

Both culture, education important

A federal task force that reviewed the condition of Native American education said today that specific Native American education goals can provide a framework for improvement in an education sector plagued by poor conditions and low achievement.

Indian Nations At Risk: An Educational Strategy for Action is the final report of the Indian Nations At Risk Task Force, chartered by the U.S. Education Department in 1990. The task force was charged with describing conditions in Native education and making practical recommendations for improvement. The panel was co-chaired by former U.S. Education Secretary Terrel H. Bell and former Alaska Education Commissioner William Demmert.

Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander said of the report: "Improving education for American Indian and Alaska Native students is a vital part of the Administration's America 2000 initiative to prepare every student in America for responsible citizenship, continued learning and productive employment."

Using the National Education Goals adopted by President Bush and the nation's governors as a foundation, the task force established 10 education goals to guide the improvement of all federal, tribal, private, and public schools that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives and their communities.

The Native American education goals reflect the view that Native students should maintain their cultural foundations while acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to participate fully in society.

Recommendations for improve-

ment based on the goals are aimed at Native American parents, educators, and tribal, state and federal government officials.

At regional meetings held throughout the country, the task force heard hundreds of citizens testify about poor teaching, poverty and racism and the impacts such conditions have on Native American education.

Other testimony highlighted examples of successful educational programs and community efforts that can serve as models for the nation.

An appendix to the final report describes effective schools and programs serving Native American students.

Indian Nations At Risk: An Educational Strategy for Action is available by writing: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Room 4049, Washington, DC, 20202-4110, telephone (202) 401-0590.

Vets counselor visits weekly

Carl Whaley, counselor for the Salem Vets Center, is in Warm Springs weekly on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. Contact him through Charlotte Hershman at 553-3205 or at the Vets Center in Salem at 362-9911.

Sale continues

The Warm Springs Information Center is holding its annual Christmas sale through December 31. All jewelry, pottery and T-shirts are 20% off and all beadwork is 15% off the original price. Books, consignments and sale items are not included in the sale.



Susan Moody models buckskin dress made through Intertribal Sports. The small enterprise takes orders and makes apparel and accessories according to the purchaser's order. Beadwork is done by Lucy Scott.

Energy assistance available

Central Oregon low-income households who need financial help to pay their winter heating bills will be able to apply for energy assistance beginning December 2, 1991. Households must have demonstrated energy costs to be eligible for this one-time only payment.

This is the thirteenth year that the low-income home energy assistance program (LIEAP) has been financed by the Federal Government. No state funds are involved. Oregon will receive \$12.6 million for energy assistance payments, serving 57,000 households with an average payment of \$220. Last year in central Oregon 2,783 households received help from the program.

A household must have a total gross income at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty level to receive an energy assistance payment. This guideline is established by the Federal Government and is based on income and household size. For example, a household of one would be

eligible with an annual income of \$8,275 or less. This would only be \$690 per month. For each additional household member, the income can increase by \$2,825 per year, or \$235 monthly.

Actual payments to needy households vary according to household size and income. Payments vary from \$220 to \$280. Renters and homeowners receive comparable payments. In most cases, payments are made directly to energy suppliers on behalf of the eligible households.

Those who want to apply must make an appointment and bring the following information: proof of income, paid medical bills, current energy account numbers, social security numbers, and birthdates of all household members. Priority will be given to households with elderly and handicapped persons. Outreach is available to homebound applicants. For an appointment within Crook, Deschutes or Jefferson Counties, please call 1-800-245-4748.

Size of family unit	Annual Income-125%	Monthly Income-125%
1	\$8,275	\$690
2	11,100	925
3	13,925	1,160
4	16,750	1,396
5	19,575	1,631
6	22,400	1,867
7	25,225	2,102
8	28,050	2,338

For each additional number, add \$2,825 annually, or \$235 monthly.

Conference date announced

This is to advise you that the Mid-Winter Conference and Council of Administration meeting for the Department of Oregon will be held January 11-12, 1992, at the Shilo Inn, Lincoln City, Oregon.

The purpose of this Conference is to honor the District Voice of Democracy winners and select the young person to represent the State of Oregon in the National competition of the Voice of Democracy program. It is also the time to appraise the status of the membership and other programs at the mid-year point of the current terms of office. All chairmen will be called upon for reports at this conference.

The conference will open on Saturday with a joint Opening with the

men to cover all the joint programs. The Banquet honoring the District winners will be held on Saturday evening. Additional information on the banquet, reservations, tickets, etc. has been published in the Oregon VFW. The Council of Administration will convene on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. The president plans to have a ritualistic opening and closing of the meeting.

Rosemary Dehls of Reno, Nevada, the National Council member from District #17, will be the official representative at the Mid-Winter Conference. Please come and meet her at this time. This is her first visit to the state of Oregon. Let's make her welcome.

Truancy reported at 300 since fall

For the 1991-92 school year all of the 509-J schools and the Warm Springs Alternative Education program with the exception of Madras Elementary there have been at least 300 students referred to attendance officer, Mary Calica of the Warm Springs Police Department. Compared to the last school year the attendance problem has increased sig-

nificantly. Both Calica and the WSPD Patrol Division will be enforcing the Warm Springs Tribal Code—360*500 Compulsory school Attendance law which states; all juveniles who have not completed the twelfth grade are required to attend school full-time. Full-time, which means the student must attend each day unless

excused by school authorities or mutual agreement of school authorities and the Warm Springs Tribes.

School to be attended may be either; regular operated schools, alternative school or alternative course of instruction certified by Warm Springs Tribes. A private or parochial school accredited by the State of Oregon or certified by Warm Springs Tribes for attendance by tribal members. And BIA or other federally operated schools. Only in the following cases they shall not be required to attend school full time; those who are lawfully employed full-time, those who are lawfully employed full-time/school part-time, or those who are engaged in activities equivalent to proceeding alternative education, completing G.E.D., and have mutual consent from the school administration and parents or legal guardians.

Any person subject to the jurisdiction of the Warm Springs Tribal court and having control of any juvenile who has not completed twelfth grade is required to send such juvenile to regular full-time school as noted. Any person failing to comply with these laws shall be subject to Petition and hearing before the Juvenile Court to show cause why the juvenile under his or her control is not attending school. Following a hearing, the Juvenile Court may in its discretion enter and "Order" compelling the person to send the child(ren) under his or her control to school, which order may be enforced by the Contempt Power of Court.

Parents, please be aware of these rules and regulations, for they will be strictly enforced throughout the remaining school year.

Crow earns certification

Heather Joy Crow, a 23-year-old enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, recently earned Chemical Dependency Specialist certification through the Northwest Indian Council on Chemical Dependency (NWICCD). Crow is the daughter of Delford and Marita Johnson of Warm Springs and Dr. David and Rev. Beverly Crow of Hudson, Wisconsin.

Crow took her certification exam in Tacoma, Washington November 1 following two years at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The exam entailed a four hour written exam as well as a personal interview with NWICCD board of examiners. The exam and interview attest to the competency of the applicant. Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct and clinically supervised chemical dependency client counseling, two years of alcohol/drug education courses in a human service curriculum and applicants must present numerous professional and personal recommendations for their certification. The NWICCD certification complies with the alcohol/drug counselor standards of the states of Washington and Oregon. The certi-

fication is nationally recognized and respected in the professional field of chemical dependency.

Crow, herself, has been in recovery for almost six years. She has worked as a chemical dependency counselor at Chemawa Alcoholism Education Center since September 1989. The Center is the adolescent out-patient treatment center, located at Chemawa Indian School in Salem, that services Native American adolescents from all over the United States.

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Heather Joy Crow

Radio will report school closures

The beginning of inclement weather will soon be upon us. Early morning announcements of school closure or delayed school opening due to snow, ice, or other emergency conditions will be broadcast by Radio Stations KWSI, KRCC, KPRB,

and KTVZ-TV, channels 21 and 5. It may be necessary because of threat of severe weather or other emergency to send children home from school early. Please select a "second home" near your residence where your children may stay in the event you are away from home, and instruct your children concerning the "second home."

If any emergency (severe weather, heating plant failure, etc.) should occur, the matter of departure of your children from school will be decided by the school superintendent. The decision may be to send your children home immediately; it may be to keep them in the schools indefinitely under continued supervision until the emergency has passed. Whatever the decision, it will be with the best interest of your children as the deciding factor.

In case of a known emergency, please turn to Radio Stations KWSI, KRCC, KPRB, and KTVZ-TV channels 21 and 5, for information concerning the release of your children from school.

If the decision is made to keep the students in their respective schools, they may be picked up at the school by checking at the school's office.

Bloodmobile set for Dec. 12

Thursday, December 12 is the last opportunity this year to donate the "Gift of Life" in Jefferson County. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Madras High School between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. The goal for this drive is 50 units.

The high school is located at 390 Southeast 10th Street in Madras. The drive will be conducted in the cafeteria. Donors in good health, weighing at least 110 pounds, 17 years of age and older are encouraged to donate.

For more information call Blooddrive Chairperson Krista McVey at 475-6887.

Tribe adds support to Redmond Airport expansion

Representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, communications director Rudy Clements presented the Central Oregon Air Service Task Force with a check for \$5,000 December 9, 1991 at their bi-monthly meeting. The check is one-third of the pledge by the Tribe through Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and the Economic Development Office to be paid over a three year period to help in the expansion of the Redmond Airport.

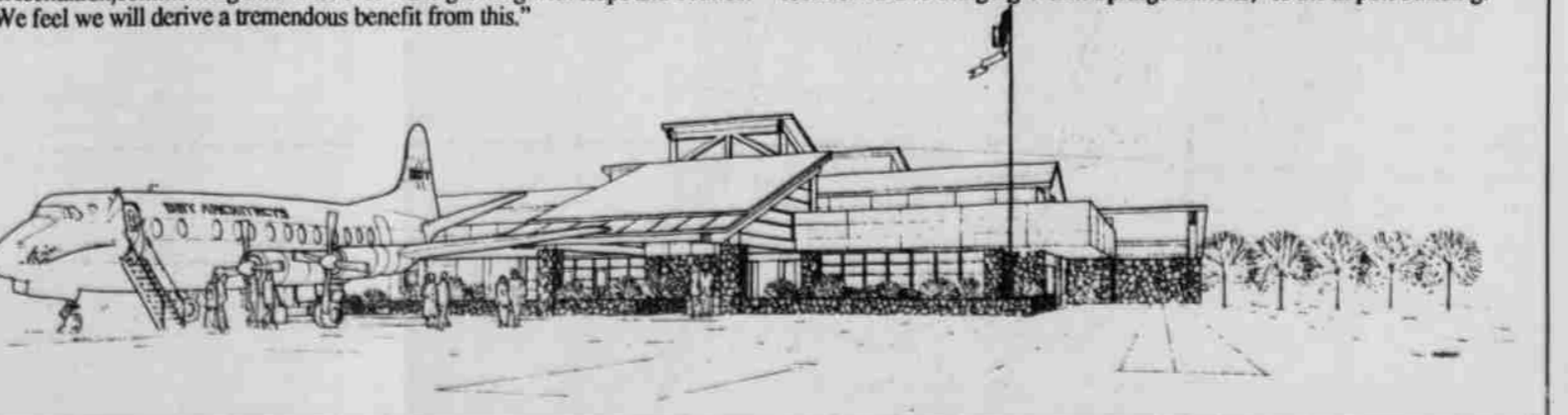
The development of an efficient air service and facility which transports visitors to Central Oregon "is important to all of us," says Clements. He adds, "The expansion of the Redmond Airport is an excellent venture and we want to be a part of that."

Kah-Nee-Ta assistant manager Steve Whitaker also participated in the presentation, commenting that "Kah-Nee-Ta is growing with leaps and bounds. We feel we will derive a tremendous benefit from this."

The task force, consisting of Central Oregon resort managers and county and city leaders, has raised funds totaling \$215,600, two-thirds of the estimated goal for the expansion project. Plans call for construction to begin in Spring 1992 with completion date April 1993.

The theme of the airport building focuses on the many attractions of Central Oregon. Materials used in the building originate from Central Oregon and include logs and rocks. Open beams, skylights and planters are also part of the design.

Included in the architectural design are exhibit spaces for displays from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, High Desert Museum, the Warm Springs Tribe and other. C.O.A.S.T.F. director Bob Chandler comments, "We look forward to bringing Warm Springs exhibits," to the airport building.



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