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Leah Louise Boise, 1955-2007

Leah Louise Boise died on December 4 at age 52 as the result of a car accident.

Boise was born on March 16, 1955 in Warm Springs to Phillip and Margaret (Charley) Boise. She was a lifetime resident of the Warm Springs/Madras area.

She was employed as an activities director for the Confederated Tribes of Warm

Springs as well as an enrolled member.

Survivors include her mother, Margaret Boise, of Warm Springs; her children, Young Boise & Cyntie LeClaire, both of Warm Springs, and Ezekiel LeClaire of Salem; brother Davis Boise, Tony Boise, and Earl Boise all of Warm Springs; sisters Rose Saludo and Liz Yaw, both of

Warm Springs; and numerous children and great grandchildren. A son, a brother and her father all preceded her in death.

A dressing ceremony was held on December 7 at the Warm Springs Shaker Church. Burial was on December 8 at the Agency Cemetery.

BlackStar Seago WhiteWolf, 1918-2007

BlackStar Seago WhiteWolf, artist, healer, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, passed away on November 25, 2007, at home surrounded by her children Ann, David, Lavonne, Lynne, and Cord. She was 89 years old.

BlackStar was born October 26, 1918, in Bosque County Texas. She spent her early years on the Willis Ranch along the Brazos River and Fall Creek. She rode her horse up Comanche Peak, only a few miles away.

When she was 18 years old, BlackStar placed an ad for a pen pal in the Ranch Romance magazine. A young Pennsylvanian by the name of David Rotz answered. He was so taken by her letters and pictures that he came out to Texas with his Martin guitar, and swept her off her feet. She married her sweetheart in the Spring of 1939.

BlackStar and Dave started their family in Texas, then moved to their ranch in Montana. There, they registered their Lone Star brand and used it for their cattle and horses. They were both excellent shots with their hunting rifles, even from horse-

back, and provided for their family from their gardens, forests, and rivers.

Years later BlackStar and Dave moved from Montana to Arizona, then to Crescent City, CA, and finally to the Rogue River Valley. There, Dave could plant a wooden hoe handle and watch it grow and blossom into a full blown peach tree... a very pleasing sight. They had a good life together until Dave passed away in January, 1986. BlackStar never saw another who could take his place.

At an early age, BlackStar accompanied her Granny to the homes of the sick and dying, to bring healing. In later years, she served wherever and whenever she could, to counsel those who had lost their way, to bring back more than one from the darkness of coma and disease. BlackStar was welcomed by those of many cultures, vocations, and religions. They even came from Japan and the Amazon to speak with her. The National Council of American Indians, as well as other prominent organizations, recognized her life-long contribution to the welfare of Native Americans, and bestowed her with honors. She touched so many lives, it is difficult to measure just how much

of a difference she made. We cannot imagine ourselves without her.

BlackStar often said, "Life is a Circle. We are born in Springtime in the East, where childhood and new life begin. In the South and Summer, as young adults, we grow and produce. In the West, it is Fall... our Autumn. As mature adults, we stock up and prepare for the Winter. When we come to the North, we are greeted as elders. Feeling the cold, we shiver and retreat to the fire, where we tell stories and pass on our wisdom to the young ones. Finally, if we live long enough, we return to the East and a new childhood again, before crossing over to the Spirit World."

BlackStar made the full circle just as she knew it would be. Now she is walking her new trail with her husband Dave beside her. Her wolf Tie'Bitz died December 12, and runs to catch up, so he won't miss this journey with her. And when our time comes to find a path over the Great Divide, BlackStar will be there to greet us.

Suvate, "It is enough."

Reminding young people they are capable and intelligent

By Shawn Morford
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I once heard the statement, "There is a fundamental difference between intelligence and having information. Young people lack information about the world but are fully intelligent."

I like this statement. If adults assume that all children are fully intelligent, then we take them seriously, even at times when they seem to us not to be acting very smart. Taking young people seriously is a key to the development of their self-esteem and ability to thrive and contribute as adults.

One thing we know about youth development is that young people have very good antennae - they are constantly looking for feedback from older people to tell them how they are.

Children are born with excellent self esteem but they look for feedback from older people as they grow. If adults give children consistent messages that they are clever, smart, and capable, they believe it and grow up to see themselves this way.

Research tells us that children pick up these messages at a very young age. If children become convinced that

they are not capable and smart, it takes a lot more work and intervention to convince them otherwise later in life. Some of us spend much of our lives re-learning that we are fully intelligent and capable.

Young people who receive daily doses of positive messages about themselves will imprint these ideas in their head, and will often reinforce it by making positive choices.

Positive self esteem leads kids to be resilient, whereby even in tough situations they will bounce back and thrive because they have a positive self-image.

Young people who grow up believing that they are not capable often continue reinforcing that belief by making choices that keep them in a negative cycle.

If we as adults remind ourselves that kids are fully intelligent but just lacking information about the world around them, then it's easier to avoid judging statements that break down their self-esteem. This is a simple idea, but not that easy to do, especially when we sometimes get frustrated at kids' behavior.

The key is to separate the undesirable behavior from the young person themselves. If the child believes overall that adults think they "rock" (are competent and intelligent), then redirecting a young person's unde-

sirable behavior won't erode how they think of themselves.

Praising their accomplishments, actively listening to them, asking them questions about their feelings and opinions, and including them in decisions that affect them are some of the ways adults show they take young people seriously.

Positive youth development is a term that is used by organizations like 4-H to help remind kids that they are capable and intelligent. We are aiming to influence the 5 Cs— competence (skills), confidence, connection, character, and caring. All of these things are needed by young people in order to accomplish the 6th "C"— contribution. When young people feel competent, have self confidence, feel connected to people, their community and their culture, have a sense of right and wrong, and have empathy for others, they are more likely to make positive contributions to their communities as adults.

It's a reminder to all of us to continually praise kids for the things they are doing well, and to find ways to remind them they are a valued part of the community and families.

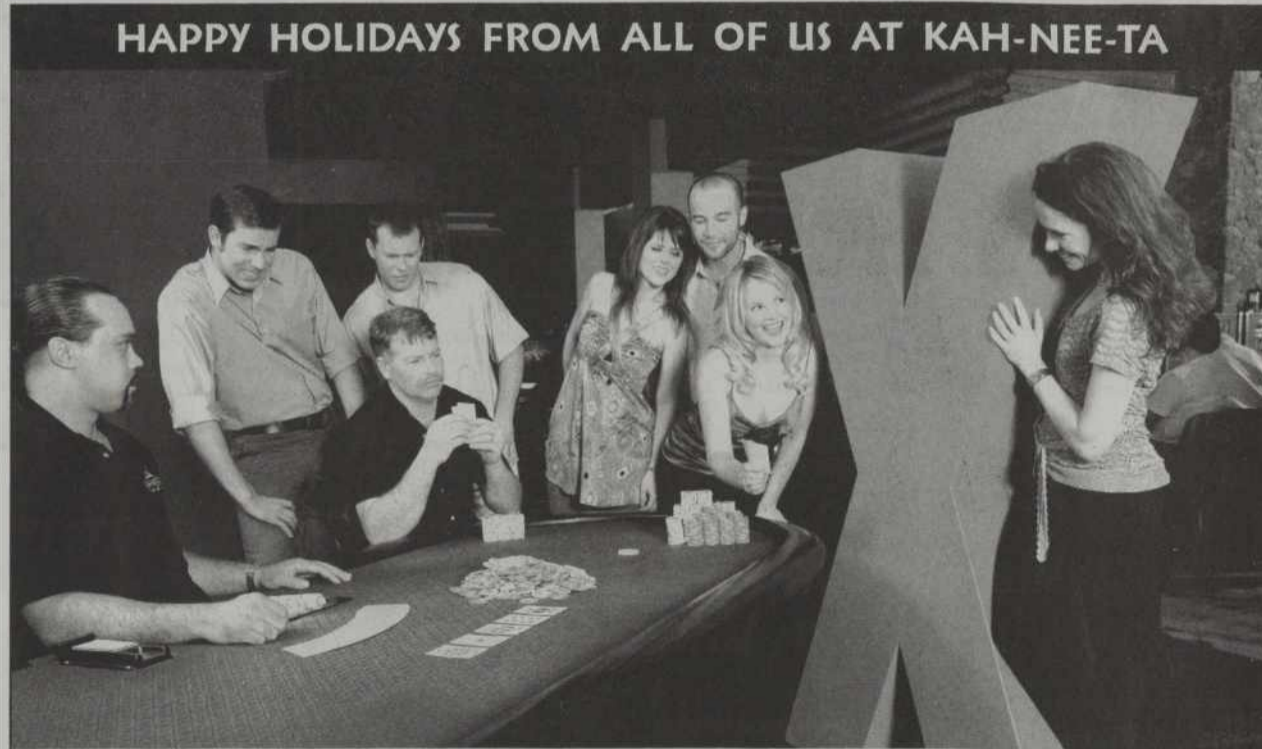
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See Sammi O'Reilly or Val Squiemphen to get yours!

Bottle drive to help team travel
There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs. Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament in Phoenix.
For donations, and pickup, please contact Sammi O'Reilly, Val Squiemphen or Rita Squiemphen.
The fund-raiser will be on-going through July of 2008.