

Student writers hosting book publishing *Birth*

A group of Madras High School students from Warm Springs helped write a book that will be published on Saturday, June 2.

The students were in the MHS English Language Development class during the 2010-11 school year.

The book is entitled *The White Buffaloes Write Again: A Hero's Journey 2010-2011*.

The Warm Springs community is invited to the book publishing and signing event from 6-9:30 p.m. on June 2 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Madras.

Books will be available for purchase, and authors will sign books for the public. Students will give speeches, perform Native American flute songs and Hispanic folk dances. Information booths will be set up for learning enrichment.

There will be a raffle and piñata bashing. Food and refreshments will be offered. La Luna Sound of Redmond will provide music for dancing.



Students Wyle Yazzie and Jericho Trimble.

Books will be available for purchase at \$13 each. All proceeds go into a fund which students may access for college assistance when they graduate.

As teacher Becky Dudley explained, the idea for the

book is as follows:

The students at first do not believe that each of them is or could be a hero.

Then, as they go through the course curriculum, they learn how each of them can be a hero each day, several

times a day, just by doing little things—not for profit or for personal gain but because it is the right thing to do.

They are learning to make decisions moment to moment, while predicting and reflecting on the possible outcomes and consequences of each choice.

The curriculum, Dudley said, is intended to establish education reform, based on California teacher Erin Gruwell's approach to teaching at-risk kids, as outlined in her book, *The Freedom Writers Diary*.

Helpful to write

"The writing helped me," said Rabe Clements, former Buffalo Writer and now MHS graduate. "It got things out that I hadn't talked to people about."

MHS graduate Damian Reynoso, who also was a Buffalo Writer, said, "It changed how I go about things. I used to think negatively... Writing made me feel open."

Glorianne Abilene Edwards Christopher Wayne Tindall and Catherine Ann Edwards of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Glorianne Abilene Edwards, born on May 9, 2012. Glorianne joins sister Wynter Sky.

Mewes of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Chelsie Brooke Mewes, born on May 16, 2012.

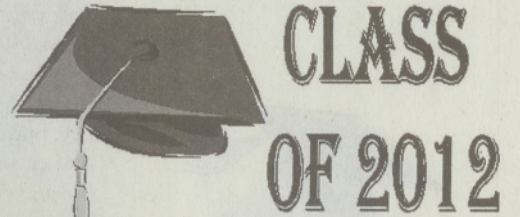
Chelsie joins brother Tyler, age 3.

Grandparents on the father's side are Robert and Shanna Mewes of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Avex and Sandra Miller of Madras.

Chelsie Brooke Mewes Robert Charles Emil Mewes and Annalysia Jewel

Simnashos' "Grads Nite Out" Pow Wow



Wednesday May 30th, 2012

Simnasho Longhouse

•6:00 pm – Potluck Dinner
•7:00 pm – Pow Wow and Games

Come and join us as we celebrate our young peoples accomplishments as they begin their journey.

This event is sponsored by some happy parents and members of the Simnasho Community. If you would like to help or need more info contact Captain

Native Thunder Show & Shine



Bikers young and old gathered at the Indian Head Casino for the Native Thunder Show and Shine. The event drew over 100 motorcyclists to the Plaza, an addition this year were children's activities: face painting, bike obstacle course, and t-shirt painting. Hekili Harry (left) and Adam Camera (right) were the winners of the new bike drawing.

Small business classes starting

Small Business classes in Warm Springs will begin on Monday, June 11.

Free childcare and dinner will be provided.

To sign up call Nettie at 541-553-3148.

Parade riders needed for exhibit opening

The Museum at Warm Springs will feature Warm Springs Beaded Tapestries in its Changing Exhibits Gallery beginning June 21.

The Museum's Permanent Collection holds an outstanding number of beaded items from tribal members. The opening of this exhibit will begin with a Traditional Horse Parade. They are looking for riders to dress in regalia or western attire. Call the museum for details, 553-3331.

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Court upholds Cobell settlement

A historic \$3.4 billion class action settlement over the mismanagement of government trust funds for hundreds of thousands of Native Americans survived a challenge in a federal appeals court in Washington.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit unanimously upheld a trial judge's finding last summer that the settlement, which required congressional authorization, was fair and reasonable.

The settlement, reached in December 2009 after more than a decade of litigation in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia compensates hundreds of thousands of Native Americans.

Lead plaintiff Elouise Cobell, who has since died, sued in 1996 over allegations the Interior Department violated its duty to account for funds the government held in trust for individual Native Americans.

"The Court of Appeals released wise and thoughtful decisions," a lawyer for Cobell, Dennis Gingold, said last week. "We wish Elouise lived to see this day. It vindicates her extraordinary efforts on behalf of individual Indian trust beneficiaries."

The settlement includes \$1.51 billion for direct compensation to members of the

historical accounting class.

Each member in that class would receive \$1,000 in exchange for releasing the government from its obligation to perform an accounting of trust funds. The plaintiffs' attorneys received \$99 million in fees.

The Justice Department's Thomas Bondy, a Civil Division appellate lawyer, represented the Interior Department in the appeals court. DOJ, which urged the appeals court to affirm the settlement, declined to comment on the settlement. A team from Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton also represented the name plaintiffs.

Theodore Frank of the Center for Class Action Fairness, in Washington, who challenged the merits of the settlement, said "we're evaluating our options, and consulting with Indian tribes."

Frank, representing a class member named Kimberly Craven, said a conflict among class members undermines, as the D.C. put it, the "commonality, cohesiveness and fairness" of the deal.

Frank said in court papers in the D.C. Circuit that the \$3.4 billion settlement "flunked the requirement of intraclass equity."

Frank argued, among other things, that class members don't equally benefit

from the \$1,000 payment. Some class members, he said, stand to gain more from the payment than their claims are actually worth. Others in the class would not receive a large enough payment.

The settlement, Frank said in court papers, "provided windfalls for many class members who suffered little or no harm, but fell far short of compensating class members" who have suffered the greatest injuries.

"The historical-accounting records examined thus far have revealed only minor errors in trust accounting," D.C. Circuit Judge Judith Rogers said in the ruling, joined by judges David Tatel and Janice Rogers Brown.

The D.C. Circuit panel said certification of the historical accounting class was "appropriate because of the unusual circumstances surrounding this litigation."

Information produced by an historical accounting, the appeals court said, is not likely "to be worth significantly more to some class members than to others, and thus the \$1,000 settlement payment is properly viewed as nonindividualized and does not run afoul" of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*.

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