

Appreciation

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the people who were very attentive to our father Rudy K. Paul Sr.

Renetta Spino has been extremely kind and generous with her time in caring for our father during his lengthy illness. We will not forget your compassion towards your uncle.

We appreciated our family elders for directing us through a difficult time. Evans Spino, Myrna Frank, Charlotte Herkshan, Lydia Frank, Maxine McKinley and Priscilla and Marvin Ike Sr.

Special thanks to the IHS staff, Senior Department staff, Warm Springs Police Department, and the ambulance crew for your many public services.

There were many traditional persons at the Simnasho Longhouse, we want you to know we appreciated your hard labors.

Thank you to our grandmother Amelia Colwash and her daughter for preparing his traditional outfit. We appreciate the family support that we received from Al and Sandy Thomas.

Our uncles Leander, Isaac and Warner, your closeness has always been meaningful.

The services and words shared with us created a very comforting experience. All things went smooth and orderly during the funeral. Our aunt Paulette Hawley and her daughters, we love you for always being at our side. Thank you uncle Duran Bobb for providing our memorial cards.

Rudy A Paul Jr. and Stuart Paul.

Herd health

Would you like to learn more about current herd health issues?

Oregon State University Extension Service is hosting a beef cattle herd health workshop that will discuss topics such as diseases (BVD, IBR, Trichomoniasis, and Johnes in particular) and vaccination programs.

The main speaker will be Dr. Charles Estill, OSU Extension veterinarian. There will be two identical workshops held. The first will be held on Monday, Feb. 5 from 5-7 p.m. at the Central Oregon Livestock Auction yard.

Dinner will be included and is being sponsored by Intervet. Please RSVP to Jefferson County Extension Service at 475-3808

The second will be held on Tuesday, February 6th from noon to 2 pm at the Family Services Building in Fossil, lunch will be included. Please RSVP to Wheeler County Extension Service at 763-4115. **Fara Currim**, OSU Extension Service.

More harm

Whose leading who and where?

Does the grass still grow and the water still flow and are Indian Treaties with the United States Government still the supreme law of the land? Bottom line, we have been terminated Indians since the times of Columbus and the Self-Determination Act.

Relocation was the ultimate wake up call and the destiny to be lived. Indian reservations are self governing to a certain extent and when that extent is more weakened by Indian government politics then it is most evident that the bottom totem pole Indian's human rights are being violated and their U.S. Constitutional rights are being violated.

The United States Constitution is applicable to tribes, federally recognized or not, with Indian tribes to retain the right to govern itself as its members saw fit.

Congress placed a consent requirement in the law. A state can no longer obtain any Public Law 280 (P.L. 280) jurisdiction over a tribe unless a majority of the tribe's members voting in a special election call for this purpose, gives its consent; basically, the Supreme Court has held, the federal government not only has the obligation but the duty to regulate Indians for their own protection.

They can fall back on the 'It is not easy to enforce the trust doctrine.' Broad promises of safety and protection in Indian treaties do not guarantee anything specific, but on the other hand, our leaders and their tribal attorneys and tribal consultants can challenge. Where is the Warrior Spirit so many leaders like to look upon themselves as?

A tribe seeking judicial redress for federal mismanagement of its resources, ordinarily must first exhaust administrative remedies. Meaningfully, telling our leaders, you can do your administrative duties first then you can remedy concerns of tribal members. So update your mind, policies, legislative committee members, ordinances, laws, etc. before the welfare harm that is going on in our

community does more harm than you ever imagined.

Emma Smith

A thank you

Children's Protective Services would like to take this time to thank Warm Springs Indian Health Services, Kah-Nee-Tah, and Fire Management for their donations of presents to our foster children.

We'd like to individually thank Angel Daniels, Georgianna George and Trey Leonard for their efforts in organizing this event.

Also a big thank you goes out to Anthony and Bonnie Flu for gathering hats, gloves and stuffed animals for our children in foster care. We are very grateful. We hope that all of you have a prosperous New Year. Thank you.

Bernadine Jackson-Spino, FCC, Children's Protective Services.

Cultural items

Hello. I am writing you from the Warner Creek Correctional Facility, and I am hoping that you may be able to assist me in obtaining some cultural and religious material. Everyone here at Warner Creek is scheduled to be released in the next three years or less, and there have been numerous requests from the Native American population in here about watching a Native movie or reading some book on their individual tribes. Warner Creek is a fairly new facility, and we are in the process of building up our library of books and movies. At the moment we have a very small selection of movies and books to offer. It is our mission here at the Warner Creek Chapel to be able to provide an environment where inmates can learn and grow spiritually.

We are hoping to obtain some cultural movies (DVD's and VHS), books and language (CD's or cassettes). With your help, you will be providing the Native American inmates with a better opportunity to strengthen their spiritual beliefs,

and then to become more influential and productive members of their tribes. So, I truly hope that you may be able to help out in this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chaplain Torres at the Warner Creek Chapel. Thank you. Please send donations to:

WCCF Chapel, attn Chaplain Torres, P.O. Box 1500, Lakeview, OR 97630. Phone (541) 947-8217.

Missing you

Hello, kids. Daddy is writing you this letter to let you know that Dad thinks about you all day long every day and every hour of the day. Dad tried calling on Christmas day but you were not around but hey, that's okay. Dad will always love you guys no matter what. Dad hurts every day, I miss you guys so much. I hope you had a good Christmas this year. You are all that Dad has in this world now so please kids, don't turn your backs on Dad. Dad is trying to right himself. Daddy graduated; now I am trying to get in to college so when Daddy gets home things can... well let's just say when I get home there will be a lot of catching up to do, so you just be ready for that. But all in all Dad is doing a lot better. Dad will be sending you guys more pics of himself. Also baby girl I hope you are doing good in school. Daddy hopes you are being good and not giving Mom a hard time. You better listen to Mom. Also kids, please write. Dad misses the pics you draw for Dad. Well Dad better get going. Please kids don't ever forget Daddy as Dad never stops thinking of you. I carry your picture with me everywhere I go. I just don't have any recent ones. It gets hard on Dad not seeing you. I just hope you read this. Always and forever a loving father, **Tracy R. Sam.**

New Year

Happy New Year 2007 to all our people:

Mary Ann Meanus and family, Ina Tohet, Melinda Jim - Minnie, Deb Jackson, Rod Arthur - Gail Frank, Tasheena

Arthur, Vanessa Orange and family, Winner Joe, Chandra Yeo, Christina Anderson - Rachel Winishut, Romelle Speakthunder, Yvonne Tapedo, Marie Smith, Fawntana Arthur, and to each other, Izzy and Faye. Much love, Happy New Year, Rez. **From Faye and Izzy.**

Angel

A huge thank you to you for the Dolly Pocket Coloring Book and Crayola but... Gramma says the floor is getting wet from too much water. (My fault.) (It'll dry.) The water makes pretty colors in my Polly Pocket. Many thanks to Angel of Lab, Deb, Puff, Leslie, Jeremiah, Carolyn and Celestine of Washington and WC for the wonderful thought of an Angel Tree for Christmas. Jesus loves all of you. **Angel No. 67**, 4 years old.

Reward

\$100 reward for information regarding the theft of rims and tires off a black Chevy that were taken from Wolf Point. Please call 553-0459. J. Tewee.

Please write

To Josette, Please I am Pengie's little sister. I need you to send me your address and last name.

My bro forgot your address so please write me asap. Tamara Henry, 1709 N. Hwy. 26, no. 12, Madras, OR 97741.

Dear Rodney LeClaire, I just want you to know that your nana Tamara Henry always keeps you in my heart and my prayer. I want to you know you're thought of and I miss and worry about you and wish you would send me a picture of yourself and let me know you're okay.

I also want you to know I am so sorry if you're hurt for the past life we went through and if I have ever done wrong to you. But I do love you even after all these years. You're truly in my thoughts, happy holiday and belated birthdays I've missed. Love, your oldest sister **Tamara Henry**, ph. 475-7963. Sorry. Please write.

State session opens with promises of bipartisanship

SALEM (AP) - Opening day of the Oregon Legislature featured standing ovations, grandiose pledges and handshakes all around.

But when the ceremonies were completed, and legislators got down to business, bipartisanship proved easier speechified than done.

In both the House and the

Senate, minority Republicans maneuvered to outflank the Democrats on good government measures.

In the Senate, Democrats had proposed - and eventually passed, on a vote of 23-7 - a move to annual legislative sessions. Proponents said moving to such a system, which is already in use in 44 other states, would give the public confidence that lawmakers could provide more consistent oversight of the sprawling state budget.

"This is a statement to the public that we intend to do their work in a timely fashion," said Sen. Rick Metsger, D-Welches. "We intend to set deadlines that we will meet, and they can hold us to those timelines to get this work done."

But Republicans staged an eleventh-hour revolt, arguing that Senate President Peter Courtney's move to suspend Senate rules and bring the proposal to an immediate floor vote without public testimony was unprecedented.

"We talked about a new day, new opportunities, a fresh start," said State Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Hillsboro. "I am afraid that this is the wrong step."

Under the measure, which still has to be considered by the

House, the legislature would have to conclude this session by June 29, then meet again in February of 2008, for a monthlong session.

Republicans in the House also tried for the higher ground on a Democratic proposal to ban all gifts from lobbyists worth more than \$10. Republicans argued instead that an across-the-board no-gift policy should be in place.

Making the Republicans' case, Rep. Dennis Richardson, R-Central Point, even invoked newly installed U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat whom he said supports a similar "no gift" rule.

House Majority Leader Dave Hunt, D-Gladstone, fired back that the last-minute amendment was a "sneak attack" that did nothing to "encourage a bipartisan tone."

Earlier in the day, an icon of Oregon politics, former Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, urged cooperation between the parties after swearing in his former intern, Portland Democrat Jeff Merkley, as speaker of the House.

And gestures of bipartisanship were everywhere during the morning's ceremonies, from Hunt reaching across the aisle

to shake hands with House Minority Leader Wayne Scott of Canby, to the bundle of red roses, accompanied by a tentative-looking hug, that Merkley gave to outgoing Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, the Democrats' nemesis of the past two sessions.

Biblical references seemed to be the preferred metaphors of the day, with Democratic House leader Hunt comparing Merkley to Moses - only Moses, Hunt said, took 40 years to lead his people to the promised land, while Merkley spent just 40 months heading up the Democrats' campaign efforts before taking control of the House.

Behind-the-scenes, things were considerably looser. Lined up for the ceremonial procession of state senators into the House chambers for Kulongoski's speech, Republican-turned-Democrat Ben Westlund of Bend looked up and spotted Oregon GOP chair Vance Day in an upper gallery.

"Vance!" Westlund hollered. "I still love you!"

"I love you too, Ben," Day replied, then paused, and added, "Please, don't take that the wrong way."

Head stone and memorial

There will be a head stone unveiling and memorial for Warren "Rudy" Clements on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

The unveiling of the head stone will be at 9 a.m. at the Agency Cemetery. Washat Service begins at the Simnasho Longhouse at 10 a.m. Memorial dinner at 1:30 p.m. Name giving to follow.

Pen-pal

Looking for a Native American friend who would like to be pen-pals.

My name is **Steven Williams**, no. 667739, 1120 S.W. Third Street, Portland, OR 97204.

E-mail change

The Spilyay Tymoo now has a different e-mail address. The new address is: spilyay@wstribes.org. Thank you.

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.

Letters that are too long will have to be cut. Please submit only one letter per person per edition.

And no letter may contain a statement that is libelous against a person or business.

Apologies

To the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 26, 2006, by causing problems with an employee of Shell.

I was very upset at the time and I would just like to apologize for my wrongful actions. Again, I am sorry. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name, and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. Sincerely, **Avery American Horse.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on November 17 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and am sincerely sorry for my actions because the situation could have been a lot worse than it was and I am glad nobody had gotten hurt in the incident. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further I apologize to the following: Khenyen St. Germaine, who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I apologize to the community for my actions and it will never happen again. And I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Don Wabaunsee.**

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