

## Letters to the Editor

### Adoption vote

Hello Warm Springs Community Family and Friends.

My name is Sophie Smith and I am 13 yrs. old. My Indian name is X us lu. My parents are Alvis Smith III, Julie and Jake Suppah. My grandparents are Alvis Smith, Jr. and Alley Queahpama. My great grandparents are Alvis Smith, Sr. and the late Ramona Whiz Smith, the late Clayton Queahpama and Helen Sohapp. My great-great grandparents are the late Wesley Smith, the late Annie Jackson Smith, the late Frank Queahpama, and the late Millie Swan. I have lived in Warm Springs and Madras all of my life except when my dad did a 4-year tour in the US Army. I am currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at the Madras Junior High, and busy with volleyball, basketball, and academics. I also enjoy fishing and hunting with my cousins.

I am writing to say thank you to everyone who voted in the last two adoption elections. These past two elections were



Sophie Smith

the first time that I was up for adoption. Even though the Adoption Elections did not pass, I just want to thank the people who took the time out to vote for the candidates. I also wrote a letter to the Spilyay Tymoo introducing myself before the elections, which did not make it into the Adoption Election editions for whatever reason I am still not clear.

Once again, I would like to say thank you to those of you in the community who took time out to cast your votes.

station, school, etc. But it seems that most of the top jobs go to non-tribal foreigners who drag in their immediate family members to give jobs to while our own WS people who finance these projects & pay all the bills continue to go jobless.

Do something, somebody, anybody. Help, you're killing us. Where are all our resources going? Where is all our money going, besides into Madras & other non-tribal's greedy pockets while our WS tribal people continue to suffer, struggle, live in poverty, wade through our people's blood. It is time to stop this sick three-ring circus, get rid of the greedy clowns and put our Warm Springs people to work.

For those of us who don't have mommy or daddy on council, we have to struggle to get jobs, even though we help to pay all the WS tribes bills. There are construction jobs that are coming up that I know a lot of tribal members, including myself would like to have jobs at. There is on-going construction that is only open to outsiders who are easily maneuverable, that are willing to do anything, mainly rip off our WS people to pay for their new cars, houses, food, clothes, vacations etc.

Jobs, jobs, jobs our people need jobs. While our so-called leaders are busy in fighting, being lead around by their mindless nose by white guys that are only interested in dividing our people and take what little we have left. Our children whose parents are jobless continue to kill each other and kill themselves. Do our leaders care or is it every dog for themselves; as long as my babies have jobs created for them. Sloppy, sloppy unaccountable tribal government, management, etc. Help, help you're killing us.

Libby, I'm asking that you create a clause in our tribal construction contract that specifically states that any business that comes in on our WS Rez must hire at the very least 50% tribal members. And not the bottom jobs, the top jobs, so that we can gain experience and keep our knowledge here. Unlike non tribal people that come into WS to work and realize how sloppy unaccountable our system is and decide to stick around and steal all they can (they never had it so good living off our WS people) while we train them and pay for their living. Then they turn around and leave us holding nothing after we've putting thousands of dollars into their training and schooling. How stupid, unaccountable can our

so-called leaders be?!? Do something!!

Libby, I hope you hear what I'm saying. If things don't change we are going to end up like our Klamath brothers who got sold out by their so-called leaders. I don't think their Klamath leaders understood what they were doing but got hustled by white boys & gals much like what is happening today in Warm Springs. We need leaders committed to the welfare of all; I said ALL, our WS people. We are a lawless reservation, we cannot take any of these thief's, crooks to tribal court because they are white boys & gals who cannot be charged with all the crimes they commit here in Warm Springs. Every wonder why all these white boys & gals seem to drive 3/4 ton pickups with cover, campers on them? Our WS people no only train them and pay their salary plus all they can steal but after they are trained they turn around and leave our WS tribes to start over again.

Personally, I am committed to the welfare of our WS tribal people. I've put my bull out on the limb many, many times over these past decades trying to make our "leaders" think and realize that the only reason strangers, foreigners, come into our land is to take and steal. They never, never, bring anything to offer except pain, sorrow, tears, poverty, and death.

They never had it so good until they came to Warm Springs. Because our WS people have been sacrificing, suffering, fighting to keep what little freedom and Native rights we have left. We are the stronger Indian Nation, that's why everybody comes and stays. It is our WS people that have fought to make our WS Rez the stronger Skin Rez in the world. That is why these other skins come and stay because they like what we created through our elder's lineage. We have each other and this Rez. We don't need much else or anybody else coming in and running, stealing our resources.

I hope you understand that my statements are made from a business point of view and not meant to be personal. I also hope that you can distinguish and understand the difference. Our WS people have to realize that we have to fight to keep what little we have left. Fight for accountability, inventory system (a real one that works). Live by our WS tribal standards instead of always following the white boys & gals around adopting their values, standards. Protect our interests. Nobody else will. They're just here for the easy unaccountable money, at the expense of our WS people of course. Sick, unaccountable, sloppy tribal government, enterprises, programs, business. Somebody do something before it's too late.

P.S. Keep our resources, business, casino in house. We can't even keep the so-called managers accountable as it is so why farm out our business in-

### Proud parents

Seaman Hester Scott daughter of Harvey & Florene Scott was home for 10 days in January. Hester completed her basic training on 12-27-01 and went on into school for The Seaman Apprentice course at Great Lakes, Illinois.

After completing all of this, she was transferred to Norfolk Virginia. Before going to Norfolk, she came home. Hester left February 1, 2002 for Virginia.

At Norfolk she was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington which is the homeport for her ship.

At the present time Hester is out to sea, and it is unknown as to how long she will be out to sea.

We as her parents are very proud of Hester for accomplishing the goal she set for herself when she was a se-



Hester Scott

nior in high school. Listed below is Hester's new address if anyone would like to drop her a few lines.

SR Hester Scott  
Box 28  
USS George Washington  
(CVN 73)  
FPO AE 09550-2973

Thank you  
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Scott  
and Family

### A thank-you

To the Editor:  
I want to thank each and every person who came to my grandson's birthday and to his sister's and auntie's baby shower at the Longhouse on Feb. 10.

It was a great please to serve each and every one of you. "Jake L. Frank" got some really nice gifts along with his newborn sister "Verbena Veronica Nora Greene" and auntie "Audrianna Emerald Jade Perez Greene."

I especially want to thank my Auntie Bernice Mitchell for coming, and just visiting with me, my brothers and sisters. It really fet good to be with you and know you are doing okay.

I want to really thank Cassie Katchia and Louise K. Jackson for providing some of the food. It was very tasty and delicious and I know everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Jose and Celia Greene for helping in the kitchen, also Veronica, Harvianne, Rhonda Greene and Ramon.

It was such a beautiful day and we did not mind staying late in the evening for anyone that got mixed up in the time, it was okay with all of us.

Again, thank each and everyone for helping, coming to eat and just stopping by to

wish our babies well, etc. That day meant a lot to me and my family.  
Ramona Baez and Family.

### An apology

I Michael Tone Meanus am very, very sorry for not being there to drum and sing for my people and especially my family that have passed on.

Please except my most sincere apology.

I will miss my auntie, uncle, and friend very much. Again I am sorry.

Love you all and miss you all.

Sorry one and all.  
Michael Tone Meanus.

### Do something

To Elizabeth Ann Chase, JP, Willie, Charles and WS Construction board;

Jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs for Warm Springs. This is an open letter not only to the above but also to our Warm Springs tribal people who pay all the bills here in Warm Springs and employ everybody and their family except our own tribal members. Warm Springs people need jobs too.

Millions upon millions of dollars are approved by our people every year to build Kah-Nee-Ta, new sewage plant, fire

## Food Bank receives special gift

Well, did you have a good valentine's holiday? The kids walking passed the church that Thursday were carrying a lot of cards and candy. A special valentines' for me was the kindergarten classes of the Warm Springs Elementary School came to the church to see the food bank. The classes raised \$79 by selling a small jar with sand in it. Also in the jar was small shapes and colors.

As you moved the jar the surprise objects would show themselves for a moment. The funds went to the food bank. Are not kids the most wonderful creations of God. Their open eyes to see all. Their open ears to hear all. Their open minds to think anything we tell them. I believe one of the big differences between kids and adults is their ability to accept what the world give them.

### Hello from Pastor Rick

Also their ability to forgive and to love without condition.

Here we are adults of the world who say that we are going to raise our kids ready to take on the world and the future. Wow, as a parent I am always asking myself if I am too hard or soft with my kids? Are my explanations being understood by my kids? So with my doubts I turn to the Creator of such wonderful creations.

The Lord says in the Bible to raise your kids with Love and discipleship. It all so says to Love yourself and others. So, if I am to raise my kids right I need to be the best example of what an adult does in this world. Of my discipleship, loving others, and loving

myself will show my kids their future. So, to all Adults be at your best. All of our children need us at our best. And when you cannot be at your best, seek the Lord for your needs. Remember, you too are a wonderful creation of God. 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 it's effect your heart. Pray to God to point of your hearing him. Honor someone each day. Love yourself. Love yourself. See you in church.

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church-On the Campus. Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro 553-1237.

### Deadlines

The next Spilyay issue publishes March 7, with a March 1 deadline for letters and stories.

The March 21 issue has a March 15 deadline

### Editor's note

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 350 words or less, must be signed by the author and need to include a phone number for questions.

Letters will not be printed unless signed. All letters are the opinion of the author and do not reflect in any way the opinion of Spilyay Tymoo.

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### Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events that are of interest to the Warm Springs community. The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribe.org. You also may drop announcements in printed or computer disk format at the

Spilyay office, 1100 Wasco Street.

Or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Fax number is 553-3539.

Please feel free to call if you have story ideas, questions or comments.

The phone number is 553-3274.

### Indian bowling in Reno

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Reno Indian Bowling Tournament is set for March 15, 16 and 17. The event will take place at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Cost is \$17 per person per event. Masters, \$25.

The event is ABC.WIBC sanctioned.

For Information: Contact Lance Astor (775) 786-0503, or Carl Uribe (775) 323-1178

Masters - Sharon or Gary Woods (775) 883-8333  
Arts & Crafts - Rosemary Joe (775) 476-0268 or 329-5071

Youth Pow-Wow - Carolyn Moore (775) 323-0605

Competitions are as follows:

**Friday**  
Doubles & Singles 1 pm  
- Mixed Doubles 4 and 6 pm

Team Events - Men, Women, Mixed 8 pm

**Saturday**  
Mixed Doubles 10:30 am  
- Team Events 10:30, 1:30, 4:30 pm

Masters - Men, Women, Seniors 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
Doubles & Singles 10:00 am & 12:00 noon (if necessary)