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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Speaks: The Tribal Members are upset about the He He fire. They say there should be someone held accountable for all the damage that has been done. The burning of all that prime timber and also on sacred grounds.

Several calls came in asking all sorts of questions. They wonder who's bright idea it was to do such a stupid thing when they knew its a high fire risk. Or do they know what they are doing? There are so many things mentioned regarding the He He fire, and they are all "legit," as far as tribal members are concerned.

We have a indicator that tells us of the fire danger and it was on high risk the day the He He fire started. And there was a breeze even before they started to burn. They say we had some valuable timber in that area that burned. A control burn to get rid of a little un-wanted grass costed, "How Much?" \$\$\$ Anyone with a little sense would have not started that control burn on a day like that and the conditions everything was. Bone dry, just waiting for a little spark to set it off.

One tribal member said, "Someone will get a big raise now," probably change of title and commended for the good job he has done.

The fire endangered live, homes, livestock and the wildlife in that area and not to mention the cost of all the help of manpower and equipment brought in to fight the blaze. The helicopters, planes, tankers and bulldozers and all the manpower.

One tribal member said he worked in the woods and they made sure he had insurance before they let him go out to work in the woods. So there must be some way to recover most of what has been lost? There timber will lose its price now and come with-in salvage logging in that area. The recovery won't be as though it was top prices for all that timber and other natural resources.

They were lucky that a lot of structures didn't burn up as there are a lot of homes in that area.

Is it a big Joke? As talk around fire camp was they were glad the fire started because it gave them plenty of overtime and hazard pay. People say those people could care less what happens to our timber and other resources here on the reservation. Tomorrow they will probably be some where else with out a worry in the world.

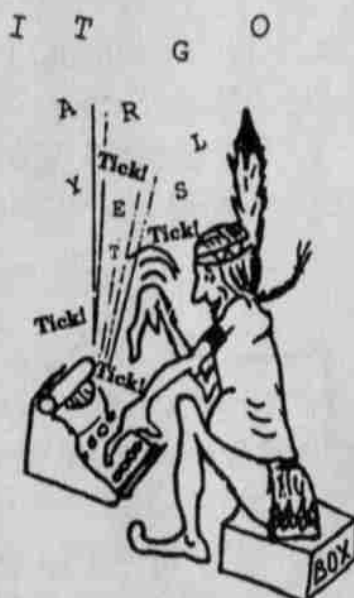
Yep! The Natives are restless and I don't blame them and I agree with them because I'm a native too. They still say that there was a pretty good breeze that day the fire started.

Sure is an expensive project to get rid of a few blades of grass that probably will come back next spring, if there were seeds in the heads of the grass because if it was burned chances are they will return next spring, during green-up time as the farmers used to say in the olden days.

Heard on the radio, just the ending of a statement that the burn did real good for that area. I can't understand what good it done, just gave a lot of guys a lot of overtime and destroyed valuable timber.

Just think what it costed to get rid of a small portion of weeds. A burn of 6,100 acres of land in prime timber country, closed highway 26, causing all kinds of problems around central Oregon.

Yep! I agree with the Tribal Members that someone should be held accountable for all the damage done to the reservation. Here if we start a fire in the incinerator they about have a hemorrhage, or when we build a fire for a sweat house they about go ape, but it's OK for them to burn the whole area. Well, lets hope something will work everything out to where there might be a fair settlement in the long run. AAH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!



Thanks to all for your support and love

To the editor, This is a long over due letter of appreciation, we are very sorry that it took us so long, so please forgive us. Many members of the family are still having a hard time dealing with the loss of the very heart of this family. My wife, our mother, our grandmother, our aunt and sister Patricia ("Pat") Frances Mitchell Schuster.

We wish to thank all of the people who had helped us in one way or another during our time of loss. So many have helped us and not asking for anything in return. Many whose names I do not have. Forgive me if your name is not mentioned. First, we would like to thank the Schuster/Yemowit/Mann and Mitchell/Dick elders for beign there with us, and helping us get our train of thought in order so that we were able to get her last wishes and directions done.

The Shakers who came and worked on the children and gave them strength to continue on. The Washut drummers of the Yakama/Warm Springs Nation, at the funeral home, our home and the Warm Springs Longhouse and the dancers for the songs of prayers. The Spino/Thompson family for the white buckskin, the ladies who made her dress and teh ladies who dressed her. The ones who gave Pendleton blankets

and eagle feathers for the dressing services.

Patrick, Jameson, Frank Mitchell for taking her back to Warm Springs. The Picard sisters who helped clean the house, Thelma who cooked for us at the house. The cooks at the Warm Springs Longhouse, the diggers, pall bearers and to Eunice Esquiro for the vests for the Pall bearers. Elmer Sr. & Clede Schuster family for the U-hall truck to take things to Warm Springs and Scooter, Willie and Mike for driving it.

To the Yakama Nation Employees Club, Yakama Nation Credit Enterprise, Warm Springs Credit Department, National Indian Education Association staff Lorrain, John and Robin. The National Johnson O'Malley Association, Evelyn, Bugs, Karen, Shasta and all of those who donated give-a-way items, money and to help us pay for funeral expenses and to replace the home items we had to give up.

To Clifford & Betty Moses for being there with us from the start to the end. The three sisters Laura, Evelyn and Rose for always being at the sides of the children at a time of need.

Most of all, to all the people who traveled so far to be with us during

our time of our loss. To all of you who showed up at the fuenral home and the longhouse. Also, thanks to anyone we may have missed. We had no idea that she had such a big impact on so many people. Please forgive us for anything we may have done to offend anyone. We just followed her every wish.

It is very hard for us not being able to help in return all of you who helped us at a time of our loss. We are freeing ourselves so that we may help ohters as you have helped this family.

The family met and decided to have Pat Schuster's memorial and dinner on October 23, 1999 at the Warm Springs Longhouse, Warm Springs, OR. Also during this time, hopefully, there will be stone setting dinner for Pat and her brother Jeff and name giving to some of the family children.

On behalf of Alison, Abe, Harriet, Ben, Debra, Allen, Joe, Watkins, Archie, Ray, Larry, Cindy and all of the grandchildren, "Thanks so Much"!

Sincerely,
Alvin B. Schuster
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Let us pray and listen

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick, We're studying stress management issues on Sunday Nights at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. On Sunday mornings we are studying the spiritual disciplines.

They are: sacred reading of the Bible, Prayer Hospitality, Worship, etc. To name a few. Right now we are studying the act of prayer. Everyone prays in this world. With noise, with flags, with drums, with nothing. Everyone prays. The hardest part of prayer is in the listening. This is called meditation. To listen to God. For thousands

of years men and women have gone to meditation. Even before the days of yoga, or even yoda. Christians tried to listen to God. It is hard to do. The greatest problem is the ability to slow your brain down in order to hear God. I have about ten young people on Tuesday night. I took the youth group out to the lawn by the school. I gave them some scripture to chant. I told them to spread out. Walk slowly in one direction. And to try to slow down their heads then to begin to pray. To talk to God and listen.

They all had the look on their faces of me being a religious nut. What they found was something that was hard to do. One kid told me that his head would not stop flowing more and more ideas into his mind. Good prayer sometimes is an act of combat. It is a war between evil, the world, and me, myself, and I. A battle of five against one.

No, five against two. The Lord is on my side for prayer. My loving God will even help me to pray to him. All I have to do is to just try. We all know the problems of our community and families. Let us pray and listen to our God.

Worship at 11 a.m. Christian Education at 10 a.m. Evening meeting at 7 p.m.
Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. On the campus.

Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro
553-1237

For sale
1984 Escort motor, 4 cyl.; front wheel drive \$500 OBO.
For more information contact Marella Sam 553-1196. Leave message.

Parents proud of son

To the editor,

I would like to take this tiem to express to my son Israel Toba Scott, how proud we as his parents are, for completing his treatment progrm at NARA in Portland. From the day we left you there we knew you were making a new step in your life.

From the first visit we could tell a wonderful change in you. YOU have learned a higher power that can help you change the wrongs in your life to rights. To go to your graduation was such a wonderful event in our lives, to see you express your love to everyone in the room made us feel so very proud of you. We knew you could make it because you always told us you were gonna make it and that was that!

Then to come back home to receive your 60 day coin, to hear all the wonderful things you learned and people you met and were a part of their lives. All striving for the same thing-to go on one more day in sobriety-taking one day at a time. Then to come home for another wonderful event. To receive your diploma from high school! You made it!

I thank God every day for giving us a wonderful son like you-our one

and only-for having a big heart to go on no matter what obstacles come before you. To get up and keep on



going. We know you can make it in this life for God loves you and keep a prayer always in your heart. We love you very much.

Love your Mom & Dad
also sisters-Dez, Shelby & Sisiley

For Sale

1997 Ford 4x4, 5 spd, 460, short box with extended cab, dual tanks, custom wheels and leather captain seat with elk picture, 5th wheel and trailer hitch, 67,000 miles \$18,500. Table and 4 chairs \$35.

3-year-old portable magic Chef dishwasher with cutting board. Been in storage for over one (1) year \$190.

Oak, double or queen size, lighted bedroom head board with mirrors and a detached lighted side shelf and drawer storage unit \$250.

Call 553-1471 if interested.

Reward offered

Lost on August 31st, a 22 mag. Marlin rifle serial #05285549. Left at the rifle range by the dump. Offering a \$50 reward for it's return. Phone 553-1030 (message).

Happy 1st Birthday
Garrison & Autumn Johnson
October 9, 1998
Lotsa love,
Farrellyn & Laurissa Bellanger

Happy 9th Birthday
Laurissa Elsie Bellanger
October 9, 1990
Lotsa love,
Grandma Millie, BJ, Liya
Cedrick, Delmer

Happy Birthday
to my great-grandchildren
Nalani & Douglas Brisbois
Love you & God Bless, Zelma
McCloud (in Nisqually)

Happy Birthday
Jacob B. Whiteplume
October 6, 1969
Lotsa love,
Mom, BJ, Cedo,
Delmer, & Liya

Happy 9th Birthday
Farrellyn & Laurissa
October 9, 1990
Lotsa love,
Angela

Happy 9th Birthday
Farrellyn & Laurissa
October 9, 1990
Lotsa love,
Auntie Annie, Faron, Adam
Lil' Adam, Tatum, Scott & Levi

Happy Belated 3rd Birthday
Donte SMith! Love you Lots.
Romelle & Keyshawn
Speakthunder

Happy Birthday Davida
Sorry we're not there
to celebrate with you.
Hope you have fun.
Happy Birthday sister.
Romelle, Madeline & Juanita

Happy Birthday Davida
from Donaila, Danielle, Dana,
Mom, Ray-Ray, DJ & Dion
Your family in
Albuquerque, NM

Happy Birthay
To Revonne
We love you
From Grandma,
Whitedove, Miko
& Junior

Happy Birthday
Sweetheart
Love you very much
Donna



Happy Birthday
Ooh
With love,
From Mom, Donna,
Whitedove, Miko,
Junior & Brittany!

Happy 7th Birthday
Douglas "Dougie" Brisbois
Love always, Grandma Boots &
Auntie KiKi



Happy Birthday
Douglas Brisbois
Love always, Mom, Dad, Darrin
& Nalani

Happy Birthday Byron Scott
Love, Auntie Paula, Uncle Dan &
family

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The lawyer was advising his pretty client.
"When we go to court I want you to wear a short skirt."
"But they're not in style," she protested.
"Do you want to be acquitted?" asked the lawyer. "Or do you want to be in style?" YIKES

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Having teenagers makes some parents feel like a kid again—they have to ask to use the car. YIKES

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"That bulldog looks like Aunt Minnie."
"Don't say such things."
"Awe—the bulldog can't hear me." YIKES

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Happy 1st Birthday
"Babygirl!"
Nalani Brisbois
Love you lots,
Mom, Dad, Darrin & Douglas

Happy 1st Birthday
to my sweet granddaughter
Nalani Brisbois
Love always, Grandma Boots

Happy 1st Birthday
to my favorite niece
Nalani Brisbois
Love ya lots, Aunti KiKi

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