

New England students spending spring break in Warm Springs

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Students from the Soujour Collegiate Ministry will be spending their spring break doing service work in Simnasho and Warm Springs.

Their primary focus will be cleaning up the three community longhouses, preparing community gardens for planting, working with youth, and cleaning up community areas.

The purpose of the regional ministry is to help students question, experience and follow Jesus. They work primarily with schools in Rhode Island and the Boston area.

Throughout the year, students volunteer to tutor and provide mentoring, work in homeless shelters and raise awareness of local and global issues such as human trafficking and suicide prevention.

Each year, students participate in an annual service trip during their spring break. They have worked in Joplin, Missouri with tornado relief efforts; Salinas, California with at-risk youth. They once traveled to Siguatepeque, Honduras to work with children and community members.

There are two groups coming, one on March 9-12 and a second on March 16-19, with a total of 44 people.

Thirty-six students are included representing various academic disciplines from schools in Rhode Island and the Boston areas. Included in the group are international students from China and Brazil.

Linsey Field, Campus Minister from Boston University, has been working to coordinate the effort. She shared, "We are incredibly excited to work alongside and learn

from the people of Warm Springs.

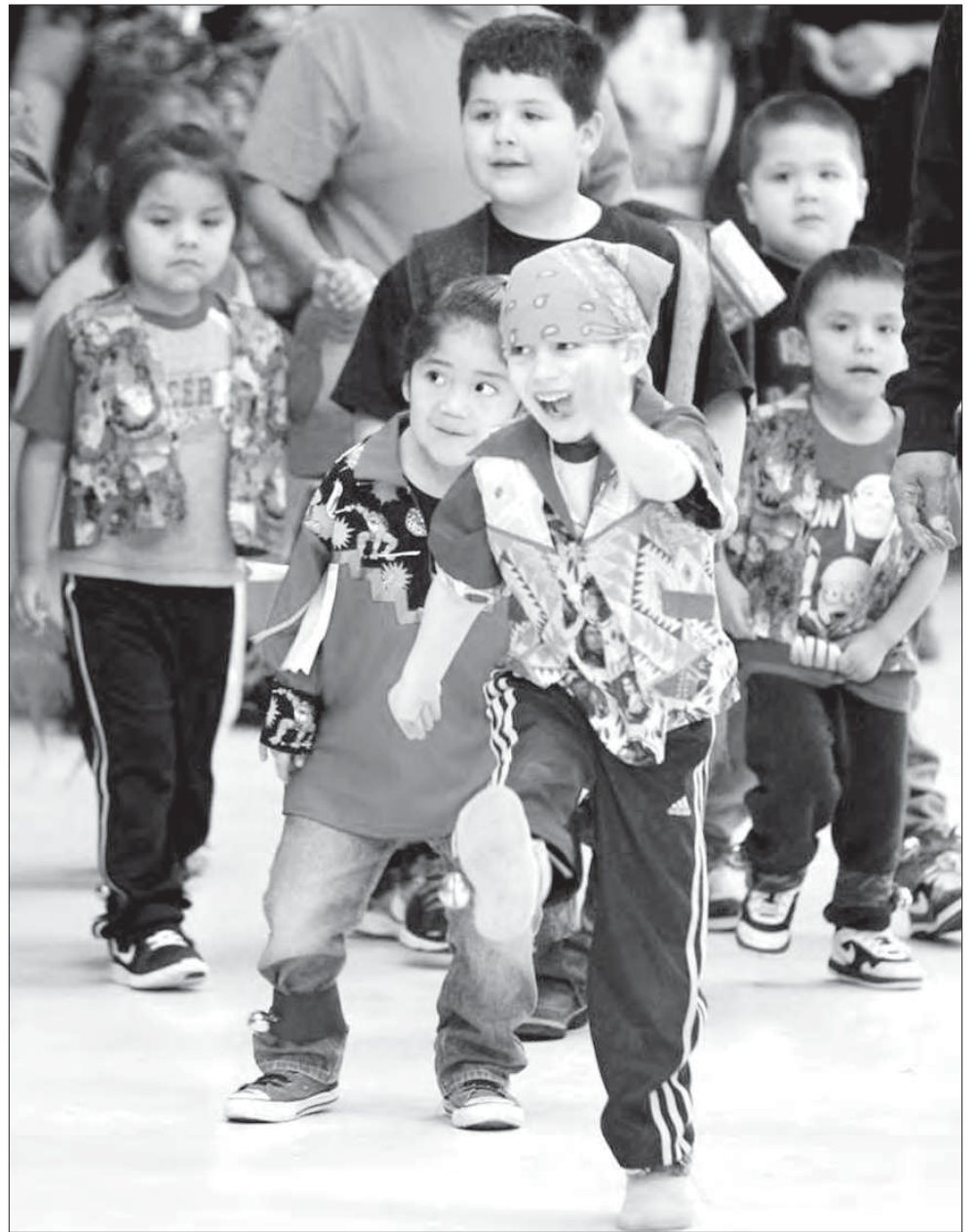
"Every trip we take presents us the amazing opportunity to see God at work in the world and in our own lives. We have seen bonds formed on these trips that last lifetimes, and fully expect this to be one of our best trips yet."

Local organizers encourage community members to come out and work alongside the students during the longhouse cleanups, scheduled for March 10 in Simnasho, March 11 in Warm Springs, and March 16 at HeHe.

Additional support is also needed to cover meals and drinks for the students. If you are able to volunteer or donate, please contact Alyssa Macy at:

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For more information on the group, visit: sojourncollegiate.com



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

The Early Childhood Education Center hosted their annual powwow last week at the Agency Longhouse. On hand were Mason Frye, James Tewee and Devin Super (from front).

Indianpreneurship classes starting this week

The Warm Springs Community Action Team and tribal Credit are now hosting the Indianpreneurship classes.

The classes, Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey Into Business, are from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through early April.

The classes cover business concepts that are indispensable for anyone starting or running a small business.

The training provides comprehensive information on business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving and marketing.

For more information call

541-553-3148. Classes are held in the tribal Credit enterprise conference room. The lead instructor is businesswoman Aurolyn Stwyer, with support from Gerald Danzuka and Wanda Berry of the Community Action Team, and Bruce Engle of tribal Credit.

The Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering program matches motivated 9-11 grade students with professional scientists, technologists and engineers for hands-on 8-week summer internships. Students can apply for the 47 internships available this summer in the Corvallis and Eugene areas through the website: saturdayacademy.org/ase/student-information

Carbon: market may be expanding

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Tribal Councilman Kahseuss Jackson said this revenue should be used for the maximum financial benefit of the tribes. The money could be used to invest, generating more revenue, he said.

The tribes could purchase more land to market for carbon sequestration, as one example.

Warm Springs will be among the first tribes to enter the carbon sequestration market. The Yurok, Hoopa and White Mountain Apache are also involved. A First Nation in British Columbia set aside more than 4 million acres as part of its marketing.

Carbon sequestration is the capturing and storing of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Certain forestry practices can be a method of increasing the capture and storage of carbon dioxide. These practices include reducing fire and insect threats, and promoting forest health and growth.

The carbon sequestration market in the U.S. involves California, although Oregon, Washington and other states may create similar regulations.

Growing market

The market for carbon sequestration credits has existed only for about a year and half, since the carbon dioxide emissions trading regulations took effect in California.

The goal of the California law is to reduce carbon dioxide emission levels by 25 percent by the year 2020. The long-term goal is to reduce emissions to the 1990 level. So the market for carbon sequestration credits could grow as target dates approach under the California law. The California "cap and trade" regulations impact mainly large companies, such as oil refineries, that emit large amounts of carbon dioxide.

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Marie Ann Smith Calica, 1942-2015

We want to thank all the family, friends and colleagues of Marie for their presence and offering their thoughts and prayers as a final honor and tribute to the life and memory of Marie. We must now find comfort in the special memories we shared with her as a sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Marie passed on to the spirit world on February 14, 2015, Valentines Day.

Her passing was the result of major complications associated with surgery that attempted to remove a significant brain tumor.

We were fortunate to be able to honor her final wishes to spend her last night in her own bed and succumb to a natural passing. The family is extremely grateful to St. Charles Medical Center and Jefferson County EMS for making that last request a reality.

She came into this world being born here in Warm Springs, January 1, 1942 to Alvis Smith Sr. and Ramona Whiz Smith, who preceded her in death.

She was the eldest of 12 brothers and sisters. Her surviving siblings include William Kanim Smith, Robert (Smith) Eagleheart, Austin Smith Sr., Vernon Smith, Arlene K. Smith, Ramona (Smith) Cochran, Kennedy Smith and Alyssia Meanus. She preceded in death by siblings Alvis Smith Jr., Zelma Smith and Joseph Smith.

Her first marriage was to the late Herb Graybael Jr., from which there were three sons, Ricky, Brent and Tracy Graybael.

She would later marry Charles "Jody" Calica and the family grew by two more sons, Carlos and José Calica.

Our lives were to be blessed by the birth of our daughter Direlle. She is survived by all five of these children. Over our 41 years of marriage our family would grow and she would also be survived by 16 grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Warm Springs Baptist Church, where Marie and I accepted Mr. Elston's spiritual guidance to join the Baptist faith and fellowship. He baptized both Marie and I, and consummated our decision and commitment to take this as our common spiritual home.

We feel extremely blessed that Reverend Emeritus Elston graciously accepted a role in honoring Marie in this final journey.

Our lives with her took a very dramatic turn early in December with the discovery of a brain tumor after a falling injury. Once we learned the size, nature and severity, she understood the options were to do nothing or undergo surgery.

With full knowledge of the risks, she chose the surgery with the hope of preserving her quality of life; we honored that decision regardless of the outcome. Within a matter of weeks she shared some her hope, spiritual strength, courage and determination with the family in anticipation of a successful

procedure, but we were left facing this now God-given outcome.

Although she was smallish in stature, she had this amazing character, strength and devotion to youth, families and to the welfare of our community.

Many are quick to remember her career and various student and community activities for our youth, talent shows, fashion shows, dances and invited guests.

Other memorable events happened while with the Jefferson County School District, starting as a teacher aide, as a junior high counselor, and eventually as the community-school liaison.

She studied with the Warm Springs Indian Teacher Internship Project. She and her daughter Direlle would attend Portland State University, where both she and her daughter earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. With this achievement she hoped to offer others some sense of inspiration that age should not be a barrier to higher education.

Retracing some of the journey of her life and accomplishments, she was committed not only to our community, but also to the regional and national landscape of problems, issues and challenges confronting tribal communities. She actively participated in organizations and venues that included:

- United National Indian Tribal Youth.

- American Indian Heritage Association – Miss Indian USA Scholarship Pageant.

- National Indian Education Association.

- North American Indian

- Women's Association.

- Oregon Indian Education Association.

- National Indian Child Welfare Conferences.

- Northwest Indian Youth Leadership Conferences

- Creating the Madras High School Native American Student Union.

- Oregon Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

- Tribal Education Committee and other local commitments.

Her greatest passion could be evidenced as she was working as the manager for the tribes' Victims of Crime Services program.

She often said that was the best job she ever had, being able to be an advocate for and work with women, children and families experiencing some form of abuse or neglect; and helping them find some sense of safety, security and justice for both victims and perpetrators, all without prejudice.

As an associate Tribal Court judge, she often commented that being assigned to Juvenile Court was most challenging in trying to maintain the stability and unification of children, their parents and their family unity.

One of her proudest moments was to secure the release of almost 20 tribal Youth incarcerated at the North Oregon Regional Correctional Center, and return them to productive lifestyles.

No tribal youth were to be incarcerated there during her tenure as a judge.

In 1990, Marie was honored and presented an award during the Native American Symposium conducted by Brigham Young University, as a testimony to her leadership

and generous spirit.

The caption on the plaque reads: "For unselfish contributions toward the advancement of Native American people."

She touched all our lives, through several generations in many special acts that will forever remind us to love, honor, respect and cherish all that is important to the institution that we know as family.

Her infectious smile, witty conversation and inspiring presence are now only the memories we will carry in our hearts and spirits as her legacy to each of us.

As her husband, I prayed to the Creator hoping for the best possible outcome for her decision to try to beat the tumor. I sought the graces of the same Creator that gave her spiritual support and comfort through my five cardiac events, hoping she would receive the same blessing.

We talked about and accepted the knowledge and realization that the Creator is the master of our destiny and our faith may be tested, and to have the spiritual strength and perseverance to accept that will.

On behalf of the surviving family, I want to thank all the family and friends for all the words, support and generous gestures of support and comfort in making Marie's final journey such a prayer-filled blessing. She is Atwai and we begin our traditional year of mourning.