

## April events to raise awareness of abuse

Children's Protective Services is supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Child abuse and neglect affect all walks of life, rich, poor, traditional, non-traditional, young, old, healthy and disabled.

We are all people with feelings, so we have to help each other be safe.

What is Child Abuse Prevention Month?

This is a community awareness event that extends the entire month with different activities.

We are open all year around

to community members who are concerned and want to help in stopping child abuse and neglect.

What is the message Children's Protective Services want the community to hear?

That, as a community that cares, we can protect our children by taking a stand and doing something about abuse and neglect.

These are my relatives, my people: What kind of stand could I take?

That these are our relatives, our people, is the main reason

why we should get involved, to stop the harm and separation from occurring.

Think back to when you were a child. Wouldn't you have wanted a friend or relative to protect you? To educate you about abuse and neglect, and for you to realize life doesn't have to be like this?

How can I get involved and show my support?

Join us at the Children's Protective Services (CPS) events. Serve all year as a foster parent to keep our children on the reservation and participating in tra-

ditional events, and growing up in the community.

What kind of events will CPS sponsor?

CPS will kick off the month-long event with a walk from the Community Center to CPS. There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks, a coloring contest for ages ECE to fifth grade, scavenger hunt and taco dinner. For further information, refer to the calendar of events that is available through CPS. Call Cecilia Collins, family intake coordinator, 553-3209.

## Workshop on forestry contracts

The Small Business Development Center is hosting a workshop that will help community members get a better idea of how to bid for a contract with the Forestry Department.

In addition, the terms and agreements of a forestry contract will be explained in more detail.

A panel will be available for questions and answers, plus any suggestions offered. The panel consists of Leslie Bill, Gorky Mitchell, Ken Borchert, John Arena, Doug Dunlap and Bud Johnson.

They will have a guest speaker, Kayeri Akweks, a business consultant.

Akweks will be glad to help prospective contract bidders become better equipped with

the ins and outs of forestry contract bidding.

The Forestry Contract and Bidding Workshop will be at the Small Business Development Center from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 27.

A follow-up workshop will be scheduled pertaining to suggested items of interest from participants in this first workshop.

It will be an ideal meeting to answer questions that might come up in the meantime or that were not answered thoroughly.

Any person interested in this workshop may sign up at the Small Business Development Center located on the campus area, at 1134 Paiute Street.

Or contact by phone at 553-3592.

## More Letters to the Editor

### Apology

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter of apology to the whole reservation and specifically to William Wainanwit.

Last year when I was living with Deanna Lamebear, her sons were involved in several burglaries and thefts. One of the victims was William Wainanwit. Although I did not break into William Wainanwit's house, I saw some of his stolen property at the Lamebear house. I did not contact the police.

Recently, I pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and contributing to the delinquency of a minor (Deanna's sons) in Tribal Court. I am sorry for the burglaries and my role in the processing of your property that was stolen. Please accept this apology.

Thank you. Very truly yours,  
Ira Kelley, Sheridan Federal Correctional Facility.

### A greeting

To the Editor,

Well, first I'd like to say what's up to my family back on the rez and Wapato. This is Rayfield Jeff Mitchell here on lock-down in the U.S. penitentiary in Leavenworth.

Anyway, I'd like to hear from anybody in Warm Springs or Wapato, but most of all I'd like to hear from cousin Cheryl L. Staff. If you're reading this, cuz, drop me a line soon.

I've been down nine and one-half years and I've got two more years to go before I get released.

Also, I want to holler at George Picard, get back to me if you're reading this. And I want to say to the people living in the WSPD, keep your head up and stay strong, this won't last forever. Carla R. Pedraza, where are you? I'm trying to holler at you. Write me soon. Well, I thought I'd keep this short, but also keep it real, and I think I did that. So I'm going to close this letter to all till I hear from you. My address is below. I'll answer all letters, and I would like photos please. No Polaroid, please. Here is a poem, "I'm Freed."

A life of drinking and party-

ing, or carousing and running around. My life was like a man clinging to a ship that was going down slowly. I knew I was losing a fight. Then Jesus came into my life and I finally saw the light. He came to me in prison when I was broken and needed a friend.

He told me never to worry, he'd be there till the end. I trusted him to save me, now my life's so much brighter. A burden has been lifted, and my steps so much lighter.

So when you're traveling down life's dark and lonely road, you never again have to struggle with that large and heavy load. Take it from one who's been there, for I have been freed indeed.

Rayfield Jeff Mitchell, No. 60839-065, U.S. Penitentiary Leavenworth. P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048-1000

### Two messages

First, to my older sister Emmaline Crooked Arm, for blessing us with a little Angel. Another baby for your little sis to spoil. Keep your head up. Write me Eba. Rima C.

Second, family love. I love and miss my family - Crooked Arm's-Heaths. Sorry for being in lock up. My family is strong. Thanks for your support.

Rima C.

### Lydia, Minnie

Lydia,

I just got back from Moenopin Hopi Reservation. My sister Rosella Lawrence sends her love to you. She wants you to know that her daughter you went to school with has graduated from medical school. She is interning in Minnesota. But she wonders how you are doing. She is in Phoenix yet.

Shirley C. Smith.

To Minnie Yahtin,

I just came back from Phoenix. My sister Wilma Numkena Mendoza sends her love to you. She told me she went to BYU with someone from Warm Springs. The only person I know who attended BYU would be you. When I mention your name she informed me it was you. See you.

Shirley C. Smith

## Economic plan meeting set

The Business and Economic Strategic Plan Meeting No. 2 is set for 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday,

April 22, at the Agency Longhouse. Topic: Focus groups. Information: 553-3468.

## Low snowpack raises fire season threat

Snow levels in the region have been low this past winter. Despite recent storms, the snowpack is still only about 60 to 70 percent of average, according to estimates.

The low snowpack will be felt in the warmer months of the year, especially during fire season.

Because of the low snow level, the reservation and sur-

rounding area stand a good chance of seeing an active fire season, according to Warm Springs Fire Management. In July of last year the Eyerly Fire demonstrated the kind of catastrophe that a wildfire can bring.

The Eyerly Fire started on the reservation, then moved off the reservation, and then destroyed 18 homes.

Because of the potential fire

threat this year, Warm Springs Fire Management, with OSU Extension, is offering the following safety advice to property owners:

Property owners in rural or remote forest areas should begin taking responsibility now - before the growing season - for reducing fire risk, even if they have fire protection, said Steve Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Ser-

vice forestry agent. Rural and remote homes are at higher risk for fire than city dwellings, said Fitzgerald.

Late winter and early spring is a great time to take action and reduce fuels and other fire hazards around homes and property, he said. For instance, create a "green-belt" (a lawn) 10 to 30 feet wide around the home.

More on fire safety next edition

## River: permit system would apply on busy weekends

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Tribal officials said that a great deal of misinformation has been circulated regarding the impacts of a limited entry system. First, they said, the permit system will not apply to all days of the year. Instead, it will apply only to those summer weekends during which the target levels set by the plan are exceeded.

"We are only talking about a system that under present conditions will regulate use levels for about 14 days out of the year," said Brunoe.

The Confederated Tribes have also proposed a gradual

move into the limited entry system, to minimize any potential disruption of river users. Under the tribes' proposal, the limited entry system would initially apply only to the uppermost segment of the river from the Warm Springs Bridge to the Locked Gate just upstream of Maupin.

Tribal Council Chairman Olney Patt Jr. commented, "The indications that we have received are that much of the agencies' opposition to the limited entry system has been generated by an intense lobbying campaign of national and local guide associa-

tions. The Lower Deschutes limited entry system provides an equal chance for private boaters and guided boaters to access the river. On virtually all other rivers in the United States that have limited entry systems, the guides have been successful at gaining a guaranteed allocation of permits."

Patt said that on some rivers, like the Colorado, private boaters must wait for years to get a permit, while guided boaters have immediate access.

"The Confederated Tribes does not believe that a limited entry system that creates a pri-

vate property right out of a public resource, such as that advocated by the guides, is prudent," he said.

Having failed to reach an agreement with other river managers this week in Portland, tribal officials say they now have an obligation to implement the management plan as written.

"For the tribes the most important thing is the health of the river," said Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum. "The plan protects that health, and we all have to remain committed to its implementation."

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## More birthday wishes...

March 15. Happy Birthday to my niece Cece Polk, just another year older - so I wish you a happy birthday, and have a good one. Love, Auntie Phyllis Tohet.

March 24. I want to wish Desi Wells a happy birthday. Can't get you a present, cause I think my grandson Johnnie is all you can handle for a few more years, enit? But I love both of you together, okay. Love, g-ma Phyllis Tohet.

Lil' Harry Tohet. I want to wish a grandson a happy birthday, and you have a good one. Love you and wish you many more to come. Love, Grandma Phyllis Tohet.



Happy 11th birthday, Ferman Tufti. We love you, Mom and Dad.

A very special birthday wish for my son, Trent Wilson Centre (March 22). Happy 13th, son. I miss and love you very very much. From William