

## Book Review

## Youth experience told in 'Something to Hold'

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Opening the hardback cover to Katherine Schlick Noe's novel, *Something to Hold*, many tribal members will feel the time change.

The story is set in 1962, the year the U.S. announced an embargo against Cuba, the Incredible Hulk comic made its debut, Marilyn Monroe has just passed away, and Pres. Kennedy promised to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

And Kitty Schlick, a non-Indian, moves to Warm Springs with her family.

Kitty's father has been hired as the new forest manager.

Initially, many reservation readers may not be so delighted to see familiar names in print, as Kitty takes the first steps of her life in Warm Springs with a few preconceptions.

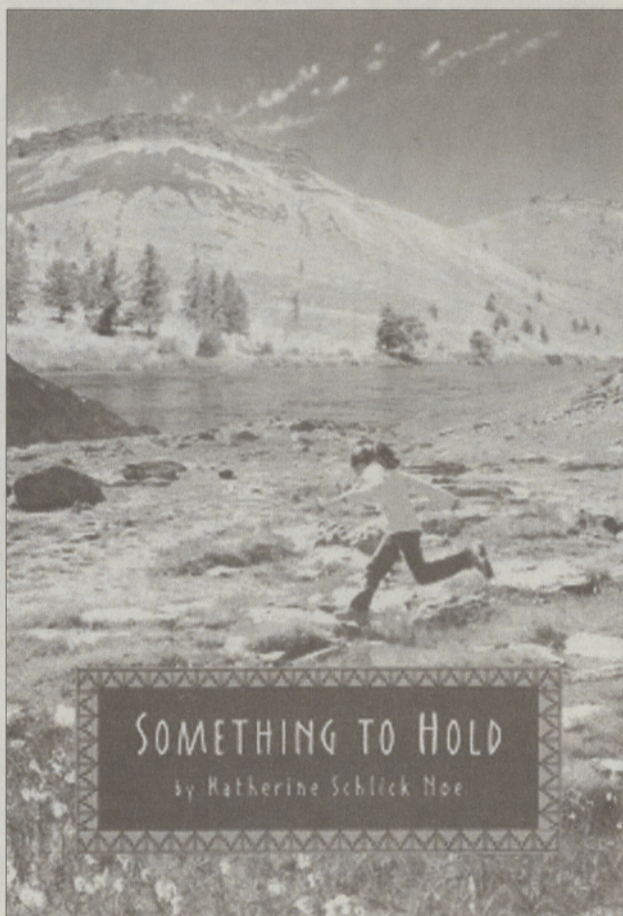
The Suppahs, Walseys, Danzukas, Queampts, Wewas, Queahpamas, Polks, and Culpuses are mentioned within the first few chapters.

## At elementary school

The story begins on Shitike Creek Road with a rock fight. This is where Kitty meets Jewel (a large, angry girl), and her brother, Raymond. "Bashtan!" Jewel shouts, as the two declare that particular section of the creek as their own.

Kitty's mother later explains that Bashtan means white person. "And not in a good way."

The first day of school even-



Katherine Schlick Noe's first novel, *Something to Hold*.

tually arrives. Her older brother will go to school in Madras. But Kitty will attend Warm Springs Elementary. "Makes me want to throw up," she thinks.

Mr. Nute, the sixth-grade teacher, is a tyrant. What's worse, Jewel is in the same classroom. As the teacher makes his way through the first role call, Jewel corrects mispronunciations.

If this girl comes from a family of leaders, Kitty's father tells her that night, then she's been raised to speak up.

Pinky becomes Kitty's first friend, and it's at this point in the story when the main character realizes that, while she's been too afraid to speak, the Indian children think that she's stuck up.

Kitty also finds herself feel-

ing like an outsider in Madras, at church. There, she is the newcomer and must answer questions about living on the reservation. She listens to the other children as they stereotype Indians. Kitty thinks to herself, what a mean, rotten thing to say!

Over the course of a few chapters, Kitty comes to know that her new friends are flesh and bone, heart and spirit, blood and tears. These thoughts drive her to one day question Mr. Nute's demands that the entire class learn the state song for a Columbus Day assembly.

At that point, Kitty stands. "It's about you and me and Franklin [the son of the pastor]," she says timidly. "The song's only about us."

The character of Kitty Schlick then starts the journey to becoming sentient as the story progresses. Where the first 40 pages might anger any Native American, as the author seems to recite her story, the reader will recognize the song she is singing by page 100.

*Something to Hold* advances much like Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, and it carries a rhythm similar to Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*. The book is dedicated to Louella, who took a stand.

This is Katherine Schlick Noe's first novel, available from Clarion Books (\$16.99), 250 pages. She teaches in the Master in Teaching program and directs the Literacy for Special Needs graduate program at Seattle University.

## Eagle Watch at Cove this weekend

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and Portland General Electric will host Eagle Watch 2012 on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-26.

The annual event celebrates the eagles and other raptors that help make Lake Billy Chinook a wildlife viewing magnet.

A day-use parking fee is charged at the Cove Palisades, but admission to all Eagle Watch activities is free.

The event features a variety of activities that explore the natural and cultural significance of eagles and birds of prey in the area.

"Eagle Watch is a fantastic opportunity to see both bald and golden eagles," said event coordinator Paul Patton, of state Parks and Recreation. "Ten pairs of bald eagles and 10 pairs of golden eagles live in the area."

Patton adds that this year's event will focus on golden eagles, including opportunities to volunteer for upcoming field work and information about the first year of the Golden Eagle Nest Monitoring Program in Oregon from Frank Isaacs of the Oregon Eagle Foundation.

"The eagle holds a significant place in tribal culture and traditions," said Bobby Brunoe, tribal Natural Resources general manager.

"It is honored throughout the year for its spiritual significance," Brunoe said, "and Eagle Watch provides a special opportunity to gather together and share what that represents to us all."

The Round Butte Overlook Park visitor center, 10 miles west of Madras, will be the starting point for visitors, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday.

A yurt village will feature exhibits, displays, and presentations by regional birds-of-prey experts. Organized eagle viewing sessions will be available both days for visitors at the Overlook Park and at locations within the Cove Palisades State Park. PGE biologists will provide an update on the status of Lake Billy Chinook's significant bald and golden eagle population and discuss continuing research studies. "Eagle Watch has something for the whole family," said PGE Park Operations Manager Tony Dentel.

## OSU students to haze seabirds

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — The Corps of Engineers will try hazing seabirds at the mouth of the Columbia River in an attempt to reduce the size of a "super colony" that has been taking about one-fifth of the young salmon before they reach the ocean.

Beginning in March, biologists and students from Oregon State University will try to scare and drive off some of the cormorants before they can nest on East Sand Island.

The goal is to force as many as 60 percent of the birds to nest elsewhere and give the young salmon a better chance of surviving.

Cormorants have been flocking to the island in recent years, making it one of the largest nesting colonies in the West with about 13,000 pairs.

"It's kind of a super colony—it's huge," said Diana Fredlund, a spokeswoman for the corps' Portland District. "The big draw is lunch," she added, "When the buffet's open, they're gonna eat!"

The island's easy access to ocean-bound salmon allowed them to pluck an estimated 23 million young salmon out of the water last year, about one-

fifth of the total number in the river.

"It's such a huge hit. We've had all these great minds working together to try and give these endangered fish some help, and now the cormorants are enjoying the fruits of our labors," Fredlund said.

To help reduce the bird population, the corps plans to construct a fence to isolate a 4-acre section of East Sand Island. After installing privacy blinds to minimize the disturbance to birds on the other side, biologists from Oregon State University will haze or annoy the birds, hoping to drive some of them elsewhere.

"We have energetic OSU students who will be doing this. When (cormorants) exhibit this nesting behavior, the students will run up and scare them off," Fredlund said.

Fencing and hazing were successfully tested on a small scale last year. The new six-month project is intended to determine whether it could be an effective method of dispersing larger cormorant populations.

The hazing will last until June, then biologists will monitor the cormorants until September.

## Sacred Thunder win COBO league, tourney

Sacred Thunder, who represent Madras High School in the Central Oregon Basketball Organization, walked away with two championship titles, Feb. 12.

Craig Reid, COBO organizer, presented the medals and trophies for League Championship and Tournament Championship, he told the girls, "You played an excellent basketball game. You were unselfish, and had excellent ball movement."

COBO is a competitive basketball league for Central Oregon boys and girls in grades five through eight. Teams represent all four high schools in the Bend-La Pine School District, in addition to teams representing Redmond High, Madras High and Crook County High in Prineville.

Sacred Thunder plays in the sixth-grade bracket, although half of the team on the roster are fifth-graders.

— Yvonne Iverson



Front row (left to right): Sydonia David, Kaliyah Iverson, Monika Stacona, Chloe Smith, Lynden Harry, Karissa Smith, Meleah Clements Back Row: Andy Stacona (Asst. Coach), Annalise Whipple, Kirsten Anderson, Shawn Harry (Head Coach), Stormy Spino, JoyDee Smith, Otis Iverson Jr. (Asst. Coach)

## Diabetes Awareness and Support Group meetings

The Awareness and Support Group meetings are presented by the Indian Health Service Model Diabetes Program and Warm Springs Seniors Program.

The meetings are from 5-6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The following are scheduled upcoming meetings:

**March 20:** Speaker, Dr. Creelman; topic: Heart attacks and stroke.

**April 17:** Cameron Coker on "Why diabetes require special foot wear."

**May 15:** Jeri Kollen, Kidneys and diabetes.

**June 19:** Dr. Rudd, Obesity.

**July 17:** Community panel, community pride.

**August 21:** Nurse practitioner on Cholesterol meds.

**Sept. 18:** Fire chief Danny Martinez, personal safety, guns, car accidents.

**Oct. 16:** Dee Gordon, foot care.

**Nov. 20:** Jeri Kollen, management of diabetes.

**December:** No meeting or dinner.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)



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