

Hopeful thoughts for the New Year

By Selena Boise

Happy New Year to all our readers, with hopes for the brand new year to bring new outlooks on life, family, friends, relationships, and personal well-being.

Spilyay Speaks

My New Year's resolution this year is to become more organized and spend time doing things that I enjoy.

Seems daily life keeps a person on a one-track mind to continue to go to work. I heard these words at a fairwell for a friend: "Time goes by fast and we don't do things we used to do, or take time to visit friends and family."

I believe that to be true, because 2003 came and went and I had not accomplished all that I had set out to do, and I hadn't spent much time with family or friends.

I also keep in mind that this friend was a happy person with no grudges or bad feelings. I want to be as happy as he was. I will work on that, as well as becoming organized.

From a larger picture I hope the tribes will work toward improvements on the reservation.

I read all those articles in the Oregonian series on Warm Springs, and I have mixed feelings about them.

I have hopes that the articles have opened the eyes of those who were affected by these tragedies, and that the leaders of our tribe will take preventative measures to protect the children of this tribe.

I know that there are families who have learned from these tragedies and turned their lives around to become better parents, and that was not written in the articles.

I believe that families here are capable of learning from these tragedies, and that it is not an easy task to deal with problems.

To become a responsible adult, from being an alcoholic half your life, is a hard thing to do. Denying that there is a problem is the hardest step of all to begin these changes.

Then to go deep into the root of the problems is a hard thing to face, but it releases a big weight from your heart.

Not to sound like I know it all, but I have had these same struggles. My counselor was happier than I was when I decided that I needed to go to treatment. I made the decision to be a mom to my children and be able to teach them about life. I shared my struggles and mistakes with them, hoping that they learned from them. I knew that I couldn't do this for my kids if I was still using drugs and drinking alcohol.

I also heard this phrase, "If I could do it anyone can!" I also believe that to be true too, because it was not easy for me.

So take this New Year and make it a good one for everyone in your life.

Toe Ness

What does a tea kettle do when it's angry?
It blows off a little steam.

How do you stop a skunk from smelling?
Hold its nose.

What do frogs wear for a night out on the town?
Jumpsuits - yikes!

Head Start

Dear Warm Springs community members,

The busy holiday season is winding down once again and it's almost time to get back to our regular everyday busy schedules. I would like to extend my thanks to those of you who showed your generosity and caring attitudes toward your less fortunate community members in so many ways.

This is my first year working in the Family Services office at Head Start, and I wasn't sure what to expect. I still don't know what to expect, but I appreciate the patience and guidance people have shown me along the way.

I need to acknowledge the Head Start Parent Activities group, which meets every month, plans different events and discusses whatever topics parents would like to address.

I thought it was great that these parents started the year off by designating the proceeds of their first fundraiser to go toward purchasing items to be distributed to families in need in our community. We also began a coat, hat and glove drive to collect warm clothing for those who needed it to come and get what they needed or to exchange for a different size.

There are still coats available if anybody needs them.

Thanks to those who were kind enough to drop a coat off to help others stay warm. The latest project was the Christmas Giving Tree. Each ornament on the tree represented a child between the ages of 0 and 17. We asked for people to take an ornament and donate a gift.

It was great to see people come in or call or even email for information to support this wonderful cause. Our list alone included the names of over 80 children in need and our list didn't include the adults in the same households. Again, thanks to the generosity of citizens in our community and a church in Hood River. We were able to provide something to all of the people on the list and then some.

Thank you, Versa, for bringing this stuff in, and Versa and Reona for helping match each donation to a child. I also appreciate the help of Robert and Crystal Thomas in bagging up the donations and helping to be Santa by delivering some of the goodies on Christmas Eve.

Other people I would like to acknowledge for their assistance in preparing baskets of goodies are:

Pastor Rick for helping bag up food donations and the use of the church and helping with distribution. Morning Star for helping bag up food donations. Chester 'Curtis' for helping wrap and disburse presents along with the food. Danny M. and other Fire & Safety personnel for helping deliver. William Wilson and other Fire Management personnel in helping deliver goodies. Ada B. for running me around

to deliver bags and boxes of donations all over Warm Springs. Most of all, to Vio who worked so hard in planning and coordinating all of this activity and was everywhere helping with everything in order for so many families to have something to enjoy throughout the holidays.

It felt good to be a part of something which was to benefit so many others. Respectfully,

Rebecca J. Danzuka,
Head Start Family Services Office.

Demonstration

Dear community people,

I recently was in the Warm Springs Market to see what was the issue that was being protested by some local community members. It was sad to see that children were being memorialized in a way that had an underlying agenda.

As I visited with the demonstrators, there never was a mention of the candlelight memorial for the children. Instead, the conversation centered around the politics of what is happening within our Early Childhood Education Center.

How insensitive for adults to convey their messages at the expense of children who are no longer with us. Did not The Oregonian make enough money exploiting our children and ceremonies with their series of articles? (And we still can make something good out of the bad!)

Why is it not possible for our people to just speak (not yell/argue) together until a consensus is reached by all for a better work environment. Or is this just to idealistic for community adults?

Has our organization created an environment where there are many chiefs and not enough Indians? Sometimes it seems as if we all want what WE want, and not what may be beneficial to our community and people.

We all have "personal" opinions that need to be heard, and considered. However, we all may not have the best ideas for children at hand, and need to accept the opinion of others who may have a better or newer ideas.

I can say for sure, that I do not know what is going on at the management level of ECE. I do know that there seems to be turmoil, and I have heard some negative comments of a serious nature.

Of course, there are some positive comments, too. "This classroom encourages language in the classroom," "I enjoy working with this teacher," and "This classroom works well with the children."

The opinions at the market were varied, about different subjects. Including our Language Program. That is okay. We encourage you to voice your opinions. And if they are negative opinions, we invite you to come and assist to make things better. That should be the atti-

tude of all in a time when we should be encouraging each other, not discouraging and putting each other down.

"Confederated" tribes should be an attitude for all of us today. May all prayers be answered, so that our community can become one again. Respectfully submitted,

Myra Johnson

News coverage

Dear Editor

In recent weeks, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has been doused by media coverage, ridiculed and discredited by the press. The argument has once again been raised to destroy the Indian Child Welfare Act, to terminate the reservation system, to reinstitute outside administrative control of the federal funds, and to turn a blind eye to stolen resources, post traumatic stress disorder symptoms, and rampant drug and alcohol abuse.

The whys associated with all of the above have not been addressed. No one seems to care or want to understand the underlying reasons for obvious reactions to 500 years of subtle systematic abuse and manifested degradation that federal dollars or a few lines in a newspaper cannot begin to rectify.

I am a Warm Springs tribal member, a proud man who has experienced neglected emergency calls, favoritism and other social inequities on my own reservation. I am calling for this to stop. I am asking to be recognized. We are a sovereign nation; lets keep it that way. Our business is our business. We are Indian. Remember who we are.

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Good year

To the editor

As the new year sets in I look back at the year of 2003. How did 2003 treat you? How did you treat 2003? I'd like to share with the community our year of 2003. We survived the summer heat with two graduates. My daughter Melinda Polk graduated from high school. My son Kurtis Satanus graduated from

junior high to senior high. My son-in-law Joe Thompson got accepted into Haskell Indian College.

Birthdays rolled around for Melinda, Tommy and Kurtis and we celebrated with family and friends over dinners. Soon it was time for Kurtis to get ready for high school. He did so by preparing his class schedule, setting goals that will help him in the future.

Melinda and Joe were both accepted to Haskell in Kansas. We had another dinner with family and friends. It was a time of praise, a time of joy, an amazing time to see how fast these young people had grown.

Many accomplishments had been made, a positive time with their heads held high and goals in mind. We would like to thank all the family and friends for your support, your help with the dinners we had, the gifts, your encouragement and the love for being there. Have a safe 2004. Thank you and God bless.

From **Kurtis, Joe, Tommy**
Jessie and Melinda Polk
family

Loved ones

To the Member's of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

It has been quite the year for the members who have lost

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Apologies

To my granddaughter Shai and the Warm Springs Community Center staff. I would like to apologize for leaving Shai alone, I will not let it happen again. I apologize to Shai for putting her in this situation. Everything will be okay from now on.

Thank you,
Leota Saunders

To Rene Holliday

I wish to apologize for my actions on November 26, 2003 while operating a commercial motor vehicle on Highway 26 in the area between milepost 97 and milepost 98. While returning to my lane after a failed attempt to pass another commercial vehicle, I partially restricted

loved ones. I hope you can be happy for the ones who have gone on ahead of us, for they are making the way for us that are left behind. They are with us at all times, because of the way they have taught us to talk to them when we are in Sunday service. And that would be at the Longhouse for Seven Drum service. There, is where one would get the peace of mind that we need in our times today.

I miss all of the people who have been a part of my life here in Warm Springs. And I thank all of you who had welcomed my kids there, and I mean the members of Simnasho Longhouse...

I hope that you have a Happy New Year. yessoka
Casey Jackson.

Missing you

Missing you Ray Smith Sr. I'm writing this because you know we did a lot together and I know what's going on with you as you do me. So I'm just writing this to let you know I love you! Love, Marsha Givens. Also I would like to put my address in for my friends. Just letting my friends know I have a release date of 4-15-06, so I'm putting my address in to let you know.

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your lane, causing you to leave the road surface to avoid a collision. You have my sincere regrets for this action.

Sincerely,
Jon Bloker

To the Warm Springs tribes

I am writing to apologize to everyone for an incident that happened that I caused. I was driving while I was intoxicated with alcohol. For that I apologize to myself and Warm Springs.

Thank you,
Justin Boise

I, Adrian Tulee, am sorry for my actions of November 15, 2003.

Thank you, Redmond Lockers & Custom Meats Inc.

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Owners Terry & Ruth.



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