

Spilyay Speaks

Election participation is wise use of money

The tribal members are always talking of how foolishly we spend money. ... Well, how true that statement is. Just recently we had an election on adoption of all the young children. The election was invalid because for the lack of voters, and each time there is an election there is a lot of money spent putting this on. So there was hundreds of dollars that went down the drain so to speak.

In the past we've had elections on adoptions, which went along well, what I mean is, there was sufficient number of voters that turned out, to make the election valid.

Well on January 21, 2002, the polls will be open again for the adoption election, which should have been taken care of in the past. In the latest edition of the Spilyay, there was information on all the applicants for adoption during this election. It doesn't matter how you vote just as long as you cast your vote for all the youngsters who wish to become tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I imagine that there are a whole lot of reasons why you should vote no on applications of all the youngsters. Some may believe that the roll is getting too large, some might reject applications because of personal feelings toward some families, which shouldn't enter on the decision of the applicant. And there could be hundreds of reasons why you should reject any youngster of becoming a tribal member.

On the other hand there could be several reasons why you would vote the applicant into the tribal membership. You must remember that the decision is yours and not what someone says. Give each applicant all the consideration pro or con before you make your decision of how you vote.

Perhaps, before you make up your mind on the applications you voting on, you might think of what your elders might have said on this issue. They may have several suggestions either pro or con on the applications, and I'm sure that they would have been wise suggestions one way or the other. They may have said that the roll might be getting too large for our resources. And again they may have said, "Look into your heritage, see what your elders have done for the tribes, or who the leaders of this reservation were and how strong their word was during their time of existence. We have had a lot of important leaders who have passed on and now their heritage is still present in these youngsters that need to be voted on for membership.

Look at your own heritage and see what your ancestors contributed to the tribe in the early days of the reservation. Also place your self in the shoes of these youngsters and see who you're ancestors were and what they contributed to the tribes. Imagine how you might feel if you were rejected to a great Nation here in Central Oregon.

Like I said earlier, when the election comes around get out and vote, and not spend money, "foolishly again".

We have always been a proud nation and well respected through the country, so let's not ruin our image by not getting out to vote, on January 21, 2002. Your vote counts...Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!

--Sid Miller

TOE NESS

A boy and his father were watching a foot ball game on TV. "Dad, what do quarter backs do when their eyes go bad and they can't think on their feet anymore?"

"Why that's simple, son. They become referees." YIKES!

Editor's note

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Letters to the editor

Support amid illness

To the people,
I would like to take this time to thank all the people who gave their support during my sister's illness.

1. Earl & Rita Squiemphen & Family
2. Finance Department
3. Management (Percy, Mr. Willie Fuentes, Mr. Charles Jackson, Ina Laiberte)
4. Mr. Gayle Rodgers, Social Services
5. Joann Bryant
6. Accounts Payable staff members
7. Fire & Safety Staff
8. IHS doctors (Dr. Rudd for being there)
9. Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Guerin, Guerin Logging Inc. for all their assistance they gave while my sister was at Portland hospital. For the food, motor home. Don't know what we would have done without your support and love. Thank you very much.

There are so many people who gave their support during her illness when we first started for treatments.

At the hospital, I would like to thank all the Mt. View Hospital staff, and ER room staff, Dr. Creelman, Dr. Rudd, for all their assistance.

All the people who sent their prayers for us during the stay at the Seattle hospital, Portland hospital, Bend hospital, Mt. View hospital.

It was a difficult time for us and I just want to thank all the people who were there for her. We needed one another to hold on to or to lean on for comfort.

Words cannot express how I felt during these times of worry, and heartache. Your comforting words of support was greatly appreciated.

I really want to thank Rita Squiemphen and her family for all the support during the one fundraiser we had. It was hard work and we pulled through if it wasn't for her hard work, and encouragement, I don't think I would have made it through that time.

If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize. But for my family, and me we have cleared our way and intend to go on with life with all the memories we have. The people have compassion for one another, and those people who showed it was

taught very well. Material things did not matter to them, they were there and that is what I appreciated.

I really want to thank my aunts, Hilda Culpus, Dorothy Simtustus, and Margaret Charley for all the kind words of wisdom and prayers. You are always there for us when we need you. Just your presence helped through this heartfelt time.

Please have a prayer for us that are left behind, and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

From Bruce & Barbara Jim, Ina Laliberte, Madeline Jim, Effie Jim, Emily Jim, Bruce Jim, Jr., And all my grandchildren who loved their grandma very much.

Thanks from CPS

CPS would like to take this time to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We also want to take this time to thank you for generously opening your hearts to children in need.

We are most appreciative for gifts that were given for the children in care. Through the eyes and heart of child, you have made yet another difference in the life of a child. God bless to all.

The following is a list of those individuals or organizations that have donated gifts to the children:

- Tribal Attorneys & staff.
- High Desert Resort & Casino Staff
- Shirley Sanders & Family
- Rosanna Sanders
- Gordon Cannon
- Marge Hyde
- Madrás Elks Lodge
- WSCC Staff
- CPS & CPS Center Staff
- John Hicks
- Mike Clements
- Herb Graybael
- Gram's House (Bend)
- Devontre & Tyra Thomas
- Melissa Kibby
- Ramone Thomas
- Mary & Mike Emhoolah
- Wilfred Sando
- Anonymous Donors

There may be others that may not be listed and we apologize for not identifying you if your name does not appear but we are appreciative of all that was contributed. Thank You.

Winter darkness gives way to light

Hello from Pastor Rick,
Winter is here. Cold days and nights. Fog snow, and ice. It was pretty bumpy right after Christmas. Four funerals in the week passed Christmas. Auto accidents; loved ones were sick.

Yep, winter is here. The darkness is here. I wonder if the cold and darkness was the same in the tomb of Jesus Christ. If the moment of the tomb being sealed if the cold and darkness was sudden or happen in a few seconds. I wonder why did Jesus have himself entombed? Maybe, it was the last gift given to us of Jesus experiencing the cold and darkness that comes upon us at times. Or when it comes upon us within our hearts.

Now, the Bible says that Jesus did not sit in the dark very long. He went to get those who have gone before him, to take them home. Then on the third day to rise up to take us home, and those who

will come after us.

If the Christ is so willing to love us as to take upon Himself such a weight. Maybe I can look at my life and know it will be O.K. The light and life within me given by God will keep me warm. I will not become a tomb. Glory to God. Now hear this!! Be careful in driving this winter. Be careful... Be Careful...

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 yourself. Pay your bills before gambling, then stay home. Read the Bible for its effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of your hearing him. Honor someone each day. Love yourself.

See you in church.
Warm Springs Presbyterian Church - On the Campus
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Rick Riberio

Help for families

The Tribal Social Services Programs for the CTWS have worked as a team to seek donations to assist 50 families in the WS community who needed some extra support during this holiday season. So with this in mind, we would like to thank the following individuals and or organizations who were able to make this happen. Thank you for the donations and contributions, it is greatly appreciated. God Bless.

- Outpost - Madras
- Erickson's Sentry - Madras
- John Brown
- Home Town Drug - Madras
- John Kirk
- Rick Riberio
- Perthenia White
- Lola Sohapp
- Tribal Social Services staff
- ECE, HS, & EHS parent's & families
- Senior Program staff
- CPS & CPS Center staff
- CPFS staff
- ECE & EHS staff
- Work force Development

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Volunteering help

Thanks to the Mt. Hood Snow Mobile Club

Specifically:
Ken Gilbertson, Jim McKee, Farel Crowder, Clinton Perterson, Damascas Feed and Seed - loan of water trough & hay donation, Range and Agriculture Department, Humane Society, Warm Springs Police Department

On December 26th we were notified that there were some cattle found in the Mt Hood area that were possibly ours. Members of the Mt. Hood Snow Mobile Club fed and watered the cattle that were stranded in 6 foot of snow while trying to locate the owners. After talking to the Warm Springs dispatch, the Range & Agriculture Department, The Humane Society, we made contact with one of the men from the Snow mobile club. On December 27th arrangements were made with 4 individuals to meet and try to get the cattle out of the snow. The cattle rescue was a great success. We found out that these men had been feeding and watering the cattle since December 21st when the cattle were found. With 6 days of feed and

water the cattle had the energy to walk the 5 miles it took to get out of the snow.

It's great to now you can count on some people....To go the extra mile.

Thanks for volunteering!
Jay Suppah & Family

News of passing

Dear Editor:

In behalf of the children of George Umtuch Junior I would like to take this time to write and inform the Warm Springs Community of the passing of Mrs. George Umtuch, Jr. (Patty) who died at Portland Hospice home from an extended illness, she had been married to George for 40 years till his death then she lived 5 years after until her passing away on December 10, 2001.

Traditional dressing and viewing December 11, 2001 at Warm Springs longhouse, Officiating: Rex Buck, Jr. overnight Washut Services Funeral at daybreak on December 21, 2001. Final resting - Dry Creek Cemetery Warm Springs, Oregon.

She was survived by her children Glen D. Umtuch of Wapato, WA. Sue Ellen/John Hansen, Kathy Umtuch, George Michael Umtuch, of the Portland area and brother in law Clarence/Sharon Umtuch, Toppenish, WA, Sister in law Eleanor U. Bill of Wapato, WA. Sister in laws Margaret Pennah and Melissa James of Toppenish, WA, Brother in law Harvey Jim, Nephew Rex and Angela Buck and Niece Lenora and Dean Seelatsee, Aunts: Adeline Miller, Bernice Mitchell, Gladys Thompson.

The family would like to extend a big thank you to the drummers that came to sing the beautiful Washut songs and to the cooks that took the time to be there on a very short notice for the small attendance for the funeral; however, everything worked out and it was understandable that relatives had other commitments at that time and again Warm Springs Tribe thank you for allowing the children to bury their mother by their father. The children did announce they would have a memorial for mother 1 year from her burial.

I just wanted to send this to you to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Patty Umtuch.

Sister in law Mrs. Eleanor Umtuch Bill

My name is Adeva Christina Scott. I am a Warm Springs tribal member. My father is Darryl Scott, also a Warm Springs tribal member and my mother is Vanessa Gabriel, Yakima tribal member.

I am requesting that you please consider my son, Jered Pichette, for adoption and enrollment into the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I have raised my son here in our home of Warm Springs since his birth. Jered has attended our tribal Early Childhood Education and has had the precious opportunity to have the experience of spending time with his great grandmother Alice Scott, along with learning the rich history of our people. We are teaching our son the traditions and values of our tribal culture by participating in the community events at the longhouse, as well as family gatherings. Jered has the opportunity to learn to speak our Wasco and Sahaptin languages.

I do hope that you consider the enrollment of our son, as he will have a place of belonging to be proud and someday within his future help to contribute to our peoples' progress as an enduring resilient nation.

Adeva Scott

Jered Pichette