

A closer look at the significance of Memorial Day

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Have you ever wondered what Memorial Day really signifies? I used to think about that when I was little.

We used to always visit the cemetery and clean graves and place flowers and crepe paper throughout the cemetery. But today I did some reading and searching for information that would tell me what it really means.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I.

On May 3, 2000 Pres. Clinton released a memorandum called The National Moment of Remembrance. It clearly states that it is a time to pause and remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.

It represents a day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made securing our nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.

It further states that Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day.

It represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.

It further promoted that a "National Moment of Remembrance" occur at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on each Memorial Day.

Today, members of the community still visit the cemetery, even in their busy lives, to decorate graves.

And today we have troops in Afghanistan and Iraq still serving our country's freedoms. Americans will honor losses from the past up to the present day with the recent losses.

So, what will you be doing on May 29 at 3:00 p.m.?

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Letters to the Editor

A thank-you

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the ones who made it possible for me to go on that trip to Visalia, Calif., for the Eighth Cav. Reg. reunion. It was a trip that let a lot of things come to light about my other buddies of mine, some that never came home.

I feel better about myself now that I know about others.

I'm thankful the good Lord seen me fit to come home.

The ones that helped me are my sis Hilda Culpus. She let me use her car to go and also with the finances. Also Neda Wesley and family. They helped with the finances for the round trip.

May the good Lord bless you all with a hundred fold. Thanks again as ever in His service.
Marvin Meanus.

Ag education

OSU Extension at Warm Springs has been working with the fourth-graders this year in raising two feeder pigs to slaughter weight. The students in the fourth-grade have been involved in learning about swine care, feeding and management. This is part of our education outreach within Extension to bring agricultural management and animal production to the youth of Warm Springs.

The project has been going very well this year. We are auctioning off one pig within the tribe. The proceeds form the auction will go into our Ag Youth Outreach Program for Warm Springs, and will help insure future hands-on programming like the pig project.

We are accepting silent auction bids starting at \$1.25 per pound. The deadline to bid is the last day of school, June 13. Bid price will not include slaughter, cut and wrap fee. The animal will weigh between 240-280 pounds, according to local 4-H guidelines.

Please support the youth of Warm Springs in learning about agriculture. We appreciate your involvement. Sincerely, **Fara Currim**, OSU Extension, Agriculture, 553-1520.

Sacred food

There was a small gathering of tribal members at the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery

to give a blessing as the juvenile salmon start out on their new cycle of life.

Most of the hatchery staff joined in the ceremony led by Washat leader Fred Wallulatum. Included in this ceremony was a special prayer asking for forgiveness for allowing the tribes sacred gift of life, the salmon, to be mass-marked, handled, and the injecting of a coded wire tag into their snouts.

The salmon is very spiritual and sacred to the tribes of the Northwest. There is a sacred feast that honors the first fish caught before any fishing is allowed. At all other tribal rituals the salmon is the tribe's first dish on the tables and the first taste in our order of foods that the Creator has gifted to the river people. If the salmon are not honored, the tribe's gifts of life will disappear. The tribes have to honor nature and all the natural resources.

The tribe's unwritten laws parallel the Ten Commandments. The tribes must obey the laws of nature handed down by our elders for thousands of years. **Owees, Little Brother.**

Corps II

On behalf of the Museum At Warm Springs, I'd like to express heartfelt thanks for all the assistance we were given when the Park Service Corps of Discovery II traveling exhibition visited the museum.

Park Service staff and National Guard members who work with Corps II told us that they loved visiting Warm Springs and felt very welcomed and appreciated. They also told us that Warm Springs was one of their most successful venues. More than 1,400 students from Central Oregon visited the Museum on Monday and Tuesday of the event. We've received thank you letters from teachers who brought their classes to see Corps II and have heard positive comments from parents whose children gave them glowing reports about their field trip to the museum. Many visitors came from the Bend area and we thank the High Desert Museum for recommending that their members visit us.

I'd like to recognize Warm Springs Fire and Safety, whose management and staff stepped

up and gave wonderful coverage and care before and during the event. Thank you to Tribal Utilities for helping before the event to mark water and sewer lines and add electrical capacity for the Corps II. Thank you to the BIA Road Department for providing electric signs that helped announce the event and increased visitor safety. Thanks to all the tribal departments, including Planning, Government Affairs, and Administration for seeing us through the planning process for this event. We could not have done a project this large and complex without your help.

The museum was fortunate to have talented community members who delighted audiences in the Tent of Many Voices with presentations on topics ranging from beaded dresses and baby boards to fishing and ethno-botany. One of the highlights of the Tent of Many Voices was "Conversations with the Elders," in which honored elders from Warm Springs took the time to share childhood memories with appreciative audiences. Thank you also to the volunteers from Warm Springs and Madras who worked in the information booth and greeted people at the exhibits tent.

The museum staff members who stepped up and stepped in whenever and wherever needed to make the event work smoothly deserve recognition for their work. They have my deepest respect and thanks. **Carol Leone**, executive director, the Museum at Warm Springs.

Scale of truth

What would it take to make you happy? The Creator said, "...how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose or forfeit your own soul in the process?" (Luke 9.25) More money, more pleasure, and more friends can never replace your need for more time.

Eventually you are going to run out of the one thing that most of us take for granted. Whether you are living on the streets or in the largest mansion, every person will take their last breath of air they didn't pay for and their heart will stop beating.

Many people have joined the competition to determine "The

biggest loser" here in Warm Springs. To enter the contest a small fee is paid. Then each person is weighed on a scale and measurements are taken to find body fat, and whoever loses the most in so many days wins. Great idea!

The Creator is also going to place each person on a scale of truth and measure your faithfulness. Without trusting in Jesus Christ and following Him in obedience you become the biggest loser. He paid the price.

The Bible tells us, "What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels and now is crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death for us. Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone in all the world" (Heb 2.9).

Life is not a competition, but your birth enters you into the Creator's future judgment. **Jonathan R. Smith**, Warm Springs Baptist Church.

Sponsorship

We would like to thank our sponsors and certain family members for helping our team get to the May 13-14, 2006, Couer D'Alene Co-Ed basketball tourney: Gary Sampson, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Val Squiemphen, Erickson's Thriftway in Madras, Earl and Rita Squiemphen, Safeway in Madras, and the Keys family.

Without your support and generosity, we could not have done so well nor had the community spirit to excel as a 14-18 year old high school age team. We hoped we made you proud by bringing home the 1st place championship.

Many thanks! The "Rez Express" high school basketball team and coordinator **S. O'Reilly**.

H.E.A.R.T.

Finally, two weeks after the H.E.A.R.T. Tournament, we have caught our breath enough to thank everyone who gave so much to make this tournament a huge success.

First, we would like to thank all of our sponsors: Warm Springs Forest Products, Warm Springs Power Enterprise, Warm Springs Composite Products, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert

Resort, Community Health Education Team, Community Health Programs, Environmental Health, Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs, and the Prevention Program.

Because our youth are so very important to us, we changed the tournament this year to include Health Education as a requirement for all participating teams. We would like to thank the following people for presenting Health Education on Saturday, April 22: Joyce Oberly and Anita Davis for their meth presentation; Juanita Sampson for her dental presentation; Frank King for the safety presentation and helmet sign up.

We would also like to thank of the following people for everything they did through the course of the tournament to make it such a wonderful event: all the referees, all coaches and players; Sammi O'Reilly for the fantastic wall brackets; Identity Zone for the great sweatshirts, T-shirts, backpacks, jackets; Moose Tanewasha for creating the H.E.A.R.T. logo and design; Kanim Smith for the jerseys; Andy Stacona and family for helping with the clock, gate and cleanup; and Sam Heath and family for helping with the concessions and cleanup.

Thank you to Yvonne, Trey, and Kaliyah Iverson for helping with the concessions and cleanup; Dayle Tufti, TaSheena and James for helping with concessions and cleanup; Andy Leonard for holding a great dance; everyone who helped at the gate; everyone who helped with Sky'tus.

Thank you to the 509-J School District for the use of the Warm Springs Elementary School gym; all members of the boys and girls club for making our "Thank You" signs that were posted to acknowledge our sponsors during the tournament.

Thank you also to Gloria Quam and Sharon Katchia's family for providing breakfast through fundraisers.

We are looking forward to another great H.E.A.R.T. tournament next year. **Vivian and Alvis Smith III, Wes, Mallory, Matao, Chloe, Sky'tus**

Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy birthday May 26 going out to our #1 grandmother Marella Sam. Hope your day is a good one. We all love you. Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, and Chantel Picard, Anessia, and Decimus Sam, Clarence Vernon Sam, Jonathan Tracy Ray-Lee- Tias.

Happy Birthday May 26, "Mom" Marella Rose vanPelt Sam. Thank you Mom for all you do for all of us. Love you Mom, from Tracy & Natalia Sam, Sadie and Woody Picard, Sr., Elsie Maria Sam, Robert Sam, Jr., Neda and Gerald (Big G) Tias, Jeleah Sam, and Thomas Chester Sam.

Happy belated birthday Tonya Wee, our wittle girl, who turned 17 on May 18, we love you and wish you the best, Mom & Dad.

Happy belated birthday Tonya, with love, from Laneda, Walt J, Elaina.

Happy belated birthday to Tony Thompson on May 18, hope you had a good one. Your sister and family.

Happy belated birthday on May 18, to Curtis Thompson Jr., hope your day was good. Your auntie Selena and family.

Happy birthday on June 3, to my brother Leland Thompson, Jr. hope you have a good day. Selena.

Happy birthday to our cousin Breanna Redfox Martinez. Love, cousins Jeanette and Mickey Thompson.

Happy 18th birthday to Wesley Graybael. Love, your cousins Jeanette and Mickey Thompson. Good luck after graduation. We love you.

Happy birthday to my nephew Wesley Graybael. Love, Auntie Ginni and Uncle Lance.

Happy 13th birthday, son, Joseph Ed. If I could give you just one special gift on your birthday, I'd find a new way to say, "I love you, son." Sometimes I'm afraid that after saying those words so often, they will begin to lose part of their magic, and yet I really don't know any other way to tell you how strongly I feel about you son. That's why I'm hoping that those three little words will somehow always keep their magic but not just on your birthday. So you can experience them again and again and still feel a special kind of joy. So when I say, "I love you son," I hope you listen to hear the feelings my heart wants to much to share. I love you son. Always. Mom-e.



Mothers Day wishes

Happy Mothers Day to our mother Eliza Brown Jim. Love

you a lot. From Robert and Marella Sam and family.

Happy Mothers Day to Sadie Picard. Love from your dad and mom Robert and Marella

Happy 1st mom's day to Neda Tias. We love you. From dad and mom Robert and Marella.

Happy Mothers Day to Elsie Sam. Love, dad and mom Robert and Marella.

Happy Mothers Day to Sharon Katchia, from Marella Sam family.

Happy Mothers Day to Maria Lopez. From your brother and sister Robert and Marella Sam and family.

Happy Mothers Day to Mona Lopez. Love from Robert and Marella Sam.

Happy Mothers Day to sister Lillie Itta Van Pelt. From Robert and Marella Sam.

Happy Mothers Day Natalia "Taw" Sam. Love you, from dad and mom Robert and Marella Sam.

Happy Mothers Day to all

our aunts and grandmothers. Charlotte Shike, Neda Wesley, Mary Danzuka, Hilda Culpus, Pat Brown, Aurolyn Stwyer, Helena Jackson, Mina Shike, Sandra Danzuka, Lana Leonard, Plum Gilbert, Lucy Williams, Pearl VanPelt, Teresa VanPelt, Prencia vanPelt, Eliza Kalama, and to our baby Margie Ann VanPelt. From Robert and Marella Sam family.

Happy Mothers Day to our mom Marella Sam. From Tracy and Natalia Sam, Sadie and Woody Picard, Neda and Gerald (Big G) Tias, Elsie, Robert Jr., Jeleah, and Thomas Chester Sam Sr.

Grandma, Happy Mothers Day. Love you, from Woody, Dartanian, Kaylobe and Chantel Picard, Clarence Vernon Sam, Anessia and Decimus Sam, Janathian Tracy Ray, Lee Tias, we all love you grandma.