

Youth preparing for trip to Europe

Jake Frank will travel this summer as an Ambassador with the People to People program.

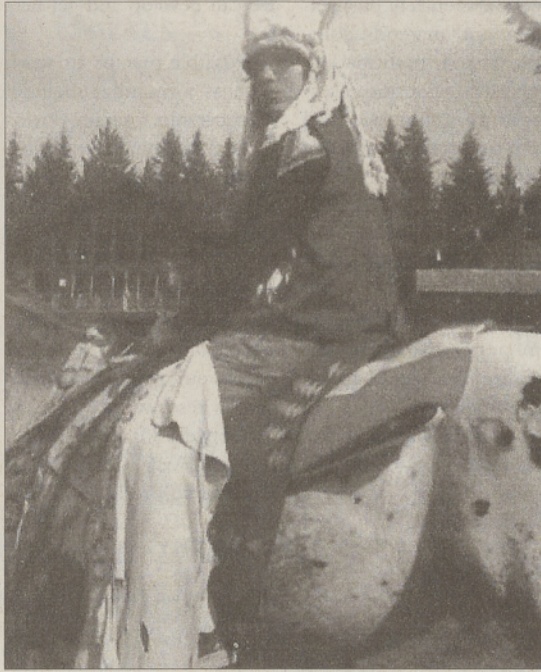
He will visit and study in these European countries: England, France, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland.

Being chosen as an Ambassador with People to People is a rare accomplishment. First, the student must have excellent grades.

Jake, 13, is a straight-A student at Jefferson County Middle School. He is also active in sports and cultural activities such as traditional dancing. He participates in the school cultural activities, and at powwows. "I love the Eagle Dance, as the Eagle is the Native American people's Sacred Bird," he says.

The student must also pass a series of interviews that determine which students will bring out the best in the program. Jake impressed his interviewers with his mature attitude.

Once accepted as a People to People Ambassador, the next step was to raise the needed funds for the trip. A total of \$6,000 is required. With



Courtesy of Annabelle Clements.

Jake Frank stays active in sports and at powwows.

his great-grandmother Annabelle Clements, Jake has so far raised about \$4,000.

"I have had two raffles, two luncheons, a booth at the Halloween Carnival, a concession during Lincoln's Birthday Powwow and at the Thanksgiving Powwow," Jake says. "I am seeking all possibilities to meet the financial goal. I am willing to work hard to raise the necessary

funding."

The next fund-raiser will be a luncheon at the Agency Longhouse on Friday, April 19.

The support so far has been very much appreciated, added Annabelle.

Accomplishments

At school Jake is in the SMILE Club (Science and Math Investigative Learning Experience). He likes Lego Robotics and computer technology. In sports he likes bas-

ketball, baseball, cross country, bowling and cycling, horse riding, wild colt racing.

He is an Honor Student, with awards in Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reading, and Student of the Month.

If you wish to help him with the upcoming People to People Ambassador trip, you can reach Jake at 541-553-1245.

— Dave McMechan

Births

Orion Robert Sam

Dena Thomas and Thomas Chester Sam of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Orion Robert Sam, born on March 18, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Charles hospital in Madras.

At birth Orion Robert weighed 9 pounds, and measured 21 inches in length.

Orion Robert Sam has a big brother, 1-year-old Isley Jayden Bill Sam.

Grandparents on his mother's side are Lavena Ike and Ronald Thomas of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on his father's side are Robert Sr. and Marella Sam of Warm Springs.

Great-grandparents are Harvey and Eliza Brown Jim of Warm Springs; and the late Chester Van Pelt Sr. and the late William (Bill) Evelyn Wesley Sam.

Evan Eric Dean Meanus

Ambrose Dean Meanus and Machel Anne Meanus of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Evan Eric Dean Meanus, born on March 15, 2013.

Evan joins sisters Maxine, 7, and Priscilla, 5.

Grandparents on the father's side are the late Marlene Meanus, and Gregory Jackson Sr., of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Judith Kalama of Warm Springs, and Craig Tailfeathers of Warm Springs.

Benjamin Blaise Jack

Matthew Moses-Johnson Jack and Violet Heath-Jack of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Benjamin Blaise Jack, born on March 21, 2013.

Benjamin joins brothers Jarrin, 11, and Jacob, 1; and sister Lillie May, 3.

Grandparent on the father's side is the late Joanna Jack of Celilo.

Grandparent on the mother's side is atwai Benson Heath, and Alice and Gene Sampson, of Warm Springs.

David I. Switzler

Mandy Switzler is pleased to announce the birth of her son David I. Switzler, born on March 20, 2013.

David joins brother Amos, and sister Virginia.

Grandparent are Amos Switzler Jr., and Bucky Hobbs (Klamath-Modoc).

Lee J. Sorrelhorse ~ April 18, 1956 – March 23, 2013

Lee Sorrelhorse passed away March 23, 2013 while dancing in the traditional category at the Nisqually Powwow in Nisqually, Wash.

He is survived by his wife Angie Sorrelhorse and his nine children: Vanessa Walker-Stwyer, Ricky Walker, (Atwai) Thomas Walker, Francis Sorrelhorse, Casandra Frutos Lopez, Eugene Bill, Rosa Frutos Lopez, Gerardo Frutos Lopez, and Martin Frutos Lopez; 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held 10 a.m. March 26, 2013 at Omega Funeral Home in Portland, and again the same day starting at 3 p.m. with overnight services at the Agency Longhouse in Warm Springs.

Lee was buried next to his son (Atwai) Thomas Walker at Tenino Cemetery in Warm Springs.

Lee's passing was extremely sudden and traumatic; however, the Nisqually tribe stepped in right away to help the family in any and every way that they could.

The family is so humbled and honored



by what was given so freely when no one had even asked.

Words cannot express how appreciative the family is, and they would just like to acknowledge the Nisqually tribe for everything they did.

Lee's spirit was a potent mix of strength and compassion courage and love, idealism and reality; like an old book, rough around the edges, but as soon as you open

to that first page you're caught by a beautiful story that is at once bittersweet, joyful, painful, powerful and poignant.

Lee wasn't one to shy away from life, rather, he embraced it. He wanted to know all life had to offer: her sorrow, her pain, her tears, and her rage, her love and her laughter, her peace and her happiness.

He made many mistakes along the way, but it is these

same mistakes that incited such depth of love and respect for this man.

He showed the world that it's okay to mess up in life, that if you make mistakes you don't hang your head in shame; instead, you raise it up proudly and say "Ya, I didn't make the best decision, but damnit I'm gonna keep on moving forward and do better next time," and he did.

Lee's determination knew no bounds, nor did his love. Lee was a loving husband, a giving friend who showed his love by teasing to no end; he was a born father, with a nurturing spirit that rolled off of him effortlessly.

He stepped in as a father to many people, sometimes just for a day, other times for their whole lives. And to many others he was a brother, an uncle, a grandfather, a bro, a mentor and a teacher.

He accepted his family and friends no matter who they were or what they did; he gave of his love freely and the loss of his spirit will be greatly felt by all who knew him.

Hope Conference helping to address sexual abuse

The Hope conference is making an attempt to address the most disturbing epidemic in all of Indian country, child sexual abuse.

For generations the plague of sexual abuse that currently thrives on reservations has been hidden from the larger

population because of an unspoken agreement amongst Native communities to keep it a secret. The Hope Conference, which takes place April 4-5 in Billings, is breaking that silence and will examine ways to keep this horrible tragedy from continuing

to happen.

"No more shame. No more secrets. No more sweeping this issue under the rug. We must address the truth about this trauma and how it is a root cause of so many of the social issues that face our people today" said

Elrae Potts (Dakota) an organizer of the event. "We must do this in the name of our children who are the hope for the future. We must do this for our ancestors who suffered and died without justice or healing from the pain of these abuses. We hope for

mass healing within our tribal nations in a unified movement," she added.

The conference's primary focus is to address the issue of child sexual trauma within Native communities. During the event panelists and participants will examine the impact

that historical accounts of sexual abuse have had on Native communities. The historical examination will begin with abuses within religious institutions, boarding schools and other documented accounts of institutionalized sexual assaults of Native children.