

Kono brings new ideas to Warm Springs

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A year has passed and Nariyo Kono continues to make progress as the Indian Language Program's Curriculum Developer.

Though the budget constraints are tight for the tribal organization, Kono keeps her focus strong. She is originally from Japan but enjoys being in Warm Springs and learning about the cultures and languages of the three tribes.

Her education qualifications and dedication to second language studies brought her to the Warm Springs Language Program.

Kono received her Masters Teacher Certification at Portland State University. She continued her education at the University of Arizona, where she received her Ph.D in second language acquisition and teaching.

She taught Japanese as a second language in Arizona, and she was also involved in a national movement, which began in 1999, called the Heritage Language Initiative. She met the Warm Springs Indian language teachers in Arizona while taking part in this project.

When Kono saw the advertisement for curriculum developer in Warm Springs, she was anxious to come back to Oregon to work for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

As the curriculum developer, she oversees the overall curriculum of the language classes held at the Warm Springs Elementary, and new this school year,

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Curriculum Developer



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Jefferson County Middle School. That includes tracking all the language lessons given at the schools by the language teachers.

She is also a grant writer for the language program, and feels that this is an important part of the program. Without continual funding the language program would not be able to teach the language classes to children in the schools.

"I realize that these are hard times and money is scarce, but I believe that it is during difficult times that good things happen and people become more creative," says Kono.

Kono likes to visit the language classes in the schools and see the progress being made by the children. "They are taking basic words they have learned and putting them into phrases," says Kono.

She feels there is a need for expansion of the language program, which would include more teachers and training for the teachers. With these expansions comes more progress by the students in school to continue learning the language.

Warm Springs children begin learning an Indian language as kindergarten students at Warm Springs Elementary. As an early language student, children learn

basic words from a language taught in their classrooms, which could be Sahaptin, Wasco or Paiute. As the children get older and have a preference in which language they would like to speak, they will begin to advance in that particular language.

It is Kono's belief that the children should receive support from their families to become fluent in their Indian language. "Encouraging words will keep the children's interest in learning the Indian language," says Kono.

Learning Warm Springs culture is an exciting experience for her because she has taken an interest from the first time she came to Oregon.

Her first experiences in Oregon happened 11 years ago when she decided to attend school in Portland.

Her grandfather was a Buddhist in the 1950s in Portland during the war. He spoke of Portland and she wanted to see it for herself. She didn't know if it was Portland, Maine or

Portland, Oregon. She came to the Northwest.

On her flight to Oregon she met a Japanese artist who was going to a papermaking workshop in Astoria. She was invited to the papermaking workshop and hoped that she could find Astoria.

She was talking to some students at Portland State and asked if they knew how to get to Astoria. They said they lived there and took her to the workshop. She enjoyed the workshop because the gentleman she met talked about the arts and history of Japan.

In her classes she also met students from Warm Springs.

That same week she had the opportunity to come to Warm Springs during the Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow. She enjoyed it so much she decided that her coming to Oregon was meant to be. "I will not forget my first week in Oregon," says Kono.

Kono is currently working on setting up a gathering to inspire community members to become involved and share their thoughts and ideas for the language program.

She is also working on setting up a language camp for families. Families will come together and speak the Indian languages at this camp.

"Nariyo has brought to us a lot of good ideas, and we are lucky to have her here."

Myra Johnson
Culture and Heritage
Director

Boys and Girls Club holds monthly branch meeting

The Boys and Girls Club Committee held their monthly branch meeting to discuss updates of clubs, new items, and ongoing topics.

First on the agenda was an update on active clubs.

The Smart Girls Club meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The Power Hour is held daily for students to improve their grades with the help of tutors.

There is an average of 12 to 22 students daily who attend. A total of 135 initially began the Power Hour Program.

The basketball teams have been competing in a league and they are about to finish with a tournament. In their league standings they could possible finish at second or third place.

Keystone club currently has six members, ages 14 to 18. This club has members who were nominated for Youth of the Year and are working on two essays and a speech to be given at the end of March. These essays will be about education and the Boys and Girls Club.

New at the Boys and Girls Club will be the photography class that will begin after mid-March. This photography class will use digital cameras and com-

puter software. Exact dates will be made when the computers become available.

This will be the beginning of the newsletter that will be published in the future by the kids.

The Boys and Girls Club is making progress with the sweatlodge.

Warm Springs Forest Products will donate the lumber for this community sweatlodge. In the spring this lumber will be picked up and the club will begin putting it together.

The club members are working on picking up cans for funding a project.

There were ideas brought forth to assist in this fundraising project. That may possibly include spring clean up to take place at the same time.

An update of grantwriting to operate the Boys and Girls Club included the assistance of Shawnele Shaw with actual grantwriting, and the possibilities or confirmation of assistance from the Community Action Team, Housing Authority, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, and the Warm Springs Tribal Organization.

The next meeting will be held March 20.

Saddlehorse Management

Dr. Christian Rammerstorfer
Oregon State University
Horse Specialist

Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. First Floor Training Room, Education Center (Old Boy's Dorm)

Dr. Rammerstorfer is a world-renowned Equine Physiologist. He will discuss nutrition, care and health of horses.

Cost is \$10.

Reservations required due to limited seating. Call OSU Extension, 553-3238.

Presented by the Oregon State University Extension Service, Warm Springs Office.

Benefit lunch Tuesday

There will be a turkey luncheon on Tuesday, March 11, with proceeds to benefit Priscilla Squiemphen-Yazzie Kidney Fund.

The luncheon will be at the Community Center Social Hall from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

The luncheon includes turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, salad and dressing, cranberry sauce and a drink.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this fine lunch, which will benefit a very good cause.

Twenty-five years ago

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Council approves appointment of new mill manager

After careful consideration and more than a month of deliberation, the Tribal Council approved on March 6 the hiring of Ralph G. DeMoisy for the position of General Manager of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

DeMoisy, 62, will succeed Pershing Andrews, who announced his retirement plans last November. DeMoisy has worked the past ten years for Fibreboard Corporation in San Francisco as Vice President of the Forest Products Group.

He was responsible for the operation of their wood products plants, sawmills and plywood plants in Oregon, California, and Tennessee.

A graduate forester from Utah State University, he received his M.A. in Logging Engineering at O.S.U. in 1946.

His professional career has consisted of working with private forest land for private industries, and his affiliations have been with forest products companies which own their own timber.

The selection of DeMoisy was not a hasty decision on the part of either the Tribal Council or the WSFPI Board of Directors.

Flora Thompson, gone but not forgotten

Many people did not have the opportunity to know her well, but they danced long into the night to honor "the flower."

Flora Cushingway Thompson, who was well known and respected by many people throughout the Northwest, died March 3 in a fire that destroyed her home at Celilo Village, 12 miles east of The Dalles. She had lived there for nearly 30 years.

Born on the Warm Springs Reservation in 1898, Flora was loved and admired by local people. Caroline Tohet, who had known Flora all her life said, "She was a real elder. It was her way to attend all funerals in hopes that it would make people feel better. She held no discrimination against anyone and her loss is great, not only to Warm Springs people, but to other Indians and whites as well. She had many friends."

Mrs Tohet had been a neighbor of the Cushingway family up at Tenino. "It was our way to visit each other all the time. We were a very friendly bunch." Flora was raised where the Hank Palmers now have their home. Last summer, she looked over her old home site, no doubt remembering where her house stood and where she had spent many days.

The general consensus is that Flora was a wise and great hearted woman. "She was always sharing her beliefs and wisdom and giving advice to our young people," remarked Verbena Greene while she was preparing a meal at the Longhouse.

Mitchell keeps game alive

A Warm Springs boy is one-fifth the reason why the Madras White Buffalo basketball team came through with such a fine season. After a two-win-two-loss record the Buffs got their act together and made their long trip back to the top of the league to show that they can be top contenders.

Rodney Mitchell, the son of Arthur and Bernice Mitchell, is a junior in high school and a member of the Madras varsity basketball team. He has done an outstanding job for the team this year. Mitchell's consistent shooting ability has helped the team from one game to the next, sometimes not scoring as much but scoring at crucial times to keep the game alive for the Buffs.

A Broadway review



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Students from eighth grade class invited parents and community members to their Broadway Review held at the Jefferson County Middle School, Feb. 20, in the Commons. Each eighth grade contributed to this event by painting decorations, costumes, or being one of the budding performers to sing songs from "West Side Story," "Oliver," and "Grease."

Calendar

The Warm Springs Small Business Development Center is sponsoring Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) classes. The classes, "You and your business ideas" and "Starting a successful business," are today, Thursday, March 6, through May 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The classes are Thursday evenings. It provides the framework for successful business start-up by assisting in planning and writing a bankable business plan. Tuition is \$100 including textbooks. Classes will be held at the Small Business Development Center, 1134 Paiute St., Warm Springs. To sign up or for more information, call 553-3592.

On April 12 the Jefferson County Middle school Chess Club will be holding its first annual chess tournament at the middle school, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This tournament is open to all ages. If you are interested please contact Jason Stehly at 475-7253 between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. or between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Diabetes education classes are being offered at the **Diabetes Breakfast gatherings** held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The education classes will follow a series of diabetes topics starting with "What is Diabetes?" to "Living Well with Diabetes." The Diabetes Program invites you to the following breakfast education at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Kitchen Conference Room. Topics offered this month: March 11 at 8:30 a.m., "What is Diabetes and Regulating Blood Glucose," March 25 at 8:30 a.m., "Monitoring Blood Glucose, and Exercise and Blood Glucose."

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