

## Many youth are talented, goal-oriented

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Spilyay Tymoo

So, what do you think of the world situation?

Well, I can feel a calmness in the air from the war supposedly coming to an end. It was nice to see Tashna at the Pi-Ume-Sha Parade this year.

She has come a long way in her life, and she carries herself very well.

It was also nice to talk to Owens Mares, star football player, last week. He has accomplished so much in his life.

These are a couple of young people from the Warm Springs community who have direction in their lives, and they make me proud to be a part of the Warm Springs community.

There are others like Hester Scott, Rose Sanchez, and Sunshine Yubeta, to name a few. I don't mean to leave anybody out. I know there are many more.

Another person who makes me proud is the former Tribal Council Chairman Olney Patt Jr. He has accepted the job of executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and that is a great accomplishment for him.

I hope to see more of the youth in our community become goal-oriented and accomplish things for themselves. Because then we know our future is in good hands.

I enjoyed talking with Owens Mares, and found how he overcame obstacles in his life and accomplished all that he did for himself. He had many colleges after him for his talents in football, and I can imagine it was hard to choose just one.

Our youth today have talents, but sometimes get sidetracked by peer pressure and a lack of self-esteem. With a lack of self-esteem I think that they just want to fit in, and therefore are easily influenced by others to do things that they otherwise know are wrong.

I was listening to a story coming together about the all-star baseball players. These boys and girls are getting in there and doing what they love to do. That is their talent. And who knows, we may be reading about them one day taking these skills they've learned in Little League and accomplishing more in their lives.

If they have the support that they need from the people who love them and care for them, they can accomplish anything they set out to do. I believe that is where they build their self-esteem. They have parents and relatives who recognize their accomplishments and give them the encouragement to keep going.

So, while you're sitting at home or at work, think about your children or grandchildren.

Look at what they accomplish and encourage them to keep going. Though their accomplishment might be small, they are important.

### Toe Ness

"The traps on this golf course are very annoying," said one golfer to another.

A third, who was trying to putt, looked up and added, "They certainly are. Now how about shutting yours." YIKES!

How do pudgy bunnies get in shape?

They do *harerobics*. YIKES!

### Good words

There are people on our reservation who fall in to a state of hopelessness, they need our help.

I realize it is not only here in Warm Springs, but all over the nation. But does that mean it is okay for us to simply shrug our shoulders and accept it as just the way it is? No, not if you truly care about our people.

Should we merely sit back and wait for a relapse, so we could justify our inactions? Ask yourself, did you stumble? Where is your heart? What is your job? Can you honestly look into the eyes of a homeless person and blame them for their lifestyle? Can you give yourself a pay raise or hire a family member, and then justify a "denial of service" to a person less fortunate than yourself?

We are a sovereign nation, you hear it all the time. Then why do we have to be like the rest of the nations? Our people are suffering, they need guidance, counseling, support, love and someone who will not give up on them (even when they stumble).

I'm thankful for the loving support and encouraging words I received when I was down and out. I thank God for sending His chosen vessels who unselfishly give wise counseling.

When you see someone who needs an encouraging word, a hug, a ride or just a smile... God will tug at your heart to share His love with them.

My prayer is that God will soften our hardened hearts and open our blinded eyes to see the pain that we, in our selfishness, cause on others. I pray that we will have increased integrity to stand for what is right, even if we must stand alone.

God Bless You,  
Sarah J. Frank

### Healing

Thank you to the tribal community for the success of the Releasing the Tears Gathering at He-He Longhouse.

Appreciation to the planning committee, Guy Wallulatum, Anita Davis, Judy Charley, Bob Khronkete, Peggy Williams, George Williams and Tom Ball.

Thanks to the cooks who prepared lunch, Dorothy Simtustus, Ruby Torres, Viola Govenor, Pearl VanPelt, Lucille Schuster and Jackie Simtustus.

A special thanks to Anita for helping me prepare supper. Alice Sampson and girls for washing dishes and clean up, yes we do notice.

Marvin Meanus and Jimmy Wesley, your help is always a blessing.

Humble gratitude to Lawrence Squiemphen for bringing the elders with their wisdom and prayers. Donations from the Community Counseling Center, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs

Composite, the Museum at Warm Springs, were much appreciated, as was the article in the Spilyay Tymoo.

The gathering filled the Longhouse with over 120 adults and 40 youth who participated throughout the day in lectures, rituals, ceremonies and healing through releasing tears.

The youth had fun during the "Time Out" at the creek, and a real cool balloon fight. One elder suggested more healing gatherings at He-He, and one youth suggested a camp for families who want to heal from trauma.

Please continue your healing journey and watch for upcoming gatherings or workshops in the spirit of healing. Respectfully,

Char Herkshan

### Need housing

The young adult people of Warm Springs need housing.

There are many young couples and other young adults who still live at home with their parents or another family member, because there is no immediate housing directly available for them.

I'd like to see another apartment complex or two built in or around the community to allow our youth to grow up and have a place of their own, instead of having to move off the Rez and rent from non-tribal landlords.

Building temporary housing such as an apartment building would be better than putting people on the housing department waiting list.

It's harder to become an independent adult when you're forced to live with your parents. There is no reason why our tribe shouldn't be able to invest in future generations.

Sluggo

### Back in radio

Hello everyone. I wanted to let you know that I'm back in radio.

I've had the good fortune to be able to get on board at KWSO 91.9 FM.

There is some really exciting programming in the works and I encourage you to tune in and check it out.

For the past 12 years I've worked in the Early Childhood Education Department, an experience that has given me the opportunity to get to know kids, families and staff.

I've appreciated the opportunity, and will miss the daily chance to say "hi" face to face with so many folks.

Thank you to all the hard working ECE staff who everyday care for children.

The daily work of childcare can be difficult, but it is such important work - work that impacts the future.

From the food service staff to the classroom teachers, janitors to the office staff, I've loved working with you and appreciate all that you do.

I'd especially like to thank

Julie Quaid for giving me the opportunity to work with children and families for the past 12 years. Thanks for your leadership and vision, and for setting the example of always focusing on the needs and interests of our children and families.

To steal a phrase from CBS newsman Charles Osgood, "See you on the radio."

Sue Matters

### Generous

I would like to thank Bob and Marie Macy of Warm Springs Market, and Erickson's Sentry Market in Madras for their thoughtful and generous candy donations.

Warm Springs Market and Erickson's Sentry support community functions even in these times of economic downturn.

I applaud their continuous support, not only of our parade, but all community events in the area.

Thank you again for making our parade a successful one.

Suzi Macy, Prevention Technician, Warm Springs Fire Management.

### An apology

On June 6, 2003, I pled guilty to two counts for narcotics, dangerous drugs, hallucinogenic and delirants.

I was punished by the court. I was sentenced to jail for 10 days, given a \$259 fine, an alcohol and drug assessment, and one year of supervised probation.

Another condition of probation is that I have to submit to random urine analysis testing. I know that using illegal drugs is wrong. It is against the law and harmful to my health.

I would like to apologize to the community and my family. It is my goal to work hard, avoid trouble and successfully complete my probation.

Ramone Thomas

### Appreciated

This is to let my son-in-law know how much he is appreciated. Jason, I've been meaning to do this for some time now.

I was so surprised and caught off guard when you showed up Saturday just before Mothers Day, and picked my boys and me up. Took us for a ride up to Simnasho.

L.J. picked up his dad's car and we followed Jason and Eva. You know it's been a while since I was up to north end. We spent the whole day looking for roots, but ended up with a bunch of celery instead.

It was fun just to watch the grandkids and boys spending time together. The best was eating the chicken at Three Warriors, "it's the bomb."

I wanted to thank you for fixing my washer and spending the afternoon with us on "Father's Day."

I enjoy these little things you do for my boys and me. Thank

you for taking care of my granddaughter Trinity and loving my daughter Eva. I know you have your own little family, Jaron, Trinity, Eva. Thank you for sharing with my boys and me. Love you for being a good hard-working young man.

Love, your mom Lolly

### Apologizes

My name is Laura Robinson and I'd like to apologize to Rex Robinson for my action's that occurred on or about June 24, 2003, and to anybody else who was involved. Thank you.

Laura Robinson

### Hope to hear

Family and Friends,

I just thought to send you guys this short note to ask my family back home if you could help me with finding my little brother Rodney LeClaire.

I don't even know if he is alive and well. I would like to hear from him. So if anybody could help me please do so.

I miss you all and need your support. I'm in treatment here at NARA, and I graduate Aug. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Whoever can make it, please come. Or write to me.

I need help with stamps. Take care. I love you all with all my heart.

Tamara Henry, 17645 N.W., St. Helens Hwy, Portland OR, 97231. P.S. Uncle Jr., your on my visiting list from 1 to 4:30 p.m. every Sunday.

### Very sorry

I Jonathan Gilbert am very sorry to the people of the Baptist Church for the wrong-doing that I have done to your church.

Again, I am very sorry.

Jonathan Gilbert

### Glasses found

Eye glasses were found in a black Guess case. Pick them up at Work Force Development. Contact Frances Allen at 553-3324.

### An apology

I am writing this letter of apology to Connie Daniels, Merle Kirk, Mavis Kirk and to the community of Warm Springs.

On May 8, 2003 I hit Connie and the car driven by Merle Kirk with my Bronco. At the time I was really angry and was not thinking of the consequences.

I turned myself in and was charged with five crimes. I've been incarcerated since then. I changed my plea to guilty and was sentenced July 14.

I saw the photos of the bruises on Connie Daniels. I know that Connie was in pain and she and Mavis and Merle were scared.

I'd like to apologize to Connie, Mavis and Merle for the grief, heartache and fear that I caused. When I am released I

plan to move on with my life and put all this behind me and not cause any problems.

Annie Fuiava

### Saying hello

Well hey there, hometown. Once again I'd like to say hello to all my friends. I'm just writing to tell my friends to write me some time, so we can share ideas on different aspects of life. So until later, much love.

Taylor Arthur, No. 64177065, Federal Detention Center, P.O. Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378.

### Legal Aid

Due to the large amount of cases pending, the Legal Aid Department will strictly enforce the client agreement.

The agreement is signed at the time of the arraignment hearing in Tribal Court.

A copy of the client agreement is usually sent to the defendant in a letter reminding him or her of when the trial is scheduled.

The client agreement states that the Legal Aid Department will not serve as the defendant's assigned spokesperson if the defendant fails to keep in contact with the Legal Aid Department regarding the client's case.

The client must schedule appointments with Warm Springs Legal Aid to review the case, and assist in identifying any witnesses to speak on the client's behalf.

The defendant client and the Legal Aid Department should be prepared to go to trial 10 working days before the scheduled court date.

Failing to keep in contact with Warm Springs Legal Aid will result in a motion to withdraw as spokesperson.

If this motion is granted and Legal Aid is removed from the case, the Legal Aid Department will have no further interest in the case.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping Warm Springs Legal Aid represent you in Tribal Court.

Mark Matthews, Warm Springs Legal Aid Department

P.S. The Legal Aid Department is now located at the Vern Jackson Home next door to the CPS center.

### Regarding letters

Letters to the editors should be 350 words or fewer.

Letters that are longer than 350 words may be cut starting from the bottom and editing upward until the letter is within the 350-word limit.

This policy is necessary so there is space in the paper for all letters from tribal members.

Also, letters cannot contain statements that are defamatory to another person.

## We should appreciate the educated people

Where is the appreciation? Getting a college degree sounds like something positive, something that tribal members will give thanks to you for, right? Wrong.

There are things that people strive for in life, like a college degree. But when they get it, others don't appear to be encouraging.

When shopping at the store, I sometimes overhear people

complaining about their boss or supervisor being out of place. I hear things like, "Just because he/she has a college degree doesn't mean..."

Or other negative comments such as, "Oh he/she thinks that they're too good because they went to college."

It's not right. These Native American people are going to college because they believe it's going make life better

for their people.

But if people are going to be criticizing them about their higher education, why would they want to come back?

From my understanding, we are encouraging them to make a better life for themselves by getting their college degrees, but it's okay only as long as they don't become our bosses.

I was walking through a building one day and stopped to overhear a person talking to her boss. When her boss asked the woman

to do something, she started complaining, "Well some of us don't have a college degree."

"Some of us" Native Americans don't have degrees.

All Native Americans have a chance to get their associates, bachelors, masters and PhD. We all have the equal opportunity in education K-12.

You either use it or abuse it. Only you can make the decision.

It is not the educated Indians' fault that others don't have

their degree.

They took the opportunity to better their lives. You have an equal chance if you make education a priority in your life as well.

Instead of making our Native people feel unwelcome in their own home, we should encourage them for taking the extra initiative to better our people.

We do want them to come back and work with all of us for the benefit of our tribe.



Ashley Aguilar