

Happy, emotional time for graduates

By Yvonne Iverson

I was witness to many happy and joyous tears this week, as parents and families must come to the realization that their children are growing up.

The 4- and 5-year-olds are leaving ECE and going to the "Big School".

The fifth graders are leaving their nest at Warm Springs Elementary and moving on to Madras for Middle School.

And the high school seniors are finishing up their secondary education and making decisions about their futures and where it may lead.

As parents, we are our children's biggest cheerleaders and supporters, so to see them reach these milestones and take their next steps is very rewarding.

After leaving the W.S. Elementary graduation and seeing all the tears made me start crying and thinking about the big transition to Madras that those youngster will be making. Then a very wise elementary school teacher brought it all into perspective for me... "Hip hip hooraaaaay! You are on your way, and I cannot wait when you return."

Oh yeah, the kids will soon be able to stay in Warm Springs to finish middle school in the new school.

How exciting, and something for the kids and families to look forward to.

Spilyay would like to congratulate all of our graduates - small and tall, near and far.

Little League All Stars

This years All Star tournament will be held: June 28 - July 5, 2013. It is hosted by Bend North & South Leagues in Bend, OR.

The tournament format is double elimination, so every team is guaranteed a minimum of two games on two separate days.

Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, June 28th, time TBD, at Vince Genna Stadium

Letters to the editor

A thank you

Sending a thank you to the family and our community religions who shared time, cooking, prayer and support for our household during the care of our beloved in a time of need. Our hearts carry your goodwill as we walk on in this life and continue with our beloved's memory in our daily life.

Myself, son and in-laws all thank those who shared their friendship. Special thanks to Diane Fuller, who stepped up and assured the much-needed Hospice support during the late night phone calls for assistance; and to the Hospice staff who calmed our concerns and aided in our care for our beloved.

Also, thank you to Sam Starr and Larry Dick, who cared for the spiritual healing of our beloved. Our household is strong because of the positive hearts who bid our beloved a peaceful passing.

Thank you. Marge Kalama, Simon Kalama, Brennan and Jayce Sohapp.

Concerns

I have listened to many concerns from people on the reservation. Old and young folks have some very legitimate concerns regarding the motorsport track. Although there were not enough votes for the referendum to be valid, the people have spoken. I am writing this letter in opposition to the motorsport track in the event that Tribal Council puts this back up for referendum.

My thoughts and concerns run very deep. Our lands may appear to be very baron and unused, but we have food sources in every area of our reservation that go unseen by the outsiders. As it was once told to me, we live in harmony with the plants and animals—that is what keeps us in balance. As human beings we are able to hunt, fish, dig roots. Our animals that exist in this particular area are deer, birds, snakes, coyotes, cougars, wolves, chipmunks, squirrels and mice. These animals all contribute to our land in one way or another.

Another note that I think is important to mention is our current Wasco Chief's parents lived off of this land. They had a home nearby. They survived on quail, doves, deer; so it's important to note this

to our younger generation, to take into account all these aspects when considering such a large endeavor such as a motorsport venue. After all, our young children dig their roots in this area as well as other areas of the reservation. My late grandson atwai Jonas Miller used to hunt this area all the time, and always provided the meat for a lot of families, as well as donating the hides to many different families.

I think that there are a lot of pros and cons to this project for our tribe in general. I am relying on our new Council to take careful measures to ensure our future, and this seems to be a quick scheme to solve some of our woes.

Some of the things that disturb me about this project are the human threats and disturbances to our land and our wildlife in the area, which may mean that this area will never be the same again. Other concerns are pollution to the air, heavy traffic, and public intoxication. Another concern is fire danger. Several years ago we had a very fast-moving fire from Sidwalter to the county line. This fire moved with great force so the makeup of the land is very tinder dry in the summer months.

I believe that we can find other endeavors for our people in this position of leasing our land. After all it's the white people who put us on this reservation. This is our land and we need to be very cautious when it comes to the land we have.

Faye C. Waheneka.

To Graduates:

All high school and college graduates are being asked to provide a copy of your degree or certificate to Minnie Yahtin at the Tribal Council office by June 14.

Canoe Family

The Canoe Family would like to thank the approximately 50 people who attended and participated in the Social Dance (Reunion) May 24.

Whatever the numbers, the Canoe Family believes this important initiative must continue, and will continue on July 11 at the Agency Longhouse at 5:30 p.m.

We were able to get through all scheduled 29 traditional songs and dances of the Columbia Plateau. We have since received a lot of input about the dances having spoken to several elders and teachers about starting evening practices that will incorporate all dance groups and singers of Warm Springs.

The Canoe Family also recently travelled to Port Orford for the dedication of Siletz Tribe's first river going canoe. There were three canoes in attendance that included N'chi Wana (Big River of Warm Springs). There were 18 Warm Springs people that attended the May 19 ceremony.

We are currently meeting on Wednesdays at the Family

Resource Center from 4-5 p.m., followed by Culture Nights with Natalie Moody at the Museum at Warm Springs from 5-7 p.m.

The Canoe Family will continue to appear at community events. Please send potential appearances and requests to: lisaike4@gmail.com

Upcoming activities: June 22 - Food Cart Festival at Mt. Hood Community College.

June 23 - Hosting Journeys in Creativity visit to Warm Springs.

June 27 - Atwai Suzanne "Apolonia" Santos Exhibit Opening.

June 28-30 - Pi-Ume-Sha Fundraising Booth. Our Pi-Ume-Sha weekend fund-raising efforts will include an information booth on Canoe Journey and Family along with a focus on selling two particular food/drink items so that we can better serve our customers.

July 17 - Canoe Journey starts.

August 1 - Landing in Quinalt Indian Nation. We do need vans and suburbans for Canoe Journey, please consider joining us for an all expenses paid adventure and cultural educational experience of a lifetime.

We are working to raise \$5,000 before Canoe Journey, and gathering a significant amount of gifts. We thank you kindly for your generosity as we continue leading this community project into the future.

Respectfully, Jefferson Greene.

Canyon Ranch

Canyon Ranch Camp for boys and girls is coming up this month.

The Girls Camp will be June 17-19. Girls need to sign up before June 15.

The Boys Camp is set for June 24-26, and signups need to be completed before June 22.

The camp is located near the Pelton Store. Kids will get to swim, ride in boats, climb and more.

The permission slips are available at the Warm Springs Elementary School, and at the Boys and Girls Club. Please fill out and return as soon as possible. For more information call Gladys Grant 541-325-2650.

Museum event

The Museum At Warm Springs will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary with the opening of the new exhibit, *Indigenous Elements: The Life & Art of Apolonia Susana Santos*.

The opening reception will be on Thursday, June 27.

The museum is looking for community members to volunteer to get teepee poles for three medium size teepees and one small teepee for the celebration.

If you can help, call 541-553-3331 Ext. 407

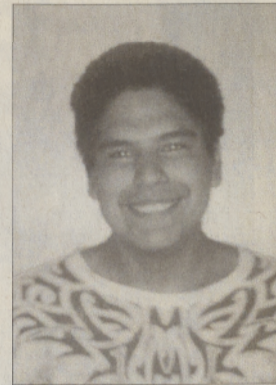
Clinic hours

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center business hours for the month of June

Congratulations, 2013 Grads!



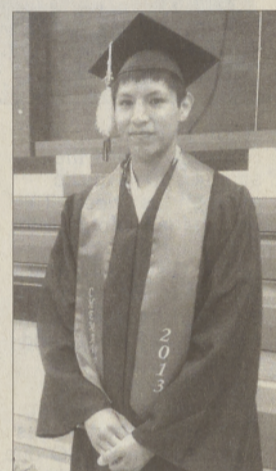
Colton Jay Cartney



Woodrow Harvey Tohet Smith



Mileena Edwards



Congratulations Jackson! You graduated! Through all your trials and tribulations you continued to reach your goals. Very proud of you. Love and miss you bunches, Mom and Dixon.

will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays when the clinic is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

There is again no late clinic this month due to limited staff.

Forgiving Our Fathers

How do we forgive our fathers? Maybe in a dream.

Do we forgive our fathers for leaving us too often, or forever when we were little?

Maybe for scaring us with unexpected rage, or making us nervous because there never seemed to be any rage there at all.

Do we forgive our fathers for marrying, or nor marrying our mothers?

Or divorcing, or nor divorcing our mothers? And shall we forgive them for their excesses of warmth or coldness?

Shall we forgive them for pushing or leaning, for shutting doors or speaking through walls, or never speaking, or never being silent?

Do we forgive our fathers in our age of in theirs, or in their deaths?

Saying it to them, or not saying it?

If we forgive our fathers, what is left?

By Dick Lourie, courtesy of Hang Loose Press, from the movie Smoke Signals

W.S. Veterans

To Veterans:

If you are seeking or are already receiving Veterans Affairs benefits, an IHS/VA reimbursement agreement has been created.

Now, Alaska Natives and American Indian Veterans will not have to reapply annually.

Instead, VA is working with Social Security and the IRS to eliminate the red tape of annual enrollment.

That alone allows 100 VA employees to focus their time

on processing claims. This agreement allows IHS to bill VA for services that Veterans receive at Warm Springs IHS.

Existing Veterans already enrolled in the VA will automatically be rolled-into the new system. If you have not enrolled with VA and would like to sign up locally, you can do so by seeing Tricia Melvin at the clinic.

Her office is located in the Business Office. She is a contact representative for IHS specializing in Veterans Affairs and can be reached at 541-553-1196, ext. 4325.

Steam rolling

Earlier in May we finished our "steam rolling printing" that we began earlier. So many different visions from the artists and some wonderful finished projects!

Thank you so much to Elizabeth Quinn from the High Desert Journal, Pat Clark from Atelier 6000 and her staff for showing us how to apply the water soluble ink akua to our master plates.

Every piece was unique and one of a kind. Great job artists!

The Museum at Warm Springs staff.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, June 21. Thank you for writing!

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