

# Education: members express concerns

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 Two Early Childhood Education teachers spoke on the importance of the children, and what it takes to encourage them and build their self-esteem. They felt they were doing a good job and that hopefully they were making an impact for the future.

A problem of not having enough teachers to serve the children was brought up. Teachers have resigned in the past and the positions have been left unfilled because of a hiring freeze. The Child Care Program Supervisor Charlene White has given notice that she is resigning because of the problems at ECC.

Many of those in attendance spoke of their concerns about the educational system and offered their opinions about what could turn the situation around. Many stated that the culture, including language, is very impor-

tant. Myra Johnson, manager of Tribal Culture and Heritage, said, "I haven't seen any body in here in a language class. We must remember who we are." Johnson said, "We need to have the support of higher management. We don't teach our children the language and the culture."

Geraldine Jim remembered that growing up, they spoke three different languages. "You have got to teach your children," she said.

Anita Jackson, who has a law degree and once served as the tribes' Public Safety General Manager, said that education is not valued by the tribal organization. She mentioned that the tribal organization has a 'good old boys club'.

"If a man loses a job, they will create a job for him. Not if you are a woman."

Jackson mentioned that we have so many tribal members who have college degrees, and yet they can't get a job.

Many people in the audience spoke and made good points. Some reflected on what had happened to their children in the school district. Others spoke of how it used to be and how society needed to return to what had been successful years before. Pastor Rick Ribeiro's advice was to, "Love your children, and push them as hard and lovingly as you can."

Chairman Brunoe closed the meeting at 9:30 p.m., saying he thought there was much to do before real progress would be made. He suggested that the people request an education workshop when the next Tribal Council takes office in May.

The Chairman's Round Table in March will focus on Public Safety.

# Enterprise

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The current plan is to build the 2,000-square-foot Community Technology Center building next to the Tribal Court building, in front of the Police Department.

For high-speed Internet access, a microwave tower will be built North-East of Madras, connecting to a microwave dish on the existing Eagle Butte tower.

From Eagle Butt the signal will be relayed to a passive receiver, which will look like a small billboard, located

above Tenino not far from the water tank.

From the passive receiver, the signal will arrive at the administration building to be distributed either over a new fiber-optic cable, or through wireless antennas.

The Tribal Council will appoint a full board of directors for ETS shortly, said Phillips. For now, he said, the interim board members are Charles Jackson, Willie Fuentes and Phillips.

# Powwow results

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Womens traditional: first, Katrina Walsey, Satus; second Leah McGurk, Sacramento; third, Hollie EagleSpeaker, Wapato.

Mens fancy: first, Stanley Whiteman, Toppenish; second Gary Smith, Toppenish; third, Aaron Wright, Phoenix.

Mens grass: first, Randall Paskemin, Gallivan; second George Growing Thunder, Poplar; third Nathan Nez, Sacramento.

Mens traditional: first, John

Scabbyrobe, White Swan; second, Guy Fox, Rocky Boy; third, Darrel Iso, Post Falls.

Womens golden age: first, Iola Totus, Toppenish; second Bernice Jim, Harrah; third Aurelia Stacona, Warm Springs.

Mens golden age: first, Jack Bull, Hobemma, Canada; second, Charles Nathan, Warm Springs; third, James Selam, Granger.

Look in the next Spilyay for more powwow and raffle results.

# Chemawa

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"The four 'Holding Cells' have one toilet between them, have a history of suicide attempts occurring within the cells, are coed, have a history of inadequate supervision, have a history of violent behavior occurring within the cells and have no medically trained staff for detoxification of chemically dependent youth," Connie Hunt wrote.

Nedra Darling, a spokeswoman for

the BIA in Washington, D.C., said she could not comment in detail because officials have not reviewed all the IHS documents released to the newspaper.

She said that some of the IHS concerns - including those about overcrowded cells - were based on detention standards that did not apply to BIA facilities.

Chemawa Superintendent Larry Byers declined to comment. However,

he provided a 2002 memo by another Chemawa official directing department heads and others to "take immediate action" to address deficiencies reported that year by IHS inspectors.

# Apologies

This letter of apology goes out to the community of Warm Springs, for my wrong decision that I had committed against another tribal member. In which charges were filed against me. I know that what I did was wrong, and there is no excuse for it. Again, I would like to apologize for my wrong actions against the victim. Sincerely, **Winston Wewa.**

Warm Springs Community, Family and Friends: I would like to express my sincere apology, for my contribution to the endangerment of our people, by the possession and contribution of narcotics in our community. I acknowledge the damage I have done, and no longer want to live that lifestyle. I am presently in a treatment center, to better myself, family and community. I will give back, so our Indian community can be restored for our future generations. A community where our youth can experience healthy culture, language and Indian socializing. I will care about those in my community, as the drugs and alcohol vanish, and our community begins the healing process. I want to thank the Tribal Court system, the Community Counseling Center, as well as the Legal Aid Department for allowing me the chance to reconnect with my spirituality and to reconnect with my community in a good way, the Native way. Again my most sincere apologies, **Merle Kalama-Thompson**

I would like to apologize for my driving under the influence charge I received on July 15. My apology goes out to the community of Warm Springs. I know I should not be driving under the influence, especially with my kids in the vehicle and so many in the community. Once again I am sorry for putting the community and myself in danger. I possibly could have crashed and somebody could have gotten hurt. **Jerome Davis**

I would like to apologize for driving under the influence on 7-9-03. I have taken responsibility for my actions and am trying to get help for my problem. So once again, I apologize for bad judgement when driving in the community. **Jerome Davis**

I would like to take this time to apologize to the Warm Springs Community, the Tribal Courts, the officer involved and my baby Pamela for the dramatical performing arts on or about Jan. 15. Thank you, **Jackson Heath.**

To the Warm Springs community, my family and friends. I would like to apologize for my behaviour during the Fourth of July. I will never let it happen again. I truly regret for my past, and I am trying day by day to make my life better, for myself and my family. Thank you. **Berta W.**

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