

## Start Making A Reader Today

By Selena Boise

As I sit here wondering what to write about I received my packet for the SMART reading program that I will be volunteering for this year. Reading is an important part of learning for children from the developing stage all the way into high school. So, I am certainly anticipating that my assistance will be useful to the students of Warm Springs Elementary.

Spilyay speaks

It's been a few years since I first began to think about volunteering. I'm only sorry it took so long to actually volunteer. At the time I was writing short stories about what the volunteers gain from reading to the students. I found that they received an experience that I never had. They were developing a relationship with a student while they helped them develop their reading skills. Watching them grow in reading was an experience that fulfilled them and they felt a sense of accomplishment.

I decided then that I would someday do the same as they did, and that time for me has finally arrived. I filled out my application and hope to be able to read to the students or have them read to me. I have filled out the application and read the packet. Once it is returned I will wait for the SMART coordinator to contact me regarding an orientation.

I always thought of myself as too busy, or not having enough time, but this year I will make the time to assist with this important program.

I know the importance of reading in school, and it is a skill used by the students and it will stay with them throughout their lives.

I've had some experience with students who cannot read well, and they were in high school.

It made me wonder how they made it this far with this lack of skill in reading. At the high school age their classes are harder or more of a challenge for those that lack this important skill.

The SMART reading program is something that will assist young readers at an early age to gain the knowledge of reading that is going to help them for the rest of their lives.

I know that the coordinator is getting the word out but I would like to encourage you as well to think about it and don't wait a couple years before you decide, like I did.

The children are our future and we should help them gain the skills they need to go as far as they can educationally.

It seems I'm on this educational speaks lately, but I believe it is important for children, youth, adults, and continuing education students. This world has new technologies all the time and times are changing. Education will assist us in keeping up with the times.

### Toe Ness

Question: How do you keep a dog of the streets?

Answer: Put him in a barking lot! Yikes!

### Readers wanted

The SMART Reading Program invites all past readers back to be volunteer readers again this year. Please call me at 553-1128 or voice mail at 317-3225 to let me know your current address and phone number. I hope you can come in and start reading ASAP. Could these people please call me: Vivian Macy, Trudy Thompson, Carla Dean Caldera, Vesta Johnson, Frank Smith, Lois Squiemphen, Kaipo, Pinky Beymer, Bob Medina, Dennis White, Flora Davis.

Let me know when you can read or if you're still going to be a reader or just come to the SMART trailer to be assigned a student. We always need readers. If you have one hour a week to help a student, give me a call. Thank you.

Myrna Frank

### A thank you

My mother, Geraldine E. Blodgett, I miss my mom, things that I took for granted.

Mom never found fault in anyone. She was a good traditional food gatherer, teacher in traditional ways, loved everyone, especially children. She raised a lot of children and encouraged them in life.

I used to ask her why she did so much all the time, because she led a busy life. She said she was working for her sins to be forgiven. I miss my mom but I had to become unselfish because I prayed with all my heart for her to live. Then I saw how she was in unbearable pain. I then let her go and she wanted to go. Now God is helping me through this time. I realized I was very angry because she was not there anymore, and grief affects us all in a different way. It is a time for forgiving and loving one another, for that's what she taught us.

There are so many of you that I can't name everyone but I believe you know who you are. Thanks for the support from St. Charles Medical Center ICU staff and doctors, drummers, veterans at cemetery, Ramona and Rosalind caring and dressing, Utilities, Vital Stats, mom's nurse Jo-Jo, Julie, Deshelle, Joe, Derek, Lindsey, Ante and girls, Pearl for the excitement she put in mom's life, never a dull moment and a good cook. Mary Yallup and Co., Boo-Boo, emergency yard sale driver, Shirley and Delvis Heath, Raf and Nola, Simnasho cooks, my loving children Lucille Ike, Sally Ike, Leanda Jim, Bill and Gerri Switzler, Norma Switzler, Uncle Nelson and aunt Tillie Moses and Uncle Clifford and aunt Betty Moses, Leo and Victoria Hellon and Co., grandma Louise Hellon, Cherilyn and kids. Workforce Development staff support. Thank you for food donations, bundles, giveaway items, your heart of gold for loving us and being there.

Planning for mom's memorial on June 12, 2004, at the Simnasho Longhouse, so everyone start pulling together making necklaces, shawls, giveaway items and food for the dinner. Annie Kalama, Amelia Colwash and Co. for wonderful meal.

May God bless each one and thank you. Elliott and Laura Switzler and family

### An apology

I would like to apologize to the community for driving under the influence on July 16. I have a family of my own. My older sister had been sober for eight years and was going to college and she was hit and killed by a drunk driver going home from a powwow.

I know how much it hurts to lose a loved one. I am sorry for my bad judgment.

I'm just thankful to officer Sam Williams for doing his job of getting me off the road before harming myself or others.

I have not done this kind of behavior for 13 years and I am sorry.

Judith Kalama

### New casino

I have a few quick questions that I wanted to throw out there, regarding our brand spanking new casino (the glimmer of light in our smoke-filled wigwam).

First, how is the new casino going? What is it going to look like? Will it be recognizable as a Native American-owned casino or will it look like a hospital with slot machines? Will there be a theme? Where is it going to be built? What is the name of our new casino?

When does training begin for

tribal members? Who will be teaching tribal members managerial skills? Will there be just card-dealer training again...or will the tribal membership actually have a chance to take some supervisory training this time around? Where do we sign up? When do classes begin?

Then, where are the tribal members going to live while working at the new casino? Do we get to build housing for the tribal members the way the shiapus have housing at Kah-Nee-Ta? Will the new housing have a committee made up of tribal members this time around? And then, will the non-tribal members working at our new casino be required to pass a Warm Springs Reservation history test before they are em-

ployed? This way, if a guest asks about the Treaty of 1855, the Treaty of 1865, the acreage of the reservation, the three tribes, the three chiefs, or tribal laws, that employee will be able to answer their question.

What about cultural sensitivity training...you know, to minimize the amount of wise-cracks we hear floating around our new casino? Can we utilize some of our tribal elders, while we still have them as tribal treasures? Wouldn't it be nice to hear tribal elders telling legends?

Or wouldn't it be nice to have a Cultural Committee made up of tribal elders, to make sure that our new casino is dripping with Warm Springs Reservation culture?

Wouldn't it be nice if people

actually *felt* the culture when they walked into the front doors?

These are just a few of the questions that I had rattling around in my noodle lately.

Frederick Duran Bobb, Skw'lapt, Whirlwind.

### Apologizes

I, Steven N. Anderson Sr., would like to apologize to the community of Warm Springs for my actions of driving under the influence and driving without a license during the evening of August 24. Thank you very much for your time.

Steven N. Anderson Sr.

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Illustration by Travis Bobb

Don't miss the Halloween carnival on Friday, Oct. 31, at the Community Center. Also on Friday, Halloween treats will be handed out at the Early Childhood Education Center from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help pass out the candy. ECE will provide the chairs and tables, volunteers are asked to bring candy and other treats.

## Spilyay begins advertising

The Spilyay Tymoo is going through some important changes. The newspaper is beginning an advertising program, and last week added two new employees.

The new employees are Sam Howard, who is the advertising manager, and Angie Blackwolf, our new office receptionist.

### Decision to advertise

The start of the advertising program at the Spilyay will be of obvious notice to readers, as the paper will now include the types of ads that you see in other similar publications.

The Spilyay Tymoo also hopes that the advertising program will be noticeable in another important way: the plan is that the advertising program will generate some revenue for the tribes.

In this way the Spilyay will rely less on the tribal general fund, and more on revenue generated by the newspaper itself. This is of great importance during these times of financial difficulty.

On the other hand, even if the tribes were not experiencing budget cuts, an advertising



Sam Howard

program at the Spilyay would still make sense because tribal members and tribal departments are customers of many businesses in the region, and the tribal newspaper should include advertisements for these businesses.

The ads that appear in the Spilyay will provide useful information about these businesses.

Some may wonder, with more ads in the paper will the Spilyay include less news? Our plan is to include at least as much news as we have in the past, most likely by adding pages

to the publication as the space need arises.

Weighing all the factors, the reasonable step for the Spilyay at this time is to begin advertising. We hope you agree.

### Ad manager

Many tribal members already know Sam Howard. He worked at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for 15 years, during the 1970s and '80s.

He later went into radio advertising for several years, and became well known for his success. It was this experience that makes him most qualified for starting the advertising department at the Spilyay. "The potential is pretty wide open," he said of the Spilyay's prospects for advertising success.

Sam knows local people through his work at the mill, and also through his hobby, which is training racehorses. Sam currently has five racehorses at Portland Meadows.

His son Shawn, 20, is taking care of the horses while Sam is in Central Oregon.

Sam and his wife Chantel have two other sons, Stayton, 5, and Colton, 9.

## New receptionist hired

Angie Blackwolf began work last week as the Spilyay receptionist, a welcome addition to our staff. Angie worked for several years at Tribal Management, and also worked for a time at Parole and Probation, and the Police Department.

Her job at the Spilyay is made possible through the Workforce and Education Development Department (WEDD).

WEDD is providing the initial funding for the job, and the Spilyay will then continue funding next year.

Angie is a 1994 graduate of Madras High School. She returned to Warm Springs recently from New Mexico, where she had been going to college.

Before coming to work at the Spilyay she had been looking for a job for the past couple of months. "And it's



Angie Blackwolf

hard because of the hiring freeze," she said.

Angie has one son, Donte, who is in the first grade at Warm Springs Elementary School. She is also helping take care of her nephews Matt, 12, and Joe, 10.

The Spilyay would like to thank WEDD for making the receptionist job possible this year.

## Letters to the editor

Please write to the Spilyay at P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, 97761, or drop by the office. Or send your letters by e-mail to this address:

spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org.

For space reasons, letters should be no longer than 350 words in length.

Thank you for writing.