

Pi-Ume-Sha was different from previous years

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Management successor

So, what do you think about the Pi-Ume-Sha weekend?

Seems like it was a little smaller than last year. It seems like there was hardly any parking in previous years.

So when we arrived and saw all the parking spaces, we were surprised that we didn't have to walk so far from our vehicle.

Spilyay
Speaks

My daughter wanted to buy her dance teacher an item from the powwow, because it needed to be special. Her tap dance teacher is no longer going to teach dance classes and my daughter wanted to buy her something special as a remembrance gift.

We went and looked at the vendors that were there and narrowed it down fairly quickly, as there was less to choose from. Luckily we found a silver Tinker Bell necklace with colorful wings. Her dance teacher loves Tinker Bell.

So we noticed fewer vendors and less fry bread stands to choose from. Though on Sunday we were able to sit and eat fry bread and thought the bread at the Pi-Ume-Sha booth was very good. We bought tacos from the vendor along Hollywood on Saturday evening, which was very good also. It happened to be on our way home before we left for recital.

There were other food stands that were pretty crowded when we were hungry, so we always go for the shorter wait. In that heat it was for the best.

Though the rain was coming down on Sunday it was refreshing and cool, until it got cold.

It was during this weekend my daughter finished her eighth year of dance classes and is enjoying her break for the summer.

She is hoping to take up all three dances next year - ballet, jazz, and tap. This year she restricted herself to only two classes due to her schedule being so full.

There were many dances that we enjoyed watching while at recital. It's nice to see the younger dancers who are just beginning, and the intermediate dancers who are developing so well.

But we mainly like to see the advanced dancers and the way they make all their dance moves come together in a faster paced dance.

My daughter hasn't reached the point ballet dancing yet, and is looking forward to doing that type of dance.

Next year I will be watching her dance in recital again and showing up for Pi-Ume-Sha for the Indian dancing, food, and shopping.

So next year lets hope that the vendors come back with their products and fry bread and we will eat more fry bread.

Regarding letters

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo.

Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than 350 words. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions to this guideline. Also, no statements that are libelous against another person can be published in the paper. The deadline to submit items is late in the afternoon of Friday of the week before publication.

Privileged

My thanks to the Warm Springs community members who called wishing me a happy retirement, or who stopped by and gave me a hug. I am honored.

I feel privileged to have worked 24 years with this community and the school staff.

I have laughed with you, learned from you, and loved having you in my life. Thank you. Love, Judy Keane.

Reenactment

I would like to thank all of those who were involved in the sesquicentennial reenactment of the signing of the Treaty of 1855.

My sincere respect and gratitude goes out to: Evaline Patt, Arlene Boileau, Anita Davis, Myrna Frank, Charles Jackson, Garland Brunoe, Preston Conners, Mark Jackson, Roberta Kirk, Pam Cardenas, Brigitte M. Whipple, Rosebud Whipple, Brett Whipple, William Robbins, Stanley Simtustus, Randy Scott, Eldred Smith, Gordon Scott, William Sam, Jamie Ray, Dallas Winishut, Tom Toll, Foster Kalama, Amy Bobb, Travis Bobb, Gerald Danzuka, Joan Smith, Walter Langnese III, John Finch, Carol Allison, Brenda Scott, Saraphina Scott, Phyllis Strong, Louie Pitt, Derek Tasymp, Lucinda Green, and Rosemary Charley. A special thank-you should also go out to my nephew, Kendall Bobb, who stepped in at the last minute for an actor who was missing.

I would also like to thank my elders for their unending inspiration, guidance, and vast knowledge: Atwai Grant Waheneka (for his notes), Emily Waheneka (Kisinwai), Adeline Miller (Nai-ashash), Bernice Mitchell, Atwai Delbert Frank (Wanowachi, for his notes), Margaret Suppah (Alishwalax), Madeline McInturff (Tasitasp), and Atwai Twanastanmai.

At times, this reenactment seemed to be an impossible task. Several of our cast members became sick, were hospitalized or were injured during the preparations. Storms drove us away from rehearsals. It got to the point where we all began to wonder if there was some force that was trying to prevent this reenactment.

During our rehearsals at the museum, we picked up the strangest friend that I wanted to tell the Community of Warm Springs about. A pigeon. During practice, this pigeon would pace back and forth near the actors, wings folded back. Some of the actors said that this pigeon struck a resemblance to my late grandfather, Atwai Delbert Frank. It seemed to be listening to the rehearsals, walking back and forth with its hands locked behind its back. This bird wouldn't fly away when it was approached. It seemed to have no concern with anybody but the actors.

During the performance of the reenactment, this same pigeon was pacing on top of the M.C. Grandstand. I thought it was curious, so I asked one of my elders about it. She told me that when the boundaries of the reservation were first being surveyed, a team of men were on Mt. Jefferson when all kinds of animals gathered. It was a holy experience, so a ceremony was performed naming off all of the animals as witnesses to what was being done.

Every creature present was named off in the Ichishkiiin lan-

guage.

This elder told me that the pigeon was there to witness the performance of the reenactment. She told me that all of the actors and everybody involved should feel proud of what they had accomplished that day.

Respectfully, Frederick Duran Bobb, Skw'ililapt.

Employees

Tribal members and other Indians have suffered discrimination in employment on and near the Indian reservations. As a result, tribal members and other Indians continue to be excluded from the employment market, and when employed by private employers, they experience discrimination. They continue to suffer poverty and high unemployment rates, and have lost the opportunity to learn needed skills, participate in job programs, find employment to support tribal families, and receive equal wages for equal work, to name but a few of the consequences of failure of tribal members and other Indians on the reservations to have an opportunity to participate in the work opportunities that arise on and near the reservations. To benefit from the unique rights that flow to tribal members and other Indians, it is necessary for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to establish an employment rights chapter. Concerned tribal member, Amos Switzler Jr.

Our economy

Death songs. Death songs, every week. We are singing death songs for our children whose unnecessary deaths are a direct result of capitalistic hoggish greed. The same old swines have been gorging themselves at our tribal troughs for decades, writing everybody checks except our tribal people. Write us all a check... our families enjoy good food, good shelter, good shoes, etc. But nooo, got to count your money with your red hands (the blood of our children). Do you care? Your actions say no.

It's so simple it's ignorant. We need economic growth on the Warm Springs Rez. We need our own town so all our children can learn capitalism. After school jobs and our resources stay here to benefit our own people. If not, we will continue to be the designated Rez ghetto constantly singing death songs for our children. Designated rez ghetto. Is this what we are?

Our only purpose is to funnel all our resources, money into other communities while we live in Third World poverty. Pain, tears, death. Help, you're killing us. If we must have this sick gambling then keep it on our rez. Build it along the highway, create jobs for our own people. Truck stop, motel, restaurant, water, and skateboard park, amusement park. I'm stupid, and that's why I think of all our people and my simple ideas. It's so simple it's ignorant.

If we continue to funnel all our resources, money into other communities, Cascade Locks, Madras, etc., we will be killing our children through all the social ill created by the lack of a wholesome, stable, secure economically independent town, with all the stores, jobs, income, stability created by keeping our resources, money, jobs here on our Warm Springs Rez. Or we can continue to sing death songs... I'm starting to lose respect for our so-called leaders

and wonder who are they working for besides their own selfish greed. They can't be that stupid (I hope), so they must be bought and paid for. Going to wait for another year for uncle Sammy like some no-backbone lap puppy. Man up and do right by our people. Tell these liars to forget it, (that) we will keep our resources, money, casino, jobs, economic foundation, home here in Warm Springs. Warm Spring, up for once ... do right for our people, for generations to come. 7G! Vote on it. Hold a vote of our people. Keep our jobs, resources, (and) money here home on our Warm Springs Rez. What happened to consulting our people before allowing selfish, greedy, bought-and-paid-for lap puppies to prostitute themselves at the expense of our tribal sovereignty?

Economic foundation. City of Warm Springs, skin rez. Our own town on our own terms. Keeping our resources in-house, keeping our resources home on our Warm Springs Indian Rez is a must, if we expect our people to become the cleanest community by the year 2000. Yeah, right! Less political crooks and more honest caring leaders sincerely concerned with the plight of all, I said all, our people. Maybe we can all realize our dreams of being the cleanest community, economic stability, jobs and hope, for our people. We need leaders, not selfish, greedy political prostitutes selling out our sovereignty.

I pray that you put aside your personal selfish greed, think beyond yourself, beyond your own life for the good, wholesome health of all our future children. Funnel our resources into our children, show them that we care instead of hustling them for personal, selfish, greedy gain... build an economic foundation for our future leaders to build on, keep our resources home, in-house, on our rez. Power to our kids! Children power! Elder power! Stop the personal self-greed, for sale, leaders. God bless. Bobby Eagleheart.

Tourney help

We, the Us-Wans Boys Basketball team, are comprised of five distinguished basketball players ages 15-16. We are planning to attend the Lori Pietsewa National Natives Games June 15-17 in Flagstaff, Ariz. This is a great opportunity for us in the spirit of competition to exploit our potential as basketball players. Our team will be representing the community of Warm Springs.

We appreciate the generosity you have given us in the past and hope that you will continue to support us in our endeavors. The estimated cost for us to participate in this event is as follows:

Entry fee, \$300. Meals, \$864 (six people for eight days). Lodging, \$910 (two rooms for seven nights). Gas, \$375. Total: \$2,449.

With pride and loyalty to represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, we are committed to the sport we love, basketball. Thank you for your continued support of our team. We can be reached at 553-1392 (h) or (541) 280-7590 (cell). Thank you. Us-Wans Boys Basketball Team.

Powwow

At this time we, the Lakota Oyate Ki Culture Club, located within the walls of the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, are

reaching out to the community to inform them of our change in our powwow dates. Right now, our Lakota Oyate Ki Big Yard Powwow is scheduled for August 27, and our deadline date to have guests approved to attend is August 12. We would use all the support we can get for our powwow, so if there are any singers, dancers or people interested in attending, please contact our club listed below and leave the following information: full name, date of birth, contact phone number, and that you wish to attend our celebration. We apologize if our powwow conflicts with other events in the community. Contact: Lakota Oyate Ki, activities section, phone (503) 378-4207. Respectfully, Lakota Oyate Ki Club members and council.

Parade

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for participating in the Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade. It was a great parade, and it could not have been possible without the participants, audience, police escort, utilities department, powwow committee members and the community of Warm Springs. It was a little rough there, but we made it and it was a success.

The police officer that led the parade was very helpful and so willing to work with us. We truly appreciate your professionalism. Utilities saved people who needed to use the restroom facilities. We appreciate your getting the restrooms to the school and doing a great job. We especially would like to thank the Powwow Committee for everything, as we work together each year to make it a success and it was done right again this year.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade Committee, Mona, Animal, Mutts, Squealie, Sarah and Jose, Liz, Mary, Allie, Jamie, Irkie, Veronica, Roscoe, Daniel and Pete Greene.

A thank you

The Verbena Greene family would like to thank our aunts, Bernice Mitchell, Mary Ann Meanus and Adeline Miller for the advice, spiritual help and shell dresses that you have given for the special that was done for mom. Without the three of you this would have not been possible. You made it go so well and so beautiful even with the down pour of the rain. We will always remember you. All the dancers placed and we appreciate your respect in participating Amelia Colwash, Bernice Jim, Janet Tom, Lonnie Alexander, Aurelia Stacona, and Margie Waheneka, you were all winners, and thank you. Thanks to Animal Tohet, Elfreda Mitchell, Cyrille, Gorky and Lori Mitchell, Terry Tafoya, Louise and Cassie Katchia, Mary Tohet and Phyllis Strong, Coleen Greene and Loral Wheeler, Aunt Mary Ann's drum group, too.

We know that Geneva would have been there and she is do-

ing fine and getting stronger each day as she prepares for a transplant. We will always be family, no matter what, and you were all there to see that we made it through this time. Again, thanks to each and every one who made it possible. We would like everyone to know that we did this Memorial Contest Dance only this one time. That is why it was so special for our family.

Verbena Greene's children: Squealie, Sarah, Roscoe, Daniel, Paullee, Geneva, Mike, Mona, Tim, Delsie and our children and grandchildren.

IHS questions

(This is) why you are asked the same questions every time you come to the clinic.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is committed to giving the highest quality of services that we can to the eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives we serve.

One way to do this is to make sure your demographic information is correct. Every time you come to our facility, the registration workers have to ask you questions to make sure your data has not changed. Many times a health professional has had to get ahold of someone but has been unable to do so because the phone number or address we have is not correct.

Please be understanding when you are asked every time you come if your information is correct or has changed.

Our medical costs have increased 8-15 percent per year, while our funding has increased less than two percent per year. We have to look for additional funding to maintain the services we provide. We may be able to receive funds from Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Medicaid program by billing for eligible services.

It is important that you help by finding out if you are eligible for any of these programs. We have staff that can help you fill out the necessary paperwork. Yours truly, IHS staff.

Birthday wishes...

Happy birthday wishes for June. The fifth, Lupita Greene. The 21st, Quinten Greene. The 27th, Veronica Greene-Barz. The 28th, Jamesina and Alexandria Smith. The 30th, Mary L. Tohet. Hope your day was the best for all of you. Please take care and God bless each and every one of you. Love, Mona, Geneva, Sarah, Celia, Roscoe, Daniel, Mike, Tim, Delsie, Paullee and all our children and grandchildren.

I hope my auntie had a special day and that she will continue to have great birthdays. I love you, and remember to take care of my Ulla. Love, Jake Frank.

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