

National Poison Prevention Week March 19-25, 2000



Coloring contest winners in front row from left to right are Nikki Reynoso, Samantha Cole, Kayla Jones, Sammy Culps, Cheyenne Wahnetah, and Jackie Wetchie with proud parent Wilona Poltra. Back row left to right are OSU Extension Family and Community Development Agent, Bernadette Handley, and Judy Charley, of C.H.E.T. Dept.

Community Health Education Team (C.H.E.T.) and Warm Springs Oregon State University (O.S.U.) Extension

program joined forces to plan a community-based campaign in observation and promotion of National Poison

Prevention Week, March 19th - 25th, 2000. The theme for this year was "Children act fast - So do poisons."

Kick off for the event was a coloring contest for pre-school through fourth grade students during March 13-24. Designated pick-up/drop-off locations in the community included Warm Springs Elementary School, Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) Health and Wellness Center, Warm Springs Market, Early Childhood Center (E.C.E.) and the Community Wellness Center. Winners were selected for each grade from over 150 beautiful drawings. The winners were: Sammy Culps (4th grade), Samantha Cole (3rd grade), Kayla Jones (2nd grade), Cheyenne Wahnetah (1st grade), Nikki Reynoso (Kindergarten), and Jackie Wetchie (Pre-K). Winning entries will be displayed at the ECE Lobby.

The final event for National Poison Prevention week was a parent educational booth at ECE supported by C.H.E.T., I.H.S. pharmacists and O.S.U. Extension. Poison prevention education pamphlets, Mr. Yuk stickers and sheets with household tips for poison proofing were handed out. A raffle was held for three family gift baskets donated by O.S.U. Extension and C.H.E.T. The winners were: Versa Smith, Jane Wallace and Ken Miller.

I.H.S. Pharmacy and Mountain View Hospital donated ipecac syrup for distribution. The entire program was designed to enhance outreach in the community, to be interactive and innovating in the best interest and safety of the children and their families in Warm Springs.

Week of the Young Child is April 9-15

April 9th - 15th, 2000 is the Week of the Young Child. The purpose of Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to support the Early Childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The "Week" is also an occasion to Celebrate Children! The National Association for the Education of Young Children first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

April 8th-During the 1st Annual Chillineum Cookoff, ECE staff and families will host a Free Kids Fund Center 12-2 p.m. Pony rides will be available, a photo booth with an activity table to make a card for the photo, bubbles & temporary tattoos!

Special thanks to the following local businesses for their generous support of the following activities: Photo Booth sponsors: Wildcat Logging & Warm Springs Forest Products; Pony Ride sponsors: Indian Head Casino, Head Start Parent Club and ECE families & staff who participated in the fund-raiser bake sales! Additional Activities for the kids were supported by: Ericksons SENTRY and Warm Springs Market.

April 11th- Zoo Day at ECE 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Offer kids the opportunity to experience various types of

animals in a familiar setting. Volunteers will need to bring in and accompany their animals. Volunteer coordinator is Jessica Coyle, EHS.

April 12th-Information Fair 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -Local family resources to come and share information about their programs and offer some education about child and family issues. Parents/Community Members are welcome. Each table can stamp a "passport" that can be traded in for a drawing.

Donations for raffle items during the Information Fair were made by: DMJ Automotive, Safeway, Aherns Market & Deli, The Museum At Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

April 13th-ECE Parade 10 am. The community will be invited to come to cheer on the children.

Watch for children's artwork throughout the community!

Co-chairs of this year's celebration are Warm Springs Head Start Parents Sheila Wahnetah (553-4914) and Sue Matters (553-3241).

Parenting class set for April 6

Lorraine & Bob Cronkhite will be conducting a Parenting class beginning April 6th, 2000. It will start at 3:00 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. at the Community Counseling Center. The last class will be May 18th, 2000.

How can you help your children learn language?

Did you know that babies are learning language from the day they are born? Your baby can recognize your voice at birth! Babies are constantly learning, so it is important for you to help them with their language development. One of the most important ways you can help your child is by reading to them. It is NEVER too early to read to your baby. Reading to your baby helps him/her to recognize sentence structure, word meaning and proper language sounds. Reading to your baby actually helps your baby's brain develop the necessary skills so that your baby will eventually learn how to talk. Also, reading to your baby is soothing-they like to hear your voice! Babies are not picky, you can read them the Spilyay Tymoo, the Dictionary, or a baby book. But infants and toddlers REALLY like to hear stories that rhyme and that repeat words and sentences over and over. So read to

your baby every chance you get now and make a difference in how they learn FOREVER! Here are some pointers for choosing books for young readers:

Choosing books for infants, get books with thick pages; get books that will last a long time and are easy to clean; get books with clear and easy pictures of familiar things animals, bottle, puppy, etc.; you can make a book for your child with pictures of your family.

Choosing books for toddlers: Choose short books; choose easy to read books; books with simple pictures; books they can hold; toddlers like books that repeat things over and over; they like stories that rhyme; toddlers like books with all different types of people and they can make their own!

Listen to KWSO every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. for story time.

Early Head Start news update

There are some recent changes to the EHS Group times this month. Attendance for Group Socialization's have been low so we had to get rid of two group times. Group #3 and #4 will not meet this month. If you are scheduled in these groups, talk to your home visitor about what other group time will work best with your schedule. Everyone is expected to attend two groups a month and you are welcome to attend any additional group you would like to. You also can change to another group if one fits your schedule better. Please remember that transportation is provided to all group activities.

Group attendance
Group attendance is very low. We currently offer five group times and the Wednesday groups are our busiest time. We are always excited to see families coming into our group times. Remember that all enrolled families must attend group at least two times a month. Group activities are fun and it is good for EHS families to get together for this time. Group includes a play activity with you and your child, a meal and

parent hour where you can discuss ideas and concerns you have about you and your child.

It is never too late to start coming to group. We have new families come every week and have a great time. Let your home visitor know of any questions or worries that you have about group. We look forward to seeing you.

What to expect from your EHS home visit

You and your home visitor will agree on a day and time to meet.
Home visits will last for 1 and 1/2 hours in your home.
Home visitors will arrive on time and follow through with all scheduled visits. If something changes, they will call you.

Home visits consist of:
The home visitor arrives early and is prepared.
A warm and friendly greeting.

Sharing: The home visitor shares with the family any new information, announcements, or community events. They also talk about the Family Partnership Agreement (FPA), which includes your family goals and how you will work together to accomplish them.

Activities: You and your home visitor will work together to plan activities for you to do with your child. This includes:

Encouraging good interaction.
Providing opportunities for your child to learn.

Helping you and your child develop and increase growing skills.

Gathering and sharing information that relates to your child and his/her development.

Respecting you as the primary teacher of your child.

Planning together: You and your home visitor will plan activities together for your child for the next home visit. You will also decide on activities you can do for your child during the passing week.

How did the Home visit go? At the end of the home visit, you and your home visitor will discuss how the visit went, if your child and you enjoyed it, what your child learned and what could have been done differently.

If you have any questions about your home visits, please call your home visitor or June Smith at 553-3241.

Be sure to listen to KWSO every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for Story Time.

Announcements:

Early Childhood Education is celebrating the Week of the Young Child on April 10 through 14. Activities include a parade, a children's art exhibit, zoo day, an information fair and many other great activities.

The Head Start Program will have its first Health Fair of the year on April 20 at I.H.S. Call Reona or Vera at 553-3241 for more information.

Early Childhood Education will be closed on April 7 for inservice staff training.

There is a Policy Council meeting on April 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Conference room 2E at Early Childhood Education. Transportation will be provided to any EHS families who are interested in attending. Child care and dinner are provided.

Ask your home visitor or call Ollie at 553-3241 if you have questions regarding any of the above information.

Committee seeks candidates

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee is seeking possible candidates for Pi-Ume-Sha 2000.

There are enough Jr. candidates in the 7-12 age division but they would like interested Sr. candidates in the 13-19 to contact the Committee.

You may call Danni Katchia at 553-3241 (work) or 553-9067 (home); or you may call Lucy Suppah at 553-3222 (work) or 553-9151 (home) for more information or to sign up.

Mountain View High School to host touring show

Beauty and the Beast
April 11, 2000
Two shows AT 5 PM And 7:30 PM

Tickets cost \$5.00 and they go on sale April 3rd. Box Office 383-6402 (9am to 3pm).

This will be a great evening of entertainment for children of all ages! So make your plans now to bring the whole family. This new adaptation by theatre educator Brenda Hubbard, highlights the ideas of honoring family over personal gain, and that doing the right thing is what makes a

person "beautiful."

This evening of family entertainment is a benefit for the Mountain View High School Drama Department's trip to New York in June of 2000. The purchase of a ticket will help over 30 students travel to New York City and participate in week-long classes, auditions, cultural tours and attending plays and musicals and Broadway.

Tickets are available starting April 3rd through April 11th by calling 383-6402 during the box office hours 9am to 3pm.

Central Oregon Housing to conduct survey

During the first half of April your household should receive an important housing needs survey. The Central Oregon Housing Survey will be distributed in every community throughout Central Oregon.

All Warm Springs post office boxes will receive it. Look for an envelope from the Tribes containing the 4-page confidential survey and a special Warm Springs Reservation insert. By completing this survey you will be taking an active part in local planning efforts to sustain the future health of our Reservation and Region.

The Central Oregon Housing Survey seeks to determine an honest understanding of existing housing conditions in our communities. The goal is to improve housing and affordability issues for all Central Oregonians. Please make your voice heard by taking a few minutes to fill

out. Results of the survey will be shared at a Workshop early this spring.

The Central Oregon Housing Survey is administered by the Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority, and sponsored by the Northwest Area Foundation.

The Survey is just one part of a Housing Needs Assessment, scheduled for completion by June. Specifically the Housing Needs Assessment will:

Identify specific housing needs, including special populations, by each housing type.

Identify existing housing inventory, including shelters, transitional housing and permanent housing. Permanent types of housing include rentals, home ownerships, permanent supportive housing for special needs for independent living, and condition and age of substandard

housing.

An analysis identifying the current housing gaps, as defined above, and an analysis of housing gap trends and forecasts.

The needs assessment will provide information for seeking funding and for updating the Warm Springs Housing Plan.

Present information in a clear and concise format that is easy to understand and use.

Getting this work done will take the assistance and cooperation of everyone in our community. Look for these surveys April 1st-17th.

For more information please contact: Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority Cyndy Cook, Executive Director, 541-923-1018. Cook@corha.org Or Chet VanPelt at the Warm Springs Housing Department at 553-3250.

Madras High School Class of 1975
We are currently planning our 25th reunion. If you would like to help, WE NEED YOU HELP!
Janet (Cowden) Brown 475-6015
Brenda (Keller) Davis 475-6320
Helena (Shike) Jackson 553-1128

Survey conducted by Voc Rehab

To the People of Warm Springs:

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is conducting a mini-survey to find out individual Tribal Members thoughts about program services. Please fill out the following mini-survey and return it to the VR program (via personal delivery, US Postal Service, or interdepartmental mail). Though it's not necessary for you to identify yourself, you may include your name and telephone number (or if no phone, your address) and one lucky Tribal Member will win a Surprise Box drawn from the pool of returned surveys. The Surprise Box will be given to a Tribal Member who return a complete survey by April 30. Only original surveys printed in the Spilyay Tymoo will be accepted. Sorry, Tribal Members living off the Reservation are exempt from the Drawing. Winner will be notified by phone (or mail) on May 1.

Fact: The Warm Springs VR program is Federally-funded for the purpose of providing services to enrolled Native Americans with Dis-

abilities to obtain, maintain, or become promoted in employment. Tribes' across America must compete for funding. There are 54 Tribes operating a VR program. Because U.S. Taxpayer's fund the program, the program cannot exist exclusively for CTWS Tribal Members. That is the reason why we must provide services to all enrolled Native Americans who reside on the Reservation (provided they meet all eligibility requirements).

Fact: There are only two Native VR programs operating in the State of Oregon. Warm Springs and Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde provides services outside their Reservation boundaries covering six counties but only to enrolled members of Grand Ronde.

Thank you for your response.
Tricia Sahme,
Program Supervisor
Vocational Rehabilitation
4217-A Holiday Street
P.O. Box C
Warm Springs, Or 97761

Please consider these facts before responding to these questions.

1) If there were adequate resources, would you like to see VR offer services to enrolled Native Americans living off-reservation in surrounding communities?
Yes No
If you say yes, then which surrounding communities? Please Circle as many choices as you like.
Madras Sisters Prineville Bend Other(s): _____

2) Are you a client of the Warm Springs VR program at this time?
Yes No

3) Have you been a client of the Warm Springs VR program in the past?
Yes No

4) Would you like more information about the VR program mailed to you? (If yes, please complete the address portion of this survey.)
Yes No

This mini-survey was promoted by a recent community meeting on Disabilities where participant suggested the VR program extend services to off-reservation, federally recognized, enrolled Native Americans.

Name: _____
P.O. Box #: _____ Warm Springs, OR 97761
Phone #: 553- _____

Managing Hazardous Waste classes offered by COCC's Biz Center

Central Oregon Community College's Biz Center has partnered with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to offer two 3-hour classes on managing hazardous waste. The morning session, Hazardous Waste Basics, will include: How to perform a hazardous waste determination; Hazardous waste generator categories; On-site waste management; and Record keeping and reporting. The afternoon session, Managing Common Wastes (used oil, batteries, light tubes, etc.) will cover: Hazardous waste exclusions and exemptions; Storage and disposal requirements for Universal Wastes such as batteries & pesticides; Used oil storage and disposal; and DEQ policies for aerosol cans, contaminated rags, and abandoned hazardous waste.

3-hour evening class in Bend that combines the topics of the morning and afternoon sessions. Subjects covered include: What you need to do to comply with hazardous waste and used oil regulations; How to determine if your business generates hazardous waste; Recent hazardous waste policy developments for anti-freeze, spent solvent, photo processing chemicals and pesticides; and What to do if you have a spill of hazardous materials. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Call COCC's Biz Center at 383-7290 for more information and to register.
Prineville, Tuesday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Bend, Tuesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Bend (Condensed format), Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

COCC hours modified

The COCC Skill Center's hours for student services in April will be modified slightly. Students may now expect assistance on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This adjusted schedule will begin Wednesday April 5th from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 6th from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. These days (Wednesdays & Thursdays) will be maintained each week until further notice.

Services provided by the center are individualized computer training, personal development programs, tutoring for college classes and computer aided self-paced GED program in all subject areas.

Come and register on April 5th and meet instructor Tammy Balfour at the Warm Springs Tribal Education Center at 1110 Wasco.

COCC Approves Correction Certificate
Central Oregon Community College's Board of Directors recently approved a one-year certificate in Juvenile Corrections. The State Board of Education is expected to approve the certificate program this spring, allowing the college to award the certificates at the end of the fall term 2000.

The juvenile corrections certificate program will prepare students for entry-level employment in the juvenile corrections field, and/or for the equivalent of the first year of the two-year associated of applied science degree in criminal justice. Co-operative work experience is an important element of the program.

For information, call 383-7500

The "Condensed Format" is a