

## Thank you for support during time of loss

It's quite an experience when a family loses a loved one. After the last breath is taken the initial sadness and shock sets in.

Then family and close friends come together for this loved one to be laid to rest.

It is touching to see the drummers come together and sing their songs, and the cooks to come together to prepare meals until final rest. The loved ones plate is taken care of until final rest as well.

All of this happens because of caring people in our community. The family appreciates all of you.

When my mom, Deanna Thompson, passed away everything came together for us from her passing until she was laid to rest.

As a family we are thankful to everyone who made it possible for us, especially for our mom. The support was overwhelming. The songs meant a lot to us.

After the funeral our dad, Leland Thompson Sr., became ill and was flown to OHSU in Portland. The support from family and friends continued.

Without all our friends and relatives, it would be hard to stay strong pray for our dad to come back from this. We are truly thankful.

On a sour note we are sad, confused and angry that our dad's stuff was stolen from his house as he lay in the intensive care unit.

Missing is a Pendleton blanket from our mom's personal storage. She was keeping it for her long-time friend.

I've heard of things like this happening but never thought it would happen during our time of grief.

It is a sad thing that someone could do this to a grieving family. Who knows what else was taken. Our mom stored a lot of things for sentimental reasons.

Our dad has made great progress and gets stronger every day. Thank you for your prayers.

### Spilyay Speaks

## Letters to the Editor

### Seniors Day

To all our generous friends from the Warm Springs Reservation,

We had a wonderful time at the Honor Your Elders celebration.

The children's dances and giveaways warmed our hearts. The Honor Guard for our veterans lifted our pride. The flute songs soothed our spirits. The silly games filled us with laughter.

And the delicious dinner put a special finish to a day of good cheer and fellowship.

Thank you from the senior volunteers at the High Desert Museum.

Norma J. Montgomery.

### Park cleanup

Approximately 25 community members convened on May 14-15 at Elmer Quinn Park. The park was selected for clean-up by concerned citizens because it is often the site for drug and alcohol abuse.

Due to overgrown trees, bushes and grass, the park provides areas which are easily obscured and hidden from view.

Armed with gloves, trash bags, rakes and a commitment to a healthy community, volunteers picked up several truck loads of trash.

The Warm Springs Forestry Department, Fire Management Hot Shot Crew, Utilities, Community Health Education Team, Meth Task Force and jail inmates worked together to mow grass, trim excess tree limbs, rake weeds and leaves and collect trash.

Among the trash was several drug paraphernalia items. There were the typical beer cans, bottles, cigarette butts and wrapping. However, we also collected small pieces of foil with black-brown residue, typical of methamphetamine free-basing.

We found make shift pipes from rolled foil, aluminum and soda cans.

One syringe was also found among an area of broken glass. In addition, several bags and containers used for "huffing," or inhaling chemical vapors were collected.

Without a watchful eye, these items may appear harmless and may be chalked up to simply more trash. However, residue from methamphetamine and other drugs can remain on these items and may be harmful to a curious toddler.

Since the park is used for family and community events,

the goal of the project was to ensure a healthy and drug-free environment.

We believe we accomplished our mission, if but only for a temporary time. The duration of a clean and safe park depends on the entire community. Please share this news with others so we can work together for safe recreation sites.

Thank you to our committed volunteers who assisted with this effort as well as IHS Sanitarian for donating trash bags and BIA Forestry for providing the lunch.

Joyce Oberly, Public Health Educator.

### Boxing ring

Thank you to Herb Graybael for helping purchase the new boxing ring for the Warm Springs Boxing Team. Get well soon.

Vernon Smith Sr.

### Congratulations

Well done, Shelia M. Danzuka!

Congratulations to our sister Shelia Marie Danzuka for completing her Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy from George Fox University this Spring.

We are very proud of you for all of your accomplishments, and wish you and your family the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

We are always here for you, and are blessed to have you as part of our lives.

Love always, Jake and Julie Suppah, Sophie, Sierra, and Jalaney.

### Purse found

In April, Children's Protective Services held a Family Shindig at the Agency Longhouse, and there was a beaded side purse that was found. We still have it in our office.

If anyone lost a side purse during the Family Shindig, contact CPS to identify the item. 553-3209. Thank you.

Paula Kalama, CPS secretary.

### Hello again

Hi, everyone, again. I've been receiving letters from a few friends, and I'm thanking you

for your efforts. Could you please just put P.O. Box C on them. I can't write to anyone in the jail. I try to. Unless, of course, immediate family, with proof. Sorry. Box C works fine though.

Happy Mothers Day (belated) to all the wonderful mothers. You're at the top of my list, mom. Miss all the others too.

So with that, here's my address again... Don't be afraid to write. Thank you.

Anthony J. Gonzales, no. 2108412

2340 Mullan Rd., Missoula, MT 59808.

### Back on track

I would like to tell the following people thank you for being there for me. If it wasn't for these people I wouldn't be here today.

"Mypsy" and boys, Adeleta Zacarias, Toya Zacarias, Yvonne Nathan, Rachel Smith, Nancy and kids, my Na-Na Lillian, and most of all my brother Jake and wife Stacey, if it weren't for you two I wouldn't be doing so well right now.

I would also like to thank Martha and Solo Stewart for taking care of my kids. I'm grateful for that and am sorry for all my wrong doings in my past, and that I'm not that person any more and getting my life back on track.

Love, Jamie McKinley-Bailey.

### Task force

Hello community, I am writing this letter to inform the community about a program that the Warm Springs Meth Task Force is implementing.

The local "Rez Watch" Program, similar to the neighborhood watch program, will begin soon.

As the Meth Prevention Coordinator, I will be meeting with those interested families in taking part in this program. We will discuss the formalities of the "Rez Watch" forms and where to drop the forms off at drop boxes locally.

I will also bring some snacks and beverages to this meeting for the families.

The whole reason behind this program is to combat methamphetamine and the dangers that it brings to families and children.

The Warm Springs Meth Task Force is developing roadside prevention signs. These signs promote zero tolerance for meth.

A memorial sign for families who lost a loved one to meth/drugs will also be attached to the sign.

The idea behind the sign campaign is to pay respect to those families who lost a loved one from meth or drugs, and to prevent losing more people from drugs and alcohol.

The Meth Task Force is requesting permission from members of the community to remember those that we have lost. Currently, we are searching for eight families to come forward with remembrance names.

So, if you or anyone you know is interested, we sincerely appreciate your contributions towards this project.

If you have any questions about either project, please contact me at 553-3462, or attend

the Meth Task Force meetings held every Wednesday at noon at the Family Resource Center.

My office is located at the same place 1144 Warm Springs St. in the CHET Department.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Wayne Miller, Meth Prevention Coordinator.

### 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. No libelous statements may be printed in the paper. Again, thank you.

Come join the family and friends of Jansen Cody Harrington, the son of Lori Smith and the late Gene D. Harrington, in celebrating his graduation from Madras High School on June 9, 2007, at Madras High School. Bring lawn chairs. Can't wait to see you there. G-pa, G-ma, brother, sisters, uncles, aunts and all my cousins and friends. 475-3216.



## Happy birthday wishes...

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12 to Davis Stwyer Jr. With lots of love from BJ, Mike, and Little Jessie.

Happy birthday to our big brother Junior. From Nicholas, Harley and Eva.

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12 to my little baby bro, Davis Jr. From his big sister LaVonne, and Wayne. Love you lots, and don't have too much fun.



Guess who is 21 on June 12?



Happy birthday to our son Al Kelly Jr. Love, Mom, Dad, Nicholas, Harley, Martika, and Eva Ione. We love you and we're proud of you.

Happy birthday dearest sis, auntie, sis-in-law. Love from the Suppahs and the Edwards families.



Thank you for writing to the Spilyay. The next deadline to submit an item for publication is Friday, June 15. Thank you.

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## Council tackles challenging issues facing the tribes

Aurolyn Stwyer  
Simnasho Representative

In mi naimoo-mal! My dear people. Thank you to the Simnasho District for electing me as your representative for the Twenty-Fourth Tribal Council.

As a 'new-be' with barely a month of experience, I share the following highlights with you.

There is an upcoming tribal member Adoption referendum which requires at least 50 percent of the members to vote in order to qualify the election. Please encourage those who are not registered to register at Vital Statistics as well as to "Get out to Vote".

An additional area of concern has been the Tribal Council and Committee travel policy, which was reviewed. No action

came about to change it at this time.

I believe that travel is necessary in our work. However, it is disconcerting to receive a first quarter report of \$60,000 over expenditure of the budget. The sidestepping of this concern must stop.

In light of this, we had a dialogue about mandatory reports to reassure trust, communications, accountability, and ethics.

In my capacity of vice chairman, I attended a Tribal Information Day at the state capitol where I addressed many state representatives and staff on tribal matters.

We've had outstanding tribal leadership; therefore, our tribes' are looked upon favorably by the Oregon statesmen and women. For example, Chief Nelson Wallulatum has completed his

48<sup>th</sup> year on the Tribal Council. Wow!

### Enterprises

The tribal enterprises have provided quarterly reports, mostly good news with the exception of the Forest Products Industry, which has encountered low prices for lumber.

On the upside, our tribes are viewed as a leader in energy and alternative energy innovation. Warm Springs Power Enterprise provides the most revenues, as we pursue a biomass plant and wind energy—taking advantage of federal and state incentives for green energy.

Our casino development at Cascade Locks involves the Land Into Trust matter with the Department of the Interior.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement is under review

at Washington, D.C., and we anticipate the notice for five public hearings to be held at Kah-Nee-Ta, Cascade Locks, Hood River, Portland, and Stevenson.

It is our sovereign right to support this development as it will add to our economic health.

In summary, we have faith that we can all work together to make our reservation safe, provide jobs, health care, housing, maintain our Warm Springs, Wasco, and Paiute tradition, and take care of our precious land.

We are scheduling time to establish the Tribal Council priorities that will serve as our guide for the 2008 budget process.

My elder Tribal Council representatives continue to remind us that along with our tribal rights are huge responsibility.

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