

Letters to the Editor

Exciting time for OSU football fans

By Yvonne Iverson

There is hope and excitement building for the Beaver Believers.

The Oregon State Football team has started the season with three wins in a row and no losses to tie the University of Oregon for the top spot in the Pac 12 Conference.

Beaver fans have struggled through the past two losing seasons, putting up with ridicule and digs from their Civil War opponents, but things are looking up for the 2012 season.

After OSU's win over the University of Arizona last Saturday the comments started flying on Facebook and the excitement was in the air.

"I am so happy, giddy, stoked... Nobody can rain on my parade tonight," Rebecca Soliz said after the win.

OSU alumn Celeste Whitewolf shared, "I love it. This has been great, following the game with other believers".

Even true Ducks fans were commenting on the Beavers game.

"The Beavers kinda impressed me, showed some heart and earned that win," said James Arthur.

The wins for Oregon teams may keep the peace in split households, but come November 24, when the two teams meet in Corvallis, the war will resume.

According to Jessie Lyons, "It doesn't matter if you are a Duck's fan or a Beaver Believer, either way it has been a season to be a fan of college football in the State of Oregon."

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Friday, Oct. 12. Thank you for writing!

Birthday wish...

Happy Birthday to Austin Smith Sr. on October 5. And many more birthdays to come. Best wishes on your birthday, from your younger brother Besta.

Spilyay Speaks

From the Reservation Runners



Courtesy photo.

Reservation Runners are (front from left) Haley Brownson, Lex Anguiano, Karlen Yallup, Jordan Leonard, Jeff Anspach and Leslie Davis; (back from left) Monica Sampson, Jayme Schricker, Don Courtney, Joe Lewis, Adam Haas and Ryan Smith.

Dear family, relatives and friends,

On behalf of the Hood To Coast Team, "Reservation Runners" and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

We had another successful year and everyone had a good time. Thank you all for the opportunity to participate, because without your help, it would not have been possible.

First of all, let me say "Thank You" to our sponsors: Warm Springs Composite Products, Warm Springs Ventures, Brunoe Logging, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Warm Springs Market. And, of course, to all of

the families whose support is vital to our success.

We consider it a success if we finish the race. The team completed the race in 30 hours, 54 minutes and 07 seconds, just 14 minutes over our anticipated finish time. So close...

The team members this year were: Monica Sampson, Jordan Leonard, Leslie Davis, Jayme Schricker, Haley Brownson, Karlen Yallup, Ryan Smith, Lex Anguiano, Don Courtney, Jeff Anspach, Adam Haas and Joe Lewis. Joe and Karlen were our last minute recruits this year and of course, they helped us out a lot!

Big thank you to the team members for the donations to the raffle, plus the Museum at Warm Springs,

Lyda Rhoan and Krysta Rhoan for their help.

As always, everyone got along just great. That makes the whole event so much better for everyone when that happens. So, thank you everyone, for being who you are!

We just got word that the team has secured a spot in next year's Hood to Coast. How exciting! They finished the relay within half-an-hour of their anticipated finish time (HTC estimate of when the team should finish); teams that do that have automatic entry into next year's HTC.

This is the first time they have done this, so we consider ourselves very fortunate. Be on the lookout for fund-raisers to help the team out again for next year's event. As long as we are able to secure a spot in Hood to Coast, and people are willing to do it, we will continue to submit our name.

I would just like to say that if my mother were here, she would have been one of our biggest supporters. She believed in anyone that raised their own money and as long as someone was willing to do that, she was willing to help. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the courage to continue on...

Thank you, everyone!
Val Squiemphen for the 2012 Hood to Coast Team, "Reservation Runners"

For hospitality

A very profound and heartfelt thank you to the members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Much to my shame this has been late in coming.

Over the last few years I have been driving groups sponsored by the World Affairs of Oregon to the Warm Springs Reservation for meetings.

So far this year I have brought a group from Belarus, whose focus was "Green Tourism."

Mr. Wewa and the wonderful staff greeted us warmly, at the museum. It was the first time I had Indian tacos (very tasty).

The other group included minorities of European countries. A very special thanks to the folks at the Eagle Crossing restaurant. On the spur of the moment, Brenda was able to organize a kayak adventure for some of the visitors. The icing on the cake was when the camp host at Indian park shared his knowledge and wisdom with the group when they got back to shore. (Yes it was my little bus going down that steep road).

Once again let me give everyone my humble thank you.

Sincerely, Greg Corey, fleet manager, Vango Transportation & Tours.

MAC levy

I recommend that every tribal community member who votes in the November 6 Presidential Election vote "Yes" for the operating levy for the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District.

There are some tribal members using the MAC sports programs and pool. Several tribal youth, including Tony Holliday, Tashina Greene, Mateo Smith, Jordan Leonard, Eylse Bagley have been on the MAC water polo or swim teams.

Many other tribal members including Macky Begay have participated in the MAC recreation sports programs.

I know that some tribal families, including Shon and Ben Hintsatake and Marissa Kalama's children, have taken advantage of the free Friday night family fun and swim program.

If the MAC operating levy passes, tribal members living on the reservation will not have to pay any real property tax created by the levy; and tribal families can benefit

from the youth and adult basketball, swim, and soccer programs, adult volleyball and softball recreational programs.

Unfortunately, if the levy fails, then there will continue to be a lack of MAC operating funds and the month-long pool closures of the last two years will continue or get worse.

Please vote "Yes" for the MAC operating levy when you vote in the November 6 Presidential Election.

Thank you.
Mark Matthews.

CPS request

Children's Protective Services is seeking your support in donating some candy or little goodies to the program to distribute to all the children at Halloween time.

Your support has been very helpful in the past and would be greatly appreciated.

You may drop off your donations at CPS by Oct. 25.

Please leave your donation with the receptionist during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Or, you may contact CPS supervisor Reggie Clements at 541-533-3209. Your donation can be picked up at your convenience. Thank you!

Warm Springs Children's Protective Services.

Dance Class

The Social Dance Class started this week. The class teaches tribal social dances, songs, speaking publicly, taking care of regalia, and other important and fun activities.

The class meets every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the aerobics room at the community center. All ages are welcome, and it is not necessary to have regalia.

To adults, if you have a dance or song to share with the kids, please feel free to come by and teach.

An apology

I, Vernon Smith Sr., would like to apologize to Brian Lunde for mistreating his car, and personal property. I hope you have no hard feelings. This comes from the middle of my heart. Sorry for my behavior as an adult. Thank you once again. So sorry. Your partner, **Besta Smith Sr.**

W.S. vote important for MAC district

By Michele Gemelas

When ballots arrive in the mail in a couple weeks, Warm Springs voters within the 509j School District boundary will have an opportunity to help pass the Madras Aquatic Center (MAC) Recreation District Operations Levy.

Support from the voters in the communities of the Warm Springs reservation will assure that there are plenty of ways for youth and adults to develop healthy lifestyles through recreation. The MAC Recreation District wants to be sure that a variety of choices are available for all ages, and this vote is needed to reach that

goal and keep the programs going. This levy will increase the property taxes of off-reservation property owners in the 509j District by 40 cents per \$1000 in property value each year.

Currently, the MAC is home to a variety of recreational programs that are funded by a grant. Warm Springs participants are present in nearly all of the activities. A "YES" vote for the MAC Recreation District will allow these programs to continue, even after the grant runs out. Current programs include adult/youth basketball, adult/youth soccer, open gyms, volleyball, skateboarding events, 5K/10K races for runners and walkers and the VERY popular adult softball. If the vote does not succeed, these programs may need to be cancelled or downsized

due to lack of funding.

In the past 3 years, the MAC has been experiencing a 5-week closure in April that halts many of the aquatic activities enjoyed by kids in the 509j School District also. This operations levy will keep the pool open 12 months of the year and keep swim lessons going, as well as water polo intramurals and other aquatic activities like arthritis classes (Rusty Hinges) and water aerobics. It will also allow participants in programs like Moving Mountains to continue their aquatic fitness programs to achieve their goals.

Supporters of the operations levy know that the Warm Springs communities are important to the success of this vote. Stay tuned to KWSO for more on the MAC Recreation District.

Indian Business Talk

Fraud alert, and ways to avoid being cheated

By Bruce Engle
Loan officer
W.S. Credit Enterprise

Conventional wisdom has it that we will often do for our kids what we won't do for ourselves. Most of us have been there; done that.

A college savings account can be successfully built up to a significant amount because of that phenomenon. Keys to success for those

accounts:

- The account should be in the child's name.
- The child should know that.
- Only deposits are allowed. Withdrawals must be prohibited until after high school graduation.
- Everybody must respect the bargain.
- Parents, relatives, friends, and the children may deposit to the child's account.
- Children must be con-

tinually brought into the process so they know the savings account is to help them go to college. That is a very important.

• Reminders prompt performance.

• Financial literacy should be included in their schooling from first grade through high school graduation. Programs are available for each grade level that schools can integrate with existing unit and lesson plans.

• Proceeds from the savings account can be used for technical training, junior college, and university expenses.

Recent research has shown that children for whom this is done are about six times more likely to do well in high school and graduate from college than are children for whom this has not been done.

The money is only one of the reasons for that success.

What an investment in our kids!

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