

Student's essay a tribute to Indian vets



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The following article was written by Reina Lyn Estimo, daughter of Mina Shike. Reina is a seventh grader at Coos Bay Jr. High School enrolled in an advanced English class for which this piece was written. Reina said the teacher and school principal graded the entries. She received 96 points out of a possible 105.

Reina is on the honor roll with a 3.8 grade point average and likes basketball and all other sports.

US Veterans of the Sovereign Nations

by Reina Lyn Estimo

Patriotism: Love and loyalty of one's own country

Although Native American of the United States are considered sovereign, many of the tribesmen have fought for the country called America.

I am proud to say that there are many veterans in my family:

* Raymond Shike, Sr., my grandfather U.S. Marines—Korean Con-

flict

* Alfred Smith, Sr., great-grandfather

* Elmer "Scotty" Scott, Sr., great-grandfather

Both served in World Wars I and II

* Arthur Mitchell, grandfather

Recently attended the 50th anniversary of the Normandy, France invasion. He looked grand marching amongst his comrades, dressed in his Native American buckskin regalia—like a true warrior.

My list can go on and on, as I have many relatives and family friends who are, or have been, in the US military. Our brand new museum in Warm Springs, Oregon has a wall-size plaque dedicated to our tribal member US Veterans.

The "Yakama Warriors" is a prominent veterans organization on the Yakama Indian Reservation (my other tribe). The Yakama Warriors

are usually in great demand to participate in powwows and other functions to honor other veterans. In turn, they are honored also. For example, they surprised my grandfather (Raymond Shike, Sr.) by attending his retirement ceremonies from the police force. This added much dignity to this gala event at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse.

Indian reservations throughout the United States celebrate Veterans Day with a powwow and/or parade. Actually, our veterans are active in all powwows. They lead in every Grand Entry, carrying the US flag and other flags, including our precious eagle staff—the Native American flag.

All powwows have a veteran's dance (or warrior's dance), where Indian and non-Indian veterans do a war dance—spectators are required to stand in their honor, as they are dancing. Afterwards, they are presented with gifts. As I write this, my mother is beading a red, white and blue hat band that will be presented during our Veterans Day Powwow in Warm Springs.

Anytime an eagle feather is dropped to the floor (or ground) during a powwow, a special ceremony is performed where only a designated veteran may retrieve the feather. The owner must "buy" the feather back from the designated veterans, after the veteran has told a "war story" of his past.

Native Americans have been a great asset to the military with their valuable skills. I know of some who were delegated as snipers and/or sharpshooters. During World War II, Navajo scouts were delegated as radio operators—thus, confusing the Japanese, who were unable to decode their native language.

Now that I know what I know about Native American Veterans, I can think about joining the military when I get older.



The 1994 Christmas Bazaar held December 10 at the Community Center brought numerous vendors and shoppers alike.

Childbirth education classes to begin

Comprehensive six week childbirth education courses are being planned for Madras and Warm Springs in January. The childbirth education series provides an understanding of the labor and delivery process, information on breathing and relaxation techniques and support skills for mother and her partner. Newborn behavior care and feeding will also be discussed in this Mountain View Hospital District sponsored series.

International Childbirth Educator Association trained instructor Janet Bissell, RN will teach the series. Bissell is also a certified Lactation Educator.

The cost of the course which includes the workbook is \$15. The Madras classes will begin on January 11 at 7 p.m. The Warm Springs course will begin at 11:30 a.m. on January 10. Pre-registration is required. The next courses will be held in March.

To register call the Mountain View Hospital District Wellness office at 475-3882 ext. 2307 or the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center at 553-1657.

Survivors' Journey

12-week healing journey for women

Wednesdays
beginning January 11, 1995
6 to 8 p.m.

Community Counseling Center

For more information contact Erin Sweeden or Urbana Manion at 553-3205

Anger Management workshop

A workshop is scheduled to be held at the Warm Springs Community Center on Developing Options to Anger, January 6, 1994, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Participants are to bring brown

bag lunch, beverages will be provided. This anger management workshop is sponsored by Jefferson County Commission for Children and Families and the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Negative impacts of gaming could last a lifetime

The gaming referendum is scheduled for December 27, 1994 and you will have received a great deal of information to decide whether \$6 million should be authorized to build a gaming facility at Kah-Nee-Ta. Although the issue appears financially attractive, there is another side of gaming that each tribal member must consider.

* 1,800 surveys were mailed out to eligible voters. 341 were sent back, with 265 of them favoring gaming. That made up for only 14 percent of the eligible voters that set the ball rolling. Is that a fair number to base this whole issue on?

* Tribal families and children will be negatively impacted by having gambling locally available. This will be seen through: increased delinquency, adolescent onset of gambling, overspending of paychecks and reduced time spent in a family setting.

* Tribal membership was not invited to fully participate in considering gaming; was not fully informed of the planning activities and was not encouraged to openly discuss the issue among ourselves.

* The future of our children will be compromised to meet the immediate needs of the tribal, state and federal governments which is portrayed as in needing the compact with the state now.

* The compromises of more money and indirect benefits to the tribal membership does not consider the growing demands of the current government. More money into the government is not a promise of more money to care for your family.

* \$6 million may be better spent on youth activities, job training, and improving existing successful tribal enterprises, without causing negative social changes in our community.

* Responsible management and maximum utilization of tribal natural and human resources would reduce the need to enter into gaming. Jobs exist now, but tribal members still don't hold the majority of them.

* Alternative approaches to replace reduced timber revenue have not been adequately sought.

* Gaming on the reservation will threaten the quality of life and security enjoyed in a climate already threat-

ened by gangs, theft and poverty.

* Kah-Nee-Ta will no longer be readily available to community members due to overcrowding and the atmosphere could change from a family resort to one of different and unsavory characters.

* Promoting gaming is contradictory to becoming the healthiest community in the year 2000.

Our tribal history has repeatedly demonstrated responsible decision-making which is evident in the security we have today. The dams, mill, Museum, Early Childhood Center, Wellness Center and the DE project were all approved by the tribal membership for the benefit of everyone. The valuable tribal input and support those projects enjoyed was not asked for in a timely and patient manner for the gaming referendum. Rushing into this project may generate fast money, but the negative effects may last a lifetime.

Please remember to vote on December 27 or return your absentee ballot. Your vote will have a serious and lasting impact on the future of our tribe.

Vote

December 27

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Community Center

Employment stats given

As of mid-December, there were 773 part-time and full-time employees working for the tribal organization. Of that total, 503 are tribal members; 65 are married into the tribe; 90 are other Indians and 115 are non-Indian. There are 374 men and 399 women working for the organization.

Water negotiations suspended—Continued from page 1

exercise their respective jurisdiction over water management in the Deschutes Basin on a cooperative basis to avoid future litigation.

Third, the proposed agreement would clearly define a jurisdictional system where the Tribes will be responsible for water management and use on the Reservation and the State will manage waters off the Reservation. An intergovernmental board would be established to deal with any implementation questions that may arise.

Fourth, the proposed agreement would provide flexibility for the Tribes in the future. It is not possible to predict exactly how the Reservation will be developed in the future and the agreement has sufficient flexibility to accommodate changes, while still giving certainty about the amount of water that could be used.

Fifth, the Tribes would have the right to transfer water for use off-Reservation if that becomes economically feasible. Any such transfers would be subject to applicable state laws.

Sixth, we realize that is important that all Deschutes Basin water users have certainty about their water rights. The Tribes have therefore offered certainty to existing users by agreeing that existing state water right holders will not have to curtail their use of water to satisfy the tribal water right. Future water development in the Basin can then take place with all

persons knowing the rules and availability of water.

An important goal of these negotiations has been to reach an agreement that will allow all water users in the basin to plan for the future with certainty. Expensive litigation can be avoided and a significant step toward the protection of the natural resources of the entire basin will be taken.

At our thirteenth Negotiation Session on December 6, 1994, the parties mutually agreed to temporarily suspend formal negotiations in order to provide additional time for sharing information and answering questions from those who will be affected by the agreement.

We are all hopeful that formal sessions will resume soon and that a final agreement can be negotiated from the strong foundation that has been laid.

Contrary to the recent report in The Bulletin, the Tribes are not "handing over" water rights to the State of Oregon. Through lengthy, good faith, government-to-government negotiations, the parties are quantifying, recognizing and affirming the water rights of the Tribes.

The statement was signed by Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Calica, Martha Pagel, director of Oregon Water Resources Department and William Back, deputy regional solicitor for the US Department of the Interior.

Tribal Council attendance noted for 1994

	JAN. 15 mtgs. Hours Travel	FEB. 8 mtgs. Hours Travel	MAR. 11 mtgs. Hours Travel	APR. 9 mtgs. Hours Travel	MAY 7 mtgs. Hours Travel	JUNE 13 mtgs. Hours Travel	JULY 9 mtgs. Hours Travel	AUG. 12 mtgs. Hours Travel	SEPT. 12 mtgs. Hours Travel	OCT. 12 mtgs. Hours Travel
Raymond Calica	9 62 7	5 37 17	11 82 9	9 71 7	7 53.5 9	13 99 3	7 50 5	4 34.5 2	4 31 9	10 76 10
Jacob Frank, Sr.	14 98 4	7 52 11	8 66 8	8 66 16	5 46 8	10 74 2	5 33 2	8 54.5 8	8 57.5 6	7 48 7
Delvis Heath, Sr.	13 89 4	8 55 14	4 29 13	4 55 13	3 21.5 11	8 53 9	4 27 10	9 58 9	3 24 7	8 52 10
Kathleen Heath	11 74 2	8 65 10	11 90 8	9 65 8	5 45 9	10 76 0	7 52 6	7 38 5	12 78 4	10 77 6
Vernon Henry	10 78 4	8 44 14	3 40 8	4 23 13	0 0 15	4 24 3	7 7 6	2 10 7	10 58 5	4 16 4
Zane Jackson	11 81 4	3 23 4	10 78 6	9 65.6 7	7 77 5	13 96 2	7 59 6	7 50.5 4	8 55 6	11 83 4
Bernice Mitchell	11 78 2	7 42 13	7 56.5 5	3 22 12	5 36 15	7 46 4	8 63.5 7	9 65.5 9	6 45.5 7	9 64.5 6
Joe Moses	11 73 8	8 53 14	6 48 10	6 56 16	6 57 11	13 88 2	8 61.5 3	7 50 5	6 47 6	7 59 7
Rita Squelphen	14 104 2	8 69 4	11 87.5 6	9 67 7	7 74.5 5	12 91 2	5 48 6	11 78.5 6	10 77 4	11 78 5
Nelson Wallulatum	14 101 8	6 42 11	0 0 12	6 38 18	0 0 12	31 38 9	38 38 11	0 0 13	39 0 11	15 15 8
Wilson Wewa, Sr.	15 99 4	8 61 14	11 75 5	9 66 12	7 68 11	12 88 2	8 71 7	12 82 8	9 67 6	8 66 5

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