

Births

Damarion Edward Williams

Calvin D. Williams and Wilma D. Saunders are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Damarion Edward Williams, born Nov. 25, 2010. Damarion joins two brothers and four sisters.

Grandparents on the father's side are the late Douglas Williams and Rosie J. Williams of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Wayne Saunders and Leota Saunders, also of Warm Springs.

Casey Brandon Graham Jr.

Antonia Wahsise and Casey Graham Sr. are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Casey Brandon Graham Jr., on Nov. 12, 2010. Casey joins six siblings.

Cookie Swap slated for Dec. 13

The Warm Springs Community Wellness Center/ Recreation Department presents the 1st Annual Cookie Swap.

Six interested people are sought to bring six dozen of their favorite cookies (and recipes) to

trade with one another for the holiday season.

Register by Dec. 6. Swap will take place at noon on Dec. 13 in the Social Hall.

Call Carol to reserve a swap spot, 541-553-3243.

Warner pleads not guilty in homicide

Lanelle Frances Warner has pleaded not guilty to murder and manslaughter in connection to the stabbing death last month of Kenneth Reed Danzuka.

Warner, 29, was indicted Nov. 17 on one murder charge and two first-degree manslaughter charges.

Warner also had Madras attorney David Glenn assigned to defend her.

Police allege that Warner stabbed Danzuka on Nov. 14. Police found Danzuka unconscious and not breathing at a residence in the 700 block of Southwest First Street. Emergency medical responders subsequently declared him dead at the scene.

Puncture wounds found on his body indicate that he was stabbed to death.



Lanelle Frances Warner

Photo courtesy Jefferson County Sheriff's office

Results of testing that will better indicate cause of death still are forthcoming, however.

The victim and suspect are members of the Warm Springs Tribes. They lived together in Madras at the First Street location.

If jurors ultimately believe Warner is guilty of stabbing Danzuka, then the variety of charges brought will give them sentencing options. A murder conviction would come with a

much harsher sentence than manslaughter, according to the District Attorney's office.

Warner will watch the next court proceeding from the Jefferson County Jail through a video hookup system. Her next hearing is scheduled on Dec. 15.

The jail in Jefferson County is located a couple of miles away from the court building. Suspects in custody aren't transported back and forth to court for routine case matters. They will appear in court when there are crucial decisions to be made related to their cases, and for their trials.

Anyone with additional information about this case is asked to call Detective Tanner Stanfill at the Madras Police Department, 541-475-2424.

— By Terri Harber

Presbyterians Church hosts Christmas bazaar

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3.

This lunch and sale will be held at the church, located at 1141 Warm Springs St.

Look for Indian tacos, handmade items, gift bags, baked goods, cookie plates, pies and more.

Proceeds go toward church operations.

Christmas stocking raffle coming Dec. 24

A Christmas stocking raffle will be held Dec. 24.

There will be three stockings that are 3 feet long and one small stocking for a total of four Christmas stockings being raffled off.

Tickets for this raffle are \$1 each or \$5 for six.

The drawing will be on Dec. 23. There is no need to be present to win, however.

Sellers include Rita Squiemphen, Earlyne Squiemphen, Val Squiemphen, Shawna Jackson, Monica Sampson, Ina Schuster and CR Begay.

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Outrage lingers among those who love Iowa's Effigy Mounds

By Reid Forgrave
The Des Moines Register

HARPERS FERRY, Iowa (AP) — On 2,500 acres of towering bluffs near the Mississippi River in northeast Iowa, something sacred has been disturbed.

It was more than 60 years ago when this land — filled with 206 sacred Indian mounds, some of them 2,000 or more years old, some containing burial remains — became Effigy Mounds National Monument. The goal of putting the land under federal stewardship was twofold: Make the land accessible for tourists of today and ensure the land is preserved for visitors of tomorrow.

Somewhere along the line, officials admit they lost their way. Without following required review processes, the U.S. National Park Service built three boardwalks and a maintenance shed that may have interrupted the historical integrity of the park.

The park service has offered a mea culpa, emphasizing its belief that no structures were built on top of the mounds and saying that adhering to its own protocol will ensure something like this will never happen again. Yet outrage lingers among those attached to this piece of land.

What happened here has angered naturalists who want one of the most picturesque parts of Iowa sheltered from development, upset historic preservationists who thought land under federal protection would be safe from disruption, and dismayed Indian tribes who believe these actions dishonored sacred ground.

"The buck stopped at my

desk—it was my responsibility," former park superintendent Phyllis Ewing says now.

She lost her post after the park service found she and her staff had not consistently followed review processes for at least a decade. "My era's past, and it's into a new era ... But there was absolutely, positively no intent by anybody on that staff to hurt a blade of grass."

The park service has moved to remedy the mistakes. But some critics say apologies aren't enough, that supervisors' actions violated federal law.

"In a national monument, I see no reason, no possible excuse, for that to have happened," said Mark Edwards, a retired trails coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "Effigy Mounds was set aside as a nondeveloped area. How could people in those positions, working at the most incredible spot in the whole state, dedicated to those purposes of historic preservation, go and do what they did?"

The Park Service discovered the problems itself, through a standard internal review process called an operations evaluation, begun last year. During the review, park service officials saw a pattern: Ewing wasn't consistently following Section 106 compliance checks.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider the impact any federal undertaking has on "significant historic properties." The requirement applies to all of the nearly 400 national parks. The regulation is similar to checking for gas lines before digging a hole in your yard, a standard

preventative measure.

At Effigy Mounds, staffers often completed the archaeology portion of the process, but they rarely consulted the State Historic Preservation Office or all of the 12 present-day tribes affiliated with the site. Federal officials looked over dozens of recent projects at the site to figure out where the process went wrong. They put all current projects on hold, including the third boardwalk, which was in the midst of being built.

The projected cost of the third boardwalk was about \$275,000, according to records released recently in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from a local naturalist.

After the park service flagged the errors, the third boardwalk was torn down—by hand, to ensure no further disruption of the land—in one week in September. The offending maintenance shed, which is more like a hoop house, will also be taken down, with the goal of minimal further impact to the land.

The first two boardwalks remain; they cost nearly \$800,000.

Ewing was transferred to the park service's regional office in Omaha.

"The last thing you'd ever want to do is make a mistake that hurts something that's your dream job of your whole lifetime, from the time I was child," said Ewing, who grew up near Effigy Mounds. "But ... it's not about me. It's about the landscape. It's about people who that land belongs to."

Ewing is thankful her mistakes did not damage any mounds. But the fact remains that the agency

under her watch failed to follow requirements for years.

Nearly everyone involved in this controversy believed the mistakes were unintentional. Some want to put the past in the past. Others insist the agency hasn't been held fully accountable.

"They're supposed to be a leader in this," said Doershuk, the state archaeologist. "It's a matter of respect. We in modern society set aside areas for cemeteries, where we bury ancestors. We expect people to respect that. People are outraged when vandals tip over headstones, or spray them with graffiti. Burial mounds are the same sort of monument, just much, much older."

Patt Murphy, a member of the Ioway tribe who lives in Kansas, monitored the

boardwalk removal. Like Evans and Doershuk, Murphy doesn't think there was intent to disrespect the land.

"The blame can be spread over a whole bunch of people," Murphy said.

Still, "I wouldn't say it's been corrected," he said. "The boardwalk was basically eliminated, but the concrete piers below the ground, nothing was done to that."

Another Ioway Indian, Lance Foster, who wrote a book, "The Indians of Iowa," and is a professor in Montana, is far angrier.

"They just fell down in every way," Foster said. "It damaged a sacred place. If you put a shovel full of dirt back into it, you can't fix it. There's a spiritual part of it that you damaged."

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