

## Elementary students celebrated Dr. Suess birthday by reading across America



Mmmm, green eggs and ham, students in room 27, enjoy listening to teachers Angie Orchard, and LaVonne Blakely, read from one of Dr. Suess books called Green Eggs and Ham. The students also enjoyed eating the green eggs and ham prepared by teachers during the celebration of Dr. Suess birthday. The Warm Springs Elementary students read 9,511 miles which took them over America and close to England.

## Spokesmen for the people, ask for your support

### Letter to the editor

This is an update to the people who signed the petition which resulted in a referendum regarding withholding the 1999 Public Safety Branch budget. It is also for those who voted "no" thinking they were helping to make Warm Springs a safer place.

As you know, much time and hard work has gone into getting this referendum passed. We have gone through all the proper channels to get this far. This is for a very good cause; to be specific, the people have complained about, and are still complaining about unacceptable activity happening in our community regarding the safety of the people. We, spokesman for the people, have met with the tribal council, secretary-treasurer, and chief operations officer several times since December, 1998 to the point of begging their support in resolving these issues. We specified that the 1999 Public Safety Branch funds were not to be expended until such time as these issues were resolved to the satisfaction of the people. The secretary-treasurer and chief operations officer assured us the 11 issues had either taken care of. Following is council, secretary-treasurer, and chief operations officer's answer to the issues of you, the people.

On February 25, 1999, the tribal council, against the wishes of the people, released the Public Safety Branch 1999 budget for the use of the branch, disallowing the spokesmen for the people to participate and have input in the discussion. They told the spokesmen this was a "closed" session. A meeting that involves the concerns of the people should be open to the people. The only tribal councilmen who voted against releasing the budget were the three who have backed the people from day one. You know who they are: one from Seekseequa district, and two from Simnasho district. Is this or is this not the kind of support and representation you expected when you voted in 1998 for your councilmen to serve the people of your district for three years? You should also be aware the spokesmen for the people were "allowed" to attend a meeting with council in January, but by order of the chairmen for the day, the spokesmen were not allowed to say anything. The "spokesmen" were not permitted to clarify any points or comments made by anyone else at the meeting on behalf of you, the people. This is a form of oppression, which generally happens only in third-world countries. It is against the principles of democracy, including freedom of speech.

We are making you aware there were various attempts by opposing

individuals to invalidate or declare null and void the petition, and later the referendum results. There were continuous efforts to look for "loop-holes" in the petition and referendum including talks with the superintendent as well as a signed document presented to him. As it turned out, there are no loopholes; all procedures were properly followed, therefore, the referendum results still stand as valid. People, again we call your attention to our Tribal Constitution and By-laws, Article VI, Initiative and Referendum. "The will of the majority of those voting shall be the law, provided at least one-third of the eligible voters actually vote." The referendum results were certified/accepted in January 1999 by the Tribal Council, by their action on February 25, 1999, chose to ignore the findings of the referendum passed by you the people. Look in the Tribal Constitution under Article 1, Objectives. It shall be the objective of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; (a) To establish and maintain, with the aid of the Federal Government, a form of home rule that shall promote the advancement and welfare of the Indians of the Warm Springs Reservation, and (b) To establish and enforce such rules as may be necessary to safeguard Indian property and resources for the use of present and future generations.

The people maintain that the tribal council must comply with the wishes of the people to promote our advancement, protect our homes, lives, and rights to be oppression-free. We believe that certain personnel are given preferential treatment. The people have asked for change and all that has happened is the public safety general manager was moved to a different position with the same pay and lesser responsibilities, and there was no reprimand. If another employee in a lower working level were involved such as a secretary or laborer, it would be a different story. These people would have been terminated without finding out how that action affected the employee's life. The personnel manual was ignored regarding how employees were selected for the "new" jobs. No job descriptions, no review by job evaluation committee, no salary set based on responsibilities, no advertising, no interviews, no drug testing. The spokesmen for the people thought they had communicated this word clearly to the governing body and its appointed managers; evidently not, as they have chosen to put our request aside to protect a select few. The Tribal Constitution is the document which is a declaration of council's responsibilities and how these responsibilities are to be carried

out. Let this document serve as a reminder that no Indian person living on the reservation, including tribal council members, is above the law. Council is no different from any other person: they bleed red blood, they go to the bathroom, they breathe in and out, and they have families living here who have a right to live in a peaceful community.

On March 1, 1999 we informed tribal council that if the people's issues are not resolved within 10 calendar days, we would consider moving to the next level of action in the Constitution by implementing Article IV, Organization of Tribal Council, Section 10, Recall. In a recall, this involves a removal of the councilman or councilmen by 1/3 (one-third) of the voting people of each district by petition. After removal, there would be an election by each district, same as if voting in a council election. We are confident a recall is necessary, although not pleasing to any of us to remove the councilmen we live among, nominated, voted for, campaigned for, and put our full trust in to make decisions for us; however, we will not compromise our position in demanding that the people's concerns be addressed. Through the referendum, this is the will of the people.

Remember, every minute counts.

We do not want anymore community members' families to fall victims as a result of lack of capability of our public safety servants. People, let us continue to work together as one voice and do not give up in what we believe in, and are committed to, which is a safe community. Granted, there may be rough times, including repercussions and what is called "reorganization," "restructuring," or "identifying essential services," which the organization is presently experiencing. Interestingly enough, before the referendum passed, there was no talk about any reorganization, restructure, or essential services identification. In the end, after the concerns of the people are met, Warm Springs will hopefully be a much better and safer place to live, and through this process of holding the council accountable to the people, we will become a stronger people. Talk to each other. Stay confident and look toward a good future. Keep the faith. Pray for reservation leadership. Take care of yourselves, your families, friends, neighbors, and each other.

From the spokesmen for the people, who are Floyd Calica, Daisy Ike, Ginger Smith, and Shirley Sanders.

## Family thankful for all who supported during their loss

### To the editor,

A letter to the community from the family of Stacy Marcus Lillie better known as Sterling Holliday.

In-Me-Mu-Mah, we as the surviving members of his family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the following for their contributions during our time of need. The Warm Springs Police department, especially Larry Holliday for his services as main escort, Fish and Wildlife for their donation of ceremonial salmon, the Utilities dept. for making the casket, box and digging of the grave.

We deeply appreciate the attention Joanne, Lori and Mico of Tribal Credit gave us to assist in the great financial burden a death can thrust upon a family. Thank you Dolan Waheneka Sr. and Dolan "Mac" Waheneka for bringing Stacy home. For officiating the funeral services: Aunt Pat Tanewasha for the strength of your prayers and many untold

kindnesses you brought to the home as well. We greatly respect the solemn ceremony in the dressing of our loved one by Alexander and Richard Tohet and Larry Dick.

For the moral, legal and spiritual support, we cannot say enough to our cousins Carol Parra, Myrna & Priscilla Frank. Also to Uncle Delbert Frank Sr. for his contributions during the prayer services at the home of Ilona Lillie. For making Stacy's buckskin burial regalia, we are grateful to Pat Allen for a beautiful outfit.

We thank the Fuentes family for the magnificent large eagle feather fan they made on such short notice. We thank Tony "Big Rat" Suppah, Sacredheart Suppah, Dallas Winishut, Leroy Bobb, Bobby Eagleheart, Ernie Selam, Terry Tuckta, Mr. Rex "Chubby" Robinson, for the Wa-shut services at the home and church.

Thank you hunters Leroy Allen,

Jr., "Bone" Scott and Randy Robinson for the deer. To all the people that lended a hand or stayed in the kitchen-your labors are again appreciated. Our words cannot express the gratitude to all the relatives for traveling such a long way to attend the services. We say thank you for the contributions of food, money, blankets, time and especially your prayers.

Adele Waheneka would like to say a special "Thank You" to Helena Henry, Tiffney Henry & Theyliah and Binky Holliday for baby-sitting Stacy's nephew Johnny Holliday Jr. If we have forgotten anyone, we did not mean to because of the outpouring of help, some may have been overlooked but not forgotten. TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES,

Sincerely,  
The family of  
Stacy Marcus Lillie

## Sentiments shared by Eliza Crutcher

### To the editor,

I am always thinking of my family and am scared to call home for fear of bad news. I want to say hello to Uncle Ray and Aunt Charlotte. I love you very much, God Bless. Same to uncle Eenie and Aunt Char, may god keep you in his care. My beloved Aunt Liz who I'm named after, my Aunt Hilda Culpus, Mico, Onte, Bealuh, Ota, Cinda and Roma,

Bunny, I think of you often and pray for you to have good health.

My Uncles Levi, Gene, Short Bones (Ted baby cakes), JP, Abb, Donny, Shad Rack high Mt. Rodriguez, Lamount, may god keep you in his care.

My grandpa Olaf Patt who was always there for me, congratulations you deserve it. My brothers Roger, Timmy, Shmink, Dave, Eagle, Fudda

and all my cousins.

My sisters, Aurolyn, congratulations, you earned it. Jamey, you brat, Missy Wesley, thanks for sharing dad with me. I am deeply saddened by the passing of my uncle, Wilkie, he always had encouraging words for me, he has gone to his reward.

Remember me too in your prayers  
Eliza Greene-Crutcher P.O. Box  
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## To a wonderful mom and dad

On My Anniversary, I owe much to my mother and father, Jim and Neda Wesley Here's to you

Your Both Wonderful, mom and dad and I'm glad you're mine

God must have known I wouldn't be the easiest child to raise so he gave me you for my parents. No one else could have done all the good things you've done for me with your incredible patience and wise choices you some how managed my most difficult stages you allowed me to be myself even when it wasn't easy letting my own discoveries and your

careful guidance lead us, Never once did I see your love hesitate or your pride slip away. God must have known I would grow up to find my heart crowded with gratitude and appreciation, love for you. He knows I now look for every opportunity to tell you how I feel today. Maybe that's why he gave me this day (Feb. 14) to say Thank you for never giving up on me and for always believing in me. I love you much more than I can ever say. Thank you for preparing the meals for the sacred services and being here for me.

Lovingly Eliza Greene-Crutcher

## Memorable birthday well received



### To the editor,

I would like to say thanx to all the people who took time outta their busy schedules to help us make a memorable birthday for Beatrice Scott during Lincoln's Powwow.

Thanx to Gayleen & Alicia Adams and to Winona Stwyer for helping with the euke. Thanx to Rudy and the committee for allowing us to have it at the powwow in such short notice...And also for the B-day round dance.

Ulla, I wanted to have this for you

in appreciation for all that you have done for my family. And say thanx for letting us be a part of your life. You are a very important person in my life and my kids' lives.

It was nice to see a smile on your face again.

The family picture we took...Thank you very much for those.

Love you Always Ulla,  
From Louella Bagley  
Love you Ulla Ulla  
JaimeRae & Elyse Bagley.

## Warm Springs Baptist Church

Spring Revival

March 14-19, 1999

7:00 p.m. nightly

Child Care available

Everyone Welcome!

## Sproat to join Beamer in expansion of surgical services

Ronald Sproat, M.D., a Board Certified Surgeon with a practice based in Prineville, will be joining Dr. Leland "Bud" Beamer in mid-March to expand surgical services available through Mountain View Hospital District.

Dr. Sproat received his medical degree from the University of Oregon Medical School, fulfilling his residency at Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital. For the past 18 years Dr. Sproat has operated a full-time practice in Prineville. "From the hospital's perspective, this

additional capacity for surgery will be a win-win scenario for the medical community and the people served by the district", commented interim Administrator Eric Alexander. "We truly believe that a patient is best served by receiving medical care as close to home as possible. Having Dr. Sproat available to provide more scheduling capacity for surgery will be a positive step toward this end", concluded Alexander.

Dr. Sproat will be providing surgical services one day each week to augment the services currently available at Mountain View Hospital.

## Wesley family adopted road

### To the editor,

#### Spring Clean-Up Forecast

Last year my mom Neda took me and my sister Tina, my little brothers Curtiss and Theodore, my cousins Jelah and Tony, to adopt a road. We do this every Spring in April. We do highway 3 because we're ashamed to have the tourists going to Kah-Nee-Ta and the Casino see all the garbage all over the roadway. On the first day we picked up 39 huge clear plastic bags all filled to the top. You wouldn't believe what people throw away; under clothes, cigarettes, news papers, beer and pop cases, plastic jugs, stuffed toys, insulin needles, lots of building debris, X-mas trees, furniture and a mattress. That's when the fun began. We almost got mom run over because she was trying to out run one Jillion mice right onto the highway in front of a car when we picked up the mattress to move closer to the road. Many cars drove past us blowing the horn, one white van full

of drunk women threw trash and beer cans at us, a car of tourists stopped and gave us ice cold pop but the best of all my cousin Chris Arthur offered to haul a load of trash to the dump. Thanks Chris! Jody Calica stopped to praised us with love for what we were doing and even loaded his truck up with trash dressed in slacks, shirt and a tie, wow. My mom asked us "Do you know who that was?" She never waits for our answer, she said "That was Jody Calica! He was one of our first young people to graduate from College and come home to work for us" she said, proudly. That's what I like about mom, always saying and seeing all the goodness. Anyway, its almost that time again, I see our job cut out for us. So please all our beautiful people have respect for yourselves and carry litterbags in your cars.

I am Jamey Wesley speaking for Martina Stwyer, Jelajah Sam, Tony Van Pelt, Theo Stwyer-Greene and Curtiss Dickson

## All invited to Shaker Church meeting

1910 Indian Shaker church invites all brother's and sister's to a business meeting at the church on Sunday, March 14, 1999. The meeting will start at 2:00p.m.

On Easter week-end the church

will be open on Friday, April 2. Sunday service will be on April 4, 1999, at 10:00a.m. sharp!! There will be and Easter egg hunt and cake to celebrate their 47th Birthday



Eliza Crutcher family