

## Veterans appreciation

The Warm Springs Senior Citizen Center and High Lookee Lodge last week hosted an appreciation luncheon for veterans of the community.

In the photo, Neda Wesley addresses those in attendance, as veterans stand and observe. During the luncheon, a number of other speakers shared their memories of war time.

Following the turkey lunch, many door prizes were given away.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## Three Warriors to mark milestone

Three Warriors Market in beautiful downtown Simnashoh is about to mark a milestone.

The market will be crossing the impressive benchmark of \$2 million in sales since the store opened in January of 2000.

Store proprietor Captain Moody estimated that the landmark sale surpassing \$2 million will happen sometime during the middle of this month. He said the store would provide a gift bundle to the lucky customer who makes the \$2-million-milestone purchase.

Not only is Three War-

riors Market doing well in sales, said Moody, but the market also is a steady provider of employment on the reservation.

This is business and economic development on the reservation at its best, he said. Open nearly four years now, Three Warriors serves as a community base for Simnasho.

The store has the regular line of groceries, such as bread, milk, frozen dinners, and juices. The store also offers Chester fried chicken.

Out front, the market offers some of the cheapest gas around.

# More Letters to the Editor

### Stonesetting

The Totus family of Satus, Wash., residing on the Yakama Nation Reservation, invites all family and friends to their beloved parents Raymond and Helen Totus Stonesetting/Memorial and Namegivings. The date is set for Feb. 7, 2004. The stone setting will be at 9 a.m. at Beavert Cemetery. The memorial, namegivings and dinner will follow at the Satus Longhouse, Satus, Wash. Further information contact Totus Family P.O. Box 398 Granger, Wash. 98932, or call (all phones listed will be the 509 area code): 941-0283, 941-2351, 941-3414, 941-2351, 949-6470 or 854-1113.

History: Raymond Totus was a Korean War veteran, served in the U.S. Army 1952 to 1954 with the Sixty-Fifth Infantry Company "K" Regiment Third Infantry Division as Corporal, and received medals of honor: Two Purple Hearts, 1953; Silver Star, 1953; Silver Star, 1955.

Helen Totus was the lead digger for Satus Longhouse, and a member of the Shaker Church Religion. Helen enjoyed beadworking, root digging, picking berries, and teaching her children and grandchildren the Wa'shut religion. Helen always was willing and assisting people with prayer. Both Raymond and Helen Totus enjoyed traveling to pow-wows throughout the U.S. and Canada with their family drum group "Indian Nation."

The Totus family

### A thank you

Dear people,  
For my family and the ones who traveled so far to be here at the Shaker Church for Barbara Bob's funeral, thanks for the prayers and good words. Jesse Jones asked me to talk at

the table. Sometimes it's hard to express your feelings. Well, Barbara used to take me swimming, plus she taught me how to dance. Sometimes she would wait for me to get out of school, give me change by the campus. She knew I like ice cream. I still remember the happy times. So maybe she had a temper, we all know someone like that. Then I lost my grandma - boy, that hurt, and I realize how it hurts to lose someone you care for, family and friends.

One day I was in a store, and a baby would smile and wave, so happy, in line. When I was outside I walked by the senior bus some elders smiled and waved. I waved back. I'm like 39. I think to myself I'm lucky to make it this far. I'm going to enjoy myself while I'm here. Nobody's the same. I lost a sister when she was small, I lost Grandpa Mac when I was just getting to know him. Friends, family members, it hurts. Just pray for them. Remember the happy times, like the baby with a full life waiting, and the elders who are lucky there are still smiling and waving. That made me happy to see them, and you know Barbara had a good long life. Maybe sometimes it was hard. Everyone has it tough sometimes. We just have to keep trying like Barbara. She kept praying, going to church in her

wheelchair. To the ones who made the long trip, Squiemphens from Washington, and everyone's speakings and prayers, it was nice to see you at church.

Eric Duane Frank  
**Apology**

To Thelma Dickson,

I'm so sorry for what I did to you. I'm sorry for assaulting you Oct. 22, when I was intoxicated. I didn't want this to happen to you. I'm ashamed of myself for what I did to you. I'm sorry, honey.

Edgar Boise  
**Apology**

I am writing this letter of apology to the whole reservation and specifically to Carolyn Owihee at the BIA. On October 9 I was upset at the BIA and IHS bureaucracy because one of my GED classes was in conflict with my IHS doctor's appointment. The BIA told me that I could not miss a GED class. They said I should reschedule my IHS doctor's appointment. However, the IHS told me that a rescheduled doctor's appointment would take me another two and a half months. I thought that the BIA caseworker would cut me off of my general assistance grant. I was really stressed out about this, and I started yelling and cussing

at the BIA office at the Tribal Administration building, and this was specifically directed to Carolyn, who was not my caseworker. Carolyn was just trying to help me. I was cited for disorderly conduct, and I pled guilty to disorderly conduct at my arraignment. I have never been charged with disorderly conduct before, and I am sorry for any "hurt feelings" or discomfort caused by my outburst. I especially want to apologize to Carolyn Owihee, I am sorry. Thank you. Very truly yours,

Tim Tumbaga  
**Language**

Niix pachwai. I would like to thank Mrs. Rhoan for all her time in teaching me some of the Warm Springs language. I am most grateful for those six months. I remember her saying, "There's Ace, my faithful student."

I was embarrassed at first but I was there to learn and learn I did. I hope my three children there in Springs also learn their language. Once again, thank you Mrs. Rhoan.

Speaking of children, there's got to be some other way to help our youth. During my incarceration, I've seen kids go in and out and back again only with longer sentences. Why? This is institutionalizing these kids. When I was there the food budget was \$800 to \$850 per week. I know because I used to order the food. There is not even any clothes for the inmates. All the money for corrections, most of it went to the patrol side. I was trustee for seven months. I knew what went on.

We should try to do things to help all the people, not just Paiute, Wasco or Warm Springs.

ACE

### An apology

I would like to take this time to apologize to the community of Warm Springs for driving under the influence of alcohol on October 5, 2003. I am so sorry for my actions of putting others and myself in danger.

Charles M. Kalama

### To Rose

To Rose Sanchez,

A-noon, soldier. How ya' feelin' these days? I'm writing for one your pen pals, asking me to ask you to write him in Fresno, Calif. So he'll know you are alive and well. I as well am hopeful you're just fine, as only America's best can be. You just have a couple of "fans" wondering if you're still out there okay. Ruben Vega No. 168142 MJG-B15, P.O. Box 872 Fresno, CA 93712 (A.K.A. Comanche Soul)

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