

Letting go and saying goodbye is hard to do

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Management successor

Don't you hate saying goodbye to a person who you are used to seeing every day? I find it hard. For years I have been thinking that my kids are going to finish high school and they will move on.

Spilyay Speaks

Well, my son George has been planning on enlisting in the Army for over a year now and he will be leaving us in August. Now I thought I would be ready for this time to come, but who is ever ready to see their young ones move on to take on new things out there in the world?

I admire his decision to enlist and utilize the funds provided by the Army for his education. That is really important these days as you need an education to get a good job. I mean one that you actually like to do.

It wouldn't seem so hard if there wasn't a war going on in Iraq. But he said he's ready for anything required of him while he's in the service. He's ready to serve this country for all it offers us.

But we keep our youth in prayer as they venture out into the world to experience new things and become the wiser people that they need to be.

So when your kids are finished with high school and they decide to go somewhere for school or the service, then we just keep them in our hearts and our prayers until we see them again.

We are planning to have a going away lunch or dinner for George, so watch for an announcement so that you can see him before he goes to Fort Benning for Basic.

He's trading our hot weather for even hotter weather. Then he'll come home to us in December during our cold weather.

So, if you see George in the community give him some encouragement because he's made a good decision for himself and we will support on this decision.

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.

Rodeo Queen

The Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen Committee and I would like to thank all of those who purchased tickets for this year's raffle. We would like to thank the community for the support of this year's rodeo queen pageant.

We would also like to thank the following for their time, effort, wisdom, donation and support: Kevin and Leana Blueback and family, Delvina Heath, the 2005-06 Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Princess and family; the judges for this year's pageant, Arlissa Rhoan, Corey Clements, Trisha Stradley, Sara Scott and Pastor Chris Buller; the cooks, Brenda Scott, August Scott and Sara Scott (the food was delicious).

Thank you to Kah-Nee-Tah for purchasing the jackets and Oregon Embroidery for the beautiful work of the jackets; and Corral West for the beautiful black hats. Thank you Big R for the beautiful buckle; and Faye Suppah, Snuffie Smith, and Sara Scott for their support and wisdom for queen competitions.

Most of all, thank you community for the support of the Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen Pageant 2005. **Miranda Blueback**, 2005-06 Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen.

Tournament

We would like to say thank you to everyone who made the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) girls basketball tournament a success. June 21-25 NABI held a tournament in Phoenix, Ariz. with 32 girls and 32 boys teams from all over the states. Our girls competed well and finished in the top ten for the tournament with three wins, two losses.

A big thank you to all the enterprises and individuals who donated, sponsored and put in valuable time to help this team participate in this growing tournament: Tomcat Logging, Tommie and Jo Ann Smith, Bank of America, Everett Elliott, Ft. McDowell Casino in Arizona, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Casino, Power Enterprises, Warm Springs Forest Products, Tina and Easton Aguilar, Erickson's Sentry, Safeway, Orvie and Shelia Danzuka, Scott and Denys Moses, Susan Lewis, Blanca Ball, Brunoe Logging, Jason Smith, Jay and Fay Suppah, Lorraine Suppah, Leland Thompson Jr., Wanda Van Pelt, Harry Hisatake, Ricky Graybael, Warm Springs Ventures, DMJ Automotive Services, Robert and Sandra Maine, Alvis Smith III, Andy Stacona, Charlene and Dennis White Sr., Satterlee's Jewelers, Shari Brown and Family.

We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication from the Madras and Warm Springs com-

munities who made this whole experience possible. Thank you to the family members of the team who helped with the transportation to Arizona, to the airport and fundraising. A big thank you to Grandma Margaret Suppah for making the trip down here and for always being the best (and loudest!) cheerleader.

Another big thank you to and from the members of the Oregon Native Girls Basketball Team for a job well done. First of all, to my assistant coach Joyce Suppah for helping with everything, and to our team manager, my wife Julie Suppah who kept us up on meeting team deadlines and planning of events. Now to our team players who played their hardest. A big thank you to Jaylyn Suppah, Jayleen Maine, Shara Brown, Sophie Smith, Shirell Adams, Shanell Kalama, Briana Stacona and Amanda Marchand.

This tournament was a great experience, and we hope several teams from Warm Springs will compete in this next year, as it is a good opportunity for our players to grow and compete against great teams from all over the country. It is also a great place to play in front of college scouts looking for recruits to play ball. **Jake and Julie Suppah**.

Truly believe

This letter is for several reasons. The first one is to thank everyone that made our revival in March a huge success, those that helped in the kitchen, bringing food and more of all attending church.

The second is to thank everyone who helped with Perry Kalama, Jr.'s, memorial. You were a blessing to the family by being there, bringing food and showing your love. God bless you all.

Now, this part is hard for me because it is so close to the date of Pebbles' passing, but I truly believe one day we will meet again.

My Dear Lord,
Here I am again, but today I'm not asking for much.

Just for You to listen and maybe a loving touch. It was hard for me to continue without my dear friend, even when You assured me we would meet in the very end.

I thank You for keeping her children and grandchildren safe and loved, surrounded by Your angels sent from heaven above.

I miss the goofy way she some time talked, her smile and crazy, loud laugh.

Throughout the years we remained best friends, only later, life took us on different paths.

In grade school we met, I think we were only eight and nine, Indian dancing together during the summer time.

Junior high came and our bottoms saw a big paddle.

It would take more than that for our friendship to be rattled.

In 1964 we traveled far to attend Chilocco Indian School, meeting a lot of friends from all over Indian country, that was way cool.

Home Ec didn't want us, dry cleaning, too. Somehow we ended up getting blamed for breaking all the rules.

The memories we had, some bad but most of them good, we made it to graduation day. Only then did we know we could.

Thank you God, for keeping us sisters and best pals, having mercy on us two "good" ole gals. For blessings You keep send-

ing even though one is with You, keeping me on track as only you can do.

Thank You for listening and reminding me of Your love, You hold all the treasures there in heaven above.

Love always and forever,
Your handmaiden **Tina**.

Thank you

This letter has been a long time coming.

I want to say that I appreciate all my neighbors at Dry Creek, always watching out for my welfare. Thank you, Bob Medina and family, for always watching my house to see if I'm alive yet. Thank you, Archie and Avery. That time the small fire happened at my house, Avery ran all the way across our small ravine to put out the fire, also hollering for me to get out of the house.

A big thank you, children, for coming to cut the weeds around my house and cleaning my yard. For I love all my grandchildren, young and old, you are all my children. **Maxine McKinley**.

Boys team

From the Rez Express basketball team, we would like to acknowledge a few of our local establishments and people who helped us. They are:

Earl and Rita Squiemphen, Central Oregon Livestock Auction, Warm Springs Forest Products, Karnopp Peterson Attorneys, Black Bear Diner, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Val Squiemphen, Earlynne Squiemphen, Tom O'Reilly, Tony and Talya Holliday, KWSO radio station, The Bend Bulletin, Albert, Gabby, Richard, Shawn, Davis Jr. Sohapp, all of the people who donated pop cans and bottles and supported our food sales and car wash. Forgive me for any person who did not get recognized for their generosity.

Thank you all for helping sponsor our High School Boys All-Indian Basketball team Rez Express. We were able to attend the 2005 Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) tournament during June 21-25 held in Phoenix, Ariz.

Although we did not make the championship bracket at the end of the tournament, our boys gave it their best which is all they can do. Thank you for believing in our kids and supporting them in their endeavors.

We would not have the means to be successful without all of your help. Now that things are done and over with, we see what our community is made of and know where we stand in the basketball world.

Lastly, thanks to Chance and LaRonn for doing their part in the fund raising, right down to the last sack lunch filled and cupcake frosted. Thanks guys. **Sammi O'Reilly**, coordinator.

Meth danger

Meth, crystal, glass, speed, crank, ice and "G" - it's all the same and called methamphetamine. Like most drugs meth can cause serious brain damage such as short and long term memory loss, psychotic behavior, mood swings, anxiety, confusion and sleeping problems (insomnia). Meth can be injected, snorted, eaten and smoked. Every pound of meth produced leaves behind five to six pounds of toxic waste. Fumes generated during the manufacturing process can contaminate porous surfaces such as walls, carpets

and countertops. These substances can also be inhaled if the person is unaware. One shot or hit of meth can be as cheap as \$20 but will only increase when you need to feel that high once more.

The environmental damage and pollution from meth is toxic and very poisonous. Ingredients include substances which can cause chemical burns or can be easily ignited. Meth clean-up can cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$5,000 per lab.

The dangers of meth use to unborn children can result in premature delivery or spontaneous abortion. The child may be born with abnormalities to the cardiovascular system, central nervous system and deformities to the arms and legs. A child who is born prematurely has a high risk of sudden infant death syndrome, HIV, hepatitis B and withdrawal symptoms similar to that of a meth user. Meth use increases the risk of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.

In many states including Oregon, meth is the number one drug used and seized, while meth users are the hardest to treat of all drug users.

Just recently a man in Salem was sentenced to more than 50 years in prison for running a man over with his car and beating him with a brick. He admitted to using meth and tested positive for meth.

If you or someone you know uses meth, stop and get help. It's not too late, but the longer you wait, the more chances you take with your life and those around you.

For drug and alcohol information call (800) 729-4889. This message is brought to you by the Community Health Education Team in Warm Springs. **Birdie K. Wermy**, extern.

Jury duty

I would like to take this time to say a big thank you to all the people who served on Jury Duty for the months of May and June. It took you away from your jobs, and children, but you took the time to come in. Once again, thank you. **Arlene J. Bryant**, jury coordinator.

Driver class

I want to extend a public thank you and appreciation to Lawrence Macy of High Lookee Lodge in hosting our AARP Driver Safety Class on June 13-14, and for the "extra mile" of graciousness not commonly found stateside.

I wish also to thank Lawrence Squiemphen and the Senior Center for the hours of time and effort helping this class come together so well. I am honored to be a part of future classes here.

Graduates and certificate holders of the June driver safety class are: Daniel Brisbois, David and Edna Gonzales, Buford Johnson Jr., Charles Nathan, Patricia Copeland, Earl and Norma Samp of Madras, and Homer S. Habertich of Metolius.

I have made contact with ten graduates who tell me they received their insurance premium discounts. I'm sure the remaining graduates, who I've been unable to make contact with, will be receiving their discounts too.

During approximately 12 years of tribal employment, Warm Springs was my second home, during which time I became acquainted with people from every walk of life, and

after retiring from the police department, a piece of my heart remained behind. Returning to teach the AARP Driver Safety Class is a pleasure and an honor. The next class is scheduled at High Lookee Lodge Sept. 16-17. Most sincerely, **Ruth Womack**.

Renewal

The truth is that our society and everything in it are in a state of decay. Yet no one can fail to see in some segments of our society the dry rot produced by apathy, by rigidity, and by moral emptiness. Only the blind and complacent could fail to recognize the great tasks of renewal facing us - tribal government. Decay is hardly the word for what is happening to us. We are witnessing changes so profound and far reaching that closed eyes can hardly grasp all the implications, with respect to most of these events, off-reservation casino, McQuinn logging conspiracy and the HeHe burn-down payments just smidgens. Non-tribal jurisdictions (Public Law 280) the detainers - offer-reservation warrants, etc. By who's authority does Tribal Council and tribal court judges exercise co-signing off reservation collections and law to come in and violate our civil rights according to (Public Law 280), whose side are you on? The white man has taught you very well, greed! You represent the tribe officially by oath to represent whose interests? How much sovereignty are you truly dealing off here? The above-mentioned events include many other departments. It's the same ol' same ol' just a different day and a different year. Oh yeah, I almost forgot about our corporate attorneys.

Recognizing renewal facing our educational programs, practice what you preach - don't only make the child responsible for their actions (truancy, delinquency), hold the parents responsible too. Stop the excuses and start some action. Our social renewal depends ultimately on individuals, and the individuals here on the rez have their problems. The individuals are obsolete. We can only survive if we start to finely tune the machine running our tribe. This requires suppression of individuality.

The dangers are real, and we must combat it with all the resources at our command. Fortunately those resources are substantial. We need not be enslaved by the organizational arrangements we have designed to serve us. If our society hopes to achieve renewal, it will have to be a hospitable environment for creative men and women. It will also have to produce men and women with the capacity for self-renewal. Our tribal society depends on some measure of motivation, commitment, and conviction to values men live by, the things that give meaning to their lives.

A question that must be asked of every social enterprise. The renewal of our society and tribal organization can only go forward if someone cares and I care!

We need to understand our situation now that we are in danger of failing through lack of material strength.

If we falter, it will be a failure of heart and spirit. Finally we shall renew neither ourselves, nor our society, nor a troubled world, unless we share a vision of something worth saving. **Wesley K. Smith**.

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