

Howlak Tichum

William Moody Scott, 1961-2007

William Moody Scott of Warm Springs passed away on September 22, 2007. He was 46.

Mr. Scott was born on August 1, 1961 at Redmond to parents Leonard Scott and Evelyn Moody.

Mr. Scott was employed as a fire fighter with

the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

He is survived by his son Justin Miller of Warm Springs; brother Melvin Scott of Warm Springs; sisters Linda Allen, Lucy Smith and Sandra Scott, all of Warm Springs. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Births

Redsky Grant Waheneka

Harlan E. Waheneka and Melissa D. Kibby of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Redsky Grant Waheneka, born on September 14, 2007.

Redsky joins brother Devontre James, and sister Tyra.

on September 8, 2007.

Jason joins brother Taron, 9, and sister Trinity, 7.

Grandparents on the father's side are Myra Orange, and Robert Rabbie Sr., of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Holly Jackson of Warm Springs, and Simone George of Tacoma.

N. Johnson of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kadance Diondra Pettibone, born on August 31, 2007.

Grandmother on the father's side is Karena Nichols of Black River Falls, Wisc. Grandparents on the mother's side are Marcia Minthorn and Roger Minthorn of Warm Springs.

Isaiah Christopher Boise LeClaire

Cynthia LeClaire is pleased to announce the birth of her son Isaiah Christopher Boise LeClaire, born on September 13, 2007.

Isaiah joins twin brothers Thomas and Catalino. Grandparents are Leah Boise. Great grandmother is Margaret Boise.

Zain Joseph Wolfe-Esqiro

William Wolfe-Esqiro and Stephanie Wolfe-Esqiro are pleased to announce the birth of their son Zain Joseph Wolfe-Esqiro, born on August 30, 2007.

Zain joins brother Izaak, 6. Grandparents on the father's side are the late Eunice Wolfe-Esqiro, and George Esqiro, of Washington.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Elizabeth Culps of Warm Springs, and James Pratt of Washington.

Charles Klabor John Jr.

Desrai Wells and Charles Klabor John Sr. are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Charles Klabor John Jr., born on September 14 in Olympia, Wash.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Michelle Elliot of Madras. Paternal grandmother is Angeline John.

Great grandparents include Raymond and the late Irene Wells of Olympia and Louise John of Puyallup.

The baby weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz and was 20 inches long. He was born at 6:05 a.m.

Kadance Diondra Pettibone
Peter Pettibone and Deidra

Jason Christopher Rabbie Jr.

Jason Rabbie Sr. and Eva Rabbie of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jason Christopher Rabbie Jr., born

Library: planning for the future

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The library also serves as the district-assigned tutoring site for the community during the school year.

Primarily it is a resource to help students and those seeking access to information, Quaid said.

"It's focused on literacy for our community," she ex-

plained.

In the future, Quaid said, they hope to be able to offer book clubs and access to more periodicals like Indian newspapers from around the country.

"We'd like to really increase the amount of periodicals and subscriptions that we have," she said.

Another important aspect

that staff wishes to maintain is a friendly atmosphere in general, Quaid added.

On October 1 the library will be featuring expanded hours for the school year.

The library will remain open until 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 5 p.m. on Friday. Each morning the library opens at 9 a.m.

Tribes, state hosting Indian Child Welfare conference at Kah-Nee-Ta

For nearly three decades, tribes and state agencies have been working together to keep Oregon's Indian children safe in permanent, stable homes while preserving their family and tribal relationships.

This week the tribes and their state partner have another opportunity to collaborate in the best interests of Indian children.

The opportunity comes at the annual Indian Child Welfare Conference, hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).

The conference this year is entitled, "Empowering Families Through a Circle of Tradition and Culture."

Mary McNevins, DHS Indian Child Welfare Act manager, says the conference is a forum to learn more about Native American issues, and an opportunity to build and strengthen relationships between the state

and tribes.

"A child protection system that embraces tribal values can achieve better and lasting outcomes for Indian children and their families," said McNevins.

"Protecting the safety, stability and well-being of our Indian children is the key to the preservation and continued existence of Oregon's tribes."

The conference began on Wednesday of this week, and continues today, Thursday, Sept. 27, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

At the conference, national and local Indian child welfare experts are providing education and training on the importance of traditions, family connections and child safety.

Participants also are receiving training on the importance of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Passed in 1978 by Congress, ICWA protects the best interests of Indian children and promotes the stability and security of Indian tribes and families.

It also ensures that Indian children will be placed in foster or adoptive homes that reflect the unique values of Indian culture.

Some fast facts about children who are tribal members:

Approximately 2 million Indians belong to more than 550 federally recognized Indian tribes nationwide, nine of which are in Oregon.

Of those tribal members, 33 percent are under the age of 18, compared with 26 percent of the total population.

In 2004, 10,398 Indian children nationwide were victims of child maltreatment.

In Oregon, 12.4 percent of the more than 16,000 Oregon children in foster care last year were Native American, while Native Americans account for just 1.3 percent of the Oregon population 18 and younger.

At any given time, 400 Indian children are in Oregon foster care.

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