

# Question: Why is the Treaty of 1855 important to the people of the Warm Springs reservation?



Anthony Caldera

*"I know that the treaty is valuable, because it gives us rights that we still have today."*



Reva Johnson

*"I'm not very familiar with the treaty, but I would like to be educated and know if it's abided by, or if it has been changed."*



Dallas Winishut

*"I think the bottom line is land. The land is what it's all about... They just wanted to move us off the Columbia River."*

## College student overcomes many obstacles

*(Spilyay summer youth worker Ashley Aguilar continues her article about her first semester at Haskell Indian College in Kansas.)*

I called John from a bed in the hospital and told him that I had to get my appendix taken out and that surgery was going to be that day. He walked over from our apartment and waited for me to get out of surgery. When I woke up the doctors told me that I would have had a scar the size of a pen lid, but since I was pregnant it was the length of my finger.

The doctors were worried about doing surgery because they didn't want to harm the baby. It took me two days to recover. I called the clinic and they escorted me and John home, because I was too weak to walk.

I did the standard procedure for any college student in an emergency situation. I called all my professors from the hospital and told them my situation.

I called the counselor's office to get a medical excuse, and to my surprise the president of Haskell came to my bedside, along with a counselor and Barbara Cunningham. It is not their duty to come in, but I'm glad they came. It showed how much they cared for their students.

My professors excused me from the classes and gave me extra time to make up the assignments. If you call and let your professors know where you are and your situation they can be lenient. Professors like everybody else don't like to be left in the dark.

October wasn't that bad. I went to school everyday and did my work. John and I paid our \$560 rent. By this time we were not making enough money to buy food, pay our bills and the rent. Sure John was working but minimum wage isn't enough. Towards the end of the month we had no food in our cupboards. The only food I had was from WIC. We were hungry for a day or so, but somebody told us about these donation spots where they give food to people on low-income.

I would have to say that November was my most mellow month of the semester. All my professors were giving out less homework. I did, however, run into a rough path with Ms. Moore, my English professor.

I came in late for class because I was in the library finishing up the paper she assigned. When I tried to turn it in, she ripped it in half and threw it in the garbage. She wouldn't accept it because it was late. I was upset for a while but then I realized that this is college not high school. When the professor sets a time, you mind it.

When Thanksgiving came, we invited Joe and Melinda to come over and eat dinner with us. Then our list grew and we invited Arthur, Cyrille and a few others. It was a hard day. I had gotten up at six in the morning to start cooking and didn't finish till around seven-thirty in the evening. I constantly had to call my mom because I never cooked Thanksgiving alone before. While I was cooking my shirt was getting a little tight and ridding up my stomach because my belly was getting bigger and I burnt my stomach on the stove.

A couple weeks after Thanksgivings were finals. I spent hours in the library studying and writing final papers.

### Worth the challenge

Being so young I thought I could handle all situations, but the world threw obstacles in my way. I wasn't prepared for half the stuff I had to deal with.

School is fun. I met interesting people, learned new things, made good friend, and most of all I survived every challenge that came my way.

When you go to school it's not only about school, it's about your life. The important thing is to stay away from drinking and doing drugs. I've seen many students take that path, and most ended up quitting school or failing their classes.

It's a challenge going to school but it's worth it. Everything that was thrown in my way made me stronger.

## State recognizes force of treaty

The Oregon Legislature recently acknowledged the significance of the 1855 Treaty of the Middle Tribes of Oregon. Senate Joint Resolution 12 of the 2005 regular session acknowledges the force of the treaty in preserving the tribal off-reservation rights. The resolution can be seen as a repudiation by the state of the infamous "treaty of 1865."

The resolution reads as follows:

*Whereas in June 1855, Joel Palmer, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Oregon Territory, and leaders of the Wasco and Warm Springs Tribes negotiated an agreement between sovereign*

*nations known as the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon; and,*

*Whereas the 1855 treaty confirmed the tribes' rights to the Warm Springs Reservation and rights to fish, hunt, gather and graze stock on unoccupied lands ceded to the United States of America, and to fish at usual and accustomed fishing stations within and without the ceded area; and,*

*Whereas the 1855 treaty ceded some 10 million acres of the tribes' land, from the Cascade Falls to the summit of the Blue Mountains, allowing the legal settlement of central Oregon and the development of the Cities of Bend, Cascade Locks, Hood River, John Day, Madras, Prineville, and The Dalles, among others; and,*

*Whereas the ceded area includes the Counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Crook, Wheeler and Deschutes and portions of the Counties of Clackamas, Marion, Morrow and Grant; and,*

*Whereas this crucial and historic*

*agreement is still in force, preserving the rights of these original peoples of Oregon not expressly surrendered, to live according to the wisdom and teachings of the Earth, including the right to fish at usual and accustomed fishing stations and the right to hunt, gather and graze stock on unoccupied lands; and,*

*Whereas a sesquicentennial celebration of the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon is most fitting as the treaty forms the basis for the good relations now enjoyed between the Confederated*

*Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of*

*Oregon and the basis for title to land in most of central Oregon; and,*

*Whereas the sesquicentennial of the 1855 treaty falls on June 25, coinciding with the bicentennial of the arrival of Lewis and Clark in the Oregon Country; and,*

*Whereas the sesquicentennial will be celebrated as part of the commemoration planned by the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Oregon and several Oregon communities in 2005, and a statewide commemoration of the 1855 treaty has been declared by the Oregon Heritage Commission; now, therefore,*

*Be It Resolved by the Legislative*

*Assembly of the State of Oregon:*

*The Legislative Assembly honors the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon and directs state agencies and urges local governments to work cooperatively with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon to honor and support the promises made in the 1855 treaty.*

*The Legislative Assembly urges communities within the ceded area of the Warm Springs Reservation to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon.*

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