

Looking forward to summer powwow

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Management Successor

So, what do you think about the summer months finally arriving? I wasn't sure we would see warm weather with all the rain and gloomy weather. And doesn't gloomy weather make you feel that way, too, gloomy? It does me sometimes.

So what do we have to look forward to this summer? I know one thing is the Pi-Ume-Sha sesquicentennial celebration coming up. I am sure we can expect something different at this annual celebration.

Besides the fried bread, I always look forward to seeing the dancing and the colorful regalia that each dancer is wearing. I guess I like to look at the beadwork and the designs that families come up with.

There is a lot of work that goes into these outfits, especially the beaded buckskin dresses that the women traditional dancers wear. I saw this one dress a few years back and it had a design of several animals with a salmon background, it was so detailed. I really liked it and I always look for it now. Then there are the floral designs that are always pretty to look at.

The contest dancing is a nice thing to watch too because there are always many good dancers. The judges have a tough job some years. I judged a memorial special once and it was a tough choice for me to make.

There are usually a lot of other activities scheduled throughout the weekend and they are: softball, golf, boxing, running, endurance race, rodeo, and basketball. There are always stickgames and the annual parade.

But this being the 150th anniversary of the signing of the treaty, there is something special planned for this year. Other activities are in the works and we will see some different things going on.

I know that the museum has activities also because of the anniversary of the signing of the treaty. It seems there is an exhibit that will open up on that weekend. And there is a book-signing by George Aguilar Sr.

I am curious about the reenactment of the treaty signing and hoping to be able to see that during the Pi-Ume-Sha.

In addition to all this excitement the best part of it all is seeing old friends from the past that make a trip to Warm Springs to help us celebrate.

Of course, I have a break from all that to take my daughter to her dance recital in Prineville.

Hope to see everyone there.

Spilyay Speaks

Appreciation

We would like to acknowledge a few of our local establishments here in Warm Springs: DE Composite, Warm Springs Forest Products, DMJ Automotive, and Macy's Market for helping sponsor our co-ed basketball team "Rez Express" during the 14 and under Coeur D'Alene tournament in April and the Chehalis 16 and under co-ed tournament in May. Many thanks, as we appreciate your generosity. Without the support from our community, we would not be successful. Thank you. **Sammi O'Reilly**, coordinator.

Our veterans

With a lot of thought, and being around our community (and leadership) it brings me to express my own feelings, upbringing, love, prayer and a big thanks to our veterans, for the sacrifices they have done so we could have our freedom to worship, speech, vote, assemble. Also be ourselves. As a sister and wife of a veteran, I stand up for you also as president of our Ladies Auxiliary (to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Elliot Palmer Post 4217). When a veteran takes the floor we rise up for him (or her) to honor him, for the veterans placed their lives on the line for us. With that, I myself would like to thank you, our people, for the respect some of you show them. I myself would like to see our tribe put the VFW-Auxiliary on the budget, for the little things they might ask for, maybe trips for their hospital or families, to help with their supplies. Other tribes have a budget set aside for the veterans. Why not us? Our motto is we honor the dead by helping the living. For so much of our money is spent foolishly. On this, our Memorial Day Weekend, I'd like to let my husband, Harvey M. Jim, Vietnam veteran, know, myself and our children love him and pray for his peace of mind. We don't like to see the disrespect of any veteran, like bad-mouthing, putting down and ordering around. Feel free to visit us. Visit a veteran. We'll sign off for now. **Eliza Brown-Jim, Marella VanPelt-Jim, Tony VanPelt Jim, Leonard Chester Jim.**

Values

We as a Native people today all share the goal of working together as one people and putting our shared values first. We teach our children to work hard, to respect our elders, to listen first, to give to others and protect our families.

We believe that working and competing with pride and honor say far more about a person than wealth and awards. Those are Native values that will guide

us in the future. Anyone who knows of the history of federal policy towards tribes in Oregon might ask if there are any promises left in those words pledging "good faith" towards the tribes. In the history of the Oregon tribes, there's massacre, there are confiscated lands and devastated economies. There are trails of tears in which the Natives were wrenched from their homelands and were marched under the harshest conditions to new areas. There are mob lynchings, mob raids, mob murders of innocent Native children. There's starvation and disease, religious persecution, desecration of sacred sites. There's federal termination. There's every human rights violation you can think of. There's "holocaust," but through this there's a persistent and vital tribal culture, and determined leaders carrying it forth today. "Our ancestors understood that we are only borrowing this earth and its resources from our children." For our tribal leaders, the trust responsibility towards future generations is heart felt. Tribal elders and leaders of Tribal Council go out to the rivers and they sing and pray for the return of the salmon, just as our ancestors did. **Rayfield Mitchell**, No. 60839-065, US Penitentiary Hazelton, PO Box 2000, Bruceton Mills, WS 26525.

April incident

To the community of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, I'm writing this letter on behalf of myself. I know that I haven't been the role model that a mother would want to have her son take after.

I don't know who all remember your nephew but I won't ever forget how you helped me out in the past, and I'll see you when I get back.

All of my short life I've been known to have one too many for the road and I can't say that

I'm going change over night but I'm writing this letter to apologize to Judith Kalama and her family for the incident that happened on or about April 6, 2005. I know that alcohol isn't an excuse for what happened and I'm kind of glad that I ended up in someplace like this. Who knows, maybe I'll get back to the reservation a different person. You know Judith I haven't tried to contact you or phone you since that night in question and I hope that in your heart you will find forgiveness for what I did. I'm going to have a lot of time to do some soul searching and I hope that I'll be able to walk with my head up once more.

I'm not going to say that I'm going to be instantly cured of the disease (alcoholism), but I'm taking the first steps of getting cured from it. I've been drinking since I was twelve years old and I've been going for twenty-three years. I've lost a lot of great relationships because of it and I'm finally beginning to see what it's doing to my life and to other things now.

Well, Gomer, how do you feel? Write me and let me know. I can't say that I'm sorry because you brought it on yourself. I hope you had fun, because I sure did, but it should have happened someplace else because I was just starting to have fun. I couldn't believe that it was over so fast. Maybe next time, we'll just have to wait and see. Good luck on your fishing. When I get back we'll have to go and check out that one fishing hole by the Shaker Church together. I heard that hole's pretty good year round.

I guess that's all I have to write about for now, but I'll keep you posted about how life is treating me, and I hope that I will hear from some of you people. If you can't write just send a cash donation or give it to my sister Martha and she'll send it because she has the address where cash donations can

be sent (ayes). I'm going to sign off now. Later. If anyone wants to write to me my address is: **Johnson Heath Sr.**, No. 68697065, Federal Detention Center, P.O. Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378.

Chemawa grads

Congratulations Chemawa graduates and students.

The beginning of Chemawa Indian School—the first day and the first classes—took place 125 years ago. During those 125 years, boys and girls from many tribes have been enrolled at Chemawa.

Chemawa has helped many students learn and grow, and many of them have been successful. Some have become outstanding leaders in Indian Country. This has always been, and still is Chemawa's purpose—to help students become good and successful people.

To the graduating class of 2005, you came to Chemawa Indian School to learn and you have stayed to finish the course. Anyone who has already graduated realizes that it took courage and perseverance. You have

endured the test of academic endeavors, the trials of close relationships in dorm living and the stress of social conformity. In having attended Chemawa Indian School, you can never be quite the same again.

Commitment to Our Students: Let me, through good use of my time, carry on the good name of Chemawa. Let me remember Chemawa's purpose and standards. Let each of us try, not only to set higher standards for ourselves, but to keep the high standards of our school, make Chemawa a better place because we are here. **Cheryl Sutterlee-Stinnett**, Chemawa Indian School.

Regarding letters

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo.

Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than 350 words. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions to this guideline. Also, no statements that are libelous against another person can be published in the paper. The deadline to submit items is late in the afternoon of Friday of the week before publication.

Letters of apology

To the Confederated Tribes and Scott Moses, I'm sorry for driving under the influence that night. Driving like that is dangerous, and I'm glad that no one was injured except for the damage to your car. Again I'm sorry and will see that it doesn't happen any more. Thanks. **Robert Miller.**

To the people in the community of Warm Springs, forgive me for my wrongdoings on April 10 at 1 a.m. I am so sorry for my actions I made on this night. This will not happen again. **Paulette R. Henry.**

I would like to take this time to apologize for case No. CR281-05. This incident occurred at High Lookee Lodge. To the manager, the tribes, and especially our elders, this was supposed to be 35 words plus so this one's for my elders: yook-da-un el-a-xi-xee shums tee-chum yook-da-une la-xi-xee shumste-chum coo-neen xush-ta coo ee pxi-na-ma ow-nuxh e-na-me-na me-a-nush-na la-xi-xee a-ta-nee-i-sha coo-neen xlx te-chum e la-xi-xee wow-a-nuk-shush ka-nee coosh-xush e pxew-na-ma. Eiy Hul-ish-qwat-knot. **Wendell Greene.**

Graduation, anniversary and birthday wishes...

Happy Second Anniversary. Jason Tobet Sr., I'd like to say how much I love you. Would like to thank you for giving me that special son and another one on the way.

I know we had some good times and bad, but yet we're still together. Holding each other tight, walking hand in hand.

You brighten my day and when my skies are cloudy and gray you know just what to say.



We'll stay together, and I know that's how we belong. Love, your wife and son.

Happy birthday Leona Addele on May 23. Love, Lovie and kids.

Happy belated birthday (May 9) **Mary Stewart, Lovie Ike and kids.**

Happy birthday Fern Begay. Lovie Ike and kids.

Happy birthday to my No. 1 daughter-in-law Natalia Sam, May 25. From Robert Sam Sr.

Happy birthday to my wife **Marella (V.P.) Sam. Love ya lots. From Robert Sam Sr. May 26.**

Happy anniversary to **Woody Picard Sr. and Sadie Sam Picard. From Robert Sam Sr.**

Happy birthday to Natalia Sam. From Big G and Neda Tias.

Happy birthday to my mom **Marella Sam. Love you lots. From Big G and Neda Tias.**

Happy anniversary to **Woody and Sadie Picard Sr. From Big**

G and Neda Tias.

Happy happy birthday May 26 to our best grandma **Marella Sam.** We all are so happy to have you, grandma, and you have all the love from us. We all love you a lot and we hope your day is a good one. Love from **Woody, Dartanian, Kaylob Picard, Anessia and Decimus Sam, Clarence Vernon Sam.**

Happy birthday May 25 to our mom and dad's wife, **Natalia Sam. Love you mom, from Decimus and Anessia and Dad, Tracy Sam.**

Happy anniversary to our Mom and Dad, **Sadie and Woody Picard Sr. Love you. From you three boys, Woody Jr., Dartanian and Kaylobe Picard.**

Congratulations **Jaylynn Sappah, LeeAnn Wolfe, Carina Miller and Sally Polk. Lovie and kids.**



*I would like to congratulate my two older kids **Walsey and Raylene Ike-Thomas**, who are about to graduate high school. I'm very proud of you both. Love, your mom **Lovie, Dena and Daisy.***



Happy Birthday in May to our family

On May 4th - **Charlotte R. Shike, 17th -Helena Jackson, Mina Estimo, and Yerlonda Chase, 25th - Natalia Sam, 26th - Marella Sam, 31st - Levi VanPelt, and Thomas Williams.** May you all have many more all our love, **Harvey & Liza Jim, Tony, Leonard & Marella Jim, Wolfman & Farrell and family, Rego, Eliza and Tyrone.**

Happy 16th Birthday to our "wittle girl" **Tonya Leigh.** We love you and we are proud of you and your ability to overcome all that you have. **Love, Mom, Dad, Jackson, Leanna, and George.**

Congratulations to **George Boise, Cecelia Brunoe, and Ashley Thompson** for your accomplishments this year. Have fun on your trip. **Selena**

Happy belated Birthday to my brother **Tony and my nephew Curtis Jr. on May 18, Love Selena.**

Happy Birthday to **Dave,** from all your friends at Spilyay Tymoo.

Congratulations **Tashina Rae Johnson** on your graduation. From **Auntie Inleigh, cousins Kalija, Diamelle and Alfred, Amberae, Stetson, nephews Jacob and Jermaine.**

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