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FYI

We apologize that there was no March issue of The Camp Crier due to an accident suffered by the editor. We are happy to be back with a four page edition that combines the news for two months to catch you up on the news. We will be back with our full size newsletter in May.

All issues of the newsletter are archived on our new CSIC website, which is now www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com

Another change for this issues includes moving the calendar to page one for easier visibility and access. We hope you like this change. If you do, we will leave it here.

CSIC Restructuring

At the CSIC monthly Dinner meeting on March 27, 2010, Don Coyhis, President of White Bison, (the "fiduciary agent" for CSIC) and the Board of CSIC provided an overview of the progress that the Center has made over the past year and how the organization has restructured to allow more direct participation by the local community. During this overview, copies of the CSIC Vision Book and the Community Action Team Proposal Packet were distributed by the Board to community members. These are also available on the CSIC website:

CSIC Vision Book:

<http://www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/IndianCenterVisionBookCommunity-Version-32510.pdf>

Community Action Team Proposal Packet:

<http://www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Action-Team-Proposal-Packet.pdf>

Some Community Action Team Projects have already been identified. Perhaps one of

these would be of interest to you. Several people have already volunteered to take a leadership role with the Community Action Teams. If you are interested in one of the Teams, please contact the person indicated. If no one is indicated, please send a note to CSIC at

info@coloradospringsindiancenter.com

Youth Mentoring Youth: (a day at the local Y with training on the Purpose of Life) for youth age 8-16. Contact: (TBA)

Youth Team Program: (Basketball, Media, Arts & Crafts) Contact: (TBA) Descriptions of these activities are located under the youth programs area of the CSIC website.

Camp Crier Newsletter: (Newsletters are archived on the website under the Camp Crier posting on the CSIC website). Contact: Eulala Pegram (eulalap@aol.com)

September Garden of the Gods Powwow at Rockledge Ranch: CSIC Board Chair, Jim Ramirez is coordinating with a number of other regional Native American organizations to hold a powwow in the Garden of the Gods at the Rockledge Ranch in September of 2010. Contact: Jim Ramirez

(jimmyblackwolf@yahoo.com)

Native Arts and Crafts Night: This is a continuing opportunity for participants to learn techniques of beading, making leather pouches, and other crafts and art work from the perspectives of various traditions. Contact: (TBA)

Community Pot Luck Dinners: The team leader for the monthly community dinners is **Marva Black Elk** (Teton). **Sandy Turcott** (Chippewa), and the **Tecumseh Center** volunteers will be providing the main dish for future community dinners. Attendees are asked to bring pot luck side dishes or beverages

of their choice to share. Contact: Marva Black Elk (CSIC Office: 719-599-8630)

CSIC Float for the Veterans Day and Festival of Lights Parades: Colorado Springs holds parades for Veterans Day in Nov. and the Xmas season in December. Last year CSIC entered a float in each of the parades. This year we would like to do the same. Planning for these events should begin as soon as possible. Contact: Lorenzo Tsosie (Itsosie001@yahoo.com)

Two New Programs at CSIC

Two new CSIC sponsored community programs are beginning soon.

Beginning Sunday evenings there will be a Native American Spiritual Meeting. Coming soon, dates will be announced. (dining room of Trinity UMC, 701 N. 20th St.) Participants will discuss topics from *Meditations with the Native American Elders*.

Friday, April 23rd, 7pm Community Talking Circle. Participants will explore topics related to community concerns. This event is scheduled for the Dining Room of Trinity UMC, 701 N. 20th St.

Youth Group (See below)

The Youth teams will meet from 11am - 1 pm. Youth need to be accompanied with their parents and are asked to **bring a small picture of themselves** for a Mother's Day gift. We will have other fun new things coming up to do and talk about.

← see **Community Dinner**
1-3 pm, March 10 from 1-3 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fri., **Apr. 9, 6 pm**, Native American Women's Association meeting at the home of Eva Leonard, 506 Solano. See p. 2 for details
Sat., **Apr. 10, CSIC Youth Team 11-1am; Community Dinner 1-3 pm**, Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th. See above.
Tue., **April 13, 11 am-3 pm**, SNAP students at UCCS will celebrate *Remembering Ta Da Kiev* (Pikes Peak). See p. 2 for details.
Fri., **Apr. 23, 7 pm, Community Talking Circle.** See above for details.



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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 Group Intern: Alvin Chee, Navajo

Youth Editor:

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

NAWA

All Native Women, mothers or teachers of Native Children and any other interested women are invited to the next Native American Women's Association meeting at 6 pm, April 9 at Eva Leonard's home, 506 Salano, 80906. This will be a meeting exploring future plans, dreams and projects for the organization. Old, new and potential members are invited to come and get acquainted and learn what NAWA is all about. For more info, call Jean Steel at 535-8675, or Eva Leonard 741-3408.

UCCS

The SNAP (Society of Native American People) group at UCCS will present "Remembering *Ta da Kiev*" (Sun Mountain, or Pikes Peak in Ute), a day of celebration with dances by the Sweetwater Dancers and other cultural groups. It will run from 11 am to 3 pm. outside in the El Pomar Plaza directly in front of the UCCS library. All are invited to participate, including the Native student groups at Colorado College and the Air Force Academy.

Census Trip Blog

Our own Susie Aikman from AlterNative Voices, who has been so helpful to the creation and promotion to the CSIC, is spending three months with a census team traveling to Native communities and nations in the western states. She has a very interesting blog posting lots of great stories and pix of the

teams travels and Native people and tribes they are meeting along the way. She is also one of the drivers for "Warpaint," their decorated vehicle. They will be providing the 10 question census form that takes 10 minutes to fill out. This is part of a well-planned effort that will help get accurate information about the number and location of Native people. To protect information about individuals and families on the 2010 census, no information on the forms can be made public until 72 years after this census year.



The census wagon dubbed "Warpaint" Susie and the census team are traveling in. They will travel 9,500 miles before they finish the 2010 Census Tribal Road Tour.

The trip began Feb. 8 in Denver and will end May 1st in North Dakota. They will officially visit 91 nations and communities and you will enjoy following their adventures across Indian country in our census region. They are currently in Nevada and the blogs for all their past stops (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona) can still be accessed, plus the current and future ones (Nevada, Utah, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota). Lots of great pix (even some videos) and interesting stories about the trip and Native people/tribes they are visiting. Check out the blog at <http://tribalroadtour.blogspot.com/>

More information about this trip is in an Indian Country Today news article at

<http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/national/plains/84238862.html>

Free Vaccinations

Immunization clinics are scheduled for FREE vaccinations for children 4-18 (uninsured, Medicaid eligible, American Indian or Alaskan Native.) Clinic dates are April 15, May 20, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct 21 and Nov. 18. Parent or guardian must accompany their child and bring shot records. To set up a required appointment, call 776-8850 (appointment only). Shots will be given at the SET office, 825 E. Pikes Peak, Bldg. 29. For more info, visit www.setoffcs.org

Pineapple Daisy

The popular Pineapple Daisy store, owned by Linda Orist, et al, Picaris has closed, but during April Linda will be teaching beginner classes in floral design at Sweet Celebrations, 828 Village Center Dr., in the Safeway shopping center.

In the beginning classes you will learn container selection, chocolate tempering, basic arrangement and chocolate lasing techniques with fresh strawberries. These classes are scheduled for the following dates: **April 8** at 5-6:30 pm; **April 19** at 10:30 am-12 pm and 5-6:30 pm; **April 22** at 10:30 am-12 pm and 5-6:30 pm; **April 28** at 10 am-11:30 pm and 5-6:30 pm.

You can also host the classes in your home. The cost is \$35 per person. Invite 7 others and your cost is 1/2 price. Class size will be 10 people maximum, 4 people minimum. Intermediate and advanced classes will be offered later.

Linda can be reached by email at fruitflorist@aol.com or call 660-1888 or 599-4411. She will be teaching classes at other places soon.

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THE CORNER

March/April 2010

Speak your Peace Pipe

This month's questions is:

If you had the money and talent, what kind of Indian owned business would you like to start?

Last month's question was *Who is Your Favorite Sports Figure and What Sport Does s/he Play?*

Virgil Weil, Odawa/Navajo, likes Sam Bradford, Cherokee, who plays football for Oklahoma University.

Alvin Chee, Navajo, likes Notah Begay, Navajo, who is a professional golfer.

Know any good Indian jokes? Consider submitting a short one or two that will tickle our funny bone. Ask your relatives about funny Indian jokes they have heard. There used to be a lot going around. Old, but still good.



Native Fashion

By Staff

These cool clothes are created by a company called Hydz owned by Ricko DeWilde the young Athabascan designer in the article below.



GET INVOLVED,

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Remember, you can submit news articles you write for us to include in the two youth pages. We are looking for short articles about writing of interest to youth, about you and/or your school, and one or two lines of info on you or other youth for our "Out and About" section. We are particularly interested in recognizing achievements.

Jayda Hartmann

Jayda Hartmann was in the 2010 Denver March Powwow Grand Entry ceremonies representing the Colorado Springs Women's Association as their Princess. She was introduced at the beginning and entered the area with the other royalty during the Grand Entry. She looked great in her traditional Tohoho Oodham regalia and NAWA crown. Good job, Jayda.

A YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR CREATES POPULAR CLOTHING



Ricko DeWilde, above, is owner of the Hydz (hides) Native inspired clothing business. He is Athabascan, born and raised in Canada in the traditions of his ancestors, living off the land by hunting, fishing, trapping, or growing all their food and making most of the things they used or wore. He is from a large, family of fourteen brothers and sis-

ters, who were very close to their parents.

After his parents died, his family held a traditional memorial potlatch to honor them. A potlatch is where every guest is given a gift by the host family. Most of the potlatch gifts today are still hand made.

Ricko worked with a friend who was a tattoo artist to create original tribal designs to decorate 25 hoodies to give away at the memorial potlatch.

The clothing he gave became the talk of the town and he began to get requests to make more hoodies. So he made 80 sweatshirts and T-shirts to sell at a convention. They were popular and sold out in four hours.

From this start, he had the idea of starting a clothing business. The business' name refers to traditional Native clothing frequently called "hides."

Ricko works with two friends to design traditional illustrations for the modern clothing Hydz sells. He says he wants to promote the beauty and strength of Native culture in his business.

You can see some Hydz clothing and read more at the following article links and catalogs.

www.hydzgear.com
www.myspace.com/recodewilde
<http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/yourict/81896787.html>

See p. 4 for more on Native entrepreneurs (creative business people.)

TEEN TOPICS PAGE

THE LONG HISTORY OF NATIVES AS ENTREPRENEURS

One part of history that you will probably never learn in school is the long history of Native people as entrepreneur. That's a long word that means people who are good at organizing and managing a business along with all the risks involved.

One recent documentation has been new research on the relatively rapid migration of ancient Thule Inuit groups 4,000 miles from Alaska all the way to Greenland about 750 years ago to extract nickel/iron from huge space rocks imbedded there in the earth. The Thule people used the metal for weapon points and to carve antler and bone implements, but they also gained an "economic opportunity" in using the metal as trade with Norsemen in Greenland. Read their interesting story at

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=2538167&sponsor=

Vast networks across our own country created important, well used trade routes over thousands of miles. An area near present day St. Louis, now call Cahokia, was once a great center for tribes exchanging a wide variety of materials from a vast network of people ranging from coast to coast in our country, Canada, Mexico and beyond long before the arrival of Europeans.

After contact. The language of

trade was Ojibwe in the Great Lakes area, Choctaw in the lower Mississippi and Gulf Coast. In the northeast, Native-made wampum was used as money in trade/buying of goods by immigrants. Read about this and some modern entrepreneurial Native tribes and individuals at

www.indiancountrytoday.com/inalnal?st=st=print&id=89504982&path=opinion

Traditionally Native people in this hemisphere had a natural talent for entrepreneurship that has resurfaced again in the past few years and some national organizations have formed to promote, encourage and support Native business people and businesses.

The nonprofit National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development organization is the oldest such organization in the country dedicated to developing Native American economic self-sufficiency through business ownership. Their annual Indian Progress in Business, INPRO, this year created a Native American 40 Under 40 award which recognizes Natives under the age of 40 who are practicing attorneys, business entrepreneurs or medical doctors. An article about this and the many other programs they provide for Native businesses is at:

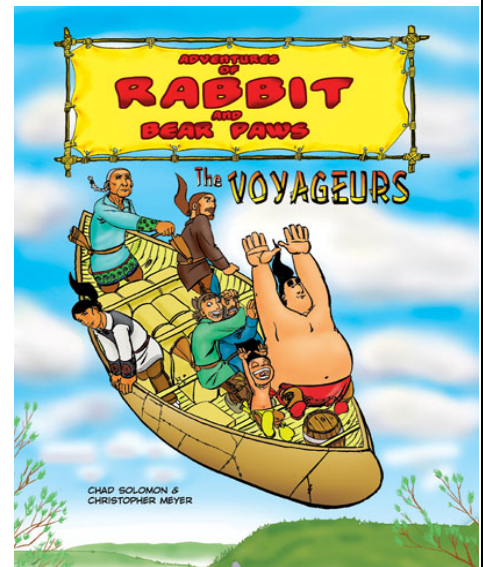
www.indiancountrytoday.com/internal?st=print&id=56988932&path=national.

Most Americans would be surprised to know that, among the major ethnic groups in this country, Natives have the highest percentage of women owned businesses - 90,000 privately held companies that generate \$12 billion in annual sales and employ 130,000 people. Not surprising, given the long history of traders and the traditional role of women in many tribes.

Read more here:

www.indiancountrytoday.co/internal?st=print&id=5701001&path=opinion.

Just for fun, here is a comic book you can order with a fun Native trade route story. Enjoy.



Join the Voyageurs in an adventure of taking trade furs from Lake of the Woods to Montreal.

IDEAS FOR YOUTH TO DO WITH THEIR PARENTS?

This is a switch from the usual Ideas For Parents, to give our youth a chance to be the planner and teacher.

- Ask your parents if they know about some of the Indian owned businesses in the articles in the above links you read.
- Go to the CSIC website and click on the Camp Crier Newsletter. Find some back issues with interviews with Indian business people. Read and discuss them together. Do you recognize any of them, or their business?
- If you have a computer, get your parents to help you copy and paste the links in the articles. Discus what you learned.
- If you don't have a computer, go to the library and show your parents how to read the articles on a computer there.
- Watch for future articles in the Camp Crier of interviews with Indian business people.