

Four Directions NEWS



New Year’s Eve Round Dance and Mini-Pow-Wow

Arriving at the powwow at 6:30 many people were in good spirits from the young to the old, many were sitting in the Fargo Park district hall, or on stage, and I walked to the reception hall room and ate a bowl of wild rice and fry bread.

I quickly got dressed into a new jingle dress in the bathroom located across from the hall where powwow was being held. I entered the powwow just as after the native prayer invocation, and grand entry. Many smiling faces greeted me as I entered the circle, Tanya Red Road, Scott Satermo teasing as usual, Melody Staebnor, Clinton Alexander, Brian Peach, Brande, Denise Lajimodiere, Willard Yellow Bird, William Warner, Lee Bostrom, Jennifer White, Mickey Hodges, Amber Ray Mattson, Dustin Grandbois and many others.

The announcer Michael Gabbard continued to announce the specials and inter-tribal dancing songs as the four drums played powwow music for entertainment and dancing in center of the floor. Three rows of balloons were filled with multi-colored balloons above the drum singers, taped carefully in large see through plastic bags waiting for the midnight hour to ring-in new year.

I met new people from the Spirit Lake, White Earth reservations, and others who came to ring in the 2015 new year in a good way. Much smiles I observed at each drum, people sitting along the walls, onstage, and in the hallway.

I danced about four inter-tribal songs while waiting for my children and grandchildren to arrive. Daness Gloria Marion brought granddaughter Minxie who started the potato-rolling contest with nose on all fours but decided she didn't like it so she made her escape crying. Minutes later Noogoosiz Garrett Belgarde strolled in with girlfriend Sarah Gonzales, grandchildren Kashaye and Michael Marion Jr.

Scott Satermo gave instructions to the children on how to roll the potato while on all fours with nose, actually he gave a live demonstration on the floor. He made quite a scene but most importantly the children knew what to do. Prizes were 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$10 and 3rd-\$5.

My grandson Michael Jr. decided to join the fun and immediately grabbed a potato and rolled it across the floor gaining a first place prize of \$25. Michael Jr. was very happy as he and his sister got into their dancing regalia for the evening.

Even though there weren't a lot of dancers the games of potato rolling, potato dance, and gunny sack games, women and men buffalo and warhoop contest, delighted the young and old. Dance categories were done before dancers were paid money for dancing. The women dancers were glad they didn't have to dance more than one song.

Once the dance categories were done about twelve hand drum singers started singing in the

center with the hand drums. No shyness there as they chimed in together the round dance songs made up or taught from uncles or cousins. Couples eagerly got up and began dancing the two-step and round dance.

Announcer Gabbard announced to the new years round dancers, "The round dance is done throughout Canada on reserves to entertain and bring about community to the people. So lets dance the round dance in the circle." We had a lot of fun dancing the round dance as dancers danced in a clockwise fashion around the hand drum singers.

Tanya Red Road and I were honored by committee with a Pendleton for the services provided to the Fargo/Moorhead Native population. Brianna Little wolf and Amanda Vivier sang a Woman's Warrior song for my honoring.

The round dance was in full-swing and very appreciated by those still in attendance as the midnight hour drew near. The hand drum singing contest was about to begin as I left for the evening. Chi-miigwech New Years powwow Committee of Fargo/Moorhead for the invite to come, honoring and a wonderful way to bring in the new year 2015. Many blessings to all Fargo/Moorhead native population, families, workers, education staff, and those that serve the native population
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Native Events

Save the Date!!!!

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Native American Winter Story Telling Event

Carl Ben Eielson School
1603 13th Ave. South, Fargo

12:00 PM to 3:30 PM

(tentative agenda)

Chili and Frybread, potluck

Story Tellers: Loren Yellow Bird and
Anthony “Braids” LaFromboise

Geodome activity for youth (tentative)

Closing Ceremony

Funded in part by the North Dakota
Humanities Council

For more information contact: Melody
Staebner @ 701-446-3052, Clinton
Alexander @ 701-478-1255 or Jaclynn Davis
Walette @ 701-231-7314

Minnesota Pow-Wows

1785 Highway 210 Carlton, MN
55718

January 10, 2015

Gichi Manidoo Giizis
Traditional Pow Wow -
Traditional

Location: Carlton, MN. Black Bear
Casino Resort

Info: Nikki Crowe 218-878-7148-

Email--Website- -Pow wow flier-

MC(s): Murphy Thomas

AD(s): Les Gibbs

Host Drum(s): Big Red

Cost: Free

Additional Info: Black Bear Casino
Resort Otter Creek Event Center

January 16, 2015

American Indian Magnet
School Pow Wow -
Traditional

Location: St. Paul, MN. 1075 E.
Third St.

Info: 612-396-5365-Website-

Additional Info: 5:30 PM to 8:30
PM

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Wild Rice Roundup

Jan. 9 - 11, 2015

The Wild Rice Roundup is just around the corner. The dates for this years event are January 9-11, 2015. We will gather again at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen MN. Our speakers for this year are: Dennis J . Mpls Mn Friday 7:30 p.m., Shirley J. Alanon Workshop Saturday 8:30 a.m., Don C. and Marlin F. AA Work Shop Saturday 1:00 p.m., Edie C. Sacramento Ca, Saturday 7:00 p.m., Devery F., Bemidji Mn Sunday 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 and \$15 for the Saturday Banquet. For room reservations please call: 1-800-453-7827

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE

Indigenous

WOMEN

Help raise awareness for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women across the US and Canada. We are creating a traveling art exhibit displaying approximately 1,181 earrings (one-side or one half of a pair) to symbolize the Indigenous women who were stolen.

We are asking you to send us one side of a Native designed earring (or an earring you've lost one side to) to help us shed light on this important epidemic. In February, we'll be hosting a Speak Out event and march in Fargo at North Dakota State University on February 9th and 14th respectively to show our solidarity for our stolen sisters.

PLEASE HELP DONATE AND RAISE AWARENESS.

ALL DONATIONS NEED BE RECEIVED BY: JANUARY 31, 2015

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: TANAYA WINDER · tanaya.winder@gmail.com



Telephone Recovery Support Program



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Saturday, January 17
9 am to 3 pm (lunch provided)

107 7th Street South
Moorhead, MN

WHAT IS TELEPHONE RECOVERY SUPPORT?

reGROUP’s Telephone Recovery Support Program is a peer-to-peer recovery support program that allows recovering people a way to give back, strengthen their own recovery, and support others who are seeking recovery. Through this program, trained reGROUP Volunteers call individuals seeking recovery who have requested this service to ask how their recovery is progressing and to connect them to the resources they need to achieve and maintain recovery.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN OUR VOLUNTEERS

- People who have been in recovery for six months or longer
- People who want an opportunity to support others in their recovery
- People looking for a fun, flexible, supportive place to volunteer for about an hour a week.

Please RSVP for this Volunteer Training
by Monday, Jan 12, 2015 at
at 218-258-0555 or info@regroupmn.org
Space is limited to 10 participants.



Native American Commissioners, Relatives, and Friends;

The Native American Commission (NAC) will be having their first meeting of 2015, Thursday, January 8, starting at 5:30 pm in the Fargo City Commission meeting room. As I was typing out this memo I started to think about the first informal meeting we had with our newly formed NA commission on October 5, 2006. We started the meeting with a blessing and smudging of all the new commissioners and this became a tradition for all our new NA commission members. The Native American Commission had their first formal meeting on November 9, 2006, which got me thinking about how we started “the first Native American Commission in the nation under a city’ government” and where are we today. The NA Commission has had some growing pains and some ups and downs but we are still here, today.

The Commission has accomplished a lot over the past eight years. Without the commission, would our native people be without a sweat lodge, homeless shelter, New Year’s Mini-Powwow and Round Dance, participating in ND Native American Youth Leadership programs, support of the Indian Education programs, and participating in the Annual Fargo Marathon with drumming and singing? Our visions and mission are not for the present, and they were never for us alone but for our people and for the future of our people. We know we have strengths and weaknesses but that’s what makes us human and how we choose our achievements and goals for the betterment of our people shows our true traditional values.

Let us keep measuring our successes and learn from our mistakes.

Thanks,

Willard Yellow Bird Jr.
Cultural Planner



CONGRATUATIONS!
New Shep in town
Raiden James Shepherd
Grandson of James Shepherd



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My happiest moments don't come in packages or a wallet or change but with noozhizens. Grandson Mike took 1st place \$25 in rolling a potato across floor with his nose. I am proud to be Anishinabe da kwe. But be prouder to be a teacher to the children who are the future of tomorrow. Best of new year to everyone.

Jt Shining Oneside

