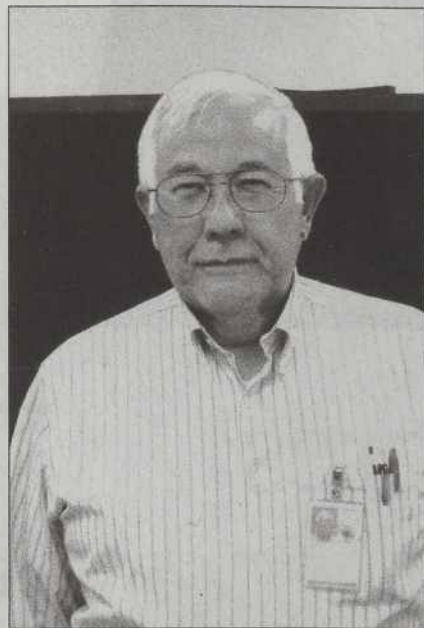


Robbins acting BIA agency superintendent

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Guy "Bud" Robbins

Temporarily, Guy "Bud" Robbins, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, will serve as the BIA Superintendent for Warm Springs.

"I told them to send me to where all the action was," Superintendent Robbins said jokingly. "Of course, at the time, I didn't know there were all the wildfires going on!"

Robbins previously served as the Superintendent for the Yakama Nation.

Through an arrangement with BIA regional director Stanley Speaks, Robbins will be

in Warm Springs for the next 90 days, picking up where former superintendent Paul

Young left off.

Robbins started his detail in Warm Springs on August 29, and brings with him an impressive educational and professional background which includes federal, state, private-sector, volunteer and military experience.

Before working with Yakama, Robbins was the senior program analyst for the Department of Interior's Office of Historical Trust Accounting. He was also the escrow account coordinator with the DOI.

Robbins left the military with a Lieutenant Colonel status in 1992.

One of his top achievements came when Robbins helped a

small California tribe to set up a tribal employment rates ordinance.

He also helped to complete the NAFTA highway, helping the tribe to make over \$16 million.

"That was more money than they had ever seen before," he said. "So I'm proud of that."

After 90 days in Warm Springs, Robbins might return to Yakama or Washington, D.C.

"The people here are very nice," he said. "But one day, I'm going to retire. To prepare for that, I'd like to go back to D.C."

Free blackjack school

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino will be conducting a free blackjack school at Kah-Nee-Ta starting on Oct. 11.

This course requires a commitment of 96 hours to complete, and will meet Monday through Friday 8:30-3:30 for three weeks. Completing the course does not guarantee employment.

To become a qualified blackjack dealer, candidates must finish 96 hours of instruction, pass a "live" audition and pass an Oregon State Police background check.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Human Resources at Kah-Nee-Ta to register, 541-553-1112 ext. 3401.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on September 12 at the Warm

Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

Commitment to reduce Columbia

Leaders from the Columbia River tribes, the federal government, states and non-profits gathered in August to sign a commitment to reduce toxic contaminants in the Columbia basin.

The parties signed the commitment, called an executive statement, in Spokane on August 24.

The statement states the public and scientific concern about the health of the river basin ecosystem.

The statement also recognizes the need for collaboration, improved communication and in-

creased awareness, and describes how the signatories will guide pollutant reduction actions in the basin.

"The tribes' recent 'Future of Our Salmon' conference identified toxics as a significant threat to fish and the Columbia River basin," said Paul Lumley, executive director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

"This was a call to action," he said. "We are learning rapidly about the impacts of contaminants on salmon and lamprey and we must move this issue to the forefront. It has gone

neglected for too long."

The Columbia River Toxic Reductions Working Group and the EPA published a Toxic Reduction Action Plan in 2010 that outlines strategies for reducing toxics in the Columbia Basin.

The working group was established in 2005 by EPA and other federal agencies, the tribes, states and non-profit organizations, and has coordinated much of the effort to reduce toxins throughout the Columbia River Basin.

New islands to lure terns away from Columbia

(AP) - The Corps of Engineers plans to build a 1-acre island in Malheur Lake in southeast Oregon in hopes of luring more Caspian terns into nesting there—instead of near the mouth of the Columbia River where they have been eating too many young salmon and steel-

head. This will be the seventh such island the corps has built in Oregon and northern California in areas where the terns once nested.

The new islands are built as the corps shrinks East Sand Island, which was created with

Columbia River dredging spoils. The corps is getting help with terns this season from predators. Oregon State University researchers say eagles, falcons and owls flushed terns off their nests this season, allowing gulls to sweep in and eat the eggs.



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Registration starts on August 31st
Registration begins for NEW STUDENTS grades K-12 at all schools (or call for appointment)
ALL NEW STUDENTS AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE:

- PROOF OF BIRTHDATE (Must be 5 years of age before Sept. 1)
- PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION required by Oregon Compulsory School Immunization Law
NO SHOTS = NO SCHOOL

REMINDER: Supervision is not provided for students on school grounds prior to 8:00 a.m.

	Open House Dates	Sept 7th	Sept 8th
Madras Primary (K-2) 475-3520	(K) 8/25 @ 5:30 p.m. (1-2) 9/22 @ 6:00 p.m.	School Starts (1st & 2nd) 8:00 a.m.	
Buff Intermediate (3-5) 475-2457	9/15 @ 6:00 p.m.	School Starts 8:05 a.m.	
Metolius Elem. (K-5) 546-3104	9/22 @ 6:00 p.m.	School Starts (1st - 5th) 8:00 a.m.	
Warm Springs Elem. (K-5) 553-1128	9/6 @ 4:00 p.m.	School Starts (1st - 5th) 8:30 a.m.	
Jefferson Co Middle (6-8) 475-7253	9/13 @ 6:00 p.m.	School Starts (6th & new) 8:25 a.m.	School Starts (7th & 8th) 8:25 a.m.
Madras High School (9-12) 475-7265	9/14 @ 5:30 p.m.	School Starts (9th & new) 8:10 a.m.	School Starts (10th - 12th) 8:10 a.m.

All Kindergarten Begins September 15

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Back to School News:

Kindergarten (all schools)
Kindergartners begin school on a modified schedule. Conferences are held with each parent on either September 7, 8, or 9. Kindergarten students and parents attend one day in small groups on one of the following days: September 12, 13, or 14. All kindergartners attend school beginning September 15. Contact your local elementary school for scheduling.

High School Sports
Students must be eligible prior to their first practice. Call Madras High School for more information.

Middle School Sports
P.E. uniforms will be available for purchase at J.C.M.S. for \$18.00. INSURANCE NOT PROVIDED
Jefferson County School District 509-J does not insure students and/or athletes while participating in school activities or school athletics. Students desiring insurance must make individual arrangements with a company of their choice.

See bus schedule in this issue
School supply list available at local stores and online at www.jcsd.k12.or.us

Important Dates and Announcements:

Kindergarten Conferences
Sept. 7-9

Kindergarten Evaluations
Sept. 12-14

Kindergarten Begins
September 15

Facility Use Applications
The District will be accepting applications for facility use by the public beginning August 31, 2011. School facilities will be available for use starting September 15, 2011. Building use applications, liability requirements, fee schedules, and board policy for building use may be obtained at the District Office located at 445 SE Buff Street in Madras. For further information call 475-6192.

SCHOOL MEALS SERVED OPENING DAY!

Breakfast	K-12	\$1.50
Lunch	K-5	\$2.00
Lunch	6-12	\$2.25
Milk only		\$.60

Reduced prices upon approval of application

Breakfast	K-5	No Charge
	6-12	\$.30
Lunch	K-12	\$.40

Applications for free and reduced prices are available at district and school offices.