

Fond memories of school gym

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Here it is, the month of March, and another school year is winding down, and the summer break will be here shortly.

Now that the school auditorium has burned down, where will the kids have their spring program?

It was a big blow to see the school gym burn down, because there have been so many activities in the past that were witnessed in the gym.

It was mentioned recently that there used to be a "Maypole Dance" in the past. This was in conclusion of the school year and parents and the general public would gather for the event.

"Yep!" I can remember way back when I was just "a cute little tyke," so many events that took place in the gym all year long. Starting out in the fall months was the Halloween party and a dance.

Of course there was the annual Christmas program, which was the birth of the "Christ Child." There were try-outs for Joseph and Mary. It was a big deal to get the part of Joseph for the boys and Mary for the girls. Never got the chance to be Joseph, was always one of those "wise guys," oops, I mean the Three Kings or one of the shepherds who watched over the flock of sheep.

Basketball games were very popular for the school kids and the student body would cheer for the old "Purple and Gold." We even had a fight song for the team. The tune was that of the fight song for Notre Dame.

If you know the Notre Dame fight song then you can sing the Warm Springs fight song, I will write the words as I think they went. Here goes:

Cheer, cheer for purple and gold, show us the pep that never grows old.

Warm Springs Indians flying high, facing their challenge in the sky.

Loyal and true and fighting their game, doing their best to hold up their name.

Onward, onward cheer our Braves, and bravely they'll win their game

Rab! Rab! Rab!

Well, that's as close as I can remember the words to the song. Some might be wrong, but that's the way it was.

In March there used to be a big "March of Dimes" dance, where everyone would "swing and sway the Macy way." Dan Macy had a dance band, with Gib Kalama at the piano, Willis Miller on the sax, Dan Macy on the trumpet and Art Thomas at the drums.

This group was very much in demand throughout central Oregon, where they played for dances on Saturday nights. Community dances were quite popular them days.

Basketball games took up most of the use of the gym. There used to be a high school here with just a few kids but they played some good ball games beating schools of their size or even larger.

At one time there used to be what was called the City League, where teams were formed. There was the Road Department, Macy's Merchants, The Cowboys, Forestry, Simnasho and The Mill. When a team came to challenge Warm Springs, players from the local teams would be picked to play.

Yep! There used to be basketball games, boxing matches, weekly movies, school activities and various community events like powwows, the Hiawatha Pageant, and big tribal meetings.

So many special events that will linger in the minds of everyone who were involved in one thing or another during their time in school. Aah-Nah-Chi-toon!

Toe Ness

Today everything is specialized when seeking employment.

There was this lady who asked for a job and this was in a lemon orchard. The boss asked the lady, "Are you sure you know how to pick lemons?"

The lady replied, "I'm very sure I can, because I've been divorced three times now!" Yikes.

This guy was very upset, looking at the ticket the officer just gave him.

His wife said, "Everything was going along just fine, until you called him Officer Fife!" Yikes.

Spilyay Speaks

Letters to the Editor

Condolences

To the family of Grant "Bubba" Waheneka.

I am sorry to hear about your family's loss. I was told my relative had passed away tonight by a fellow Native inmate, and I was saddened by the news. Due to my obligations to the state, I am unable to attend the services and pay my respects. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Once again, I am sorry.

Stuart A. Smith Sr.

Deep regards

To my family,
I just found out about the loss in the family. I haven't slept much because of it. I wish to send my deepest regards to my family in your time of loss. I'm at a standstill over the loss as well.

I do know that she will be missed by more than just the family, as she was always helpful when possible. A lot of love was her way, and I will always remember her for that.

Please, accept my condolences over our loss of a loving, strong, helpful, selfless human being, as she was and always will be in our hearts and memories. To my auntie, I love you and I'm going to miss you. You're in the arms of God now. In respect,
Arraon.

Mustangs

The Simnasho Mustangs would like to thank the sponsors for their donations to purchase the team's uniforms. The kids really appreciated being able to use them in the Shooz Only Co-ed Tournament.

On Feb. 15-16 we played in a 12-team tourney held at White Swan Middle School, which was an eight-man roster of four boys and four girls.

Our roster consisted of: Captain Redskywalker Suppah, Captain Rosey Twostars Suppah,

Carel Swallow, Shoni Schimmel, Jode Schimmel, Isiah Moses, Aja Maldonado, and Anthony Maldonado.

The first listed are our son, daughter, nephew, and grandchildren. Five of the players played together in 2002. Shoni, Jude, Isiah are Bob Eagleheart's grandchildren. Anthony and Aja are Willie Salem's grandchildren. All represent Simnasho.

We are grateful to the families who support the children, allowing them to play together as a team. When we're not traveling, they play for other teams, giving them more experience and making them stronger in their abilities.

Also, I give a big cheer to those who put together these youth tournaments for the teams to participate. Keep up the good hard work. It's tough to put on any tournament. The cost of the awards, referees, use of facilities, concession gate, rattles and entry fees to make ends meet. It's like police work or politics, no one is ever satisfied. Someone has to complain about something. So don't let the gripes get to you all. It's because of you folks some kids have some event to look forward to each year. God Bless you all. I know what you go through, for I put on many a tournament myself.

Big Rat Suppah

Two angels

D'Lynray and Mahala, my two angels.

A child dances to the beat of the drum, so gracious so challenging, my heritage being sung by people of wisdom. They sing of a past, no buildings, no trains or crowds to surpass. A breeze of the north wind, the chill that it wilds, as calm as the grass that flows in its fields. Alcohol, drugs and broken up dreams, I look at myself and I think of these things, the pain I have caused

all just for a drink, this was the time that I would never think.

Broken doors and windows, because of my temper. What made it worse was I'd never remember. Along came a lady of whom I sure loved. She gave me two children, my angels from above. I was in Heaven though only three years, and then started drinking and brought only fear. This lady is gone and my angels are too. I do not blame them after all I put them through.

In and out of jail now is the problem for me, two months at

a time and yes maybe three. I know of my problems and how they've hurt me. It was a very hard lesson, learned a little too late, I hope you who read this, remember my fate. And realize your problems before it's too late. Close your eyes now, picture the child who dances to the beat of the drum. This innocent child is who you see, who plays in the field so happy he seems. Now here's one for you, this child was me.

Arden Charles Post (Ace)
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Rose Sanchez serving overseas



Before...



and after.

I would like to share with the Warm Springs community that my daughter Rose M. Sanchez, Warm Springs tribal member, is currently deployed overseas in Kuwait. She was elected to represent her sophomore class for Homecoming Princess in October 1998. Rose graduated from Madras High School in June 2001.

She entered the U.S. Marine Corp on May 12, 2002. She completed boot camp training at Parris Island, South Carolina, on August 23, 2002. Her occupation is Motor Transportation, for which she completed her schooling at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on Dec. 19, 2002.

Her home base is Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Calif. I am very proud of my daughter, but it's hard not to worry about her being overseas. I pray for the safety of all our men and women who are in the military, as I am sure everyone else does too. I hope they will be able to return home safely. This is her address if anyone wishes to say hello to her:

PFC, Sanchez, Rose
USMC
1st FSSG, CSSC-115
UIC 42381
FPO AP 96426-2381

Sincerely, Coleen G. Reed

Birthday wishes for March...



Happy sixth birthday, Gunner Miller. Congratulations on Student of the Month, my little Einstein. Love, Mom, Adelle, Chelsea and Candice.

Happy tenth birthday to our lil' "Burnt Muffin" (3/27/03). We love you with all our hearts. Love, Mommie, Kirstie, Bear, Papa and Kuthla.

Happy birthday Mikayla, from your family in Seattle and Everett. We love you. Grandpa Sam, Auntie Colette, Uncle Jim, Cousins Brittany and DJ and Uncle Josh.

Happy birthday to both father and son Floyd Frank Sr., March 13, and Floyd Frank Jr., March 18. I hope you two are enjoying life as you guys are getting older each year that comes and passes on. We are all getting older "one day at a time," so they say. With prayers, Evette Patt.

I would like to wish my wife Diana Felix a happy birthday (March 9). With lots of love, Jose Flores.

Happy second birthday to daughter Kassidy Lei Doney. Lil' Miss "Woo" is two now.

Much love, Mom and Dad, Yaya Reed Jordan, Brock Riff, and Dale Brad.

Happy second birthday wish to Miss "Woo" Kassidy Doney. Love, Uncle Joe Fish, Kaliea Laya Doney.

Happy Birthday K-Lei Doney. Lots Love, Grandma Jeni.

Happy Birthday to lil' Miss Kassidy Woo, two now. Auntie Terry and Squis.

Happy, happy second birthday to granddaughter Kassidy Doney. Love your grama "aargh" Rose Lee Boise.

Happiest second to great granddaughter Kassa "Woo" Doney. Geat grama Margo Boise.

Happy Happy 2nd Birthday to niece Kassidy Lei. Love all granpa Tony, Davis Boise

Happy second birthday long distance to Kassidy Lei Doney. Much love, granpa Frank Lil', Frank Saludo, William in Bellingham.

Happy second to Kassidy Doney. From Auntie Netta-Tatika Michael L.A Doney

Happy birthday to Kassidy. Much love Auntie Carol, Daniel Tyrone Doney, and Maureen Saludo.



Happy birthday to all my family in March:

Lance Boise, 3/12. Rachelle Bettega, 3/13. Liz Smith Wolfe, 3/13. Merle Kalama, 3/13. Brandon Tulee, 3/15. Stacy Scott, 3/16. Joel Thompson, 3/16. Lillian Smith, 3/16. Joseph Smith Jr., 3/17. Coby Kalama, 3/18. Wesley Smith, 3/22. Danielle Gabriel, 3/23. Kelsey Kalama, 3/4. Gibson Danzuka, 3/10.

From Cheryl, Trisha, Jordan, Darrell Smith and Craig, Cecil Sr., Cecil Jr., Adrian, Brandon Tulee and Stacy Scott and family, Vanessa Gabriel.



Happy 17th birthday bro, 3/15, Brandon Rayme Tulee, "Brat Boy." Love, your big sis Cheryl, Trisha, Jordan, Darrell, Craig, Adrian, Cecil Sr., Cecil Jr.

A happy birthday wish to the following:
March 15, Cece Polk.
March 23, Earthquake.
March 24, Desirae Wells.
March 31, to Lil-Mr-F, Harvey Tohet.

Happy birthday wishes out to nana Carol A Lawrence. From Dady G., Reed, Brock, Dale and Doney.

Happy birthday to sis Carol A. Lawrence.

Much love and best wishes, from ya sis, Rachel. Kassidy Lei.

Happy birthday to both of you on March 24, Carol A Lawrence and Rachel Doney. Ya hubby Daniel Lawrence, brother Daniel Lawrence.

Happy birthday to my daughter Carol Lawrence. Love you much Mom, Rose Lee Boise, Grams Marco Boise. Uncle Tony and Davis Boise.

Happiest long distance birthday wish to my daughters Carol Lawrence and Rachel Doney. Much love, Dad Frank Saludo Jr., and lil' bro Lil' Frank, William Francine.

Another long distance birthday wish to sister in law, Rachel Doney, March 24. Much love. May you be blessed. Joe Fish, Kaliea Laya Doney.

Congratulations, Raylene, Jaylyn, Susan and Maurica, for your win at State!
From all the proud parents.

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