

Changes noted as school begins

By Selena Boise

What is going on in Warm Springs these days? Well, I have been hearing a lot of things going on, or not going on in Warm Springs.

Spilyay speaks

School starting has brought out a few things for us all to think about.

There is that issue about the language program put on hold for a while. That affects my youngest son. And there is the fee requirement for high school sports that came up for me and my oldest son, who wants to run on the Cross Country team again.

Well, the language program is a good thing to have for the children. I've watched my children learn basic words since Head Start. Then the language was taught in the kindergarten, where my daughter learned Sahaptin from then until the fourth grade. She was coming along and learning well. She stumped Dave a few times at the Spilyay Tymoo. Dave is our editor and he attended Sahaptin classes regularly.

But my daughter enjoyed learning new words and sharing with us at home. She sang happy birthday to my mom one year for her birthday. It was special.

Well, my son started learning Wasco when he reached kindergarten. He was happy with that, and learned to Wasco dance as well. He was sharing words with us at home.

But when he reached the first grade, he was placed in a Paiute class and began learning Paiute. At first he was confused, but he began to learn. He shared some of his new words with us at home.

I couldn't think of any family members who spoke Paiute, at least not since my Grandma passed on. I remember she used to speak Paiute and Sahaptin. She even taught her dog to understand Paiute words, which was amazing and funny at the same time. I had planned on moving him into a class that was learning Wasco, but decided to let him try Paiute for a year and see what happens.

I would prefer to have my children learn a language that is used by family members, so that they can use their new words and expand on those words with the family members.

I think that the program was trying to develop a system to incorporate all three languages into the school system, and the children learned the particular language taught in their classroom. I'm sure that this worked for some children, but the parents may have had mixed feelings about it, like myself.

I believe that the language program will develop a system to incorporate all three languages into the learning environment. At the same time they should keep the preferred language in mind for families. I'm sure there is a way.

I'm okay with this issue taking time to come to a solution. But the fee for school sports was a little difficult for me.

When students return from summer break, there are a lot of fees associated with starting school. That would include school pictures, lunches, and now sports. That's not counting the back to school clothes, shoes and supplies.

Normally, if things ran their usual course and nothing came up unexpectedly, there would not be a problem. I guess just being prepared for school is not enough. Always expect there will be that little bit of a surprise. And usually you end up paying.

Korea's 50th

Thanks to the following for the success of the Korean Conflict Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner:

First, Senior Program driver Lawrence Squimphen, who drove to Wilsonville for the unveiling of the Korean Veterans Wall. Eleven veterans went. The Ladies Auxiliary helped with snacks.

The dinner and recognition were held on Sunday, July 27. Thank you cooks, Sonya Scott (daughter of Leroy Scott, veteran), Mary Danzuka (widow of a veteran), Sally and Jenny Smith (granddaughters of a veteran), and granddaughter Marella VanPelt. Tribal Council for the main course and the table servings, food donations. Ray and Beulah Tsumpti, Harvey Jim. Mary D, Sue Matters and Charles White for the posters. Natalia Sam for the beautiful programs.

The classes of Celia Greene, Moose Tanewasha and Cheryl Heath, also Eliza Kalama for decorations. To sister Ellen Thompson for being our MC. Also, the beautiful recognition gifts sponsored by Freda Wallulatum, Darlene Foster and Harvey Jim, the beautiful blankets that were presented to Marvin Meanus, Chesley Yahin, and Mr. Salar, a comrade who served with Marvin. Also the VanPelt family and grandchildren presented Harvey with a special blanket for all his thoughtfulness for fellow comrades. Crystal Berman for all her work on painting the beautiful flag chairs that were presented to veterans, widows and senior citizens. There were 30 chairs donated by Forest Products, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino, and Housing's Chet VanPelt. Robert and Marella Sam for support and gifts.

There were 14 veterans that posted the colors and received chairs and gifts. We were honored with state and district representatives, Merle and Judy Johnson and Ron and Linda Parker. Also, The Oregonian was there. There were 200-plus people served. Thank you community and families of veterans, for without these men and women we wouldn't have the freedom we have today. If anyone was forgotten, it wasn't intentionally.

Respectively, **Eliza Brown-Jim**, president of Ladies Auxiliary to Post 4217.

Class of '61-63

To anyone who went to school here in Warm Springs from 1961 to 1963, with Kitty Schlick and Pinky Courtney, please contact us. Pinky at 553-1471, P.O. Box 535, Warm Springs, 97761. Kitty at kschlnoe@seattleu.edu. Phone (206) 296-5768, 900 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122-4340.

We want to visit and put together recollections of us all. Thanks. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Pinky and Kitty

A thank you

The family of Ira Merritt wishes to thank all of our friends from the Warm Springs Nation for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, food, floral tributes and songs.

We would especially like to thank those tribal members for their representation at the celebration of his life. We would like to thank those who spoke at the celebration, blessed his home and sang his final songs to help him along in his journey to the next world. We felt it was a great honor.

Ira always considered many Warm Springs tribal members to be his great friends. He told innumerable stories about interactions on and off the reservation. This was a long friendship that helped him prosper in life and business.

Your compassion and kindness will be remembered by his family.

Sadie Merritt, daughters Marie Whaley and Catherine Merritt, and son John Merritt.

SMART kids

I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable summer. With the new school year starting we are once again asking you to become a volunteer reader for the SMART reading program, one hour per week, starting Oct. 14, every Tuesday and Thursday.

For those of you who are not familiar with SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), it is a literacy program designed for children in kindergarten through third grade. Our goal is to help students who could benefit from some extra one-on-one, especially with reading. We match the children with caring, dependable adult volunteers with whom they will read twice a week, each time for one-half hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year.

We have found that children who participate in SMART improve their reading skills, usually attend school more often and look forward to their reading sessions. We don't teach the children how to read - the teachers do that - what we do is expose them to more literature and help instill in them the love of reading. The SMART child will also receive two books a month to take home and keep.

All of our volunteers are trained and have their background checked to ensure the safety of your children. I hope that if your child's teacher recommends SMART, you will let him or her participate. If you feel your child would benefit from some extra one-on-one reading time, ask his or her teacher about the program. We need more volunteer readers to read to the students at Warm Springs Elementary.

If you have any questions regarding SMART, or if you would like to become a volunteer reader, please feel free to contact the local SMART office at 317-3225 (VM) or leave a message at the WSE office at 553-1128 for Myrna Frank and I will call you ASAP. The SMART area office number is 382-6466. Thank you for your time. We're looking forward to another great year. I will be calling all the past readers soon.

Myrna Frank, SMART program coordinator

Scott at school

Hester Scott, daughter of Harvey and Florene Scott, is attending school in Meridian, Mississippi. She is going to school to become a personnelman, and after her graduation she will be going back to Norfolk, Virg.

Hester will be working in the personnel department at the naval base in Norfolk. Friends and relatives wishing to write to Hess may do so at this address: Hester Scott, 8500 Tidewater Dr. No. 45, Norfolk, VA 23503.

Thank you.

Harvey and Florene Scott

Sorry

I would like to say I'm very sorry to my mother Willette Payne, Walter Payne III and my aunt "Paco" for disrespecting

them when I was intoxicated. I'm saying sorry for everything I did and said to them. Also, I would like to apologize to Tribal Police Officer Reynolds. If I may have hurt your feelings or made you afraid of me, while I was drunk, I'm sorry.

Vernon Smith, Jr.

Disappointed

To the Warm Springs community:

My son was unable to attend the 2003 Poet's Convention, due to lack of funds. We were short \$395. We'd like to thank Jim Manion, of Power Enterprises, and Larry Potts, of Forest Products Industries, for their donation totaling \$200, which was ultimately returned.

We were able to sell \$235 worth of raffle tickets. We still had the raffle drawing and prizes were awarded accordingly. The fundraiser of pizza and hamburgers raised enough for the plane tickets and purchase of the other raffle items, including the monetary raffle item of \$200.

Since we paid the convention the required fee of \$350, raised from the car washes that Walsey and friends held during the past month and a half, Walsey will still be awarded a Famous Poet trophy and certificate. They will be contacting, via mail, if he was awarded the college scholarship of \$15,000 to \$50,000.

That we were unable to attend the convention was very disappointing. I was heart shaken, because my son was disappointed and upset. I explained to Walsey the financial hardships I endure as a single parent, with no supplemental income or child support. After discussing our financial budget, Walsey and I decided not to attend the event. We had enough for everything but the meals. I wasn't about to let my son starve for four days.

Nor did I want to bother anybody else for additional funds. Walsey would like to thank the following people:

Richard "Animal" Tohet for writing letters to everybody.

Walsey's many friends for the hard work at the car washes.

Mary Stewart and police personnel who assisted with the fundraisers; and the following who contributed raffle items: Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino; Warm Springs Community Wellness Center; The Warm Springs Police Department; Sister Raylene; and KWSO for the public service announcement and interview.

Appreciation

This letter should have been written a long time ago, but it's been really hard to come around and do it. So now that I am ready, I would like to take this time to thank all the people who helped our family in our time of need. It has been seven months now since our mother, atwai Helene "Spunky" (Arthur) Teeman, passed on, and there are many people who stepped forward to help our family when the time came.

First, we'd like to thank Charlotte Herkshan, who visited and comforted my mother while she was in the hospital during her last days. Also, Daisy Ike and Millie Colwash, who were there to support us and be with us before and after the funeral. Thank you to Annie Meanus and family, and Radine Spino and family for cooking the meals. To Ellen Thompson, who was there throughout the funeral. Thank you to all the drummers who conducted the beautiful service, the Medicine Society, Bernice Mitchell and

family, Lucinda Green, Larry Dick, Alex Tohet, "Chubby" Robinson, "Animal" Tohet, Elfreda Mitchell, Roberta Heath, all the Road Warriors, Full Gospel Church, Shaker Church, Sister Pauline, who did the Rosary, all of our mom's friends and classmates from Chemawa, our extended family in Washington, and all the people who stepped forward to help us, we thank you all.

If we have forgotten to mention your name, just know that we appreciated everything you did and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With all your help, my mother had her last rites given to her in the best manner they could have. It was a beautiful service, and it couldn't have been without your support and help. Once again, thank you. Respectfully,

Cecilia Herrera and Marta Rubio

Apologizing

To the community,

Please accept this letter of apology for the actions that I have done on the day of July 14. I am fully sorry for driving under the influence of alcohol. I really apologize to the officers for eluding them and making such a hard deal of out it.

Regan Calica

My daughter

Mahala, a word very precious to me, the name of my daughter of whom I can't see. I'll miss

your first steps, I would praise your good deed, close my eyes and picture you walking to me. I think of you a lot more often, it seems, for you're my only daughter, the girl of my dreams.

Mahala-Keta are words that I say to you, the meaning you ask, it means I love you. I prayed to the heavens way up above to send me an angel of whom I could love. Wipe my eyes of the tears, yet you're only 2, but I got my angel and my angel is you.

I wish I could be there to make things right, but this cannot happen, your mother and I only argue and fight.

Let's not talk or speak of the past, but look to your future and the shadow you'll cast.

When you feel happy or even quite sad, just remember who loves your dear old dad. D'Lynray, Mahala-Keta, I haven't forgot about you, Mahala-Keta to both, Angel No. 1 and No. 2.

Just like a dove represents freedom and love, Mahala meaning... well your name means my love.

Love, Dad, **Arden Charles Post (Ace)**.

Apology

I would like to apologize to the community and all my friends and family for driving under the influence of alcohol in August 2003.

Morris D. Holliday

Missed but not forgotten

I'd like to take this time to thank all of my friends and family who have continued to be so supportive during the loss of my mother, Carrie Mae Jackson. I know the loss was her gain. She no longer suffers the life of being restrained to wheelchair, and all of the illness and pain that came with it.

I still fight the fact that she is now gone, not wanting to let go, feeling so childish at times, feeling so lost and alone, I know in my heart the twelve and a half years I knew her were some of the best years of my life. In the short time I knew her she taught me so much. She filled the emptiness I had learned to accept, growing up, knowing nothing about where I came from, all of the whys that come with being adopted.

The best part of finding my mother? I finally looked like someone! Both of my biological parents are now deceased. I was adopted and raised by Richard and Vivian Macy since birth. Words cannot express the anguish and pain of losing both of my biological parents. Thanks to Richard and Vivian, I will still be someone's baby girl, someone's baby sister...



thanks, mom and dad.

I thank our Creator every day of my life for the challenges put forth, and those to come. It has made me very strong, at times very weak. It has made me the happiest person on the face of the earth, and at times brought me to my lowest low of all times.

I am thankful for the time I have with those around me. I have learned so much from everyone who comes into my life.

I would like to thank this community, friends and family for being so supportive, you know who you are. If I were to name each of you, it would take a lifetime.

Carrie Mae Jackson, missed but never forgotten... Thanks.

Rachel K. Smith and family

Birthday wishes...

Happy belated seventh birthday to Brent Thomas. We all love you very much and wish you all the best for the coming year. Love, your mom, your lil' sisters Torey and Shareen Thomas.

Happy belated birthdays for the month of August, 2003: second, Edith Wyena; third, Louie

Colwash; ninth, Vera Thomas and girls (Shiralda and Brittany Charley); twelfth, Keyahna Clements; sixteenth, Raylene Thomas-Ike; thirty-first, Chaunta Begay.

Wishes for a good year to come. Love from your relative, friend, etc., Angie, Brent, Torey and Shareen Thomas.

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