been assigned to work on justice, agriculture and health issues. They are Mary Smith, Mary McNeil and Yvette Robideaux. No information has been given on their tribes.

## AN NEW OLYMPIC CHAMPION IS NATIVE

Not much was said about it in all the media frenzy nationwide, but Henry Cejudo, the 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist in 55-kilogram (120 pounds) freestyle wrestling champion, is Aztec as well as Mexican American. His publicist confirmed this after Cejudo returned to his home at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs.

The 21 year old wrestler, defeated Japan's Tomohiro Matsunaga at the China Agricultural University Gymnasium after breaking a 2-2 tie with the highest-scoring move two-point takedown.

Cejudo is a Coronado High School alum, where he finished his last two years of high school after moving to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. He was a four time high school state champion, two years in Arizona and two years in Colorado. He began wrestling in middle school.



Although Henry's mother and family live in Colorado Springs now, he resides at the Olympic Training Center full time where he works out long hours. Henry gives his mother, Nelly credit for his determination.

Before moving to the OTC, neither Henry nor his brothers had ever slept in a bed alone. He is from a family of six.

After winning Olympic Gold, Cejudo has been doing some traveling related to his win. He was not expected to be back in Colorado Springs again until sometime this month.

# IT TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE TO GIVE BIRTH TO AN INDIAN CENTER

**Jim Ramirez**, along with Lorenzo Tsosie, Navajo, has been a leader of note in the creation of our new Wellbriety Indian Center. He has chaired meetings, assumed a leadership responsibility and even installed things in the office. He brings an impressive resume' that qualifies him for this leadership role.

Jim is of Southern Ute/Aztec/ Spanish descent and grew up in Pueblo, CO. After high school he joined the US Army during the Vietnam Era and served his country proudly for 3 years. After his military service Jim married the love of his life, Heidie Veit, they have 2 daughters Sindy 31 and Jaclyn 29. Both Daughters are married. On November 28, 2008, Sindy gave birth to a healthy baby girl named "Liberty Violet Wise", thus Heidie and Jim became first time grandparents.

After his military service Jim enrolled in Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO and studies business management. He was hired on with the Veterans Administration for 1 year before transferring to the US Postal Service as a Mailhandler/Letter Carrier in Pueblo, CO. Jim enrolled at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo to continue his studies. In 1985, Jim was the first Native American promoted to the position of Supervisor of Mail Processing.

During his 33 year US Postal Service career, Jim has been detailed to a number of management positions to include, Manager of Mail Processing in Pueblo, CO, Manager of Customer Services in Pueblo,

CO, Tour Superintendent in Colorado Springs, CO, Officer in Charge of the US Postal Service in Fountain, CO, Officer in Charge of the US Postal Service in Ft Lupton, CO, Officer in Charge of the US Postal Service in Calhan, CO, Diversity Development Specialist for the US Postal Service in the Colorado / Wyoming District and presently is assigned as the Officer in Charge of the US Postal Service at the USAF Academy. Jim's permanent position is the Postmaster of the Peyton, CO.

At the USAF Academy Jim has been very active with bringing positive visibility to the needs of the Native American people, having helped plan and organize Native American Heritage Events that included the attendance and participation of Ernest House jr., Executive Secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Austin Box, Southern Ute Tribal Elder, General Regni, USAFA Superintendent and Colonel McMillan USAFA Base Commander. Jim also initiated a program to establish the first Native American Sweat Lodge on a military academy. Many of our local Natives assisted with guidance and participation with meetings to see this project through. The RedHawk Sweat Lodge was named after a dear friend and local Native Warrior, Elder Eugene RedHawk, a Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient of the Vietnam War.

Jim was elected by his peers as the Diversity Team Leader that represents over 90 post offices throughout Colorado and works on various projects that benefit all

ethnic groups as well as programs that help motivate employees to share ideas that will benefit the organization. Jim is 1 of 2 Post Master Group Leaders for the Ute Pass Postmasters and is responsible for helping educate Postmasters with new internal changes that could have an impact on their operations. Jim is also a Postal Ambassador for the US Postal Service and helps train instructors, Postmasters and employees nationwide with revenue generation programs.

During 2007, Jim was selected to represent the US Postal Service as the National Marrow Donor Coordinator for the Colorado / Wyoming District. He developed an informational DVD that explains the need for potential donors and the impact they could have with saving a life. He planned and scheduled a number of informational events that included actual donors and recipients. As a result, 400+ employees joined the National Marrow Donor Registry.

The Wellbriety Indian Center of Colorado Springs has been a vision for Jim as well as many others for a number of years. As Native people, honoring the wishes of our ancestors is one of the greatest accomplishments we could achieve, and WICCS is a beginning for the many blessings we could benefit from for our children, women, Elders and community as one people. The Creator has blessed us with this unique opportunity and it is time for us to fulfill this vision with unity.

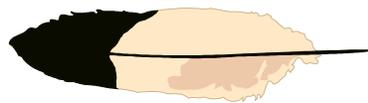
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## ....AND WE ARE BLESSED WITH BOTH THE PEOPLE ON THIS PAGE

**Lorenzo Tsosie**, Navajo, brings a great deal of expertise and talent to his many community involvements. As well as experience working full time as a Client Manager at T Row Price investment company and owning and operating two businesses of his own, he is a born leader.

He has a college degree in accounting and, in addition to his client load at T Row Price, his LAMSYS business provides services in accounting and private mortgage lending giving advise and assisting his clients with their financial goals.

His other jointly owned business, inherited recently from his father, involves the Hosteen Tsosie Cattle company which includes a herd of cattle and a lease of 900



acres of BLM land. Through this inheritance, he also became involved and holds office in the Dine' Ranchers Association.

Lorenzo is married to Patty, a teacher in School District 20, and they have two children, Brandon and Halley.

His many involvements and contributions to the Wellbriety Indian Center include serving on the Steering Committee, giving input, brain and muscle power when needed, touring a possible site to give advise on the pros and cons of leasing the

new location, and such things as even changing florescent lights in the WIC office.

In the community at large, Lorenzo recently led a class at Jenkins Middle School using the Junior Achievement material to teach how to start and run a business. This month, he is involved with work for Dream Power, an organization involved in pet adoption. And he even has found time to do volunteer work on Habitat for Humanity building projects in our fair city.

He is one of the many talented community people helping to guide the Wellbriety Indian Center into full exist and we are blessed to have them all.

# THE CORNER

## HERE IT IS

You Found it...the place where cool meets culture. We are calling it the Corn...er because it is the place where things are happening, referring to a location, but also connecting us with an important contribution of the First Americans and a version of the "ahhhh!" expression of our parents and grandparents now modernized by some of the northern tribes....the expression "er". Hope you like it and will meet us here each month.

We also hope you will have the interest and find the time to send in contribution about things that interest you. See page two to find out how to submit your best stuff and impress us.

Here are some news and things we came up with for you to think about responding to:

## Speak your Peace Pipe

Here is a question you can think about and send in your ideas of a good response to send in for our next issue. We will have more ideas each issue for you to speak your "piece" about.

Would the United States be the same if there were only Native people here today? Would we still be modern or would we go back to our traditional ways? It wouldn't be the United States.

Submit your comments on this or any other topic.

Some sample responses:

-no rez/back two bartering/would we still speak our language/total healing.

-no disease, moccasins would be back in fashion.

-lots more buffs would still be around.

Do you have a subject you would like to have your peers "Speak Your Peace Pipe" about? Send it in for us to consider using in a future issue of The Corn...er and we will give you credit for the question.



Jason Jones Photography  
Model: Trish Chee

## COULD YOU USE SOME CASH?

Pick Up Your Pencil & Pick Up \$2,500 In Cash is the challenge issued by the Reconnecting the Circle organization. To win, they want you to write a 700-1,200 word essay answering the question "**Why is it important to understand patriotism in Indian Country?**" There will be 10 winning students awarded the cash prize. The contest is open to all high school students grades 9-12 in any high school in the United States. The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced with numbered pages. The deadline for entries is January 23, 2009. Links to more information <http://www.reconnectingthecircle.com/?q=node/208> and visit here for ideas [http://www.reconnectingthecircle.com/files/attachments/RTC\\_ESSAYQUESTION\\_2\\_008-09.pdf](http://www.reconnectingthecircle.com/files/attachments/RTC_ESSAYQUESTION_2_008-09.pdf).

Winners will have \$500 of their winnings to spend on anything they want. They will have two choices to spend the other 4/5 of their prize: 2/5 on two of the following choices, independent study, higher education, a Native American event, or toward traveling, researching and writing an article about their experience in Indian County.

Sharpen up those pencils (or in this case, limber up your typing fingers) and tell the world how important you think understanding patriotism is in your life or tribe.

We would be happy and proud to announce your winning in these Corn...er youth pages of The Camp Crier newsletter. We will save you a space in the February issue!!!

## Native Fashion

By Patience Low Dog

Native women's fashion is cool. War Pony designs seems to be pretty popular. I Googled "Native American Fashion" and a bunch of interesting clothing and designs came up. Look for more Native Fashions coverage in upcoming Camp Crier News.

Visit <http://2Inataive.com/apparel.html>

## COMING TO TOWN

The annual Brule' and Airos Christmas concert "Red Nativity" at the Pikes Peak Center will be on Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> this year. The popular top selling, award winning Native American group of musical artists will be here again to present their blend of Native Christmas rhythms, sounds and dance with a decidedly Native American influence from their Silent Star Night holiday album and other records. The show is usually very popular here and plays to sold out crowds, so get you tickets early if any are still available. 520-7469.



## Logo Contest Deadline

Deadline for the Youth Logo contest will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Group meeting, 10-12 am at Trinity United Methodist Church. Bring your best rendition of our "Where cool meets Culture" logo (or whatever your version is of our logo) and submit it at the meeting. You can also send it to Kris Low Dog at [christen101@hotmail.com](mailto:christen101@hotmail.com). Judging will be by the Cultural Committee on December 10. Prizes include: 1<sup>st</sup> prize a poster and a \$20 gift certificate at Best Buy, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$10 gift certificate at Blockbusters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$5 gift certificate at Blockbusters.

# TEEN TOPICS PAGES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is where the fun starts each month. You are invited to submit material that you write, draw, or create that would be of interest to other Native youth in our area. Here are some topics you can think about, but you will be the readers and the contributors for a lot of things that happen on the youth pages of this newsletter. So jump in with both feet and give us your suggestions. Some ideas for possible recurring columns in The Corn...er.

## GET INVOLVED

### FUND RAISING

### SUGGESTIONS

### COMICS, CARTOONS, JOKES

Think up some more and send them in.

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Seen any good movies lately? Xmas is a good time to see some.... and write a review about it.

Same with new music CDs or DVDs, Videos, etc. Let us know what you got for Christmas that was interesting. We are in the market for some short, interesting articles

In addition to

A story about you and your school similar to the one Virgil wrote on this page. We will choose one school each month to publish

## THUNDERBIRDS - WASSON HIGH SCHOOL

By Virgil Weil, Odawa/Navajo

Roy J. Wasson High School is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> year this school year. The building was built and opened in 1959. It was one of the three original high schools in Colorado Springs. It is located at 2115 Afton Way, which is just west of Circle and Constitution. The high school was named for Roy J. Wasson, who, at the time, had been the longtime Superintendent of Schools for District 11. Back in those days, Wasson was referred to as "The Country Club School" because of its elite reputation.

The mascot for Wasson is a Thunderbird. The school colors are cardinal, grey and black. Our football team has been fairly exceptional throughout its years. Our biggest rival is Mitchell High School (it is said to be the biggest rivalry in Colorado Springs.) We have the annual Wasson/Mitchell Helmet Game where we Mitchell for the "trophy," which is a football helmet that is colored half Wasson and half Mitchell. For the past five years, we have defended it - until this year. But we're going to get it back next year!

Some of the more well known grads from Wasson are the 2008 Baseball Hall of Famer, Goose Gossage, one of the sports casters from TV channel KRDO, and Barry Reid, who covers all of the football games on Channel 16.

The current principal at Wasson is Mr. Sean Dorsey who, in this first year as principal, has done a

phenomenal job of changing Wasson's reputation back to a great school. Mr. Paul Williamson is the Assistant Principal this year.

The Pro Start courses at Wasson help prepare students for careers in the food industry, including becoming a chef. Classes are offered five days a week and the course includes a career path curriculum which will only accept high school junior and seniors for enrollment. The school's Pro Start students recently catered a Native American lunch for a large event feeding 100-150 people. Julie Weil helped the students with preparing a menu of all Native American dishes that included buffalo meat, potatoes, pasole, corn bread, fry bread, squash soup and chicken with wild rice.

Each spring, the Pro Start students compete with other schools in the region to see who cooks the best dishes. Teams consist of four people and one standby. Recognition is given to both schools and teams. This year the competition will be held in Denver.



## OUT AND ABOUT

On Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, the 2008 NAWA Princess, **Michelle Jackson**, Navajo, will crown **Aliyah Gonzales**, Navajo, as the incoming 2009 NAWA Princess. Michelle has done a fantastic job of representing NAWA this year. Aliyah is a 9 years old traditional dancer and a student at French Elementary School. You will be seeing a lot more of her this coming year....**Robert Howell**, Pawnee/Sioux, was a featured dancer at the El Pomar's MYLY youth conference at Penrose House in November. The Native American Council had charge of the program in honor of Native American month. Robert is a freshman at Coronado....**James and Patience Low Dog**, our Corn...er youth editors attended the MYLI conference as representatives of The Corn...er newsletter....**You** can send in brief stuff about you or our Native friends to be mentioned here.

# DECEMBER 2008

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