

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Greetings Relatives!

We, the Austin/Simmons family, want to take a moment to say Thank You! and God Bless You! to all of our friends and relatives for your love and prayers when Billy P. Austin (Dad) crossed over to the Spirit last June 6, 2006.

We prayed for help and the help came in abundance! We were truly blessed. Thank you, Creator, for our sacred lives. Thank you, Spirit Relatives, for making a way for us.

Thank you, Mona, for taking care of the arrangements back home. We love your spirit and the woman that you are. Thank you, sister Beverly, for taking care of the business end and paperwork. You knew before we did what was needed and U got-r-dun.

Thank you Maintenance crew and gravediggers. Thank you to the following officers: Kelly Mason, Cedar Chief; Shannon Hatch, Fire Chief; Eddy Ehret, Drum Chief; Jimmy Williams and Round Stone Singers; James Aus-

tin and Calvin Winkler, Door Guards; and Bud Lane, Dance House Chief.

A special thank you to Paula Espino and Clayton Austin/Espino for attending and traveling all the way from Southern California.

Thank you, Auntie Babe (Lavera), Uncle Frank and Teresa Simmons, Sylvia Butler, Louis Keene, Terry Fisher, Linda and Kerri (Mason), Clyde Bateman, John and Jane Rowe of Redmond, kitchen cleanup crews, Bateman's Funeral Home, Ronda Austin and Connie Williams, and all others who helped to move this prayer along. Thank you, Darelle Butler for your spiritual advice on the chanupa.

God bless each one of you, however you need it in your life we pray it can be that way! May all your dreams come true.

If we have said too much or not enough, we ask the Spirit to take care of that for us.

Aho Relatives  
Randall Austin



To the editor:

Thanks to everyone who voted and ran as a candidate/incumbent. I appreciate comments both constructive and critical.

I'll continue to provide information that isn't shared openly regarding tribal enterprises and encourage members to speak about needs and concerns. Sharing your opinions and experiences can help develop services and programming to address barriers faced by many.

Please be aware, I'm the first to admit I'm **not** perfect. I made errors during my campaign and I'm willing to make amends.

Many members struggle and experience pain from trauma (job loss, poverty, violence, crime). The emotions resulted can be one of our greatest enemies, for they can feed anger, vengeance, and greed. It can become a vicious cycle.

As for the election outcome, "Elected or not, either way we have won," taking time to educate, **not** keeping secrets, and starting a process of communication was worthwhile. Rather than gossiping, speaking about our concerns in an open forum will create change and healing.

It's sad, but we've created a society of rules. To truly see what we need to do in the future, we must look back at where we've been historically. That's why I hope our elected leaders seek the counsel of elders and our youth.

**History can help us find our way.** Nelsen Witt, retired from the BIA and former general manager for the tribe (*Siletz News*, January 1992), shared about the "benefits" of our choice to pursue self-governance:

- "The most important aspect will be the flexibility of funding to be able

to meet tribally developed priorities in a timely manner."

- "It is intended that the Tribal Government functioning and administrative procedures will be enhanced through the development of more effective and efficient ways of doing business."
- "... to provide the maximum of flexibility of tribal governments to design programs, activities, and services to address tribal priorities and respond to local concerns."
- "In addition they will be reviewing other ordinances and situations as to facilitate the tribal government and administration being more responsive to the needs of the tribal membership."

Do you think this has occurred? It's my opinion that the "unilateral" decision of Tribal Chair Dee Pigsley and others to purchase Aeroteam (the company spokesperson stated they plan to make items to use in war efforts) isn't in line with keeping the general membership informed of decisions regarding the expenditure of gaming revenue, which belongs to **all** members.

Progress has occurred, in the posting of Tribal Council meeting agendas on the Web site. Charging \$15 for a copy of a DVD and not allowing duplication is a hardship for those who cannot afford to pay \$15 to hear what happened at a meeting. I hope this will change in the future.

If you have ideas or suggestions, call me at 541-444-1290 or e-mail nadosh2@yahoo.com

Yours truly,  
Lisa Brown

To the editor:

Dear tribal members:

There have been reports of both tribal and community youth seen riding ATVs on tribal land around, near, and on the cemetery grounds.

I was very sad when I visited our cemetery on Government Hill and saw ATV tire tracks across my family's graves and saw other gravestones knocked over. My father's headstone was run over and several of our family flowerpots were broken.

We need to make sure our tribal and community youth understand and

respect our land. There are appropriate places to ride ATVs and our cemetery is not one of them.

If the youth are going to ride their ATVs, then they should do so with little or no disruption to our lands. We as parents and grandparents need to teach our youth to respect our lands, especially our cemetery.

I hope this letter encourages parents and grandparents to talk with their families about respecting our lands.

Thank you,  
Liz John



## Athabaskan Practical Alphabet

<b>a</b> lat (float)	<b>au</b> gau (swan)	<b>ay</b> duu-day (none)	<b>b</b> ch'aa-bay-yu (flower)	<b>ch</b> chvn (stick)
<b>lot</b>	<b>ouch</b>	<b>bite</b>	<b>bow</b>	<b>chair</b>
<b>ch'</b> ch'ee-yash (bird)	<b>d</b> dii (this)	<b>e</b> naa-xe (two)	<b>g</b> gee-lish (willow)	<b>gh</b> ghit-ts'ay (blue jay)
<b>church</b>	<b>dip</b>	<b>hen</b>	<b>goat</b>	<b>ghost</b>
<b>h</b> hvm'-chi' (goodbye)	<b>i</b> lhin' (dog)	<b>k</b> lhuk (fish)	<b>k'</b> k'wvt (upon)	<b>kr'</b> kr'ii-k'i (gravy)
<b>hat</b>	<b>he</b>	<b>kiss</b>	<b>quick</b>	<b>concrete</b>
<b>l</b> lat (float)	<b>lh</b> lha' (one)	<b>m</b> mvn (house)	<b>n</b> nvn (you)	<b>oy</b> moyn-xu (edge of)
<b>low</b>	<b>lh</b>	<b>music</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>boy</b>
<b>p</b> nii-pash (cheeks)	<b>s</b> si-s-xa (ocean)	<b>sh</b> shu' (good)	<b>sr</b> k'aa--sra (crow)	<b>t</b> tee-ne (road)
<b>pipe</b>	<b>see</b>	<b>shy</b>	<b>shrew</b>	<b>table</b>
<b>tr'</b> tr'aa-ne' (wife)	<b>ts'</b> ts'vn (awl)	<b>u</b> duu (no)	<b>v</b> svlh (hot)	<b>w</b> k'we (over)
<b>trip</b>	<b>gets</b>	<b>due</b>	<b>up</b>	<b>we</b>
<b>x</b> xvsh (us)	<b>y</b> yan' (south)	<b>"gargle h"</b>	<b>yes</b>	

