

Early Childhood Education Center receives Early Head Start grant

Early Childhood Education has recently received a grant for an Early Head Start Program. Early Head Start is a program that serves low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. The goal of EHS is to strengthen the development of infants and toddlers by creating strong partnerships with parents. Early Childhood Education is currently in the early stages of developing the EHS program in Warm Springs, with an anticipated start date for September, 1999. In the meantime, they will keep the community informed about ongoing developments in the Early Head Start Program. If you have any questions, please contact Shilo Shaw at 553-3240.

These are the nine EHS program principles:

1. High Quality: A commitment to high quality means that programs will develop policies and practices that are founded in the knowledge, skills, and professional ethics embraced by the fields of child development, family development, and community building. The commitment on the part of the Federal Government to ensure program quality includes the program performance standards, training and technical assistance network, and

research and evaluation activities.

2. Prevention and Promotion: The proactive promotion of healthy child development and family functioning begins before conception, and continues prenatally, upon birth, and throughout the early years.

3. Positive relationships and continuity: Strong, positive relationships that continue over time are key elements in a high quality program. These relationships include the child, family, and staff, and recognize the parent-child bond as the child's most significant relationship. The relationship between staff and family is based on respect for the child and family's home culture.

4. Parent Involvement: The EHS initiative supports the highest level of parent involvement and partnership. Programs will recognize both parents as the child's primary nurturers and advocates. Parents will also be active participants in policy and decision-making roles.

5. Inclusion: Programs will welcome and fully include children with disabilities. The individual needs of each child will be evaluated and responded to in a way that builds upon individual strengths. Programs will also support the child and family's full participation in

community activities.

6. Culture: The home culture and language of each family will be supported as an important aspect of early identity formation. Programs will also explore the role of culture and language in child and family development, and community values and attitudes.

7. Comprehensiveness, flexibility, responsiveness, and intensity: Program services are grounded in the belief that all families can identify their own needs and strengths, set their own goals, and are capable of growth. Thus, programs must maintain the flexibility to respond with varying levels of intensity based on families' needs and resources.

8. Transition: Programs are responsible for facilitating a smooth transition from Early Head Start into Head Start or other high quality programs and support services. A smooth transition is important to ensure that each child continues to receive enriching early child development services and each family continues to receive the support services necessary to healthy family development.

9. Collaboration: Collaboration with local community agencies and service providers will maximize the resources available to families with

young children in a cost-efficient and comprehensive manner. Early Head Start program, recognizing that no one program can meet all of a child and family's needs, will seek to build strong alliances within the

communities in which they operate.

You are invited to join us for our next meeting, scheduled for December 10th, from 1:30-3:30 in the ECE facility, conference room 1E.

Nerf bars for sale

Smittybuilt chrome nerf bars to fit Ford Ex Cab pickups between 1987-1996. Brand new, never used. Asking \$280. Call 553-3274 ask for Selenia.

Members share update on petition

To the Tribal Members who signed the budget petition regarding the Public Safety Branch:

This is a brief report to you who have been expressing concerns regarding the problems you have experienced with the Public Safety Branch, both in the past and are presently still experiencing. We are sorry that you 18-year olds, numbering over 200, who requested to sign were not able to, but that's the way our laws presently read.

Our community has had issues with this department for many years; many of you are directly affected in different ways. The current crimes being committed on our reservation are those which we expect our law enforcement people to guard against. They include, but are not limited to the following: City-type violence, drugs, gangs, deaths.

The "straw that broke the camel's back", so-to-speak was the snakebite trag-

edy, one other death, and the party held at the County Line home. Because of these incidents, you people who signed the petition (over 600 tribal members) were asking the Tribal Council to please help prevent any future tragedies such as these. Thank you to the community folks who took petitions around for signatures. This is a petition by the people of Warm Springs.

We held meetings with the secretary-treasurer, chief operations officer, and the superintendent in the past two days. We were scheduled to go to Tribal Council on Monday, December 14 which we set as a deadline for a response from them on whether or not they were going to address the petition. We were never called into Council that day; we were referred to the secretary-treasurer to try to "work things out." The chairman did come out to speak to us on what action was taken, and that was that Council had denied the petition by one vote. No fruitful action was arrived at in working with the S-T or COO. The superintendent did offer some opinions which can be used to "beef up" the police department. This will definitely help. We had also met with Council on December 7 for four hours and they listened to us and what the petition said, the recommendations that came from you, the people.

The Council denied the petition, but that was not the end of what we set out to do. We looked further into the Constitution and By-Laws and there is a direct quote partially of Article VI, "Whenever a matter of great importance comes before the Tribal Council, the councilmen shall, by resolution duly passed, submit the matter to the vote of the people. If they do not so agree to submit the question, ANY TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, or one-fifth of the members of the Confederated Tribes, may within 30 days after the vote of the Council, call such a popular referendum..."

The people (tribal members) had approached the 20th Council, the one before the current one, with complaints of this

same branch and also approached the past S-T and COO. The people have gone through many hardships, abuse, sorrow, to get to where we are now, and what we have had to resort to. What it boils down to is a referendum.

When the new (21st) Council came into office, you the people, are still waiting for remedies and have expressed them through general council and special meetings. The Council did not respond and no changes were made within the branch. They have declined to deal with the people's issues.

You know what the issues are. They are mainly needless deaths among our tribal members. Many are unsolved. There are many investigations which have never been completed. These have a direct affect on our people. In police administration, we have had 10 acting chiefs of police in just a few years. We feel that the interest and concerns of the people are more important than any one individual person.

On December 15, two members of Council move and seconded to have a referendum of this issue. A vote of the entire Council was not necessary, according to our Constitution, as quoted above. A referendum will be held and we have very close deadlines, but this is a brief report on the status of what you, the people have asked us to do. We ask your continued support to see this through to completion. We hope we have helped you in some small way, thank you for working together as one people's voice.

If you have any concerns, don't be afraid to get up in meetings and voice them. Our tribal Constitution, Article VII, Bill of Rights, Section 2 states, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES MAY ENJOY WITHOUT HINDRANCE, FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, SPEECH, PRESS AND ASSEMBLY. Again, thank you and keep the faith.

This is from your spokespeople, who are Shirley Sanders, Floyd Calica & Ginger Smith

Cannon consents to Christmas tree cutting

To the editor,

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, have consented to the cutting of Christmas trees by Employees of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs tribe, Indian Health Service, Post Office and Warm Springs churches.

Cutting is limited to one tree per family or church. Trees will be cut on Tribal land only. Trees should be cut along BIA system roads. All live branches must be removed from the stump. Cutting of trees larger than 10 feet in height is not permitted. Trees should not be cut that do not have another tree growing within 12 feet of the tree to be cut.

Any non-tribal member employee wishing to cut a tree must obtain a

Christmas tree tag from the Branch of Forestry. An individual will not be allowed to pick up tags for another employee. This tag must be attached to the base of the tree after the tree is cut. All employees must comply with the laws and regulations governing the Warm Springs reservation.

Trees must be cut between December 4 and December 23, 1998. Trees may only be cut Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Information on Tribal land location and road conditions may be obtained from the Branch of Forestry when you pick up a tree tag. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you need further information, call 553-2416.

Gordon E. Cannon

What is Christmas? . . . Love?

To the editor,

Well, what do you think? Will you get everything you want for Christmas? Are you being nicer to people because of Christmas? What does gifts and being nicer have to do with Christmas?

Actually they have nothing to do with Christmas. The gifts of Christmas don't happen until January 6 a day called "The Epiphany of the Lord." It is the time of the three wise men giving gifts to the family and to Jesus. Most of the Christian world give gifts in January not on Christmas.

Goodwill towards men is not just a Christmas thing. Once of the big stresses of Christmas is that during this season a blanket of goodwill, love and peace comes down upon us. From Thanksgiving to Christmas we are forced to hear and see messages that cause us to look at our life and its relationships. For many people this is a very sad time. What is Christmas? It is a Christian festival beginning

with the season of Advent, climbing to the point in time called the Nativity of Jesus. What is Christmas? It is the beginning of the second involvement with Creation by our Creator. The first is the Creator as Father involved with Creation of the Old Testament.

Then to increase His presence, is the second involvement-Christmas. The baby born who is God. Why? Because of love. God Loves us. That is Christmas. The sadness of life felt, because of Christmas, will go away when you have Christmas every day.

Not the Christmas of gifts, trees, and forced nice/nice. The Christmas of love. The love of God given to you. And the love you can give to others. Now that is Christmas.

Love and be loved. Buckle-up, keep tobacco, beer and booze away from the kids.

See you in church.

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church on campus, Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro, Pastor

"We are not wanted at this University," explains Winneshiek

To the editor,

My name is Bill Winneshiek. I am an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Thunder Clan.

I will graduate from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) December 1998. I will graduate with a BS degree in Leisure Studies, with a concentration in Recreation Management.

Below you will find the URL for my web page, which exhibits a letter from the Board of Trustees at UIUC. UIUC is the home of the infamous

mascot "chief" illiniwek.

The letter from Board of Trustee member Thomas Lamont was in response to my objection to the recommended increase in student fees to bail our Athletic Department out of debt. UIUC's mascot was originally funded through the Athletic Department. After writing my letter of objection to the Board of Trustees, the administration shifted funding for the mascot from the Athletic Department to funding from private donations.

I have gone to great lengths to get

this message to as many tribes, nations, and American Indians students of the hostile environment that exists at UIUC. The letter from the Board of Trustees is self-explanatory. We are not wanted at this university.

The Board of Trustees at UIUC have opted to prioritize their mascot over education. UIUC does not have an American Indian studies program, nor do they have a support group in place for Indian students. I am requesting that my web page/URL

be shared with as many as possible.

Although I did not leave UIUC as soon as the Board of Trustees had hoped, I am leaving. I will begin the graduate program in Recreation Administration at California State University, Long Beach for the spring 1999 semester.

My web page is located at URL: <http://www.students.uiuc.edu/~winneshi/>

If you have questions I can be reached at email address: winneshi@uiuc.edu

Bill Winneshiek



Happy 1st Birthday Dalton Ray!

It's already been a year! You have grown so fast and made so many accomplishments. You make me so proud to be your mama. You have changed my life for the best and have given me a reason to get up every day.

Happy Birthday to my Sister/Auntie Josie December 29 I am so proud to be your Sister/Auntie. God definitely blessed us with such a wonderful Sister/Auntie. You enjoy your birthday & the holidays too. We love you very much. Eunice, Izaak, Jessie & William

Remembering all the December "Babies".
Happy Birthday to you all!
2nd-Marlene Switzer
4th-Marla Thomas
10th-Raychel Williams
12th-Ross Kalama
14th-Pebbles George
16th-Johnni Smith
16th-Susan Coronado
18th-Linda Langley
23rd-Lil Henry Andrews
Happy Anniversary to these special couples
25th-Ella & George Aguilar Sr.
25th-Valerie & George Aguilar Jr.
26th-Linda & Jack Langley
Lotsa love & prayers,
Tina, Easton, Shanelle,
Colleen & III

Joseph Crowe,
Hello mom! How's your Bones? Thanks for being there when I needed you even if we are starting to know each other all over again - Clean! Sober! I love you always & Happy Birthday. How young are you?
Love Your Daughter,
Linda

Happy Birthday to:
Melissa Bryant-2nd
James Redfox, Sr.-8th
Eileen Dick-10th
Angie Blackwolf-17th
Zack del Nero-17th
Harold Blackwolf, Jr.-19th
Zelma Blackwolf-22nd
Julia Begay-23rd
Lola "Mae" Dick-29th
Josie Redfox-29th
Also have a happy & safe Christmas & New Years.
From: Eunice, Izaak, Jess & Bill

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
To our Family & Friends
From the Bagley Families
Willie & Lou Bagley
Ramone, JaimeRae & Elyse
Bear & Karla (Bagley) Tias
Tianna & Justin
Donnie Bagley & even Mickey



Mom is sorry

To the editor,

Trent & Jovon Heath, I miss not being able to spend as much time with you as I'd like and I hope you don't ever think that my love for you isn't important to me anymore. I love with all my heart and I care about you very much.

I'm sorry for the situation that I put you in and I know it is painful and unhealthy. Trent, I can hear your cry and feel your hurt. We will make it thru this. The people in your life today don't want to bring you to visit me but, they can't separate us forever. You are in my thoughts and prayers daily.

The Lord is watching and he hears my prayers.

Love & miss you,
Mom, Reesie Tewee

December 14, 1998
Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom
Tommy & JoAnn Smith
Wishing you the very best.
Love, Aaron & Angie

December
10th-Eileen Dick
17th-Zack Del Nero
19th-Harold Blackwolf Jr.
22nd-Zelma Blackwolf
23rd-Julia Begay
29th-Josie Redfox & Lola Dick
Happy Birthday, Wishing you all the very best on your special day,
you all have a great 1998 Holiday season.
Love, Donte, Angie & Aason

December 28th, 1998
Happy Birthday Chaunchbub Bob
Love, Angie & Aaron

December
24th-Ronnie Smith
26th-Antonette Pamperien
With love, Donte, Angie, & Aaron
Have a good one!

Satellite dish for sale

8 ft. satellite dish. Paid \$1,800 new, asking \$1,000 or best offer. Located at 4462 Upper Dry Creek Road. Bring tools, you take apart & haul. For further information contact Jimmy Scott at 553-1581

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Happy Birthday to

Eileen Dick 12/10

Hope you have a wonderful day & year. We love you very much.  
Auntie Eunice, Izaak, Jessie & Bill

To my Precious Sweetheart  
Happy 1st Birthday  
December 22, 1997  
Love you lots  
Your Daddy



To my daughter Lil Lana  
With all the love in the world. I've wishing you  
Happy 1st Birthday  
12/22/97  
Love, Mom

To our lil sis Lana  
Happy 1st Birthday  
12/22/97  
Love your big brothers  
Randy & Lawrence



Happy 13th Birthday to

George Boise

&

Happy 3rd Birthday to

Jackson Boise

on December 14th

From Dad, Mom, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson  
Happy 3rd Birthday

Happy Birthday to Irene Boise on December 16 From, Uncle, Auntie, George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson

Happy Anniversary to Dad & Mom Gubba & Grappa from, Tony, Selenia, George, Jackson, Tonya and Leanna