

# BUFFALO TRACKS

## CHAMBER NEWS

April 2012

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Dear Chamber Members,

The 2012 annual celebration is off to a good start. The staff at PRACC is busy planning and coordinating a great celebration for the membership. We are anticipating an eventful weekend. The celebration will be April 26-28, 2012.

The first order of business is a student art show at Little Wound High School beginning April 26. As a partner in our current ANA grant, Lakota Voices, Little Wound students have been preparing to showcase their talents during the art show. PRACC has been working with Little Wound High School for the past few months for the upcoming show. The project is designed to help promote the arts and foster economic development.

PRACC is coordinating with member artists to develop the show. The artist will serve as judges and help with the set up. We would like to thank the artists for their assistance.

April 27 will be an open house at the visitor center. We will be showing off our new addition as well as new art. From 5-8pm, people will have the opportunity to visit with some of the artists and consultants who helped put this facility together. We will have entertainment and food for the evening. Please plan to attend.

On April 28th, celebrations will continue with a community pow wow. Grand entry will be at 1:00, with a supper break at 5:00. We would like to thank those of you who have pledged sponsorship for this event. We could not produce a great pow wow without your support.

We are still seeking sponsorship for the event. Samantha has been in contact with some of you who sponsored last year. If you would like to sponsor a category please contact PRACC. Look on page two for categories already sponsored.

PRACC and our ANA partners are currently coordinating our Lakota Voices Cultural Diversity Training. The training will be presented to the national parks at Crazy Horse Memorial on May 23-24. It is designed to assist National Park employees on delivering information about the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in an effort to boost tourism and economics on the Reservation.

PRACC is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site and offers tax preparation for basic returns. Many reservation residents are paying for tax preparation through other entities. PRACC can provide services at no cost to individuals. Please remind your employees these services. VITA is a free income tax filing program for individuals to utilize. The return is E-filed and only takes seven to ten days to process. The refund can be direct deposited into an individuals bank account for quicker returns. VITA saves taxpayers thousands of dollars nation wide.

Our site will be open until April 17. FREE TAX PREP

PRACC 12<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
April 28, 2012  
Pow Wow Sponsorship Request

Pow Wow Categories-All categories will pay three places. 10 drums will be paid.

Dance Categories 3 places

JR Boys

|             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| Grass       | \$100.00 - Pinky's Store |
| Fancy       | \$100.00                 |
| Traditional | \$100.00                 |

Jr Girls

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Jingle      | \$100.00 - OST Partnership for Housing |
| Fancy       | \$100.00 - White's Consulting          |
| Traditional | \$100.00                               |

Teen Boys

Teen Boys

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Grass       | \$150.00 - Mitom Inc.           |
| Fancy       | \$150.00                        |
| Traditional | \$150.00 - Lakota Country Times |

Teen Girls

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|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Jingle      | \$150.00                        |
| Fancy       | \$150.00                        |
| Traditional | \$150.00 - Lakota Country Times |

Specials

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mens Traditional   | \$400.00 - Crazy Horse Mem. |
| Womens Traditional | \$400.00                    |

Tiny Tots

\$100.00 - Dr. Lynda Earring

Drums (10 drums)

\$1,000.00

Mitom

Crazy Horse

Dr. Earring

The Lakota Funds

If your business would like to sponsor one or more of any categories including Drums, Please contact Samantha at 605-455-2685. You may also e-mail [prjobs@gwtc.net](mailto:prjobs@gwtc.net).

All sponsors paid by April 1, 2011 will be advertised on the event poster. All sponsors will be advertised through the event and on the KILI radio show.

PRACC is a 501 c 3 non-profit. All donations are tax deductible.



PRACC 12<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

April 28, 2012

Pow Wow Booth

PRACC will offer four booth spaces at this years celebration.

Booths will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Food booths will not be allowed.

Contact Samantha White at [prjobs@gwtc.net](mailto:prjobs@gwtc.net) or 605-455-2685 for booth information

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Product for Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth space will be at the rate of \$50.00 payable by April 23, 2012

Booths may began set up at 12:00 on April 28th.

PRACC is not responsible for accidents, theft or disputes between businesses and customers.



# 2013 Community Spirit Awards Call for Nominations

## May 31, 2012 Deadline!

The **Community Spirit Awards** is a ***national fellowship award for American Indian artists***. First Peoples Fund chooses honorees for their commitment to sustaining the cultural values of native people. The process of bringing spirit back to community is an important responsibility for artists - it is part of a sacred honor system. First Peoples Fund works to strengthen that honor system by recognizing these exceptional artists for knowing themselves, honoring others, and sustaining spirit in their own communities.

### **Nominees must be:**

- Practicing artists of demonstrated maturity in their field.
- Continually practicing artists for a minimum of 10 years.
- Documented affiliate of a United States tribe. **(Native Alaska or Hawaii included!)**

Note: In addition to Visual Arts, First Peoples recognizes contemporary and traditional forms of Performing Arts and Literary Arts.

### **Fellowships will be awarded to artists who demonstrate:**

- An artistic practice that passes on the traditions and the life ways of the people.
- A commitment to building the strength of native communities by sharing their skills and talents with others in their respective communities; and
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### **Deeply rooted and maintain direct ties to their tribal community.**

### **Nomination Procedure:**

Nominate online at [First Peoples Fund](#) or send a postcard to include complete names and addresses of both nominee and nominator to PO Box 2977, Rapid City, SD 57709

- Nominated candidates must be from an American Indian community.
- Applications will be mailed out after nomination deadline has passed.
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### **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 31, 2012**

### **Selection Process and Expectations:**

- A national selection committee will review nominees and select awardees from those that meet the outlined qualifications.

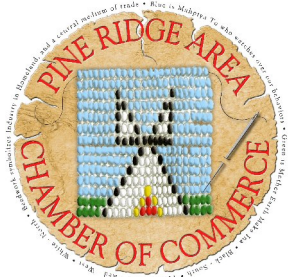
Fellowship recipients will receive \$5,000 designed to give them the opportunity to "practice their art."

First Peoples Fund  
PO Box 2977  
Rapid City, SD 57709  
605.348.0324  
[www.firstpeoplesfund.org](http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org)

# April 2012

| Sun  | Mon                 | Tue  | Wed                   | Thu   | Fri                             | Sat  |
|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 1  | 2                   | 3<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00 pm                  | 4                     | 5   | 6                               | 7  |
| 8<br> | 9                   | 10<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00pm<br>Elder Day     | 11 LWHS<br>Career Day | 12 Inter agency<br>exchange<br>Rapid City<br>BHBL | 13                              | 14   |
| 15   | 16<br>Board Meeting | 17<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00 pm<br>TAX Deadline | 18 Elder Day          | 19  | 20                              | 21   |
| 22   | 23                  | 24<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00 pm                 | 25                    | 26 LWHS<br>Art Show set<br>up                     | 27 PRACC<br>Open House<br>5-8pm | 28 PRACC<br>Anniversary<br>pow wow<br>LWS Kyle, SD |
| 29   | 30                  | 1 May<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00 pm              | 2                     | 3   | 4                               | 5  |
| 6  | 7                   | 8<br>KILI Radio<br>Show 5:00 pm                  | 9                     | 10  | 11                              | 12   |
|  |                     |  |                       |   |                                 |  |

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



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equal opportunity  
provider, and employer.”**



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[www.lakotamall.com](http://www.lakotamall.com)

## COME JOIN US AT THE CHAMBER!

### Welcome New Members

Pejuta Sapa (art)  
Red Shirt Table

Simpsons Printing  
2410 S. Plaza Dr  
Rapid City, SD 57702

### RENEWALS

Flying Heart Ranch  
Live Laugh Love Photography  
Prairie Wind Casino  
Red Cloud School  
Bair Ford  
OST Partnership for Housing  
Wanblee Mart  
PRYNTCOMM  
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