



Baseball Dominates Bevens' Summer as He Plays for Two Teams

If you ask Andy Bevens, 12, what he did all summer, he will tell you "played baseball" and played baseball he did!

Andy lives in Salem, Ore., with his dad and mom, Tribal member Mike and Julie Bevens. This year he played on two different baseball teams – Parrish Little League and the Keizer Knights Junior Baseball team. Andy is a pitcher and first baseman.

For Parrish Little League, he made the 11-12-year-old All-star team. During the District 7 playoffs, Andy pitched a no-hitter. That team won the District 7 championship in Salem and moved on to play in the Oregon State Little League Championships in Eugene, Ore.

The Parrish Little League team won that championship, advancing to the Northwest Regional tournament in San Bernardino, Calif., starting Aug. 7. The Northwest Region includes Little League teams from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska. The winner of the championship game would advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Andy's team made it to the championship game and played against the team from Mercer Island, Wash. The game was televised on ESPN on Aug. 15. The Parrish team played its hardest, but was beaten by Mercer Island and its bid for the Little League World Series was ended.

Andy's baseball season, however, was not over yet. During the summer of 2008 the Keizer Knights team had been invited to participate in a 103-team tournament in August 2009 in Cooperstown, N.Y. This tournament started Aug. 15, the same day Andy finished playing in the Little League regional.

That night he and his mom and dad boarded a plane from California to go to Albany, N.Y. They were met in New York by his grandparents, Tribal member Sue and Butch Ramsdell of Salem, Ore. In less than 24 hours, he had played baseball on the West Coast and the East Coast!

During the six games played in Cooperstown, Andy hit seven homeruns. At the end of the tournament Andy, his parents and grandparents drove to New York City and stayed six days and did some sightseeing.

They saw the Broadway show *The Lion King*, took a day tour and night tour of the Big Apple, toured Yankee Stadium and watched the Yankees play the Texas Rangers. Andy's great-grandpa, Bill Bevens, was a pitcher for the New York Yankees and pitched in the 1947 World Series.

Needless to say this was a summer he and his family will never forget. Congratulations, Andy, on a great baseball season!



Miss Chemawa

Congrats, Carolina, for being crowned Miss Chemawa 09-10. Love you lots!

Gram, Auntie LuElla, Auntie Martha and all your best cousins



An Update on Amial

By Arlissa Rhoan-Fuentes (proud mommy)

Hi to all our family and friends. I just want to let all who know and love Amial how and what he's doing.

He turned 9 years old on Oct. 3 and overall he's doing great. He's excelling in school and is a natural at any sport he plays. It's been awhile, so I'm going to go back a little.

For the 2008-09 school year, he was in second grade and received several Student of the Month Awards throughout the year. He met his personal goal of outstanding perfect attendance for the year (missing one day because of illness).

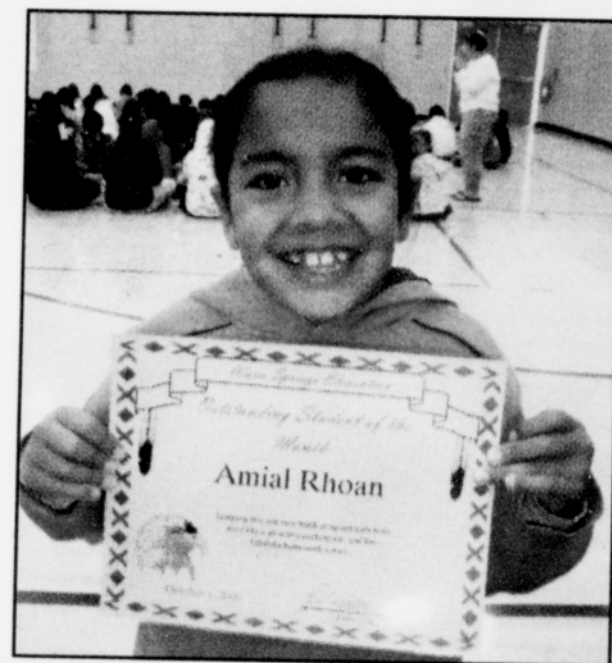
The most impressive recognition was in math – he worked through addition, subtraction, multiplication and square roots! I don't recall doing that in second grade.

He played minor league baseball for the Warm Springs Warriors. He did a great job in "Thinking Ahead." When the ball came his way, he knew right where to go and who to back up. This resulted in an awesome defense, double plays and the best part – big smiles!

At bat, he improved and on base he's like a mini Jacoby (Ellsbury, Boston Red Sox centerfielder), stealing any chance he gets. He's so fast and alert. When he takes off, you're jumping up going "No!" but by then he's already there.

I love to watch him play. We look forward to next year as he's had to wait these past two years for All-Stars because of his age.

He ran in the Pi-Ume-Sha fun run and completed the one mile in 10 minutes, 24



seconds. His next run was Oct. 18 for the Kah-Nee-Ta Fall Run.

Now he's just begun his adventures in third grade. On Oct. 1, he received Outstanding Student of the Month for "jumping into our new math program with both feet! He is an active participant and has fabulous homework return." We are so proud of him and his efforts.

Kiwanis soccer season also started and he's discovered he is an excellent goalie! He is so determined to stop that ball. He's diving, catching and pulling it in by his fingertips and has a great kick down the field.

We just wish it wasn't so cold (66 degrees). Crazy to think just two months ago he attended a week-long soccer day camp with the Semi-Pro Challenger British Soccer Team and they were playing in 110 degree temperatures.

Well, now you're all caught up. See you at Restoration!

Let Go

by Tobias Reese

Your skin has grown so thick and you've become so tuff.
You persevered through so much, life really has been ruff.
I admire you so much, with everything you've endured,
You saw the glass half full, shakin' but never stirred.
When I was drunk fallen down, you would still reach for my hand.
When they believed I was nothing, you still believed in the plan.
You never listened to logic when they said to be smart.
You listened to your emotions and just ran with your heart.
I haven't shown you much action, so it must be my words.
I'm kind of clever with these lines, but I'll save that for the birds.
I won't say nothing slick about making you my wife.
I'll give you one last line,
Baby, go live your life.

I wrote this poem for my mom and sister and aunties and all of our children – and especially my true ride-or-die woman for the past nine years, Raquel. All of whom have been affected greatly by domestic violence and its vicious cycle. All of whom found normality in such an ugly way of life. As hard as it is to say this (because I feel like I'm hanging from a building by your fingertips), I know it's time to let go.

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