

Sharing, caring of Soberfest brings back feelings of more peaceful past

Sitting beneath the tall pines at HeHe causes one to reflect on the past—the quieter, more peaceful and less troubled times of years gone by. One remembers the times when alcohol and drug abuse were problems faced by strangers many miles away. During the past 50 years or so, Indian people have become victims to a disease, alcoholism, that was once foreign, a disease, among many others, that was brought here by eastern settlers.

"Historically, the government introduced alcohol to Indian people to tear us apart," said Guy Wallulatum at the July 5, 6 and 7 HeHe Soberfest. Alcohol has caused "us to lose our religion. It's doing a good job. This is one thing the government doesn't have to put any money into to make it work."

Wallulatum, along with other members of his family, have accumulated nearly 50 years of sobriety among them. Wallulatum, Jameson and Virginia Mitchell, Dallas Winishut and Patrick Mitchell comprise the Soberfest Committee—their common goal being to increase awareness among community members of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

"It's time our people realized that alcohol is not part of our culture. It's time to reclaim our Indian identity. We can't blame the government for that because we accepted alcohol. We have to learn what forgiveness is."

"We're all seeking sobriety. I think to stay sober, families have to support each other. Friends, made in AA and NA, are important too." Wallulatum is hopeful the wave of sobriety will make its way into Madras, Bend, Portland and eventually sweep the nation's capitol. He feels substance use impairs decision mak-

ing capabilities. Wallulatum feels strongly that tribal leaders, including Tribal Council and tribal management, should be alcohol- and drug-free. No tribal leadership was present at the Soberfest and Wallulatum said he "felt bad. They should take the lead. Community members may be empowered if leadership took the lead." We must "renew our value system through sobriety and we must renew our lives through sobriety."

Virginia Mitchell looks back on her drinking days and feels "scared". And for the rest of the committee, they "know what fun is." Wallulatum says he "always used to feel dumb. I got my self-respect back. My folks don't have to worry about me anymore." The best thing, says

Wallulatum, is that "I learn something new everyday."

All recovering users and abusers have horror stories of their using days. There are equally disturbing stories about their recovery—peer pressure and lack of support seem to be the most difficult hurdles to overcome when maintaining sobriety. On the other side of the coin are success stories—most have jobs, families, some have gone to school, all are healthy, happy and clean.

Soberfest committee members say they have gained personal strength through different avenues. Work, religion and families have helped them attain and maintain their sobriety.

The need to confront the issue of alcoholism is apparent. "We have to

wake up and realize there is a problem." A problem cannot be solved without first admitting there is a problem. "We all walk on egg shells" and step around the real issues. Denial may be THE issue in the community and the country.

The Soberfest drew people from Portland, Redmond and Warm Springs. Darlene Foster brought members of her church to camp out at HeHe for five full days. The days were filled with different activities while the evenings were spent in family-type games and dances.

Attendance was low due to a death in the community. But Soberfest organizers felt the event important enough to go through with it. The family held a small giveaway.

If it was the goal of the Soberfest to bring people together for fellowship, sharing and caring. That goal was met and exceeded. All must have left HeHe with a feeling of well-being and peace—something like the old days.

Editor's Note: Organizers wish to thank all those who supported this year's event, including participants, the Warm Springs Appellate Court and OSU Extension and Tribal Council.



Special entertainment at this year's Soberfest included a bagpipe demonstration by Madras piper.



Darlene Foster barbecued salmon for Soberfest dinner.

Quileute Days 1996

Adults and 18 & older Youth Co-Ed Softball Tournament

July 20, 21, 1996 at La Push, Washington

12 Teams - \$175 entry fee (\$75 deposit required)

Please send checks payable to Quileute Days, P.O.

Box 291, La Push, WA 98350 before July 15

Prizes: First place—13 Jackets
Second Place—12 Hooded Sweatshirts
Third Place—12 Sweatshirts
Fourth Place—12 T-Shirts
24 All Star Jackets
2 MVP Jackets
12 Sportsmanhood Caps

Coordinator is Ann Penn, if you have any questions or would like to check for openings after July 15 please call (360) 374-3392.

Summer hours begin

The COCC office is now on Summer Schedule. This means that John will be out of the COCC office until August 5. Marilyn is here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or whenever her schedule needs to be rearranged, it can be to some extent.

Please leave messages with the answering machine or with the summer assistant Rusty Calica.

Student Success Strategies begins August 14

Are you serious about getting a college education or technical training? Do you want to be successful in school? Would you like to be eligible for tribal funding? Do you really want to be prepared for your college experience? Then STUDENT SUCCESS STRATEGIES is for you.

Student Success Strategies will tell you how to apply for a Tribal Education Grant/Loan. It will also tell you about college programs and their purposes.

Student Success Strategies will help you with personal budgeting strategies so you won't run out of money before you run out of school days. It will teach you goal settings methods and how to build effective time management techniques into your life.

Student Success Strategies will teach you test taking tips and build your critical thinking skills.

Special summer session will start August 14 at 8:30 a.m. Sign up at the High Education Office. Any questions, please call 553-1428.

4-H Program seeks donations

The Warm Springs 4-H Program is getting ready to help Theresa Fuentes and family by auctioning a pig that her brother raised in the past year. Fuentes is the daughter of Laura and Willy Fuentes. Due to an automobile accident, Theresa's spinal cord was severed, leaving her a quadriplegic.

The auction will be held at the Jefferson County Fair on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! Donations are being accepted for this fund as well.

Bible study group meets

Looking for new & different directions in your life? Needing support with the positive decisions you have made?

We are studying the Twelve Step Bible together. Would you come join us in study and learn with us? We talk about and help each other with the everyday walk of life. Share ideas and strive toward meaningful goals.

We meet at the Health and Wellness Center's Demo Kitchen on Monday & Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information call Les or Perthina at 553-1329. Hope to see you soon.

Living Traditions program continues throughout summer

Live presentations of various traditions and crafts of the Confederated of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation are presented every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day at The Museum at Warm Springs.

The Living Traditions program features a different presenter each weekend at The Museum. "The idea is to have tribal people here at The Museum to show their traditions or crafts and to talk to the public," said Jeanne Thomas, Museum/Education/Tour Coordinator.

The program began shortly after The Museum first opened in 1993 with a celebration of the Treaty with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Middle Oregon of 1885 during Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. The Centennial royalty, including queen Kathleen Heath, were invited to The Museum, along with other past Miss Warm Springs queens. The queens were dressed in their regalia and performed a reading of the treaty that was broadcast over KWSO radio.

During that same weekend, Bernyce Courtney demonstrated how to make Sally Bags at The Museum. Living Traditions presentations have

continued since then with a full schedule slated every summer.

July 20-21—Living Traditions: Beading People Images, Antoinette Queahpama from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 27-28—Living Traditions: Ceremonial Hats and Beaded Bags, Arlita Rhoan from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 3-4—Living Traditions: Dip, Set Net Pole Fishing, Hank Palmer from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10-11—Living Traditions: Tribal Traditions for Hunting and Fishing, Terry Courtney from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 17-18—Living Traditions: Beaded Crowns and Horse Trappings, Rosie Tom from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24-25—Living Traditions: Language Program, Arlita Rhoan from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31, Sept. 1—Artists and Crafts Fair at The Museum 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friends and family of Roberta "Bobbie" (James) & Frankie "Fudd" Suppah are invited to their wedding reception, 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 1996 at the Baptist Church in Warm Springs, Oregon.

Elementary school teacher recovering

Warm Springs Elementary teacher Russell Keiser had taken ill during the month of June. He has been at St. Charles Medical Center since June 19. An infection in his leg spread throughout his body and caused him to become unconscious for 15 days. It was tough and go for a while, but Keiser is now recovering.

Talking with Keiser, he explained that being in bed for 23 days he was not using his muscles and is now in physical therapy at St. Charles Rehab

Center. He essentially has to relearn to walk and use his legs. He will continue physical therapy at St. Charles until the third week of July and when he returns to his home.

He plans to be at Warm Springs Elementary for the beginning of the 1996-97 school year this September to teach the first grade.

Keiser says, "I appreciated all the support given to me, it has been very helpful. I am looking forward to the school year in the Fall."

Lydell Adams Raffle results are as follows:

Won by:	Item:	Donated by:
Madras Gun n' Tackle	Rafting Trip	White Horse Rafting
Ella Jim	Emb. shawl	Nola Queahpama
Augustine Pedraza	Emb. shawl	Nola Queahpama
Irene Dampier	Pend. blanket	Nola Queahpama
Betty-Banning Auto	Sand Painting	AB/Sylvania Hunt
Denise Lucei	Turquoise neckl.	Daisy Ike
Kaliska Smith	Elk horn kupn	David Lucei
Delta Simmons	Sm. Baby Board	Wy'East
L. Jordan (Ptd)	dreamcatcher	Thunderhawk Arts/crafts
Jason Smartlowit	Celilo book	WS Museum
Ursula Little	Yarn belt	Beatrice Scott
Janice Lucei	Key chain/neckl.	WS Market
Marti Ann Crawford	Shell Broach	?
Jane Kirkpatrick	Gas Certificate	DMJ
Lindy Hogges	Emb. Star bag	Louella Heath-Bagley
Ian Tohet	earrings	Louella Heath-Bagley
Colleen Mock	Wall Hanging	Willie & Lou Bagley
Jerry Henrickson	Afghan vest	Jaimeae Bagley
John Mathews	bd earrings	Beatrice Scott
Chris Crane	Comforter	Ursula Little
Becky Hunt-Lucei	Rope w/saddle	Broken Bow Trading Post
Charlene Wainanwit	Moccas/child	Gerald & Loretta Danzuk
Frank Jim	shawl	J'Dean Kalama
Ursula Little	cologne	Aurelia Stacona
Steve Hart	Blue yarn belt	Les Schwabs
Lisa Cartney	align.	Good Golly Miss Molly
LeRon Tom	Pure Elem. Hair	Coast to Coast
Sportsworld	Coleman 6 pc	Hatfields
Tony Lucei	Pend. purse	Maxine Switzer
Ursula Little	keychain	Maxine Switzer
Jerry Blodgett	lotion	Gayleen Adams
Jane Kirkpatrick	pix frames w/pix	Gayleen Adams
Oscar Queahpama	Pr. earrings	Mark Matthews
Ursula Little	Pr earrings	Mark Matthews
AJ Lucei	2 CD's	KWSO
Floyd Gibson	2 CD's	KWSO
Frank Jim	2 CD's	KWSO
Ella Jim	1 nights lodging	@ KNT KNT
Denise Gabriel		

Raffle items amounted to \$803.50 plus other donations total amount raised was \$1,051.50.

Boarding school begins 8/23/96

Jack A. Belkham, the Chief School Administrator at the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota has announced that August 23, 1996 is the opening date of school for the 1996/97 school year. Students interested in enrollment are urged to submit their enrolled applications immediately.

The Flandreau Indian School is a four year off-reservation boarding school operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The required/elective course offerings at the Flandreau Indian School are in the following areas: general course of study, vocational skills/career learning skills, college prep classes and special education.

There is a wide variety of clubs, activities and athletics to fill the students leisure hours. Special programs on campus such as honor dorm, Intensive Residential Guidance (IRG), Exceptional Child Residential (ECR), Ala-Teen program, gifted program, a new positive reward's system and an extensive counseling program work to meet the special needs of the students. Flandreau Indian School is a community of caring school.

You can call (605) 997-3773 or 1-800-942-1647 ext. 114 for enrollment information. You may also write to the Flandreau Indian School, 1000 North Crescent, Flandreau, SD 57028.

Starr Gaming Club extends a very special thank you to all

Dear Tribal Members,

Because there's always something that I may forget to express to all who were involved with our presentation to the Pi-Ume-Sha Celebration, I'm late to express my appreciation.

We offered a handgame tournament to visitors from all over the Northwest and Canada. We always experience good times during the celebration and this year was no exception. The winners were announced in the most recent Spilyay publication.

I, self-proclaimed president of the Starr Gaming Club have nothing but praise for all our members, Alex, Dempsey, Richard, Monty and little Richard for assisting me with the stick game shed. The three young ladies who assisted the club with the salmon bake, Sheila, Radine and Roxanne, who have always been willing to help. Wilfred Jim, Sr., who offered prayer for our tribute. All club members who donated their time and food stuff for the feed.

We currently have fifteen members who are always attempting to raise funds for any future activities. They include: Nettie Dickson, Donna

& Caroline Torres, Dempsey Polk, Janice Gunshows, Jodel Johnson, Ramona Starr, Richard Tohet, Lizzie Rhoan, Barbara Starr, Paula Halliday, Leona Doney & Orlando Doney, Nicole Clemens and Alex Tohet.

Our two elders provided us with guidance and advice. We always step on somebody's toes and we probably always will, but the intent is to provide good service and something the tribe can be proud of. We always accept any assistance from anybody and everybody.

Our primary sponsors are the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, WSFPI, Indian Head Gaming Center and Kahneta.

All who purchased raffle tickets from our members also have been responsible for a part of prize monies awarded. We're a very youthful group and we want to continue this activity so please DON'T SAY NO when we ask for donations.

Thank you very much from a very grateful member.

Sam Starr

Following is the results of the raffle:
Las Vegas Trip for Two-Jamie

Lopez (donated by Sam Staff & Richard Tohet); Kids Picnic Table-Roland Kalama, Jr. (donated by Dempsey Polk); Starr Stick Game Jacket-Louis Aripa (donated by Nettie Dickson); Coleman 3 pc cooler combo-Bill Howe (donated by Donna Torres); Coleman Battery Table Lamp-Pops Quempts (donated by Donna Torres); \$25 cash-Dan Briscoe, Sr. (donated by Janice Gilbert-Gunshows); \$550 cash-Greg Holley (donated by Mona Starr); \$20 cash-Hamilton Bush (donated by Mona Starr); 2 lawn chairs-Greg Holley (donated by Caroline Torres); \$50 cash-Theron Johnson (donated by Barbara Starr); \$50 cash-Juliane Smith (donated by Nicole Clemens); 2 pair earrings-Roger Trajillo (donated by Lenora Doney); Furry Blanket-Zane Jackson (donated by Lizzie Rhoan); Pendleton lap robe-Daisy Hood (donated by Lizzie Rhoan); Ceiling Fan-Elizabeth Brady (donated by Jodel Johnson); End of the Trail Clock-Morris Johnson (donated by Jim Garrett); \$20 cash-Leroy Smith (donated by Eddie Young); Camp stool-Louis Aripa (donated by Caroline Torres).