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FYI

In this issue, we had to move some of the CSIC news to page seven to fit it in and we have the first volunteer corner to give you a taste of something new that will be coming to keep us up on ways more of us can become involved.

We also have news on some Native businesses that are thriving, both for the adults (p. 2) and for the youth (p. 5).

STEERING COMMITTEE

Different steering committee members are working on several projects that are nearing completion. The **By-laws** are drafted and ready for input on a final version to be voted on, **brochures and flyers** are being created to hand out, and good progress is being made on the new **virtual website**, thanks to **710 Media** and our own **Andy Barilla**. The website should be ready by the end of September. We will let you know when you can visit.

eBay

We have received several new donations to offer on our eBay site starting the first weekend in September. We have had a generous donation of items from White Bison and a few others which will be listed on eBay in the next few weeks. Watch for some unusual items at affordable prices at our website at www.wellbrietyindiancenter.org/, click on **donations** and then on **eBay**.

Volunteer Coordinator

We have received an application for the position of Volunteer Coordinator that has been advertised online on our website since January. The application is being processed and the decision will be made soon.

Community Alliance Committee

This is the name of the **new committee** added to help CSIC **respond to discovered or requested needs** to work cooperatively with other community organizations.

Currently they are working on manning a **booth** at the **September 5th** powwow in Woodland Park. Brochures and flyers about CSIC are being created for this and future

events. Stop by and visit.

NAWA will also be represented at the booth with information about their program and the **CSIC youth** will be selling cookies and baked goods to raise funds for their activities.

If you would like to **donate some baked goods** to be sold at the youth booth - cookies, cakes, pies, etc. - call 685-1019 or 447-5548 for more information.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the table, contact Jim Ramirez at:

jimmyblackwolf@yahoo.com

Jim is also networking with community people who are part of the Emerging Leadership Development (ELD) program at El Pomar to invite them to speak briefly at our monthly **community dinners** about what they can offer to our Native population.

Speakers invited to speak in September are one from the 2010 census and one from Future Self, an art program for youth.

Newsletter

As we get ready to begin working on the new **CSIC website**, the newsletter needs to have at least a couple of committee volunteers to help make decisions about any differences we need between the print newsletter and the website version of the newsletter. If you have journalism experience or are interested in learning and being involved with either leading the direction and tenor of the community news, or photographing or writing short articles, please contact the editor at thecamperier@aol.com.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Community Dinners

The **next CSIC community dinner** will be from 1-3 pm, **Saturday, September 19**, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 19th St. Bring a smile and a food dish, if you can, and join us for good food, visiting and catching up on CSIC's exciting new developments and upcoming events. As a courtesy to Trinity for using their church, those of us who can should bring non-perishable food items

to donate to their food pantry for those in the community who may need food.

For the after dinner program, Jim Ramirez has invited two community organizations to present information about their organization's programs that will be of interest to the Indian community.

Youth Group Teams

The **next Youth Group Team meeting** will be **September 28** because of a conflict on Trinity's schedule for our regular 2nd Sat.

After the August planning meeting with the youth and parents, the team leaders will meet and use the suggestions and discussions with the youth to plan activities for the rest of the year.

Every Native youth is invited to come with their parents and participate in one of the **three teams: art, basketball, or media team**. Each team will be having fun activities, guest speakers and projects to do for the youth and community.

For more youth news, see page seven.

Elders Gathering

The elders gathering will not resume until after the first of next year.

OUR THANKS TO....

Julie and Virgil Weil for help with photographing donated items to be offered on eBay.... **White Bison** for their generous donation of many items to be sold on our eBay website over the next few weeks, and for the CSIC banner for when we participate in community events.... The **youth group team leaders** for meeting to plan some exciting activities until the end of the year, and to the **parents and youth who cook all those bake goods** for the powwow to raise money for the youth group.... All those who are attending the community dinners.



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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 Editors:

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.

NAWA
 The next **NAWA meeting** will be **6 pm, Sept. 22 at Penrose Library**. All Native women, as well as mothers and teachers of Native children are welcome.

Aliyah Gonzales, the 2009 **NAWA Princess**, has been busy this summer with bake sales and recycling projects. With the proceeds, she has held give-aways in NM for elders and children.

She will represent NAWA in the Shiprock, NM, area during the week of October 1-4. Her appearances include the Shiprock Fair Parade, Navajo Nation Powwow and Firedance, and volunteering during the *Yei Bei Chei* event at Shiprock.

She will also be participating in various Indian rights rallies while in NM.

If you have questions or would like to help the Gonzales family with Aliyah's expenses, contact them at 238-7200 or email carisegonz77@hotmail.com

UCCS

Janice Gould, Concow, will be the guest speaker at the weekly WEST lecture series on **Sept. 4, at 10:30 am**. Her lecture will be on Native American women's poetry. She will include a reading of her own poetry, including some from her new book that is coming out soon. The lecture will be in **Rm. 192 of the Science building**. Free and open to the public.

Cancer Info for Women
 On September 24, The Native American Cancer Research Corporation, will be

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The **Bearsheart family** and the Project Lighthouse dancers performed to excellent reviews, **Carolena Jackson** with the D11 Title VI Indian Education booth had graciously invited the other organizations in the area to put their flyers and brochures to distribute at her table. Native spectators were there, even some of the ones who attended the afternoon CSIC community dinner worked it in around that schedule.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS & CUSTOMERS
 Shine A Light is a newly created national advertising campaign designed to promote local business in their home community.

It calls for local consumers to nominate and vote for favorite neighborhood businesses. The winning business wins \$100,000 in grant funds and marketing support from AmEx. The consumers who nominate the three finalist will receive a \$3,000 AmEx gift card.

The Nomination **deadline is September 13**, so let's all get busy and nominate our favorite locally owned Native business. We have some good ones to choose from.

The contest is sponsored by NBC Universal and American Express to encourage local entrepreneurs and small business owners because they feel these are the ones who will lead us out of this recession.

In addition to this exciting concept, Shine A Light has some excellent ideas and resources for promoting small businesses that would be helpful for anyone with a small business.

Check them out at: <http://shinealight.village.com/spread-the-word/>

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NATIVE NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

2010 DOLLAR COIN HONORS THE IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY

The design for the reverse side of the upcoming 2010 Sacagawea dollar has been chosen. The coin this year honors the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) confederacy, the oldest in the world. It features the wampum belt commonly known as the Hiawatha Belt, symbolizing the original five Haudenosaunee nations - the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas - as well as the peace treaty between the five nations. The belt encircles a group of five arrows together, symbolizing the Iroquois story about arrows (nations) bound together are stronger than one arrow alone.

The tree in the center of the belt represents both the Onondagas, the middle nation of the five, and the Great Tree of Peace which the Peacemaker uprooted, buried the weapons of war under, and then replanted, with the white roots of peace going out in four directions. He then in-

structed the Iroquois to teach the ways of peace to anyone who followed the roots back to Onondaga.

The coin is the second in a planned series that will feature Native American tribal and individual contributions to this country. The U.S. Congress has directed that a new coin be minted annually commemorating Native American themes and that they total at least 20% of the U.S. dollar coins minted. A time line is being created to plan art for the coins through 2016.

For a story of the Hiawatha Belt, the Haudenosaunee and their influences on our country (four pages), visit this site <http://www.tuscaroras.com/graydeer/influenc/page1.htm>



2010 Sacagawea Dollar

World's Greatest Athlete

Abnaki storyteller and author, **Joseph Bruchac**, and Tom Weidinger are co-producing a NAPT film about legendary athlete **Jim Thorpe**, Sac and Fox.

Entitled *Jim Thorpe: The World's Greatest Athlete*, the film tells the story of Thorpe's rise from sports fame at Carlisle Indian School to his record setting multiple record wins in the grueling pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympic Games in Sweden. It also tells about his personal struggles later and his eventual work for American Indians until the end of his life.

Their title does not just reflect their own opinion, but that of the King Gustav V of Sweden in 1912, in 1950 Sports Writers and Broadcasters of American voted him the greatest athlete of the first half of the 20th century, and in 1999, by resolution of the US Congress, he was recognized as the greatest athlete of all the 20th century.

See film clip here: <http://blip.tv/file/2112450>

INDIANS IN THE NEWS



President Barack Obama and Chief Joseph Medicine Crow, 95 years old.

Joe Medicine Crow received the Presidential Medal of Freedom award from President Barack Obama, an adopted honorary member of the Crow tribe. In introducing him, the president called him "a good man" in the crow language.

Medicine Crow was the first of his tribe to earn a master's degree, in Anthropology. He is the sole surviving Crow war chief. See clip of him receiving this honor <http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/national/northeast/53221997.html>



Phyllis Bigpond, Yuchi, nationally known founder and executive director of the Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC), has been diagnosed with a recurring brain tumor. She recently moved to be with family in the Toppenish community on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington state.

Known for her vision and compassion, Bigpond has been a much lauded, tireless proponent of keeping Native families together. Her latest recognition was when Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper proclaimed July 30 Phyllis J. Bigpond Day.

DIFRC and the State of Colorado already feel the absence of this great lady.



Photo courtesy of Department of Interior

Donald Laverdure, Crow/Chippewa, has been named deputy assistant secretary of Indian Affairs. He is from the Ties the Bundle Clan with ancestry from the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa.

Appointed by Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry EchoHawk, Pawnee, Laverdure will help shape policies in areas of energy, environment, economic development, homeland security, self-determination and honoring the federal trust responsibility. He has served previously as chief legal counsel of the Crow Nation, senior advisor to the chairman, and lead negotiator on several large energy projects.

Speak your Peace Pipe

We are going to suspend the monthly question in this space for a while until we can get some feedback as to what you would like to see in the Speak Your Peace Pipe column. If you have an opinion, let us know.

This time you can try your hand at writing captions for cartoons, so here is the first one. It will get your brains thinking of both art and writing, so let's see how this goes. We will do an exercise on this at the next Youth group for those interested. Here is the first one.

Write your own caption:



UNITY TRAINS YOUTH WHO WANT TO BE LEADERS

The 1,100 Native youth from 24 states and Canada attending the yearly five day **United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY)** conference this summer in Albuquerque had fun and heard some good advise about making positive changes in their home communities.

“There is no right way to do the wrong thing. Do what is right.” was from **Joe Garcia**, Ohkay Owingeh, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

“I went to one of the best universities in the country, but my best teachers were those back home who didn't speak a word of English,” was from **Regis Pecos**, Cochiti,



Native Fashion

By Patience Low Dog

This Native Chick is wearin' a cap and T-shirt sold by Tribal Gear, an Indian owned Clothing business. Their catalog is online.

Cool and comfortable. I could wear this in the summer.

GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can make baked goods to sell at the Woodland Park Powwow. Then you can help the Youth Group man the Indian Center table during the powwow. It will be on Saturday, September 5th, from 9 to 6 pm, but you can work just an hour or two between dancing and shopping the other vendor booths. To donate or volunteer, call 685-1019 or email christine@exit66.com



Former college roommates, **Notah Begay**, Navajo, and **Tiger Woods**, Choctaw, raise money for Native Youth health and sports programs through the Notah Begay III Foundation golf tournament. Tiger won.

graduate of Princeton University, former governor of his tribe and a UNITY alumni.

Alvin Warren, cabinet secretary for Indian Affairs to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson told them to prepare for leadership roles within their tribes because every contribution they make counts.

LaDonna Harris, Comanche, founder of Americans for Indian Opportunity, challenged them to prepare themselves for thinking and working globally in the near future.

The theme for the youth conference this year was “Diverse We Are, United We Stand, Together We Rise.”



Photo by Mary Kim Titla

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation talks to Native kids about healthy eating at the UNITY Conference in Albuquerque in July.

The UNITY program trains youth to be leaders, to identify their resources and to apply them daily in their lives and future. www.unityinc.org/

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

Kids Start Their Own Business!



10-year-old **Hubie Dayish** melts chocolate for candy.

They just wanted to go to the movies. It turned into a very lucrative business owned and operated by Navajo and Ute youth 8 to 15 year olds in Utah.

It was a VISTA volunteer, Elaine Borgen, they approached about earning some money for the movies. She challenged them to figure out a way to earn some money, they brainstormed with her and decided making “lollipops” would be a good money earner - and they were off and running.

They named their business Lickety Split Chocolate Studio and Borgen helped them create a non-profit business and learn the technology to create cheap yet unique chocolate molds to shape the chocolate in.

Parents were asked to serve as the legal company owners and they

were organized into a Limited Liability Company (LLC) business.

The youth are tutored four days a week by Borgen and they must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average. Most keep at least a 3.0 average.

The Utah Tech Corp, a VISTA supported program, provides each student a computer to help with their homework. The Small Business Development Center provides them business training and support.

Lickety Split Chocolate now has their offices in Blanding, Utah, and their business is averaging \$10,000 a year in earnings.

They recently filled a large \$3,000 order for one customer that showed their chops at organization and production. According to 15 year old CEO Andrew Dayish, Navajo, “Of course we can (fill big orders), we are only limited by our imagination.”

The Navajo Wedding Basket lollipops (in the vase), are their most popular item.

The



Many hands make light work at Lickety Split

youth work hard, and they still are excelling as much in their school work as in their business.

None of the kids in Lickety Split are eighteen years old yet.

Borgen says “It’s great to look back several years and see these kids who spent hours watching TV and playing computer games now working up a strategic business plan, conducting staff meetings, developing a website and meeting with top business and government officials.”

With the children on record as company owners, they are listed as a minority owned Native American business.

Each day ends with a team meeting where they discuss progress and new strategies to make and sell chocolate.

They are indeed an impressive group. Find out more about the students and their wares at:

www.licketysplitchocolate.com/



Navajo Wedding Basket Pottery And Chocolate Lollipops

A Gift Set from Lickety Split

Out and About

Lots of kids are off to a good start in a brand new grade, so congratulations to you all... We have been out of touch with the **Larkin children**, so here is where they are now. **Nyasia** is a freshman in Mitchell High School, **Chyra** is in eighth grade at Mt. Vista Charter School, along with his niece, **Kashyus**. Keep in touch.

We are looking forward to working with some of you out there on doing an article about your school, so let us know if you would be interested in working on that with us. If you have any news about any special things you are doing in school, pass them along to us and we will put you in print. Cheerleading, football, basketball, track, drama, etc. We want to know what is going on out there.

STAYING INVOLVED EVEN AFTER RETIREMENT



Donna Finicle is an enrolled Oklahoma Cherokee who grew up close to her family and culture on the original allotment land of her grandmother Mary (Collins) Chase near Turley. Her parents were Vivian and John Ferguson. She has

two sisters and one brother.

She moved to Colorado when she was a senior in high school, attended the University of Boulder, where she eventually received her BA and then Master degree in Social Work. She has lived here since then except for the year and a half she returned to Oklahoma for a year and a half to care for her 90-year aunt when she retired in 2003.

In the interim, she had spent 24 years as a career social worker counselor with the Veteran's Administration. After the death of her aunt, Donna returned to Colorado. Her experiences with seeing so many injured young soldiers and their families having a lot of trouble adjusting after duty tours, and the large gap in services to address those adjustment issues caused her to start a non-profit organization to help her to fill that gap in 2007.

The program Donna started is called "Welcome Home Warrior." They offer free counseling services to military personnel and their families and, so far, have provided three excellent weekend retreats for military families.

Their next retreat is planned for October 2-4 at Golden Bell Camp and Retreat Center, 380 County Road 51, in Divide, CO. This retreat is already full. WHW wants to schedule at least one more retreat after that and before the end of the year to address the waiting list. Donna reports that, for this fourth program they have had calls to enroll from all across the country and they filled up

quickly. This particular weekend includes the husband/fathers for the first time, so whole families will be able to have quiet quality time together to both relax and to participate in a variety of family oriented activities. There will also be time for directed interaction to allow individuals to talk about their combat experiences and any stress related adjustments.

Donna is, by nature and training, a compassionate person, and she has a passion for soldiers returning home with injuries and illnesses. The first two Welcome Home Warriors retreats Donna paid for mostly out of her own pocket. Since then she has worked tirelessly to find funds that will meet the needs of combat veterans damaged by war returning to families who have been through their own personal battles of worry and stress while their soldier was gone.

When Donna is not raising money for retreats and other programs, she keeps office hours for private consultation for military families in the area. WHW has offices at Suite A, 471 S. Baldwin in Woodland Park. The office is manned by dedicated vet volunteers. They are open 9-5, M, T, F, but an appointment can be anytime by calling the office at 687-1000 during the hours they are open. They have also been working with locating resources for basic family needs. For more about their services and upcoming retreats, visit their website at www.whwarrior.org.

This year, Donna was named Outstanding Regional Social Worker of the Year by NASW, Pikes Peak Region in recognition of her work with Welcome Home Warriors. Her co-workers have only the highest praise for her personally and professionally. She works with a core of impressive volunteers and professionals who match her vision of helping veterans in this area with so many military families.

Somehow, with all this planning, fund raising, and finding outstanding retreat

guest speakers, Donna also finds time for community service. She is currently the president of the Ute Pass Historical Society, which has many projects going, including restoring old building, a calaboose, and relocating, organizing and restoring a large collection of historical objects and artifacts.

The society has numerous Ute artifacts, historical books and a library at their research center at Midland off Highway 24 at the east end of Woodland Park. Donna reports that Ute Pass is a microcosm of the history of the west. She also has a passion to include Ute history in that story.

The society has a book that is due to be submitted for publication on December 8. And it is on target for meeting the deadline.

The Historic Society has a tour of their History Park, a collection of historical cabins and a railroad collection, the second Saturday of every month until October. It is free and open to the public.

Donna remains close to her family and maintains connections with her tribe. She and her two sisters traveled to California this spring to see their 92-year old uncle, Arthur "Buster" Chase, Cherokee, compete in the table tennis tournament at the Senior Olympics. He is a serious table tennis player who can put a reportedly wicked spin on the ball that even much younger players cannot return. He played against other seniors in three age divisions: 80-85, 85-90 and 90 and above. Although he was the oldest player there, he won most of the games he played and received a gold medal. He lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Donna is from a long line of Cherokees who enjoyed an extra long, active life span. We hope she inherited those genes. She has a lot of unfinished business she is taking care of and doing well at. We wish her well.

INFO FOR PARENTS

You are welcome to bring your child(ren) to the **youth group each month**. The one in September is on the 28th from 10-12 am, see the calendar on page 8 for the place, etc. We do a lot of things to get them involved and give them information. We wanted to also give you some info on some activities for students they might be interested in. Here they are: **Computers: Sept. 9**, 3:30-6:30 pm, **Teen Only Laptop Lab**, Old Colorado City Library, 634-1698; **Sept. 30**, 3:30-5-30 pm, **Teen Afternoon Computer Gaming**, Penrose Library (computer and Wii) Sandy Hancock, 531-6333, ext. 2314. **Writing: Sept. 8**, 3:30-5:30 pm, **Scribes & Barbs**, East Teen Center (East Branch Library), 5550 N. Union. Susi Bonato, 531-6333 ext. 1309; **Sept. 25**, 4-5:45 pm, **Page #1 Teen Fiction Writer's Group**, 4-5:45 pm, , Rockrimmon Library, Cynthia Roberts, 593-8000.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Volunteer Corner

By Christine Barilla, Volunteer Coordinator

First, let me introduce myself as the CSIC's Volunteer Coordinator since I have responded to the website online call to fill this position since last January.

It is my pleasure, at the time, to be the 'go to' person when CSIC is in need of some volunteer talents, time, and assistance, with scheduling or volunteer needs.

I sincerely hope I can offer some excellent extra help to the generous people who have already made CSIC such a great community.

To contact me, please e-mail me at: christine@exit66.com and put **CSIC as the subject**.

This is planned as a 'volunteer corner' where you'll find the latest information about volunteer events, happenings, and opportunities! We will post all things involving volunteers on a regular schedule.

Because of the limited space available in the newsletter, we will move the larger part of the 'corner' to the website when it is up and running (which should be soon) and only list brief descriptions of the volunteer needs in the newsletter - which will also be online.

We hope this will work for those interested in helping to create a user friendly, effective Indian Center corp of volunteers.

My main assignments in this new position is helping the CSIC community meet its volunteer and schedule needs. Keep your eye out for the opportunities for volunteer work that matches your wonderful talents and abilities. And be sure to respond to the call when you see an opportunity that's right for you! Remember to watch both here and the website for the latest news of volunteer chances to get involved. You will be the life blood of the Indian center until we get funding.

Current Volunteer Opportunities At CSIC

- 1) **Youth Group snack donations** - Volunteers to provide snacks (preferably healthy) for youth at their monthly meetings. Lots of slots are open and the earlier you sign up, the easier to get the month you want.
- 2) **General Office Clerk** - Volunteers to man the CSIC office for 2-3 hours once a week. We need someone on a Monday and someone on Friday. Duties will vary, but the large part is working with eBay intake, photographing, listing and mailing. (We already have an excellent volunteer website manager); working on creating and updating our in-house community resource/referral information file; sometime helping with folding, stamping and mailing paper newsletter to our seniors; eventually may need to help other volunteers with cataloging, shelving, and maintaining the proposed CSIC library.
- 3) **Delicious Donations** - Baked goods for the CSIC Youth Group's bake sale at the **Woodland Park Powwow on September 5th!** We are putting an open call out there for any and all baked goods, either homemade, or store-bought, and cut into single portions (brownies, cookies, etc....a few per bag) and packaging/plastic wrap/baggies, etc....Our kids will be manning the 'bake goods booth', so let's give them some fantastic items to sell and make money on. The profits will go directly to the kids' programs in the CSIC Youth Group teams - which includes basketball, art and media teams. Watch 'em go and grow!

Youth Group Recycle Project, etc.

The Youth Group Team recycling program collected and shipped **15 cell phones, 14 ink jet printer cartridges, 1 lap top computer** and **two digital cameras** by the end of August. We should receive a check for these around the end of October.

Thanks to all who helped with collecting for this first shipment. We have already collected eight cell phones and two printer cartridges for the next mail out we send. We are also collecting **Apple iPods** and **digital video cameras**.

If you would like to help with this, bring these items to the next community dinner (Sept. 19th), or the White Bison office at 6145 Lehman Dr. Suite 200.

If you would like to put out a collection box in your neighborhood to collect the recyclable items above, - with proceeds benefiting the youth group teams, call 593-0165 or email us at thecamprrier@aol.com

. We will get the kit to you to create your collection box. You will need to arrange to check it to collect any donations left inside on a regular basis. After you collect what's in the box, you can either bring them to a CSIC meeting, or phone the above number or email to the address above to arrange to pick them up from you. THANK YOU for considering protecting mother earth and helping our CSIC Youth Program.

Youth and Parents, bring your cameras to the next community dinner on September 19 and to the youth meeting on September 26th. We are building a file of community pictures for possible use in our newsletter or on our website. We will provide you with a release or permission to publish to get from whoever you photograph. Thanks.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS

There are lots of things in this issue to work with the students on, so here are a few:

- Taking people and community digital pictures for inclusion on our new website or in the newsletter, etc. See above.
- Start or contribute to the recycle program to earn money for the youth teams. See above.
- Learn about supporting Native owned businesses. See page 2 and 5.
- Make cookies or other baked goods to sale at the Powwow on September 5 in Woodland Park. See page 4
- Volunteer with them to help sell cookies they and others baked to raise money for fun activities in Youth Group.
- Bring them to the community dinner on September 28 to learn together about a great art program they can do for free. Or visit Future Self at <http://www.futureself.org/about.html> and discuss with them whether they would be interested.
- If your child(ren) like(s) to write, take pictures, draw, paint, or illustrate, talk to them about coming to youth group to take part in either the art team or media team. Or visit <http://www.teenink.com/> for lots of opportunities to submit their art, photography and/or writing. It is a really cool site to see good teen work in these fields. Sports? Join the bBall team.

Community Resources to Know About

Resources

2-1-1 Referrals for assistance:

The Wellbriety Indian Center is creating a resource list to help Natives in the area who need assistance. It is a long process and the finishing date for the project is not yet clear. However, in the meantime, we would like to furnish you with information about how to search online to get the help you may need. Copy and paste the link below in your search box, then fill in the query box with the service you need. It will give you a long list of agencies addressing this need.

<http://www.ppunitedway.org/page.asp?id=11&name=Search%20for%20Help>.

If you need help with this, the contact person for El Paso County is Annette Blackhart at Pikes Peak United Way, or email tapestry@ppunitedway.org, or call the Call 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. Thank you!

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. You can visit their website here: <http://www.conservationhardware.org/>

Computers, monitors: Any Goodwill store or manned collection center. **Televisions:** Sony, Samsung and LG will take back used TV sets free.

Computers: Dell recycles its equipment for free; Staples will accept any drop-offs.

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).

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 2, 6 pm, **CSIC Steering Committee meeting**, White Bison office, 6145 Lehman Dr., Ste. 200.

Sept. 4, 10:30 am, Prof. **Janice Gould**, Concow, shares her poetry at the weekly WEST Lecture Series at UCCS, in Rm. 192 of the Science building. Free and open to anyone.

Sept 5, 9 am - 6 pm, **Woodland Park Powwow**, Memorial Park, Woodland Park. Dancing and vendors. Everyone invited. CSIC will have a booth with information, plus baked goods being sold by the CSIC youth group. Check it out!

Sept. 19, 1-3 pm, **CSIC Community Dinner**, Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 19th St. Eat, visit, program.

Sept 22, 1-2:30 pm, **Colo. Springs Diversity Forum**, Memorial Adm. Center, Cuchara Room, 2420 E. Pikes Peak. Members free. Guests \$10. Everyone welcome.

Sept. 24, 6:30 -8pm, **Native American Cancer Research program** at Rockrimmon Library, 832 Village Center Dr.

Sept. 26, 10-12 am, **CSIC Youth Group Teams**, Trinity United Methodist Church. Basketball, Art and Media fun!!!

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.

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/> Face Space <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.