

# Award recognizes commitment to radio

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

Mary Sando-Emhoolah of Warm Springs recently received national recognition for her long-term commitment to Native radio. Sando-Emhoolah was among a group of 14 people who were recognized for working more than 15 years in Native radio.

The recognition came at the "Gathering of Stations" community radio event in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Organizations that gave the recognition included the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS), and Koahnic (Alaska) Broadcast Corp.

Sando-Emhoolah was one of the original staff at KWSO, when the station first went on the air. She was at the station



Mary Sando-Emhoolah

for 15 years. She works now as an independent radio producer. She is a board member of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters.

She has worked with AIROS on broadcasting the annual Schemitzun Powwow with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of Connecticut.

A possible upcoming project for Sando-Emhoolah is co-host-

ing the radio broadcast for the opening of the Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Besides her work in radio she and her husband Mike are owners of Emhoolah Trucking, and work on various projects throughout the state.

At the Gathering of Stations event, Sando-Emhoolah received a Hopi hand-carved plaque made by artist Forrest Chimerika of the Hopi Nation. The carving represents the white corn maiden. On the back of the plaque is information on the meaning of the white corn maiden, such as in the naming of the new born, the bringing of gentle rains and harmony and prosperity.

The recognition for long commitment to Native radio came at an event that included entertainment by the Grammy award winning group the Black Eagle Singers, of Jemez Pueblo, New

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Mexico. The event was a fundraiser for Native radio production.

Sando-Emhoolah worked in radio in high school and college, as well as at KWSO.

She said her interest in broadcasting probably began as a child.

"I read a lot as a child, and had an interest in writing," she said. The family may not have had a lot of money, "but books were free at the library, and I became interested in story-telling," she said.

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## Arizona tribes work to stem gaming addictions

PHOENIX (AP) - Indian tribes want to curb the gambling addictions of roughly six to eight million Americans, who get their fixes in reservation casinos, tribal and industry leaders said.

"This was certainly encouraging to hear," said Judith Herriff, executive director of the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling.

Herriff was among many treatment professionals and researchers who attended the 18th annual conference on the Research, Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling on Friday.

At the conference, which was

held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, tribal leaders spoke about the latest research, prevention and treatment for problem gambling.

Mark Van Norman, executive director of the National Indian Gaming Association, praised Arizona tribes for taking a leadership role in attacking the issue.

Arizona gambling tribes have contributed \$37.8 million of their casino profits to the state, of which \$759,140 was allocated for problem gambling. That money was thanks to one year of revenue sharing under Proposition 202, which was ap-

proved by voters in 2002.

The money goes to the state Department of Gaming, which distributes the money to organizations such as ACT Counseling in Phoenix and Glendale.

The department and Arizona tribes also agreed to allow problem gamblers to exclude themselves from the state's casinos. After about a year, the list has 450 names on it, said department spokeswoman Christa Severns.

The Arizona Lottery also is contributing to the Department of Gaming. It will contribute \$300,000 this fiscal year to go toward problem gambling.

## Birth announcements

**Amya Ann Hawkins**  
Cody Hawkins and Sharondee Mitchell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Amya Ann Hawkins, born June 18.

**Mario Alberto Pineda Arce Jr.**  
Mario Alberto Pineda Reyes and Marcelina Arce are pleased to announce the birth of their son Mario Alberto Pineda Arce Jr., born June 15. Father's parents are Francisco and Herminia Pineda, and Annette and Teodoro Arce of Warm Springs.

## Good attendance in 2003-04

By Butch David  
School liaison

Another school year has passed us, and the summer break has started already.

The attendance at the Jefferson County Middle School has improved the past school year for Native Americans.

Overall, the 2003-04 school year attendance was a big improvement from the past years at the middle school.

We averaged around the high 80s and low 90s in percentage of students attending school.

Great job parents and students.

We have a lot of students to recognize for their great attendance at the middle school.

There were a total of 378 Native American students that are enrolled in school. In the 2003-2004 school year, there were 170 days of school.

**Fifth grade:** Perfect attendance, Dorothy Thurby.

These students had 90 percent attendance or better: Jay Blackwolf, Triston Boise, Douglas Brisbois, Michelle Charley, Aiden Clemons, Coder Clements, Daniel Cloud, Mikayla Collins, Lola Dick, Wyatt Frank, Ronald Gonzales, Waymon Harry, Leslee Henderson, Jaylon Holliday, Lauren Holliday, K.C. Jenson, Alan Leclair, Andre Lewis, D'Covyn Medina, Chelsie Patt, Drew Pennington, Tanisha Reynoso, Talon Sargent, Joseph Sconawah, Alvis Smith IV, Joella Smith, Linda Smith, Mallory Smith, Ashley Smith-Sampson, James Spino, Larry Spino II, Theron Spino, Leo Sportsman, Amanda Squeimphen-Yazzie, Jonathan Sweowat, Daisy Thomas, Laura Thomas, Falcon Thompson, Jason Tufti-Danzuka, Kenneth Vanpelt, Nicole Wahnetah, Jesse Wallulatam, Robin Warner,

Kendra Wolfe.

**Sixth grade:** These students had 90 percent attendance or better: Marissa Ahern, Krysten Allen-Alford, Daniel Alonso, Leonard American Horse, Jamie Ball, Angela Bellanger, Kendall Bobb, Tamesha Brown, Bronte Caldera, Rabe Clements, Mary Ann Cloud, Arlene David, Spencer Ellsbury, Jimmy Flores, Chezzeray Frank, Miguel Frank, Johnson Heath Jr, Nicolas Heath, Lillitiz Henry, Kayla Jones, Dylan Joseph, Perry Kalama III, Luther Keo, BethAnn Longknife, Britton Lumpmouth, Merima Made, Eric Mitchell, Kristi Olney, Adriel Pineda-Soto, Katherine Quaid, Damian Reynoso, Allegra Robinson, Martika Saludo-Kelly, Latasha Sampson, Mathew Sconawah, Jason Smartlowit, Mariah Smith, Trevor Suppah, Jessica Tacza, Alle Tewee, Dena Thomas, Colton Trimble, Ferman Tufti, Devin Winishut, Charles Wolfe, Karlen Yallup, Marissa Yaw.

**Seventh grade:** Perfect attendance, Alejandria Aguilar

These students had 90 percent attendance or better: Farrellyn Bellanger, Laurissa Bellanger, Darrin Brisbois, Martin Brown, Trent Centre, Jolene Charley, Andrea Cook, Emerson Culpus Jr, Micah David, Maria Farias, Jacoby Frank, Maria Garate, Stephanie, Gomez, Philip Guerin, Kelsey Haywabe, Charlie Herkshan, Jordan Holiday, Sadie Johnson, Kara Katchia, Laronn Katchia, Arthur Mitchell Jr, Kirtsie Morrison, Olivia Parkins, Leighton Pennington, Timothy Red Dog, Jenny Red Fox, Carlos Reynoso, Miximo Ruiz-McKinley, Lawrence Shike Jr, Stanley Simtustus Jr, K-Lei Smith-Strong, Crystal Spino, Victor Switzer Jr, Curtis Thompson Jr, Hilbert Williams, Tanner Yallup,

Chandla Yeo, Josephine Zacarias.

**Eighth grade:** 90 percent attendance or better: Albert Adams, Michaela Alire-Camas, Alexis Anguiano, JaimeRae Bagley, Atcitty Begay, Destry Begay, Chantel Clements, Jesus Contreras, Dawnlyn Courtney, Kip Culpus, Charnele Danzuka, David Debiase, Jacob Dowty, Ashley Evans, Jasmine Graybael, Rachelle Herkshan, Chelsea Hudson, Orlando Johnson, Simeon Kalama, Victoria Katchia, Trina Lucei, Kadie Manion, Erika Miller, Rolin MorningOwl, Samantha Pennington, Byron Scott, Jasper Smith, Jeremiah Smith, Kyle Smith, Latonia Smith, Chance Squiemphen, Brianna Stacona, Tearle Stormbringer, Clinton Tainewasher, Crystal Thomas, Leann Thomas, Raymond Torres, Valene Wheeler, Nelson Wolfe, Keisha Yaw.

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