

Pi-Ume-Sha brings out best in Warm Springs

By Selena Boise

It's time for the big Pi-Ume-Sha celebration in Warm Springs, and the sound of the drum will echo in the canyon.

I always hear that sound and remember Pi-Ume-Sha of the past.

In the past the best part was to hang out with my friends and talk and laugh. Then it got to a bad point when I attended the wrong kind of gathering. Many of you know what kind that was.

But that ended and now I look forward to seeing my children and the excitement they have when they hear the drums and the sound of Pi-Ume-Sha.

I hope that everyone has a good time while they are here, and that they have memories to take home and look back on.

The best part of Pi-Ume-Sha for me is the dancing. I enjoy watching the dance contests, even the fluffy dance and wannabe dance. I also enjoy watching the parade on Saturday morning. My kids like to watch the parade and race for candy. They look forward to that.

The next best thing is to meet up with old friends from school or wherever I met them. They are always a cheerful surprise for me.

I can never forget that each year I eat Indian tacos and fry bread all weekend. I look forward to that each year. We always attend the Pi-Ume-Sha Fun Run. It looks hard for these runners to run while it is so hot out there. But they run and compete in the event because they enjoy running.

Of course there are other events out there under the sun, the softball tournament, endurance race, rodeo, golf, stick game. There is the indoor boxing event, and that should be good like other years.

Whatever you enjoy doing at Pi-Ume-Sha, always have good memories and enjoy the gathering.

Be careful on the road because there are still people who celebrate in their own way.

Buckle up for safety.

Have a good time.

Toe Ness

What do frogs wear for a night out on the town?

Jumpsuits!

Thank you

I would like to take this moment to extend a large thank you to our people in this community for helping and being there for my family during the loss of one of our children.

Vanessa Ann Felix passed away on Friday, June 4, at the age of 18 due to a motor vehicle accident in Burlington, Wash. She was an enrolled tribal member of Warm Springs. Her great grandfather was atwai Delbert Frank Sr, her great grandmother was atwai Cecelia McKinley. Her grandmother is Lillian Cuevas (Frank), her grandfather is Ysmael (Junior) Felix. Her mother is Janie Felix. Her father was atwai Gregory Lane of Lummi, Wash.

Vanessa had just completed her schooling this year and was looking forward to spending more time with her fiancé George Villalluz. Vanessa enjoyed reading and writing poetry, but above all, she enjoyed spending time with her three younger sisters, Michelle, Misty and Alysia, and her little brother Kevin. She also enjoyed spending time with her aunt Yolanda and uncle Joe and their children. She was close with her mother, and they had made plans to come to Warm Springs for Pi-Ume-Sha this year.

Thank you to Madeline Queahpama for assisting us with the financial part. You are always there for our people, and we are forever grateful. Thank you Bobby and Maria Macy for being there and doing the Western Union part while we were so far away, it helped ease our minds during our difficult time. Thank you Lori Fuentes for everything you did, I know it was a lot. Thank you Keith Moody for helping out the way you did. Thank you Tony "Big Rat" Suppah, Sacred Heart Suppah, Little Bull Suppah, Johnson Heath, and Emerson Squiemphen for traveling that far and singing the Washut songs for our family, you will never know how grateful we are. Thank you grandma Lydia, Bunny, Carol, Annette, Marlene, Myrna and Diane for coming together for our mom. She needed it. If there is anyone I missed, it was not intentional, it's just me. And above all, thank you to our Creator for giving us life, and gifting our people with the songs, dances, and beliefs that are direct for testimony of the way things should be. Let

us never forget what You have given us, and we will try and uphold those teachings until we see Your light again, and reunite with all of our loved ones. Sincerely, Cecelia and Michael Collins.

Very proud

To LeMinnie and Claressa Picard, all of us at 2570 Mt. Jefferson St. are very proud of you for graduating from high school, and want to let you know to follow your dreams in succeeding in things that you want out of life. You have to work hard to be successful in your life. So don't be afraid to step out into the world.

We all knew if you wanted it bad enough that you would do it. We just had to push you a little bit more than what you were doing, and it worked.

LeMinnie, you did great by speaking up for yourself to walk with your class, and you just needed the reassurance that you could go speak on your own behalf. And I am happy that you succeeded.

Claressa, you too did a great job by completing all that you had to, to walk with your class also. And for that you succeeded. Even if it was up to the deadline, at least you can say you both work great under pressure.

We all love you very much, and care deeply for you both: there is nothing greater than our family 'cause we always stick together in our home. Different aspects of life are always testing our home, but we are always there for one another.

There is nothing stronger than the love in our family. The bonds that we all share are greater than any test, and remember that.

Love always, your family, Gramma Darlyne Araiza, Dad, and Bonus Mom/Natalie, Papa and Auntie/mom, Grampa George Picard Sr., all your brothers and sisters: Marcy, Delores, Ray, Heather, Gibson Tesa, Shey; nephews: Bryson, Lennox, Elainte.

Management

Back in May, there seemed to be one big sense of relief on this reservation. Mainly because there were different people in charge. Even with this change, there is a long way to go to undo the damage that was caused by a few.

At the 6/14/04 General Council, people were pointing out the same problems that have plagued this reservation for decades and they were right. What I see is the same thing, management.

I've always heard and have been asked the same question, why are the same people that cause the trouble in one department still there or why were they "transferred" to another job. Even when large amounts of money can't be accounted for. Tribal Council members have even asked me this. Past management started this "revolving door."

Don't they know that they passed a "personnel policy" themselves, keeping these same people there themselves. If they want to do things right Council better start checking out all these policies. Policies that "discriminate" against tribal members.

They use this to keep "honest members" from learning. One little example is their policy discriminating against young kids looking for summer jobs, kids who don't meet management's standards.

Don't these managers realize that they get their own tribal paychecks off the backs of "all" tribal members, including these kids? Remember management was begging all Indians to be counted in the last census, for more money. Also, I think everybody knows how long it took these managers to get through school.

Hopefully this Council can see the problems that this "policy" has caused to the overwhelming majority of Indians and the reservation.

Council approves these things, so they could get rid of these same policies. Victor Moses

Powwow booth

During Pi-Ume-Sha, stop by the Warm Springs Community Development booth and learn about this new non-profit organization. Sign up to win a Pendleton blanket. You'll find them by the KWSO booth.

Shannon Hoffman, Warm Springs Community Development Corp.

Note: Letters to the Editor should be 350 words or less.

Thank you for writing.

Congratulations, graduates

A belated congratulations to Joseph Thompson and Melinda Polk, graduates of Madras High School and Taholah Indian High, respectively. They have now completed their first year at Haskell Indian University at Lawrence, Kansas. Many thanks to Tommie, Jessica and Curtis for their constant heart filled presence by phone and letter to keep them company when times got lonely or pressure from school got to be too much. Thanks for spending Moolah and phone cards.

Great big Injun thanks to Grandma Evelyn Capoean, Chris, Willie, Johnny, Mice and all the Taholah family and friends. Evelyn, for her generous monetary gifts for every 4.0 GPA each term. You can never be topped on that one. We don't want to forget Deannie Smith, a good-hearted cuz to Joe. We could not be there during the sorrow times when we laid his friends to their eternal rest, but she jumped right in and took our place ready and willing to comfort. May God bless you, Deannie, my dear niece.

Thanks also to the teachers that prepared our children to continue. Thanks to Rok for taking up the slack at home, being proud of his lil' bro.



A lot of thanks to Lorenzo for helping at the ranch. Like Dad would say, "Give credit where it's due," so Melinda gets a lot of credit for her determination. She broke her leg at school but just wheeled and hobbily-otched to class to earn her place. Credit goes to Joseph, with his Monday thru Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight job at FedEx and still managed to find time to study. They both earned a letter of recommendation with all the other U.S. students that made a 4.0 GPA. We're darned proud of these two. Once again, thanks. Last but not least, thanks to Allen and Juanita Elston for their love and prayers. God Bless you all. Love, Rico and Ellen Thompson.

Thank you from seniors



Seniors from Warm Springs during their California trip.

The Native American Class of 2004 would like to give much appreciation to all the people who donated or sponsored us on our trip to California.

As a class, we would like to give a special thanks to Warm Springs Composite Products, Warm Springs Forest Products, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Warm Springs Coun-

selling Center and the Forestry Department.

But we cannot forget the people who brought us together and made this all possible, to Trey Leonard and Oe Colwash we are grateful.

The Native American Class of 2004 would like to recognize these individuals for their direction: Otis Iverson, Annie Kalama, Lynn Davis Jim Quaid, Gorky and Lori Mitchell.

Happy birthday and other wishes...



Look who is 4 years old! Happy birthday to Kenneth Danzuka. We love you, from Daddy, Mommy, Aunt, Pali, Grandma, Kumu.

June 29, 2004: Happy birthday mom Grandma-Ulla and great grandmother. We all love you. Tracy and Taw Sam, Woody and Sadie Picard Sr., Neda and Big G, Elsie-Robert Jr. - Jealeh and Thomas Sam, Carlos and Charmaine Calica, Prenincia, Jenny, Patrina and Alesia VanPelt, Margoria Ann "AKA" Baby VanPelt, Mycheal-Chet III and Kenny VanPelt, Eliza-Tony,

Marcella and Leonard Vanpelt, Jericho-Jaden and Jordan Suppah. Last but not least, great grandchildren Clarence, Vernon Sam, Woody Jr., Dartanian, and Kaylobe Picard, Anessia and Decimus Sam, Ty Ty Vanpelt, Q-man, and Trenton Calica Quinten and Andon VanPelt.

Happy 27th Anniversary June 29 2004, Dad and Mom. Robert and Marella Sam Sr. Lots of loves, kisses and hugs, we love you very much. Tracy and Taw Sam, Woody and Sadie Picard Sr., Big G and Neda Elsie, Robert Jr., Jealeh and Thomas Sam.

Happy belated birthday, Sharon Jones - no, we did not forget. We hope your day was a good one. Love always, your auntie Marella Sam and Family.

Happy birthday on June 30, to our brother Tracy Sam. You have a good day. Love you, from: Woody and Sadie Picard, Elsie, Robert Jr., Jealeh, Big G, Neda, and Thomas.

Happy birthday 6-30, Tracy Sam. We're proud of you. Love you son always, Mom and Dad.

On June 30 happy birthday Uncle Tracy. Hope you have a good day. Love you uncle, from Woody Jr., Dartanian, and Kaylobe Picard.

Happy birthday 6-30 to my number one uncle Tracy Sam. Love you, thank you for helping my mom with me. Hope your day is good. Love, Clarence Vernon Sam.

We want to wish a big happy birthday to our number one dad Tracy Sam. We love you dad, hope we can make your day fun. Love, your two kids Anessia Marie Sam and Decimus Tracy Sam.

Happy Birthday to my bro Tracy Sam, 6-30. Love you, take care, we miss you, from Wolfman and Farrell and Kids.

On 6-29, happy birthday mom Eliza Brown Jim. We all love you. Hope your day is a

good one. Love, Harvey Jim, Levi and Pearl VanPelt, Robert and Marella Sam, Chet Vanpelt Jr., Tiger and Tates VanPelt Lillie Pat: VanPelt and Wolfman and Farrell.

Happy anniversary, Grandpa and Grandma Robert and Marella Sam. We all love you. From your best, Anessia and Decimus Sam, Clarence Vernon Sam, Woody - Dartanian and Kaylobe Picard.

Also, a very happy birthday to Lennox Lewis Picard, Bryson George Picard. Love you always, Papa and Gramma.

Happy Birthday to Camisha Smith, Kelli Langnese, William Esquiro. Belated happy birthdays to Ray Picard, Delores Picard, Christine Jim.

Happy birthday to Cyrille Mitchell. I hope your 18th day is a great one. Love, a friend, Ashley Aguilar.



I'd like to wish a belated birthday to my best friend Sara Veath. Sara, ever since the fifth grade, when we met in Ms. Gatlin's classroom, I knew our friendship would last a long time.

Thank you for being there for me in times of need. I guess I'll see you at Pi-Ume-Sha for your birthday gift.

I love you like a sister. A friend, Ashley Aguilar.



Cati DaWalt, your mother Hazel Smith and siblings Jimmy and Angela DaWalt would like to recognize her latest accomplishments from Yugin Gakven Japanese Emersion Kelly Middle School.



I would like to express the joy I have for making it - we worked hard and now we deserve our rewards, congratulations Class of 2004. Natives, go represent yourselves and give yourself the benefit of the doubt on higher education. Love, Ashley Aguilar.

Academic Student of the Year for four consecutive years with a 4.0 GPA, also getting awards in Citizenship, Math Effort, Language Arts and Social Sciences.

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