

Elder reflects on life of 90 years

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In 1921, a hurricane hit Washington and Oregon. The first transcontinental air mail arrived in New York from San Francisco. Albert Einstein delivered a lecture on his new theory of relativity. Babe Ruth became the number one all time home-run champ with number 120.

And in the Cascade Mountains, at a huckleberry picking camp called Hambone, Adeline Miller was born to Susan Tuckra and Bill Moses.

"They told me my birthday was a holiday," Adeline, 90, says with a smile. "Every day they would go out picking. The weather was different then, you could pick berries up until the end of October. But when I was born, everybody got the day off."

During the days of assimilation, children were required to attend boarding school.

"I got in on the last part of the mean matrons," Adeline was saying recently. "You'll hear the older people talk about how bad the boarding schools were, and it really was like that. We had to live there. In the winter time the weather was so bad a group of us didn't get to go home."

She recalls one matron who was unusually cruel.

"She would make us swat the kids if they were caught speaking Indian," Adeline says. "If we decided not to swat the children, then we'd have to go through the line ourselves. She was rough on us. I remember when she poured kerosene on some of the kids' heads, for lice. It would burn their scalps."

Adeline was attending boarding school in Warm Springs when the new dorm was completed. Some of her classmates were Delbert Frank Sr., Rosanna Charley, Winifred Charley, Alfonso Garcia, Rosie Gilly,



Adeline is honored at a museum reception.

Lucky Miller, Dick Helon, and Russell Smith.

"Up until that time, there was a wooden structure," Adeline recalls, "half for the boys, and the other half was for the girls. We'd march everywhere, military-style. We'd even march to our meals."

At school, any child caught speaking in Indian was punished. "But it didn't stop us," Adeline says.

"That was the only language my grandmother, *Patucasuwit*, spoke. It was the only way that I was able to chat away with her. When the kids were caught talking Indian, we'd have to scrub the hallways on our hands and knees. The others who were caught would have to scrub the bathrooms. If that didn't work, they wouldn't feed us supper. We didn't care. We still talk it today."

Still, during those hard days, Adeline found a passion. "I went into sports. I liked playing basketball and tennis. I'd get out of school and run and grab a tennis ball, so I got really good."

Adeline got her first job working at the Employees Club,

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helping to prepare breakfast and babysitting for 50 cents a night.

When she turned 16, Adeline left boarding school and began picking berries to help contribute to the family income. Her father worked in road construction, earning a dollar a day. "Everybody had a tough time," she says, "but we weren't into money so it didn't bother us. We always had plenty to eat, and I never worried about starving."

In those days, people shared with one another. "That's one good thing I always say about our Indian people back then," Adeline says. "They were generous, always willing to share."

Over the years, Adeline has worked mostly in health care. She has served on the Health and Welfare Committee, the Culture and Heritage Committee, has been a cultural consult-

ant between doctors and patients. Adeline has also worked in helping to preserve the Indian language.

"If the young people just carry on what they're learning now, that'll be good," she says. "But if they feel that they're grown up and they don't have to learn it, that's a mistake. I heard one teacher say, 'I don't have to teach this, it's just a waste of time.' Well, it's an effort, all right, but at least if we get one or two out of the group, it will succeed."

Last November, Adeline was the passenger in a vehicle that hit a horse. She sustained injuries that prevent her from climbing stairs and was forced into retirement.

"But people still call me and want me tell stories in different areas—Hood River, Bend, Prineville. When people share what they know, it makes me feel good. My door is always open, anybody wants to come and talk to me. Sometimes people stop by and just need to hear a story."

Adeline Miller is the second oldest living tribal member.

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To Native American graduating seniors, Madras High School Class of 2012:

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Coalition training at Kah-Nee-Ta

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is holding regional training in Warm Springs April 30-May 2

at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. Scholarships are available. To find out more you can call 503-230-1951.

Globetrotters coming to region

The Harlem Globetrotters will perform in Redmond at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center on Friday, April 27

at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Master, on the Globetrotters website or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

MAC softball tourney in May

The Madras Aquatic Center is putting on the 2012 MAC Slam Co-ed Softball Tournament May 19-20 at Juniper Hills Park in Madras.

The registration deadline is May 11.

You can contact Steve Keever for more information at 541-233-8953.

School notes from 509-J

The Madras High School Parent Center is open every school day from 8-9 a.m., noon-1 p.m., and 3-4 p.m.

'Coffee with the Principal' is the first Wednesday morning of the month from 8-8:45 a.m.

Check in at the Madras High School front office for directions to the Parent Center.

Jefferson County Middle School is offering an After School Tutoring Program in its library for the rest of the school year.

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