

Wellness Center "bomb threat" draws big response

Practicing disaster response sharpens skills of emergency medical personnel and public safety employees.



Explosion victims lay resting on Wellness Center lawn awaiting medical attention.



Medical and police personnel participated in practice emergency response drill recently. The IHS Wellness Center hopes to ultimately integrate their disaster plan with the one developed by the Tribe.

We all know what happens when a real disaster hits home. The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center held a disaster drill on October 9.

According to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals Office (JCAHO), two disaster drills are required each year, says Nancy Collins tribal sanitarian. "While the clinic had always done fire drills, we had never really completed a disaster drill. In this year of natural disasters, it seemed appropriate that the clinic try to prepare itself as much as possible for

any disaster that may come along," says Collins. The Wellness Center had a written internal and external disaster plan. The purpose of the drill was to test the effectiveness of the plan and to test staff response to the plan. The scenario was that a bomb had been placed in the boiler area of the building. A "bomb threat" was called in and a short time later, the "bomb" exploded causing major damage to the building and utility structures, says Collins.

In the simulation, there were eight wounded which required special

effects makeup and also two fatalities. The rest of the staff was evacuated from the building as per policy. "The drill was a unique learning experience for the staff and enabled us to identify problems that will, in a emergency, make the system work," says Collins.

The drill also tested out emergency triage procedures and allowed medical staff to respond. "We found a number of deficiencies in the plan

and were identified and we're currently correcting them" says Collins.

One major problem was in the clinic accounting system. When Fire and Safety arrived, we still could not tell them who was missing. In a real disaster, this could cause major problems, says Collins. We have to account for everyone in this building.

Community Health Education Team news

In September, Community Health Education Team (CHET) officially recognized the end of summer! We'd like to thank William Moses for joining us this summer as a Student Trainee. William did many of the Public Service Announcements you may have heard over KWSO during the summer. He did an excellent job of preparing the PSA's and with his previous radio experience, was able to cut the PSA's without disturbing the radio staff (very much). We'd like to wish him good luck as he attends school in Bellingham, Washington.

Serving on the Tribal Health and Welfare committee had Carolyn off to Tucson, AZ during the middle of September, attending a Northwest Indian Health Board Conference on violence in Native American communities. She hit the city when temperatures were perfect at 85 degrees! Carol was in Tucson for one week. She barely had time to return home, repack her bags and attend the National HIV/AIDS Conference in Portland, OR with the rest of the CHET staff.

The Community Health Education took time in September for a breather, and to prepare to jump into the last quarter of the year!

Anson, Judy, Anita and Carolyn will be gearing up for various campaigns during the last quarter of the

year. Preparation of PSA's to be run on KWSO is currently in the works. Be on the lookout for National Breast & Cervical Cancer month, Halloween Safety, the National Red Ribbon Campaign, Seat Belt Safety, and Holiday Season safety.

Networking with the Jefferson County Middle School in 1995, Carolyn participated in the Peer Mediation training. Anson Begay was delegated to take the 1996 Peer Mediation held in October. Both Carolyn and Anson will be working with the Middle School assisting with Peer Mediation program. CHET also plans to continue working with several Native American 5th graders on Seatbelt Safety promotion. Last year's 5th grader team came up with approximately 60 ideas to promote seatbelt safety! This gives the new team a very good start for planning activities during the 1996 school year.

CHET is planning a men's follow-up meeting to the August Conference. It is planned to be held on November 21, 1996 at the Warm Springs Recreation Center. Tentatively, the staff is working on bringing back our friend David BrownEagle, from Spokane, Washington as guest speaker. David is very dedicated to helping Native American people and has proven to be an excellent resource. Promotion on this should be hitting the airways

and mailboxes very soon. David has tentatively planned on doing a one day workshop on Relationships. Upcoming in December, is the Women's Local Wellness Conference scheduled for December 4 & 5, 1996 at the WS Recreation Center.

Also on December 1st, the staff will be promoting National AIDS Day in conjunction with a few IHS departments.

On October 14, 1996, the CHET staff will welcome Marita Jones to the staff as the new Health Educator. Marita will be filling the vacancy left by Henry Walden. Carolyn Wewa, who has been the Acting Supervisor, is eagerly looking forward to becoming more actively involved in community education once again. For those community members that have been very patient for activity with the Theater of Performing Arts, and Writing Classes once again, you can breath easy, as Carol plans to start them back on track again.

With the Tribe's obtaining a grant for the Cervical and Breast cancer program, Judy will be busy getting this into gear and networking with other IHS Staff to get this off the ground and activated. Plans are to begin this during the Women's Local Wellness Conference and to continue the campaign throughout the 1997 year.

With HIV/AIDS remaining a con-

cern in Indian communities, Anita Davis will be busy working with the Multi-cultural HIV/AIDS Alliance of Oregon, to ensure that funding allocations designated for Native populations in Jefferson County are being utilized to the full degree. All CHET staff will be associated with the Jefferson County HIV/AIDS Committee on an on-going basis to help plan activities to promote education and awareness.

The last quarter of 1996 looks to be a very busy three months!

Billy Chinook

Out of the west, a spy satellite slithers in. Everything is visible to this invisible spy in the sky. To the East are the Blue Mountains of Oregon and Idaho. It traces the Columbia River from its westward destiny to its northern origins. Behind it, the truly blue Pacific. To the south, it can distinguish Lake Klamath from the shimmering mirages of the Sunshine State. This eye in the sky sees all, yet it know nothing. It doesn't know what to make of a peculiar regularity taken on by some eroded bullies and ruts. All that time has left to mark the great medicine road. The course sailed by thousands of prairie schooners Riding the wave of manifest destiny a century and a half ago. Nor does it know what to make of the ruins of a chief's house on the Indian Reservation below. The all seeing eye can find no trace of this chief's footprints that he made as a young man walking with Captain Fremont against the grain of manifest destiny. Time has erased them

by Harry Paget

Warm Springs Elementary news

Calendar Update

October 27-Daylight Savings Time, turn clocks back one hour.

October 28-509-J Board Meeting.

November 1-End of First Quarter 96-97 school year.

November 4-No Kindergarten. Early Dismissal, grades 1 & 2 out at 11:15 and grades 3 & 4 out at 12:15.

November 7-Awards Assembly, K-2 at 8:50, grades 3 & 4 at 9:30.

November 7-No Kindergarten. Parent Conferences.

November 8-No School. Parent Conferences.

November 11-No School. Veteran's Day Holiday.

November 11-23-American Education Week.

November 27-No Kindergarten. Early Dismissal for students and teachers. Grades 1 & 2 out at 11:15. Grades 3 & 4 out at 12:15.

November 28-29-No School, Thanksgiving Holiday.

WSE Fall Book Fair

The annual Fall Book Fair will be held on Friday, November 8. Book Fair hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students will be receiving more information from their teacher about the book fair.

There will be two drawings this year with prizes awarded, compliments of Scholastic Books. One drawing will be for a set of 14 "Clifford the Big Red Dog" books including two hardback copies. The

other drawing will be for a "goosebumps" back pack and thirty books from the popular H.L. Stine "Goosebumps" series. Each customer will be given an entry form for the drawing when they purchase book fair items. Additional chances will be given for purchases which total over five dollar increments, i.e., up to \$5.00 purchase will be one chance, \$5.01 to \$10.00 two chances, etc.

The drawings will be held at 4:00 p.m., on the day of the book fair. Participants need not be present to win.

Library Habit

Help your children get the library habit. Set aside some time every week to visit your local public library. While you're there, check out a book yourself. You'll be setting a powerful example of the importance of reading for your child. Here's a case where actions really do speak louder than words.

Reading tip...

How can you tell whether a book is on your child's reading level? Some educators suggest using the "rule of thumb."

Have your child read a page of the book aloud. Have your child hold up one finger for each word they do not know. If they hold up four fingers and a thumb before the end of the page, the book is probably too hard to read alone. But it might be a great book to read aloud.

Protect your child

If you have recently been through a court hearing, and you have special instructions about an individual that has restricted contact with your child, please provide the school office with a copy of your court order. We would like to cooperate with protecting your child.

Campbell's soup labels

Continue to save your Campbell's Soup Labels and send them into the school. Let's work together to get more playground equipment.

Smart Orientation

Wanda Bushlach, our SMART Program Coordinator, has been recovering from an injury, and we hope she is feeling better soon. The orientation for SMART volunteers has been postponed tentatively to the end of the month. If you have signed up as a volunteer, you will be receiving notice soon about the orientation. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact the school office to do so.

Public Hearing

As specified in School Board Policy 911, the District plans to afford patrons an opportunity to make comments and recommendations relative to application for and use of Section 8003 Impact Aid funds. A public hearing has been scheduled during a regular School Board meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m., Continued on page 10



SMILE Club Open House drew many community members. SMILE volunteer demonstrates window cleaner compared to other household cleaners.

Watch for brochure announcing OSU/SMILE Summer Science Camp July 7 to 27. Camp is for 7th and 8th grade students.



Kids take a turn at creating bubbles during SMILE open house.