

## Kelly new Principal of JC Middle School



Pat Kelly

Occasional visitor to the Central Oregon area, Pat Kelly, accepts position as Principal of Jefferson County Middle School. Kelly's brother, Steve Kelly, works at Mountain View Hospital as an anesthesiologist. He visited his brother frequently and decided he would like to move here and be near his brother. He started looking for a job here and heard Marquadt was leaving for Bosnia and he applied for the job and was hired as the new Principal. Kelly says, "I'm glad to be here, it's a beautiful area and I just love it here."

Kelly is from the Puyallup area, east of Tacoma where he taught Middle School in the Summer District. He was also the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director of the High School in the White River District.

Kelly received his Bachelors

Degree from Pacific Lutheran University in 1970. He then taught High School and Middle School in Maryland for two years before coming back to teach at Puyallup.

Kelly bought a home in Madras and says, "I plan on staying however long I stay, I like the area a lot."

He invited parents and concerned community members to visit with him at the Middle School July 16-18 at the Middle School and received many visitors and phone calls. "They called with good ideas and suggestions," Kelly adds.

Kelly came to Madras in June to work with staff for one day concentrating on concerns that they had. Those concerns were discipline, school climate, communication between kids, staff and parents. Kelly and the staff worked on these areas during the summer and met recently to share other ideas for changes in the area of discipline.

Last year the school had well over 800 suspensions. "I think sometimes suspensions have a place in school but not much of a place. I like to keep kids in school, not out of school. Schools are the place where you work with kids and if their behaviors are inappropriate it doesn't do any good to get them out of school because you can't work with them anymore. So our idea is to try and do a better job of working kids and with parents. No school can be successful when you have that many suspensions. It's almost impossible because you're spending all of your time on negative discipline kinds of things rather than doing positive kinds of things," says Kelly. Kelly feels that the staff know that and they are going to do a lot of work in that area. They would like to involve parents in resolving student issues by communicating with them. He goes on to say, "I've worked in a

school where that happened where there was a lot of communication with parents and the parents were highly involved with the schools. Good schools do those things. We don't want to be a good school, we want to be an excellent school for kids. We want to be a school where kids look forward to coming to and being, having fun and learning. We want parents to feel good about sending their kids here."

For fifth and sixth grade students he would like to create a solution room, rather than in-house suspension, where a counselor can work with students. They will work on study packets and talk about the behavior that got them in trouble. Hopefully do follow up and see that they are doing okay. "I've seen that work in many schools. Especially for fifth and sixth graders that are not quite middle school or junior high school age and need to be treated like elementary kids still.

Staff have been real supportive and helpful to Kelly and he's excited about their attitude. They sat with him last spring and asked, "Where did we do a bad job? What could we have done better?" They have done some soul searching and are willing to work at making it a really good school. Kelly has made decisions that are not real popular but he asks himself, "Is it good for kids? If it's good for kids you're not going to go wrong." That's something that they will keep in mind all the time.

## Community-based program assists elders, disabled of Warm Springs

Senior Freedom Services is an independent and community-based organization designed to assist senior citizens and disabled community members. Senior Freedom can be reached at 553-5302.

**What is it?**  
It is a community-based and community-funded program to provide extra needed services and items that are not currently provided by existing programs for the senior and disabled persons of the community.

**Who are we?**  
We are the volunteers of the community, who give of our time, effort, special skills, support materials and extra cash to help provide our local elders and disabled with items and services designed to enhance their lives by giving them more freedom, while being more comfortable and secure.

**What types of services are provided?**

Some of the services provided by this program are as follows: additional transportation, general house-keeping, laundry, mending, basic home repair and maintenance, basic lawn care and clean-up, spring and fall clean-up, extra meal service, as well as help with individual requests, such as, food, household items, help with repair bills (auto, appliance, etc.) or generally anything that needs to be done or provided that the senior or

disabled person is unable to provide for themselves, or obtain from any other organization.

**Action needed:**  
Since this is a community service with no political motive, involvement, or funding from any government, it is the community involvement that is needed and solicited. Donations of time, specialized skills, material items (either for placement or resale), such as, furniture, household items, clothing, vehicles, etc.

Community donations of money can range from \$2 per month (\$24 per year) for community individuals, to whatever departmental workers choose to give. We will attempt to keep a list of all contributions and donations, because we believe that everyone who participates in whatever way possible should be recognized for their efforts. One of our most important donations which are needed at this time is a warehouse or storage area.

**What is the money going to be used for?**

This money will be used for expenses, such as gasoline for transportation and machinery. Tools, building supplies and cleaning supplies which are not donated must be purchased. There will be repairs and services which will need to be paid for in order for the seniors and disabled to receive them, such as parts

for cars and appliances, and services to have them installed, if the time and service cannot be donated.

**What can we hope to accomplish with this program?**

By being a part of the Senior Freedom Program, we, as individuals, can feel a sense of pride in service to both our community and our families which we serve. We can rest assured that our treasured elders are able to receive the extras which they deserve. We will know that because each one of us has stepped forward in some way, that an entire community may benefit.

This program has been designed to enhance tribal and federally funded programs that already provide some of the much needed services to the seniors and disabled of the community, but because of administrative costs, limited employees and limited funds, can provide no extras or serve as many people as expected. We are asking everyone to please be a part of this badly needed ongoing effort to help others and together we will discover that getting involved can be fun and rewarding.

Those who wish to volunteer, make donations, make requests or simply ask questions may call Senior Freedom Services at (541) 553-5302 or write to: Senior Freedom, PO Box 1012, Warm Springs, OR 97761

## Thirty tribes represented by traveling youth group

By Deece R. Suppah

"On Eagles' Wings" is a Native American leadership development team of young adults ranging in age from 16-35. The goal of this intertribal team of Native American "ambassadors of hope" is to "make a difference" people for other Indian young people. They believe they can best make a difference by being models of hope and faith for their generation of Native Americans. They are a group of Native young people who desire to present positive answers to the pressures of living as a Native young person in the '90's.

Their program takes the form of Warrior Leadership Summits, M.A.D. (Make A Difference!) Camps and Teams that go out to areas of reservations where young people gather. "On Eagles' Wings" leaders have also been involved with putting on reservation-wide "Youthquakes," which are large events for young people. The tool-kit they use includes creative drama, mime, personal interviews and they often attract a crowd with high energy special events, like concerts, pizza feasts and sporting events, such as slam-dunk competitions.

Many of these young men and women have inspiring stories to tell about overcoming some of the pain, pressures and problems that plague so many Native American young people.

Participants in "On Eagles' Wings" have been involved with tribes throughout the Southwest (Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Jicarilla Apache, Havasupai, etc.), Northwest (Coeur D'Alene, Nez Perce, Spokane, Colville, Flathead, Kalispell, Klamath, etc.), the Plains (Lakota, Nakota, Rosebud, etc.) and at the Indigenous Games (including many tribes from Canada.)

Tribes represented are: Blackfeet, Cherokee, Choctaw, Colville, Comanche, Creek, Flathead, Hawaiian, Hopi, Jicarilla, Apache, Karok, Kiowa, Klamath, Kootenai, Modoc, Mohawk, Navajo, Oglala Lakota, Ojibwa, Rosebud, Salish and

Yurok.  
"I was invited to come here and perform, been with the group for a month. I really like it, lots of fun and a lot of work. Fellowship with other kids, meeting fellow Native Americans from other tribes. Very interesting that there are other believers that are making a stand on their own reservations, it's really outstanding."

**Darren Nez, Navajo with the rap group, Versatility**

"This is my second summer with the team and I joined the staff October 1996. It's just been thrilling, each year it just gets bigger and bigger. I been honored to go to the different towns and meet young Native Americans, just wonderful. It has been pretty interesting, always changing, and new people come."

**Alissa Rubio, Hopi On Eagles' Wings participant**

"I am from Pine Ridge, South Dakota and Jackson hole Wyoming, spiritual boot camp. We go to where ever we

are invited throughout the Northwest and Southwest: Elmo and Ronan, Montana, Lapwai and Kamiah, Idaho, Mission, Warm Springs, Chiloquin, Oregon. When we leave Chiloquin some will go to BC for the Indigenous Games and some will go to Pine Ridge, Oglala. Sometimes we stay for 2 to 3 days or even 4 to 5 days. The seminars are for parents, basketball tourneys, food events, whatever gets teens out, sharing stories, struggles with teenagers.

"We do have a lot of them come back each summer. Some move on and get jobs, find another way to serve the lord. We do keep in touch with many of them."

**Esther Hedlund, Oglala Lakota Sioux On Eagles' Wings participant**

"There are thirty tribes represented. Many come back year after year, catch on by word of mouth. Some kids got on board in other towns prior to Warm Springs.

"Information is about what everybody is doing: giving leadership, helping kids be leaders for the future on their own reservations. What we're planning on doing when we are finished is we'll go back and work with our own people, headstone to a future, take one Christian kid from a tribe and teaching them to be leaders and hoping they'll go back to their tribe and make a difference with their own people. We have kids that have gone back home and during the school year they attend bible school and continue to better themselves in the process of becoming better leaders for their own people. We give a positive message."

"Sponsorship, fundraising extensive it's a year round thing to fundraise for local hosts and it helps with housing. Next stop we will be sleeping in teepees out in the field. Coordinator gets sponsors, host families. We don't go anywhere we're not invited."

**Denise Kein, Eastern Cherokee, Blackfeet On Eagles' Wings Coordinator**

## Library to open Sept. 3rd

by Julie Quaid

The Warm Springs Public Library development has had a few glitches to overcome, so we have reset the goal for opening to September 3. But we can't do it without you, the Warm Springs Volunteers to reach that goal.

The Library committee has a list of tasks or work to get the library in order. The committee needs volunteers to help with the list. We will post this list at the Library room in the Community Center, at the ECE desk and on the wall outside Norma Simpson's office room H at OSU Extension Service so you can select the task you want to work on, and the time you can work before September.

**THE MORE VOLUNTEERS THE MERRIER!!**

Recently the committee completed the tentative list of magazines to be ordered. If you have names of magazines that could be available, please get your ideas to me as soon as possible so the committee can make the selection.

Lots of books were donated by the Macy family which were previously in the store. The Sun River Community Library Committee donated 15 boxes of books following the book sale in June. Norma Simpson went to the sale and bought some books that

fit into the Warm Springs collection. Others from Warm Springs can decide what others books will fit into our needs.

**Volunteers tasks:**

- Order equipment and carpet for Kid's corner
- Clean Book cases
- Paint magazine racks
- Electrical renovations for computers
- Remove section of cabinetry
- Remove office equipment
- Clean the floors
- Repair window blinds
- Set books for the Children's corner
- Order children's books
- Meet with Elementary School

Library so the cataloging system is compatible with the school's library

- Label books and color code section
- Sort Macy books and Sun River books
- Order books of interest to men
- Order books of interest to women
- Plan and conduct Fund raising events
- Promotion of New Public Library

Warm Springs Library Committee members include Shirley Sanders, Norma Simpson, Andy Leonard and Julie Quaid

## Hospital offers information

Mountain View Hospital District is disappointed to learn that the Warm Springs Managed Care Program has decided to refer the Managed Care patients to the hospitals in Redmond and Bend.

Mountain View has continued to supply additional information to assist in defining what is a "fair price" for quality, convenient care and has repeatedly expressed desire to resume the negotiations that were terminated by the Managed Care Program.

Native American patients whose medical coverage is provided by other third party insurers such as the Oregon Medical Assistance Program, Oregon Health Plan as administered by the Central Oregon Independent Service (COHS), Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Pacific Health & Health,

MailHandlers, GEHA (Government Employees Health Association), NCAS, APWU (American Postal Workers Union), and others, may still select Mountain View Hospital for their care and Mountain View would welcome the opportunity to serve these patients as well as Managed Care patients.

The Hospital District regrets any inconvenience by the Native American patients that are being directed to other facilities by the Managed Care Program.

Mountain View Hospital have valued the relationship with the Warm Springs people and it is Mountain View's desire to continue to provide the same level of quality care and services to all residents of the Hospital District including the Warm Springs community.



Youth from Warm Springs join Native American leadership development team.

## Indian Head boasts "fantastic" second quarter

This week the Gaming Board of Directors released second quarter results for Indian Head Casino. Chairman Rudy Clements announced a net profit of \$629,886 for the months of April, May and June. "Fantastic!" Clements declared. "When you combine the results of the first and second quarters it clearly illustrates the potential gaming has for our Tribe."

Specific to the second quarter, Indian Head Casino grossed revenues of \$1,634,352. Less expenses of \$1,004,466, the Casino produced a net profit of \$629,886. Combining the first and second quarters, or the first six months of 1997, gross revenues were \$2,839,885. Subtracting out expenses of \$1,895,461 has left a positive net profit of \$944,424.

Clements remarked, "In our first quarterly report to the community (Spilyay Tymoo May 8, 1997, Vol. 22 No. 10) I stated if things went well, we could reach a million dollars in profit for the year. We are already at the goal! I can't wait to see how the year will turn out."

Indian Head continues to pay off debts incurred since its opening for a variety of reasons. "It feels good having that weight being lifted from our shoulders," Clements says. "The Gaming Board will now start looking at ways of repaying the Tribal inter-company account." Due to loan arrangements with banks, stipulations prohibited Indian Head from making payments to the Tribe until debt ratio requirements were met. The Casino is now meeting those requirements.

Currently, Indian Head has 71 employees including the Surveillance Department which reports to the Gaming Commission. Thirty-two percent are tribal members and 27-percent are married into the tribe and other Indians. "Although we will never have a large number of employees due to the size of the casino, we offer very competitive wages, good health benefits, a quality facility to work in and a Tribal preference hiring policy." Clements encourages people seeking employment to take a look at the casino environment and its merits.

To help support and sustain the rise in revenues, a new marketing campaign is unfolding in the Central Oregon region. The campaign wraps the various qualities and amenities of Indian Head

and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort together. "It actually cross-sells all the various forms of recreation and entertainment at the Resort," Clements says. "Hopefully, we'll capture additional market shares by reminding the customer that there is something for everyone at Kah-Nee-Ta and Indian Head. Both enterprises should benefit."

"When you look back and think of why and when we got started in gaming, all the ups and downs and how far we've come," Clements says, "the results we now have before us are very satisfying. I hope everyone appreciates the progress that has been made. Indian Head Casino is beginning to produce the kind of revenue that voters envisioned when they overwhelmingly passed the gaming referendum."

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