

School and bowling have started

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Management successor

How's your bones? Me? I'm fine. Got that back to school schedule somewhat going. I have a few kinks to work out, but I'm better prepared than I was last year.

Not only has school started, but also the dance classes, sports, and of course bowling league. I had my first games this week and I have to say that I did okay. The break from it has done me some good, because I made my average in each game. Was nice to see the smiling faces and the fun that surrounds a night at the bowling alley for league.

The youth leagues will also start this week and continue until next spring. So, if you or your youth are thinking of bowling this year, you should act now. There could be a league for you there.

Missed some of our bowlers because they were sent to assist with the hurricane relief effort. The hurricane was such a terrible tragedy for those who were affected, and I know there were a lot. Makes me thankful for all that I have.

There are times when I forget to be thankful for all that I have and it's things like this that remind me. I am fortunate to be able to go to my own home, eat a meal, drink water, and see my kids off to school. Not only that but be able to get out and bowl and see some friends.

Let's hope everyone can make this realization and be thankful.

Have a good week.

Toe Ness

"How's your history paper coming?"

"Well, my history professor suggested that I use the Internet for research, and it's been very helpful.

"Really?"

"Yes! I've already located 17 people who sell them!"

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.

Spilyay Speaks

Hunting season

Thanks to a mild winter, a bonanza deer hunting season is forecasted for the units surrounding the Warm Springs Reservation, including White River and High Desert, and the entire state predictions are that this deer season will be better than last year.

The hunting bonanza opportunity this coming season is translated from the increased over-winter fawn survival of which many will be legal yearling bucks this year.

The allocation of buck tags remains unchanged at 62,906. The commission approved 83,647 controlled deer tags for this year. Also, the trophy hunter archery sportsmen and handicapped get a big share of tags.

Bonanza deer hunting opportunities are happening across the state. The exception is in Indian Country and the Rez, which is located in the center of all these bonanza hunting units. Our treaty rights are always under attack. Now half of the tribes' regular hunting season is cut off. The subsistence hunter depends on deer for survival, a way of life as unemployment on the Rez is really high. Compound bows are very expensive. So why force the sport of those rich archery sportsmen onto the subsistence hunters.

The tender yearling spike bucks, which are perfectly legal for sportsmen, are now illegal for the tribes' subsistence hunters. The overtone of discrimination in Indian Country remains as usual, the infringement of the tribes' hunting rights are depriving subsistence hunters and their families of much needed venison. On the outside the season and tags remain unchanged for Oregon state sportsmen. I wonder why is conservation always being forced on Native Americans and not at all on the state's sportsmen. There needs to be a change back to restoration, because it's a way of life. Also the subsistence hunting and fishing rights are supreme. Respectfully,
Tony Littleleaf.

A thank you

During this year I received what I can only describe as a great long-awaited blessing in disguise. My only wish was that it could have happened sooner than it did.

Without the help of all of you regarding this issue at hand I do not know what the outcome would have been. I do know that my family, friends and I have become closer then we ever were these past few years. Ones attempt to deliberately tear apart

our family and I with an unspeakable, deliberate and despicable act whose only purpose was to shatter our lives and cause havoc between us. This individual failed to accomplish that in (his or her) plan because (she or she) didn't realize the firm and steady foundation built by our family and friends. Once again, we prevailed over this person's selfish act because they were blinded by (his or her) own revenge. I only pray that (his or her) selfless and vindictive ways, in time, will be dealt with swiftly and harshly according to the laws of our creator. I have learned not make the same mistake twice. I have learned a valuable lesson on whom or what one should trust. I would also like to remind you that this is my home and I will do whatever is necessary to protect and enforce that. Also, remember that when you are here, you are a guest and that is a privilege, not a right. To all the following people, thank you all very much: My family in my home, Maria and Jamie and family, Sara and Family, Mary and James, Barbra Jim, Ladonna Picard-Squiemphen, Floyd, J.R., Harry, Garrett, Glenn and Lynn, Kristin, Crystal, Georgia, Lisa, Krista, Lucy and Thomas, Julie and Jose, Angela, Jessie, Shauna, Lori and my district council representatives, coworkers and anyone else that I may have forgotten. **William L. Sam.**

Housing

In 1996 Housing and Urban Development created NAHASDA (Native American Housing Authority Self-Determination Act) for Native Americans to build homes.

Tribal Council or the newly formed Housing board of commissioners failed to change the housing policies to fit the new housing program per federal regulations.

How many of our committees have up-to-date regulations and policies? Tribal Council has not taken time to review policies and regulations. We do not get reports, meetings called, or information from Tribal Council on what they are working on. McQuinn Strip lawsuit was for \$30 million, for the McQuinn Strip and HeHe Butte fire T-C accepted \$15 million? Where is the accountability? **Jack Quinn.**

Need answers

Regarding the August 17 Madras Pioneer response from the tribal secretary-treasurer: Why didn't each Council member respond? It sounded to me that the Indians are to blame for all our "leaders" made. What kinds of leaders blame the People, and then disappear? The response seemed more like an excuse to their White Brothers and Sisters. We only find out what they are up to from outside newspapers.

I used to hear some good common sense ideas and solutions from tribal members at General Council meetings, when we "used" to have them. It was the Indians whose ideas were either ignored or used and ruined. One big shot told me that in the last few years, 25 businesses were started by these managers and every one of them failed, then cost the tribe more money to bail them out, the same ones working on the casino.

I know for a fact that a lot of misconduct has been turned in to our leaders, in writing like they demand. As usual, they are

all ignored. One example, what happened to the street hustler, and others, who did major damage to the Housing Department funds and especially to the tenants? Remember we fired him, and then Council fired us, then hired him back. I think a lot of people want to know what is being done, or why our system did nothing.

When asked, everybody clams up and starts pointing at "them guys." These guys forgot or don't know that they were elected to keep an eye on "them guys," for us, not for personal gain or revenge, or just so they could eat first.

We're always hearing about all these enterprises that they claim to be successful. Why don't we see the big numbers, on paper, that they are generating? I suggested they try to bring in some kind of factory that would employ hundreds instead of just a few of their cronies. They just kept saying, "Ask them guys." Nobody ever tells anybody who "them guys" actually are. Now other reservations have those plants.

Now we learn through the grapevine, they are going to 638 parts of the clinic. Another scam shrouded in secrecy. Where is the \$2 million they plan on getting for this treaty right actually going? When this scam backfires like the others, who will get blamed? The Indians! Remember, the people pay for all these failures. Not the carpetbaggers or the hustlers. Council won't even admit who votes for what.

Now Indians won't be treated unless their problem is life threatening. Isn't prevention cheaper than a hospital stay? When people get worse, remember our "four Councilmen" decided the fate of a whole tribe. Who are they? When something involving everybody's health and welfare and treaty rights being sold off, a full quorum, and input from the Indians, on what the consequences will be in the long run should have happened. Not decided by a few, that only see dollar signs and a fast buck for travel. **Victor Moses.**

Tribal history

The project of *When the River Ran Wild* is well received in the Pacific Northwest. The Museum at Warm Springs is the place to purchase this book. A lot of the time, the book is sold out. The Madras Willow Creek Book Store carries the same item, but they also have the same problem. If you encounter this problem, see Tina Aguilar to purchase a copy. The Oregon Historical Press has informed me there are only 1500 copies being printed.

As most local people have learned, these are voices from out of the past. These stories are yours as well as mine. Without you (tribal members) this project would not have evolved into being. Many stories of old lie dormant with our elders and they live as reminiscences to some of those individuals. It is my hope, *When the River Ran Wild* project will inspire other elders to take on the task of leaving a legacy for those who are to come. I'm sure when your information is put on paper it will be appreciated by the future generations.

These are some of the reviews from other parts of the Pacific Northwest area:

"The voices from the past come alive in *When the River Ran Wild!*"

"A fascinating historical account of how Native Americans lived along the Columbia River."

"The book provides a new welcome perspective on the history of the Columbia Basin."

"The book is almost a spiritual document, because it resurrects a people. It presents their culture and their history as one and the same, a living creature of fact and lore, time and myth."

"Even a history book as brilliant as Stephen Ambrose's *Undaunted Courage* cannot do what this book does. It provides truth as paper and documents have recorded it, but it doesn't breathe history, as does *When the River Ran Wild!* It can't, because it is from a culture that prefers its history distant. This book does something few can: It presents history as the breath of life itself." By Dan Hayes, Northwest Best Books.

Excerpt from a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hymes, Kiksht linguists and anthropologists: "We don't know of another book like it."

At the conclusion of Dell's letter: "What you have done stands out."

August 24, 2005: the Barnes and Noble book store rating system grades this book at four stars. The highest rating is five stars. **George Aguilar.**

Memorial

Dear family and friends, Hello to all of you who take the time to read my letter. I have thought of many ways to write this letter but I've decided to just put it the best I can. I am the daughter of Atwai Ilon Kalama Wahsise. My father is Edwin Thomas Sr., and the man I know as my dad (step-dad) is Michael Frank Wahsise. There are four of us children and we have got together and decided to have memorials for all three of our parents as well as stone unveilings. The thing we don't know is any resources to do this.

We would like to have this take place at the Agency Longhouse because Ilon and Edwin are buried at Agency Cemetery. We don't know who we should call to help, even to set up an agenda (What happens at memorial?). We would like to have a nice memorial, one to feel good about, so if there is anyone out there who could please point us in the right direction. Also, we don't have many pictures, so if you might have photos of our mom or our dads we would like copies to share at this memorial.

We were planning for a Sept. 24 date but seeing another family has this date set for a memorial, we don't know how things work, if we can also have ours or if we should plan for another day. We are in a learning experience. The four of us did not plan to have these kinds of responsibilities. One year ago, when we lost our mother to alcoholism she was still young and even then, we were getting to know her after being out of contact with her. When she passed away we were at the hospital for three to four hours after, because we were lost and didn't know what to do. We didn't really ask for help. Now we are. Please, and thank you. Lots of love. **Roberta Thomas and family (553-2989). Vera Thomas (553-3115).**

Reunion

The year 2006 will be the Class of 1966 40th Anniversary since graduation Chilocco Indian School. Many of our classmates joined the armed forces before or soon after graduation. Some of the class of 1966 alumni

would like to honor those who served in the armed forces at the annual Chilocco reunion in June 2006.

If you know of a living or deceased classmate that is a veteran, please furnish the person's name, branch of service and a picture by December 1, 2005. The picture can be recent, military, or whatever you desire.

Please mail information to **Pauletta Elephant Johnson**, PO Box 531, Bixby, OK 74008. The phone number is (918) 366-6158; or by e-mail at johnson6158@olp.net. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Apologies

To the Warm Springs Reservation, I am sorry for not telling the officer the first time he asked my name. I am sorry for that charge. I am sorry for the other charge. Drugs are not the way to go. Therefore I am cleaning my act up and now looking to go the other path, so forgive me for my mistakes. **Kyle A.R. Frank Sr.**

I apologize to the people of the Warm Springs Reservation. I was pulled over and cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. I am really sorry and learned my lesson. I feel bad about this and won't do it again. I could have really hurt myself or somebody else. **Adam Waheneka Jr.**

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 police. I was charged with the crime of aiding and abetting. I was merely a passenger and I pled not guilty. I could not afford trial so I pled no contest. I apologize for any harm I may have caused to the Confederated Tribes. **Aldo Antunez Sr.**

I apologize for my actions on July 15, 2005. We put our community and ourselves at risk while driving under the influence. A lot of things could've happened and I'm very sorry. **Pete GoodLance.**

I would like to apologize to the tribal members and to the police department for my actions resulting in my apprehension. I am currently working with community counseling and probation to help resolve my issues. I will also be doing community service to help pay back to the community for my actions. **Chet VanPelt.**

To Gladys, I'm very sorry for what happened on Saturday, Aug. 13. That I verbally and emotionally caused pain, and broke two windows. I feel very sorry. I hope you can forgive me because the evils of the demons that I have been fighting to seek help and quit to win back your forgiveness. **Michael Paddlety.**

I would like to apologize for my drug paraphernalia charge. I'm seeking help for my addiction to meth. **Martha Anderson.**

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