

## Battles and differences close to home

By Selena T. Boise  
Spilyay Tymoo staff

So, what do you think of the world situation? In the world we live in there may be a war about to begin.

I think back to the Desert Storm and how I didn't know what was happening. I was in another world.

I do remember the sadness in Warm Springs because many tribal members or community members had gone there.

I know of one person, Tashna Hicks, being sent to Iraq. I saw her mother announcing that she's leaving. I saw this girl take an active part in the JROTC Program at Madras High School. In fact I photographed her doing color guard at various events in Warm Springs. She has certainly become a responsible person following the same direction as family members who served in the Armed Forces.

It is also interesting reading about Hester Scott and her activity in the Navy. Her mother said she wanted to travel and she is doing a lot of traveling.

I think these girls have a wonderful sense of direction. They're following a path that they laid out for themselves. They are ready and willing to serve America.

Though we all give thanks to those who serve our country, we then have our own fighting among the tribes. Or maybe underhanded dealing, or something similar.

Many of you know what I am referring to. That is the Grand Ronde Tribe offering money to back bonds of a baseball stadium in Portland in return for their placement of a casino in Portland. That is against what they were saying about the Warm Springs Tribes being allowed to have a casino off reservation. Does that mean it's okay now because Grand Ronde might be allowed to?

Isn't it enough that their current casino is successful? Do they need more?

I think that it is wrong for them to want it all. Warm Springs was a part of the process that assisted these small tribes to become recognized. The Warm Springs tribes to my knowledge are only trying to become successful in gaming at the Columbia River Gorge where our ancestors survived on the salmon run decades ago.

Today our tribes still hold the salmon feast along the Columbia River at Celilo Village. Today Warm Spring's tribes still hold ceremony to give thanks for the roots, and berries brought to our land each year.

It is today that the young hunter is still recognized with their first kill ceremony.

These were things taught to our grandparents, who then passed it on to the younger generations to carry on into the future.

If 10 years from now these things are still important to our people I will be forever thankful for those who have passed this on to our children, tribal member or non-tribal member.

Ten years from now I will look back upon this disagreement about casinos and think that it was nothing compared to what our children have learned to keep their culture and traditions alive throughout it all.

And 10 years from now we will still have tribal members offering their service to this country because we all live here together.

## Spilyay Speaks

## Salmon Corps

Dear People of the Warm Springs Reservation,

The Salmon Corps needs your help and support. While the current budget need of \$40,000 has been met, an additional \$50,000 plus in back payments is still needed to have the program continue on this reservation.

The government chips in \$220,000 per year and requires that the tribes pay \$40,000. These monies keep 16 young adults in an educational program where they learn job skills and those without GED's have a chance to earn one.

At the end of the 1,700 hours each participant receives a \$4,700 college scholarship. Salmon Corps is an important of Natural Resources and is used by most of the departments.

Ask yourself, "How many people have I known who went through the Salmon Corps?" You'll probably be able to think of a few.

The Umatilla, the Nez Perce, the Sho-Ban, the Yakima, the North Sound and Portland have supported their Salmon Corps program. Please show that the Warm Springs, Wasco, and the Paiute people support and value this program. Please call (541) 553-3233 to pledge your support.

## A thank you

In memory of Inez McKinley.

I am writing this little article to say a big thank you to all the people who came to the hospital to pray for my niece, Inez McKinley, the two months she was in the hospital in Madras and Bend. A heartfelt thank you to all.

Thank you Chum and Jaime Bailey for coming from California to be with her. She knew you were there. Thank you to the Lucei sisters for being with Jaime the night she left us. Although you had to farm out your children to relatives. Thank you to all who helped Jaime with her children.

Ronald McKinley, you got to tell your mother you loved her before she left us. May God be with you and comfort you. We all love you.

Thank you Laura Switzer and your helpers for preparing the food at the Shaker Church. A great big thank you to all who prepared her for Inez's burial.

and brought her home to the 1910 Shaker Church. Thank you to all who came for the Last Rites, and attended her burial. Thank you Alex and Phyliss for bringing things for the giveaway, otherwise what Jaime Bailey and I had looked so pathetic on the floor of the church. Thank you to High Lookie for caring for her the months she was there. Thank you Winfred for being with her these many months, and being her company, we the rest of the family were too to be.

Maxine McKinley, aunt to Inez McKinley.

## Missing home

Hello, my name is Abe Schuster. I am writing this letter for my little brother Joseph Frank Mitchell, who is in the United States Navy and is now overseas and has been overseas for some time now. He would like to have family and friends write to him, or even maybe send some pictures and some powwow tapes, because he is now starting to miss home and would like to hear from anyone who would like to write to him. So here is the address:

Joseph F. Mitchell, USS Frank Cable, FPO/AP 96657/2615, R-4 Division 51/G.

Thank you.  
Abe Schuster

## Apology

To whom it may concern:

I am truly sorry for the terrible incident that took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. I had no grounds for doing what I did to you all. What I did was totally uncalled for and out of line. This letter could not tell you how ashamed at myself I'm feeling right now. I would just like to say I'm truly sorry to my two grandmas, my mother and my little sister and my homeboys. I also would like to say I'm sorry to all of the officers that had to deal with me. I really hope that all of you can forgive me for that unfortunate incident, because if I could go back in time and take it all back, I would. I love you mama.

Always, Anthony Mitchell Jr.

## Champions

The Simnasho Mustangs would like to thank the sponsors for their donations to purchase the team's uniforms. The kids really appreciated being able to use them in the Shooz Only

Co-ed Tournament.

On Feb.15-16 we played in a 12-team tourney held at White Swan Middle School, which was an eight-man roster of four boys and four girls.

Our roster consisted of: Captain Redskywalker Suppah, Captain Rosey Twostars Suppah, Carel Swallow, Shoni Schimmel, Jode Schimmel, Isiah Moses, Aja Maldonado, and Anthony Maldonado.

The first listed are our son, daughter, nephew, and grandchildren. Five of the players played together in 2002. Shoni, Jude, Isiah are Bob Eagleheart's grandchildren. Anthony and Aja are Willie Salem's grandchildren. All represent Simnasho.

We are grateful to the families who support the children, allowing them to play together as a team. When we're not traveling, they play for other teams, giving them more experience and making them stronger in their abilities.

Also, I give a big cheer to those who put together these youth tournaments for the teams to participate. Keep up the good hard work. It's tough to put on any tournament. The cost of the awards, referees, use of facilities, concession gate, rattles and entry fees to make ends meet. It's like police work or politics, no one is ever satisfied. Someone has to complain about something. So don't let the gripes get to you all. It's because of you folks some kids have some event to look forward to each year. God Bless you all. I know what you go through, for I put on many a tournament myself.

By Big Rat Suppah

## Two poems

Mrs. Lucille F. Suppah, Valerie, Redskywalker, Rosey Twostars,

"Blessing Complete"

I asked for health, that I might do great things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn to obey. I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, and the praise of men. I was given weakness, to sense my need for God! I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I

## March 15 Memorial

Family members of atwai Delbert Frank Sr. will hold a memorial for the longtime tribal leader on Saturday, March 15. The memorial will be at the Simnasho Longhouse from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Mr. Frank passed away in September of 2001, a day before his seventy-eighth birthday.

His passing happened at the time of the terrorist attacks of September 11 of that year. For this reason a number of friends and as-



Delbert Frank Sr.

sociates of Mr. Frank were unable to attend the services in 2001, as air travel in the U.S. was restricted.

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hoped for. He blessed you all into my life. Gave me children, grandchildren, and a beautiful wife. I thank God for my friends and those who call me friend. Anyone can make enemies but friends are to the end...

Love husband, dad, grandpa, brother uncle, and a friend forever, Big Rat 2/18/03

"People live one day at a time with daily prayer"

Life is short with its twists and turns, as everyone of us, sometimes learns. And many a failure turns about, when we might have won, had we stuck it out.

Don't give up though the pace seems slow, you may succeed with another blow. Success is failure turned inside out, the silver tent of the clouds of doubt. And you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems so far.

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, it's when things seem worse, that you must not quit. When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're treading, seems all up hill, when the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile, but you have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, ask God for help and daily guidance. Rejoice for life, but don't give up, and quit!

God bless you all, Big Rat-Lucy Suppah Family

## Farm loans

Dear Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

In November a letter was sent out to various offices within all nine tribes in Oregon inform-

ing you of what the National FSA American Indian Credit Outreach initiative can do for Native Americans.

To give you a brief update, I have found that although the letters reached many departments, response was low compared to going to tribal offices and making face-to-face contact and disseminating program information at high traffic areas.

So far I have made face-to-face contact with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw outreach office Florence. Other tribes I am contacting are the Coquille, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, the Klamath tribes, Umatilla and Burns Paiute.

Previous records indicate that in the past, Farm Service Agency applications and enquiry have been low.

In the three months that I have been employed here with the initiative, I have doubled the contacts and have spent every effort possible to ensure our fellow Native American Indians are aware of the services that the Farm Service Agency has to offer. I have found that Rural Youth Loans are of great interest to many people that I have spoken to because the loans do not have to be tied to agriculture.

Youth are able to obtain a loan to start almost any type of business.

Operating Loans and Beginning Loans have been the most requested type of service requested from adults.

Maria Godines, Outreach Liaison. 553-0101.

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## Happy birthday and other wishes...

I wish my sister Lyda a very happy birthday. With lots of love, from Sonya and Vernon.

Happy Birthday Grandma Lyda from Biz.

Happy Birthday to Sonya, with all my love, Vernon.

Thank you Vernon for being there for me during these trying times in my life. I do appreciate it and I love you for it. I am glad that you were there for me. I love you, Sonya.

Big happy "16<sup>th</sup>" birthday wishes to my No. 1 grandson, C. Michael Bobb on March 23. 16 years old!

I can't believe you're growing up so fast and almost six feet tall. Wow! Seems like yesterday you were a chubby lil' boy getting into mischief, loving hockey and ninja turtles. Just kidding. Granny loves you to bits. Time passes so fast. Soon you'll be 18 years old, graduated from H.S., off to college. Aim high, dream big, reach for the stars my grandson/son/nephew. Keep on dancing, playing flute, being yaya to lil' "K", be proud of being Indian, learn, grow.



Congratulations, Tana Lawrence and Candra Lawrence, for making the Honor Roll at Riverside Indian Boarding School at Anadarko, Oklahoma. We are very proud of you both. Love, from Stacy Logan and Kevin Smith Sr.

Happy birthday wishes go to my niece on March 9, Diane "na-na" Frank-Florez. I won't say how old you are but you'll always be "na-na." You always have a smile, hug and kind words for everyone. That's a rarity lately. We need more like you - you're a gem.

To all family members celebrating a birthday this month: Be strong and remember "Dad's" (grampa, Delbert Frank Sr.'s) teachings to all of us: "Remember who you are, be proud of your heritage and take care of yourself - mind, body and soul." We all loved Dad/Grampa very much.

Happy sixth birthday to you Jordan Taylor on March 20. Wow! Never thought six years would go by so fast. We remember the day you were born just like it was yesterday. You make us proud, you are growing so much every day - we love you lots. Have a Scooby-Doo day! Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy sixth birthday to my big sister "ma-ma" Jordan. Thank you for sharing your toys with me. Love you, Jeston. Happy sixth birthday to Cirelle.

And now that he's gone we must carry on to make him proud. Remember Delbert Frank's Memorial Dinner will be held March 15, Saturday, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the Simnasho Longhouse. There will also be a Shaker meeting Friday-Sunday at the Warm Springs Shaker Church. Everyone is invited to attend in memory of Delbert Frank Sr. We especially want to invite all those he worked with throughout the years, locally, statewide and nationwide to attend this memorial. During Delbert's funeral a lot of people were stranded due to 9/11. You're welcome to attend. Thank you, Myrna Frank and family.

You are growing so fast! We hope you have a fun birthday. Love, Monica, Trey, Jordan and Jeston Leonard.



There will be a birthday party for Lola Stahi on March 9 at the Longhouse at Celilo Village. She will be 90 years old.

Happy birthday wishes to some very special family members. I wish each of you the very best birthday possible and may you get all you ever dreamed of. Love to all of you from all of us. Happy birthday to Travis Bobb on March 10.

A very special and talented artist and music buff. I'm proud of you Trav, as I am my talented children. You're a delight and joy to us all. Many happy returns.

Myrna Frank and family



Happy Birthday, Lauren. Hope you have a wonderful time on your special day. You mean the world to us. Love Mom and Chip.

Happy Birthday, Auntie Am and Uncle Dolan. Lots of Love. Lauren Alexis and Baby Jade.

Happy Birthday to a very special young lady. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> and we love you sooooo much. Everyday is a "holiday"

Happy Birthday Ambrosia and Dolan. Have fun and behave. Love, Jolene and Chip.

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