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Special points of interest:

- Glacier Peak Casino
- New Tribal Council
- Two new Cats
- Art Marketing Study at MT State University
- Art Photography for MPI
- MT Historical Society & CM Russell Museum
- Visit to Hamburg
- Films by Buffalo Media
- Filming for Hamburg Journal
- Fire & Frost
- Museum of the Plains Indian

Oki Neek-Soo-Koo-Wah!

Hello friends and relatives!

Greeting for the New Year and many thanks for your support in the last year

It helps our entire community in one way or the other. Here is a newsletter to bring you up to date in what has happened since you were here at the Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village on the Southern Blackfoot (Amskapi Pikuni) Reservation in Montana.

Tribal elections brought in an almost a new tribal business council. We are all hopeful because most are younger more progressive minded council people. In September the New Glacier Peaks Casino <http://www.glaciercash.com> opened its doors to the

public, a seven million Dollar casino owned by the Siyeh Corporation, which is a tribal entity.

Also last summer Angelika found two new cats, Maxi and Lilly, which had been abandoned and are now protecting our home from prairie mice.



Angelika has been attending the University of Montana at Great Falls. She is studying art and art marketing and is active in her digital art forms and art

photography for the Museum of the Plains Indian http://www.doi.gov/iacb/museums/plains_archives.htm

We were special guests of the Montana Historical Society in September. They opened a new permanent exhibit titled "Neither Empty Nor Unknown"

<http://www.his.state.mt.us> Darrell had been commissioned to reproduce a number of traditional Blackfeet items for their exhibit and one of Angelika's Spanish Mustang photos has been part of the exhibition, too. Darrell has also been on the advisory board for the CM Russell Museum's newly planned exhibition on bison and its impact on Native and Non-Native cultures.

<http://www.cmrussell.org/>

Hamburg Visit

In October we went to Hamburg, Germany for two weeks. We had not been back to Angelika's former home for seven years. The trip was important for her and for us to enjoy being tourists. Actually the trip was filled with some business as we were in Hamburg for their annual film festival.





Filmfest Hamburg & Buffalo Media

Darrell was a consultant for two films that were made here on the Blackfeet Reservation for North German Public Television and were produced by Ramon Kramer from Buffalo Media, Hamburg www.buffalomediamedia.de.

These films were shot over a three year period. The first film was a documentary about Gojko Mitic, a film star from former East Germany who portrayed a Native American in films. The second film is called

Filming for "Hamburg Journal" by North German Public Television

"Buffalo Hunters along the Rocky Mountains" and is a contemporary Story about the Blackfeet People of today who live on the reservation as well as their interaction with life today and how traditional beliefs fit into a changed but still culturally strong society. We were special guests of its premier at the Filmfest Hamburg www.filmfesthamburg.de

Additionally North German Public Television filmed Darrell for their "Hamburg Journal" concentrating on the topic of stereotypes about Indians. Ramon Kramer also used Darrell's Hamburg visit to record a new CD.

"When it gets pipe busting cold and the wind blows everything the prairie offers eastwards, we have a unique sense of place!"

In December the weather got cold, snowing and blowing with temperatures going down to -30 degrees Fahrenheit. We had some unprotected pipes that froze and had to be

thawed out by a plumber, who used a torch and accidentally burned through an electrical wire. This caused a smoldering fire of electrical cords and insulation.

Fortunately we caught it before it turned into a big fire, and no art work, carpets or furniture was damaged. The renovation of our home and gallery is still continuing.

Museum of the Plains Indian

Another important involvement we have been working with is the "Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian" Our effort has been to get the U.S. government to continue funding the museum of the Plains Indian here in Browning. It was scheduled for closure in 2006, but we have managed to get support from the tribal council, State of Montana, Montana Arts Council, National Congress of

American Indians, Glacier County and numerous groups and individuals. So far the funding has been extended but is not secured for the future. If you would like to support our efforts, please contact the executive director Ruthann Knudson at paleokute@3rivers.net or mpiaa@3rivers.net for further information.

Continuing to create art!

Now and in the next months we are busy preparing the next upcoming season doing art and taking care of bookings. We hope this newsletter finds you all well and happy. Thanks again for making us a destination in your travel and for the pleasure of meeting you.



Sincerely

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