

# Editorial

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(The way it is)

### Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



The Christmas season is upon us once again in full swing and to some folks it crept up on us too fast. We all enjoy the happy season where it's a time for gathering of family and friends. A time to reflect back to the past year of the good things and good times that has happened and will long live in memories.

As the Christmas shoppers crowd the stores, signs are being posted of all the sales that are starting to come about. With Christmas just a few days away the stores would like to get rid of as many things as they can. Sometimes it stirs up quite a commotion among all the folks rushing to beat the rest of the shoppers to get that certain gift for that very special person in someone's life. The hustle "n" bustle of the shopping crowds is just too much now days to find just the right thing that a person appreciates on Christmas day. YEP! A person has to get up pretty early in order to get the better things. Sometimes it's hard to keep up with the Jones gang. But like some people say, "It's not what you can afford, but the thought that's behind it."

Today everything is so commercialized, the real meaning of Christmas is fading away. People don't realize why we celebrate Christmas. Today many kids really don't know the real meaning of Christmas. Some don't even know the Christmas story, or why the Christmas season. Too some it's a vacation from school and to receive gifts and to have a good time at a Pow-wow or something.

Today you hardly ever hear the Christmas story as it used to be told each year through a little pageant of the birth of the Christ Child. The reason Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem was to pay their taxes to the King. At that time people would come from all over for that reason and this time all the places to stay were full and Mary and Joseph had to stay in a stable. Of how the message was sent out by the Angels of the Lord to let the people know of the birth of the new born king. As the shepherds watched their flocks by night the Angels appeared telling the Shepherds the news of the Christ Child, that they could find him in a manger. The Three Wisemen who saw a star in the East and made their journey to Bethlehem to where it was shown to them that a new born king lay in the manger and they brought him gifts. That's pretty much how the story goes. Also the singing of the Christmas carols like "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Away in the Manger, O' Little Town of Bethlehem, We Three Kings, and all the rest of the Christmas songs like Silent Night, God Rest Ye Merry men, First Noel, O' Holy Night, Away in the manger, Little Drummer Boy, and so on.

Yep! Things sure have changed as today all you hear is, "Wuf, Wuf, Wuf, or Grand Ma fell down from too much Egg Nog, or Hey...Elvin, and stuff like that. Yep! In the Olden Days people were serious of the Christmas play and practiced it to perfection with Joseph and Mary, the Shepherds and the three Wisemen.

But I guess no matter how a person sees it still is Christmas, and the Santa's will always be ringing that little bell outside of all the department stores. There will always be Christmas dinners for the Homeless, and the needy. All families will be gathering for a good Christmas dinner and present exchanging. During my day I never had the pleasure of playing the part of Joseph, I was always's one of the Shepherds or one of the "Wise Guys," Oh Well, one of the Wisemen, and still enjoyed the part, and looking for the moment to open the presents. As they used to say in the "Olden Day's," "Aye Clissmas."

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to look back to the past months and see how much everyone has meant to us here at Spilyay Tymoo, and to "Wish All Our Readers A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

## TOE NESS

There was this guy who went into the Pizza shop and ordered a pizza, and he said, "now be sure to cut it into, "Four Pieces." Because I surely can't eat Eight pieces. YIKES

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Isn't it amazing of how Politicians never say anything at a conference yet they insist they have been misquoted. YIKES

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The school teacher was having a little drill on history when she asked if anyone could tell where the Declaration of Independence was signed. Little Tom raised his hand and said, "At the Bottom." YIKES

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To Edward, III, Raenele, Waylon, Blake Weaselhead, Merry Christmas & We are going to have a happy New Year. Don't forget Mom always loves you and you are all going to be with me soon.

Love, MOM

## Memorial dinner set

A memorial dinner and give away will be held for Josephine Miller Umtuch, Elsie Schuster Wak Wak at the Satus Longhouse December 18, 1993. Services to start at 8:30 a.m.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from it's readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

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## Pastor of Warm Springs

To the editor,  
So many new faces here in Warm Springs. Young faces, new, long, short, round, etc. It came to me that after eight years in Warm Springs I should reintroduce myself to the community.

My name is Rick R. Ribeiro. I am an ordained Presbyterian Minister the pastor of the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. I am married (20 years). We have three kids, 10 years, 7 years, and 4 years.

My training to be a pastor: First a calling from the Lord that came 16 years ago. But before the calling I went to college and received a four year degree in Criminology. Then the Lord gave me a push to pastor school (seminary). . . a three year Master's Degree in Theology, counseling, education, management. I went to training church (pastoring with training wheels) for one year. Then to my first church as solo pastor in Alaska for six years (Annette Island Indian Reservation). Finally to Warm Springs for the last eight years

(nine begins in January 94). Additional training in Alcohol and drug Counseling came in Alaska.

I make no bones about the fact that I am one of the local Jesus Salespersons. But I also believe that any spirit walk is important when you are hurting and alone. If it is the dance, or drums whatever is your path you must use it and not just talk about it. Reaching out with your heart to God is the first step of any belief. And when things are done I can still talk to you of God reaching out to you in the Gospel stories.

Also I am a professional listener. As a counselor I listen for what you say to me and to what you say to me behind your words.

Oh, remember if you tell me something that is private, tell me its private I cannot read minds. So, if you see me doing ambulance things, police things, jail things, etc., it is just one part of what I do.

Pastor Rick 553-1237  
across from the old IHS Clinic

## Note special per capita distribution

Attention Tribal Members:  
Re: Address Changes of Tribal Members

The Tribal Council has approved a special per capita distribution and in order for delivery in a timely manner, Vital Statistics Department needs correct and complete addresses.

Below is a list of names of those Tribal Members whose letters were returned, marked "return to sender, address unknown." Therefore Vital Stat's would like address changes for the following individuals turned into their office ASAP!

Where are you?  
Byron Kalama, Owen J. Wallulatum, Doreen Johnson, Owens Yahtin, Willie Kirk, Jessica Bates, Winema T. Danzuka (Parent), Tiffany Wolfe, Ronald Kalama, Tamera Henry, and Vernita Adams-VanAntwerp.

Dear Tribal Members:

Because of economic conditions on the reservation, the Tribal Council has not provided for mandatory withholding from this year's special per capita distribution.

However, payment obligations to the Confederated Tribes are important to the overall economic health of the Tribes. If you are not current on any financial obligation to Tribal Credit, Housing, Court or otherwise, you are encouraged to make a voluntary payment from the special per capita distribution toward your financial obligations to the tribe.

Sincerely,  
Zane Jackson  
for Raymond Calica, Tribal Council Chairman  
Ken Smith, Chief Executive Officer

## Thank you to those who helped where they could

To all people of Warm Springs,  
We have sent an article on the loss of our Father, Grandfather, and Sun Dance Chief, Thomas Yellowtail. He arrived in Warm Springs on



Happy 1st Birthday  
December 25th  
Tashina Clements  
love, Mom and Dad

Monday, November 22, 1993, to be with his adopted family to perform a Medicine Bundle Healing Ceremony for family and relatives in Warm Springs and Yakima.

He shared many stories with our family, and he related stories of his early visits to Celilo and Kah-Nee-Ta, before the village was built, and spoke of the hospitality and people that welcomed him and his mate Susie to their home, mainly Matilda Mitchell, Nettie Showaway, and Sylvia Wallulatum, and Pierson Mitchell and also their visits to him at the Crow Fair.

On Tuesday, he thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the museum at Warm Springs, where he saw and recognized many of the storytellers. Special thanks to Faye Waheneka for making him feel welcome and her special sharing of laughter with him being an Elder Hoop Dancer.

That evening as he prepared for the Medicine Bundle Ceremony and arrival of people that he anxiously was awaiting to meet, he became ill and we had to call the Warm Springs EMT's to our home, for he was suffering shortness of breath. We wish to express our gratitude to the Warm

Springs EMT's for their professional response and care of Grandpa Tom. They are: Willie Bagley, Teresa Courtney, Mackie Begay, and Sarah Thompson.

Our gratitude to everyone in the family who stayed and sang one set of Washat songs for him, as we were waiting for him at the Mt. View Hospital. Your prayers were appreciated by him, as he respected all religions and believed strongly in Indian Prayer.

Grandfather suffered a heart attack and the family remained with him throughout the night and next day, sharing our last words with him until his time of death at 2:54 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24.

Our gratitude to Dr. Beymer, Dr. Creelman, and ICU staff at Mt. View Hospital for their care of our Grandfather. We wish to thank Nettie Showaway and sisters for their prayer services at the funeral home. Also many thanks to Grandma Caroline, Margaret and Ernestine for their prayers and presence in our home sharing prayer and song with us.

We completed the Medicine Bundle Ceremony as requested by Grandfather before his passing to the

"Other Side Camp." He was concerned about the people that came for prayer.

We wish to extend our appreciation to Delia Walsey for her donation, and special thanks to Wilford and Geri Jim for their prayer song as we departed Bel Air Funeral Home to bring Grandfather home for burial on the Crow Reservation.

We don't mean to overlook anyone, but you gave us prayers and strength by helping us. We thank you all.

Our special blessing to all of our family for their sharing, their care and love during this time of great loss of Grandfather's crossing to the "Other Side Camp."

Sincerely,  
Rob, Rosaline, and James Moran,  
Alvin Howe and family,  
The Yellowtail family,  
Roy, Holly, and Theron Spino,  
Rob & Tammy Kalksukis and family,  
Eddie, Winona, Roxanne,  
Raydene and Louis Spino and their families

To my dear Baby Daughter  
Susan up in Everett, WA  
Wish you many more!  
Love, Mom

## Please return items

To the editor,  
I often am asked to cook at the Agency Longhouse, which I am proud to do, however with the limited pots & pans at the Longhouse I have had to furnish my own pots & pans. During one of these times someone has "borrowed" 1 large enamel blue canner, 1 Mr. Coffee coffee maker, 1 bottom part roaster pan, 1 large cake pan and many knives.

All of these items can be replaced except the canner which was a gift to me by my sister Harriett Williams, cake pan which was a keepsake from Doris Wolfe and a handmade fish filet knife with a spoon on the handle presented to me by the late Harold Greene. If you knowingly borrowed these items from the Agency Longhouse with intent to return them I would appreciate it wholeheartedly.

Now days I am afraid to loan my pots and pans, knives and utensils because I may never see them again. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully  
Neda Wesley

## Happy Birthday

Pebbles Smith-14th  
Johnni Justine-16th  
Susan Coronado-16th  
Judy Kalama King-17th  
Linda L. Langley-18th  
Billie Jo McConville-26th  
God Bless you Always  
Love, Tina, Easton & Shanell



Happy 2nd Birthday Gerald Hoptowit, Jr.  
December 21, 1991

Happy 4th Birthday A.J. Wainanwit  
December 20, 1989  
From all the family, We love you

## Furniture needed

CPS would like usable furniture, appliances for foster homes. Contact Pauline Allen at 553-3209.

I'd love for everyone to have a very merry Christmas this year! Here's to you all!  
Have a merry Christmas and a happy good year!  
May all your wishes come true.  
Thinking of you this holiday season.  
Hope Santa brings you a lot of goodies.  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.  
Merry Christmas and count your blessings, name them one by one.  
Merry Christmas to you all, and have a safe, sober, and a very happy Christmas this year.

Evette Patt



Happy 8th Birthday  
to George Enos  
on December 14, 1993  
We all love you very much  
George,  
from, Mom, Dad, Tonya,  
and Leanna



Happy Birthday  
Baby Sister, Sue!!  
December 15, 1993  
Love, Sis Beulah & Bro-in-law  
Raymond

Happy Belated Birthday  
Jamey Francine Wesley  
December 4, 1987



Love you always,  
Jimmy & Neda Wesley  
Davis & Pearl  
Lucinda & Martina  
Hot Dog  
K.C. Broncheau