

## Drive safe this Pi-Ume-Sha weekend

By Selena Boise  
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Though the weather was cold and windy, the families in recovery received warm greetings and prayer from the Community Counseling Center along with a coin to commend the sobriety that we strive to keep while in recovery.

I didn't know what to expect when I decided to go. It has been a long time since I heard other stories of struggles to become sober. I was touched by many of the spoken words and saw myself in their shoes as they struggled. It was sort of a reality check, to once again realize that there are many who are taking that step toward recovery for their own self. There are many who are in recovery for the sake of the children who will eventually be the leaders.

It comes down to that. A person who quits for the courts, or their children, or family is not usually successful. It has to come from within the individual to commit to a recovery.

I remember some wise words that I heard from a friend I talked to before I went off to treatment. He told me that I should be going through this treatment program and becoming sober and clean for myself. If I can do this for myself, everything that is important to me in my life will come together and fall into place. My children will play a role in this recovery when their time comes, my finances would come into place. If I hadn't kept these words in my mind through my struggles I would have given up or lost faith in myself.

I returned to Warm Springs and I talked with this friend once again. He told me that I should not worry about what happened in the past, or worry about the future, and that today is what we are living for at the moment. He related this story to me: When you are thinking too much about what happened in the past, and you are worrying about what might happen in the future, it's like you have one foot in the past, a foot in the future, and you are tinkling all over today. Well, he used more graphic words but the meaning is the same.

With the sobriety spreading in parts of Warm Springs there are still people who drink and drive. I usually take extra caution during the Pi-Ume-Sha weekend because I may be driving and a drunk driver will not be driving within the lines and cause an accident. I have been involved in accidents in my past that taught me to be aware of the other drivers.

As a child my family was in a car when a drunk driver hit us and caused a fatal accident. I will never forget the screams, the crying, the blood, and the stay in the hospital. Another time I was a teenager and got into a car with a drunk driver. We were crossing an intersection and the driver hit a van head on. I barely remember that whole evening because I was intoxicated. I came to and I was being x-rayed and stitched at the hospital. They had to shave my hair to put the stitches in.

I would not want to see anyone go through the crisis of emergency room, or fatalities. Pi-Ume-Sha should continue to be celebrated at the powwow grounds with the drumbeat, dancing, and many other activities scheduled for the weekend.

## Trip to zoo

The Early Head Start program recently took a trip to the Oregon Zoo. This trip was for the 3-year-old children who are graduating into the Head Start Program.

Most of these children have been in the program for the past two or three years of their life.

This trip was quite educational and a first for some parents. We had seven families go, one parent with the one child. Jenell Tailfeathers and son Darius, Marissa Kalama and Keilani Charley, Toni Boise and Genesis Lucei, Laurie Danielle Banda.

For dinner we all got to eat at Izzy's Buffet in which all of our children were at their best behavior. All of the parents that went were very appreciative and expressed the wonderful time they had.

The Early Head Start program provides free services to parents of young children (birth to 3) and pregnant women. We also provide services to children with special needs. We provide developmental and hearing screening on a regular basis to all the children enrolled in our program.

We offer resources in the community. We have weekly home visits and two family groups each month, in which we have field trips, classroom activity and lunch or dinner are served.

If you are interested, please call. Our number is 553-3510, or pick up an application at the front window of the Family Resource Center (old clinic).

By Debra Scott, Early Head Start home visitor

## Memorial

Dear Editor,

To the people of Wah-Lum, apologies from Debbie, Joe, Lois, Noah, Abe and me for not being at my brothers-in-law's memorial on May 10 at the Warm Springs Longhouse, but Joe is overseas, Debbie is in Philadelphia and there was bad luck in the Schuster family. Lois, Noah, Abe and I decided to remain with the Schuster family.

We have gotten reports over here in Wapato on how the me-

morial went, and I am very proud of my wife Mona and the succeeding generations of my family for always listening to their elders and doing them proud.

I understand that everyone had plenty of food to eat and the giveaway went just the way they were taught. I am very proud of all my children, and a very special thanks to all the relatives who were helping the ones who are now stepping into our shoes.

Alvin B. Schuster

## Appreciated

I want to thank all the people at Fire Management for the gifts and plaque, the Smokey the Bear blanket, hatpins, cap, and Jim Surface for the knife.

The Hot Shots for the nice jacket, all the staff and other people who put the meal together for the retirement luncheon held June 12. It was very good. It's been nice working with all of the people all of these past years.

Thank you.  
Harvey Scott

## Thank you

Thank you to the following: Jim Quaid, director of community counseling; Ralph Minnick and Larry Potts, of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries; Neda Wesley for the opening prayer; Kirby Heath, VFW; Richard Tohet, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Scott for Hester Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy and Marla Hicks for Tashna Hicks. Alberta Comedown/Libby, head chef. And all assistant helpers.

Thank you for the support, prayer services and wonderful honor dinner, which couldn't have taken place without your help and support.

For everyone that took the time out of your day to offer prayers and song out of the goodness of your heart, God will bless each of you richly.

Sincerely,  
Minister Peggy Williams, Assistant Minister Patricia Tanewasha, brothers and sisters of the 1910 Indian Shaker Church. May God Bless You.

## Water right

Summarizing my concerns pertaining to the sincerity and integrity of the water quantification agreement and the entire negotiation process I would like to recap my legitimate concerns. Warm Springs' unique federal status was underemphasized, diminishing the final determination of Warm Springs' full share of Deschutes Basin water.

Our federal treaty and senior water right status is a strong mediation point from which to start, because it subordinates federal, state and other parties to honor and respect our reserved treaty rights. As Warm Springs tribal members, we have to expect our legal advice to be very vigilant in the protection of and the securing of our treaty rights, especially our water. Personally I have to question the legal advice presented on our behalf.

Restating my concerns: Why wasn't our original water right established prior to the onset of the negotiations? We could then determine for ourselves if we actually secured our full share of Deschutes Basin water. Why was only one meeting held in Warm Springs when monthly meetings were held for a period of three years? After all we do possess senior water rights status.

Warm Springs continually maintained a beneficial use of its water right, pure water, salmon, other fisheries. It never was "use it or lose it time." Our beneficial use was never argued as such.

The state is currently in violation of previously mandated Deschutes River in-stream flow requirements verified by statements from the conservation group Oregon Water Watch, violating both public and tribal trust, yet the State of Oregon isn't being held accountable for violating federal and state laws. Again this burden will fall upon the citizenship, increasing taxes and regulations.

The exclusion of water permits issued before 1992 was a major violation of ethics. It is these entities that compromise the largest diversions of Deschutes River water. Ironi-

cally it is these permit holders who will benefit handsomely with Oregon buyback or water leasing program. Oregon's Department of Water Resources' long history of totally ignoring or disregarding of our federally protected treaty rights must be reconciled legally, (equitable compensation); water quality regulations have taken a backseat to demand, increasing the potential for violations of the Federal Clean Water Act; again no one locally or on the state level is being held liable.

I hopefully have presented some personal reasons that would generate a formal and appropriate response from all of the entities associated with the water quantification agreement. I hopefully have presented some interesting personal and legal perceptions that would generate a formal response to the enrolled membership of Warm Springs.

Randy Smith

## Healing Circle

From the Healing Circle 2003, "Working Together As One." Thank you to all who either participated and/or contributed. This year was a very great success. Welcoming newcomers and those who have been here from the onset. If we have forgotten to mention anyone we apologize.

Francelia and Mercedes Miller for their beadwork. Eldred Smith Sr. and Craig Smith Sr. for their cedar wood. Chaz Mitchell for the opening and blessing. Robin Mitchell for supporting Chaz as well as the gatherings' efforts.

Shauna Queamphama for attending, supporting and sharing. Claude Smith Sr. for attending and sharing a few words with us. Jameson "Mouse" Mitchell for attending along with his wife and son. Buddy, Marla and family for attending, supporting and sharing.

Larson and Parkway for their donation of fish. Hal Johnston for preparation of the fish. Lori Kalama, Karen and Mike for peeling potatoes and help as needed in the kitchen. Larson and Ross who purchased a pig. Foster Kalama and Greg StandingBear for their flute

playing. Jim for assisting in transporting the pig. Kiapo Akaka for preparation of the pig: needed items and dimensions of pit as well as preparing the steamed rice. Larson Jr., Christen Kowalaski and plus: who dug the pit and assisted in prep of the pig on site. Larson Jr. who always sees to the sweat. Pat (McCloud) Kalama, who led the women's sweat. Sheila Danzuka for the cakes. Bridget Culpus for the cakes and cookies.

Richard and Jane Morgan for their two pots of spaghetti. Cody and Jerrie for donated raffle items. Bill Weeler for the chicken gumbo and spaghetti. Sasi Yellowdog Dalonige-gitli for his preparation on jambalaya (hot and spicy).

J'Dean Kalama for her fry bread dough and assistance with clean up, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Iris and Lucy for their untiring cooking of the fry bread on Saturday. Lori Kalama who assisted after the sweat. Minnie Tulalagus for her apple pies, attendance and support.

Lucy Gadberry for her grocery shopping—as needed throughout the weekend.

Greg StandingBear for his flute making sessions and donation of flute for raffle. Meadowlark StandingBear for her assistance at the raffle table. Paul Johnson for his assistance at the raffle table. Sheila Danzuka who assisted veterans with start-up paperwork or status of Three Warriors Market. Donated hot cups and who saw us through last minute items. Hatfield's with their \$10; Madras Produce for their potatoes; Erickson's Sentry: \$25 towards needed items or upcoming events. Tammy Kalama-Tewee for her \$100 towards needed items or upcoming events. Warriors Circle of Washington state: \$100 needed items or upcoming events.

Warm Springs Utilities: Marvin Meanus Sr. and Jimmy Wesley for their assistance every year opening of the HeHe Longhouse, to obtain needed kitchen utensils and cooking pots, also to Ed Henry for his daily "checking in on" as needed.

From Veterans, family and healing

## Advice to ensure a safe and fun Fourth of July

By Suzy Macy  
Fire Prevention Tech  
Fire Management

The Fourth of July is just around the corner. If you are planning to buy fireworks, please purchase only those that are legal in Oregon.

A good rule of thumb is, if it flies in the air, it probably is

not legal here in Oregon.

According to the State Fire Marshal's Office, the following are legal fireworks:

Base fountains, handle fountains, sparklers (wood core), cone fountains, ground bloom flowers and wheels.

Those that are illegal are roman candles, missiles, bottle rockets, all firecrackers, aerial

spinners, bees, helicopters and jumping jacks.

Ensure your fun this Fourth of July by following these safety tips:

Never allow children to play with matches or lighters.

Make sure an adult is present when fireworks are lit.

Keep fireworks away from small children.

Only use fireworks outdoors.

Avoid dry vegetation, debris or buildings that may catch fire.

Never point or throw fireworks at people, animals, cars or buildings.

Have a hose or bucket of water ready to extinguish a fire or douse used fireworks.

Avoid fireworks that are leaking, wet or look old.

Never alter fireworks or attempt to make your own.

Dispose of spent fireworks by dunking or dousing with water and putting into an outdoor trash can away from a building.

Remember, be prepared, be safe and be responsible. Fire Management would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July.

## Congratulations to all graduates

Many tribal members were honored recently at the 2003 Graduation Banquet, held June 19 at the Agency Longhouse.

The following is a list of those who were honored, and their accomplishments.

**Graduate degree:**  
Heather Schut, Washington State University.

**Baccalaureate degree:**  
Johnathan Courtney, Oregon State University.  
Molly Fuentes, Stanford University.

Kahsues Jackson, University Of Oregon.  
Ervanna LittleEagle, Evergreen State College.

Ardis Smith Southern Oregon University  
**Vocational Education (AAS):**

Dixon Davis, Oregon State Apprentice.

**Short-term Vocational Education (Certificate):**

Anthony Henry, IITR Truck Driving.

2003 G.E.D. Graduates:

Matthew Arthur, Moses Hellon, Candelaria Rhoan, Derek Winishut, Valden Calica, Gabriel Jack, Morning Star Taken Care Of, Walter Wolfe, Brent Graybael Jr., Ida Jack. Brandon Smith, Tongue Point Job Corp, Astoria.

**High School Class of 2003:**

**Madras High School:**  
Mayanne Aguilar, Martha Alvarez, Devery Arthur, Christina Ashburn, Joseph Badoni, Felicia Bennit, Vaylon Calica,

Vanessa Conner, White Dove Cooper, Monica Cuevas, Davey Culpus, Natasha Edwards, Jessi Fuentes, Logan Hammond, Delilah Heath, Mellissa James, Scott Kalama, Laura Manion, Marlana Manion, Tildon McDonald, Arthur Mitchell, Rebecca Sampson, Pasha Smith, Victoria Smith, Eliah Squiemphen, Clay Jack Starr, Lance Stormbringer, Victor Switzler, Gary Villa, Lawrence Wabaunsee.

**Chemawa High School:**  
Aletha Govener, Deidra Johnson, Neda Sam.

**Riverside High School:**  
Ralph Aguilar Jr., Owens Mares.

**Browning High School:**  
Vaylon Calica.

**Sherman Indian High School:**  
Shayla Frank Irene

Boise.  
**Wellpinit High School:**  
Alex Henry.

**Hood River Valley High School:**  
Lotoya Henry.

**Pleasant Valley High School:**  
Ashley Jimenez.

**Portland High School:**  
Shayleen Macy.

**Tahola High School:**  
Malinda Polk.

**Kamiakin High School:**  
Shmaumpti Sahme.

**Oak Ridge High School:**  
Janelle Santos.

**Blue Ridge High School:**  
Dustin Seyler.

**Burns High School:**  
Jason Thomas.

**Wapato High School:**  
James Wesley.

**Marysville Pikchuck High School:**  
James Wenzel.

## Letters

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

Letters that are longer than 350 words will be cut starting with the last sentence and progressing up until the text falls 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.

Also regarding letters, the Spilyay is unable to print letters that include libel.

Libelous statements are those that are untrue or damaging to a person's reputation.