

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Well by dang, time does go fast when you are having fun. The months fly by so fast, can't keep up with them.

When going to school, it seemed that summer vacation would never come. Then came the work; seemed like the school would never start. The school in Logsdan was in full bloom many moons ago. The school had grades one through eight.

At that time for some reason, some of us didn't get along with the school principal, Mr. Hobart. He was the teacher of grades five through eight. The teacher on the other side of the school, Miss Wilson, was even meaner at the time. I think she had a thing against boys. Fritz Neilesen and I did get a lot of whippings for no reason at all.

One time Fritz and I got into something, don't remember what, but we both got a whipping from Miss Wilson. Fritz (we called him Pete) went home and told his mother. By golly, she came to school madder than a wet hen and raised all kind of fuss with Miss Wilson.

Well, I thought, if it works for him, it will work for me. Famous last words. I deliberately did something I knew I would get a whipping for so I could limp home all beat up and tell my uncle how mean Miss Wilson was.

Well, he said if I got a whipping in school, I needed it when I got home too. Well, it didn't take long to think that what happened in school was to stay in school. She was the teacher till the school went to Siletz. Then to compound matters, she married Old Man Hobart. Wow, what a combination.

I still didn't get along with them in Siletz. Mr. Hobart was the school bus driver also. A few times, I had to hitchhike home.

While in Logsdan, I did have a girlfriend, Lester Simmons' daughter. Don't know how to spell her name but it was something like Minette.

Of course, one was not enough. Another was Barbara Kentta, Bill Kentta's daughter. Both girls were in the same grade.

As time went on we grew and things changed in Logsdan. We had a little band and played at the Farmers Union meetings.

Then one time someone suggested a box social. What's a box social? We were told that the women would bring box lunches. The men and boys would bid on the box and whoever brought the box, the buyer would eat with them. That was a good idea. There were some nice-looking girls up there, not counting my sister.

So the night of the big social, us boys were playing it cool. We thought we were watching secretly who was bringing in the boxes. Well, we spotted the chosen girls.

Now, we did not have very much money. I made \$5 a week but was willing to part with it for a chance to dine with one of them lovely creatures. By

darn, those darn girls switched boxes on us. At the time, I was probably 14 and didn't have a car anyway.

We ran those boxes up pretty high, for us anyway, and the older men didn't let on they knew anything about anything but at a point they quit bidding. As I said, I was around 14 and I did get an old lady's box. She was older than the earth, all of 25 or so. It was good food, however. At that age, food was quite important and a few things could be overlooked.

As time went on, we became older. Old Man Hobart was not such a bad guy after all. His wife even, she was a nice woman. I guess we changed their attitude.

The parents were quite teen-oriented. As time went on, there were not all that many up there, old enough to be in the circle anyway. Od and Vivian Rainbolt were very supportive of what the teens did. They were always there as chaperones and furnished refreshments, including homemade root beer. Everything was homemade, the cookies, donuts and fun. Course we all had to work too, all the young people had to work the fields, the primary work for teens.

We have talked about having some of those social games. Maybe we don't have time for them, I don't know. Maybe some don't know what a box or pie social is.



Veterans Can Get Help with Employment

John Farrar of the Oregon Employment Department Veterans Outreach Program will be at the Tribal administration building to assist any veteran who is looking for employment.

He comes once a month and will see any vet who wants to drop in or call for an appointment. He is at the admin building every second Thursday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Farrar's summer schedule is as follows:

July 10: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Aug. 14: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you want to make an appointment with Farrar for any of those dates, please call him at 541-265-8891, ext. 333, or just drop in during any of those dates.

If you have any other questions, contact Mark Pullam at 541-444-8221 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1221.

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

by Lynn Whitlow

Summer is here, officially. The big hope is that we get it in reality for more than a few days! Oh, blessed sun, elusive sun - shine on us. Warm our spirits, our bodies and our tomato plants!

There are other "rays of sun" that shine on our lives. Getting a much-needed, wanted job; watching our baby take his/her first steps; having our adult (or any age) child call just to say "I love you;" driving around a bend to take a breath or take in the view; or finding a \$20 bill that you tucked away six months ago and forgot about - just when you needed it for milk and bread or diapers.

My "ray of sun" and my gratitude is for reconnection with an old friend I lost touch with more than 30 years ago. So nice to hear a voice from the past on the phone, to see a smile on a dearly remembered face that has changed very little over the years. It's a real joy when those good connections reappear.

At the TLC, residents have many "rays of sun" to be grateful for, including, "My supports, my resources and waking up sober."

Other gratitudes include, "Spending time with my daughter, knowing the love

of God, my mother teaching me the love of God - I love her for that. I'm thankful in this time of my life for family coming together after years of separation due to my addiction. I'm grateful for being in sobriety and for my many blessings."

Another resident says, "I'm grateful I made it through a funeral sober." Others said, "I'm grateful I have a supportive family" and "I'm grateful to have a sunny day today."

We have volunteers to be thankful for: Alice McCain, Lisa Brown, Denise Riding In and Vanessa Jackson for doing overnight shifts. Thank you, George Nagel, for your handyman support.

We are grateful for the financial support that Tribal Council grants to us to purchase much-needed supplies and equipment. We will report those improvements as they happen.

If there are any women out there who would be interested in volunteering at the TLC, please give me a call at 541-444-8238 or 800-600-5599. Women with at least nine months of being clean and sober are encouraged to apply.

I hope your sun rays are many this summer!

2008-2009 Hunting and Fishing Tags

The Natural Resources Committee has set and the Tribal Council has approved the following as the schedule and methods for distribution of this year's hunting and fishing tags to Tribal members:

Type of Tag	Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer Early Archery	50	8/30-9/28	8/2 at 1 p.m. at General Council Mtg.	First-Come, First-Served*
Elk Early Archery	25	8/30-9/28	8/2 at 1 p.m. at General Council Mtg.	First Come, First-Served*
General Deer Rifle	375	10/4-11/7	8/11	First-Come, First-Served
Antlerless Deer: For conservation purposes, due to the severely declining deer population, these tags will not be issued in 2008				
1 st Season Elk	25	11/15-11/18	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
2 nd Season Elk	25	11/22-11/28	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
Antlerless Elk	49 (est.)	Various Seasons	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
Elk Late Archery	25 minus # of first-season tags filled	11/29-12/14	10/27	First-Come, First-Served, Waiting List from Early Hunts
Deer Late Archery	50 minus # of first-season tags filled	11/22-12/14	10/27	First-Come, First-Served
Salmon	200 (est.)	10/1-11/30	8/11	First-Come, First-Served

* No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must physically show up to obtain tag. A waiting list will be developed for the late-season hunt if all early-season tags are issued.

Questions regarding the above schedule and distribution methods can be directed to Frank Simmons at 541-444-8288 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1288; or Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.