

Smith teaching 2nd grade at Madras

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Tymoo

Helping kids to learn, and making a difference in their lives are the reasons why Ardis Smith loves teaching.

Last week she began teaching second-grade at Madras Elementary School.

Smith had been living in Ashland, where she went to college. She graduated college two years ago with a degree in sociology.

She then worked a couple of years as a special education assistant. She went back to school to earn her teaching certificate.

She moved back to Central Oregon just a few weeks ago, after finding the teaching job at the Madras Elementary.

Smith grew up in Warm Springs. She went to Warm Springs Elementary School and Jefferson County Elementary School.

She graduated from Madras High School in 1998, and went college at Southern Oregon University in Ashland.

She decided to come back to Central Oregon, and when she got the job at the elementary school, she decided to make the move. "As long as I'm teaching kids I'm happy,



Madras Elementary School second-grade teacher Ardis Smith.

and I love Central Oregon," she said.

Her parents are Warm Springs Elementary School Prin-

icipal Dawn Smith, who was a teacher for many years, and Darryl Smith, of the Purchasing Department.

"I'm very glad to have her back in the school district," said Dawn Smith of Ardis.

Youth worker enjoys experience as camp counselor

By Sara Joy Vaeth
Higher Education Youth Worker
& Camp Counselor

Students from fourth-through seventh-grades recently attended 4-H Cultural Enrichment Camp at Peter's Pasture. The camp consisted of four classes a day, recreation time, and campfire fun.

Some of the classes included language, basket weaving, felting, canning, beading, drumming and dancing.

For many campers, this was their first time being introduced to their cultural language. The language classes were offered for three days for one hour each day.

I've always wanted to learn my Indian language, but participating in school sports, I wasn't able to join the language class here in Warm Springs.

When I was in Montana, many of the college students spoke their Salish language. I just wish that our schools around here would offer the language class like Montana does.

Neda Wesley taught the campers how to butterfly dance, bear dance, and the root-digging dance.

During recreation hours, the campers were able to sweat in the sweat lodge, swim and continue working on their craft projects. The campers were able to sweat early in the morning at 6 a.m., or in the evening around 4 p.m.

Johnnie Wesley, a fourth-grade camper, said, "I never got

to sweat before, and sweating was my favorite activity." Johnnie never missed an opportunity to sweat all week.

The young campers were brave jumping into Shitike Creek's freezing cold water.

While the campers were participating in the other events, the adults would have their own craft time.

They would bead a purse or a tiny moccasin with Violetta Vaeth.

After dinner, we all sat around the camp fire singing, acting, or just listening. Enthusiastically, we all sang camp songs like "Boom Chicka-Boom," "Bongalow" and the Humpty Dumpty nurse rhyme.

Campers would role play and put on funny skits. Ken Smith (Tuk'ash man) had a story to tell about every subject.

On Friday afternoon the campers went to Trout Lake. The campers had a choice to fish, swim, hike or pick huckleberries. Everyone left Trout Lake unharmed except Violetta, who was stung eight times by bees while huckleberry picking.

Sunday, the day of departure, was a sad time. Sabrina, a camper, said, "I don't want to leave." The friendships that began at camp will never be forgotten.

Next year, please encourage your family and friends to participate in this fun and educational camp experience.

Simnasho hosting annual September 'Shindig'

Simnasho's Annual September Shindig will be Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Simnasho Longhouse. Podluck dinner is at 5:45 p.m. Social dancing and the good time starts at 7 p.m.

Specials: Clown dance, three places, cash prizes, "silly style"; drumming contest, "49 style";

Sweep Your Teepee Championships, "Simnasho style"; and other specials as available.

This event is sponsored by the Simnasho community. For more information, or if you want to volunteer, contact Captain at 553-7014; or Roy Heath, Katie, Mike Collins or Austin.

Wewa to present during Archaeology Celebration

Wilson Wewa will conduct a program this Friday, Sept. 15, at the Oregon Archaeology Celebration at Smith Rock. The presentation, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will be at the Visitor Center located at 10260 N.E. Crooked River Dr.

Topic of discussion will be "Keeping traditions alive -

the efforts and challenges of preserving tribal traditions, language, crafts, hunting and gathering in modern times."

Wewa is the director of the Warm Springs Senior Center, and a former curator of the Pyramid Lake Nevada Paiute Reservation Museum.

Correction

Ad correction: In the previous edition of the Spilyay, the price on the washer and dryer in the Ralph's TV and Furniture advertisement was printed incorrectly. The correct price is in the ad in the current edition on page 14. We apologize for the error.

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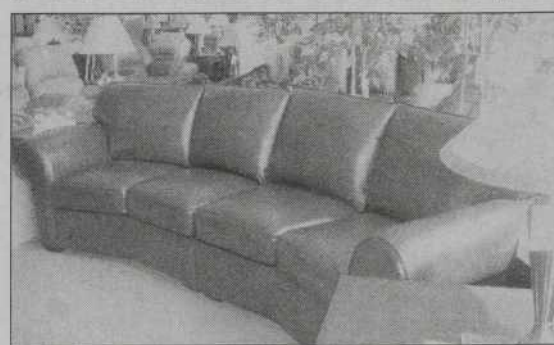
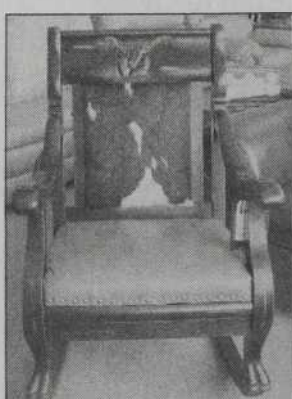
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