

An era ends with Retirement of Harrison Davis Sr.



Harrison Davis

After 39 years of service with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Harrison Davis Sr. retired January, 15 2000.

Harrison Davis, 73, tribal has lived on the Warm Springs Reservation most of his life. When Harrison was 2, his parents, Annie Anderson, and Walter Davis, separated. His grandparents John Anderson, and Susan Moses-Anderson were dry land farmers and lived in the Simnasho area. They raised horses and cattle and grew wheat and rye. After harvest, the wheat was taken to Pendleton where it was traded for flour.

His grandparents would play a big part in raising him along with three other brothers and sisters. His surviving older brother, who is 87, and sister, who is 85, reside on the Colville reservation. Harrison is the youngest of six children. He is a veteran of World War II, and the Korean War. At the age of 19, he was in the tail end of World War II, and at 23 years old when the Korean war broke out. He enlisted for another 3 years. At a tender age of 7, Harrison started attending the Warm Springs Boarding School. He continued for the next 11 years in Warm Springs. During those years the only means of transportation was wagon and horse back. At

that time Harrison didn't know the meaning of what school meant. He couldn't speak, write or understand a word of English.

When he was not attending boarding school, he and the family would move to the Valley where they would pick berries or hops. This lasted most of the summer months. In the fall they would return to Central Oregon areas such as Powell Butte or Prineville where they would pick potatoes. After that was done, the kids had to return to boarding school.

Harrison raised 7 boys and 6 girls, all of whom live here on the reservation. His sons and daughters have given him over 20 grandchildren, and he has 15 great grandchildren.

"I don't really recall how old I was at the time I first started working. I do know that it's been 39 years total," said Davis. "During those days, year after year, employees like myself would work under the Tribal Organization and other years, we would work under the direction of the BIA, it was a seasonal thing."

"During the fire season I was hired as a laborer at Fire Control which now is called Fire Management. When fire season was over, temporary employees would be laid off. Finally after a few years, I started staying on longer than the rest of the crew. At times, I would work up to 11 months instead of just 9 months, and I'd be the first employee to return to work when the season started. I was placed on permanent employment status under government personnel while other employees were hired under the Tribal Organization around the same time," Davis explained.

As a laborer, during the spring season, Harrison and crew would maintain and prepare the equipment used to battle forest or grass fires. When out in the field, another of Harrison's responsibilities was to follow behind a dozer while it was cutting fire lines or roads. He would follow behind with the equipment truck cutting tree brush and removing the large rocks. This would

help eliminate damage to side mirrors as well as the underneath of any other fire fighting apparatus or vehicles utilizing the roads.

"I held that same position for I don't know how many years," Harrison mused. "That was until my supervisor discovered that I was able to operate heavy equipment." After that discovery, Harrison was promoted to truck driver, and heavy equipment operator. After a few years, Harrison was promoted to heavy equipment foreman, mainly in charge of keeping up the maintenance on all heavy equipment for BIA Roads. "The heavy equipment such as graders, dozers, and fire trucks, were being stored at the BIA Roads warehouse," said Harrison. "Not long afterwards, Fire Management, which was then called Fire Control, was moved to the Industrial park where it is presently located," recalls Harrison.

Another one of Harrison's duties during the Spring and Fall seasons was to be behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler semi and trailer. Harrison would haul 8 to 10 inch seedling trees from various Oregon nurseries. Places such as Klamath Falls, Bonanza, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Bend, Woodburn, Hood River. There were times he would travel as far away as Tacoma, in Washington State.

"The reason for that was, when pine cones were picked, they would ship them to Sweet Home and process them there," said Harrison. "There, they would separate the different species and later move them to different nurseries. From the nurseries, all the seedlings had to be numbered for the area that they were picked. All the seedling trees from those pine cones are then returned to the areas they were picked from. That's the only way they will grow back," Harrison explained. During those years, as a BIA fire fighter, Harrison would patrol the reservation boundaries on a daily basis via helicopter. "Only BIA employees were allowed to work around the helicopter because of insurance reasons. I don't recall what year it was but the helicop-

ter stationed at Warm Springs Fire Control was one of those two seater bubble looking things," Harrison remembered.

Harrison said the worst fire he recalls on the reservation during those days was the one in 1956. "The fire was located in the Lions Head area," Harrison said. "Foot and hand, we fought that fire for 21 days straight. Because of the rugged terrain, we were unable to utilize any of the heavy equipment. Besides that, we had no modern equipment; we only had one chain saw. I remember during that fire, the sawmills were closed and employees were used in different shifts to help battle the large blaze. That was the biggest fire I have ever involved in."

The fire started in the area of Lions Head and continued to travel down through Whitewater and the Mt Jefferson area. "I believe that was one of the largest timber fires here on the Warm Springs Reservation. I don't recall the acreage but I'm sure there must be a record of it here in Warm Springs some place," Harrison said.

After various types of training, in the early 1980's, Harrison was promoted to Assistant Fire Management Officer. Five years ago he became a public relations person, working with liaison personnel. Earlier this year, during a retirement celebration, Harrison was presented with a gold watch from the Warm Springs Inter-agency Hot Shot Crew. He also received a Pendleton blanket, a necktie, and many other awards.

"I've worked so long, it's pretty hard to accept retirement," Harrison said. "Retirement is a hard word to explain to some people. I still follow the same pattern I was accustomed to. I still do the same things I used to do on a daily basis. I get up early every morning, as I did before. I visit with people while I drink coffee at the Deschutes Crossing, but afterwards, instead of going to work, I have to go home. That is very hard to accept, because I'm not a couch potato or a T.V. person," Harrison lamented.

Miss Warm Springs updates community

Itukdi wigwa. Good day! March signifies the middle of the spring semester for students in both high school and many colleges. I encourage all of our students to study hard and finish this semester up strong. One of my goals as Miss Warm Springs 2000 is to share my reign with the community and I will be updating you as to my travels. I hope that the young woman of the community will see the value of this experience and consider running for the title in December!

In January, I attended the Annual Holiday Indian Basketball Tournament at the Community Center. This was my first official appearance as Miss Warm Springs and I had the opportunity to meet some of the young women who ran for the Holiday Tournament Queen. I had the opportunity to attend the ECE Valentines Day Pow-Wow at the Agency Longhouse and the Lincoln's Day Celebration in early February. I really enjoyed spending time with the youth from ECE. It was great to see them dancing and having fun! I welcome the snow in Warm Springs with open arms-Arizona doesn't get many snow days and definitely none in Tempe.

I attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference in Portland and had the opportunity to address the delegation at a banquet sponsored by the Tullalup tribe. I spoke briefly about the importance

of voting and had the opportunity to meet Deborah Senn, a candidate from the state of Washington running for Congress.

At the end of February, I was invited to be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the 33rd Annual Miss O'odham Tash Pageant in Casa Grand, Arizona. The reigning Miss O'odham Tash, a fellow ASU student, passed her title to Natalia Antone, in front of a crowd of over 300 people. This was the first time I had ever been asked to MC a pageant so you can imagine I was a little nervous!

I will be representing Warm Springs in the Miss Indian World Pageant at the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 26-30, 2000. As part of the pageant, contestants are selling raffle tickets for the Miss Indian World Pageant Raffle. If you'd like to purchase tickets for the Miss Indian Pageant, please contact Bridgett Whipple at Cultural Resources, 553-3548. Your support is appreciated!

I would enjoy hearing from the youth of our community and would like to start an email forum with the students of Warm Springs who are in high school and college. My first question for the youth is what do you perceive are some of the problems that the youth in our community are facing today? Please email me with your opinions or any other questions or comments to dawamana@hotmail.com

Chief Nelson Wallulatam and Delbert Frank, Sr. say, "Vote Yes" March 28, 2000



Gas prices discussed during Tribal Management meeting

On March 15, a Director's Management meeting was held in conference room 1, at the Tribal Administration building. Present at the meeting were the Director of Tribal Relations, Rudy Clements, Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Jackson, Director of Managed Care/Tribal Council Vice Chairman, Garland Brunoe, Personnel, Compliance Director, Benson Heath, Director of Office of Information Systems, Lloyd Phillips, Finance/Cash Management, Lisa Sledge, Planning, Ray Rangila, and Tribal Council, Doris (Teeny) Miller.

Tribal Department updates were discussed during the management meeting. It also included a review of a revised financial forecast of the 2000 Tribal Budget implementation which included additional funds for a Senior Pension Fund. The Manager's year

2000 goals and objectives, as well as Tribal Council Priorities were discussed. A request to Rudy Clements for the completion of a talking paper that will be presented to Tribal Council for approval.

Tribal Council Vice Chairman, Garland Brunoe, mentioned the high cost of fuel that could be reaching \$2 by this Summer. He questioned if the Tribes could possibly purchase a large bulk of fuel some place. The fuel could be stored in the Industrial Park area, and be utilized for purchase by Tribal members as well as Tribal employees at a lower cost per gallon. Everyone is remained to vote on March 28. To approve the settlement agreement between the Tribes and PGE. Your vote counts. There are 650 tribal votes needed.

Remove Studded Tires by April 1

April 1, is the deadline to remove studded tires from your vehicle, anyone using studded tires after April 1, can be fined up to \$150 as that is a class C traffic violation.

The deadline was moved up from April 30 to reduce road damages from the studded tires. An estimate of \$11 million is spent on road repair each year by the ODOT.

Warm Springs senior citizens schedule

The Warm Springs Seniors Division have submitted their agenda for the following months:

- March
 - 26th-Sunday Rose Garden Trip Your Blazers vs New York
 - 26th-Sunday 6 p.m. Blazervision-Your Blazers vs New York
 - 27th-Monday 5:30 p.m. "Heart Smart" at Warm Springs Agency Longhouse, a fun activity to promote diabetes awareness! Come have yourself a great meal and a rollicking good time with your family and friends!
 - 28th-Tuesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. WS Tribal Referendum RE: Purchase additional interest in the Hydro Project.
- April
 - 1st-Saturday 7 p.m. Blazervision; Blazers vs Milwaukee
 - 2nd-Sunday 6 p.m. Blazervision; Blazers vs Seattle
 - 5th-Wednesday 7 p.m. Blazervision; Blazers Vs Houston
- 10th, 11th & 12th-Domestic Violence Workshop at Kah-Nee-Ta
- 14th-Friday 11 a.m. Tulalip Elder's Lunch, Marysville, WA
- 19th-Wednesday 7 p.m. Blazervision; Blazers vs Denver
- 20th-Thursday 9:30 a.m. Muckleshoot Annual Elder's Day
- May
 - 12th-Friday Warm Springs 10th Annual "Honor Seniors Day"
- June
 - 14th-Tuesday Annual Senior's Day, New Fairgrounds in Redmond
- July
 - 20th-3rd Thursday 12 noon Tribal Elders Celilo Picnic
- August
 - 19th-22nd-NICO National Conference at Duluth, Minnesota (possibly a 12 day trip - lets make this a great adventure!)

For further information contact the Senior's program at (541) 553-3313 Fax: (541) 553-2240.

Warm Springs Animal Program continues to work well

The Warm Springs animal program began in the spring of 1994 in response to community concerns about the numbers of stray animals and, more importantly, in an effort to reduce the number of dog bite injuries. Animal vaccination clinics were held and people could apply for a certificate to obtain reduced spay and neuter services from one of the local vets.

Since 1994, the program has grown tremendously. Last year 283 certificates were issued and two vaccination clinics were held in Warm Springs. Over \$13,000 was spent toward this program.

At the vaccination clinic held in Warm Springs on March 11, 59 dogs and cats were vaccinated, 37 dogs licensed, and 26 certificates were issued. The animal vaccination program is working well but is geared toward animals with owners and does very little for stray or unwanted animals.

On May 22, the National Humane Society will be coming to the reserva-

tion. It plans to round up as many stray animals as possible and they will spay, neuter, and vaccinate the animals. They are encouraging anyone interested in learning what they are doing to come down and watch the process. The animals will be taken off the reservation for adoption. At the present time there is no animal control on the reservation. If there are problem animals, the only option at the present is to call the police department. If people have questions or concerns about the animal program, please contact Nancy Collins at (541) 553-4943.

Youth rally set

There will be a Youth Rally For Jesus 2000 at the Tulalip Indian Reservation beginning April 6, 7 & 8th. Services begin nightly at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Hosting: Michael & Erick Williams (425) 334-6325 or (360) 659-1777. Sponsored by the Merle Williams Ministries and the Jubilation Revival Center.

Rose Garden responsibilities shift to Personnel Department



From left to right, Benny Heath, Amelia Tewee, and Lois Lesarley

The Personnel Department has been given the responsibility of handling the Rose Garden events tickets. "An administrative change involving the Rose Garden Suite has been transferred from the Manage-

ment area, over to the Personnel Office," Personnel Director, Benson Heath stated.

Monitors during the Sky Box events will include Benson Heath, Amelia Tewee, Lois Lesarley, Dor-

othy Shadley, Angie Smith, Mary Sando-Emhoolah, Jeff Sanders Sr., Val Squemphen, Sandra Green, and Jesse Del Nero.

"Things will remain the same with the random selection process with the exception that senior citizens will get first choice," Benson said. "If there are any changes, it's because something is not working right. Then I would make the necessary adjustments from there. Before I would make those adjustments, I would first need to know what the current practices, as well as what were some of the past practices. Having this knowledge before hand will help the Personnel Department to improve and be of better service to our membership."

The Rose Garden is still the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer who had it in the Management area. However it has been assigned to Personnel.

"I believe in looking back of how the Sky Box ended up in the Personnel Office is because of some up-

coming projects. Primarily, the relicensing of the Hydro Project, the up-coming elder care facility, as well as some school issues that are coming up. They had to make time for that and I believe that's why the Sky Box project has been detailed over to us," the crafty Benson surmised.

Benson said the Personnel staff includes himself, Amelia Tewee, and Lois Lesarley. "We are open for any suggested improvement that the membership may have in how we currently deal with sky box functions. As of yet, we haven't run into any negative problems, per say, other than perhaps some miscommunications with some of the selected applicants," Heath explained.

"For more information, or to share a suggestion about the Sky Box events, please stop by the Personnel Office at the Administration Building or call 553-3262. The Personnel Department will be glad to hear from you."

Chili Cook-off
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 Supporting Healthy Communities
National Alcohol Free Weekend April 8, 2000
In honor of National Alcohol Free Weekend, CHET will be hosting their first Annual Chili Cook-Off.
 The event is slated for Saturday, April 8, 2000 beginning at 8 a.m. with a Family Fun Run. At 10 a.m. the Chili Cook-Off begins. CHET is challenging other tribal departments to participate in this National Holiday. If you want your team involved, please call them for entry rules. Remote control car races for kids will be sponsored by Fire Management. The first 70 entries will get a free T-Shirt. If you think you can handle fun in the sun, good cooking by locals, and support the cause to have an ALCOHOL FREE WEEKEND, then Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8, 2000. We will be located down at the Community Center. If you have any questions or concerns, PLEASE do not hesitate to call a member of CHET at 553-4922.

Committee seeks candidates
 The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee is seeking possible candidates for Pi-Ume-Sha 2000. There are enough Jr. candidates in the 7-12 age division but they would like interested Sr. candidates in the 13-19 to contact the Committee.
 You may call Danni Katchia at 553-3241 (work) or 553-9067 (home); or you may call Lucy Suppah at 553-3222 (work) or 553-9151 (home) for more information or to sign up.

Root Feast
April 6, 2000
at Simnasho
Longhouse
and Agency
Longhouse
 The Warm Springs Housing Authority's three RSS staff CR, Missy and Suzie are encouraging everyone to attend or send an alternate to the "ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP MEETING". We will be planning for this year's events and projected dates for the events to occur. For example: Do we want to start this year's Spring Clean Up with a BBQ, sack lunch gathering? What areas do we want to focus on for cleaning projects? Together we can make a difference for the betterment of our community! We look forward to seeing you attend this meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2000, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Housing Conference Room.

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