

Births

Patricia Florence Switzler
Jasper E. Switzler Sr. and Kristy Johnson of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Patricia Florence Switzler, born January 26, 2007.

Patricia joins brother Jasper Jr. The father's parents are Alison Louis Mitchell Schuster and Wendell Eneas Switzler.

The mother's parents are Missy Johnson and Mark Johnson of Warm Springs.

Alexxis Keira Spino
William and Berni Jackson-Spino are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexxis Keira Spino, born on

February 10, 2007. At birth Alexxis weighed 7 pounds 15.8 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

The father's parents are Roger and Winona Stwyer of Warm Springs. The mother's parents are Sanders and Regina Jackson-Heath of Warm Springs.

Aaron Tyler Fluhr
Glenn R. Fluhr and Lynn M. Fluhr of Grass Valley are pleased to announce the birth of their son Aaron Tyler Fluhr, born March 7, 2007. Aaron joins brother Zachery.

The father's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fluhr of Grass

Valley. The mother's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Graybael of Warm Springs. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Squiemphen of Warm Springs.

Raider Davis Poppe
Del Poppe Jr. and Tina Poppe of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Raider Davis Poppe, born on March 2, 2007. Raider joins brother Cody James.

The father's parents are Connie Barr of Redmond, and Delbert Poppe Sr. of Crooked River Ranch. The mother's parent is Helen Manriquez of Grants Pass.

Day of awareness on March 21

(The following article is submitted by the Warm Springs Community Health Education Team.)

In Native cultures, the cycle and celebration of life are defined by the changes in seasons. Ceremonies are held to recognize the passing of one season and the beginning of another.

Each of the four seasons has a special meaning, yet spring in particular represents a time for new beginnings, cellular regeneration, birth and profound change.

As March 21 officially marks the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere, Native community stakeholders from around the nation have selected this

day to commemorate the first annual National Native (American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

The beginning of spring is the first time in the New Year's cycle that the lengths of day and night are equal—this is a time of perfect balance.

Many native groups believe that this equality or balance occurs physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

By choosing the first day of spring to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS among the Native people, we call attention to the regeneration that is possible when we take an active role in our health to secure our future.

Perhaps we, as Native people, will awaken to the call

for healthy and positive change—for bringing about balance and healing of our communities.

HIV continues to increase among Native people as it has over the past decade—this day will challenge us to work together, in harmony, to create a greater awareness of the risk of HIV/AIDS to our Native communities, to call for resources for testing and early detection and for increased options of treatment, and to eventually decrease the occurrence of HIV/AIDS among native people: protect your blood, protect our people, stop the silence, know your status, get tested.

Howlak Tichum

Candace R.A. Smith

Candace R.A. Smith passed away on February 17, 2007 at Lewiston, Idaho. She was 38.

Mrs. Smith was born at Lewiston on January 2, 1969 to parents Constance Watters and the late Irvin Watters of Lapwai, Idaho.

Mrs. Smith lived in Lapwai until she left to attend Chemawa Indian School in Salem, where she met many of her friends.

After graduating she received training and worked as an Assisted Living and Home Care Giving Nurse.

She also worked at Legends Casino in Toppenish, Wash., and as a hostess and card dealer at the Wild Horse Casino in Pendleton.

Mrs. Smith married Gary M.M. Smith on October 12, 2001 at the Agency Longhouse in Warm Springs. They lived in War Springs until May of 2006.

Through the years, Mrs. Smith took care of many children besides her own.

She is survived by her husband Gary; children Paulett "Bubbus" George of Spokane, Anetra Luton, Eva Luton, Henry Luton, Douglas Luton and Nicholas Heath, all of Lapwai; son-in-law Guy Fox; and grandsons Callan M. Fox and Tyler J. Starr.

Safe sitter class offered to teens

Mountain View Hospital will offer a one-day training program for area teens. The Safe Sitter program is a nationally recognized babysitting certification program, and will be available at Mountain View Hospital on Tuesday, March 27. The cost is \$25 and includes Safe Sitter information and reference materials.

Safe Sitter teaches 11-13 year olds how to be safe and nurturing babysitters. Dr. Patricia Keener, a pediatrician, developed the Safe Sitter program in 1980 after a colleague's child choked to death while in the care of an adult sitter. The class will be taught from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information and to pre-register by March 20, contact Eva Montee from Mountain View Hospital at 475-3882 ext. 2307.

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Caroline Walsey Torres

Caroline Walsey Torres passed away on February 15, 2007. She was 72.

Mrs. Torres was born on November 11, 1934 in Bend to parents James and Gladys (Polk) Walsey. She married Eleuterio "Big Tony" Torres in Goldendale, Wash., on March 22, 1957.

Mrs. Torres enjoyed playing Bingo, going to the casino, playing Stickgame, and the Indian GGY card game. She also enjoyed making cedar baskets and doing corn husk weaving.

Mrs. Torres worked for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for over 20 years, until she retired in 1990.

She is survived by her children: Lupe (John) Katchia, Tony Torres, Donna Torres and David Torres; grandchildren Anthony Torres Jr., Rodney Katchia, Raymond Torres, Kara Katchia, Krysta Rhoan, and Candee Rhoan, all of Warm Springs; sisters Geraldine Jim, Venus Strong, Delia Walsey, all of Warm Springs.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, parents, an infant son; brothers Lee, Franklin, Virgil and Richard; and sisters Virginia and Julia.

The Museum At Warm Springs Fifth Annual Honor Dinner March 24, 2007



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