

Christmas, a great time of year

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Management Successor

Is everybody ready for Christmas? I am getting there. We are trying to get around to decorating our house, to create a festive spirit at home.

Spilyay Speaks

I took my kids to the Christmas lights parade in Madras again. They enjoy attending that event because of all the lights, and then there is always Santa Claus. The only downside is the cold air.

I look forward to taking them to see the Christmas lights parade in Warm Springs on the 14th, and the lighting of the tree. That would be on my two sons' birthday. They will be 9 and 19. When my kids were smaller we liked attending the tree lighting for the hot chocolate and the Christmas carols. They like to sing.

Each year we drive around in Bend or some city looking at Christmas lights. There are beautiful displays.

Another thing we enjoy is the Christmas Choir concerts at the schools. Sometimes there is a student who sings so beautifully that they quiet the crowd and everyone listens. But when they sing as a group it sounds really good too. Singing as a group is a hard thing to do.

It's a neat time of year for us because our kids like to give. They are thankful to all who were there for them throughout the year and they remember them with something special. It's a nice thing to see. Makes us remember the spirit of Christmas and what it represents. The spirit of giving gifts like the three wise men when Christ was born.

We will usually attend the Christmas Bazaar, looking for these special things, because the handmade crafts are wonderful gifts to give, especially the beadwork.

Christmas is a special time of year for most people, but we should remember that it is sometimes not so wonderful for some people, because there are people who are missing loved ones and will not share the season with them anymore. There are some people with relatives that live so far away that they can't be with them. Then there are some people with so much hopelessness in their lives that they cannot feel the spirit of Christmas. They may just go through the motions and pretend.

This Christmas it is hoped that there is enough Christmas spirit to be spread to all those that need to uplift their lives and smile, because it is the celebration of the birth of Christ.

So with these thoughts in your heads, I hope to see you at some of these Christmas events. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Aunt Nettie

In-me-ma-nye-mu-ma. Thanks to all my relatives and friends, my Aunt Nettie Showaway's memorial and stone-setting on Nov. 6 at Simnasho Longhouse was a great turn-out. It was a sad but cleansing day for me. She was much more to all who knew and loved her. We are a big family from Ull-a-Ska-Wy-Pt Millie and the great chief Frank Queahpama. It would take one page to thank all my people. Here are just a few. Auntie, Blaine, Freda and Darlene for letting me have a keepsake of her shell dress and wup-pus. I will cherish and make good use of it. (Lots of wee-a-nu). To the cooks who prepared the food, Nola Queahpama and Sis Neda Wesley. The men who picked up the q-q-lus, Bub-bub, Wow, Wilson, and sang our worship songs. Sorry I couldn't name all the cooks and drummers, but you all will be remembered. I wanted to get up and talk to show my appreciation, but I had a big lump in my throat. I couldn't get my words out without crying. Sorry, Dar-Lo, I couldn't stay for your grandchild's name-giving, but my thoughts were with you. The songs we sang were on my mind all the way home. Thanks. **Clede Queahpama. UI-lup-sha-lee.**

Important

People, I apologize to our people, neigh yaw wee, nee mee poo, Yakima and homies Warm Springs Confederated Tribes, for my stupidity, big mouth, hurtful words in my last letter to our dog paper, Spilyay Tymoo.

My children are a mixture of blood: Wasco, Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla, Snoqualmie, Chinese, and White. My actions were wrong, very wrong, and I hope you can forgive me and accept my apology. I'm sorry.

Nothing can justify my actions. At times I get so frustrated with our tribes, then I write, and talk, when I should just shut up and listen. I know we can and must do better. I know most of our leaders are doing the best they can, and I thank you all because everything I have, which financially isn't much but inside oneself is what is important, which my elders taught me the way they are.

Important are the seven directions, north, south, east, west, up, down, and most important, inside your heart. Think beyond your own life for the good of all our peoples. I want the best for our peoples, all skin peoples, and people in general. I look at our children and see our future leaders and we are responsible for their nurturing, especially mom because you are raising our next generation.

Myself, I'm part of the problem with my lifestyle and my children know I wasn't the father I should have been. Oh

yeah, kudos to our Tribal Council for the Children's Powwow. Put our resources into our children and 10-20 years we will be repaid 1000 percent plus more. There are more than powwowers. Try to divide our resources honorably among our children. There are boxers, rodeoers, basketballers, softballers, tricksters, boarders, bikers, etc. I grew up in Hollywood, Oregon. A lot of fights, lots of poverty, lots of social ills but the main thing is we have each other and lots of love. Warm Springs, that's what I'm talking about. About Warm Springs Indian Rez. **Bobby Eagleheart.**

Thank you to our Spino family for allowing me to be part of Bear's first kill ceremony. It was a privilege and honor to be included in the 7 drums as Wilford spoke. Bear, feed the elders before you feed yourself, as it should be, Hunter-Bear. Again thank you Roy Spino, Rob Moran and family. Coming together in a good way. Beautiful. **Bobby Eagleheart.**

Great tourney

The families would like to thank the community and all who attended the Memorial Pool tournament held on Oct. 15-17 in honor of three great people, Louie Bagley, Rita "Patches" Marchand and Dorothy "Pebbles" George. In the sport of billiards they were all champions, ambassadors and mentors. The things they accomplished were extraordinary. As well as being role models, they would drop everything to help a friend when needed. At the same time they had a sense of humor and would share a joke. They enjoyed competing in pool league, jackpots and tournaments, traveling near and far to play. Our people felt deep sadness at the loss. We will always remember and miss them.

The memorial was a great success, as many players came

from throughout the region to the Rialto in Madras to compete. Thank you Wayne Schjoll (Rialto owner). The memorial was done correctly with opening services and song by Pat Tanewasha. We thank her very much, and also Alice Sampson's prayer for the great dinner on Sunday. We want to thank the tournament committee, Joann Bryant, Betty Bagley, Janet and Jerry Bagley, Chief Smith, Billy Begay, Chasen Lahr, William Leonard, Louie Smith, Karla Bagley Tias, Pearl and Levi VanPelt, Willie Bagley, TJ Foltz, Emerson Squiemphen, Jeri Smith, Raymond Riddle, CarlaDean Caldera, Seegrey and Tony Littleleaf.

A big thank you to Jim and daughter Tia Bean. Thank you Maria Godines and Selena Boise, and to Natalie Kirk. Thanks to Billy Begay. Special thanks to our head cook (tremendous job) Kim, her husband Bob Medina and everyone who brought food to the potluck, Linda Bagley, Joann Bryant, Chris Smith. Thanks to Karla Tias. Thank you Rusty Marcum for running a smooth tournament. Thank you Tia Bean and Betty Bagley for the trophies. Thank you Theresa VanPelt, Larry Potts and WSFPI. Special thanks to Hazel Gibson. And William Leonard, Jerry Bagley, Jim and Tia, Chief Smith and Betty Bagley who donated cash for prizes. Thank you Pearl VanPelt for the beaded medallions. We thank you Jim Oswald and Darrold Stiehl. Thanks to Glenda Kessel. With heart-felt gratitude we also thank Jaime Bailey, Jake Johns, Hilda Culpus, Angela Smith, Linda Meanus, Janis Gilbert and Merle Kirk. We also thank Fred Wallulatum. We wanted to apologize for taking so long to get this out and if we forgot to mention anyone it was not intentional. The reason the tournament was so successful is that there were so many people who came forward to help. Thank you, **Seegrey Littleleaf.**

Marine Smith

Austin L. Smith graduated in 2004 from Madras High School, and is now a U.S. Marine. He is stationed in San Diego, scheduled to complete basic training in February. Family and friends wishing to write to Smith can do so at the following address:
Rec. Smith, Austin L.
2nd Bn, Hotel Co. Plt#2046
Marine Corps Recruit Depot
37003 Midway Ave.
San Diego, CA 92140-2046

Saying hi

E Coosh Eewa. I ran into an old acquaintance here. He's from Warm Springs and he gave me the address for your paper. I would like to say hello to all my friends there in Warm Springs: Rod Wesley, Roy Jackson, Herb Stwyer, Owens Yahtin. I would like to hear from you if your schedule allows. It would be good to hear from you and to find out how you are all doing. I'm back for a short stay but look forward to seeing you all at one of your powwows. Your friend, **Mike Blue**

Horse 03185-046, Federal Correctional Institute, P.O. Box 5000, Sheridan, OR 97378.

Task force

Citizens of Jefferson County are making a difference in combating the drug problem in our community.

The Meth Task Force learned from law enforcement that up to 11 arrests have recently been made in large part from citizens utilizing the Anonymous Tip Box and Tip Line, as well as from citizens reporting criminal behavior directly or anonymously to law enforcement.

The Meth Task Force wants you to know your voices are being heard and law enforcement is taking action on the information you provide.

We thank these citizens for caring and having the courage to report information. Our children are safer and our community enjoys a higher quality of life by your willingness to be a part of the solution. Thank you. **Mandi Puckett, Meth Task Force Coordinator**

Letters of apology

In November I was at Hannah and Laura Crowe's home on Upper Dry Creek. Present were Hannah Crowe, her mother, Laura "Kay-Kay" Crowe, my son Vernon Smith Jr., and Avery Americanhorse. I was under the influence. I lost my temper and I caused a disturbance that resulted in two windows being broken. I am sorry for causing the disturbance and breaking the windows. Please accept this apology. Sincerely yours, **Vernon E. Smith Sr.**

I was in court in front of Judge Wilma Smith on Nov. 22, 2004. Unfortunately, I lost my temper and caused a disturbance in the tribal courtroom. This was disrespectful to Judge Smith and everybody else in the courtroom. I am sorry for causing the disturbance. I also embarrassed myself in the courtroom. Sincerely yours, **Vernon E. Smith Sr.**

To the people of Warm Springs community I would like to apologize for my actions I did. Which was driving under the influence of alcohol and not stopping for the police when they tried to pull me over. I would also like to apologize to my daughter and her mom whom was on with me at the time. I hope you all except it. Thanks. **Carl Williams III.**

Listen, I would like to apologize for my actions on August 23, 2004. Driving while intoxicated and speeding around Warm Springs isn't the right thing to do. I may have made a wrong choice, but this is just one of them. Again, I am sorry. Sincerely, **Jackie Smith.**

To the community of Warm Springs, I, Denise Johnson, am writing this letter of apology to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for having drugs on person and I would ask to be forgiven for my actions on October 10, 2004. I am truly sorry. Thank you. Sincerely **Denise Johnson.**

To tribal members of the Warm Springs reservation, I'm sorry to you for driving and drinking. I turned myself in to Warm Springs Police Department this morning to go to court. I'm truly sorry and this will not happen again. Will you please forgive me? Thank you. **Marilyn Charley.**

To the people of Warm Springs community, I would like to extend my apology for driving under the influence of intoxicants, which I got a DUI. I made a bad choice to think I could drive while under the influence. I apologize for endangering the community as well as myself. Again, I am sorry. **Nellie Sam.**

To the people of Warm Springs Reservation who it concerns, per court order I am writing this apology here to two charges I was arrested the middle of November for carrying a weapon when prohibited and attempt to elude a police officer. I apologize for endangering people during an instinct of bad judgment on my behalf on that day. I am incarcerated for a while to pay for my actions that have been done. Also apologize for having a weapon on the same morning I was arrested and lodged here at Warm Springs jail. **Warren D. Wallulatum Jr.**

To Half pint and Tweedit and the Warm Springs Community and whomever may have been involved. I am sorry for putting precious lives in danger, while driving under the influence. I know what I have done was wrong and I apologize to these people. I am working to my actions so this will happen anymore. **Tammy Robinson.**

To the people of Warm Springs, I Kyal King would like to apologize for attempting to elude. I was driving irresponsibly during the night of October 10. I was driving very slowly (20 miles per hour) and kept going about 1/2 mile before stopping at home. Sorry for all the trouble I caused the police officer. **Kyal King.**

Happy birthday wishes...

Happy birthday, Ellise. We can't believe our baby girl will turn 5 on Dec. 10! We love you, Dad, Mom and Harlee.

Happy birthday, Tyrece Jones. Love, Ellise and Harlee.

Happy 5th birthday, Lamb Chops. Love, Auntie and Uncle.

Happy birthday, Chad Thurby. From the David family.

Happy birthday, Bro Dartanian Picard. We will all have fun on your day. Love from Clarence Vernon Sam.

Happy happy birthday to my pride and joy Dartanian Wilson Picard, grandma's boy. You know I will always be there for you and your brothers. Keep up your good work in school. I'm proud of you. Lots of love and kisses from grandma **Marella Sam.**

Happy birthday Dartanian Picard. Hope you have fun your day. Love you, from i Lihle Woody and Kaylobe Picard and Thomas Chester Sam.



Happy birthday, Ellise. Love, Jaraway Grandma, Aunt Sam, Aunt Paula and Julian.

Happy birthday to our sis Sybil Q. Smartlowit. With all our love. Na-Na Oop-sha-lee, CQ. Isip - Al Q. - na ty-ut. Lwp-a Boots GQ.

Happy Birthday to George, keep up the good work you're doing, we're proud of you. Mom, Dad, Tonya, Leanna, Jackson, Tosh, Lance, Aaron, Hector, and Ears

Happy Birthday Jackson, our little boy is growing up too fast. You keep working hard and have fun in school. We are proud of you. Mom, Dad, George, Tonya, Leanna, Tosh, Lance, Aaron, Hector and Ears.

Happy Birthday Deece. Always, Selena.

Happy Birthday Illante' (Chongo, chongo) I hope you have a wonderful Birthday! Your 9-yrs-old and "mambo mambo Twenty-turd" is your special day. I miss you and love you. Dad.

Congratulations! (Chicken) Leanne, I saw you in the paper and am so proud of you. Keep up the great work. I love you and miss you. Dad.

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