

## Use caution when driving this weekend

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So, are you ready for the Pi-Ume-Sha celebration? I am ready to take in this annual occasion to see friends and relatives. I am also hoping that it will be a safe weekend for our visitors to Warm Springs.

### Spilyay Speaks

With the celebration going on in the community, and the activities held throughout the weekend, there are some who prefer to celebrate in their own way. Sometimes people have altered judgment as to whether they can drive after drinking. This is when we should be careful on the roads, because accidents have taken place during this weekend.

So in addition to watching the intersections of the busy Highway 26, we must also watch the road for drivers who are going over the line or driving too fast for the speed zone they are in.

Not to mention the crazy drivers on Highway 26 who are always in a hurry and think it is okay to pass everybody in a no-passing zone. Sometimes when there are lots of cars on the highway, because of a long weekend, there are these drivers who are in a hurry.

Also remember that there is always lots of traffic on the highway, and everyone should be patient when crossing or trying to enter traffic. Sometimes I sit and wait for a long time to cross the highway just to go home. Because there is a lot of traffic, there is always a chance that an "in a hurry" driver will try to pass when they shouldn't. Keep a watchful eye for these drivers.

So be aware of these unsafe drivers and take caution when crossing Highway 26 on your way to the casino.

Speaking of casinos, did you see those ads on television against the casino at the Gorge? What are your thoughts on this? Seems we get through one block after another, and it is never ending.

## School support

The students and staff of Warm Springs Elementary would like to thank the following businesses for their donations toward our fifth grade farewell party and the outstanding attendance luncheon:

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, DE Composite, Power Enterprises, and Warm Springs Ventures.

Your monetary assistance was helpful in honoring our students and their families. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Sincerely, **Dawn Smith**, principal.

## Thankful

On Friday, June 10, there was an accident at the Vehicle Pool in Warm Springs. Preston Conners (aka Anahui) was helping the bus driver to change a tire on her bus when the jack slipped. The ECE bus fell on top of Preston, crushing his left shoulder and chest area.

Three people lifted the vehicle up off of Preston by hand and no doubt saved his life. To Carolyn Winishut, Fudd Suppah and Darlene Highfill, the three of you are angels who were in the right place at the right time.

Things could have been very, very different today if you weren't there to work your miracles. From the bottom of my heart, as well as the hearts of his friends in room G-1, thank you for your help that day. Respectfully, **Frederick Duran Bobb Skw'ililapt**.

## Field trip

The annual second-grade natural resource tour at HeHe was a great success. A special thank you goes out to all the supporters, volunteer presenters, second grade teachers and their classroom students and parents. A total of 287 students and adults participated. To everyone who helped, thank you for your in-kind support, and sharing your special skills and knowledge with all the Maupin and 509-J second graders. Be-

cause of the time and energy that many people put into this, we together made it happen – and it could not have happened without all of you. Thanks again.

The list of volunteers is as follows: from the Culture and Heritage Department, Myra Johnson and staff; from the Natural Resources Department, Clay Penhollow and Joseph Shepard; from Forestry, Theron Johnson and Beverly Surplus; from the Museum at Warm Springs, Rosalind Sampson; from the fish hatchery, Kevin Blueback and Mavis Shaw; from Newberry National Volcanic Monument, Seth Callos; OSU Extension, Fara Currin; from Jefferson County OSU Extension, Rebecca Mills; Wheeler County OSU Extension, Amy Davis; OSU Extension Master Gardeners Sally Morton, Sarah Whipple and Janet Baker.

Thanks again. **Kimberly Woolston**.

## Memorial

I am writing this letter in regards to the memorial for late Ernie S. Johnson. I would like to send out a special thanks to all of the people involved in supporting and helping myself and my children.

First of all a special thank you for use of Simnasho Church, and the beautiful songs and prayers at the cemetery. Thank you, Billy Jo and Wanda Berry. Next, thank you to my grandmothers for their encouraging words and songs. Thank you, Esther Lamb-Wolfe, Lucy Wolfe and Aunt Viola Governor. Another special thanks is to my the people for the preparation and fund raising. I appreciate all the helping hands. Thank you, Harvey Anne Tohet, Thida Charley, Shelly Greene-Boise, Madine Meanus, and Vena Tias.

A very special thanks for the support and for being there through this very hard time. Thank you, sister Minnie Yahtin, Will, Moreen, Chatter, Lil Ron, Leila, Cecil and Mervin Governor. Last but not the least, special thanks for Simnasho EMT's, the Warm Springs

EMTs, and officers at the scene of the accident, and for attending the services. This was a very big loss to myself and my children. Therefore, I thank each and every one of you. If I've forgotten anyone, you know I thank you. **Dorothy Yahtin**.

## Biomass

Recently I attended a workshop on bio-mass harvest operations coordinated by the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries (WSFPI) at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Along with presentations made WSFPI, Natural Resources and the BIA Branch of Forestry was a presentation made by the Eagle Lake Range District of Northern California. They presented their history, development and current progress with biomass harvest practices. They have been utilizing biomass operations for about 20 years and their results are inspirational. Most impressive was the ecological effect of the forest restoration practices.

Biomass mainly consists of small, low-value trees that are chipped for production. The chipped wood is used as a "continuous renewable resource" to generate electric power for our mill. As our mill progresses with the installation of new boilers, we will eventually produce electric energy not only for our mill, but also for the general public.

Forest restoration practices used in the biomass harvest include thinning overstocked tree stands of most small trees. With the removal of these small trees, brush and soil is effectively "re-generated." Fuel breaks called defensible fuel profile zones are created and they reduce high-intensity wildfires to low-intensity, thereby assisting in wildfire suppression. The cost of biomass harvest practices is far less than the cost of suppressing a high-intensity fire. The revenue created by timber untouched by wildfires is immense. Even a low-intensity wildfire would have little effect on devaluation of our timber.

Benefits of biomass harvest practices include a healthier forest that will allow wildlife to better forage grounds, fuel reduc-

tion of high-intensity wildfires, allow our timber to grow more efficiently, and produce electric power for our mill.

The efforts to generate revenues for our tribal members as a whole is commendable and I fully support the biomass harvest project. **Redine Kirk**.

## Appreciated

Dear Warm Springs, I would like to thank everyone who came to support me and my family in the loss of my beloved sister Marvena. I would really like to thank Sara Thompson Frank for helping my Auntie Suzie Slokish Squiemphen get me out, to be there with my family. Big thanks to Sara and Suzie. I would like to say that there is a God and that I give him all the praise and glory for answering my prayers. I also want to thank my probation officer Lucinda Palmer and Honorable Judge Anna Brown, for without their permission I would not have been there with my family and people. Again I say thank you to one and all who were there in our hour of need. May the good lord bless each and every one of you in a special way. Much love and respect. **Michael Tone Meanus "Alec-Sawn"**.

## A thank you

My family and I would like to thank the friends and the relatives that offered their comfort and heart felt condolences in our time of grief. Besides the friends and relatives, there are a number of individuals that need to be recognized and appreciated for helping make a tragic time easier. I am also very appreciative that we have a supportive tribal council in times of tragedy that call for special attention to the needs of tribal members. I also appreciate the help that the Vital Statistics and Utilities departments gave, that made a very difficult time easier.

There also are the traditionalists from the North and South ends that I don't believe I can thank enough for helping and preparing my son for his next journey. I thank the Wa Shut

dancers and the drummers for singing the songs that needed to be sung. Also the individuals that spoke words that were from the heart, I will ever be thankful to the various Christian speakers that gave special testimony for my son. And I will also be ever indebted for the beautiful music offered in remembrance to our son, brother, friend and team mate.

And last, but certainly not the least, I especially thank the Emergency Medical Team/Technicians and the Warm Springs Police Department officers that performed their duties with compassion and understanding and for the assistance they offered. Eije

Thank you, **the Hellon family**.

The following individuals are thanked, and there are probably some not named, this is not intentional as there were many who offered their help and hearts in my family's time of needed comfort:

Ronnie Suppah, Madeline Queahpama-Spino, Shauna Queahpama and family, Raphael and Nola Queahpama, Margaret Boise, Laura Yallup, ul-la Agnes Tulee and family, Debra Still, Alex Martinez and family, Daniel Martinez, Caroline Cruz, Jerome Davis and Rachael, Lawrence Caldera and Laura, Cecil Brunoe, Andy Stacona, Robert Johnson, Randy Boise Jr., Nell Sam, Maxine McKinley, Israel Scott, Bull Suppah, Wilford and Geraldine Jim, Valerie Switzler, Maxine Switzler, James Halliday, Dennis Smith, Jonas Miller, JoDay Goudy, Emerson Squeimphen, Fred Wallulatum, all the cooks' helpers, Karshall Brunoe, Mona Jim, Briton Matrokien, Brother Earl Tufti, Carlos Northrup, John Kalama, Doug Kowlowski, Ashley Johnson, Ruby Dee, the EMT crew, Lonnie McKuen and his fellow officers, and also the officer that provided escort. If a time ever comes that I may be of help to these individuals and families, I hope I will be as helpful and comforting. Thank you. **Leo, Vickie, Charlie, Lewis, Lee, Young Leo, and Syrus**.

## Toe Ness

A stranger in Indian Country

A tourist traveling through the prairies of the USA stopped at a small border town and went to a bar. He stood at the end of the bar, ordered a drink, and lit up a cigar.

As he sipped his drink, he stood there quietly blowing smoke rings. After he blew nine or ten smoke rings into the air, a big angry Indian stomped up to him and said, "One more remark like that and I'll smash your face in!"

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## Happy birthday, congratulations and other wishes...

Happy Fathers Day! Hello to everyone. I enjoyed my visit with everyone. Love you much. My sweetest memories are the stories shared. Please don't forget to share the stories. Today might be the last chance that you get. Love one another while you can. Let them know what you enjoy about them. Let them know that they are loved, so that we can be stronger tomorrow.

I noticed my children are stronger because they are loved, not because they were toughened up. And I know that I am too. I know I can be successful today because yesterday my father loved me. Thank you. Love you much. You are my hero.

I Corinthians 9:24. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

**Yerlonda (Chase) Diaz**.



All of us at OSU Extension would like to say congratulations to the 2005 graduates. We wish you a happy and prosperous future. It has been a pleasure to get to know most of you through the many activities and clubs, and our staff has watched you grow.

Live well and help others, for what we do in life echoes in eternity. **Kimberly, Fara, Emilee, Minnie T., Minnie Y., Danita, Arlene, Evaline and Clint**.

Happy 12th birthday, **Amberae Lari**. From Mom. Happy birthday, **Irene and Tashina Johnson**. From Auntie Julie.

Congratulations to our college students **Melinda Polk and Joe Thompson** on their grade scores. We are very proud of you two. Love, your grandma **Evelyn, Mice and Adrian, uncles Johnny, Willie, Chris and family**.

Happy birthday to the Geminis in the family: **Willie Capoeman (May 21), Evelyn Capoeman (June 4), Tommy Thompson (June 6), Adrian Vitalis (June 8), Melinda Polk (June 17)**. From all of us, near and far.

You did it! And we knew you could. We are proud of you and your hard work.

We are thankful for your continued effort for all of us. We love you! **Selena, George, Tonya, Leanna, Jackson and Lance**.

To **Ashley Thompson** in Tama. We are proud of you. Keep up the good work. Your auntie **Selena's family**.



Happy birthday to our ya-ya **Tracy Ray Sam**. Love you and miss you very much. Love, your sisters **Sadie Picard, Elsie Sam, Neda Tias and Jeleah Sam**. We all miss you and love you.

Happy birthday to our grandma **Eliza Jim**. Love, **Sadie Picard, Elsie Sam, Neda Tias and Jeleah Sam**.

Happy anniversary to our Dad and Mom. Love you lots, from **Sadie Picard, Elsie Sam, Neda Tias and Ooah**.

Happy birthday ya-ya. Sorry we haven't written you yet, but you know we still love you. From **Big G and Neda Tias**.

Congratulations to **Melinda and Joe** on your college grades. And to **Steven James**, who graduated from high school. "Keep it up, you guys, remember education is not a party." Love, you family, **Jessie and Tommy and Kurtis**.

Happy birthday June 30 to our No. 1 son **Tracy Ray Sam**. Son, we love you and we are so proud of you. You are a good father to our grandkids. Love you always and forever. Take care. Mom and Dad.

June 29, happy birthday to our mother **Eliza Brown Jim**. We all love you, Mom. Hope your day is a good one. Love, **Pearl Van Pelt, Robert and Mabella Sam, Chet Van Pelt Sr., Tiger and Tates Van Pelt, Lillie Van Pelt, Wolfaman and Farrell Suppah**.

Happy Birthday to our Dad on June 29, and Mom's husband **Tracy Ray Sam**. Dad we love you and miss you a lot. We are being good for Mom. Happy Birthday, Dad. Love you. Your two babies and mom, **Annessia, T.Q. Sam and Natalia Sam**.

Happy Birthday June 29 Grandma-Ulla, Great Grandma. We all love you. From **Tracy and Taw Sam, Sadie and Woody Picard Sr., Elsie, Robert Jr.,**

**Jeleah and Thomas Sam, Theylia Vernaya Suppah, Gerald and Neda Tias, Carlos and Charmaine Calica, Prenincia, Jenny, Patriona VanPelt, Rigo and Eliza, Tony, Marella, Leonard VanPelt, Margorie Ann VanPelt, Mycheal, Chet III and Kenny VanPelt, Lil Wolf, Jaden, Jordan Suppah, and last but not least your great grandchildren Annessia, Decimus Sam, Tyrone Medrano, Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe Picard, Quindo and baby brother VanPelt, Quindo and Trenton Calica, and Clarence Vernon Sam.**

Happy 28th anniversary on June 29, Grandma and Grandpa **Marella and Robert Sam Sr.** Lots of kisses and hugs. We are all so happy to have you two. We all love you very much. **Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe Picard, Clarence Vernon Sam, your one and only granddaughter Annessia Marie Sam and Decimus Tracy Sam and Chance**. We all hope you have a good day Grandma. Love you.

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