

Busy time on the reservation and on the road

By Yvonne Iverson

While everyone is caught up with the fires here in Warm Springs we have some tribal members on the road doing great things, and I just wanted to recognize them.

The Warm Springs Hot Shots are working hard in California, where Arnold Schwaerzenegger attended their morning briefing.

Spilyay Speaks

Kanim Smith III is playing, and grandfather Kanim Smith Sr. is coaching, in the Regional Tournament in Irvine, Calif., where the Jefferson County 50/70 team is representing Oregon.

They have lost the first two games and have at least two more games to play against Hawaii and California.

Smith hit a 3-run home run in game 2 against Idaho on Sunday. Game 3 results weren't yet available at time of print, but we wish the boys good luck.

Adult drop-in

Beginning August 5, there will be an adult drop-in center at Community Counseling, open 8-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call Rick Ribeiro for more information, 541-553-3205. A light snack will be served; there will be an interesting activity, and good conversation—A place to leave some stress behind.

Toe Ness

What do you call a boom-a-rang, that doesn't come back?

Answer: A Stick.

Did you hear about the new French army tank?

It has 14 gears. Thirteen go in reverse, and one goes forward in case the enemy attacks from behind.

What do you call an alligator in a vest?

An investigator.

Two snakes are talking.

One of them turns to the other and asks, "Are we venomous?"

The other replies, "Yes, why?..."

"I just bit my lip."

What dog can't bark?
A hot dog.

Letters to the editor

God bless

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, relatives and friends of the late Lucheano Smith.

I would like to thank the Warm Springs family and reservation and agency for all the help, the funds, the families and the drummers who traveled over the mountains to be with family on this side.

I would like to send a special prayer to all of you who keep saying, Why? Or I want to go do that too. Remember our lessons from long ago—That this is not the right way—Okay!

God bless you all, his counselor **Suzie Sutterliet**, Yakama Nation.

Decisions

Tribal Council members make key decisions, like authorizing referendums on behalf of the tribal members. Regarding important decisions, it appears one was left out: Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and one casino per rez. Since agreements are binding, would that defiance of the compact agreement jeopardize our chances of anything down the road?

There is too much conflict of interest going on. Anyway, back in the 2002 Gorge referendum it was openly infringing upon. Votes were bought and paid for. It should have been not valid.

A few years later, 22 million dollars shanghai'd. Who are the bloodsuckers? They should pay back restitution to the tribal members. On the outside people go to prison for less than that.

Maybe we need a new and fair referendum. Also, since the motorsport was double vanquished, maybe we need to move the casino to where it can grow, like to the rim rocks top of the grade by Highway 26, far east of Miller Flats. It's close to Madras, with the works, truck stop, hotel motel, event center, rodeo, powwow grounds, tipi village, collage of culture like, etc., campground.

Here is another possible revenue making idea: thoroughbred race horses and raceway and breeding. We could have one-mile oval track, training track and facility for horses. We could do like they do in Kentucky.

Also, Remington Park and Emerald Downs are Indian-owned tracks, and there is an Indian-owned dog race track in Florida. They're all doing

well. It takes five to seven hundred years to grow and old-growth tree; a foal can be produced annually. Some are worth big bugs. Lots of employment opportunities, a destination. Respectfully,
Anthony Littleleaf.

Our graduate

Our granddaughter Marella R. VanPelt graduated on May 23, 2013. We traveled to the graduation. Drivers were Chet, Kenney VanPelt, Itta, Heaven, Shelessa and RJ.

We traveled 1,960 miles on way. We traveled two-plus days, stayed there two nights. The money at their casino was great. The people working there were the best, all Native. One lady was 82 years young. I was even offered a job there. I told them what I did in our casino. They were impressed.

The gas was \$800, and our rooms cost the most—but it was worth it, seeing our girl graduate. About 150-plus Natives graduated. Harvey got to drum with the march.

Marella will always remember her three-plus years there. Impressed us to see and hear youth speaking their language. All Native teachers. She learned beading and sewing. We never saw so many star quilts.

Thank you Chet and Kenney VanPelt for your driving and loss of your job hours, but again it was worth it. Our fundraising wasn't so great but in the raffle Chet won the beaded bag, presented it back to us (made by Ely). Neda Wesley won two items, Clarence Sam won the Pendleton blanket.

What's next for Rose? We as the tribe know we're proud of their accomplishments. There are too many hurdles they have to jump—Where are the jobs going—to who? Management and Tribal Council need to wake up. Our own need the tribal jobs—the young go to school, finish, and get home to what?

We have too many educated people out there without jobs—like Obama said, "Hire your own and the money will stay here." Where's the tribal member preference? Why is it not working for us? It is for other tribes. Again I guess it's the person you are and who does the hiring; not who you are related to. I guess what I'm saying, Let's show them education does work.

Again thanks Harvey Jim, Chet and Ken VanPelt, Lillie for traveling to S.D. for graduation. Like I said let's just go and worry about bills, after now we're paying for it.

Love you Marella Rose, do go on to the college of your dreams. We're all proud of you. Thanks to the family for the dinner at the church—Charlotte Shike, Charlotte Herkshan, Levi and Pearl VanPelt, Chet, Auntie Marella and Robert, Becky and everyone. Love you all,
Eliza Brown Jim.

Stopping place

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, different paths along the way. We all were meant to learn somethings but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place far greater than we know. For some, the journey's quicker. For some the journey is slow. And when the journey finally ends we'll claim a great reward, and find everlasting peace together with the Lord. Author unknown.
Kathy Danzuka.

Museum news

The Changing Arts Gallery underwent some changes this year. We are thankful to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Ford Family Foundation and DDP Architecture for their support in renovating the gallery.

We have new carpet, new painting, new exhibit show cases and new fabric wall covering. After 20 years open, it was time to renovate the gallery.

Thank you to Warm Springs Tribal Council and the Bonneville Power Administration for your generous support to improvements to our building and grounds.

More from the Museum at Warm Springs:

There was excitement in the air on June 27, as friends and family of Apolonia Susana Santos eagerly awaited the opening of her exhibit.

Museum Board of Regent member Jim Manion welcomed the guests and introduced Apolonia's sister Irene Jimenez, who shared heart

warming memories of Apolonia.

Museum director Carol Leone talked about the beginning of the museum, when there was still just a dream of one day having a tribal museum here in Warm Springs.

She read the names of the individuals, companies and foundations who supported the building of our museum. The support came through the Capitol Campaign, which was a very important step in the process of realizing our dream.

As visitors walked into the Changing Exhibits Art Gallery, they were met with Apolonia's strength, her vision, her grace and exquisite pieces of art.

Many walked in and seemed to just stand there for a few moments and immerse themselves with her energy.

It was an emotional day for her family, as this may have been the first time they had seen so much of her artwork at once.

Her Mother Lena exclaimed, as she extended her arms outward, spanning the gallery "I just didn't know there was so much." A proud moment for sure.

After the day's activities, and most of the guests had gone, her family remained in the gallery, perhaps reflecting back on cherished memories, admiring the beauty of the art, or simply just being surrounded by the essence of their loved one. Not wanting to interrupt this special moment, I turned and let them have their special time.

This extraordinary exhibit

will be on display until September 15. If you missed the opening, please come down.

It's a "must see" exhibit filled with the creative talent of a visionary, mentor, activist and artist who is greatly missed. Apolonia Susana Santos, we are fortunate to have had you as a friend.

Debbie Stacona, Museum at Warm Springs.

Garden tour

The Madras Garden Club is sponsoring a Jefferson County Garden Tour on Friday and Saturday, August 2-3 in the Madras and Culver area.

Six private gardens will be open for view. Proceeds from the tour will help fund the renovation of the demonstration garden at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, and maintenance of the memorial rose garden at the fairgrounds.

Tickets are available from at the Madras Chamber of Commerce or the Madras Garden Depot.

Pen pal

Incarcerated black man seeking a pen pal. I'm 56 years young with 28 months left. I have an open mind and will answer. Photo on request. **Lorenzo Jackson #4049607** - 3920 E. Ashwood, Madras OR 97741.

The next Spilyay Tymoo deadline is Friday, August 2. Thank you for writing!

Camp Naimuma



Youth ages 8-15 this month attended the annual Camp Naimuma at Peters Pasture. The camp teaches cultural lessons of the tribes, such as drumming, languages, the sweat lodge and cooking; as well as lessons of the natural world, like plant and animal identification. Above, a tug-o-war organized by Prevention specialist Michael Martinez. In the tug-o-war, one side represents risk factors that youth are facing today, while the other side represents positive factors, such as family, education, sports, etc. Below, Greg Arquette teaches about the drum.



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