

Congratulations to elected tribal council members

By Selena Boise
Management Successor

So, what do you think of the tribes' new situation? Well, when the people decide they want change, then change is what they get.

There are five new members of Tribal Council, which is surprising to me, because in the past there are usually only one, two, or three new council members.

I think with new Council members their fresh, new outlook on the current issues will be welcomed. I believe that they will be.

I commend them for stepping forward, running for Tribal Council and becoming elected, congratulations to all.

The election for Seekseequa district was different, but they voted and elected two members. I think that the time issue was short, the election date was announced and the time flew by and the election was held. But the election was completed and the new Tribal Council has been sworn in.

We will look to our new Council representatives with any issues we have.

Another election is coming up and that would be the adoption election for adoptees that wish to become tribal members. That election will be different this time around also. The BIA will run it this time, so become informed about that and what the differences mean to this election.

Adoptees have already been in the Spilyay office to bring their pictures and letters or statements about themselves.

Tribal members will read about who they are and what family they come from because that is always important when voting.

That will take place in a few months so be ready for that to happen. For this election you have to register to vote, and you should be receiving the registration information soon.

In the next issue we will be printing pictures of our graduates. They will have reached another milestone in their lives and decide the next step that they will take.

In my opinion it should be education, because it's easier to become educated when you are young and fresh out of high school. Waiting usually doesn't work out for some people, and I know this from experience.

So, encourage education to the graduates.

Letters to the Editor

Adoption

To the people,

I write this letter to the Reservation because the adoption into the tribe election is coming up. First of all I believe the adoption is wrong for our future as a tribe. We all have the blood we have now to be enrolled, right? Keep it that way. You snooze you lose. You want to go out and mix up the blood with some other blood, you better accept the consequences of it. To hold an adoption election is to say it's okay to keep mixing the blood because through politics, we can just vote yes for them and the non-Indian blood can get that satisfaction. All other tribes are laughing at us. What are we, stupid? How many other tribes in the U.S. hold adoption elections? What's it gonna be like in 50 years from now. Our chiefs will be saying, "I'm 7/8 white, Mexican, etc., and 1/8 Warm Springs."

I'm not racist at all. I just want our people to look at the big picture Tribal Council says yes it's okay to do it and not the people. I think we should have a yes, no vote on this adoption election. Is it in the treaty? No!

My strongest point is to say that we need to be what we are and accept what can or cannot be. (One-quarter quantum blood by treaty to be enrolled.)

These words say it all from the Declaration of Sovereignty of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon:

"We shall, as we always have, give respect to all persons, acknowledge the special wisdom of our elders and religious leaders, nurture the bright hopes for the future that reside in our young people and full personal responsibility for all our actions as our basic religious teachings is that we are fully accountable to the Creator for our conduct."

If the adoptions remains in effect, we might as well put up billboards saying, "Come to Warm Springs, we can make you a tribal member. For information contact the President of the Adoption Election Committee. (Who is it who lets this adoption happen?) Us?"

This is all.

Otis Johnson.

Recovery

Community of Warm Springs,

As part of my recovery, I wanted to share some of what I have learned in hopes of others sharing their story with me.

I spent a lot of years in Warm Springs and it's always been a part of me and my past,

and then you move and life gets complicated and too late to turn around and you lose contact with some of those people and relatives who still have a part of your heart.

As I stated before I have lost everything that means the world to me and, as with others, this includes my husband and kids and self worth.

I started my healing in helping others and living for myself and my recovery and this is a big part to be able to put myself out there and have others see the wrongs I have done in my life.

So I hope that I hear from others in recovery and any encouragement or stories you may

share with me to help those who have been in my shoes as well. To my husband, I love you and some day hope to make amends and heal our wounds from our addictions and I know that your kids love you and miss you and you are always in their hearts, minds and prayers as well as mine.

Thank you for allowing me to share and for your time. God bless.

Catherine "Josette" Jackson, 427 W. 7th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

Graduating

My name is Kurtis Leonard Satanus. I am a senior at Ma-

dras High School. I graduate on June 9. My parents are Jessica Marie Polk of Warm Springs, and the late Roger Alex Satanus of Tygh Valley.

I have one sister Melinda F. Polk, who is currently attending Haskell College in Kansas.

I would like to say thank-you to all my family and friends for your support.

I plan to further my education at Central Oregon Community College in Bend.

Respectfully, Kurtis L. Satanus, Class of 2007.



Foster parents

It is Children Protective Services' first priority and/or attempt to place children with their family to keep them close to their extended families, culture and community.

However in some circumstances family is not an option and non-relative foster parents are looked at next.

May is National Foster Parent Month and CPS is looking for qualified foster parents on or near the reservation to care, love and nurture our foster children.

Foster parents are important to our program to assist with providing the love and protection that abuse/neglected children need on a daily basis.

If you're interested in becoming a foster parent and joining the fight in prevention of child abuse/neglect, please contact CPS at (541) 553-3209.

Thank you.
Bernadine Jackson-Spino, CPS Foster Care Certifier.

Birthday and other wishes...

A happy birthday out this May 17, 2007 to Halena Jackson and Mina Shike. You have a great day. Take care. Miss you Mina. From all of us, the Sam family.

Happy birthday out to Chantel Picard. You have fun on your day. From grandpa and grandma Robert and Marella Sam family.

Happy birthday to our sister Chantel from Woody Jr. - Dartanian - Kaylobe - and Elisha Picard.

Happy Birthday to my little sister Mandy. Love always, your sister Della and Aldo.

Happy 17th Birthday to my sister Leah Brisbois, from Tonya Leigh, hope you have fun.

Happy birthday to Rosetta Lynn (18th), Alex Williams (24) and Vernon Smith Jr. (24). Always your buddy, Hanna and Julian "Beanie" Wallulatum.

Happy belated birthday Samantha Raye. When I think of you, you make my



We want to congratulate Leighton Pennington, Sheldon Leonard and teammates on their win at the District Tournament in Oklahoma back in February. We are very proud of you guys. Keep up the good work! Love Mom and Dad.

day sunny, all the times that were funny, because you're mere presence and personality eliminated all bitterness - when things were down I've learned from you, what can't be taught in class - Let your talent take you above and beyond this region - don't ever lose that light in your eye. Always on my mind and in prayer. Love, Dad- Kels and "Bout it."

Happy 60th birthday, Rafael Queahpama, and congratulations from your family and friends.

Also, happy birthday to Gene Blainy Sabme, Justin Queahpama, and Dominique Craig.

Happy belated birthday to Shauna Queahpama and Nala Queahpama. Ante Pamperien and family.



Apology

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the Warm Springs Reservation by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering my two passengers on the night of April 18, 2007, going up West Hills Drive with one headlight not working. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to Charlie Chee Jr. and Vernice Switzer who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that you should get that headlight fixed. Christopher J. Chee.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 14 by driving under the influence in Greeley Heights. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to officers of the department who were directly impacted by my actions. I will change my driving habits and not give rides to people for alcohol. E. Lawson.

Myths and facts about diabetes

By Elsie Howard

Myth: People with Diabetes always show warning signs.

Fact: In the United States there are 21 million people who have diabetes and additional 6 million people do not even know that they have the disease.

While there are "common" warning signs that often come with diabetes like excessive thirst-

hunger-urination-tiredness, and unexplained weight loss, many people with type 2 diabetes do not have these symptoms.

Persons with risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes should get regular blood glucose tests, especially after age 30.

Risk factors include: family history, heart disease, overweight, sedentary lifestyle, ethnic at-risk including Native Americans, previous abnormal

blood sugar level, high blood pressure, abnormal blood fats (low HDL or high triglycerides), history of gestational diabetes mellitus (having diabetes during pregnancy), baby over 9 pounds, polycystic ovarian disease.

If you have any questions, please call me at 553-2478.

Elsie Howard, Diabetes Nurse Educator, Warm Springs Diabetes Program.

Tips on home safety during fire season

By Suzi Macy
Fire Prevention Tech

Here are a few misconceptions or attitudes regarding wildland fires:

Myth: Fire fighters clear the area around my house when they arrive.

Fact: Wildfires move quickly through dry brush or grass and spread to trees by way of ladder fuels that lead directly to them. Dried wood and building materials are highly flammable and can spread a wildfire to your home.

Tip: Remove flammable vegetation and brush from around your home. Keep grass and weeds cut low. Clear wood piles and building material away from your home. Reduce shrubs under nearby trees to

remove ladder fuels.

Myth: There hasn't been a fire here in over 100 years, or it's never burned before.

Fact: Exactly, you're due, it's just a matter of time.

Tip: Remove flammable vegetation and brush from around your home.

Myth: The fire department knows where I live.

Fact: The fire department does not know where everyone lives. They rely on visible street signs and address signs.

Tip: Keep address signs visible for easy access.

Myth: It's the large wall of flames that burn down homes.

Fact: Most homes are lost as a result of burning embers

or fire brands that land on roofs, in gutters and on decks, igniting combustibles that spread fire to your home.

Tip: Keep your yard and roof clean.

Myth: I have no trees next to my home, it won't burn down.

Fact: Your roof is the most vulnerable part of your home - burning embers will land there first from a nearby fire.

Tip: Choose fire resistant roofing and building materials.

Myth: I will have plenty of time to grab my personal items because they give you hours and hours to evacuate.

Fact: Lives are endangered when people wait till the last minute to evacuate and get

caught in the thick smoke and ember showers.

Tip: Be prepared to respond to wildfires. Keep a 72-hour kit handy and practice evacuation drills with your family.

Remember to get your defensible space in place before fire season starts. Clean an area of at least 30 feet from around your home.

Trim trees; remove brush, debris and other flammable items from around your home. Defensible space reduces the risk and increases the chance of a home surviving a wildfire. For more information please contact Fire Management, 553-2413, and speak with the Fire Prevention Tech.

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