



# Wellbriety Indian Center News

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## THE CAMP CRIER

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### INDIAN CENTER NEWS

#### FYI

This issue is four pages instead of our usual eight. We will return to our regular size with our May issue.

#### Steering Committee

The steering committee currently is working on researching the process of creating WICCS by-laws and articles of incorporation in order to file for a 501c(3) tax-exempt status. They will begin working with the material outline for WICCS that was created by George Knox in January in order to create a business. Lynda Rogerson provided a resource list for Non Profit development to the committee.

The next steering committee meeting will be a **6 pm, Thursday, May 7** at White Bison.

#### Ebay sales

Sharon Panning reports five items were sold on eBay in March and sales to date have earned WICCS \$627.59. High ticket items are selling slowly and more low and medium priced items are needed to increase sales volume.

#### Cultural Committee

The next cultural committee meeting will be at **6 pm, April 22 at White Bison**. The cultural committee is charged with scheduling all the currently active WICCS programs, i.e. youth group, elders gathering, and community dinners. Each of these programs give a monthly report during this meeting. The group members are sharing chairing this meeting each month.

#### Youth Group Teams And Community Dinner

The **Youth Group Team meeting on Saturday, April 18** will immediately precede this month's community dinner. Both will be at Trinity United Methodist Church 701 N. 20<sup>th</sup>. The teams will meet **from 10 am -12 pm** and work on projects promoting events in the Native community and youth group plans for the next few months. The main focus of the youth group this year will be covering Indian community news in the area, not just in our local news media, but for other Native news media as well. At this meeting, a **short program** for the youth will be presented by **Cerissa Gonzales** and her three daughters **on hair styles**. Youth teams will cover this event by practicing fun activities to develop their nose for news. Other youth are invited to come with their hair styled, too.

Our meeting will end **at 12 noon** and the **community dinner** will take place from **1 to 3 pm**. The youth group and their leaders will present information about our program for the adults after the dinner.

We should be getting word about the status of our financial grant proposal supporting the youth group from Frontier Village Foundation shortly before April 18th. Hopefully we will know something by this meeting. We will make an announcement as soon as we know, one way or another.



**Pride in creating:** Four year old Raquel Johnson and her mother Sharon at youth group art.

#### Elders Gathering

The Elders Gathering in April is scheduled for **6 pm, April 14** in the parlor at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. **Austin Box will show two videos**, one on the history of the Utes and one on the Ute Bear Dance ceremony. Everyone is invited to the presentation.

#### OUR THANKS TO

**NAWA for nine books** donated to the WICCS library.... for two donations to the memorial honoring fallen soldiers at the new Air Force Academy Red Hawk sweatlodge: US Army **SSG Julio Rivera** for a dummy rifle; and US Army **SSG Jason Commisso**, for a pair of combat boots.... **Sharon Panning** for the beautiful jewelry pieces donated from the estate of her mother **Maxine Panning** to WICCS' eBay website....**Allen Mose, Jr.** for donating 9 of his CDs and 3 beautiful one-of-a-kind necklaces.



# COMMUNITY and OTHER NEWS

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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  
thecamp-crier@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*  
Alicia Chavez, *Navajo/Apache*

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 a while and we have a form for you to fill out to give your 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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## TITLE VII

Carolina Jackson, reports that the **Title VII students** went on a field trip to the Koshare Museum in LaJunta, CO, where they enjoyed watching the boy scout troop perform southwestern and plains dances. The also visited and participated in some Bent's Fort cultural activities and learning about Native trade routes for tribes in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas.

## NAWA

Grace Goodeagle, president of the Native American Women's Association, says the **NAWA meeting for 1 pm, April 19** will include talking about future generations and tips on getting in shape for NAWA's participation in the **April 25 March for Babies** as well as making bead bracelets for everyone who contributes to the march.

On April 25, Team NAWA and supporters will meet in America the Beautiful Park to march and raise money to help babies begin healthy lives. The NAWA princess is also collecting aluminum cans to help raise money. Come and help support their efforts, march, or cheer them on. The walk starts at 9 am.

## UCCS

Two events of note from the UCCS campus. The Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) holds a **First Friday Speaker** event each month. The event this month is April 10 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm at the University Center Theatre, Room 302. Dr. Dorothea Olkowski will speak on Nature, Ethics, Love. Dr. Olkowski teaches in the UCCS Philosophy Department. Everyone is invited to the free program.

The second news from UCCS reports that Sheryl Lightfoot, one of the two impressive interviewees for the recent WEST position for a Native UCCS professor, has accepted a tenured tract position with the University of Columbia in Canada. She will split her teaching time between Political Science studies and First Nations Studies Program.

## WE SHALL REMAIN

*We Shall Remain*, the long awaited video serious on Native history by Native filmmakers will begin airing on PBS stations at 8 pm on April 13 and continue for the next five consecutive Monday nights. It begins with *After the Mayflower*, the Wampanoag story. April 20th *Tecumseh's Vision* will tell the story of Tecumseh's fight to unite the tribes against immigrant encroachment. On April 27, *Trail of Tears*

will recount the forced removal of the southeastern tribes to Indian Territory (Oklahoma). May 4 features *Geronimo* and the last Native American fighting force to surrender. On May 11, the last of the series will be the story of the 1973 occupation of *Wounded Knee*.

In most instances, the *We Shall Remain* films will be followed at 10:30 pm on PBS by other films done by Native filmmakers. Check your local PBS station for titles and descriptions.



**We Shall Remain**, the PBS series on Native history created by Native filmmakers will show five consecutive Monday nights at 8 pm beginning on April 13.

## Late Breaking News



**Larry EchoHawk**, Pawnee  
President Obama is expected to soon nominate Larry EchoHawk as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs with the Dept. of Interior. If confirmed, he will lead the BIA under Ken Salazar.

# THE CORNER

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## Speak your Peace Pipe

The Speak Your Peace Pipe for this month is an interesting questions:

*If you could travel back through time with one modern invention to give to the Indian People, what product would you chose?*

We will publish the best answers here in next month's The Corn...er.



## NATIVE FASHION

By Patience Low Dog

This good looking fellow's name is "Brian Frejo aka Shock B from Culture Shock Camp" and he is wearing his N8V ARMOR custom original.

## GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Youth Group will be involved in promoting events and activities in the Indian community this year, not only in this newsletter but in other media as well. Your art work, photo, article or honor can be mentioned here. Just send it in or bring it to the monthly Youth Group meeting. We will get it out for you!

## Summer Jobs to Check Out

Looking for a temporary job this summer? The Air Force Academy is looking for student at least 16 years of age with a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. You can work as a clerk at \$9.57 an hour, laborer at \$9.22 an hour, or food service worker... 11.32 per hour. Application deadline is Tuesday. Mail complete application to Summer Program Team, 5136 Eagle Drive, USAFA, CO, 80840-2803. To fax, send to 719-333-3741.

## LOCKS OF GENEROUS LOVE

Jayda Hartmann, Tohono Oodham, was one of five students and one teacher from Mann Middle School who donated at least 10 inches of hair to the Locks of Love program at Colorado College recently. Jayda was the only girl, the other four students were boys. The hair provides hair pieces for needy children who are suffering from hair loss due to some medical condition. To learn more about this program, visit

<http://www.locksoflove.org/>

## Strumming and Singing



Photo courtesy Yvette Falcon

## Taylor Dayne Falcon

What is so interesting about this teenager... she has a chance of winning \$100,000. Not from a rally or lucky by-chance drawing, but with her talent of the passion to write songs and perform them - with her

voice of harmony and guitar - in the U.S.A. World Showcase Talent Competition. She is of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and is depending on the voters to put her in the top 20 for she is already in the top 40. Named after Taylor Dayne, the late 80's songstress, she is a 15 year old who wrote poems before she started working with music. Her songs are usually about what happens to teenagers and snagged the best original artist award in the competition. She is from Belcourt, North Dakota and plans to attend the American Idol auditions later this year. Watch the news for the results of this venture.

## Another Logo Contest

The Pikes Peak Children's Museum located in Suite 3116 in the Citadel Mall needs a logo designed by children. Deadline for kids from ages 1-11 in the Pikes Peak area to submit your logo is April 17. You can drop of your entry at any Pikes Peak Library or at Bemis Art School. Be sure to put your name, age, address and phone number on the back. From all the entries, five designs will be chosen on April 20, then a professional graphic artist will use them as inspiration for the final logo design. Prizes include: an art kit and a gift certificate for an art class at Bemis Art School. See rules at: [www.pikespeakchildresmuseum.org](http://www.pikespeakchildresmuseum.org)

# TEEN TOPICS PAGE

## MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Jayda Hartmann, Tohono Oodham

I go to Horace Mann Middle School in School District 11. This year we are doing a fundraiser to earn an Electronic Message Board for our school.

At Mann, we have a lot of fun clubs after school for students to join. These include a Garden Club, French Club, Magic Club, Biking Club, Art Club, Sign Language Club, Craft Club, Fitness club, an Animae Club, and five others are offered once a week after school, Monday-Thursday.

Each year, Mann has a reading program called "Battle of the Books" where all students are challenged to read 10-14 of the 20 books on the reading list. See this year's book list on our website, too.

I am in track and gym and I like volleyball. My favorite school subject this year has been science. We studied cells and the human body.

This year, I worked on a three-person team studying Costa Rica where we did a big five-week project on the Cocoa Island. We used all our school skills to prepare and present this project.

All of the teachers at Mann are very nice and helpful to students. If we have any games like basketball, the teachers will come and support

us, if we win or lose. Then, the teachers will congratulate us, and the next day at school, the students who made the scores are announced to the whole school, whether we win or lose.

Mann has a great website with lots of information about our school and also many links that can help students. When you visit, check out the 16 Homework Resources links, the Tech Trainer links for computer help (Try the ThinkQuest Competition link, too), and the Flickr link where you can share your photos.

You can find Mann's website at [www.d11.org/mann/about\\_us.htm](http://www.d11.org/mann/about_us.htm).



Mann Middle School's Mascot is a Lancer.

## FALCON MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Halley Tsosie, Navajo

My school is Falcon Middle School. It is one of the eight middle schools in School District 49 on the east side of Colorado Springs. Our mascot is the Firebird. I am in an art class at school. I have also played basketball at FMS for three months and it was hard learning so many new things and how to play the game. We practice each day after school and play competitive

games on Saturdays. Besides these two interests, Falcon offers many different programs and activities, such as: band, choir, drama and theatre, several different sports, Spanish, computers, National Honors Society and student council and many more. You can find out more about our school by visiting the website at [www.49.org/schools/fms/](http://www.49.org/schools/fms/)

Outside of school I also play on a traveling fast pitch softball team called "The Menace." I play third base and rotate to outfield for my catching ability. I also love to pitch and need to work on this skill. For this team, we practice through the winter in gyms across Colorado Springs. This year, our longest trip will be to Norman, OK, for a national tournament.

I also have been in Girl Scouts since I moved to Colorado when I was little. If you wish to buy some cookies, just call my dad at 719-510-2879.



Falcon Middle School's Mascot is a Firebird, shown here in a drawing by Brandon Tsosie, Navajo.

## Out and About

**Patience Low Dog**, Assiniboine, has enrolled in the Flandreau Indian Boarding school in South Dakota where she will finish out her Senior year. Congrats, Patience....**Aash Mose**, Navajo, recently wrote a fifteen page storybook that will be published and sold with the proceeds from the book going to a women's shelter in town. Aash is a senior at Palmer High School and is due to graduate in May....**Orian Mose**, Navajo, had the flu all during spring break from school. Bummer, Orian.... For a short program at the end of the April 18 Youth Group meeting, **Sabrina**, 9, **Aliyah**, 8, and **Ariana**, 6, and their mom, **Carisa Yazzie Gonzales**, will model beautiful hairstyles popular in their Navajo tribe. Everyone else can also wear their hair braided or fixed in their favorite style. The youth group news media team will photograph and do an article on the hair show.