

## News from Early Childhood Education

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

### To the Community,

A big "Thank You" goes to all of you parents who donated items, including money, for the Parent Club/Policy Council booths at the Bazaar Saturday, December 10. Thanks to your generosity, we had more than enough wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, whipped cream, strawberries and shortcake.

Of course the booths couldn't run themselves, so these people who donated their valuable time and effort are greatly appreciated: Missy David, Edna David, Andrea Smith, Beverly Smith, Lois Smith, Paula Briscois, Joni David, Toni Made, Patsy Lenbek, Sheila Wahnetah, Kris Sampson, Shirelle Thomas, Leslie Cochran, Merle Kirk, Nadine Scott and Nancy Kirk.

Again, thank you for everything you do to support our children and our programs.

Early Childhood Education  
Parent Involvement Coordinator

### Coats available

We are still having our coat exchange on Thursdays. If you know of someone in need of a coat come on in and look around at what we have available in the staff lounge; or if you have a coat to donate, bring it in to the ECE lobby where we have a drop box. You are not required to bring a coat to exchange; if you need one, just come and get one!

### Parenting help available. . . ECE to sponsor video sessions

Starting in January, videos will be shown at ECE on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. These videos will be on topics in which parents have shown interest when filling out registration packets. Arrangements are being made to provide childcare. The video sessions will last no longer than one hour.

Here's January's schedule:

**Wednesday, January 11**—Parent Talk 1: Practical tips for raising children two to five years of age

**Friday, January 13**—Parent Talk 2: Tips for dealing with the school age child, six to 12 years of age

**Wednesday, January 18**—Parent Talk 3: Tips for parents of teenagers

**Friday, January 20**—What is FAS?

**Wednesday, January 25**—FAS and Effects: What's the Difference?

**Friday, January 27**—FAS: Assessment and the Early Years

## Keep your holidays safe

### Trees

Keep a natural tree in water to prevent drying. December is the leading month for home fires.

Keep the tree away from heat sources. Do not block a doorway or fire exit with a tree.

Trim branches at a toddlers eye level. Needles and branches can injure a young child's eye.

Dispose of the tree when needles begin falling off.

Make sure the tree base is sturdy enough to prevent toppling. Crawling babies may try to pull themselves up using low branches as handles.

If you buy an artificial tree, look for one with fire resistant labeling.

### Tree Trimming

Avoid small, breakable or edible (popcorn garland) decorations. spun glass angel hair can irritate eyes and skin. Tinsel and artificial icicles can choke a child. Artificial snow can irritate lungs if inhaled. Decorate trees with bows and non-breakable balls instead.

Use decorative lights that carry a U.L. label. Don't use indoor lights for outdoor use.

Use no more than three strands of lights on one extension cord. Do not use lights with frayed wires. Position bulbs away from branches.

### Decorations

Mistletoe and holly berries are toxic. Keep all plants out of children's reach.

Avoid candles.

Keep wires and extension cords out of children's reach.

### Fire Safety

Keep matches, lighters and candles out of reach of children.

Check smoke alarm batteries.

Unplug electrical decorations when not in use.

Check extension cords for warmth. You may be overloading electrical circuits.

Practice your fire evacuation plan.

### Gifts

Ask parents to purchase books for their children to give as gifts. This will ensure the exchange of safe gifts.

If you allow children to bring gifts from home (show and tell), examine toys for sharp edges and loose parts. Any toy that will be accessible to children less than four years old must meet the choke test, the toy and any removable parts must have diameters bigger than 1 1/4 inch.

### Early dismissals, closures announced

There will be early release on Friday, December 23 and Friday, December 30. Parents are asked to have their child(ren) picked up no later than 3:30 p.m. on those days. Also, ECE will be closed for holidays on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

### Powwow set

ECE, in collaboration with Guy Wallulatum's program, is planning "ECE Family Night Out" to show our appreciation and to renew our commitment to ECE families and our Warm Springs community. This event will be held Thursday, January 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be at 6 and the powwow will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring their families.

Starla Green  
Miss Warm Springs

### Restless love

The fatal attraction with lustful eyes can be deadly, for just like everything has its price. Being a slut or being a stud may stop you someday to try out some honest love. Let me tell it's the twenty-first century, and nothing is going to last forever. Big cities to little towns, for we all love to live a life of sin and lies. Ripping each others hearts out from one another to the next, and with someone's crotch in mind. I call it "Restless Love", and ready to blow up at any given time. It's when emotions want back into the fast lane, so that our selfish lives don't get boring, and remain the same without change. She wants to be Queen, and he want to be King. There's to many cold, and cruel, and creeping human

## Thank you all

### To the editor,

This letter is to express our deepest appreciation for all of you who took the time to pay your respects to our mother Julia Ike Wolfe, your love and support was felt throughout the services.

We would like to thank all the people who worked so hard. The doctors and nurses who took care of her.

The drummers, dancers, cooks and others behind the scenes, who helped in her passing. We would like to thank her nephew Freddy Ike as well as Wilson Wewa for officiating the services, Larry Dick and Marguerite Boise for their help as well.

We would also extend a Thank you to the Warm Springs and Yakama Tribes for their financial support also.

In closing, we would like to say that it was a beautiful service and the people who supported us in our time of grief will never be forgotten, we Thank you All!!!

Thank you,  
Katie Mae Blackwolf & family  
Pendleton, OR

## Youth conference to be held in Idaho

One thousand Native American High School students from all around the Northwest and Canada will be coming to Pocatello, ID by bus, airplane, train and car in April of 1995.

These students will be participants in the 20th Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference which is being held at Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID and Fort Hall Indian Reservation, in Fort Hall, ID, April 3-7, 1995. Idaho State University was chosen as the host for the conference activities to give the students the opportunity to see the ISU campus and get "hands-on" experience in a university setting.

The Northwest Indian Youth Conference is in its twentieth year and it is being sponsored by the American Falls and Blackfoot High School Indian Clubs and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. The theme for this year's conference is "Within the Sacred Colors of Mother Earth". The committee planning the conference is made up of students and parents from American Falls and Blackfoot High Schools and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. The chairperson are Dawn Dee Williams and December Aritwite.

The purpose of the youth Conference is to get Indian students from

across the Northwest together to learn about career opportunities available once they graduate from high school. It is also a chance for the students to be on a university campus and learn about college life. The youth that will be attending the conference are the top students in their individual classes.

Some of the activities and events that will take place at the Northwest Indian Youth Conference will be various workshops, a Pow Wow, a banquet, a dance and a scholastic bowl. Each day at the conference will have a theme:

**Monday**-Registration/Opening ceremonies

**Tuesday**-Arts & Cultural

**Wednesday**-Health & Environmental

**Thursday**-Legal Issues & Education

**Friday**-Pow-Wow & closing ceremonies

The cost for attending the conference is \$50 due before March 1, 1995 and \$65 after March 1, 1995. Those Native American students interested in attending the conference need to go through their local high school Indian clubs or contact Nola Cates at 208-238-3776 or write to PO Box 1004, Fort Hall, ID 83203

## Closed doors

by James Greeley

Me without you, you without me. To bad so sad, that our love for one another could not be. For time has proven, and passed, that we've lost what kept us in tune. With destiny forgiven, I guess your not the one from heaven, yet here I am, to have it written. Like a life of living hell, and an end to another love spell. I give you to take your own power and freedom at will, and to let your windows to your soul go. Then to remember too not let emotions take control, so that I may live a life of success and wisdom before I get to old. Doing the right thing is all you got in life, and then the sooner the better to take flight into the spotlight is what is right. Take your chance to win or lose, put a stop towards playing the fool, For what you want with life is sweet and smooth. Don't forget it's your mood with high rich quality attitude. The challenge is your to adore, unless you want to be an individual who is poor. With responsibility and respect, is what to expect, and accept behind closed doors.

## Registration begins at the start of new year

The winter term for community education is right around the corner, literally. There will be no easy transition after the Christmas holiday. No gradual warm-up to regular routine. Registration starts right after New Year's with the first day for sign up being Tuesday January 3 and lasting until Friday, January 6, 1995. That's only 4 days. If you are truly interested in the classes listed below, be sure to register as early as you can in that week. If the minimum number of students have not registered then the class gets canceled leaving a lot of people disappointed, so register EARLY.

### Grant Writing - Show and Tell

An unusual opportunity to immediately apply what you learn. Receive instruction and guidance from an expert while working on your own grant project in class. Equally appropriate for those who are newly committed to wrestling with grants and those who wish to prepare to take on the challenge.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; 8 weeks, starting January 12 to March 2. Instructor Scott McLean, Director, Warm Springs Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program. Cost \$33.

### Introduction to Computers

Crack the hardware. Banish the mystery. Learn about the electronic architecture that powers a computer. Use this knowledge and the class introduction to software tools to master this high tech machine and put it to work. Suitable for those who have no previous computer experience. Runs for 6 weeks. Starts January 19, ends February 23. Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Instructor Greg Smith. Cost \$33.

### Wander Into WordPerfect

Are you a computer rookie? Interested but not exactly brimming with confidence? Here is a class specifically designed to nudge you gently into competence in WordPerfect, a highly popular IBM word processing software program in wide use both in business and home settings.

Appropriate for beginners and word perfect wantabees.

Mondays 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Mike Lofting instructor, 7 consecutive weeks beginning January 23 to March 6. Bring 3 1/2 inch disc. Cost \$42.63. GED/ABE

The new term will start January 3, 1995. Notice there is no "get ready time" after the Christmas holiday.

Registration and the first day of class will be January 1995, the first Tuesday after New Year's day. Other registration days will be Thursday January 5, 10 and 12. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enrollment is limited and the classes have been filling quickly.

Students need to realize that class is only three hours two days a week and that if they do not attend regularly their position will be given to someone who really wants to study for their GED.

Persons who wish to register for community Ed classes or ABE/GED must sign up in person at the Tribal Education Center Questions call 553-1428.



Teachers and educational assistants came to the Spilyay and sang Christmas Carols on their last day of school before Christmas break.

## Miss Warm Springs tells of experiences

### To all my people:

I am writing this letter to share with the community my most previous successes and to also pass on some information.

Last month I traveled to Denver, CO with my mother to participate in the National Congress of American Indians Pageant. I was so honored to just be able to participate in the pageant and to be amongst and meet the most distinguished people in all Indian Country. As a participant in the pageant, I took part in many activities and made myself visible amongst the people. I was approached by many people, commending me and my people for the accomplishments we, as a tribe, have made. I was very honored to be able to represent my people, because many people of other nations, recognize our tribe as being very elite.

The pageant itself was very tough, but when I left Denver, I left with a good heart and many new lifelong friends. I formed a bond amongst the

other participants that will last a lifetime. Although there were only a limited number of winners, we all joined together and shared the glory. I brought home the 2nd runner-up trophy. I was gifted with a Navajo Textile blanket and roses. It was just an honor to participate in the pageant, but it was great to be able to accomplish another dream and place in a pageant at the national level. The pageant was so tight, that there was a three way tie among the two top girls and I. As I stated it was just a dream come true to participate in the pageant, but to be able to place in the pageant was such a prestigious honor.

The NCIA pageant was my last big trip and I am coming to the end of my reign. I have been requested by a couple of council people and several people in the community to keep my reign another year. I have considered it, but out of fairness to the young ladies who have been waiting for their turn, I will give up my title in their honor.

Another letter will follow near the end of my reign. Tentatively, I am planning the Miss Warm Springs Pageant for February 1, 1994. All young ladies interested please contact Rhonda at the Tribal Council office or myself. I can be reached by pager #475-4775 or at the Police Department.

Starla Green  
Miss Warm Springs



## Crane accepts GED certificate

If you are between the ages of 16 and 21, a school drop out, and live in a low income home, you qualify for services at Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) of Madras. Students from Madras or Culver High Schools can also do makeup credits if eligible for services. This calendar year 30 GED and

four high school diplomas have been earned. On December 14, Richard Crane, age 17 received his GED from Instructor Tammie Schongalla. Crane is a tribal member and the grandson of Woody and Iris Smith of Warm Springs.

For more information about the program and eligibility contact COIC of Madras at 475-7118.

## Employees shine in development program

Twenty-one members of the Warm Springs community have just completed the first component of a six-part Employee Development Program.

The concept behind the Program is to provide a targeted, immediately useful training package. It was created to serve individuals who are currently a part of the Tribal workforce, in either administration or enterprises.

Components in the learning package are designed to help individuals improve their professional skills or to gain new ones. Aside from the obvious direct benefit for the performance of their current jobs this Development Program produces, it also makes the participants stronger candidates for promotion and, if they should choose to seek other career opportunities, makes them more marketable, more desirable to other employers. People taking part in this professional growth and development opportunity had to compete to secure a slot in the Program and have also enjoyed the whole hearted support of their supervisors. These "managers" also made an investment first in recommending members of their work units and then in lending real support, such as release time, as these students become involved in the business of learning.

The coursework these individuals take on is at a collegiate level in terms of the challenge of material studied, the workload, performance expectations, and the fact that the instructors are college faculty members.

This first area of study—first of the six-part package, was in Accounting and involved 11 weeks of sustained effort. Interestingly the instructor also

had another class meeting in Bend at COCC, covering exactly the same material. At mid-term, halfway through the course the WS students' performance was better than their Bend counterparts. Now that the Term is over and final exams have been taken the Res. crew has emerged with everyone passing. The lowest grade was a "C". The overall Grade Point Average (GPA) for the class was 2.7 ("B"=3). Four individuals earned

perfect grades "A" and six received "B's".

Yes, such a performance is worthy of being labeled "distinguished" and sincere congratulations to all involved are definitely in order. The turn of the year marks the beginning of a new Term and these scholars will confront the challenge of step two in their journey Basic Accounting 2.

Here's hoping that their success continues to flourish.

## Candidates needed for Miss and Lil' Miss Warm Springs

**Wanted:** Candidates for Miss Warm Springs & Lil' Miss Warm Springs

As a young girl I had a dream of becoming queen. I always seen the beautiful queens with their big fancy crowns and their pretty smiles. I had told my mom, "One day I will be wearing my own crown." And as I got older I began to want that dream more. So I started out and began at the Lil' Miss Warm Springs level. I went through the ranks there and out grew it. So at age 17 I tried for the Miss Warm Springs title and the Jefferson Co. Fair & Rodeo title. I didn't win but I never gave up. I was always taught to follow my dreams, so one year later I returned and won the title for Jeff. Co. Rodeo. Then once that was up, I went back and won the Miss Warm Springs title.

A childhood dream was what it started with and look where I ended up. There are many young girls out there who have had many dreams, and there maybe those who wish to be able to wear that crown as I did. At this time I am challenging every

parent of girls the age of 5-17, to help their daughter fulfill a dream. Help them participate in the Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant. I am a product of that pageant and I am very proud with what I evolved to be today. I am also challenging every young lady, the ages of 18-25 to participate in the Miss Warm Springs pageant. Just to be able to represent our people is an honor.

I took the challenge in January of 1994 and I want you to take the challenge on February 1. The Lil' MWS pageant will be on January 25. The practices for Lil' MWS will start on December 13 at the Community Center. I will be taking part in the organization of both pageants, and will be helping the young girls. And to the older girls, I am more than willing to assist you in preparing for the pageant and to share with you the experiences that I have had over the past year. I can be reached by pager #475-4775 or at the police department.

Starla Green  
Miss Warm Springs