

## Spilyay Speaks

### 'Pearl Harbor' brings back scary times

The movie "Pearl Harbor" brings back a lot of memories. The movie is a big hit today, drawing many, many viewers to see what the Japanese empire did some 60 years ago. An event that will live in infamy, as President Roosevelt put it.

Yep! On Dec. 7, 1941, early in the morning the Japanese made the big sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. The United States declared war on Japan to enter World War II.

I was just a "Cute Little Tyke" at that time and remember those horrible days and was real scared all the time. It seemed like a big dark cloud was coming over the Pacific area as Japan was taking one island after another. In them days we would see newsreels in the movies as they would show what a powerful force the Japanese were at that time.

The real truth was the United States was really unprepared for such an event, as the Japanese said after their attack on Pearl Harbor, "They said they woke a sleeping Giant."

It's always the bad things that spring up in my mind. After war was declared everything started to spin or things started to happen. The draft was initiated and men were leaving day after day from here, as the battles raged on in the Pacific area.

It was a real mess as the ships were damaged and sunk in the harbor, the aircraft destroyed on the ground, just unbelievable. The Arizona was to have sunk within minutes where many lives were lost and still remain today. A big memorial was erected for the Arizona listing all the names of the men lost and are still in the ship.

The Japanese had planned this for some time and it really paid off for them, but the aircraft carriers were away at that time and that was a good thing. It must have been real hell during that attack as every thing was still in storage like ammo and fighting equipment.

As the Japanese planes came swooping down on Pearl Harbor, the announcement was, "This is an attack, this is no drill."

After the United States entered the war, another big battle stands out in my mind and that's, "The Battle of Midway," where the Americans fought off the Japanese attacks time after time. I can remember photos with the sky filled with anti aircraft bursts as black dots filled the sky.

Here on the home front women started to take over all the jobs and become welders, and whatever. They worked in the shipyards in Portland, they also started to take over in factories because all the men were in uniform and going overseas to fight.

There was this song that became famous here with all the women, because all the men were away and the title of the song was, "They're Either Too Young, Or Too Old." Being a tyke, I was much too young and never thought of girls ... I think! Let's see, it was pretty quiet around here in them days.

The Japanese were still on a rampage where they took the Philippines, where Gen. Douglas McArthur told those people before he left, "I Shall Return,"

And just the word, "Japan," used to almost scare the pants off of me. The way the reports came in on how the Japs treated the prisoners of war and it was pure torture.

Then there was the big Bataan Death march where it was reported that some 5,800 Americans lost their lives because they could not make the march. When they fell, they were either bayoneted or shot.

The Americans finally took offense when they landed on Guadalcanal Island to start the long battle back of taking island after another.

Finally in August 1945, the "A Bomb" was dropped, putting a halt to the fighting as Japan surrendered in August of 1945.

Many people say it was cruel to drop the A Bomb and wipe out a couple of cities in Japan. They don't realize if the bomb was not used the loss of lives would have more than tripled because the Japanese were going to fight to the finish - die fighting.

- Sid Miller

### Editor's Note

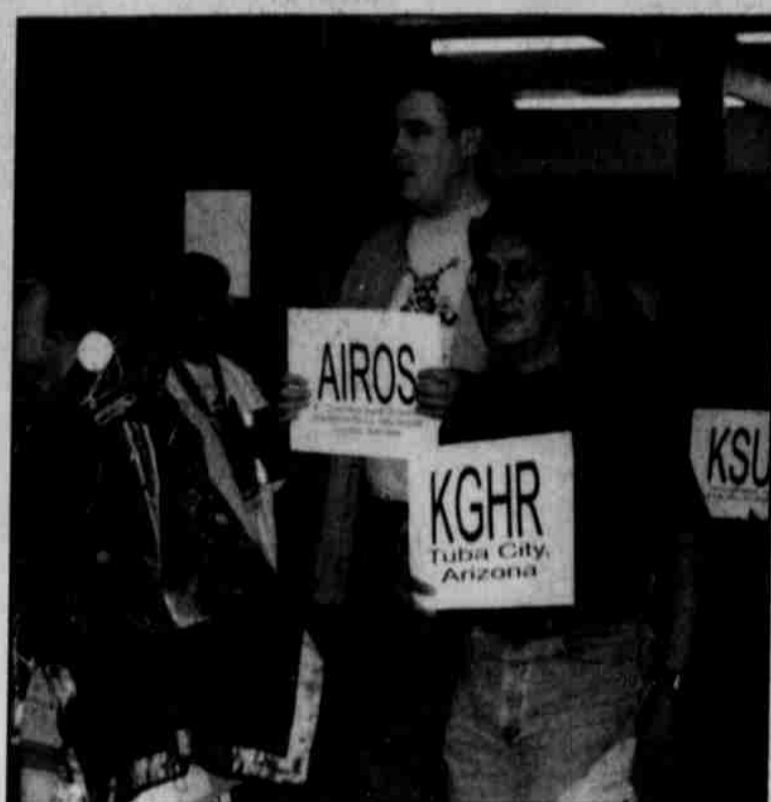
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### Thanks for summit

The staff (above) of KWSO, 91.9 FM, has received a number of cards and letters from participants (right) thanking the radio station and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for hosting the First Inter-Tribal Radio Summit last month. A sampling of the kind words: "Thanks for the red carpet treatment and the great hospitality of your reservation. It's a beautiful homeland!"



### Congratulations to successful students

Congratulations to Joseph Aguilar and Tasheena Arthur.

Lil Joe and Tee: So handsome and so beautiful on your graduation from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Lil Joe, Valedictorian of Senior class of 2001 what a major achievement!

Tee-Future Business Leader Association, President at Caddo-Kiowa Vo-Tech.

Continue your education and fulfill your dreams to the highest.

There is no limit to what both of you can accomplish.

God bless and watch over you all.

Much love,  
Mom, WinnerJoe, Chandia & the rest of the Tribe

### Thanks for event

This is a thank you letter to my community, Warm Springs, Thank You for letting us have such events as HIP-HOP POW-WOW '99, UNDERGROUND POW-WOW '99, BUFF'S BADIYARD BOGGIE '00, all LITEFOOT shows and recent the BIG CHIEFIN' RECORDS LABEL LAUNCH PARTY. Thank you for being understanding of what us kids are diving ourselves into. Thanks to Austin, Andy for letting us do these things, thanks to the recreation staff and kids for changing your agendas because of the set-up and clean-up. Thank You to the police department for being there at the show to insure safety. Our family and friends that helped promote, organize, transport, cook, and clean and make everything click, when it did. Thank you to Jabbar Davis for putting up with the whole mess. (I ain't forgot about you, You still the foundation to this whole movement.) Razor and Melissa for getting the rooms, Corrine, Lance for being pillars. Bird and mom- for putting up with our big dreams, the big output and the little return. One last thanks to MAC DRE, DUBEE, LOOIE CREW, GOTM, ROSE CITY PLAYAZ, KENNY MACK, JUS' FAMILY RECORDS, for doing the other shows and the rest of the performers local or aspiring, you are appreciated.

Not all good comes out of these concerts and we understand this, but these things can be controlled and mostly overlooked. But I do know of them so I will apologize. Apologies for the disasters at the

show (lights, late plan flight etc.) We apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta for the flock of star struck fans, it's unavoidable. The congestion of people.

Apologies to anyone offended by what we do, this too is unavoidable. I also apologize for what I am about to say: "It's sad we are victim to the crab in the bucket syndrome, the same community that we represent, doesn't acknowledge what we do for the kids and only bickers and criticizes. I will say I have been congratulated more than offended and disrespected and will continue to do the only thing I know and that's how to make music.

I have never wrote a letter over the past few years because of the feeling of: lack of support, low turn out's and just under-achieving. This is not the case now, we are very precise business as a unit and we well not let the community down.

Thank You For Your Time,  
Jaime L Scott,  
Big Chiefin' Records

### Apology for actions

To Whom It May Concern:  
I am writing to say sorry for the actions that took place last month.  
George Spino

### Kindness in need

Thank you to the kind people who were there when we needed them the most. Thank you to the Drummers and Singers, Bell Ringers and Cooks, Dishwashers, Neighbors, Friends, Relatives, and the In-laws. Thank you to the Utility workers, Gravediggers, Pall Bearers, and the stick game players. Thank you to the people who donated food and the give-away stuff. Thanks to everyone who traveled near and far to pay there last respects to Vincent Daniel Joe. He was our loving, Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Friend, Uncle, Co-Worker etc. Thanks for the lovely flowers and kind cards.

Sincerely Yours,  
Romagene Joe, Alice & Gene Sampson and family, Lois Knight  
And family, Vanessa & Travis Andy and family,  
Knight sisters: Marie, Melissa, Lynn, and  
Violet and Julia Heath

### Thanks Pi-Ume-Sha

We want to thank the Pi-Ume-Sha committee, Pow-Wow participants, and spectators for being pa-

tient while we did the naming ceremony for Jake Frank and Lupe Verbena Greene. We know it was late and cold so we appreciate everyone's time and we really tried to hurry. We especially want to thank our aunts, Bernice Mitchell and Zelma Greene-Minthorn for the names and the support they both have given to us. We truly love our aunts and we pray daily for them to stay healthy and well. We love them both and hope we do not disappoint either of them in anyway. Thank you Ruby, Anna, "Grandma Trudy" Clements and Shayla Frank for sharing baby Jake with us. I (Romana) want to thank my brothers and sisters for all that they have done for both of these little ones as you truly show your love, care and concern for them. Without all of you including your children things would not get done. We were told at one time that it is important for our children (both young and old) to have their Indian Names and to recognize it publicly so, we appreciate everyone's time and patience.

Our family also wants to say thanks to those people who helped us out honoring our mother with the "empty saddle" and that is Bernice Mitchell, Richard Tohet, Alexander Tohet, Tom Ball, Gorky Mitchell, D.B.L and to our own "LITTLE" baby brother (he knows who he is) for the giveaway items, use of the horses, finances, blankets, etc. This ceremony needed to be done as our mother was a true believer in the traditional ways of our people. Yes, we as her children may not do it exactly as it should be done but we do the best we can because that is all we can do. Things are not done for glory or show but it is out of respect for our elders, children, relatives and friends as a part of closure and moving on with life because of our future generation.

A Big Thanks to our cousins and other relatives from Warm Springs, Umatilla, Nez Perce, Klamath, Yakama, and Colville for helping and supporting our family as we did these two ceremonies.

Again to the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee, Participants, and Spectators: Thank you for your time and patience...

Geneva Charley, Mike Greene, Celia Greene, Ramona Greene-Baez, Sarah Greene-Gonsalez, Daniel Greene, Roscoe Greene, Tim Greene and Paullee Greene and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Fourth of July 2001

This year was another great Fourth. Except for the fires, it was a success and well worth the effort. The day started with a "Parade for Fun" parade, barbecue and games. Many thanks to all the people who contributed their generous valuable time to help out with what ever they did while the weather was a little on the warm side! There were so many people who helped shop, cook, serve, clean and run the games. Special thanks to Deanie Johnson, Val Switzler and their families who eagerly pitched in to help. Marcia Minthorn for cooking the traditional foods as a special treat for the elders. She prepared salmon, eels, dumplings & potatoes. Thanks to her son, Mark Johnson for catching the eels. Thank you to all the paraders! Thank you Kirby Heath and Marvin Ike for leading the parade with the flags. Thanks to all the cooks. It wasn't easy cooking over the grills. Lets see, ... Clint Smith, Jonathan Culpus, Val's girls, Oliver Moses, Willie Fuentes, and Tony Guerin. Thanks again to my mom, Kate Jackson, Richard Craig, and Rudy G. Clements for all their help. Andy & Lana Leonard, Jessie Del Nero, Donnie Winishut, thank you for the PA system, and helping with the games. Debbie McGill and her family for their help in serving, and passing out the ice cream. Trevern Yazzie and Percy Winishut thank you for running back and fourth to the center, and all the work you did on your day off! Thanks to Reva Johnson for running the water slide, and the 3 on 3 tournament, and for the trough for the pop. Thanks again to the Utilities crew, Brian Lund, Roger Smith. This department is always a big part of this activity. They set up, provide and deliver the grills, tables and benches, garbage cans and clean up!! They also provided the "canoes" for the games, and contributed the mud hole for the tug of war! Here are some more of the programs involved: Warm Springs Market, the Primary Prevention program, Warm Springs Forest Products Industry, Warm Springs Corrections, Fire & Safety, Warm Springs Police, and Social Services.

Most of all, thank you all who took part in the activities. This was an "Alcohol-free, family activity" and it was so great to see everybody together, enjoying each others' company! Again.  
Sheilah Wahnetah

## How well is your soul relating to God?

Protect your home.

It is the fire season. Cut the grass, move the wood, make sure there is no gasoline in the cars that have grass growing in its bumper. Keep the lighters and matches out of the hands of children. Protect your home, OK.

Now that I got that yelling off my chest, here is the big question, how is your soul?

You know we ask about our diet, our stress levels, yet we never ask ourselves the most important ques-

tion of our lives. How is your soul? How close to God is your life? And if it's not then who's at fault? In today's world the talk of spiritual things is everywhere.

Even Miss Cleo on TV will connect you to God. Yet the real deal is not Ms. Cleo, or a church that says do things this way or else.

The real deal is between you and God.

For a Christian the Bible speaks of many relationships. The greatest

is of the Love of God for his creation.

So for me it is a relationship that is not to keep me out of hell. Or a relationship that gives me a good spot in heaven. It is to be loved. So for me my soul is loved. How is your soul?

Well, hug someone you love. Hug someone you dislike. No alcohol or tobacco for children. One day at a time.

Buckle up the kids and yourselves. Don't hit or beat on your-

self.

Pay your bills before gambling, and then stay home. Read the Bible for its effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of you hearing Him. Honor someone each day. Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in church.

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church

Worship at 10:00 am on the campus.

Pastor Rick Ribeiro