

Teachers applauded for brushing efforts

"The power to fulfill our dreams is within each of us. We alone have the responsibility to shape our lives. When we understand this, we know that nothing, and no one, can deny us greatness. We are the ones pushing ourselves forward or holding ourselves back. The power to succeed or fail is ours alone."

Last year, the first brushing program ever at Warm Springs Elementary was met with enthusiasm and support by both the teachers and students. This brushing program was not mandatory; therefore teachers could choose whether or not to participate. Surprisingly, more than half of the classroom teachers chose to participate, to be exact sixteen teachers out of a total of twenty-two took on the challenge and extra responsibility. Along with their everyday tasks of lesson plans, educational activities, classroom motivation and grading papers, these teachers decided to incorporate a brushing program in their classroom. Acting on an idea and making a decision to give students the opportunity to brush their teeth at school would shape ordinary classrooms into extraordinary ones. For the second year in a row the teachers at

Warm Springs Elementary will be participating in a brushing program set up by the Warm Springs Dental Hygienist. No such elementary school brushing program currently exists, as far as we know in the state of Oregon.

Children's oral health needs to be made a top priority in the Warm Springs community. At Headstart children are taught teeth are important because teeth help to chew food and teeth make up our smiles. When young kids are introduced to good brushing habits at school, and these brushing habits are reinforced at home by parents, these children

might likely have better brushing habits when they become teen-agers. Reducing painful tooth decay starts with a good relationship among dental health care providers, teachers, children and parents. One main reason for setting up the elementary school brushing program was to reinforce the dental education which is currently being taught at ECE and also continue daily toothbrushing at school. Since children are eating lunch at

both schools they need to be cleaning their teeth afterwards by either brushing or chewing sugar free gum. This fact is true for everyone not just children; everyone should brush after meals. Therefore daily toothbrushing, education and prevention is the key to brighter healthier smiles for everyone.

An enthusiastic W.S. teaching staff developed a close working relationship with the W.S. dental team, with both working together to battle tooth decay. Pushing forward, the dental clinic provided toothbrushes and brushing charts to every classroom, from kindergarten to fourth grade. Classroom presentations were done on proper brushing, oral health education and toothbrush safety. To motivate student participation a brushing contest was held. Students were given time to brush after lunch everyday. Each time a student brushed he would mark his toothbrushing chart, which he personalized himself by coloring or using stickers. So if a student brushed everyday, marked off his brushing charts and practiced toothbrush safety, he earned a chance to win his classroom a pizza party. If every student in his classroom participated then everyone's name was entered into the pizza party

drawing. The class had better odds of winning if more students partici-

ated. Classmates were motivated to brush because they wanted their class to win. One class from each grade won a pizza party.

Congratulations to last year's pizza party winners:
Mrs. Renee Rodin's kindergarten class, Ms. Cary Pedersen's first grade class, Mrs. Karen Adams' second grade class, Miss Sara Ohman's third grade class, Mr. John Nelson's Fourth grade class and Miss Margaret Kincaid's Sinnasho school.

Teachers were encouraged to display brushing charts in neat creative ways. One such creative talent was Mr. Kevin Rodin's class. In his classroom, Mr. Rodin taped laminated brushing charts on one area of the wall. This brushing chart display area was titled with colorful lettering the "Molar Mopping Area". Each child's personalized toothbrush was hung on hooks next to their brushing charts. Mr. Rodin was creative not only in the display of his classroom brushing charts but also in constructing his own wall hook toothbrush holders.

Another creative genius was teacher Ms. DeAnna LaPage. Ms. LaPage constructed wooden toothbrush holders for all participating classrooms from wood donated by

Warm Springs Forest Products. Our thanks to W.S. Forest Products for their generous donation.

At the end of year powwow this past June 11th, the following teachers were honored by the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center for their contributions promoting children's oral health, hard work and dedication: Kindergarten - Mrs. Renee Rodin and Mrs. Laura Fuentes, first grade - Mr. Russell Kaiser, Ms. Arlene Graham, and Ms. Cary Pedersen, second grade - Mr. Kevin Rodin, Ms. Karen Adams, April Engstrom and Mr. Daniel Brown, third grade - Ms. Cami White and Ms. Sara Ohman, fourth grade - Ms. Vicki Moore, Mr. Harry Phillips, Mr. John Nelson and Ms. DeAnna La Page, Sinnasho school - Ms. Margaret Kincaid. Working together towards common goals achieves greatness. Teamwork is what it takes to make healthy smiles, everyone including dental health care providers, teachers, children and parents are needed to reduce painful tooth decay. Together making children's oral health a top priority.

Howdy! from Texas. Keep your smiles bright!

By Erica Foster, Hygienist and Juanita Simpson, Hygienist

Resort offering tours

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is offering the public tours of the Kah-Nee-Ta Village while it's being reconstructed. Watch the construction progress during guided tours available Mondays, beginning November 11. The tours will continue through December. Monday, tours will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Check in at the Village gate

and park in the day use area. Since this area is dangerous it is important to arrive on time for the tour. Only one tour will be given on designated days.

The actual Village tour dates are: November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. All tours last about one hour.

Let Kah-Nee-Ta take care of your holiday meal

Who's cooking Thanksgiving Dinner this year? Are we staying home again this holiday? Is this the only place big enough for the whole family to hold a holiday dinner? Look at this mess everyone ate and took off! Are these the questions and problems you face every year when you host a holiday dinner? Well maybe it's time for a change. Treat yourself or have your family treat you at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Special Thanksgiving Day menu includes a family style dinner with all the trimmings which includes your own turkey served at your own family table for parties of eight or more at only \$13.95 per person. On this special offer a 48 hour notice is required. Dinner reservations are

recommended. Breakfast will be served on Thanksgiving morning beginning at 7 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

All Thanksgiving specials will be served in the Juniper Dining Room from noon until closing. Dinners will include Acorn squash bisque, wild fall greens with pear vinaigrette and candied pecans, or Romaine and oakleaf tossed in blue berry, thyme and goat cheese, slow Roasted Turkey with pear sage dressing, buttermilk mashed potatoes, and orange cranberry relish all for \$15.95 per person.

And that's not all, for ham lovers try Kah-Nee-Ta's Country Baked Ham with Kentucky bourbon raisin sauce, candied yams, and potato

pancakes for \$15.95 per person. For those who don't like traditional Ham or Turkey, try Kah-Nee-Ta's Grilled Lamb Chops with mint fused demi oven roasted red potatoes, and Indian corn relish for \$19.95 per person. If you're still not happy with all those selections, you can try Kah-Nee-Ta's famous Prime Rib of Beef, spiked with fresh rosemary and garlic buttermilk mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding for \$18.95 per person.

Your children can enjoy a traditional Turkey or Ham dinner for just \$6.95 a plate. Desserts will include Pumpkin chiffon tart, Huckleberry cobbler, or Apple pie. Whatever you do, wherever you go, have a safe and a happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

You're invited to attend fun filled day

You are personally invited to join us November 21 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. David and Veronica Browneagle will be presenting "The Song My Grandchildren Will Hear, Begins in my Heart."

This will be all day fun filled, hands on, tickle your funny bone, story telling, jump up, jam down, laughing and crying experience. Just bring your heart and your mind.

-Why can't the song be heard?
-How do we open our hearts?
-Who do we open our hearts to?
-When do we sing?

For more information call Carol or Anson at 553-4922.

Early registration is encouraged, no fee administered. This is brought to you by C.H.E.T. and Healthy Nations.

Seniors seeking traditional foods

The Senior Citizen Center is looking for donations of traditional foods for their senior program. Anyone willing to donate traditional foods can drop them off at the Senior Citizen Center, or a staff member can meet you or come by your home to

pick them up. The foods will be used at the center during Senior meals and will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Elton Greeley or a member of the Senior Citizen staff at 553-3313 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Elder abuse conference set

The Warm Springs elders are sponsoring the second Annual Elder Abuse Conference November 14 and 15 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. There is no registration fee. Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is also offering special room rates for participants, \$45.00 a night. Call 1-800-544-4SUN. Lunch will be provided both days of the conference for participants.

Scheduled to attend are six guest speakers and a youth panel. Dwayne Ragan, Office of Crime Victims, Department of Justice, Washington DC is also scheduled to speak.

Three speakers from Portland scheduled to attend are Steven Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of

Justice; Aileen Kaye, State Coordinator of Protective Services, Sr. and Disabled Programs; and Cecelia Bonner, who is the Elder Services Representative of Portland.

Bill Burke of the Umatilla Tribe and Clifford Moses of the Yakama Tribe will be guest speakers also. Burke is the newly appointed Board Member of National Indian Council On Aging-NICOA.

A Youth Panel is also being set up for this conference.

For more information about this Annual Elder Abuse Conference contact Lucille Schuster or Eileen Spino at 553-3313, or Cheryl Tom at 541-553-3225. Tom's FAX # is 541-553-1347.

Johnson, Sr. and Ruth Tewee.

Tamara Bryant is the daughter of Sonya Kenyon and Rod Kenyon of Warm Springs. Bryant is 12-years-old and attends the Jefferson County Middle School in the seventh grade.

Her Great Grandmother is Edna Sanders. Her grandmother, who she lives with, is Joann Bryant.

Bryant's hobbies include powwows, movies and shopping.

Sally Polk is the daughter of Dempson Polk of Warm Springs. She is nine-years-old and attends the Warm Springs Elementary School in the fourth grade. She has lived in Warm Springs most of her life, it is her home.

Polk's grandmother is Victoria Polk-Muldrow.

Polk enjoys dancing she is a jingle dress dancer, bike riding.

This is her first time running for a queen title. She is nervous and anxious. She thought she'd try, it would be a challenge for her.

Polk will also receive her Indian name on Saturday and her family will have a small memorial for her grandmother and her brother.

Across the Wire....

Radio man insults Yakama members

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A Yakima radio personality has resigned after making on-air comments that the Yakama Indian Nation found so offensive it threatened to force a radio station tower off the reservation.

Alan Taylor, writer and producer of Agri-Update, a daily 60- to 90-second spot of agricultural news and commentary for KIT-AM, resigned Monday after being suspended a week earlier. Taylor had been doing the Agri-Update spots for about 10 years.

Lehigh John, the tribe's land enterprise manager, said Taylor's comments during two late August broadcasts were derogatory and racist.

Transcripts of the shows were not available from the radio station. John said that in one broadcast, Taylor said tribal members live with junk cars and appliances littering their yards.

"I stepped forward and said some things about the Yakama people that they are really sensitive about," said Taylor, an assistant professor at Central Washington University who teaches communication law. "I said they don't care about the environment. I said go look at their houses."

He also referred to the tribe's Treaty of 1855 with the United States as silly, he said.

"I said it in the context that any treaty that allows the shooting of elk at a feeding station should be renegotiated," Taylor said.

Former Yakama Nation police chief Joe Young was tried in Yakima County Superior Court in August after killing two elk last January at a Nile Valley feeding station. The judge upheld Young's treaty right to hunt off the reservation, but ruled that tribal members may only hunt off-reservation during hunting seasons.

IAIA facing bankruptcy due to budget cuts

SANTA FE (AP)—Federal budget cuts have left the Institute of American Indian Arts in a state of financial crisis and a step away from bankruptcy, IAIA president Beatrice Rivas Sanchez has warned.

"Our situation as an institute is really critical," Sanchez said during a meeting at the school Thursday, just a week after the majority of students gave her a vote of no confidence. "I don't think we'll ever get the chance again if we don't get out of this."

The institute had its federal funds slashed from \$9.4 million in 1995 to \$5.9 dollars in 1996. Administrators said they expect federal funds to be cut entirely in coming years.

Sanchez—who was hired in July—said it was those cuts that forced the school to lay off 16 of the 27 faculty members and start charging tuition, which is now \$9,000 dollars a year.

Sarah Chewiwie, Associated Student Government president, said students were disturbed that the majority of the laid-off

John said he and other tribal members were offended by the broadcasts.

"He teaches courses at Central Washington University and he calls our treaty silly? What does that tell you about a person? It would be like if someone made reference to the Declaration of Independence and called it silly," John said.

After hearing the broadcast, John sent a letter of complaint to KIT station manager Dave Aamodt.

"The Tribe understands that people are allowed to react to issues, but to react in the matter in which he did borders on slander and/or racism against the Yakama Indians," John wrote.

In the letter, John threatened to cancel the lease to KATS-FM of an antenna site on Ahtanum Ridge. Both KIT and KATS are owned by the Tom Instad Broadcast Group of Minneapolis.

Aamodt said he has written two letters of apology to the tribe and apologized in person to John.

"With talk radio, there will be some controversy and sometimes a talk-show host will inflame a group of people. But Taylor's commentary does not reflect the views of the radio station," Aamodt said.

John said Thursday he discussed the station's lease with the Tribal Council Land Committee earlier this week but the committee has not yet decided what to do.

Taylor said he has learned a valuable lesson despite years of teaching First Amendment rights in his classes:

"Find out who owns the land under your tower before you say anything," he said.

faculty were American Indians, while a majority of the retained faculty were non-American Indians.

Sanchez, who said she is a Mexican Indian, also is not registered with a federally recognized American Indian tribe.

Chewiwie said students are also concerned about cuts in cultural classes.

"The institute is better off dead and gone if we don't have cultural classes," she said.

The two-year school enrolled about 100 students this fall, down about 60 from 1995-96 and about half the 250 enrolled in 1994-95.

In an attempt to re-establish accreditation from the North Central Association, IAIA has been forced to cut a number of classes considered vital by many students. The institute, which is on a two-year probation with the accrediting association, has placed more emphasis on math, science and other basic courses.

Members being wrongly evicted from housing

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP)—A housing shortage here is forcing nontribal members from their homes, according to one tribal member.

Becky Rederth-Perez said Friday a family she is counseling was wrongly evicted from their home. The family, who are members of another tribe, have lived in Flandreau for 15 years, she said.

Rederth-Perez said tribal politics is a factor in the decision to remove the family from their home.

"Some tribal members are putting on pressure so they can live there," she said.

Tribal President Richard "Chuck" Allen said tribal members have the first chance at housing.

"We don't have enough houses to go around," he said.

But Allen said no families are being unfairly removed from their homes.

A housing official said there's a high demand for the 90 rental and owner-occupied

units managed by the tribal housing office.

Allen said tribal members are coming back to Flandreau. Some are returning home to retire and others are in search of work, he said.

"We have a lot who are without homes," he said.

But Allen said nontribal members are not forced to leave their homes. They can remain as long as they abide by their contracts and pay their rent or house payments, he said.

Rederth-Perez said only nontribal members are held to those standards. "No one here pays their rent," she said. That's a charge Allen denies.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development official Vernon Haragard of Denver said his office has been in contact with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Housing Authority.

Haragard sent a letter to the housing authority, advising them to follow proper procedure in evicting someone.

"There are rules and regulations that govern occupancy and admissions," he said.

Yankton Sioux reservation still exists

PIERRE, S.D. (AP)—The Yankton Sioux Reservation still exists within boundaries set by an 1858 treaty, a federal appeals court said in a ruling that greatly expands the tribe's law enforcement authority in the area.

An 1892 treaty and an 1894 federal law that opened part of the reservation in south-central South Dakota to white settlers did not reduce or eliminate the reservation boundaries set by the 1858 treaty, the ruling said.

The state will appeal the 2-1 ruling by a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Deputy Attorney General Larry Long said Friday.

The state most likely will ask that the entire federal appeals court review the three-judge panel's decision, Long said. The case almost certainly will wind up going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, he said.

"These cases are so important and have such a major impact in the area involved that these cases tend to get to the Supreme Court," Long said.

Sioux Falls lawyer James Abourezk, who is representing the tribe in the case, said the appeals panel's ruling is a major victory for the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

"This is a question that's sort of been up in the air for 100 years," Abourezk said.

The ruling does not change jurisdiction in criminal cases that involve only non-Indians. The state still will have authority to handle such cases, no matter whether they occur on private land or Indian land held in trust by the federal government.

But if it stands, the ruling will change jurisdiction in some cases involving crimes committed by or against an Indian within the 1858 reservation boundaries, Long said.

Previously, a crime involving an Indian defendant or victim was handled in tribal court or federal court only if it occurred on Indian trust land. Crimes involving Indians

on private land were prosecuted by the state in state courts.

The ruling would mean that any crime committed by or against an Indian within the 1858 reservation boundaries would be handled by federal or tribal courts, no matter whether the crime occurred on private or trust land, Long said.

Abourezk said federal and tribal authorities have been exercising jurisdiction over all crimes involving Indians within the reservation boundaries since last year, when a federal judge first ruled in the dispute.

The case arose because of a dispute involving a proposed regional landfill near Lake Andes, which would handle garbage from about two dozen area communities. The Yankton Sioux Tribe sought to stop the project, which is located on private land within the 1858 reservation boundaries.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol of Sioux Falls ruled last year that the 1892 treaty and 1894 federal law opening part of the reservation to white settlers did not eliminate or diminish the 1858 reservation boundaries.

The judge said because the landfill site was within the reservation boundaries, the dump must be regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Authority, not by the state. However, the judge allowed the project to proceed as long as it complied with EPA requirements.

The judge also said the Yankton Sioux Tribe had not demonstrated it had the right to regulate the landfill.

The federal appeals panel upheld Piersol's ruling.

Under the 1892 treaty and 1894 law passed by Congress, the U.S. government bought about 200,000 acres from the tribe for sale to non-Indian settlers.

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expenditure for restoration, operations and capital of Kah-Nee-Ta for the remainder of this year.

The loss of Kah-Nee-Ta's Village area has impacted a number of other enterprises, such as Indian Head Gaming Center, The Museum At Warm Springs and the Plaza at Warm Springs. Tribal member employment has also suffered because of the flood.

Kah-Nee-Ta normally employs 190 people at this time of year. Because of the current situation, Kah-Nee-Ta has 145 people on the payroll.

Thanksgiving mini powwow to honor our parents

Qua Tla Nowit Nami En Chi Tla Mi Yow—"Honoring our parents." Annual Mini Powwow to be held November 28-30, 1996, at the Agency Longhouse in Warm Springs.

Everyone is welcome to. All drummers are welcome. There will be individual contests:

-Tiny tots, 6 years & under boys and girls

-7-12 year olds, boys and girls fancy and traditional

-13-17 years boys and girls fancy and traditional dancing

-17 years and under, boys team dance contest, three to a team—Saturday

-17 years and under, girls team dance contest, three to a team—Friday

-Individual contests, men and women, Sr. men and Sr. Women

A special men's round bustle contest, sponsored by the Wewa family is also scheduled.

Powwow starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Meals will be served every day, two hours before the powwow starts.

All concessions are welcome. Call for information on table fees.

For more information call (no collect calls) or write: Manny Jim, P.O. Box 1129, Warm Springs, OR 97761, (541) 553-1086 (home) or (541) 553-3252 (work); or Geraldine W. Jim, P.O. Box 432, Warm Springs, OR 97761, (541) 553-1086.

This an alcohol and drug free event.

Queen candidates for this mini powwow are selling raffle tickets in the community. Candidates for the 1996 annual mini powwow are Adrienne Merrifield, Tamara Bryant, Sally Polk, all from Warm Springs and from Toppenish, Washington Melony Walsey.

Merrifield is an enrolled member of the Warm Springs tribes. She is thirteen years old and attends the Jefferson County Middle School, she is in the eighth grade.

Merrifield's hobbies include volleyball, basketball, school choir, powwows and traditional dancing.

Merrifield's parents are Wilbur, Jr. and Dinah Merrifield. She has a sister named Benita and a brother named Truman.

Her grandparents are Harrison Davis, Sr. and Floriene Davis, Wilbur