



PINE RIDGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER NEWS

July 2010

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Dear Chamber Members,

The Grand opening of the new Pine Ridge Visitor Center and the PRACC 10th anniversary events went extremely well. We would like to thank all who participated in the events.

On June 4th 2010 PRACC co-hosted the 6th annual Great Plains Pro Biz Summit, held at OLC Piya Wiconi. This years event featured a non-profit theme with speakers from SBA, South Dakota Community Foundation and the SD Non-Profit Association.

The Chamber board met with the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce board at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort. In an effort to support the Year of Unity, the joint board meeting featured a discussion on how the Chambers might work together for the benefit of the public. There were some good ideas at this initial meeting and we are hopeful this partnership will grow in the years to come.

The grand opening of the Pine Ridge Visitor Center was held at 2:00pm. A host of guest attending included representatives of legislators, Tribal Council members and a number of area Chambers of Commerce. The event was kicked off with a prayer by Gus Yellow hair and welcome by President Kimberly Tilsen-Brave Heart. Ivan gave a history of the building and the vision of the Center. A ribbon cutting followed along with a song by Cante Tinza drum group. Gus did a blessing of the building and the guests were allowed tours throughout the day. The Grand Opening was truly an exciting event for PRACC.

Following the grand opening the staff rotated to the Little Wound School for a social hour for invited guests. Among the guests was Senator Tim Johnson and staff. We would like to thank Senator Johnson for allowing us some time from his busy schedule.

At 6:30 the 10th anniversary dinner was kicked off with a Buffalo Dance presentation by Kiyaksa. As the programming began, 30 student workers began filling the tables with food and drinks. With only two days of training, the student staff did an amazing job ensuring plates prepared by Chef Faren Earring, were delivered with speed and accuracy. Our Guest Speaker, Gerard Baker gave an inspiring speech on unity and how the Chamber has taken a lead role in such.

Award honors at this years banquet:

Kola Award-Nancy J. Clark USDA for her work with the OOW/Empowerment Zone.

Aspiring Entrepreneur Award– Connie Smith, owner of Lakota Country Times.

Entertainment by comedian JR Redwater closed out the evening.

This years event was moderated by Lawrence Baker who also did a great job.

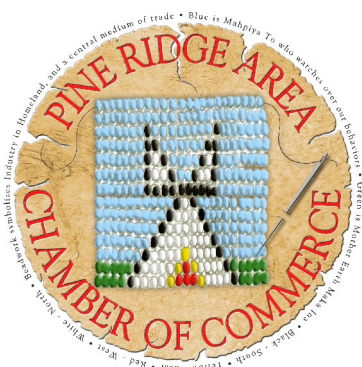
The PRACC staff did a great job and worked extremely hard to provide this extensive event to the membership. Congratulations to PRACC on 10 years.

The Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce

10th Anniversary Celebration Pow wow-June 5th, 2010

The 10th anniversary pow wow was a great success. Thank you to the following sponsors.

Little Wound School
Badlands Enterprises
Badlands Outfitters
Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation
Golden West Telecommunications
Mitom Inc.
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Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort
PRACC Staff
Bair Ford
Sioux Nation Shopping Center
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Lakota Country Times
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Drum Groups
Cante Tinza-Host Drum
Mahpiya Maza
Pass Creek
White River Crossing
Sons of the Oglalas
Swift Bird
Eagle Mountain
Full Crew
Porcupine
HeHaka

Jr. Boys Fancy
1st Shadow Red Owl-Kyle
2nd John Conroy-Batesland

Teen Boys Fancy
1st Hunter Blacksmith-Oglala
2nd Jacob Sorbel-Martin

Jr. Girls Fancy
1st Shantey Janis
2nd Fallon Sorbel-Martin
3rd Toniah Price

Teen Girls Fancy
1st Jamie White Face
2nd Natisha Wagner
3rd Danielle White Face

Jr Boys Grass
1st Wakiyan Cook
2nd Cetan Young Bear
3rd Okiyan

Teen Boys Grass
1st Arrowheart Iron Cloud
2nd Patrick Iron Cloud
3rd CJ God Voice Elk

Jr Girls Jingle
1st Elaina Red Shirt-Allen
2nd Marvie Ferguson-Kyle
3rd Neyaya Cuny

Teen Girls Jingle
1st Tara One Horn-Kyle
2nd Lynssey New Holy-
Porcupine
3rd Alaina Clifford-
Porcupine

Jr Boys Traditional
1st Wesley New Holy-
Porcupine
2nd Myles Bull Bear-Gordon
3rd Robert Looks Twice

Teen Boys Traditional
1st Jones Bear Heels
2nd Anthony Thin Elk
3rd Maurice Broken Nose

Jr Girls Traditional
1st Lalani Bull Bear-Gordon
2nd Salena Iron Cloud
3rd Annie Broken Nose-Pine
Ridge


Teen Girls Traditional
1st Dionna Bull Bear
2nd TLuna Two Bulls
3rd Rosemond Broken Nose

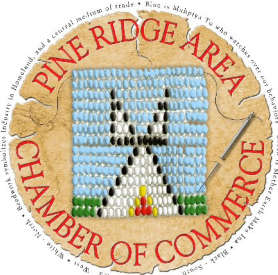
Womens Traditional Special
1st Maxine Broken Nose
2nd Minerva Blacksmith

Mens Traditional Special
1st Sheldon Two Crow
2nd Waylon Gaddie
3rd Corbin Conroy

A special thank you to all of the sponsors who helped make this event possible. We had many enthusiastic comments about the pow wow from the community.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Batesland Pow wow _____	3 _____
4 —————>	5 Independence Holiday Office Open	6 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 Annual Pine Ridge Veterinary Horse Clinic	27 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm _____	28 _____	29 —————>	30 Eagle Nest Kicking Bear Pow wow	31 Wanblee- Manderson Pow wow
1 August —————>	2	3 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	4	5 Oglala Nation Fair & Rodeo	6 _____	7 ----->



Save the Date
June 4 & 5, 2010
PRACC
Visitor Center Grand Opening
Annual Dinner
10 yr Anniversary Celebration

**Each member can place one ad
per year in the newsletter free.
After one each will have a small
charge.**

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COME JOIN US AT THE CHAMBER!

Please Welcome our summer staff:

Cole Hunter
Shannon Whiting
Kylee Hunter
Alyssa Whirlwind Horse

New Summer hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-6:30pm
Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

RENEWALS

AFLAC-Snyder
OWEESTA Corporation
LDK Associates, LLC
Rodney Converse
Wiohanble Yuwita Habitat for Humanity
Small Business Administration
Pine Ridge Oil
Reptile Gardens

Welcome New Members

First Peoples Fund-Rapid City, SD
Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies-
Martin, SD
Akta Lakota Museum-Chamberlain, SD

See our new "Short Term Labor" posts at:

PINE RIDGE JOBS BANK