

Encouraging youth to stay in school

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KWSO has recently been working on a Community Engagement project with the help of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters and the National Center for Media Engagement.

The project has centered around the statistic that three out of every ten students in America's public schools fail to finish high school.

KWSO was one of six community radio stations to pilot this effort. The other stations are in: Montgomery, Alabama; Houston, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Visalia, California; and Mancos, Colorado.

The project has involved creating broadcast content and events in partnership with young people and community organizations that are focused on solutions.

KWSO first approached school counselors and administrators about why kids struggle with staying in school.

A survey was developed to also get input from the community, to see if education is valued.

The survey was done at the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair, and results were tallied by KWSO



Media center youth worker Elyse Bagley with student t-shirt.

summer youth workers Rosey Suppah, Neal Morningowl and Elyse Bagley.

Overwhelmingly, the response indicated an understanding of how completing high school was key to having more employment opportunities, and to pursuing college. Completing high school was seen as an accomplishment providing basic knowledge and skills for living.

The KWSO youth workers

and project coordinator Liz Smith then created a series of public service announcements sharing this information.

The youth also interviewed Jefferson County 509-J school district superintendent Rick Molitor.

The interview, and the resulting Warm Springs program that was broadcast, demonstrated the need for students to be able to ask questions and get answers.

Superintendent Molitor was more than happy to share information, and he had a few questions of his own for the students.

The interview was a great beginning for what KWSO hopes might be a quarterly program featuring students and school district administrators interacting.

Through interviews and conversations, during the initial phase of this project, many people have talked about how, in the past, tribal leaders and the community as a whole encouraged youth in their pursuit of education.

Former Warm Springs tribal secretary-treasurer atwai Vernon Jackson was mentioned several times as someone who would interact with youth urging them to go to college.

The KWSO "Drop Out Project" now expands to asking the community to be more proactive in encouraging our youth to stay in school and get their education.

To help build pride and kick off this effort, youth are invited to stop by KWSO and pick up a back to school Native Student t-shirt. Dream, Believe, Succeed: That's the message and together the help of family, friends and community members, kids can make it happen.

Funeral Arrangements

To family and friends, funeral arrangements for Herb Graybael are as follows:

Thursday, August 11, leave Bel-Air at 2 p.m. to Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. Overnight Services. Friday, August 12, leave

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m.

Burial at 10 a.m. at Mount Jefferson Memorial Park Cemetery, in Madras. Potluck meal to follow at 1 p.m. at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Diabetes prevention events

These are the upcoming diabetes prevention activities in Warm Springs:

Tuesday, August 16: Diabetes Awareness Dinner, 5-7 p.m. at the Seniors building. Education topic: Linda Porer on food safety. Menu: Shrimp salad in pita pockets; honeydew melons, watermelon and blueberries.

Tuesday, August 23: Diabetes Healthy Breakfast, 9-9:45 a.m. at the clinic. Edu-

cation: Loraine Williams on blood sugar monitoring.

Community screening: Thursday, August 11 at the Post Office, 1:30-3 p.m.

Kah-Nee-Ta water fitness classes with Jeri Kollen and Edmund Francis from 9:15-10:15 a.m.:

Wednesday, August 17; and Wednesday, August 24.

Keepseagle settlement claims filing period open

Native American farmers and ranchers are reminded that the period to file a claim in the Keepseagle class action settlement has opened. (See related article on page 1.)

"Now that the claims process is open, Native American farmers and ranchers who believe they are entitled to funds under the Keepseagle settlement must

file a claim within 180 days in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Janie Hipp, senior tribal relations adviser to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"Tribal leaders may want to consider advising tribal members of the requirement to obtain and submit a completed

claims package if they wish to participate in the Keepseagle claims process."

Keepseagle v. Vilsack was a lawsuit alleging that USDA discriminated against Native American farmers and ranchers in the way it operated its farm loan program.

The lawsuit was settled late last year and the settlement has

been approved by the court.

The filing period opened June 29 and continues for 180 days, until December 27, 2011.

Claimant services representatives can be reached through calling 888-233-5506.

Claimants must register for a claims package, by calling the number or visiting the website: IndianFarmClass.com

Wedding Announcement



Angela R. Polk and Maurice P. Smith Sr. request the honor of your presence at their marriage to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Warm Springs Longhouse, Warm Springs.

Barney charged in shooting

Ted L. Barney Jr., 23, was arraigned in U.S. District Court in Portland on charges of second-degree murder and using a firearm during a crime of violence. He will be held at Multnomah County, and his trial date is set for October 4.

At 2:10 p.m. on July 26, Delmar Davis, 25, was shot and killed in front of his

home in Greeley Heights. He was holding his son, 2.

Davis was transported to Mountain View Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His son was uninjured.

Barney turned himself in just before 6 p.m. The driver of Barney's vehicle was also arrested, but later released under her own recognition.

Driver in crash pleads guilty

Janna Julia Jackson, 19, has pled guilty in federal court to involuntary manslaughter. Sentencing has been set for January 9, 2012.

Last October, Jackson was driving a vehicle which crashed on the reservation, killing Rodney T. Estimo.

There were three passengers in the vehicle at the time when Jackson asked a pas-

senger to take the wheel while she looked for a CD.

Jackson's blood alcohol content was 0.189. It was found that she was driving 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

According to the US Attorney's Office, the maximum sentence Jackson could receive is eight years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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