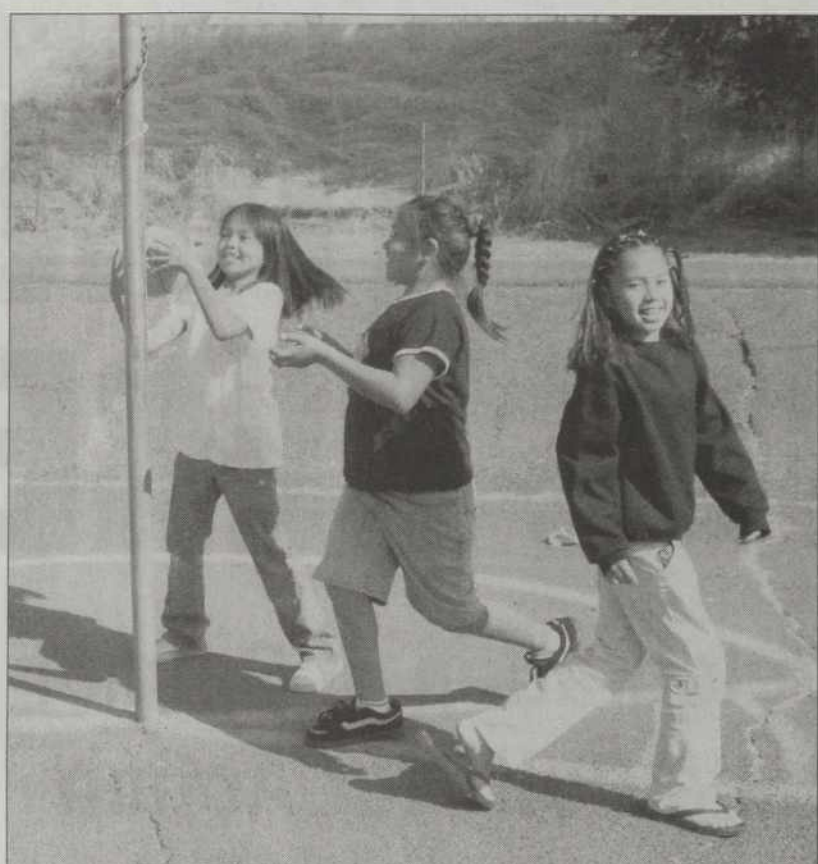




Students at the Warm Springs Elementary School got back to the books on September 7—including Marlene Tias, Lupita Ocampo and Shaniah Scott, who took time to play at recess.

Relay, walking teams log many miles

By Leslie Mitts
Spilyay Tymoo

For 16-year-old Brandon Thompson, the best part of the Portland to Coast High School Challenge was the end.

But the race has gotten easier during the three years he has participated.

"I get better every year," he said. "It was fun."

He described sitting in the sand as the highlight of the 128-mile race, in which he served as team captain to the Flying Fry Breads—one of five Warm Springs teams to compete in the Hood to Coast Relay, Portland to Coast Walk and Portland to Coast High School Challenge.

The three events took place August 25-26. For the two teams competing in the Portland to Coast High School Challenge, and the two teams competing in the Portland to Coast walk, that meant a trip of 128 miles.

The Flying Fry Breads finished the relay with a total time of eight hours and 28 minutes, while Team Lonewolf finished with a time of 10 hours and 56 minutes.

Of the two walking teams, Wading 2 Exhale finished with a total time of 14 hours and 16 minutes, Lost in Pace finished with a time of 13 hours and 42 minutes.

One team, the Reservation

Runners, competed in the Hood to Coast Relay, running a total of 127 miles from the top of Mount Hood to the beach at Seaside.

They finished the event with a total time of nine hours and 35 minutes.

The relays are completed in 24 legs, with mileage ranging from four miles to nearly eight miles each.

Each team consisted of 12 runners.

A popular part of the events focuses on the decorative aspect—from attire to decorating the vehicles that carry the team members.

Team Lonewolf, for instance, placed photos of Warm Springs

resident George Boise on their van.

Lonewolf team captain Leanna Boise said they were running for George, who is currently in Iraq.

Over 12,000 runners and 4,800 walkers participate annually in the relay events, which began 26 years ago.

Not all teams involved in the relays were available for comment at the time of publication.

Next deadline to submit items to the Spilyay is **Friday, September 22.** Thank you.

Employee shuttle a popular success

The tribally-sponsored employee shuttle operated three times a day, every day from June 14 to September 14.

The excellent record is attributed to tribal members Brenda Scott and Esten Culpus, who drove a daily average of 130 miles, including weekends and holidays.

Noree Guerin at the Vehicle Pool is credited with supporting the drivers and riders with a safe, well-maintained vehicle that ran smoothly all summer.

From June 14 to June 30 there were 172 riders. Ridership jumped to 495 in each month of July and August, when most seasonal youth and adult employees were hired and employees made riding the shuttle their preference for getting to work.

Over the four days in September (Labor Day weekend), 35 employees rode the shuttle.

Positive feedback

A rider survey was conducted and comments received included:

"The shuttle service was great."

"Everything is good, thank you."

"My wife takes the car so I need a ride."

"Thank you for thinking of a shuttle."

The tribal member recruitment manager Scott Moses reported that approximately 40 youth were hired at the resort this summer through the youth employment program and 30 worked the entire summer, a 75

percent retention rate.

Many students will continue working weekends although the shuttle's last day was on September 4 and students returned to school.

The shuttle service was a pilot project coordinated by Julie Quaid in conjunction with the Warm Springs Community Action Team in an effort to support youth employment at Kah-nee-ta and to study the impact of providing transportation for seasonal youth employment. As it turned out, all seats were not filled on all three trips each day, so adult employees were invited to ride the shuttle, resulting in shared benefits.

An impact study is underway and if you are interested, please call Julie at 553-3438.

OSU Bit Mobil returning to Warm Springs

The Bit Mobile from Oregon State University is offering a free Beginning Computer class and Global Positioning Unit (GPS) class on September 29 at the Family Resource Center in Warm Springs.

The classes teach beginners how to use a computer or a GPS unit.

You do not need to own a GPS unit to attend. The beginning class will be at 2p.m. and

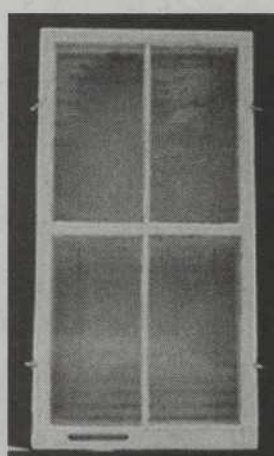
the GPS class will be at 5:30 p.m. The classes target individuals who want to learn computer basics as a gateway to learning more about computer applications. If you feel like a mushroom in a dark room, (when it comes to computers), this class is for you.

Tod Williver, the instructor, is well known as one of the best computer instructors in the Central Oregon Region.

The Bit Mobile, a large trailer or "toy box" is equipped with 15 laptop computers and a satellite dish. It is funded by an OSU grant.

You can sign up for the class by calling or stopping by the Warm Springs Library at the Family Resource Center at 1144 Warm Springs Street. The number is 553-3438 and ask for Julie or Althea.

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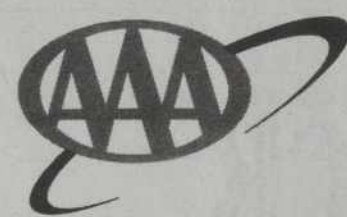
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