

"FireBusters" program aims at safety among children

Warm Springs Fire and Safety is one of many agencies working with the school districts throughout the state of Oregon to provide fire safety training for young people. Children are encouraged to participate in "FireBusters", a program that teaches children about fire safety and provides them with an opportunity to win prizes for their participation.

A worksheet with five important safety topics on it was sent home with every kindergarten through fifth grade student at Warm Springs Elementary. Each night during the week of February 3 through 7, Channel 21 in Bend and KATU News, and KWSO radio broadcasted the answers to the fire safety topic questions. Here are the answers to the questions.

KIDS AND FIRE

1. Children who play with fire often hurt themselves and their families.
2. If you see someone playing with fire, tell a grown-up.
3. A friend would not ask you to play with fire.

FAMILY FIRE SURVIVAL

1. Plan and practice two ways out before you hear the smoke detector.
2. When you hear your smoke detector, yell fire, crawl low and go outside.
3. Once you are out of the house, stay out.

OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

1. Only grown-ups should light and control outdoor fires.
2. Uncontrolled fires can become forest fires.
3. Keep things that could burn away from the outside of your home.

Students who complete the worksheet and return it to school will be entered in a local drawing for FireBusters sweatshirts and one grand prize of a bicycle donated by Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. This bicycle was purchased from Madras Coast-to-Coast store at below dealer cost. Also the students will be eligible for the statewide drawing for a trip for four

to Disneyland.

We sincerely hope that parents will take a few minutes each night during FireBusters week to go over the worksheets with their children. In the past two years, there has been a dramatic reduction of children involved in fireplay. This is due to a great involvement from the parents correctly dealing with the subjects mentioned in these topics.

Fire and Safety personnel are proud to serve the community of Warm Springs. They hope community members will find the FireBusters series interesting and informative. With the many source of getting the topics delivered, we encourage parents to motivate their children to complete the worksheet. This program is well worth the time and effort.

Any questions can be directed to Bob Spolund at Fire and Safety, 553-1634.

Seniors enjoy school, will miss academics, social aspects



Jarrod Sampson

Seventeen year old Native American Senior at Madras High School, Jarrod Sampson of Warm Springs is the son of Rosalind Sampson and Jerry Sampson of Warm Springs. His grandmother is Margaret Charley also of Warm Springs. He has one brother, Gerald age 19 and one sister, Kristina age 21. Sampson is of the Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla, and Colville descent.

His hobbies include collecting pennies and participating in sports. Cross country and wrestling are the two sports he has been involved with throughout high school. His favorite is wrestling because he likes to challenge it. Other favorites include his teachers, who are Vince Powell in advanced biology and Steven Rankin who teaches civics. Special awards he has received include honor roll, sports awards which he lettered in, and attendance awards.

His outlook of the past school years were fun, he will miss high school when he's gone. His feelings

about this being his last year in high school, is he is not prepared to leave them behind, but he knows the day is soon to come. He will miss the teachers and sports activities the most about high school.

Sampson's career choices are teaching and legal assistance, but he is undecided about a college choice. He leaves the remaining lower classmen with his comments, "Changes come fast, challenge them, don't give up!" In five to ten years from now he sees himself on his own either working or still attending school.

Special awards she has received include an honor roll award and a letter in tennis when she was attending school in Redmond.

Her outlook of the past school years she feels have been, "alright, Redmond was hard but Madras is pretty easy." She is glad that this is her final year of high school, although she will miss her friends the most. She chooses teaching for her career choice. Her college choice is Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. She would like to comment to the remaining classmen, "work hard, graduate but still have fun." In five to ten years she sees herself going to school.



Cara Shadley

Eighteen year old, Cara Shadley of Warm Springs is the daughter of Jane Jackson from Klamath Falls, and Ronald Shadley of Lakeview, Oregon. She lives in Warm Springs with her uncle and aunt, Romaine and Sandy Miller. Her grandparents are Raymond and Laura Grabner of Redmond, Oregon. Her brothers are Daryl Shadley age 16, Ron Shadley age 14, both of Klamath Falls, Raefield Jackson age 23, and Crosby Jackson age 19. Her sisters are Trina Shadley age 22, Tonya Shadley age 20 and Savanali Shadley age 4. Her tribal affiliation is Klamath.

Her special interest include tennis which she has participated in throughout high school. Her favorite teacher is Matt Henry who teaches

Seventeen year old Native American, Mike Hoaglin lives with Myrtle and Carl Markgraf of Madras. His grandparents are Richard and Germaine Antone of Lakeport, California. He has three brothers, Don age 23, Dave age 22, and Richard age 21. Hoaglin is of the Yuki and Little Lake, descent. He enjoys wrestling, because of the one on one competition and it teaches discipline. His favorite classes are economics with Matt Henry and civics with Walt Ponsford. Special achievements include being a four year varsity letterman in wrestling and receiving an academic grade point average improvement award. Hoaglin will miss seeing his friends everyday when he leaves Madras High School.



Mike Hoaglin

Rotary Club sponsors fun activities

The Jefferson County Rotary Club is celebrating Washington's 260th birthday at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Saturday, February 22, 1992. There will be a silent auction to benefit Jefferson County Senior Center furnishings. Also a chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas. There will be special room rates at Kah-Nee-Ta, \$40. per room no tax, call 1-800-831-0100.

At 10:00 a.m. will be the golf scramble, 6:00 p.m. is social hour/dinner dance, at 7:30 p.m. is the buffet dinner and live music at 9:00 p.m. The Dinner Dance at 6:00 p.m. is \$30.00 per person, \$60 per couple. Attendance is limited so contact your

friendly Rotary Club member soon to purchase tickets. This is one gala event you don't want to miss.

The First Annual Rotary Cherry Tree Open is a four person team scramble at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Golf Club, February 22, 10:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$25. per person \$100 per team which includes unlimited golf all day.

Please respond by February 10 to reserve your position. If you have any questions or need a registration form please call Bob Williams at 475-2215 or Bob McConnell at 475-6167 or Gerry Gerke at 475-7311

Early Childhood parent group relates news, plans for future activities, raffle

The next Nutrition Workshop will focus on "lunch" and will be held Tuesday 2/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center social hall & kitchen. Learn about quick & easy, well balanced lunches that kids will eat. Lillian January, IHS Nutritionist, will be on hand to answer questions like:

Is fast food better than no food? Is it alright for kids to drink diet soda? and so on....

The next Parent Club Meeting will be Thursday 2/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Early Intervention Room (down the hall from the Head Start office) in the Community Center. On the Agenda: the Parent Club Cookbook, spring

raffle, new fundraising ideas, riding toys update and more! Hope you can make it we look forward to your input and participation.

Anyone wanting to contribute a recipe for the Parent Club Cookbook can drop it off at the Head Start office. Your name will appear with your recipe.

Parent Club "Made in Warm Springs" raffle tickets are now available. You can get yours from program

parents or stop by the Head Start office. Chances are \$1 each and proceeds will go to the new playground and riding toys fund. All items being raffled off are handmade and include a Queen size log cabin quilt, a crocheted yarn bag, Indian doll brooches, an 18x36x24" Cedar Chest, baby blanket, yarn bag, baby headbands, lovers knot quilt, beaded keychain, cloth bag and more. The drawing will be May 1, 1992.



A Lamanite Generation Aztec dancer was one of many young people demonstrating their culture and beliefs through dance. The presentation, sponsored by the Cultural and Heritage committee, the Community Center, Tribal Council, and the JO'M and Education committees, was coordinated by curriculum developer Art McConville.

ECE Center progress slow; move set back to April

The ECE Center update: The new center is running about a month behind schedule. Originally the plan was to move Day Care and Head Start/Day Care in over Spring Break. The delay will result in an April move instead. Day Care and Head Start/Day Care will close down for the one week it will take to move & parents/guardians will need to make other arrangements for child care. Day Care and Head Start/Day Care will be open over spring break. The Head Start & Tribal Preschool programs will move at the end of the school year in June. No programs will expand until September 1992.

A goal of the new ECE Center is to serve 100% of all 4 year olds, providing them with a preschool experience to make a successful transition into Warm Springs Elementary. If your child or any child you know of will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1992 and isn't already in Head Start, Head Start/

Day Care or Tribal Preschool or isn't already on a waiting list - Please contact Sue Matters in the Head Start Office, Ext. 3561.

Grades improve--

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standards for teachers would improve it. Although a majority of the students (85 percent) say more rigorous academic standards for students would improve their quality of education, a surprising 77 percent say they would not work any harder if a national achievement test were put in place.

Data courtesy of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 721 N. McKinley Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Don't forget your Valentine February 14

IHS pharmacy notes policy changes



The Warm Springs Pharmacy has been listening to your comments. As a result, we have changed two policies. Many of you who see a doctor after 4:00 p.m. have to wait too long to get your prescriptions filled. The problem is that working people needing refills or over-the-counter medications at noon cannot get them because the pharmacy is closed. They must come after 4:00 p.m. and wait in line with those of you who have seen the doctor. This obviously makes everybody wait far too long.

In order to better serve you, the following changes in the pharmacy will begin on Monday, February 10, 1992.

- 1) The pharmacy will be open to serve you during the noon hour. Please use this service.
- 2) No new requests for prescriptions refills or over-the-counter medications (mylanta, tylenol, cold medications) can be taken after 4:00 p.m. This allows us to work just on the prescriptions for you who have just seen the doctor that afternoon.

Also, let us share a few friendly reminders with you:

- 1) The new policy does not affect those of you who come after 4:00 p.m. to pick up previously requested prescription refills. We will gladly give these to you until 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Please use the refill hotline (553-1195 ext. #25) for refill requests. By calling one day ahead of time, your request becomes a priority for us. If you wait until the day that you run out of medicine before calling us, you may wait for some time if we are having a busy day.
- 3) Children must be 14 years old before they are allowed to pick up medication without an adult present.
- 4) We prefer to personally visit with you when you pick a prescription refill or over the counter medication. It is okay for your representative to pick up these items if you are unable to be here. Please understand however, you must still see the doctor regularly to continue getting refills.

isolated incident," complains Charon Asetoyer of the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center.

Bettelyoun eventually won a court settlement from the hospital and has brought a case against the council. Advocates have won other battles: They recently persuaded IHS to make prophylactics available free, no questions asked, in local pharmacies. "When the nearest condom is 50 miles away," Asetoyer says, "safer sex is not always an option."

But these advocates say they can't hold their breath waiting for help from the outside, that Natives have long had to rely on their own. Says AIDS Resource Team member Lorelei DeCorra: "Indians think ahead seven generations. We have to."

Number of AIDS cases on the rise in Indian Country; limited help available

(The following article was submitted by Spilyay reader Melinda Phillips Miller of Salem, Oregon. The article is from the Village Voice of New York City and concerns AIDS among native Americans.)

by Joyce Lombardi

The first thing Willie Bettelyoun did when he found out he was HIV-positive was run down one of the long nameless roads on the Rosebud Lakota Reservation, waving his arms after a Jesuit priest. But the priest, like the medicine men, hospital staff, tribal leaders and most of Willie's neighbors, wasn't prepared to deal with the fact that AIDS had hit Indian country.

It has. Although just over 300 cases have been recorded among Native Americans, a new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Indian Health Services due out this year shows that the disease is spreading like brushfire in Native communities. Between 1989 and 1990, the number of Native Americans with AIDS increased a startling 23 percent. That's far higher than any other group—10 times the rate seen among whites, double the rate among blacks and Latinos.

This sudden jump, says CDC epidemiologist George Conway, may reflect the time it's taken for the epidemic to reach remote rural areas. Or it may be due to a catch-up in underreporting: At least two government surveys have found that urban health centers frequently misclassify Native Americans as Hispanic, Asian or simply Other.

But whether the rise is due to geography or statistics, it's clear that the problem is real and growing. And that shouldn't surprise anyone. Most reservations share with inner cities a

harrowing combination of high-risk factors: soaring rates of sexually transmitted diseases (on some reservations, three times the rate for whites); widespread substance abuse (Native American teenagers have the nation's highest report rate); endemic sexual violence (which undermines safer-sex campaigns); severe poverty (which encourages all of the above); and, not least, limited access to health care and preventive treatments.

Yet transmission patterns differ somewhat from those seen in inner-city populations. Women represent 14 percent of cases—three times the rate among whites, though comparable to other communities of color. But IV-drug use accounts for just 18 percent, less than half the rate seen among blacks and Latinos. More than half of AIDS cases among Native Americans are attributed to gay male sex.

The crisis has been compounded by failures on every level, from the AIDS bureaucracy in Washington down to tribal leaders. Indian Health Service, the federal agency responsible for health care for the 1.2 million people who live in Native communities, didn't even have an AIDS policy until 1987, and received no money slated for the disease until 1989. IHS then received just over \$1 million—less than \$1 per person.

Emmett Chase, National AIDS Coordinator for the IHS, says that many reservation hospitals will go broke if faced with more than five AIDS patients at one time. Experimental therapies, scarce in many rural areas, are not to be found. There are no clinical trials targeting Native Americans, and data on disease progression and response to therapies in

this population are not being collected.

The Constitution places Indian nations on par with the U.S. government, yet federal money for AIDS care is channeled through state health departments, and Native Americans are seldom high on their lists, if on their lists at all. State officials, meanwhile, point the finger back at Washington: Jackson Osborn of the South Dakota health department says that even if the state wanted to fund AIDS services on all its reservations, a congressional spending freeze has tied its hands.

Some church groups have tried to make up for the funding gap, and though the strings binding Native groups to religious benefactors have loosened in recent years, church policy can create problems too. On Rosebud, for example, the AIDS Resource Team, an advocacy group founded by Willie Bettelyoun, approached the Jesuits to fund an educational campaign on the reservation's radio station. All was well until the priests heard on of the radio spots, and decreed, "No condoms on Catholic airwaves." (After a few charged meetings with the bishop, the team recently did get a tenuous go-ahead.)

Native American AIDS advocates have also met resistance from the very people they're trying to serve. They say they must constantly struggle to overcome the perception that AIDS is a white gay man's disease and to make it easier for those infected to come forward without fear. Three years ago, after the local IHS hospital leaked Bettelyoun's status, Tribal Council members fired him from his job at the council. "Willie's case is by no means an

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