

Youth enjoy day at the ball park

Seventeen Warm Springs youth attended a Portland Beavers baseball game recently. Though the home team lost to Tacoma 7-4, the day was filled with all the excitement that professional baseball provides.

The trip was inspired and organized by Will "The Wilman" Robbins, news director of KWSO, and Andy Leonard of the tribal Recreation Department.

"It really began back on the Fourth of July," said Robbins. "I asked Andy if there were a way to get 20 to 30 kids to a baseball game in Portland."

Leonard said yes, and the wheels were put into motion.

"I really just wanted to share my experience as a kid at the ball park with other youth and show them the joy of professional baseball," said Robbins.

As KWSO news director, Robbins says he gets into places where regular folks are rarely allowed, and it was that one thought that got his mental gears spinning.

After a conversation with Beavers officials, Robbins learned that attending the ballgame could become a reality if all the right pieces fell into place.

Fall into place they did and the rest is now a memory for the 17 youth who took advantage of the opportunity.

"I really had to do some negotiating on the ticket



Courtesy photo

Some of the 17 youth from Warm Springs who attended a recent Portland Beavers baseball game.

prices," said Robbins. "They finally made an offer too good to turn down."

The offer was for lower section seats at just five dollars apiece.

Business steps in to help

At first families were asked to pay the five dollar entry fee and bring some spending money.

But then Pinky Beamer, of Chilkat Enterprises, heard about the opportunity. Beamer and Chilkat decided to go ahead and pay for all the tickets.

Robbins said, "I was laid up in bed after spraining my back, and I was overjoyed when I received a text message from Jennifer Miller saying the Pinky had purchased the tickets."

Robbins' effort received another bonus when Leonard and Warm Springs Recreation ar-

ranged for the bus and a driver, Darlene Highfill, to complete the trip.

Robbins said he would like to publicly thank those who made this trip a success. They include:

Chris Metz and Joe Cote from the Portland Beavers organization; Pinky and Kelly Beamer of Chilkat Enterprises; Andy, Austin and Cena from Recreation; Sue Matters for her expertise in chaperoning and Minnie Yahtin for her willingness to help out. And of course the youth who attended the event and those who support this and other youth activities in Warm Springs. Robbins is thinking about a possible trip to see the Trail Blazers later this year. If it happens, you will hear it first on KWSO.

News from Fish and Wildlife Committee

Terry Courtney Jr.
vice-chair, On Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee.

We have been working with the Warm Springs Judicial System and are now in the process of having all fish and wildlife related violations taken out of the tribal court system and being referred to this committee.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee has their own regulations that have been in existence since 1982.

Basically, the tribal identification card can be taken away from any tribal member that violates any of the fishing and hunting codes. Once that happens, the violator loses his or her tribal rights and cannot participate in any kind of harvest and may be liable to the Oregon regulations.

In the future, this committee

hopes to have a small panel of reputable hunters and fishermen to pass judgment and make decisions. Only tribal members could be on this panel.

Hunting season proposals:

Elk, archery, 50 tags. Sept. 13-22, 2008. One tag per family, no designated hunting.

Deer season - Oct. 1-27, 2008. One buck per family.

Elk season, rifle - Nov. 1-30, 2008. Choice, antler or antlerless, one per family, only antlerless elk for designated hunting.

Three closures on all hunting seasons:

One. Highway 9 fire.

Two. Biddle Pass/Lionshead fires. No hunting west of the J100 Road or north of the J170 Road.

Three. Trail fire on the upper Metolius Bench Road (M200 area).

Bear, rifle only, no archery. Entire months of October and November, 2008.

Cougar, rifle only. One cougar per month per family. No use of dogs.

Bird season: Grouse, three per day, Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2008. Quail, 10 per day, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, 2009.

Chuker, 10 per day, Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2008.

Turkey, two per day, Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2008.

Pheasant, closed.

These are proposals for 2008.

A hunters meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening of this week (after deadline for this paper).

Domestic Violence Awareness activities planned

The month of October will be Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services is planning several activities to raise consciousness of the issues of domestic violence.

Any violence taking place within a family or intimate relationship is domestic violence. It includes abuse of spouses, girlfriends and boyfriends, children, and elderly people.

Studies show that children who witness violence at home experience behavioral problems and increased aggression, have less developed social and conflict resolution skills, and may suffer long-term developmental

effects. These youth are also at risk of engaging in future violence and of being abused themselves. Researchers have found that people who batter their partners are also more likely to abuse their children. Tentative plans at VOCS for Domestic Violence Awareness month include a round dance and dinner at the end of September, radio

public service announces, static displays, newspaper articles, domestic violence video replays, and a possible half-day community training conference.

Please contact Juanita Villa or Sammy Bruised Head at VOCS (553-2293) if you would like to volunteer or help with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

Spechtrum center to close till Oct. 1

The Extraordinary Young People Spechtrum Youth Center will be closed from August 31-September 30 2008.

The closure is for staff training, and center remodeling. The

Spechtrum will re-open Tuesday, Oct. 1.

When the Spechtrum does re-open it will begin a new food box distribution program, as well as its many other programs.

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