

Winona Frank retires after 37 years teaching

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Winona Frank

She was also presented with a scrapbook containing pictures of former students, loving memory of teachers remembered, and pictures of Frank working with her students.

She received various items from teachers, and former students who will always remember her.

Frank was surrounded by family, who also share a love of teaching, during this special time. Her sister Shirley Heath, former teacher's aid, her daughter Melinda Frank, Head Start teacher, and her niece Lucinda Heath, teacher's aid, were there. These ladies have all had the love of teaching as a common interest, and they will continue to share this interest with the children of Warm Springs.

"Winona Frank thank you for your 37 years of dedication in Head Start," was the embroidered inscription on the Pendleton shawl presented to Frank as she officially retired.

The staff of Early Childhood Education held a retirement luncheon for Frank after she announced that she was retiring.

Head Start began 37 years ago, and Frank was one of the first teachers of the program. She remembers many of her students who were in her classroom, and she was happy to see some of them attend her retirement luncheon held at the Early Childhood Education Center.

When Head Start began in Warm Springs the classrooms were located at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center, then known as the Community Center. From there her classroom was relocated to the Early Childhood Education Center with the rest of the preschool classrooms and programs.

Frank received a Chinese luncheon treat and was presented the Pendleton shawl embroidered with a message. Nancy Sampson and other staff presented her with this gift. Sampson stated, "We will love you and will miss you and your presence here."

Two residences destroyed by fires

Two residences were destroyed by fire in Warm Springs over the past week.

The residence of Woody Picard at 4336 Tommy Street was destroyed by fire on Sunday, June 20. Cause of this blaze

is thought to be faulty wiring, said Fire Chief Dan Martinez.

Estimated value of the residence was \$50,000. Including the contents, total loss is estimated at \$75,000, said Martinez.

It is possible the fire started from an over-loaded circuit, from too many cords plugged into the same circuit, he said.

On Wednesday, June 16, fire destroyed the residence of Brittny Kalama at 2541 Kot-

Num. Cause of this blaze is not yet determined, pending the outcome of an investigation, said Martinez.

The state Fire Marshal's office was called in to assist in the investigation of this fire.

Electricity lost across large area

A large area of the reservation served by Wasco Electric Cooperative was without power for several hours on Monday of this week.

Areas without power were Kah-Nee-Ta, including the resort, Simnasho, Wolfe Point, and Schoolie Flat.

The casino was closed on Monday afternoon, as a result of the outage.

KWSO radio station was off the air all day Monday and into Tuesday.

Even after power was back on, the radio station had trouble resuming its broadcast, due to engineering complications.

The power failure affected areas of the reservation located in Wasco County.

Wasco Electric Cooperative was investigating the specific

cause of the power failure on Monday.

Apparently, three fuses were blown at the substation located near Kah-Nee-Ta. There was a cascade effect, as the blackout spread to various areas beyond Kah-Nee-Ta.

The outage began at about 1 a.m. Monday, June 21. By about noon power was 85 percent restored.

Museum exhibit features artwork of the Pacific Rim

An exhibit has opened at the Museum at Warm Springs featuring work by 71 artists from 38 nations.

The indigenous cultures represented at the exhibit are among those of the Pacific Rim. The opening was June 19, and the exhibit runs through September 6.

State's newest casino to open on the coast

FLORENCE, Ore. (AP) - The Three Rivers Casino is set to open this month on the Oregon Coast, at Florence.

Three Rivers is owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

The new casino is just a short flight from Las Vegas. To compete, the casino has gone glitzy.

They're offering a host of enticements, including free valet parking, six blackjack tables, two restaurants and one sports bar.

And, of course, there are the 260 slot machines.

Their number even includes a Jeff Foxworthy "You Might Be a Redneck" machine, which delivers winnings if you line up three outhouses, jalopies or beer cans in a row.

More than 20 percent of the machines are penny slots, and you have to look hard for the handful of dollar slot machines on the floor.

But the low denominations can be deceiving, since the smallest wager you can stick into a machine is a \$1 bill good for 100 plays on a penny slot, for example.

There's no roulette or craps or poker although that could all change if the casino proves as successful as the tribes expect, leading to a bigger, more permanent structure somewhere on adjacent property, perhaps as soon as 2006.

But at this juncture, the casino sees itself as a "players' club" rather than a destination resort, attracting local regulars from up and down the coast and from Eugene-Springfield.

The operation is expected to net up to \$12 million a year, and overnight will become the largest employer in Florence with

300 or so jobs.

Local opponents of the casino are not happy about any of it.

They waged a long court battle to try and prevent the casino from opening, fearing that it would hurt the atmosphere of their tranquil coastal town.

Emotion against the casino ran so high that the Florence City Council voted last spring to refuse water and sewer service to the tribe.

The tribe had been the last of nine federally recognized tribes in the state without a casino.

Heath is Cadet of the Year in Youth Challenge Program

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Robert Heath of Warm Springs was awarded the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program Cadet of the Year. The award came at the Youth Challenge Program graduation ceremony at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

Heath enrolled in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program six months ago, and worked his way towards a successful graduation in the class of 27. During the graduation ceremonies, the graduate cadets talked about how the methods used in the Youth Challenge Program are anything but easy. Completing the program, however, gave them a satisfying feeling of accomplishment, the cadets said.

Along with Heath, tribal member Bruce Berry also graduated from the Youth Challenge Program.

Youth Challenge is an "at-risk" youth program targeting drug free, unemployed and underemployed male and female teens ages 16 to 18.

The program's mission is to provide work skills and learning opportunities to meet the unique individual needs of the students. The student is then better prepared for transition to success in his next learning or work environment.

The program lasts close to five months for each class, and is conducted in a military style environment.

Core components are physical fitness, health, nutrition, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, educational excellence, job skills, community service and leadership/



Robert Heath



Bruce Berry

followership.

The program mission statement is as follows: To provide opportunities for personal growth, self improvement and academic achievement among Oregon high school drop outs, students no longer attending and those failing in school, through a highly structured non-traditional environment; integrating training, mentoring and diverse educational activities.

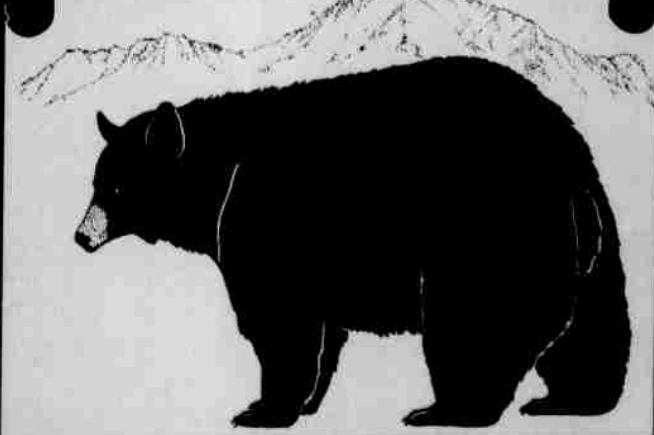
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