

# Sharing can help with healing from loss

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More than ten years ago, Charlotte Herkshan saw the need for a grief workshop on the reservation. The workshop, she felt, would help community members cope with loss.

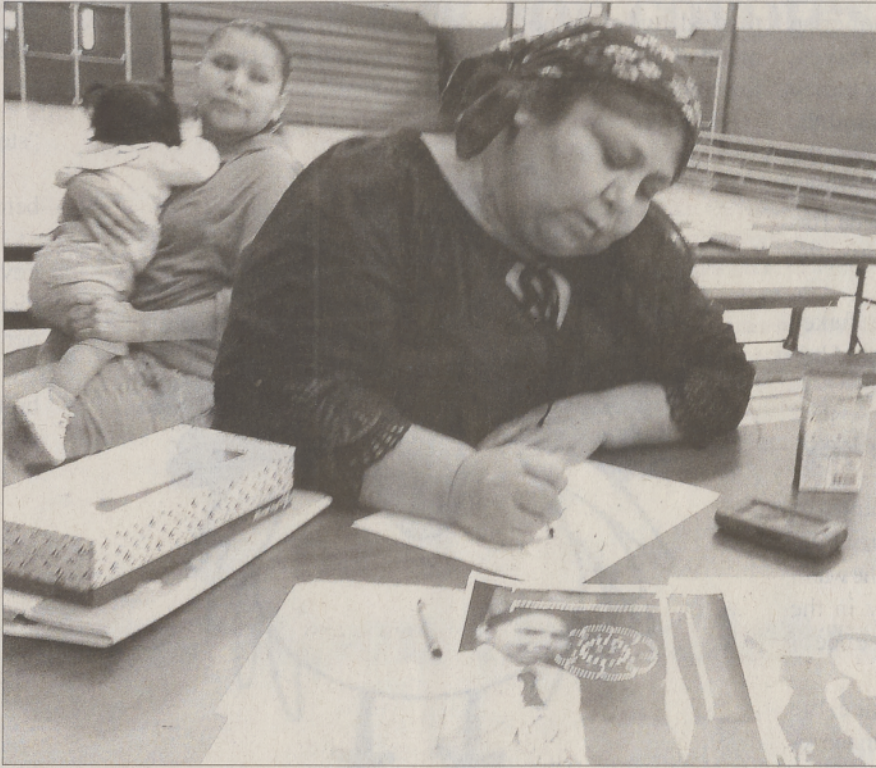
Last week, the tradition continued at the Agency Longhouse, sponsored by Community Counseling.

"Charlotte went around to the elders," Peggy Williams, adult substance abuse counselor, said. "She developed a model that shows the process of grief. From the time of the loss until after the memorial, we can see the process in a traditional way."

Tribal elders have taught much about the stages of grief, Alice Sampson, substance abuse counselor, said.

"Sorrow can be like a physical wound," she said. "If you don't take care of it, tend to it, it's going to become infected and it's going to poison your mind, your spirit."

Nearly all of the participants at the recent confer-



Dorothy Yahtin, who recently lost her son, draws a picture of what her heart looks like, using a crayon and her emotions.

ence shared their own stories of grief and losing a loved one.

Dorothy Yahtin finds comfort in the lessons learned

from the workshop.

"I lost my son, Marcus Stewart Johnson, on October 17," she said. "Now, I'm trying to carry on what he be-

lieved in."

Atwai Marcus was a student at Naya in Portland. He was to attend Grant High School this year.

## GED winter term in Jan.

The winter 2013 GED winter quarter begins on Jan. 7, and lasts until March 22. There will be no class on Jan. 21. Registration is available only on Monday, Jan. 7 and Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Warm Springs classes are in the GED room on the top floor of the Education building. Basic reading on Mondays; basic math on Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Classes are also offered at the Madras COCC campus. For more information, contact Cindy Viles at 541-504-2950; or call the Madras COCC campus at 541-550-4101. Also check the website: cocc.edu

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Wednesday, Nov. 21. The date is moved up because of the holiday. Thank you!

# Tribes, IHS open child center at clinic

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Indian Health Service hosted an opening ceremony of the Child Abuse Intervention Center in Warm Springs.

The Center is a medical clinic where IHS caregivers will interview Native children who may have been sexually or physically abused. The Center will also provide children with complete medical examinations in a comfortable, child-friendly environment. Cases of suspected child abuse will be referred by the Center to appropriate law enforcement officials.

The Center is named "Snwiyaila Miyanashna" in the Warm Springs language, which translates as "Talking for the Children."

The Child Abuse Intervention Center is housed in the IHS offices of the Warm Springs clinic.

The center was formally blessed by tribal elders in a ceremony attended by Warm Springs Tribal Council mem-



Health workers, law enforcement and other officials were on hand to dedicate the center (right).

bers, as well as tribal police officers, prosecutors, victim advocates, and children's protective services case workers. Also attending were federal representatives from the IHS, U.S. Attorney's Office, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"This Child Abuse Intervention Center is only the



second of its kind on tribal lands in the United States," said Dr. Rachel Locker, the IHS physician serving as the executive director of

Snwiyaila Miyanashna.

"The Warm Springs tribal elders have shown incredible leadership in protecting the children in their Tribal Nation."

For many years, the Warm Springs community has operated a Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team consisting of tribal and federal prosecutors, police officers, FBI agents, children's case workers, and medical personnel. The multi-disciplinary team meets monthly to review and discuss child abuse investigations and prosecutions.

"Our Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team has been working for almost two years to make this Child Abuse Intervention Center a reality," said Nancy Seyler, chairwoman of the Warm Springs team.

"This Center will strengthen our tribal sovereignty by allowing us to care for our children and honor our culture right here in our own community."

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## 2 impoverished tribes want off-reservation casinos

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Two impoverished California tribes are planning off-reservation casinos.

They would be the first in the state to have casinos off Indian reservations. The 1,950-member North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians wants to build a gambling hall north of Fresno.

The tribe says the casino will pump more than \$100 million in wages and other

revenue into the local economy each year. The other tribe is the 800-member Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians, near Oroville.

The tribe says the casino near Marysville would generate a \$280 million annual boost to the local economy.

Gov. Jerry Brown approved the North Fork and Enterprise casino plans in August. The Interior Department gave its tentative OK.

## Navajo council online stream draws new viewers

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — When the Navajo Nation Council met for its fall session, it had a whole new set of eyes watching. The quarterly meeting was broadcast live on the Internet in an attempt at transparency. The tribe's legislative branch also

posts bills online and solicits written comments on them.

The broadcast has drawn praise and criticism for things that only people who attended the council sessions in the tribal capital of Window Rock previously could see.

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