

Employees of the Month Honored

Ellison, September Outstanding Teacher

Named as September's Employee of the Month was math teacher Elbert Ellison.

"It was a complete surprise! I thought Employee of the Month was just for people who take on extra jobs. I really don't; I just try to do my major job as well as I can," said Ellison after receiving his special award from Mr. John during an all school assembly.

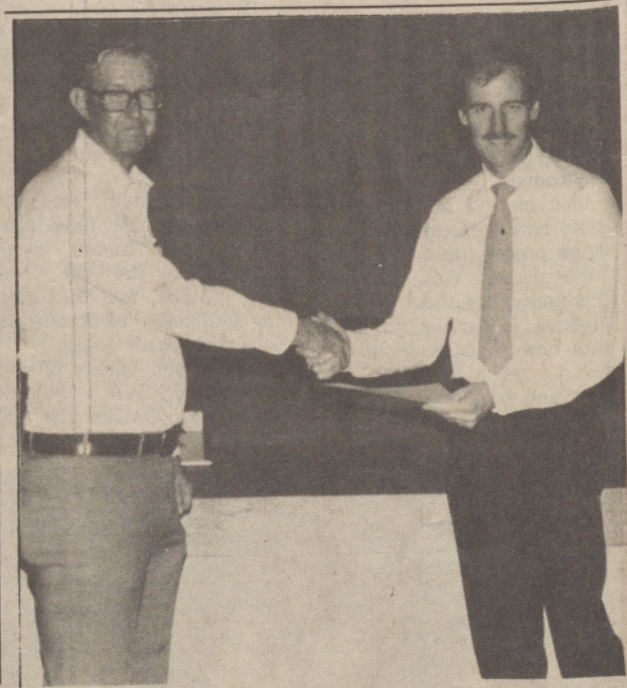
Besides being named Employee of the Month Mr. Ellison also received his 20 years federated government service pin. He spent two years in the military and is now in his 19th year at Chemawa. Ellison began teaching at Chemawa in July 1965 and has been here since.

When asked what major changes he has seen in his 19 years here, Ellison said the decrease in student population from 1200 to the present 430, and the dramatic changes from the old campus to the new.

Ellison was born and raised

in Oklahoma. He received a BA from S.E. State College in Oklahoma in 1959, and his MA also from there in 1963.

Concluded Ellison, "I enjoy trying to help students that might have a rough time in public schools."



Ed John congratulates Elbert Ellison on being selected September "Employee of the Month."

Belgard Named December's Top Employee

By Corrine Chief Stick and Shane Swimpktn

Mr. Belgard, a home living specialist and dorm matron for over 20 years, is from Browning, Montana, and is a Blackfeet Indian.

Belgard first came to Chemawa in 1942. He had always wanted to work with his own people and did not know he would be working here at C.I.S. He attended school here at Chemawa from the first to the twelfth grade and graduated here in 1949. At that time there were over a thousand students.

Sports were important to Belgard while he was a student.

His favorite sports included football, basketball, track, wrestling, baseball and last but not least, boxing. Belgard was honored with a golden glove championship in 1947. He was the president of the Letterman's Club for two years and was very successful in basketball and football. He once had the honor of playing with Dick Thorpe, son of Jim Thorpe, the only Indian to ever hold dicatholon Gold Medals in the Olympics.

Mr. Belgard hopes to help young people by "directing them down the right path in life and helping them to decide what to do after high school."

Besides being one of the older alumnus of the school, Belgard is also one of the few employees with over 20 years of government service. He plans to keep on working here at C.I.S. and retire after thirty years.

Clark

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Rodney Clark for being chosen November Employee of the Month



Stories will follow in the next issue.

Murray Named Oct. Staff of the Month

"If I ever slow down I'll get old! exclaimed Kathy Murray when asked about her hectic life as Chemawa's acting registrar and the October Employee of the month.

Ms. Murray was born in Browning, Montana, and is an

ue to make strides in coming out of the drug culture; go on to complete higher education degrees so you can return to your home and help your tribes and families; and be young while you can!"

Outside of her many responsibilities as registrar, Kathy en-



Kathy Murray receives honors from Patricia Ernst for being selected October "Employee of the Month."

enrolled member of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe. She graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1967 and went on to Northern Montana. In Mavre, and Montana State at Bozeman working towards an undergraduate degree in

joys sewing, reupholstering furniture, and attending her 16 year-old son's athletic events at McNary High School in Salem.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birth Announcements

By Kathy Damon, Tony Bitner

The stork has made several visits to the homes of Chemawa faculty and staff members recently. hile rumor had it these were only cabbage patch facsimiles hundreds of wet diapers, early morning feedings, and sleepless nights, quickly confirmed that these babies were indeed the real thing. We extend our contratulations to the following proud parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Morales:

Vincente Issac Morales was born August 8 at Salem Hospital to the Morales family. He weighed 8½ pounds and 19½ inches long. He is Rosebud Sioux and Hispanic. The Morales have another four year old son and a 19 month old daughter.

Jackie and Randy Markistum

Jackie and Randy Markistum proudly announce the birth of their son on September 21, 1983. He weighed nine pounds and was 20½ inches long. This is the Markistum's first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Villegas of unit 9 would like to announce the birth of their baby boy, Timothy Alfonso. He came into the world weighing 7 lbs., 14oz. and measuring in at 19½ in. on November 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrow, Yakima, would like to announce the birth of their baby girl Tara Jo. She came into the world on Dec. 4. She weighed in at 7 lb. 8 oz. and measured in at 20½ in. Terry is a new addition to the Chemawa School, and is a counselor.

Gray's Expecting

By Sharon Andy

Mr. & Mrs. Gray happily announce the upcoming birth of their fifth child, due at the end of February.

When asked how he felt about the addition, Mr. Gray said the family is very happy. "Children are the greatest gift from the Creator," he added.

The Grays are hoping for a girl because they already have three boys and only one girl.

The other Gray children are Gerald Jr., who is seventeen years old; Michael & David who are sixteen years old; and Joanie who is eight years old.

We congratulate the Gray family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Cutfinger would like to announce the birth of their baby girl Tara Marie. She came into this world weighing in at 8 obs. 4 oz. and measuring 11½ in., on Sept. 8. Linda is a clerk-typist for the Residential Department, Gabriel is a Home-Living assistant in Unit 3. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! At press time several other birth announcements were stolen. We will run them next issue.

By Patty LittleWolf

The stork will also arrive at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bighorn in May 1984. The Bighorns have children and are eagerly expecting their third. Jordan, the oldest, is four years old, and his sister is 2½. Both are looking forward to a new little playmate.

Jake and Lori are very proud of their children are looking forward to expanding their family in the near future.

New Staff Welcomed to Chemawa

By Jeanine Wright

New to the physical education department is Kim Manion, an enrolled member of the Warm Springs Tribe.

Manion was born in Warm Springs and was raised there with her six brothers and sisters. She graduated from Madras High School and went on to Seattle University to get her degree in physical education in secondary education. She has taught volleyball at Lake Washington in Seattle and at Warm Springs prior to coming to Chemawa.

Ms. Manion said that she enjoys working with and coaching girls because she enjoys being

able to share with them so that they can become better athletes. She feels that boarding schools are important to Indian students because it "encourages them to graduate from high school instead of dropping out."

When asked about major changes she has seen in women's athletics, Ms. Manion stated that women are finally getting the recognition they deserve, that they are not as afraid to participate in athletics like they used to be, and the public is expressing concern and interest in women's athletic events.

In summarizing her goals for the volleyball team this year, Kim Manion stated that "We have the talent to represent Chemawa very well this year."

Nancy Dudley

By LaVelle Walker

Also new to the staff on an on-call basis is Nancy Dudley who will be available as a substitute as the need arises.

Ms. Dudley was born in Willmington, North Carolina. She received her degree in education from Western Oregon State College and did some teaching for a while. Then she settled into raising her five children, working in various stores such as Montgomery Ward and acting as personnel manager in with a commercial store for one year.

While Ms. Dudley has never worked with Indian students before she said she hopes that it

will be good working with students here at Chemawa. "I think Chemawa offers opportunities for students. I'm impressed with the students and teachers here," she added.

Dudley would classify herself as an outdoor person. She enjoys cross-country skiing, white-water rafting, hiking, and being in the Oregon outdoors. She enjoys watching "Simon and Simon", eating anything people cook, spending time with her family, and being around cats.

"My best teaching experience was when students came back and talk about what they have learned, and tell me that they have some good feelings about what they learned."

Schmidt Monitors Halls

By Clayton George and Rojean DeSoto

New to the attendance staff is hall monitor Theresa A. Schmidt. She was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon. In 1977 Schmidt graduated from Springfield High school and went on to get her BA from Southern Oregon State College in health education.

For relaxation Schmidt enjoys playing the flute, sewing, back packing into the Sky Lake region, waterskiing and participating in most outdoor recreational activities.

Both in high school and college Theresa participated in track, baseball and helped keep stats for football.

In addition to working with attendance Schmidt also works with Student Council as one of the advisors.

Theresa said she sees her job as helping kids realize why they have to be in class on time and to work with them when they do not come to class.



Theresa Schmidt

Karen Pepper

There's a new face in the night lab: it is part-time instructor, Karen Pepper. Karen works with Molly Woods in assisting students who need to make up credits in any of the major subject requirements such as history, science, math, or social studies.

Prior to coming to Chemawa, Karen worked as an adult basic ed instructor, special ed teacher, substitute teacher and museum guide.

Pepper enjoys dabbling in photography, working in various church organizations and being with her family.

Students who need to make up credits should see their counselors about signing up for Night Lab.

Credit may be earned after 35 hours course work in the basic requirements of that subject are completed.

Be a Pepper and sign up for Night Lab!

By Jeanine Wright

New to the staff here at Chemawa is Sandra Goodell, a secretary and counseling clerk at PPS. She is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.

Goodell graduated from Kennewick Business College in Washington, and Siletz High School in Siletz, Oregon. Goodell has two boys at home.

Some of her favorites are eating burritos, watching the "A-Team" on TV, and listening to singers Willie Nelson and Mollie Hatchet. Her hobbies are reading, listening to music, and crocheting.

Before coming to Chemawa Goodell worked ten years at the State Forestry Department as a keypunch operator; worked as a clerical assistant for the State Legislature during the 1983 session, and has worked as a motel maid and a janitor.

According to Sandra the kids here at Chemawa are lucky to be able to learn all there is to learn in one school. She loves her job and said it challenges her strength and weaknesses.

Her future goals and plans are "to find a permanent job and get on the road to personal and financial happiness if a person can, all at one time."