

For students summer can go by quickly

By Selena Boise

It's time to put the summer vacation behind us and get the kids off to school to study and rack their brains with knowledge. Another nine months of school before summer vacation begins again.

Seems like summer vacation just started, doesn't it? Boarding school students have left for school, local classes begin this week, and college students are off to school as well. Seems like a hard thing to do, but the students have to get back into study mode and schoolwork after having a fun summer.

Fall sports athletes have begun their practice already and look forward to their first competition. I look forward to seeing the local students do their best in sports this year.

I asked my daughter Leanna how she feels about school. She says:

"It'll be great getting to see all the new fifth graders at the middle school. I can't wait to meet my sixth-grade teacher. I hope it's a nice, non-grumpy person. I can't wait to use all my new equipment and learn new stuff like how to use a protractor and a compass."

There is an actual excitement for kids to go back to school and see their friends, and catch up on what's happening with them. Though they need to be reminded that they are there for school and not a social gathering. Then again, though school is for learning, there should be fun as well.

I can remember going back to boarding school and getting excited about seeing my friends again. I used to like to get there early because I would get to talk to my friends before school actually started. Because we didn't see each other all summer the catching up was longer.

Hey, what about that new programming for the radio station starting on the first day of school?

I'm going to tune in and check it out. I hope all of you will do the same. I'm hoping to hear a nice flow of music played by the DJ. I like to listen in my car, at work and in the morning when I wake up.

Let's all tune in and check it out.

Toe Ness

What do frogs wear for a night on the town?
Jumpsuits. Yikes!

Spilyay speaks

Name-giving

I want to thank the people who were involved with my Indian name-giving on Saturday, August 2, at He-He Longhouse.

First, I want to show my appreciation to the wise women who make up the Culture and Heritage Committee. Since beginning my work in preserving the oral histories of our people, I have come to know these ladies, and to fully respect and honor them.

I'm honored that they would share their stories and wisdom with me. I'm honored that I'm able to share laughs and learn from them.

The Culture and Heritage Committee knows that I like to keep busy. If I'm not working on computers, then I'm reading or writing or sewing or bead working or learning something new (how to play the piano, how to speed read, woodcarving, etc). Besides these recreational activities, I love my job. I'm constantly on the go with interviews with our tribal elders, producing videos, setting up/taking down equipment, burning CDs, taking photos, and so on. I'm proud to be recognized as a busy person by the Culture and Heritage Committee. They chose the name *Skw'lapt* for me. In English, this name means Whirlwind.

I wanted to give a special thank you to Emily Wahleneka and Brigitte Whipple. Emily advised me on how to prepare for my Indian name-giving. My supervisor and friend Brigitte Whipple advised me on how to make the things for my ceremony. She also shared tips with me on beading and sewing.

I appreciate my mother Myrna Frank (*Wahannimai*) for being there when I needed strength and support. Thank you Selena Payne, Amy Bobb (*Winooway*), Travis Bobb, Kendall Bobb, Corwin Michael Bobb.

Thank you to those people who traveled to Warm Springs for the ceremony: Lt. Colonel Don Conners, U.S. Air Force retired; Agnes Conners; Tina Conners; Sally Bird; Maralee Wertz; Joseph Shepherd (thanks for the Staff of King Rootin' Tootin'). I want to thank the cooks: Suzie Stockish (*Shiqashnai*), Deannie Johnson, Sarah Scott, Margaret Suppah, Brigitte Whipple, and all of the other helping hands. I want to thank the drummers: Wiggy, Mr. Green, Leroy Bobb, and the rest. I would like to thank my aunts Priscilla Frank and Carol Parra.

I would like to thank Evaline

Patt. A special thank you to the men in my family who showed their support: My dad, Glen Raymond Bobb, Grandpa Jacob Frank, Uncle Marvin Ike (Muff).

The outfit that I made went to Ronnie Suppah. I'd like to thank Ronnie for his words of wisdom passed on to me at my name-giving.

I want to thank my other elders who showed their support: Bernice Mitchell (Gramma Teacher, *Saikia*); Maxine McKinley (*Timpkw* - Gramma); Nettie Shawaway (*Twanastanmai*); Neda Wesley (*Wila-ee-ee*); Aurelia Stacona (*K'aiwa K'aiwa*). Thank you Dallas Winishut, my Ichishkin teacher.

Thank you, Preston E. Conners (*Kimosabe*). You've been a great support and a true friend. I truly appreciate you.

Thank you, *atwai Wanoowachi*. It was your words to me that put it into my heart to want an Indian name so badly.

Niix pachwai. Wanishaash Skw'lapt. Isht nachwa Wahanninmai. Mi tila, atwai Wanoowachimi awapap wanichi Wahanninmai.

Skw'lapt, Frederick Duran Bobb

5-year goal

Where do I expect to be in the next five years?

I often ponder this thought, since I haven't been living or working on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation for the past four years.

I remember back about seven years ago, as I sat and talked to my late sister Lily Ann, and remembering her words of encouragement. "If you are uncertain about your future and if you don't think our tribe would be willing to keep you hired or on the working force, maybe you should go back to college and make the difference for your future."

Remember what mom always said, "No one is going to just give you money anymore, you need to get your education, because one day your own people will be looking up to you to help them in some way or another."

As I reflect back I recall the encouraging words and advice that many elders shared with me, "to do all I can for I am not making a mistake to get any educational degree."

I miss working as an alcohol/drug prevention specialist and I miss earning a decent wage, enough to make ends meet living in Warm Springs.

I still have my belief and I have met many people from around the world who have invited me to go to their communities and live amongst them. I will consider these offers when time permits.

I encourage any person to pursue your education, to go into a field of interest and study wholeheartedly. Ask any youth who have gone to a distant place where they could never expect to go in their lifetime and through their eyes or the excitement in their stories you can see the works of God.

Tribal leaders need to also learn their personal growth of believing in God, not just saying words, but living words into their own lives.

So where do I see myself in five years? I will either be teaching Native youth at Indian boarding schools, or junior or senior high schools, about American Indian Studies or Indian Law and their individual indigenous rights.

Moses WC Kalama, Olympia, WA.

Golf sponsors

The Oregon Columbia River Junior Golf Team would like to thank the following sponsors of the fundraiser scramble that gave the team the opportunity to compete at a tournament in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Value resources

The tribal administration over the past few years has projected an image of Warm Springs' poor economic future. I believe that we currently may be short of operating capital. However, we're certainly far from being penniless. I've been working in the greater Central Oregon construction industry over the past eight years and have acquired some semblance of resource and real estate appraisal. Each and every resource appraisal must maximize the revenue potential of each and every asset.

Collectively, we tribal members own some of the most valuable resources and real estate development potential in Central Oregon. All we have to do is compile, identify and appraise these values. This appraisal can be determined at minimal expense to the Confederated Tribes. All we have to do is reassign priorities to key employees already in our employ. We may have to purchase some software for real estate purposes, but the computer knowledge and expertise are already hired. It will be a cost that we could reasonably assume without much risk, while satisfying potential financial resources.

Water, of course being the most valuable, will secure our future, which is why I questioned the water quantification process. Any real estate with the potential to generate six or seven figure sales has to be identified and have a value assigned. This appraisal must be inclusive of all tangible and intangible assets that will increase our net worth. Once this process has been accomplished it must become a part of the "New Comprehensive Plan." Once this evaluation is compiled I don't think there is a financial institution that would hesitate to loan us money to meet operational and developmental needs.

The potential for development is tremendous economically for Warm Springs. Too much has been spent researching a casino outside our reser-

vation. Why haven't we decided to build a casino in conjunction with a water park, before someone else does. We can then plan for further development from this one successful economic venture.

Our New Comprehensive Plan should also include a resort, perhaps the feasibility of a golf course and resort on Metolius Bench, tapping into the 800,000 plus tourists who visit Lake Billy Chinook annually. After all, that's what non-Indians would do if they had title to our land. Let's just beat them to the punch.

Randy Smith

Greetings

Dear family, greetings. I'm writing to those on the reservation to let you know I've been transferred to another location. I'm also writing to those who would like to write. Also, I would like to say hello to those who are missing me. I want to let you know that even though I'm here, I'm still with you. I would like to say hello to my family. Grandma Rose, I love you. Mom, I miss you, so please write. My friends who are writing me, thank you for being there for me. My brother Crazy, keep your head up. My cousins Big Natta, Martie, Joe Scott, and the Berrys, Gilberts and my father Tony, I would like to say I'm sorry for not writing. As soon as I get your address I'll write. Hello, to my sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles. My address. I love and miss you all.

Tony Gilbert, No. 65364-065. U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 019001, Atwater, CA 95301.

Apology

I would like to apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort for my unacceptable behaviour while I was at the lodge gift shop.

Stella Langley

Budget meeting

Well, people... I am truly sorry that our budget agency district meeting had to be cancelled because of deaths, but I still say we are entitled to our 2003 budget Agency District meeting. The September 2003 Tribal Council agenda came out today and I see that our district is not on the agenda to get our budget meeting, but the final budget reviews and alternatives are scheduled for Sept. 11, the final budget reviews are scheduled for Sept. 15, and the 2004 budget posting decisions are on for Sept. 16. My concerns of the budget are mentioned in brief as follows:

CTWS Constitution and By-laws state the Tribal Council is responsible for the livelihood, education and employment of tribal members. It doesn't state that they give all our rights to non-Indians for livelihood, education, health and welfare, and employment. Major violation, read our Preamble.

Concerning membership. We need to go back to the one-quar-

ter bloodline in order to keep our Treaty. We may be getting set up for Termination.

I hear that 100 tribal jobs are being looked at to downsize. Once again, going back to our tribal member rights, I say downsize our other entities that constantly hire non-tribal members. We could survive without these sort of people and be better off financially. What about our Casino? Where is that going, and how much longer is it going to take? How much money of ours are they using just waiting and waiting? I'd suggest downsizing some of our top supervisory job positions or their assistants, and salaries need to be re-evaluated for their secretaries. I will say that the Tribal Council committee secretaries have more job duties than other tribal secretaries, and are paid a good \$2,000 below the committee secretary entry level.

Our Business Economic Development Branch needs to merge with Small Business, and develop our area. We need to look at our committees. I'd like to speak to someone about this area of concern and have it actually dealt with. I also say that committee vacancies need to go to the qualified unemployed.

As a tribal member I am supposed to be allowed freedom of speech. Read the Bill of Rights.

Can Agency District get a meeting for the year 2003?

Emma M. Smith

Much enjoyed

I recently stayed at Kah-Nee-Ta for the Oregon Judicial Department conference on juvenile justice, Through the Eyes of a Child. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at the lodge. I want to thank Chief Judge Sohapp for hosting the conference. I hope the conference will return to Kah-Nee-Ta. Judge Robert Wollheim, Oregon Court of Appeals

Appreciation



To Joanne Bryant at the Credit Department. I am very glad at heart you helped me, my brother Austin Smith Sr., and father Alvis Smith Sr., with funds to travel to Browning, Mont., to attend services for Myrtle Smith Runningwolf-Monroe, who passed away Aug. 17. She was the eldest of the Wasco Tribe.

This was the first time I traveled to Browning, Mont., where she requested to be buried next to her husband. All went well.

Vernon Smith Sr.

One glove lost at HeHe during Huckleberry Feast. Anyone with information, contact Wilson Wewa Jr., at the Senior Center.



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