

Letters to the Editor

Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start was awarded their continuation grant for the project period through August, 2010. The continuation grant is in the amount of \$1,152,922.

We also received Stimulus funding for Quality Improvement in the amount of \$88,510. These dollars are for professional development and improving technology needs.

The Warm Springs Head Start, Early Head Start and Tribal Day Care programs will be hosting training with Bea Fisher on October 9 at the Inn at Cross Keys in Madras from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The topics will be community partnering and collaboration with other programs. You are all invited to participate with our staff.

We would like to thank all the members of the Policy Council: Aldo Garcia, Betty George, Talya Holliday, Merle Kirk, Arlita Rhoan, and Nancy Seyler. Thank you for a great year. Thank you to our Tribal Council Liaison, Austin Greene and alternate, Wilson Wewa Jr.

We look forward to the New Year, and welcome all the new families and returning to Head Start and Early Head Start.

Your involvement is encouraged and necessary to operate our program. We are a federally funded and it is up to the tribes to match the funds with in-kind or volunteer time, so please come and give us a few minutes of your time.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Family Services office for more information or call Early Child Education at 553-3240.

Ways to volunteer are: Read or tell a story; play a game; share a hobby or talent, etc.

We are preparing for our October activities, such as pumpkin patch field trips, Fire Prevention Month and our Annual "Lil Pumpkins Parade." Please call or come in if you need further information.

Jodi Orr, Head Start-Early Head Start acting administrator.

Youth video

This past week, NVision trainers John Paul Giago and I had the honor of working with youth from Warm Springs to produce a video that highlighted youth concerns in the community.

Through group discussion, youth identified challenges they are facing and solutions that youth programs and leadership

might consider.

This video was premiered at the Youth Conference held at Kah-Nee-Tah last week.

The youth who participated did an amazing job and talked about some very serious issues.

Please take a moment and view the video online at youtube.com/nvisionit.

Youth participants were Tahmaira E. Clements, Perry K. Kalama III, Merima Made, Jason Smartlowit, Jillisa Suppah and Lillitz Henry.

You can learn more about NVision and connect online at: www.myspace.com/nvision1.

On Facebook search "NVision" for fan page.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to work with them on such a powerful project!

Warmest regards, **Alyssa Macy**.

During illness

Hello to all my family and friends of Warm Springs,

My Name is Edna Rose David, daughter of Ellison "Alley" David and Joni David, for those who don't know me.

On June 25 I was admitted to the intensive care unit at St. Peters Hospital in Olympia, Wash. I have caught the swine flu.

They are unsure where I caught it. Two other family members were in the hospital at the same time as me. One had the same thing as me, and the other had pneumonia.

My family asked me if I remember anything. I said no, I don't remember being in the hospital and I don't remember being awake or trying to communicate with my family.

I had tubes down my throat and had been taking a lot of meds for high blood pressure, insulin, blood thinners, whole bunch of others.

I had to be put into a medical coma with morphine because I was refusing to sleep. Who knew all the drugs in the world couldn't knock me out ha,ha.

Well, I woke up on Wednesday, July 22 in the ICU and they told me that I was going to get my tubes out the next day, which I did.

I was in my own room that Friday and the physical therapist came up and told me that it will be a long recovery for me. I had to learn how to walk and feed myself all over again, so it will be at least a week before I can get out.

I laughed and said nope, I'm getting out tomorrow. She said

my body had been through a lot, so it's a long process. I said I'm getting out tomorrow.

I had bad insomnia, and coming off the meds, I couldn't sleep. So I did it all by myself, moving around all night, standing, walking etc. That next day around 11 a.m., the same physical therapist came in and said I was ready to start learning how to walk again. I got up and walked out the door. She chased after me and said, "Wow I'm impressed." I said I told you I'm getting out today. Well, I got released that evening, the 25th.

What I went through was an eye opener. Never take anything or anyone for granted because you never know if that person will be here tomorrow, just like my cousin who passed away a week after I got out.

I did go back to work two weeks after I got out. I couldn't stay at home. And now in a couple days it will be two months since I've been out and I'm doing real good.

They said my lungs won't be 100 percent, not for another six months to a year. A lot of people ask me what happens if you get it again or can you? I've been told if I do get it again it will be ten times worse and then I was told I'm immune to it.

I just say I have faith and I'm a fighter. I can't live my life in fear. I have three kids that I miss. But being sick changed my life, and made me realize that family and friends can help you pull through anything, just by their love and prayers.

I would like to take the time to thank you all who sent your prayers.

Words can't explain how much that helped me. I would like to say thank you to my dad and mom, my sister Missy and brother Larry and all their angels, Bro Butch and Angie and their angels. My auntie Cinda and Roma, and Charlie for coming up here to be with me and their songs they sang to me.

Thank you all for helping with me and my kids and staying by my side. I would like to say thank you to the Early Childhood Education staff and kids for raising money to help me with expenses and the get-well cards.

Thank you Warm Springs Market for keeping up the update posters on my condition. I'm still your brat child Maria and Bobby. Thank you Boys and Girls Club, June and Jos for taking in my kids on short notice.

Thank you, Chilkat Inc., for your donation to help with expenses. Thank you Chief Nelson for your donation.

I would like to thank Nisqually Jail (where I work) and tribe (my mom's tribe) for your big help. They paid for everything. My family needed help with my bills and rooms for people. But I really appreciated everyone for all your help. It meant the world to me and I wish I could find a way to repay all of you. If I forgot anyone, I'm sorry.

Thanks to you all and may God bless you all and your families.

With love and respect, **Edna, Tyrece, Simyan, Kylan**; 2720 Ruddell Rd. unit D, Lacey, WA 98503.

Tribes' budget

To the membership:

Our tribe has been seeing hard financial times but I see a lack of financial responsibility from our leadership.

Our Council travels way too much—due to this financial crunch I think travel should be very limited and reduced. There are only a selective few of our Councilmen who make themselves available to our membership. The rest, membership is only important when they feel like issues or politics are important.

Our Chiefs and our Chairman and Vice-Chair should be the only ones authorized to travel until our financial state has stabilized. Our leadership needs to take the lead in reduced spending and elimination of wasteful spending, and that includes limiting travel. This includes our organization. Travel should be limited to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, employee certification requirements and those required by grant regulation. All other travel needs to be considered wasteful spending.

In the reduction of staff for our tribal organization—our leadership needs to remember policy must be adhered to. Elimination of positions should not be political or retaliatory against certain employees. Retention of tribal members, employees with seniority, and critical services should be the determining factor.

Positions created to duplicate services that already exist should be the first on the chopping block. Plus newly developed "re-organization" type positions that did not follow tribal policy but was only utilized politically should be on the chopping block.

I would also recommend that the Council consider eliminating general managers while keeping central executives, such as the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, and keeping the people who actually do the work like the line supervisors and employees.

As the saying goes "too many chiefs and not enough warriors." Our organization is too top heavy. The tribes need to keep those who actually do the work and who are productive.

I also understand that age is a determining factor in eliminating positions—this is wrong and unethical. It is not fair for our tribe to eliminate a position because of somebody's age. They worked hard and if they are productive then they should be able to enjoy their continued employment. Remember, seniority should be an employee

asset not a liability.

All department supervisors should directly answer to the CEO. There is no need for middle men for him to be able to get the reports he needs or having effective services for the membership—remember, the workers actually do the reports and provide the services anyway. The current Council and incoming Council need to realize that consistency in leadership is the best way to eliminate unstable work environments. The only way our tribe will remain stable is to maintain effective leadership. Nobody needs a PhD to figure that out.

Our membership needs to begin looking at the leaders in their district for upcoming Council elections. It is already October and we need to be prepared as a people to get or maintain effective leadership. Thank you for your time.

Leona A. Ike.

The sea

When I was young I had a dream of being on the sea, a brother to the sun and wind forever drifting free.

My pallet would be satisfied, the sea will always share. I would not need a place to be; I could be anywhere.

The salty air that I would breathe would give me energy, and it would keep my spirit strong for all eternity.

I'm riding high upon the waves. I feel the icy spray, excitement running through my veins. My speech has gone away.

I'm like the seagull in the sky, the dolphins in the sea, at peace with all the elements and they're at peace with me.

Eino.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Feb. 3, 2009 by driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangering times three, and failure to maintain a lane. I apologize to the Lopez family. I am doing what I can to better myself and my life and everyone I had worried. **Dawn Rowlan**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 8-9-09 by carrying marijuana pipes and being drunk in public. I apologize to the public and people. There is no excuse for my actions. **Tamara Henry**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the day it happened by being under the influence of alcohol and being a minor at the same time. I'll do as good as I can to not let it happen again. But we're all human and we all commit our own trespasses. I just happened to get caught while committing mine. I apologize to my man G. I'm the reason we got caught. I'm sorry, babe. Love you. **Andrea Cook**.

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by being under the influence of alcohol while being a minor. I am trying my best not to make this sort of thing happen again, and I will make a better effort to improve myself in every way. I apologize to myself. I try my best to better myself. **Gerald Cardenas**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law by disrespecting the tribe of Warm Springs and the people who were involved by giving false identification, resisting arrest, and assault and battery. I apologize to the residents of East Spur, where this had taken place, and to my kids and to officer L. I feel very ashamed of my actions. I will learn from my mistakes to better myself. **Marshall Mendez**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 12, 2009 by speeding on Highway 3, coming back from Kah-Nee-Ta to Warm Springs. As well as having a blood alcohol content of .06, and a rifle locked in my trunk, which is considered having a concealed weapon. I apologize to all my relations and to B.D. I learned from my mistake. **Wil Sando**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on May 24, 2009 by driving under the influence of alcohol, and endangering my friends. I would like to apologize to L.T. Jr., and K.St.G., and also for having narcotics and drug paraphernalia on my person, as well as an apology to the community as well. I apologize to my grandfather and my little sisters. This will not happen again and I am making every effort to see to that. **Cameron Smith-Lucero**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on May 5, 2009 by violating Code 305.418. I made the same mistakes in the past and I think the judge and the prosecutor made me realize the reality of my mistake (CN times two). I apologize M.P. and D.P. Jr. I will not let this happen again. **Ellen Jackson-Palmer**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 26, 2009 by consuming alcohol in my own home with my child I love so very much. I also apologize to my family, who had to hear about this incident. I apologize mainly to my daughter. I am in counseling and parenting classes to better myself. **Elizabeth Culps**.

This is an apology out to the Warm Springs Police Department, and dispatch, for calling them to do a welfare check on family down at the Deschutes bridge. I will make every effort not to call them any more. This was all on the night of Sept. 3, 2009. **Marella M. Sam**.

Memorials

1910 Shaker members, the date has been set for memorials.

Leah L. Boise, March 16, 1955—Dec. 4, 2007.

Louie D. LeClaire Jr., August 16, 1934—Oct. 1, 2008.

Memorials on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at the 1910 Shaker Church in Warm Springs. Hope to see you there.

For more information, contact family members David LeClaire and family.

Note by Tamera J. Kalama, 553-3201.

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Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy birthday to all these libras. My brother Daveed, see you soon?



The bone collector, the best 4 last. Happy birthday. Love you all, SMAN.

Just to let all my family and friends know I'm doing as well as I can. I know a lot of you know how to pick up a pen. So here you go. See ya. 440 Colorado Blvd., Glendive, MT 59330.

Happy birthday, Revonne on Oct. 6.
Happy birthday to my brothers Merlin and Britton.
Love, from Donna.