

New grade school gym taking shape

The new gymnasium at Warm Springs Elementary School is nearly complete. The plan is to open the facility sometime in February. The new gym replaces one that burned down two years ago. The new building is larger than the old one and is also larger than the average elementary school gymnasium. The gym was made larger so the tribes can make use of it for community activities. The new building is also different from the old one in that it is aligned east to west instead of north and south. The \$1.3 million gymnasium is paid for through the insurance settlement following the December 2002 destruction of the old gym.



Warm Springs Elementary School's new gym will be bigger.

New minister at Baptist Church

By Selena Boise
Spilyay Tymoo

Warm Springs adds one more Jonathan Smith to its residency, as Warm Springs Baptist Church Minister Jonathan Smith was hired fill the vacancy at the church.

Smith has been asked a number of times already if he plans on staying, as previous ministers have come and gone in short periods of time. He said he intends to stay.

He is from Hermiston, where he graduated from high school. After graduating Smith enlisted in the Army. He moved to Eureka, Calif., to attend school.

He continued attending school until he was recalled to serve in the Desert Storm operation for a period of two months.



Jonathan Smith

"After that I got on track with God and I knew what he wanted me to do," Smith says.

He married his wife Janel, and they have five children.

He continued his education at Roseburg, where he finished his associate's degree. In 1998, he attended Georgia Atlantic Christian College and continued in 2000 to do seminary work.

He was commissioned to the Army as a U.S. Army Chaplain candidate and graduated Chaplancy School in September 2004.

Smith is still in the reserves. He sent his application to the Northwest Baptist Association, after which he was contacted while in Fort Jackson.

He arrived in Warm Springs for a visit in October and was given an opportunity to preach to the congregation.

The current members of the church voted to hire Smith, and he recently moved into Warm Springs.

He and his family now reside in West Hills in the house located on Foster Street.

He states that everybody's been kind to him and he has enjoyed being in Warm Springs.

Twenty-five years ago this week

From the December 21, 1979 edition of Spilyay Tymoo.

The Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors announced that Garland Brunoe, 32, will become resident manager of the resort.

This is the first time a tribal member has entered top management in the resort's 18-year history. Brunoe agreed to assume live-in responsibilities at the resort.

It will be a homecoming for Brunoe, who left the resort's management training program

earlier this year to work with Wood I Systems out of Vancouver, Wash.

In other news: The existing permit system used to obtain firewood at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries has caused confusion among tribal members, employees and police.

There have been several incidents involving workers and tribal members who pick up firewood after work. "Everyone must have a permit," said Operations Manager Bob Macy.

"Including the tribal members."

Macy said that tribal members are questioning the permit system, used to gain control of wood within the mill because some people were picking up lumber, cores and logs. Elsewhere:

Natalie Johnson, the daughter of Ruben Johnson, and Lorene Smith, wife of Alvis Smith Jr., have successfully completed the secretarial course from the Trend Business College.

Medina to open Smoke Dawgs shop

Robert Medina is opening Smoke Dawgs, a cigarette store, in Warm Springs.

Medina for now is operating the shop temporarily at family property located at 4490 Upper Dry Creek Road.

He is in the process of finding a permanent location for the new business. It may be a couple of months before he has the necessary tribal approval for the permanent location, Medina said.

The permanent shop will include a drive-through window, which also is the arrangement



Robert Medina

at the temporary site on Upper Dry Creek Road.

Before opening his business

Medina completed the business course sponsored by the Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneur Network, hosted locally through the Small Business Center.

He was among the group of local people who recently graduated from the course, which involved development of a business plan. Other graduates of the course were operators of a day-care business, and a lawn maintenance business.

For information on Smoke Dawgs, contact Medina at 553-2574.


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More letters to the editor

I would like to thank the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) for supporting the non-profit organization "The Potlatch Fund." A big thanks to the Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee members for allowing me to attend this Gala, in their absence of other priorities.

The Gala held a mid-morning seminar entitled "Philanthropy and Indian Country - Keys to Successful Funding." It was a limited seminar and luckily enough I was one of the limited.

There are tribal programs in our community that can apply to these larger corporations. These corp people made up a panel that allowed the audience to ask questions about grant applications, and the information they presented will be very helpful to the grant applicants. President Alexander will announce their first ever full grant program that will begin on Jan. 1, 2005. More information can be found at the website: www.potlatchfund.org.

The keynote speaker was the Native American actor Adam Beach. He did a photo fund rais-



Emma Smith met with actor Adam Beach of *Code Talkers*.

ing session during the reception time. It was so nice to meet this Native American Indian actor from Canada. His journey story was so touching, how he struggled to get over the pains of lost parents and how he was hounded because of his acting dream; but he believed in himself and made his strength hang in there.

Warm Springs should consider using these other approaches to fundraising events, or just being able to bring inspirational speakers to Warm Springs. Emma Smith.

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