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WE'RE MOVING!

During the first weeks of November, both CSIC and White Bison will be relocating offices to the Trinity Unity Methodist Church where we have been having our monthly community dinners. The offices will be directly above the dining room on the second floor. There is an outside entry to the stairs that opens from the north end of the church, and is also accessible from the inside of the dining hall. The CSIC office room will be at the south end of the hall, next to the nursery room. It will be well marked.

Volunteers have packed all the office material and everything is ready for the movers. The eBay items will be stored in a private home and be hand carried when we move in.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled from **6-8 pm on November 5**. Since we are moving and we do not know which building we will be in on that date, please mark your calendar and we will send out a notice when we know the location for that date. There will be many important announcements and other things to discuss, so please plan to be there and give your input.

Website

The first website training for the new website is on the calendar and many things have already been loaded, so we should have it online sometime in early November. We will send a notice out when it is up. We think you will be pleased with the look and convenience of what 720Media and our team have put together. The new website link will be www.coloradospringsindiancenter.org.

eBay

We have many new donated items to list, so please visit often to see if you can find something irresistible. You can always reach the site by going to our website and clicking on "Donations" and then "Our eBay Store". Since we are in the process of creating our new website, currently you will find this at our old website at <http://www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org/DonationsIC.html>

Click on eBay box. Our new website soon will be

www.coloradospringsindiancenter.org.

We will give you the new link as soon as it is up and then every newsletter issue after that.

Volunteer Coordinator

The CSIC is run by volunteers and if you would like to be one of those volunteers for any of the current committees, existing programs, upcoming events or our move, please send an email to the coordinator at cbarilla@coloradospringsindiancenter.org or call 685-1019 to give your contact information and you will be happily included in our upcoming activities. Thanks

Community Alliance Committee

We have been working with the USAF Academy on a Native American Heritage Day celebration that is planned from 11:30-12:30 at the Milazzo Club for November 17th on the Academy grounds. There will be a formal program with music, dancing, speakers and booths with lots of information about Native businesses and organizations in the area. See page 8 for more details. There is a \$7 entry fee that includes the price of a dinner. We hope to see all of you there.

Newsletter

Archives of all our past newsletters issues have been sent to the website building team to be available to everyone when the site is up.

The Youth pages of the newsletter has arranged to have **Alvin Chee**, who is the newsletter interview subject this month, work on an internship with both the newsletter and the youth group media team. We welcome him and look forward to having his fresh perspective. He joins **Virgil Weil**, who is our youth editor, in putting these pages together.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The next Cultural Committee will be **6-8 pm, November 18**, in our new offices at 701 N. 20th. There will be a lot to discuss, especially forming a decorating team to make decisions about the new CSIC office space for after we are moved in.

Community Dinners

The November Community Dinner will be from 1-3 pm, November 21, in the dining room of our new building at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th St. We should be finished moving into our new office by this date and it will be our first dinner as tenants there. Come to visit and help us celebrate.

Bring a dish to share, if you can, otherwise come anyway. Also if you can, don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for Trinity's food bank and any dead recyclable electronics for the youth's recycling fund raiser. The program will be **Don Coyhis** from White Bison doing a community building exercise with everyone.

Youth Group Teams

The youth teams group meetings for both November and December will change to the morning before the Community Dinner so we can do some fun activities preparing for the community gathering in the afternoon. The time will also change to meeting these two months from 11 am to 1 pm when the dinner starts. See page 8 of this newsletter for more details.

OUR THANKS TO....

Arleta Lavern, who is the Youth group "bus" for some youth cousins... **Pikes Peak United Methodist Church** for accepting a recycle collection box... **Susie Aikman**, for her letter to local Methodist churches about providing space for our youth recycle collection boxes and for her work on getting us a \$3,000 partnering initiative for supplies from the census bureau... **Sgt. Theresea Coccoziello**, USAFA, for all her work setting up events for Native American Heritage month... to **Kris LowDog** and **Lorenzo Tsosie** for organizing our Veterans' Day float entry.



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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@aol.com

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 News Intern: Alvin Chee, Navajo
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 Virgil Weil, Navajo/Odawa

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TITLE VII DISTRICT 11
 The last TVII Indian Education workshop for Native parents and students will be from 6-8 pm, Nov. 12, at Coronado High School. The subject will be college application forms and documents: portfolios, references, letters and essays. Native parents and youth are invited to come and participate.

NAWA
 NAWA will have two meetings in November. On November 8th their meeting will be from 2-4 pm at Penrose Library located at the corner of Kiowa and Cascade. They will be taking nominations for officers and NAWA princess candidates at this meeting, and later in the month elections will be held on a date to be decided and announced. Installation of the officers and the princess will be during December.

AREA COLLEGES
 See page eight for all local Native American student groups who are planning events to celebrate Native American Heritage Month in some way.

SCHOLARSHIPS
 Some things to consider when looking for scholarship money: Start with research 1) on the internet (try google and fastweb.com) 2) using scholarship directories 3) from your university 4) in your community.

In your application, list your honors, awards, clubs, elected positions, appointed positions, work experience, hobbies and your major. Keep your GPA up.

DON COYHIS WINS PURPOSE PRIZE



Don Coyhis, Mohican Nation
 A celebration is called for in our community. Our own local Native business man, **Don Coyhis** of White Bison, is among 10 winners of the coveted 2009 Purpose Prize, an award that honors entrepreneurial visionaries over 60 who use their experience and passion to help meet human social challenges. The honor is accompanied with a monetary prize from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Don took one of the top five 2009 Purpose Prize winner amounts, five other were \$50,000 winners.

To qualify for this nomination, one must be over 60 years old and doing cutting edge socially creative community projects in encore careers.

In the video telling about his nomination and selection, Don talked about his years working as an executive for Digital Corporation when one day he found himself surveying the 30 award plaques lining his office wall and he began questioning if that was what he was suppose to be doing with this life. He had had many years of sobriety at that point, but he felt the need to start giving

back and making a difference. The result was the White Bison organization which he began in 1989 and the culturally based Wellbriety approach to healthy living through returning to Native traditions and teachings.

Don celebrated 31 years of sobriety this year and has accomplished teaching and training to help others follow the red road to create healing communities using cultural knowledge and strength.

Don has lived in the Colorado Springs area for over 30 years and began White Bison in 1989. He has trained both tribal groups and urban groups on how to use culture to live healthy, alcohol free lives.

He is also an important contributing member to his home community, Colorado Springs.

View Don's Purpose Prize video at: <http://www.whitebison.org/>
YOUTH GROUP REPORTING

The CSIC Youth Group Media Team has been learning to take pictures and report on happenings in our community, so you may notice some beautiful students busy documenting events and meetings in our community for awhile. We hope you will be happy to see them at work and, if they ask to take your picture or interview you, we hope you will encourage them by cooperating.

If they take your picture, they will be asking you first and having you sign a paper permitting them to share your picture and information in an article or on the web site.

They will also be writing a series of articles in the Camp Crier Newsletter youth pages about Native involvement with the 2010 Olympic Games to be held in February. They will be using the skills they are learning to keep us all informed about all things Indian and Interesting in our community.

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NATIVE NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5

President Obama has invited all 564 federally recognized tribes to send a representative to a White House Tribal Nations Conference from 5 pm to 9 pm on November 5 in order to give Native people an opportunity to interact directly with the President.

The historic gathering is too large to meet in the White House, so they will meet at the nearby Yates Auditorium of the Department of the Interior.

"I look forward to hearing directly from the leaders in Indian country about what my administration can do to not only meet their needs, but help improve their lives and the lives of their people," Obama says of the meeting. "This conference will serve as part of an ongoing and important consultation process that I value, and further strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship."

In an Indian Country Today article, Joe Garcia, president of the National Congress of American Indians, is quoted as saying,

"Indian country has been waiting for well over a decade for a meeting of this caliber with the President of the United States."

It is being emphasized that the White House does not want this to be just a photo op or a listening session, but an active conversation in which the nations present their issues clearly. It was also announced that any policy changes will be made later.



The conference will not be here because it is too small for this gathering.

Seven Grandfathers Art Show

A unique art show concept is being mounted by Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, IL. Seven artists from tribes native to the area have been commissioned to create seven teachings on wisdom central to the worldview of three of those tribes now known as Council of Three Fires: Chippewa/Ojibway, Ottawa/Odawa, and Potawatomi. The artist, their tribe, their medium and the teaching they will portray, are:

Shirley Brauker, Little River Band Ottawa; pottery - **HONESTY: Kelly Church**, Grand Traverse Band Ottawa/Chippewa; black ash baskets/birch-bark bitings, painting - **HUMILITY: Dennis Esquivel**, Grand Traverse Ottawa/Chippewa; woodwork and painting - **RESPECT: John Fox**, Pokagon Band Potawatomi; paintings - **BRAVERY: Martha Grandolf**, Ho-chunk; loom weaving - **TRUTH: Yvonne Walker Keshik**, Little Traverse Band Odawa; quill boxes - **WISDOM: Cherish Parrish**, Gun Lake Band Potawatomi; Black Ash baskets - **LOVE**

STORIES OF ADVOCATES FOR MOTHER EARTH



Star School 3rd graders in Arizona with the school's solar plates that powers their school with sun energy.

Across our nation for many years Native people have been warning against human practices that are harmful to our earth. Native people are now beginning to band together on issues for the purpose of both protecting and helping to heal the earth. Here is information on a few activities.

Many Native schools, individuals and Nations are exploring ways to use solar and wind power for daily needs and how to recycle things like used restaurant grease for fuel and how to recycle and re-purpose all kind of things.

The picture above shows what one school in Arizona is doing to meet their energy needs as well as teaching the next generation to leave a light eco-footprint on the earth.

Several areas are fighting and winning

court cases to get pollution areas stopped and cleaned up. The **new movie "Power Paths"** is suppose to show nationally on PBS Tuesday, November 3, at 10 pm but is not listed on our local PBS station. This film documents ecological problems specific to Native lands and people.



The film is directed by Bo Boudart and narrated by Peter Coyote. It will air on the award winning program Independent Lens. Featured are Black Mesa Water Coalition, Sierra Club's Tribal Partnership Program, Nicole Horseherder, Navajo, Winona LaDuke, Ojibwa political and environmental activist, Leonard Selestewa and Vernon Masayesva, both Hopi, and several others. It is listed on IPTV here, but watch for it on PBS, too.

For more info, visit: http://www.iptv.org/series.cfm/8117/independent_lens/ep:1104



Photo by Jack McNeel

Athabaskan Eyak, **Dune Lankard**, was a fisherman on the Gulf of Alaska in 1989 when the Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of oil on his traditional tribal fishing homland and changed his life.

He became and remains an activist who educated himself on the law and he eventually helped create a statewide public groundswell resulting in a \$1 billion out of court settlement with Exxon to restore the spill zone. Time Magazine named him **one of the "Top 50 Heroes of the Planet."** Dune's Native name means Little Bird Who Screams Really Loud and Won't Shut Up. Hear him tell his inspiring story of activism at:

<http://vimeo.com/2358706>

THE CORNER

November 2009

Speak your Peace Pipe

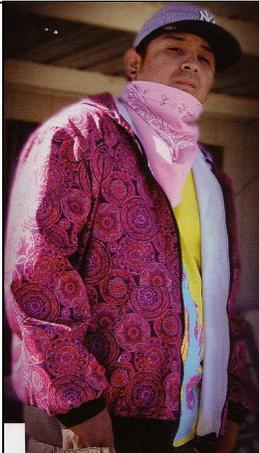
This month's question is:

Ignoring tribal enrollment, which Native American historical figure's cause or event would you like most to have been a part of and why?

Send you answer to: thecampcrier@aol.com and we will print the best answers.

Alvin Chee is last month's question winner about someone who has inspired you or impacted your life. He says:

My sister Ortisha, who was two and a half years older, was very important in my life. She was my first teacher. She was very smart and graduated from high school when she was just fifteen. She not only taught me math, grammar and spelling, she also taught me the importance of learning these subjects and doing well in school.



Native Fashion by Virgil Weil

Here is a perfect example of how to stay warm and fashionable at the same time! Un3ck System Designs raises the bar for Native American clothing.

Designers Tyson Powless, Iroquois, and Quishana Begay, Navajo, are a husband and wife team creating t-shirts, coats, shoes, etc. that have gained them recognition since 2005. They make clothing, skateboards, shoes and other items. Catch an eyeful at <http://www.myspace.com/uneeksystem>

GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The youth group is invited to help work on two parade floats planned for November and December.

If you are interested in helping and/or being a part of one of these floats, contact Kris Low Dog, 231-5361, or Lorenzo Tsosie, 510-2879.

The November float is a veterans theme and the December float is a Christmas theme. Both will represent the Colorado Springs Indian Center.

PARADES AND WATCHERS

The Youth Group Media Team (and all of our youth) are invited to take pictures during events celebrating Native American Heritage Month to be used in our newsletter and on our website. We will need releases from people in your pictures, so get these forms from the editor to be signed before or when you take the pictures. We need youth group, parade and community dinner pictures. Email them to campcrier@aol.com OR eulalap@aol.com.

Louie Gong Walks in Two Worlds With Style



Here's a good idea for making Native design shoes for yourself or for someone else for Christmas.

Nooksack artist Louie Gong makes these custom designed Killer Whale vans and sells them for designer shoe prices through his popular new business in Washington state called Eighth Generation Shoes.

He has made a video that tells you how to prepare and paint the blank

vans with your own Native design ideas in a five step process at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bo4aRL-wpHo

He tells you how to pick the best vans, how to prepare the blank shoes you buy, what kind of paint to use, what tools are best and then how to clean up after they are painted.

Gong's shoe business also uses the tagline "Shoes for Walking in Two Worlds."

He started out just making shoes for himself, but everyone began to notice and wanted to order a pair for themselves. From there, his business grew and became so popular he started Eighth Generation.

Gong works with both vans and Converse Chuck Taylor shoes and he uses a wide variety of color combinations and designs.

Customers can order online or at popular art and fashion shows where Gong's work is displayed.

You can see some of his custom shoes by visiting his website showing some of the styles he offers at: www.eighthgenerations.com/index.php/content/gallery/

Gong is very much an activist on social issues, especially on people everywhere who walk in two worlds. The above how-to video online at Utube is one of his many ways of giving back to community and to the world.

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

Softball Pays for College



Ashley Broke-shoulder, has earned a full ride to college with her softball pitching skills. The 18-year-old from Shawnee High School, Oklahoma, will attend Texas Tech University in Texas. She is Choctaw/ Absentee Shawnee and has been playing softball since she was three.

With her record of pitching 221 innings, 413 strikeouts and 18 shutouts her senior year, several other universities offered her scholarships, including defending NCAA champions, the University of Washington.

But she is happy with her choice and a chance to play with a team who has a whole new program and all new coaches who have set a goal to make it at least to regionals this year.

In high school, Broke-shoulder made rookie of the year her freshman year and MVP of the Suburban Conference in Oklahoma, a softball hotspot for diamond standouts.

THE OLYMPICS GAMES ARE COMING

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games will be held starting February 12, 2010, in Vancouver, Canada. The youth pages will be practicing our writing skills by learning and writing about some of Native involvement with this event. We will be featuring something about the Olympics in upcoming issues of this newsletter and also submitting them to other places in the region and nationally. You don't want to miss the fun of doing this project, so get on board from the beginning.

We will be having a small article in each issue of the Camp Crier for the four months leading up to the event. They will include fun facts about Native things related to the Games. Fact One: Canadian Nations are always called First Nations, Inuit or Metis. Here's the newsletter article for November:

LEARNING ABOUT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The Olympic games are held every four years. In the modern games, there is always a flame or torch that is lit in Athens, Greece, where the games originated, and then carried in relays by many hands to the site of the games. You can find an interesting video on the 2010 torch

relay travels here:

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/torch-relay-videos/>

The national US Olympic Training Center is in Colorado Springs.

NATIVE CONNECTIONS



For a start, the logo (emblem) for the 2010 Olympic is called *Ilanaaq* (el la nawk), an *inukshuk* or stone pillar modeled after one in Vancouver's Stanley Park. It is five stone-like formations in green, two in blue, and one each in red and yellow.

The green and blues symbolize coastal forests, mountain ranges and islands of Canada. The red stands for Canada's Maple Leaf (on their flag and indigenous to North America), and the yellow represents the brilliant Canadian sunrises.

Many of the games in the Olympic games today are based on sports first played on the American continents. In fact, no team sports existed in the old world until after contact with the Americas.

Much more to come later!

Out and About

Tommy Laverne, Navajo, played football for two winning teams this year. His Fountain Patriots' Park and Rec team were undefeated all year (!) and his Fountain Middle School team were not defeated until the final playoffs of the season, so they took second place....**Destiny Smith**, Navajo, was awarded a certificate for making the honor roll at her school, Panorama Middle School in District 2. She received the award in an all school assembly attended by lots of her relatives....**Amber Dornbusch**, Navajo, is co-president of the Native American Student Union (NASU) at Colorado College....**Orian Mose's** CD with his Dad entitled "Holistic Blessings" is reportedly selling very well and is now available on iTunes, WalMart.com, Target.com and rapidcity.com, which is an international market. Congratulations Orian and dad.

A BUSY NATIVE VOICE AT THE UCCS CAMPUS



Alvin Chee's *Visions from the Bluffs* radio program can be heard every Friday from 10:30- 11:30 am at the link below. His subjects are all Native topics that are gaining an audience on campus and elsewhere.

Alvin Chee, Navajo, was born and raised in Arizona, but after graduating high school in 2006 he relocated to Colorado Springs to attend college at UCCS because an older brother was stationed at Ft. Carson. He also chose here over offers from several other excellent universities.

He brought with him an admirable personality where you never see him rushing around, but he moves quickly when it comes to getting things done. He also brought excellent grades and an exceptionally impressive school record from Ganado High School in AZ, home of over 900 students; Included in that high school record was Senior Class President, President of the Future Farmers of America Club, contributing to the school newspaper, a high honors award in math from the state of Arizona, and membership in the National Honor Society. He won the award for highest achievement on the state instrumental measurement test from the state school superintendent's office. He also was very good at high school sports.

Upon entering UCCS he immediately became active in college life and quickly became president of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) on campus and was awarded the Rising Leader Award at the National AISES convention his freshman year.

This year, Alvin attended the American Indian Indigenous Study Conference in Minnesota with Crystal Rizzo and Sara Batty, and the AISES conference in Albuquerque, NM, where he took a Leadership Award. This year he is only a sophomore and has declared a double major in Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) and Accounting. He works as a Teaching Assistant in the WEST program.

If that isn't enough, he is well on his

way to creating a Native American club on campus to be called SNAP, for Society of Native America Peoples. He has been talking with Native students on the UCCS campus about setting some meeting dates to discuss forming such a club, creating objectives for the club and electing officers. And, for the first time, he hopes to include the other two major local college Native student bodies, Colorado College and Pikes Peak Community College, in working cooperatively on common causes - together and on their respective campuses.

Chee wants to tie this in with an upcoming leadership institute sponsored by Black Mesa Water Coalition taking place in January 2010 in Arizona. It is designed to help Native youth and community leaders in developing and refining their leadership skills. Only 20-30 students between the ages 18-35 will be chosen.

In the meantime, he has begun a weekly internet radio broadcast from 10:30 to 11:30 am each Friday. The program is called "Visions from the Bluffs."

Alvin explains that name was chosen because the bluffs the UCCS campus sits on were a vision quest site for the Utes and other Plains Indians tribes in the area. On air, he covers traditional and contemporary issues, and so far he has had programs on language, boarding school experiences, dreams and visions, lore connected to names, mascots, and interviewing Native people, etc.

He has many ideas for great sounding upcoming programs along these and other lines, like adding music and call-ins. Tune in and keep informed on the latest at UCCS and in the Pikes Peak area Native community, past, present and future. You can listen to the broadcast at <http://radio.uccs.edu/>. This list of programs is in alphabetical order, so scroll down to "Visions...." The broadcasts are archived if you want to hear some of the past programs.

Although he is very busy with his own studies and projects, Alvin actively supports the other minority, ethnic and community organizations and programs on campus: Student diversity, Spectrum, Mosaic, promoting multicultural studies and faculty of color, to name a few.

In the future, look for Alvin to still work into his busy schedule ways to also be involved in the local Native community. He

is scheduled to do an internship with the Colorado Spring Indian Center Youth Group on the media team and as the Senior Youth Editor for the youth pages of the CSIC's Camp Crier Newsletter.

As busy as he is, Alvin still finds time to regularly visit his family in Arizona, sometimes taking some of his classmates home with him. He is the youngest of five brothers and one sister. His parents are Oliver and Shirley Yazzie Chee from Ganado. All his family is ranchers. Both his grandmothers are still living and include his maternal grandmother, Helen Lincoln, and his paternal grandmother, Mary Chee.

Alvin is not only fluent in Navajo, but can both write and read Navajo. On his mother's side he was born to the Honey Comb Rock People (*Tséníjkiní*), and on his father's side he was born for the Bitter Water People (*Tódích'í'ni*). His father's clans also include the paternal One Who Walks Around (*Honágháahnii*), and the maternal Start of the Red Streak People (*Deeshchii'ni*).

Alvin reports that his only sister, Ortisha, was tragically killed when she was sixteen by an unknown assailant in 2002. She was on her way to drop a friend off at his home in Greasewood. She had already been accepted into the University of California at Los Angeles when she died. The murder has taken several years to be solved.

This has been hard on Alvin and his family. He was offered his sister's UCLA scholarship, but it was too close to their tragic loss for him to comfortably accept that scholarship. Instead he came here and is spending his energy and making his mark on our community.

You would think someone as busy as Alvin would not have leisure time, but he manages to take advantage of our great climate, doing walks and runs and staying involved in the community, too. He also reports he likes to cook and at one time considered going to culinary arts school. He chose not to do that, but I am sure we will be experiencing his prowess in the kitchen at future community dinners, etc.

After this interview, Chee reports the SNAP group met October 23 and are planning a small event to get the University involved to help promote SNAP and to form alliances with other clubs on campus. More information will be available on the Internet soon. He does indeed move quickly when getting things done.

LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

We have compiled what we know about local events celebrating Native American Heritage Month in the Pikes Peak Area. If you have or know of others, we can put them in the mid month update of the Camp Crier News. Just let us know.

TELEVISION:

Some of these are broadcast in the wee hours of the morning, so you may want to set you VCR to record them while you sleep.

*indicates films listed in past issues of our newsletter.

Nov. 6: Independent Lens: **Miss Navajo**

3 am Miss Navajo Nation selection and pageant several years ago.

Nov. 10: Independent Lens: **March Point***

3 am Three Swinomish teens investigate oil refineries impact on their community.

Nov. 11: POV: **Standing Silent Nation**

3 am A Lakota family's legal struggle to grow hemp after other crops failed.

Nov. 12: Independent Lens: **The Creek**

3 am **Runs Red**

Although this was a story about contamination on and near Quapaw land, the story is about how the town and non-Indians were affected.

Nov. 17: **Way of the Warrior***

8 pm Documentary by Native film makers on Native veterans serving through the years

Nov. 24: **True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers.**

One of several excellent films about Navajo Code Talkers in Pacific wars. Films are also available about other Code Talkers in Europe, but are rarely shown.

Nov. 22: **Summer, Sun, Winter Moon**

2 pm A film about a Blackfeet Indian poet and a composer writing a Lewis and Clark expedition symphony.

SCHOOLS IN THE AREA

UCCS

The new Society of Native American Peoples (SNAP) is planning a small event commemorating Native American Heritage Month at UCCS. The date, place and time will be announced later in the mid month CSIC newsletter.

Colorado College

Hulbert Center at Colorado College and the Native American Student Union will host **Jared Chavez**, San Felipe Pueblo artist, for several on-campus events during November to commemorate Native American Heritage Month at CC. Jared is the son of famed San Felipe jeweler Richard Chavez. See both their work here:

<http://www.tribalexpressions.com/jewelry/chavez.htm>

The only public event will be on November 4 when he will present his lecture "All That I Carry" during a Aficionados buffet luncheon at noon in Gaylord Hall, Worner Campus Center, 902 N. Cascade Ave. The luncheon is \$16 and reservations must be made Monday, Nov. 2.

United States Air Force Academy

From 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 17, CSIC, in collaboration with the USAF Academy, will observe a Native American Heritage Day at the Milazzo Club on the AFA grounds.

The program will include the invocation by Eugene Redhawk, Mohawk, guest speaker Don Coyhis, Mohecan, Seven Falls Dancers with Carrie Howell, Pawnee/Sioux, music performance by Allen Mose, Jr., Navajo. There will be many tables with information about Native American services and businesses in the area. The admission price is \$7, but it includes a lunch of Navajo Tacos by the Pino family. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order tickets contact Therese Coccozziello, 333-5112, or theresea.coccozziello@usafa.af.mil

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Colorado Springs Indian Center

CSIC will enter a **float in the Veterans' Day Parade** in downtown Colorado Spring on Nov. 7 at 10 am. The theme of the parade is "The Unwavering Force" and our entry is entitled "Generations of Warriors."

Kris Low Dog and Lorenzo Tsosie are coordinating the decorating and manning of the float. It will feature our youth on the float and carrying the CSIC banner, and others from our community and military walking beside the float. Be sure to watch for entry number 81.

CSIC Youth Team Groups

The youth group will meet November 21 from 11 am to 1 pm. We will be inviting any elders who can come to help us make a dish to share for the community dinner and to socialize with the youth as they work through the morning. Those elders who can will also be invited to stay for the community dinner and program, if they wish.

The youth program at 12:30 will be Annie Mose doing string games and stories with us. The program after the dinner will be Don Coyhis doing a community building activity with everyone, including our elders. This will be our Native American Heritage Month activity.

We will also be helping with the Veterans' Day parade float on November 7 in downtown Colorado Springs.

Another community involvement this month is creating pictures and photos for our web site. These are part of our youth group objective of valuing family and doing community service.

In December, we will invite the elders again for some Christmas fun and baking cookies. Dinner will be a roasted pig and we will be watching some neat Native Christmas movies. More about that later. All Native youth are welcome to join us.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS

There are plenty of events to experience with your children this month, mostly in celebration of November being Native American Heritage Month. Check page eight for several excellent TV programs being aired to celebrate the month (you will need to record several, since they are at 3 am when most of us are sleeping.) Also above this article are more details on the events below.

Be sure to attend the **Veterans' Day Parade** and watch for the CSIC float "Honoring Generations of Warriors" featuring both our youth and our elders. On Nov. 17, head over to the **Air Force Academy** for the program commemorating Heritage Month and booths with lots of information about Native businesses and organizations. There is a \$7 charge (includes lunch) and its during the day, so your youth may not be available then. The **CSIC Youth Group will host the elders** for some quality time together on November 21. They will cook together and play string games together. That will be followed by the **community dinner** where families can visit and meet others in the community. Don Coyhis will lead in a community building activity that includes the youth. The mid month news update will give info on the event at UCCS and more at CC.

Here are some links for you to share with your youth about our Generations of Warriors over the years. Good information for them to know.

20th Century Warriors: <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/warrior.html>

WW II service: <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/wwii.html>

Native women veterans <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/women.html>

21st Century warriors article by D.J. Vanas <http://www.nativediscovery.com/index.php?page=discovery&sec=century>

Community Resources to Know About

Resources

2-1-1 Referrals for food, health, financial, etc., assistance:

First, type in <http://211colorado.org/> in the search box.

Second, Click #5 area on the first two maps that appear.

Third, Click "Get Help With 2-1-1" on the top left side of the page.

Fourth, Click the underlined word "search."

Fifth, Fill in the service or agency you need help from
If you need more help, call the Center at 719-955-0742.

One Nation Walking Together:

Offers local Natives assistance through their Project Pride Program. Donated items available include **food, clothing, appliances, housewares, school supplies, medical supplies, hygiene products, building materials, furniture**... whatever they have in stock. No need for personal information, they just ask that recipients help them by working at their warehouse for an agreed amount of labor. They are located at 45-A Commerce St. Phone 329-0251, email onenationwt@qwestoffice.net, website www.onenationwt.org/

Recycling information

The WICCS Youth Group is recycling the following items.

Cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, laptop computers, Apple iPods, digital cameras and digital video cameras.

Unusable donations are fine. Proceeds from this fund raiser go to fund Youth Group Activities. You can drop them off at the collection box at either **White Bison** or the **Conservation Hardware store** at 409 N. Tejon, Ste. 206. Pick up some energy saving supplies while you are there. Visit: <http://www.conservationhardware.org/>

Computers: Any Goodwill will take them.

Recycle anything go to <http://earth911.com/> fill in what and near where. Good info and lots of choices, i.e. 14 for all kinds of oil.

SET Family Medical Clinics

825 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Bldg. 29 (so. of old St. Francis Hosp) Health care treatment and referral service for basic health care for uninsured, underinsured, elders, ex-offenders, and low income people. Free child immunization clinic. Homeless clinic at 14 W. Bijou. 719-776-7750.

Local Substance Abuse Treatment Centers

Go to <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/>, click on state, fill in location info (you can just use the cities name or your zip code), click distance from your location (from 5 to 100 miles). The programs are displayed 10 at a time (there are 36 programs within 20 miles of downtown C/S).

CSIC eBay website

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

Click on eBay box to go to the current items being offered.

Local Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Visit here <http://www.coloradospringsaa.org/> and click on "meeting schedule" for a list of when and where meetings are going on each day of the week. One Native American meeting is "Down By the Creek" that meets Thursdays at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Education resources

Pikes Peak Community College

Multicultural Retention Program for Men at PPCC
Coach Eddie Hughes, Room A306, Centennial Campus,
Phone: 502-2265 office 494-7891 cell

Native American Student Alliance, Prof. Joanna Grey, 502-3190.

UCCS

Pre-Collegiate Development Program (PCDP)

Middle school and beginning high school student preparation for college.
<http://www.uccs.edu/~pcdp/> Rm. 303A, 262-3039, Main Hall, Josephine Benevidez Aragon.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

All Native American students, sponsor Marguerite Cantu, Rm. CoH 3042, phone 255-4124 ext. 3042.

Colorado College

Native American Student Union

Sponsor **Susie Nashida**, Southwest Studies building, 389-6649. **Rochelle Mason** is Director of Minority Student Life, 389-6338.
<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/students/nasu/index.htm> NASU website, audio on CC <http://www.tigerbca.com/2008/12/taa-dixon-speaks/FaceSpace> <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/students/nasu/NASU%20Face%20Space.htm> (info on current Native students.)

Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO

Offers free tuition to any Native student. Has several Native student organizations, understanding instructors and lots of support. For Info http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/scholarships_internships.aspx (scholarships) http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/clubs_organizations.aspx (Native clubs) http://www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center/gallery.aspx (link to video and slide show)

CPCD Free Preschool Program

Free pre-school education programs preschool and infant/toddlers prepare children for school. special needs children are welcome. Families must qualify, however income is not a limiting factor for programs. www.cpcdheadstart.org

REZKAST INFORMATION

All Indian website. You can visit or post your own info, music/videos. Categories include: members, videos, comedy, activities, politics, or you can start your own community group. www.rezkast.com.

Visions from the Bluffs

A weekly local internet radio broadcast "Visions from the Bluffs" by Alvin Chee from UCCS' each Friday at 10:30 am. To listen, go to <http://radio.uccs.edu/>, click "shows" and scroll down the alphabetical list to "Visions from the Bluffs." There should be an icon to click to listen to the latest broadcast. See an interview with Alvin on page six of this newsletter issue.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See page seven for more details on Native American Heritage Month events and a list of TV programs.

Nov. 4, noon, **Colorado College luncheon** with Jared Chavez

Nov. 5, 6-8 pm, **CSIC Steering Committee**, probably at White Bison, 6145 Lehman Dr.,

Nov. 7, 10 am, Colorado Springs **Veterans Day Parade**, downtown, CSIC float, *Honoring Generations of Warriors*, is number 81

Nov. 8, 2-4 pm, **NAWA meeting** to nominate officers and a NAWA princess, Penrose Library, Cascade and Kiowa

Nov. 14, 9-4 pm, **Arts and Craft Fair** at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th St.

Nov. 17, 11:30-12:30, Native American **Heritage Day**, **USAF Academy**, Milazzo Club at the Air Force Academy

Nov. 18, 6-8 pm, **CSIC Cultural Committee**, Probably at CISC offices, 701 N. 20th St., Trinity United Methodist Church

Nov. 21, 11-1 pm, **CSIC Youth Group Teams** meet and invite elders to participate in activities until the community dinner

Nov. 21, 1-3 pm, **CSIC Community Dinner**, 701 N. 20th St. dining room of Trinity United Methodist Church, Don Coyhis will be the program.