



PINE RIDGE STUDENTS ATTEND MULTICULTURAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



(Left) Samantha Baker, Staff-Carrie Webster, Briana Johnson



Keynote Speaker Carlos Ojeda, Jr. from "Coolspeak"



(Left) Vanna White sharing a light moment with Victoria Young

Pine Ridge Culture Club attended the Fourteenth Annual Multicultural Youth Conference held at the Harms Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska on October 7th. There were over two hundred students from schools throughout the Nebraska panhandle who attended the event. This years keynote speaker was Carlos Ojeda, Jr., founder of "Coolspeak." He is one of the top nationally known keynote speakers under the age of forty. His message was straight forward on how to believe in yourself and never give up, no matter what your ethnic background. He interjected a unique sense of humor and kept the students fully engaged. There were break away groups that focused on continuing education as well as a Health Fair. The event was arranged by Rachael Gonzales from West Nebraska Community College. Sponsors included West Nebraska Community College, Platte Valley Bank, Regional West Medical Center, Latino American Commission, Nebraska Department of Education, and Monument Physical Therapy.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Pine Ridge Job Corps makes a difference in the community of Chadron almost on a daily basis. There were twenty volunteers who cleaned up the alleys of Chadron on October 8th with Keep Chadron Beautiful. Students from the Maintenance Trade help gather recyclables for Keep Chadron Beautiful three times a week. The Brick Layers recently rebuilt a memorial wall at Wilson Park that had been damaged by vandalism. In addition, several students volunteered their spare time this fall to coach for the Community Soccer Little League. They made a memorable impression on the young players as well as received the personal gratification of being a coach. One student coach even gave a pair of his soccer shoes to one of the Little League participants. The coaching program was set up by two Pine Ridge Education staff, Nancy Swiftbird and Don Stamm. Recently, several students volunteered their time to assist with the Hospital 5K Run held on October 22nd. The Center works with volunteer and non-profit organizations to help make Chadron a better community. Continued on page 5.



Shee Gay Baw teaching players how to approach the soccer ball.



(Left) San Myint Tun, Dawson Dunbar, and Tender Htoo who gave his new soccer shoes to Dawson.

Local Conservationists Learn about Pine Ridge Wind Turbine



(Left) Lynn Webster, Tod Dorshorst, Haley Anders, Jim Irwin, Lindsey Phillips, Curt Roth, Ann Cotton, Dave Kadlecek, Robin Foulk, Jim Lees, Shar Sapp, Lyndon Voyt, Katie Harris, Sheri Daniels

Employees from the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality visited Pine Ridge Job Corps on October 13th. The group learned about the construction and operation of Pine Ridge's 100 Kw wind turbine. Business Community Liaison Don Richards gave a slide presentation on the construction process and the steps to secure the foundation and erect the tower. After the rod and ring foundation was established, it only took approximately a week to assemble the tower and raise the generator and propeller blades. The group was given a record of how the turbine has been supplying between twenty to twenty five percent of the total power to the Job Corps Center. To date, the turbine has generated over 120,000 KW hours. The funding for the project was provided by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

PINE RIDGE "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" CONTINUED...

Pine Ridge is active in helping distribute commodities, painting community signs, donating blood, helping with blood drives, putting up flags, fighting forest fires, repairing buildings, constructing buildings, and growing produce for food kitchens. Morie Camahan, Pine Ridge Community Relations president stated, "Chadron and the surrounding communities recognize Pine Ridge Job Corps as a community asset and partner for positive growth". Pine Ridge Job Corps has been at its present location since 1965. This is its 46th anniversary.

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Morie Camahan



Students coached Chadron Little League Soccer

(Back Left) Pine Ridge Educational Staff, Don Stamm; Tender Htoo, Boy Blo, Pedro Gregorio Rafael, Shee Gay Baw, Pine Ridge Educational Staff, Nancy Swiftbird; (Front Left) Koh Paw Htoo, San Myint Tun, Eh Wah, Tha Nu Htoo



Brick and Block students repaired park memorial.

Instructor Jeremy Blayton, Chris Mains, Edgar Aldana Lopez, Chris Lamont, Ryan Berry, Jacob Hansen-Cayou, John Hamburger, Brick Block Regional Project Director, James (Boots) Cowin