

Board games, auction planning highlight Head Start activities in March

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All of our Head Start centers will have a family game night on March 10. This is a wonderfully fun evening for families.

We start with dinner and then pull out the board games. Head Start kids just love to play Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Hi Ho Cherrio and any other games geared for kids. What they really like is playing these games with their parents.

Spring break will be from March 21-25. Classes will resume on March 28 for all sites except Siletz and our Tenas Illahee site. They will return March 30.

Don't forget about the Siletz Tribal Head Start annual raffle fundraiser. Our parents and staff were busy in January and February collecting raffle items. If you have any raffle items you would like to donate, you can take them to your local area office or Head Start classroom.

We will accept donations through April. During March and April, parents and staff will sell raffle tickets. The drawing will be conducted in May by our Head Start Policy Council.

Several awesome speakers have attended our parent meetings. Topics of interest have included nutrition, dental, health and safety in the home, literacy and rental assistance. We have been lucky enough to have staff from the different area offices do several of our presentations. A big thank you to Sharon Mason,



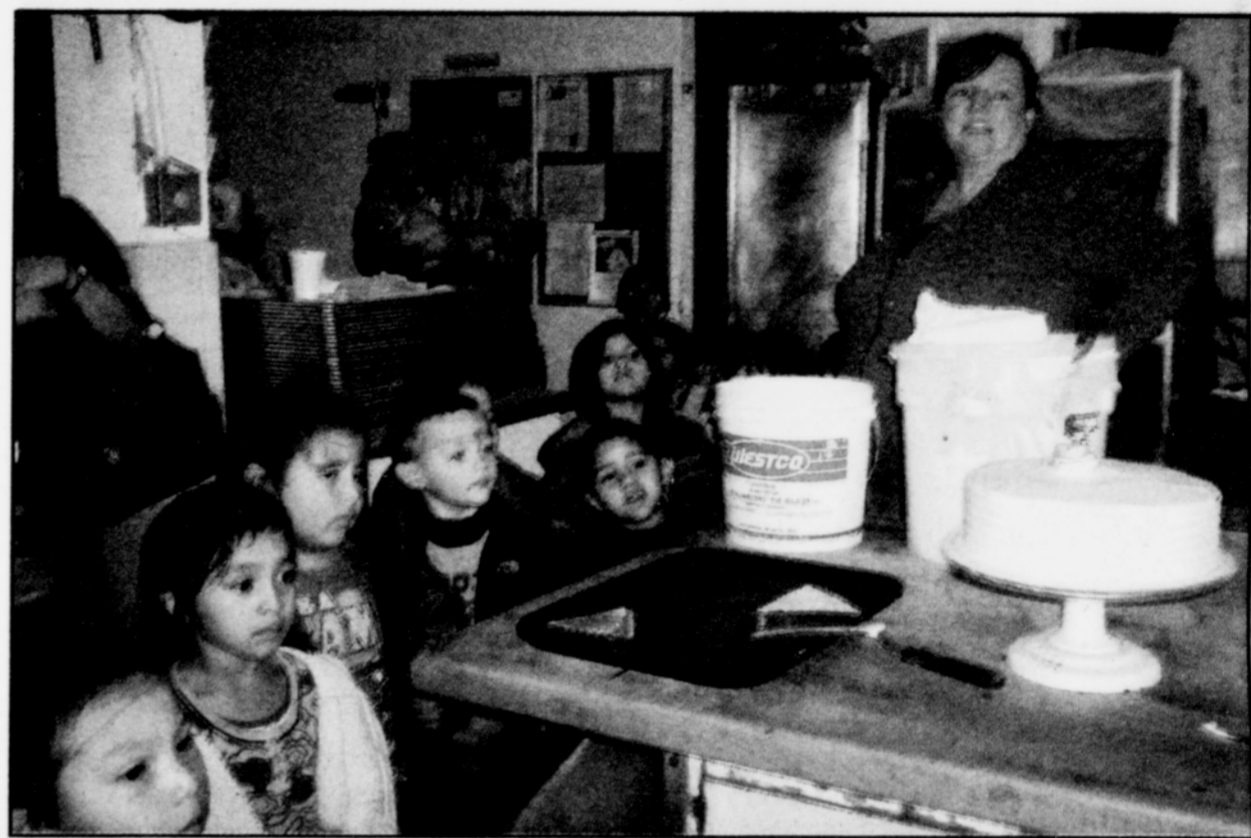
Courtesy photos from Siletz Tribal Head Start staff

The afternoon class (above) from Siletz Tribal Head Start in Salem goes trick-or-treating at Chemawa Indian School. The morning class (right) in Salem visits Salvadore's Bakery.

Verdene McGuire and Dr. Megan Saxton. Cecilia Tolentino and Lindy Taylor are scheduled for April.

Head Start wants parents of 3- and 4-year-olds to fill out an application for our program. We have Head Start centers in Portland, Salem, Lincoln City and Siletz.

Please call 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532 for an application or for more information about Head Start.



Morales Clifford Singer – 1973-2011

Morales Clifford Singer, or "Maui" as some of his close friends called him, was not just your average guy. He was a one-of-a-kind.

If you asked anyone who knew him, many descriptive words come to mind – Navajo, passionate Ducks fan, handsome man with long black hair, nice, helpful, dedicated, loyal, family-oriented, respectful, intelligent and reliable. The list could go on and on but in the end, he was a loving father of three teenagers, a good son to retired parents, a doting uncle to his niece and a lil' brother to three older siblings.

Morales Singer was born and raised in Salem, Ore., on Aug. 23, 1973, and his young 37-year-old life came to a sudden end on Jan. 26, 2011. He was a product of Salem-Keizer public schools (Sumpter Elementary School, Judson Middle

School) and a proud Sprague High School class of 1991 graduate.

Morales was baptized as a Christian at Calvary Baptist Church and was a spiritual man strong in faith. He was a lifelong resident of Salem.

Morales was proud of his American Indian heritage and exhibited Native pride in many ways. He was a full-blooded Navajo enrolled in the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation. He was from the To'dichii'nii' Clan (Bitter Water) born for the To'aah'ni' (Near The Water) Clan.

His late maternal grandparents were John and Maggie Billy of (Kin Hozhini) Manuelito, N.M., and his late paternal grandparents were Clifford Sr. and Clara Singer of (To'denas zhiai) Kayenta, Ariz.

One of Morales' paternal grandfathers, Richard Singer Sr., was a Navajo

Code Talker who served in World War II and received posthumously a Silver Star for his service as a U.S. Marine. Morales carried great pride knowing his grandfather and many Navajo people served proudly in the Armed Services.

Morales was a master of his domain, which was the Singer family home front. He was both a "Mr. Mom" to his three kids and also was a caregiver to his retired parents and a young niece. He was a jack-of-all-trades with juggling household duties such as cooking, cleaning, chopping wood, grocery shopping, maintaining the yard and the family vehicles and conducting neighborhood watch in addition to a whole host of other things he truly enjoyed.

He had a passion for all things sports (Oregon Ducks football, Portland Trailblazers basketball, Washington Redskins pro football), a love of classic rock music, an interest in public affairs and was a fan of the classics (the Marx Brothers movies and cartoons).

He loved the great outdoors, especially the Oregon Coast, Three Pools at the Little North Fork, the high deserts of Central Oregon and his other home, the Navajo Indian Reservation in the southwestern United States.

Morales is survived by his parents, Sam and Irene; three siblings, Marcie (Josh), Mike (Carolyn) and Michelle; three children, Cody, Elijah and Jaliene; one niece, Shaelee; and many relatives who span the western United States.

Internships now available at IARC

The School for Advanced Research, Indian Arts Research Center (IARC) offers two nine-month internships to American Indian individuals who are recent college graduates, current graduate students or junior museum professionals in the expanding field of museum studies.

The internships, located in Santa Fe, N.M., include a \$2,200 monthly stipend, housing, book allowance, travel to one professional conference and reimbursable travel to and from SAR.

The deadline to apply is March 30, 2011. All application materials must be postmarked or time stamped by this date.

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Interns will devote their time to working on IARC education and programs, directed research and writing activities, and collections management and registration. In addition to daily duties, specific requirements include presenting a research paper at the SAR Colloquium Series, attending a national conference, providing tours of the IARC collection and working on outreach initiatives to Native communities.

The internship period is Sept. 1, 2011, to May 31, 2012. Visit our website to download the application at <http://internships.sarweb.org>.

