9/11 Attacks remembered throughout the years

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Spilyay Speaks

We come down to the same question I asked before. What do you think of the world situation? We are at the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies when 19 hijackers took control of four airliners, which sent two into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon, and one targeted for the Capitol Building. 2,974 died, and 24 were listed as missing as a result.

You probably know the history of it all by now, the attacks were eventually linked to Osama Bin Laden, and the hijackers were believed to be Al Queada.

The origins of Al Queada go back to 1979 when the Soviet Union attacked Afghanistan. Osama organized an organization to resist the Soviets, causing the Soviets to withdraw in 1989.

Osama then became aggressive against governments across the Muslim world. Under the guidance of al-Zawahiri, Osama became more radical. In 1996, bin Laden issued his first fatwa which called for American soldiers to leave Saudi Arabia after the Gulf War.

In 1998 his objections were of American foreign policy towards Israel, as well as the continued presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia after the Gulf War.

The 9/11 attacks had immediate and effects upon the people of the United States, including airlines being grounded, stranding thousands of passengers in the U.S.

Blood donations were sought to assist in injured civilians and employees who were sent to assist in the aftermath.

The NATO council declared that the attacks on the United States were considered an attack on all NATO nations. In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, the Bush administration declared a war on terrorism, with the stated goals of bringing Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda to justice and preventing the emergence of other terrorist networks.

Many memorials and vigils were held around the world. Reconstruction of ground zero continues. The Pentagon was reconstructed within a year of the attack.

Now these events are still remembered year after year up to this date, especially on 9/11 each year.

The death toll rises each year as American soldiers are deployed to continue this war against terrorism.

We should remember them and honor them, as they leave and return to our homelands.

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Letters to the Editor

Our traditions

Tribal Recovery Plan – Hopes and Visions.

Inform the tribal membership that lawlessness will no longer be tolerated. This reservation was created for our survival within our cultural and traditional beliefs. Our unwritten laws override all written laws. Honor, respect and religious beliefs should be the backbone of our tribal existence. Tribal rights are not individual rights. It will take all of us to make this Warm Springs Reservation a better place to live not only for the humans, but the salmon, deer, elk, roots, berries, our medicines. Our ancestors learned to live within their means.

We all know who the violators are. Now it is time to deal with these violators. We all have a voice, now is the time to speak up. The tribal traditional rules or laws are used only to protect the lifestyle that our ancestors had and hoped we would follow.

We must all unite into a group that will make changes for the better. Many blessings,
Terry Courtney Sr.

Clinic issues

Clinic's CEO and approving officials, it appears there is dissatisfaction and frustration with the same-day appointment system.

A clinic forum was held on August 13, 2008. I wonder how many people knew about this? Ironically, I found out about this forum because I had business a the clinic on this date and saw the notice posted.

The forum was held at the Community Center and a light meal was served. There were five community members and three children. About 25-plus clinic employees attended and were available to answer concerned questions about the clinic or serve the meal (most of the employees are also patients of the clinic). Of course, the decision-makers were not in attendance. Some questions remain unanswered and it has been two weeks now. Are answers forthcoming?

At this meeting, we were told of the clinic's physician and nursing shortage. These are such important positions, they need to be filled right away. How about the chairman meeting verbally stating to us that they know that medical is broken. What? This department is too darn important to be broken. So, CEO, fix it!

Questions: How are patients triaged that requires a same-day appointment? Is a person who needs a medication refill seen before a patient who may have pneumonia? Don't know the answer because patient is not triaged. Sometimes, a patient does not know how critical their illness is due to lack of pain. How many telephone lines are there for patient calls to the receptionists of same-day appointments? How the private sector compare in patient load and flow with us? Could a ward clerk or Licensed Practical Nurse triage patients for appointments? The medical receptionists are there to schedule appointments and ask why we need to see a doctor. It's not very comfortable sometimes to have to state why. When the slots are all taken, feedback to the patients could be "Would you like to speak to a nurse?"

Our horror story… A few months ago, I called the clinic after my husband stated that he was really dizzy (this was about 9 a.m.). I was told there weren't any openings. I asked the medical receptionist how do we get in to see the doctor (I already knew the answer but had to ask anyway). She replied "call at 8 a.m. tomorrow." My husband said if I feel worse I will go to the emergency room. By 11 a.m., he was hemorrhaging. This happened so quickly, there weren't any warnings except the dizziness. He called the EMT's (Thank you for a fine job!) who said this wasn't anything to mess around with. They transported him to Mountain View Hospital. The emergency physician on duty told us that if Isidore had waited any longer, he would have died. He was Air-lifted to Emanuel Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Portland. Evidently, the bands on his varicose veins (esophagus) had disintegrated and needed to be replaced.

When I need an appointment, I try to start calling the clinic at 7:58 a.m. every 15 seconds. Generally, I receive the recording, "You have reached the Warm Springs Center appointment line…" At 8:01 or thereabouts the recording will then tell me "all medical receptionists are busy at this time…" Then a human voice answers with "I'm sorry but there aren't any openings left." (Wow! That fast. It took me eight business days this last time to get an appointment with my provider.)

A suggestion is to have nursing be responsible for triaging patients on their health issues (yes, it's been tried and done). It doesn't hurt to say No, we hear it from the medical receptionists. Let's do away with the first come, first served business.

Let's look ahead to satellite clinics at Simnasho and Seekseequa one or two days of the week. How many families on the reservation do not have telephones, vehicles or transportation? How many children or elders are involved that do not have access to either of these? How about the winter months for same? How can families obtain minimal service? (I don't think there is clinic data on these questions?)

Other needs are education of why the clinic bills patients' insurance; why the patient does not owe a balance when they receive their insurance statement; what happens to the revenue collected; education of Managed Care; education of the referral process and why bills may not be paid. Statistical data on length of time a patient waits for service from start to finish, education on some aspects of how the clinic operates, what is 638 program, which departments are currently 638, the departments who will be 638 in the next year or so. Articles in the Spilyay, I don't see articles except from the Diabetes Program.

I remember partially a sign that read to the effect, "If it weren't for the patient, we wouldn't have a job."

Thank you and with respect,
Faye Kaudle Kaule and Isidore Charley.

No dumping

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, someone left three bags of trash and an old computer monitor at the old garbage bin site in upper Seekseequa, close to the turn off to Indian Park.

I'm not aware who did this, but I don't like it. As a Seekseequa resident, I find it offensive and disrespectful.

My message to those who come to Seekseequa or live up there, "Please take care of your garbage and deliver to the transfer station."

The transfer station was built for a good reasons, to centralize the trash pick-up and minimize the trash stops for the garbage truck." Thank you.
Brigette Whipple.

To families

Dear Warm Springs families,

I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce myself to the Warm Springs community.

My name is Craig Morgan and I will be the administrator over the sixth grade at Jefferson County Middle School.

In 1982, I began my teaching career at Warm Springs Elementary School. Since that time I have taught grades 2-6, been head teacher, reading coach, and most recently the principal at Westside Elementary. I am looking forward to working with you and I want you to know that you may feel free to contact me anytime. I am always available to assist you with questions or concerns that you may have throughout the year.

My phone number at the middle school is 475-7253. Also, you can reach me by email at:craigm@509j.net. As we partner together we will provide the best educational learning opportunities for your children.

Craig Morgan, assistant principal, Jefferson County Middle School.

A thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to the following people for their contributions to the Jamie "Chili Guy" Tohet Memorial Wild Horse Race that took place on Saturday, July 12, 2008:

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Harry and Kirstin Hisatake and Richard Tohet.

Birthday and other wishes…

Just sending an ol' dude birthday shout out to my little bro, Aaron Suppah: Hopefully next time I'll be able to celebrate it with you. Love, your bro Sman. (PS: write me).

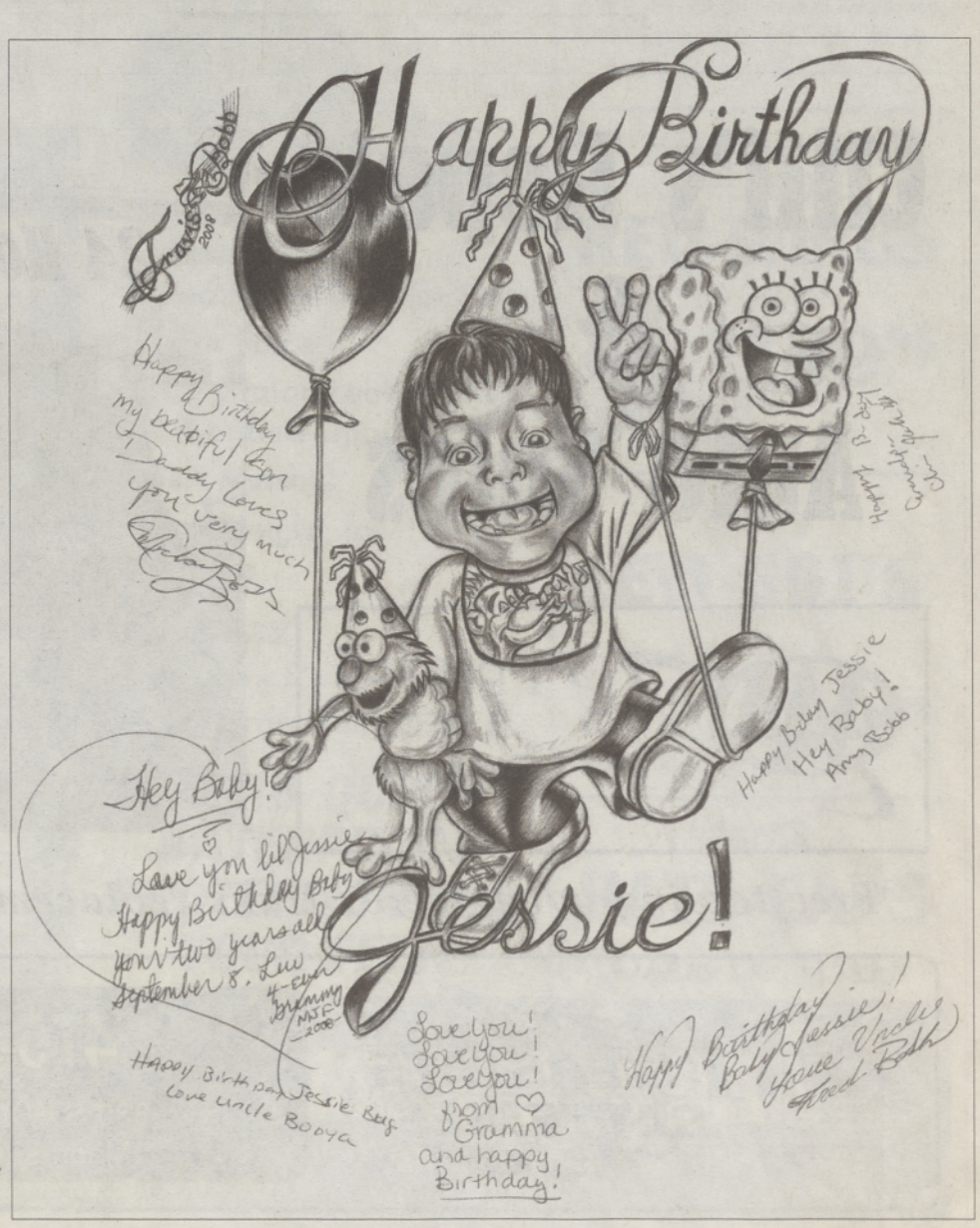
Happy 16th birthday to Sha-nay-nay. Love of love, Muncle Sman.

9-19-92 – You made me a Dad. Pretty sure cowboy boots will be the only way I can be on your level. Ron, I'll be looking forward to 1-on-1 action with you. Just don't go EZ on the Sman. Love, your Dad, Anthony.

A Happy 18th Birthday wish to my son Albert "Bosh-Man " Kalama a happy on September 21.

I hope this day brings you love, joy and happiness. I love you with all my heart and wish you many, many, more to come!

Sorry if I can't be there on that day, but my heart is always there with you son. Again I love you, and have a good day.

Love, your Mom! Angela R. Martinez, hugs and kisses and God loves you son.

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