

Rez dogs, soup dogs, family pets

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The Warm Springs population is 4,040 people, and 4,050 dogs. Or it seems that way when you drive around Warm Springs and you see a dog everywhere you go.

You wonder how all these dogs got here in Warm Springs.

Most of them probably have litters of puppies.

The adult dogs are not all that attractive to begin with, but their puppies are cute. So they're given away to relatives, friends, or whoever will take one.

When children want a puppy and they see one, they probably bring it home. It's such a cute puppy and they just really love it.

Then it grows into a dog and loses that cuteness. Do they love it and give it the same attention?

I've seen this situation not only in my own home but in other homes as well. My kids played with their puppy for a while. It grew in size but, even while still a puppy, lost that cuteness.

It would wait for the bus with them and greet them at the bus stop each day and they were glad to see it. But it was still bored because they didn't play with it as much as they did when it was cute. So what does a bored dog do?

These bored dogs develop bad habits like tearing up trash in your yard. Ours tore up diapers. Or they chase cars. When I pull out of the driveway, there are at least three dogs that chase my car.

What becomes of these big dogs that are no longer puppies and develop these unwanted behaviors? Some take a one-way ride into the country. Then what do these animals do?

In some communities they run together in a pack. Some are lucky enough to find a family that will take them in and keep them.

Recently, as in the past, the police have received many calls regarding dogs. Dogs are biting children, running in packs and killing calves and bothering cattle.

Police are now required to take drastic measures to reduce the population of the dogs.

Dogs are being captured and checked for licenses. If a dog has a license the owner can be notified, but if the dog does not have a license, the owner may never see the dog again. Everyone's dog should have a license, and this requires vaccinations.

I believe this measure would reduce the population of dogs in the community.

It is possible these dogs are unwanted and don't have a home, and removing them from the dog population is the best thing.

But, if you have a dog and want to keep that dog, then it should be taken care of, vaccinated, licensed and fed. These pets should be like members of the family, not only when they're puppies but always.

As a child I remember having a few dogs. One dog did tricks and he was obedient, but he was killed by a pack of dogs. One dog was playful and we took good care of him.

When I left for boarding school I received regular updates about the dog. He was gone when I got back. I don't have a pet dog at the moment, my kids have a cat, and she's getting the attention she needs from my children.

But it's interesting that a cute little puppy could become a problem for the community.

If you are thinking about getting a dog, I would wait a while until the dog population problem is under control.

That's only my opinion.

Spilyay Speaks

Slam and jam

To the Community,

I would like to thank some people at this time, who recently supported and helped out at the Blackhawks "Slam and Jam" tournament held on April 12-14 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center.

First of all I would like to thank the sponsors for the awards that were presented. The sponsors are: Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Warm Springs Forest Products, Warm Springs Composite Products, Warm Springs Market, Madras Produce, Bright Wood Corp., Erickson's Sentry, and a few independent sponsors, Gary Thomas of Prineville, Marcia Soliz (second-place sweatshirts), and Bruce and Barbara Jim.

I would like to thank Eagle Eye Designs and Bear Prints for printing the awards, and Bend Awards and Engraving for the All-Star Medals.

I would like to say a big "thank-you" to Roland and Verleen Kalama for helping out the whole weekend, and for Foster Kalama for helping out on Friday night. I want to thank my mother Carol Craig and sister Mariam Tias for jumping in at the last minute and doing the concessions for me, and also my nephews and nieces for helping with cleanup during the tournament.

Last but not least I want to thank all the fans for coming down to watch the tournament and cheering their favorite team or player. It was supposed to be an eight team only tournament but I received a tremendous response from teams that wanted to enter, so I opened it up to a 12-team tournament.

I want to thank the Community Wellness Center staff for the set up of the gym for the tournament. I look forward to putting together the "2003 Slam and Jam" Tournament, and watch for a possible tournament this fall, Blackhawks "Elite Eight" Men's 6 and Under Open Tournament. Again, a big Thank You to all who helped, and take care.

Samuel J. Kentura,
Blackhawks Basketball

A thank-you

Family and friends,

We really appreciate all the prayers support and donations that were received during this time of the loss of our dear loved one, Tommy Lee Dickson.

Tommy has hit the hearts of many and will be greatly missed. As a son, brother, nephew, grandson, boyfriend and best friend. We would like to thank the Emt's, Airlife, Doctor, nurses and the Pastor for their help. A huge hug and thank you to my family for being by Tommy Lee's side through his last days with us.

Thank you auntie Shirley, Neda, Liza, Larry Dick, Priscilla Blackwolfe, Jaime McKinley, Ellen Thompson, Alex Tohet, Jimmy Wesley and to those who traveled from Washington. And a huge thank you and blessings for the foods, drummers and all the dancers.

There were so many people with us I cannot name you all but you know whom you are. To those whom were unable to attend because of circumstances that were out of your control, we felt your grief and prayers (incarcerated, sick or in the hospital).

We all remember that Tommy Lee was a person whom liked to visit and was very free spirited and each and everyone of us have that special memory of his unique personality.

This is one of the hardest things to do is really understand he is

gone. That's why all your prayers are so important. There is one song that helps me release Tommy physically and believe he is in the hands of our elders. It is sung by Motley Crue, Home Sweet Home. Tommy is home now and is smiling.

Thank you again and God bless. Mae, Edgar, Curtis, and Theodore; Nettie and family; Laura and family; Gary and family, Warm Springs. William and family, Redmond.

Albert and family, Salem.
P.S. Gwen Leonard and Gladys Graybeal for bringing hot food. Anyone whom did not get a memory card can pick one from myself (Mae) sorry we ran out during the funeral.

We thank you

To all who kindly helped celebrate the life of Charles Rutschow both at High Lookee Lodge in Warm Springs and at the Camp Polk Cemetery, we thank you.

Your cards, expressions of care for us and your presence are greatly appreciated. The flowers and gifts to Hospice and the Salvation Army in his name will continue his love for community and survive. Thank you.

Pearl Rutschow, Jerry and Jane Kirkpatrick, Craig and Barb Rutschow.

Thinking of you

As I sit here inside this lonely prison cell, I watch the ones who love me go through hell. I never thought I'd be locked up like this before. Surrounded by barbwire fences, towers and slamming doors.

To have my parents visit me not being able to touch. Seeing my mother walk away tears falling from her eyes cause she misses me so much. Not recognizing my brother's voice because I've spent half a year in the hole with no contact at all.

Hearing my home-girls tell me to keep my head up down the hall. Knowing that when I parole, the man I wanted to meet me at the gate won't be there cause he's doing time along with me.

Losing everything and having nothing to get out to, because that's what I choose for it to be. I can only pray that "my brothers" and others can learn from my mistakes or at least see that I've only hurt the ones I love.

They're the only ones who had to suffer because of the crazy things I've done. As I sit here counting down the days, I thank god for my family and the people who love me who had enough respect to stay.

To all the natives doing time, especially Ronald McKinley, keep your head up boo, cause this female is thinking, praying and loving you.

One love.
Jolena Warner, 13389804

Nursing home

We have National Nursing Home Week on the horizon again in May. It will be celebrated May 11 through May 17. Saturday May 11 we will have a float in the parade, and will take residents to watch the parade. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, we will celebrate our mother's with a mother's day strawberry cake and tea at 1:30 p.m., in the activity room. Everyone is welcome.

On Monday, May 13, there will be an open house, Health screening, with blood pressure and blood sugar testing will be provided. Then a wheelchair race will be held to finish up that day.

Tuesday, May 14, will be "Pet Day". We encourage all with pets to bring them down to show our elders.

Wednesday, May 15, will be our Hawaiian day and talent show. The talent show will get underway at 1 p.m. If you have a talent you would like to share please contact Diana Clark at CTCC.

Thursday, May 16, will be our annual yard sale, bake sale and car wash.

Come down and get some goodies and get your car washed all at the Convalescent Center.

The week will be completed on Friday, May 17, with Western Day and our hotdog barbecue. This will start around 11:30 a.m. and last until about 1:30 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some good food and a visit with our elders.

We hope to see you there for all the week's festivities.

A big thank you goes out to Connie Shaver from Trail of Dreams. She has donated numerous items, which we used as "giveaway" during our Winter Spiritual Dance.

We encourage you all to come down for a visit and to see what we are doing. Remember the doors are always open for you. If there is something that you would like to see our elders do, please let us know. We are open to any suggestions. See you next month.

Ina Harry

Dedicated

Why I am 100 percent dedicated to my recovery.

I am a head-injured survivor from an alcoholic-related automobile accident.

I was in one March 17, 1987, and I am very much grateful for how I now am. I am still alive for a special, unknown purpose.

I don't drink alcohol like I used to no-more. I want to be 100 percent dedicated while I'm in recovery. I want to focus on everything I can do now, not on everything I used to do. That is all in my past.

In a way I'm a little grateful for the kind of physical traumatic head injury I'm told I have. I am still alive! Focus on what you can do now.

Evette Patt, 689 W. Thirteenth Ave., Apt. 11
Eugene, OR 97402; phone 242-0591.

Tribal jobs

Attention Tribal Council and Tribal Members:

There are two things that I would like to tell the Tribal Members that the Tribal Council hasn't really followed up on, keeping someone (Tribal Members) in line to replace management heads who are non-tribal members to take over when they're ready to retire or leave. We have seen nothing done about this and we should be looking into this cause we have people Tribal Members that are educated to take over in these offices or departments. But no one has been placed into all departments to be taught, it started out all right but as things go on, they forget to follow thru with it and nothing done about this. You (Tribal Council) rely on management to do things for you, but as far as we (Tribal Members) concern is one of the problems in management by playing with our tribal budget not letting us (Tribal Members) know that he can't run his department without digging into other department's budget. You have a set budget to stay in the budget of that department, if you can't let the Tribal Council know, you can't handle it. I suppose you'll want to get a consultant to do the research on how to handle a budget but your educated right. Mr. S/T. What your doing isn't right and don't forget you work for us (Tribal Members) don't mismanage everyone's budget. Tribal Council stress education most of the people that come home have to leave cause they're turned away cause they get so far in management and show they can handle the department. But management always feels threatened with a new face wanting to help management at Tribal Council with their views and they get rid of them that's always the way management handle these situations, that I've seen all my life. So far as long as I've been around,

Letters reminder

The Spilyay again would like to remind readers, please limit Letters to the Editor to 350 words or fewer.

Letters that are longer than 350 words are cut starting with the last sentence. Also, no statements can be published that are libel against another person.

management always hired a consultant to do their work for them. You're the one with an education we (Tribal Members) are looking at you to help lead us and run the Tribe.

But things aren't panning out. Second issue is I hear that Gaming is using our reserved funds without Tribal Members vote that's 20 million dollars out of our Tribal Monies being used. To so call helping Gaming but who can say that person will win the election that we're lining his campaign with. to be the future governor if he's not elected we're left in a tight spot and we lost those monies and were told that we're in financial problems already.

Sincerely yours,
Lloyd G. Smith (Shag), Tribal Member

For the Heart

I would like to apologize to the readers for the error in the last Spilyay edition on a misspelled word. My one sentence submitted was to read: I would like to thank all my sponsors for their support in "Jump for the Heart" not "Jump for the Hearth."

I am 9 years old, and jumped over 200 times in the Jump for the Heart event. This raised over \$200 from sponsors. I also qualified for the Disney World trip.

I enjoyed meeting people, and learned information about what a heart attack is.

Thank you, Larry Spino II

On gaming

To our Warm Springs people Tribal Council,

Good morning. Water, water, water, I think most of you would agree that water is the first necessary element, resource, necessary for life besides our Creator.

Gambling is a diversionary tactic. Gambling is made so easy to come by in Indian country by our great white fathers that red flags pop up in my mind.

Our so called white bro is using gambling to distract our Indian nations from developing our natural resources, namely our choo'ish.

Develop our water resources, an amusement park, water world in Warm Springs, Oregon and a barge on the Columbia River before it gets to crowded.

This would be more valuable to our Warm Springs nation than any gambling. As I've said before gambling is our white bro's Trojan Horse.

When the day is done with gambling, what do we have but a piece of paper with numbers on it saying we have X amount of money, liars.

When gambling and money runs its course all we got left is a empty building and paper. If we develop our water and other rez resources in the future when Safeway closes it's doors we will still have our rez.

Hunt, fish, pick, dig for our foods, our Safeway is our mother earth and if our Treaty tribes Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, Lapwai, would come together and buy some barges for the Columbia River this would be more beneficial for our future generations then gambling. Think about it.

Bobby Eagleheart

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