

Firefighters to be commended for their hard work

By Selena Boise
Management Successor

Recent fires are finally contained and mop-up has begun, or is nearly over. For over five weeks the lightning-caused fires have been burning on the reservation. With the strong winds I have seen lately I find it incredible that they were able to contain them. Although the rains early last week were helpful, it was not an easy task to battle this fire against winds that were as strong as recent winds.

Spilyay Speaks

I commend all the firefighters who traveled here and worked daily at these fires, also the fire camp crews who did their jobs to support those who were fighting the fires.

It was their knowledge and experience that helped put the fires out. I am thinking that fighting fire is not an easy job, and that it is dangerous for some, if they lack the experience to take care of themselves out there.

The fire on Highway 9, though, was a sad thing to see for some community members who live in the Simnasho area. As they make that daily drive to the Agency area to work, it is not the same scenic, beautiful sight they normally see.

It is now burnt, and as quoted, "like those Smokey the Bear commercials," it just makes a person sad to see this after years of driving through colorful scenery.

I haven't driven that route yet, but I did just get used to the burnt scenery near HeHe.

That was hard for me to get used to, because I thought the scenery all around there was very nice. Especially where the Warm Springs River is located.

I see though that is has been replanted and years from now we may see that green scenery around HeHe Butte. That would be nicer than the burnt trees you see there now.

Letters to the Editor

Culture camp

From the 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp 2007, Thank you, thank you, thank you, with much appreciation, gratitude, and thankfulness.

Well, we did it again... Wait a minute, a lot of changes took place. First of all there was no 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp 2007 at Peters Pasture this year.

But! A 4-H Day Camp took place on the lawn behind the Boys and Girls Club and in the Education Building and in the 4-H kitchen.

The campers had fun, lots of classes to learn from and became aware of their culture, and best of all made lots of good memories and new friends.

Oh! So many folks to thank, I would like to thank the following departments and people for their devoted support to this endeavor for our Warm Springs youth and families.

A big thanks to all the staff at KWSO for all the great PSAs regarding the changes that took place in a short matter of time.

Thank you to the following departments and folks for all their support. All the staff at the Boys and Girls Club, the entire staff at Children's Protective Services for putting up with all the noise and commotion around their building; Community Counseling, Utilities, Culture and Heritage, the Diabetes Team, the Community Health Education Team (CHET), all the 4-H campers, and their parents and guardians.

Thank you to all the 4-H Camp staff, teachers and volunteers. Emilee Hugie, Fara Ann, Sherry A., Minnie Y., Bobbie C., Eileen D., Felicia R., Lola D., Wiyaka R., Timothy R., teachers and volunteers for all your help.

You helped make it happen. You are commended for your time, effort and commitment. You all did a great job.

If you are as tired as I am, please take a rest. Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer. Smile too. (Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention you.)

Thank you again.
Arlene Boileau, 4-H Camp Director.

brother.

FFF - This is the grade I give our recent past Councils... foolishly, greedily, selfishly taking millions, millions of our Elders', children's, our resources while our children continue to drown in alcohol, drugs, gangs, killing each other, killing themselves, just because of our selfish greed! We're all still watching for those billions to pour in... Council, tribal lawyers, tribal consultants. I hope you're feeling good counting your money with your red hands, red from the blood of our children and Elders. Blood money... sick creeps.

When was the last time we built anything for our children, our elders... It is time to show our love for our children and Elders by building a new center for our youth, building a new center for our Elders, build something for our community people, instead of foolishly throwing our resources at this Columbia River Gorge Casino that isn't going to happen anyway - a waste of our people's resources... As long as you and your family are taken care of, screw everybody else... This is called Capitalism.

It is time to take care of our own. Place the casino up at Mill Creek Bridge; this will be the seed that will grow into our own city so we can all have businesses which will enable us to stop some of those millions of cars that pass through our rez only to stop in Madras and spend their chachike... Build our own town now! Then our children can learn Capitalism first-hand by having after-school jobs like the children do in Madras, Culver, Redmond, Prineville, Bend, etc.

It is time to take care of our children, elders, our people instead of selling them out for your own selfish sick greed. Keep our resources here in Warm Springs to benefit our own Warm Springs tribal people... It is time for Change!

Bobby Eagleheart.
P.S. Here is my nephew's address if you feel like dropping him a card, letter, etc.:
LCPL. Smith, Austin Jr.
311 H+S Co. St. Ph.
Unit 40220

FPO AP 96610-0220.

My nephew is in Iraq fighting for freedom... How about economic freedom for our rez. Or how about just plain ole freedom for our own Indian people who have been prisoners of war for hundreds of years living in glorified concentration, prison camps, called reservations... Our prison camp, Warm Springs Rez, is all we have. We lose this, we're street people.

Seeking family

Hello. My name is Patrick D. Culps Jr., and I am a member of the Warm Springs Tribe. I am writing this letter to try and find my family from my father's side. I was born in Madras but moved to the Yakama Reservation when I was only a baby. I have only been to my reservation a few times and never got to meet many of my family members from my very own rez. Now that I am getting older I want to meet my family. I am also looking forward to maybe even moving to my home away from home, the Warm Springs Reservation. I have two baby boys myself and we are wanting to know who is all family to us. As of right now I am recently incarcerated for 10 years, 21 days for a crime I am not happy for doing. I only want to know my own people. So if you would like to get the chance to know me and my baby boys, here is how you could contact me:

Patrick D. Culps Jr., no. 300158
RB-15 Upper
Airway Heights Correction Center
PO Box 2109
Airway Heights, WA 99001.

Education

Tribal Council has appointed the following people to the Education Committee: Margie Tuckta, Laurie Danzuka, Louise Katchia, and Mavis Shaw.

We invite the community to feel free to contact us regarding matters pertaining to education. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Forestry Office every second and fourth Wednesday.

Our next meeting will be on September 12, 2007. To set up a meeting with us, please contact Ikie Brown at 553-3257.

Thank you, Margie Tuckta, Chairwoman.

To all Veterans

To all VF Members:

All Veterans should be aware that on September 6, 2007, the Veteran Administration Hospital Staff will be in Warm Springs to answer all medical and paperwork dealing with VA.

A dinner will be held at the Senior Building and shortly after the meeting at High Lookie. We are asking all Veterans to please come in. Quarter Master, **Harvey Jim.**

Strong pillar

How does one become a pillar of the community? Is it the amount of money you put into a project, does the job you hold put you up there, is it in the Pendleton blankets you give away just because, or is it because you are truly and honestly compassionate about the people, do you have a God-given desire to help the young, middle-age and Elders to make life better.

My grandmother taught me respect and honesty without words. When my sister Era and I got into trouble we got the knotty cane or wide beaded belt, back then we didn't know the word abuse or CPS. If I did, I wouldn't have used them because I loved my grandmother and I did learn a lot from her, even if it took me 30-odd years. I would have called her my pillar.

In the word of God it says, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Matt.23:27-28.

A pillar is strong, straight, firm, sturdy, whatever word describes it best. You put confidence and trust in it because you know its strength. It can't hurt you with mean words and ac-

tions, it doesn't take away your children or their children just for meanness sake or their heritage, or their name that was chosen by both parents.

I can almost guarantee that this child will have much anger, possibly hatred when he grows up and finds out his other family was ousted out of his life.

All I can say is if you wish to be known as a pillar of your community, then act accordingly, your words and actions tell on you.

One more thing, give all your young girls a chance to prove their worthiness. It took us a lifetime, seems like. Don't let hatred blind you, someone in your family needs this chance also.

Sincerely,
Blanche Walsey Williams.

Means a lot

I would like to say thank you to all the ones who have been there for me and thought of me while I am here in the Hilton on the Hill.

Thanks for bringing me shampoo and conditioner, etc. It means a lot to me. Actions speak louder than words.

Thank you, mom, for bringing baby in to see me. **M. Gonzeles.**

Elder drivers

Dear tribal members, you are invited to a Driver Safety Program to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the clinic.

The class is sponsored by the American Association of Retired People (AARP), and qualifies those who complete the course, and who are 55 and over, to a driver insurance discount. Course fee is \$10.

To enroll, call Tom at 923-2326. 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.

No libelous statements may be printed in the paper.

Again, thank you.

Toe Ness

A guy asked his friend, "I wonder how come my wife always remembers our anniversary and I don't?"

His friend said, "Do you remember when you caught your first big fish?"

"Naturally," the first guy said.

The other guy said, "Do you think the fish remembers?"
YIKES

It is time

To our Warm Springs Tribal Council, I was drumming again at the home of my brothers and sisters, home for a very, very young son they just recently lost. His sister broke down screaming, "I want my Ya Ya back! I want my Ya Ya back!" Over and over she screamed for her dead

Myths and facts about diabetes

By Elsie Howard

Myth: People with Diabetes can't eat out at restaurants.

Fact: If you have diabetes, you can eat out, just like everyone else.

The trick is to remember

your health goals, and choose foods that fit your meal plan.

Most restaurants and fast food places have healthful alternatives available on the menu. If not, ask your server about the healthful alternatives.

Choose places that have a

wide variety of items on the menu. It will make it easier to make good food choices.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 553-2478.

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

Happy birthday wishes...



Happy birthday Perry Earl. Love, Lillian, Jerry, Shirleen and JT.

Happy birthday Shirleen. I love you forever. Dad and JT.

Happy 8th birthday on Aug. 27, Shirleen. I love you always and forever. Mom.



Happy Birthday to Cheeks, Sheylene, and Jodene, thinking of you on your day. Love Tony and family.

Happy 14th birthday to our cowgirl Charmaine (Maggie), Hal Billy, Love, Mama Burger, Sissy Kristen, lil Bro Benji, cowgirl Jess, Hazen B., Aston B.

Happy birthday to my first baby, Renee Lynn Miller, 15 years old on September 11, 1992. I will always love you and you'll always be my baby. Mom.

Happy birthday to Lil Ron. I'm always thinking of you. Have a good one. Love, your Auntie Michele.

Happy First Birthday to nephew Donnie Lawrence Coulter on Sept. 12. I love and miss you, Baby. Love, Auntie Jeanette Thompson.

Happy birthday to my grandson Donavon Lawrence Coulter. I love love love you. Grandma Ginni.

Happy birthday to Dabid Rodriguez on Aug. 25, from all his friends and family with much love. We're very proud of your accomplishments, getting through to the best of your abilities and allowing others theirs! Thank you and know that the Creator, Maker or Whom you choose to name/call - is always with you with Unconditional Love, that with our willingness we can as well...

Happy birthday Tyson, Love Mom.

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