

## Let's keep Veterans Powwow

Bad things happen all too often in the world, so when something good happens we should be especially appreciative.

The Veterans Powwow has grown in popularity over the years, and has become one of the very good events on the reservation.

### Spilyay Speaks

Now, for the first time since this powwow began in 1989, the Warm Springs community most likely will not host the Veterans Powwow. The problem is money, as the tribes are facing another year of budget reductions.

Nevertheless, it is not too late, as the powwow, before it was cancelled, was scheduled for November 8 and 9.

If anyone has an idea about how to raise about \$8,400 for the powwow, then please contact Leona Ike.

## Approach hunting as a sport

By Sid Miller  
Spilyay Tymoos

Hunting season is here and all the bucks are on the run all across the country. The report is that there is a good crop of deer this year, and the hunters should have a good year. There are some guys who look forward to the deer-hunting season all year long. It is a good sport, where a fellow can get out into the woods and roam the countryside.

Today with all the four-wheel drive trucks and four-wheel drive carts, it is easy for guys to hunt. It's not like the sport of the past, when a guy would walk long distances through the woods.

This new way is like cheating on the poor animals, and that makes it not a sport at all, or maybe they are afraid they might get lost if they went afoot into the woods.

Off reservation, it is a little different, as there are areas where vehicles are not permitted, and when a hunter gets his game, he has to pack it out. That makes it a little more of a challenge for a hunter. Also gives the game animals a better chance.

I've heard stories about people seeing huge herds of deer in certain places, but when I've gone there I never saw one at all. Someday maybe I'll see a big herd like some guys say they've seen. But maybe it's the "Bud" that doubles the size of the herds. A person said, "It must be hunting season, because there are a lot of Bud and Coors cans all along the roads."

Reports are that there are a lot of bucks on Dog Butte, and on LuLe Kush Butte.

## Gallery change

Dear Friends, Patrons and Art Lovers,

The winds have been blowing in my life much like those that blow through my beautiful homeland along the Columbia River. They have brought many changes. One of these changes is the transfer of ownership of my Studio/Gallery on Alberta Street. The change will happen at the end of September.

Jim and Teresa Jackson will be the new owners, working as a team to run the gallery. The gallery will currently retain its name, the Lillian Pitt Studio/Gallery, and its location. I know you will welcome Jim and Teresa into the community, and support their endeavors to provide high quality exhibit space for Native American artists in the Portland area.

Jim's bronze and clay sculpture will be a prominent addition to the gallery, as well as several other Native artists from the Northwest and around the country.

The change will allow me much needed time to focus on the things that are most important to me: my art making and the need to nurture and take care of myself. Recent health issues have made me rethink my priorities and demand I slow down a bit and reset the rhythm of my life.

Many exciting things are happening as I pass the torch on to Jim and Teresa. I will continue to have my work in their gallery and look forward to a fruitful relationship with them. My work can also be found at: Antique Gallery, Anchorage, Alaska; Four Winds Gallery, Pittsburgh, Penn.; The Images of the North Gallery, San Francisco; Jeffrey Moose Gallery, Seattle; Pendleton Home Store, Portland, and the Museum at Warm Springs. Private showings of my work will be possible. The number to call to set up an appointment is (503) 528-1155.

My work can be viewed at my web-site [www.lillianpitt.com](http://www.lillianpitt.com). Please look for an exclusive opportunity to buy my bronzes and jewelry at this site in November. Also please join me as we celebrate the Grande Re-Opening at the Lillian Pitt Studio/Gallery on Oct. 25, 5-9 p.m. This reception will feature my work, along with Jim Jackson's new bronzes.

I want to thank those of you who have followed my career and believed in me from the beginning as well as those of you who have joined my family along the way. Your support has been essential and life sustaining. I am deeply moved and inspired by all of you and hope you will continue to be in touch with the spirit that moves me.

Sincerely, Lillian Pitt

## A thank-you

To our family and friends, We want to send our thanks and appreciation out to the drummers, Shakers, the people who brought food out to the prayer services, the people who were present at the funeral, your

presence was very comforting to our hearts. To the people who stopped by our home to see us and give us comfort, it was appreciated. Keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours. May the Lord bless all our people.

Sincerely, Marilyn and all her kids.

## In memory

To Riggs Charley and family,

I am sincerely hurt and saddened by the passing of Wanda "Wanaxani" Charley. My heart goes out to her family and friends. I feel really bad because I couldn't be there, not only for her family but to also help out at the Longhouse. I just heard recently of her passing. I can't believe it. She was such a wonderful lady, who could not only fish, but she was talented in many ways. She could mechanic, bead, dig roots, hunt, plus she could cook up a storm.

I've often thought about her and the family. As you know, I've been in prison for almost five years now, but I have kept in contact with Wanda, and had planned on coming to see her and her family upon my release on Nov. 18.

I'm coming over on a whole new outlook and I'm going to go down river to pay my respects to Wanda. I do love her and will miss her very, very much. She'll always have a piece of my heart.

God bless to the family, and feel free to write me, Lily, Leslie, Merda, Robert, Keith, Shamona, Bonnie, Riggs, my heart goes out to you all. I love you all. And tell Shamona to stay strong. Take care.

Kathleen Cook, mailing address C.C.C.F., Kathleen Cook No. 5089790, P.O. Box 900, Wilsonville, OR 97070-9000.

## An apology

To the Editor:

I, Douglas Williams, would like to apologize to Elissa Stevens, an employee of the Deschutes Crossing Restaurant. I am sincerely sorry for my action that may have caused you any embarrassment or discomfort. Please accept my apology for my wrong-doing.

Sincerely, Douglas Williams Sr.

## Our youth

I think we are failing our children. We are too caught up in the white man's world of money, money, money by any means. Even to the extent of selling out our children, youth, future.

We are all responsible for our children who are choosing the option of death. Death never used to be considered an option a few short years ago. Don't you wonder why our children are killing each other, killing themselves, choosing death instead of living in our home, the Warm Springs Rez.

All these millions we are wasting on this feasibility gaming study is literally killing our people. Teen center, youth restaurant, top of the line playground for the kids, invest all these millions into our children, and we will see our investment

blossom in five, 10, 20 years... plant seeds in our children's hearts, minds, souls. Show that we care, love them more than money.

I might be wrong but I think it is who you are, not what you have. I don't need a middleman to pray to our Creator.

Do you believe our lawyers. I don't. They make their millions win, lose, draw. As long as they keep our Warm Springs people in litigation these itinerate selfish lawyers and their sell-out so-called leaders following them around like lost puppies, picking up all the blood money they can.

Why don't you try living on nothing. You are creating drug dealers, murders, suicides, pain, sorrow, tears, death. Our kids like new shoes too. It doesn't take much to make little skins happy and we, all of us, can't even do that. More money, money, money. Get out of the way, kid. More money!

Who says we need lots of money to be happy, to be a good American. I admit money is a necessary evil in today's society, but we need not listen to a den of thieves and lawyers who advise our so-called leaders to continue to throw all our limited resources into a pie in the sky feasibility gambling study.

Invest these millions into our children here in Warm Springs, and in time our actions will pay dividends, just as our actions today are paying dividends of pain, tears, sorrow, hopelessness, so that death becomes an option.

EEE Took T Wigwa, Bobby Eagleheart.

## Sorry

To the Warm Springs Tribal Court, Prosecutors Office and Corrections Officers Peter Brunoe and Chris Jack.

I apologize for my actions on Aug. 9 against officers Brunoe and Jack for the assaults, and to Tribal Court Judge Langnese and Tribal Prosecutor Toni Made on Aug. 12.

My deepest apology for my inappropriateness.

Signed, Joseph Craig

## No powwow

The Veterans Day Powwow Committee regrets to announce that the 2002 Veterans Day Powwow scheduled for Nov. 8 and 9 has been cancelled due to budget reductions by the tribes.

We would like to thank those who supported and sponsored the powwow event over the years including enterprises of the Confederated Tribes, Tribal Council, drummers and powwow floor staff. Leona Ike.

## Enrollment

Dear friends,

I am writing in regard to my daughter Ramona and her enrollment in the Confederated Tribes. I am grateful to the Tribal Council for her acceptance. I told my daughter, you may not get as much, not like your cousins. She told me it really didn't matter, she just wanted to be a tribal member, and now

# Letters to the Editor

## Appreciative

Hello, greetings my people, tribal members. I am writing to thank the Tribal Council for accepting me for enrollment. Being a tribal member means a great deal to me and my family.

I could not do this without the help and support of my family.

This means so much to me, more than you know. From this day forth I will always represent my people in a good way. Thank you for your time.

Ramona Marie Stacona



she is.

Ramona has represented the people of Warm Springs very well. She always introduces herself and her tribe, being Warm Springs. We have traveled all over the U.S. and Canada, because powwow is a way of life for my family.

I took Ramona to the Connecticut Schemitzun powwow. She led in the Grand Entry with the royalty, and introduced herself, her crown, and her tribe. Not only did she say she was from Warm Springs, but she got fifth in her category.

The master of ceremonies said she represented the Pacific Northwest all the way from Warm Springs, Ramona Marie Stacona. That was cool, but it's like that all over, and that won't change. Why? Because it's time to lead and guide our children in a better way, tribal member or not, the children are our future. Thank you for your time. God bless.

Jason Stacona

## To the public

I, Ann Seyler, am not responsible for Keith A. Gregory-Baker's debts as of 8/12/02 and 10/21/02 and here on out.

Ann Seyler

## Raffle items

The Warm Springs Fire and Safety RSVP Volunteer Association is asking for donations toward a nonprofit organization that takes initiative to help the local communities in Jefferson and Wasco counties.

Anything you select to donate will be a raffle item or door prize for this event. The raffle is tentatively scheduled for November, during the first annual Fireman's Ball in Warm Springs.

We hope you consider a donation or contribution toward this function. We sincerely appreciate and thank you for your support. Call 553-1634.

Creston D. Smith, fire fighter, RSVP Volunteer Association, Warm Springs Fire and Safety

## School forms

The Jefferson County School District registration forms were recently sent home for parents and guardians to update address, phone, and emergency contact

information on your students.

The completed forms are necessary for us to make any changes to your student's information.

We would really appreciate your assistance in keeping the school office current on your student's information by returning the forms to the middle school office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Jefferson County Middle School office staff

Big thank you

I am writing this letter to thank everyone for helping my children and me after our auto accident. Especially Pastor Rick for the prayers. Your presence alone was very calming.

Thank-you to Jeanette and Merle for helping me with my children. I don't know what I would've done if you two didn't stop to help. Thank-you to Glen Smith and Trey Leonard for taking the time from your regular jobs to help us, and to my neighbors and friends Stacey and Jake, for helping me and being there for myself and my girls.

To all my co-workers and my supervisor Kathy, thanks for understanding and covering for me. I'll be back to work soon.

To my friends and family, thank you for checking on me and making sure I get to my doctor's appointments. I love you guys. I have been told many times that our injuries could've been much worse, and that we were very lucky. Fortunately, we were all wearing our seat belts.

Also, thank you to Andrea for the ride home and checking on me. You're the greatest.

Sincerely, Stacy FastHorse

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Reminder regarding letters

It is the policy of Spilyay Tymoos to print Letters to the Editor from any and all tribal members. Because of space limitations, letters should not exceed 350 words.

Letters that are longer than 350 words may be cut starting with the last sentence and progressing up until the item is within the 350-word limit.

This policy is necessary in order to ensure that room exists in the newspaper for all of the Letters to the Editor.

# Fire fighters, medics deserve community respect

On behalf of Warm Springs Fire and Safety, we, the fire/medics, are asking the community of Warm

Springs to help our department. Here is what we are asking: Bear with us when no one is at the station, or the ambulance is a long time coming.

There are only two people at each station. Each station is cov-

### Hello, from Pastor Rick

ering an area of hundreds of square miles. Each area has people and houses scattered over a wide area. The Agency station covers the bulk of the population of Warm Springs. That means medical house calls, medical jail calls, medical motor vehicle accidents, medical calls at Kah-Nee-Ta, High Lookie Lodge,

and walk-ins at the station after IHS clinic hours.

Also, fire calls: grass fires, alarms, car fires, house fires, etc.: stuck fingers in bikes, beads in the nose, rescue calls for motor vehicle accidents. You see the list can continue with things that the fire/medics do for you.

If you see where I am going, our problem is time, distance and people. When the station

staff is out on a call, the call and transport to Madras can take up to two hours to complete.

The next call during this two-hour time has to be covered by volunteers, off-duty medics, or staff from Madras. Usually, the staff from Simnasho will come down to the Agency. Now for a short time, the two staff members are covering the entire res-

ervation.

Now with all this said, let us talk about the call volume. Our small department has the same numbers as Redmond. We do it with one-third the staff. Does a daily miracle come to mind?

So, bear with us. Our small staff and volunteers will push it to the point of exhaustion and pain to help this community.

Rick Ribeiro