

## No recent news on the recall

By Selena Boise  
Management successor

So, what do you think of the tribes' situation? Are we keeping Tribal Council?

I haven't heard anything about the petition in a while now. Did it just go away?

The last thing I heard was that the petition was to be divided into one petition for each elected council member.

Spilyay Speaks

There were some good points made at the meeting I attended Aug. 11, and it made some sense that at certain times the Council seems to have failed certain departments or individuals.

But we are talking about a handful compared to the number of enrolled individuals. There might be more of these instances out there, or there may not be.

But the whole thing started with the three new judges being appointed to their new jobs. Then other things were added, like the casino at the Gorge.

Now, that is always a subject of some conversation everywhere I go.

I don't have room to go into that one, but there are people still upset, and there are people who are just waiting to see what will happen next, which is all we could do at this point. Wait for word.

In the meantime, people on the reservation are getting ready to send their kids back to school. Boarding school kids have been on their way since last week and more this week.

The 509-J School district will begin on the 7th of September. Out-of-state college kids are gone and in-state are getting ready to go.

## Toe Ness

"Michael," a teacher reprimanded the teenager in the hall, "do you mind telling me whose class you're cutting this time?"

"Like," the young teen replied, "uh, see, okay, like it's like I really don't like think like that's really important, y'know, like because I'm y'know, like I don't get anything out of it."

"It's English class, isn't it?" replied the smiling teacher.

## 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.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dance special

I want to take this time to thank everybody who participated and assisted our family with my daughter Raylene Ike's dance special.

We had a very good time and the Grand Ronde tribes treated us well. A Grande Ronde tribal member added to the first place champion purse, making the total amount from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

She was inspired by the participation of our brother

Fred's 1-year-old granddaughter Iylani Ike, who danced in with Raylene wearing her jingle dress regalia.

Other dancers from each category were also selected by our family to dance out with Raylene.

Traditional: Arlita Rhoan, Warm Springs, Jingle. Acosia Leighton-Cayuse, Umatilla, Fancy. Shamaray Yazzie, Navajo.

This is payment for her future all-around contest, and to bless Raylene throughout adult-

hood.

I'd like to thank Charlie Tailfeathers for speaking in behalf of our family, and the drums: Blackstone, Blacklodge and Perfect Storm for their awesome contest singing.

Dance special results: First, Thea Redbear-McCloud (Yakama-Assineboine). Second, Acosia Red Elk-Leighton (Cayuse-Umatilla). Third, Candace Chief-Scabbyrobe (Cree). Fourth, Jovelle Pacheco (Hopi-Navajo). Fifth, Michelle Goosman-Kipp (Cree). Sixth,

Bridget Eaglespeaker (Blackfeet).

Again, thank you! Sincerely,  
LaVena "Lovie" Ike and family.

### Great joy

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge another set of my children's grandparents, Jody and Marie Calica, and their Auntie Dirlle, Uncle Shirod and K'Lea, for honoring our family by meeting

us at Celilo salmon feast.

It gives me great joy to give my children the opportunity to learn longhouse protocol from their elders and to know that they can conduct themselves accordingly. Words cannot express how much your generous time is appreciated. I was not afforded the luxury of learning my culture and heritage as a child. Our family is truly blessed to have you in our lives. Your niece, Hazel Smith, li'l Waguts.

## Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

(The following article was submitted by the Warm Springs Office of Victims of Crime Services.)

Ten years ago, Congress and the White House took the critical step of adopting the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The passage of the VAWA in 1994 and its authorization in 2000 has meant much progress, such as:

Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking can find emergency, legal and counseling services that were once not available.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline was created to provide lifesaving information in 139 languages to more than 16,000 callers each month.

Colleges have trained campus

police to address sexual assault.

Despite VAWA's accomplishments during the past 10 years, there is still work to be done:

Every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted (U.S. Department of Justice, 2002).

On average, three women are murdered by their husband or boyfriend every single day (Bureau of Statistics Special Report, U.S. Department of Justice).

If Congress does not act, VAWA will expire on Sept. 30, 2005. That would mean drastic cuts in services for victims and a missed opportunity to expand the progress made to break the cycle of violence. Don't let our nation take such a terrible step backward. Please contact your representatives and senators in Congress at 202-224-3121 and urge them to reautho-

rize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act. It's an act of hope for a future free from violence.

### Changes at VOCS

Staff changes at Victims of Crime Services have happened since Marie Calica was sworn in as an associate judge for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. We wish Marie the best.

Glen Dunsbergen is the acting VOCS manager and continues to be the investigator. Sarah Frank is the Women and Children's Services Coordinator. Nancy Seyler is the VOCS prosecutor. The senior and disabled advocate is Charles Tailfeathers, and advocates are Martha Winishut and Rachel Smith. Our part-time employees are Viola Govenor and Josie Williams, and the receptionist is Jasmine

Graybael. Volunteer Pearl VanPelt is busy with VOCS every week in providing outreach to our elders and disabled.

Alexandria Henry is coming on board in the near future through the WIA/WFD program. Alexandria "Sandy" Henry has been volunteering for VOCS also. Savenia Falquist has been busy planning a youth conference for the Warm Springs youth and has an active involvement from youth in planning this conference.

VOCS offers a 24-hour safe shelter for people who need protection from domestic violence. Other services provided include crisis intervention, victim assistance, court advocacy, investigation/prosecution services, volunteer training, community education, support groups and victim compensa-

tion.

VOCS mission is to promote and provide safety and justice for all victims of crime, to empower women affected by domestic violence to live healthier lifestyles and to strengthen family structures.

We are taught as indigenous people, that we are all related and interconnected in sacred ways. Domestic violence is a threat to the natural harmony and peace of all things in Creation. As a community, we are all responsible for ensuring the safety of all people.

VOCS believes in the right of each person to live his or her life free of violence. VOCS provides services to all people of our nation and community who are survivors of violence. The phone number is 553-2293.

## Letters of apology

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for my actions on July 14, 2005. Believe me, it will not happen again. Again, I truly apologize so please accept my apology. **Promise Lawrence.**

To the people on the reservation, I am sorry for the kids involved in the wreck that happened on my property. I am sorry to the families and for my expectation and alcohol was involved. Sorry once again. I will always remember this day. **Merla Charley.**

To the Tribal Court and the community of Warm Springs and the passengers in the car with me. I was stopped May 12, 2005 for driving under the influence. I know I could have put a lot of people in harm for my wrong doing. So I do apologize for my mistake. Sorry. **Vanessa Gabriel-Scott.**

I am very sorry for driving under the influence at about 3 a.m. Being stopped at the longhouse area after driving too slow and going over the middle line after making a right turn. **Tom Kalama.**

On August 21, I was a passenger in a car that was stolen from Jefferson County, but I did not know it was stolen. The driver attempted to elude the tribal police, and the car was caught by the police. The driver was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude, receiving stolen property and drug paraphernalia, and I was charged with the crime of aiding and abetting. I was merely a passenger and I pled "not guilty" and my bail was set for \$500. I could not afford the \$500 so I pled no contest. I hope that this doesn't happen to other people. I apologize for any harm I may have caused the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. **Aldo Antunez Sr.**

I apologize to anyone who might have been driving on highway 26 Friday April 29, 2005 for drinking and choosing to operate a motor vehicle. This is my first offense and surely I will pay this community what I owe to make one wrong, right. Which is all I can do. **Aaron Mitchell.**

My dear people, I am sorry for my stupid and unacceptable actions of DUII. I do accept my responsibilities to follow through on the court orders. Thank you for another chance to seek help or change my ways. **Leona M. Suppah.**

With most sincere and deep regret to the community of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for my action of driving under the influence of intoxicants last July 2004. Also, I would very much like to thank the officer of arrest for preventing any further actions. Please don't drink and drive! **Danell Tailfeathers.**

## Beautiful gardens of Warm Springs

By Tina Burnside  
and Brigette Whipple  
OSU Master Gardeners

The next time you drive by the Museum at Warm Springs, imagine seeing rows of corn, squash and tomatoes in the grassy field between the road and the river. Arlene Boileau, who recently retired from the OSU Extension Services office as 4-H agent, recalls working with her grandmother many years ago in that field.

She had several chores, including watering and weeding. But the best chore came about this time of year. They harvested the vegetables and she helped with the canning for the winter months. Of course, she also reminisces about eating fresh peas and warm tomatoes straight from the gardens and that brought a big smile to her face.

For residents in the wildfire

areas, did you know that a few years after a fire you can find new growth of ponderosa seedling trees? Minnie Yahtin, OSU Extensions Services office administrator, lost her home and all surrounding vegetation in 2001 to a fire. She shared her delight in finding these new trees now growing in her yard in the Schoolie Flats neighborhood.

In the same area, Minnie also recalled several years after her mother's passing, the irises, grapes and numerous trees at her father's home have started growing again. They had not received much water but this year they came back to life. The great story from Minnie is "don't give up hope on your garden."

September in the garden offers several activities and rewards. The biggest reward is harvesting your vegetables. The fresh tomatoes, squash, corn and herbs will make your end of summer barbecue and dinner a feast.

Now is the time to plant some fall color with flowers such as chrysanthemums (mums), asters, pansies and flowering kale. My favorites are the mums because they come in warm tones of orange, yellow and red plus they are perennials which mean they will come back year after year and are available at most garden centers at a very low cost.

It's also time to plant garlic and other cool season crops. More September garden tips are featured in the next issue of the Spilyay.

Don't miss the next OSU Master Gardeners Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in the OSU Extension Services basement classroom. We will demonstrate how to plant mums in pots for indoor autumn color, hear from Warm Springs residents who enjoy gardening and enjoy tasty dessert snacks featuring fresh zucchini and peaches.

## Wishing you a happy birthday...

*Happy first birthday, Elissa. She's your little girl, so enchanting, sweet and smart. With a'coo she'll have you smiling. With a laugh, she'll own your heart. It's the time for hugs and kisses, reassurance when she cries. It's the time for making moments full of love and lullabies... for these golden days of childhood come and go so very fast...*

*Hold her tight and love her dearly. Make these precious moments last. With best wishes for your baby girl Chris. From: a loving caring friend always and forever. Joanna.*

*You came into my life Aug. 16, 2002, at 11:56 p.m. Birthdays are for celebrating the brightest and best moments of our lives, and you are the brightest and best of mine. Happy birthday Elissa. Mommy loves you always.*

*Happy birthday to my sister Elissa. Love you lots. Beatriz.*

*Simyan Charlissa, Aug. 31. You are 2 years old now. Wow, how much time flies by! You're our baby girl. We love you, "Piglet." Love, Da, Mom.*

*To Simyan David "Stinky," Happy second birthday to you. I love you. Love, big ya ya, Tyrece Ellison.*

*To Simyan Charlissa Elizabeth David, Happy birthday. We love you. Love, Grandpa Alley, Grandma Joni.*

*Happy belated birthday Harlee "Butter Ball" David. Sorry so late. We love you. Love, Hiram, Edna, Simyan, Tyrece.*



August 21, happy 23rd birthday to Kurtis Boise with all of our love. Thomas James and Nicole in Alaska. We can't wait to see you soon.

Happy 23rd birthday to Uncle Lance from Thomas James and Nicole in Alaska. Hope to see you soon.