

## Tax Exempt

By Duran Bobb

The popular misconception out there is that Native Americans do not pay taxes.

Several tribal members have received letters from the Oregon Department of Revenue stating that they owe. In one case, a judgment was issued against a tribal member who was told that he needed to pay as much as \$68,000 in back taxes. That figure included 100 percent interest, penalties and fees.

"They said they were going to garnish my wages and take my house and anything else they could. My house is in Warm Springs, so I wonder how they're going to do that."

In Oregon, which became the 33rd state four years after the treaty was signed, most Indians pay state taxes. All Indians pay federal taxes.

According to state law, if you're enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, and you work on a federally recognized reservation, and you live in federally recognized Indian country, then you're exempt.

Oregon says that you still have to file, and you must include a copy of your federal tax forms, your tribal enrollment number, and you must submit an exempt income schedule (a separate form for each year).

And you can't use the EZ form, you must use the longer version.

Although some tribal members know they're exempt, they still pay to satisfy their sense of obligation.

"We spent about two weeks filling out the paperwork," one couple said. "With every decimal in place, figures double-checked, and all forms attached so they'd know we're Indian."

Those who did not file with Oregon and received letters of demand had their federal income tax returns withheld.

So this year, the deadline to file is **April 18**. Remember to file your state tax returns, exempt or not. Happy calculating!

### TOE NESS...

Taxman: Now, people who complain about taxes can be divided into two categories. Anybody know what those are?

Spilyay: Men and women! YIKES!

SSS SSS SSS

Tiny box on tax form: Check this box if you are blind. YIKES!

SSS SSS SSS

## Letters to the Editor

### A thank you

All my relations and friends, I write this with a saddened heart of which no parent ever wishes to write. It has been over a year since my daughter, atwai, Mavis May Anne, has left us, now I have her in my heart and mind to remember her by.

Her memorial was on January 8, 2011. As her parents, Mildred Quempt and I, Oliver Kirk our families are very saddened with the loss of our beautiful daughter. Also greatly saddened are her siblings, Merle Anne, Annie Marie Kirk, Derek Ray and Cecelia Muniz, also nephew, Kiawin and nieces, Keeyana Jane and Marcella.

I know in my heart her two precious treasures, Sunhawk Miliana Hope and Leander Sundance, miss her very much.

I want to say thank you very much to all the drummers that came to my home for all the services held there, Washat drummers Evans Spino, Wilson Wewa, and Waslikki drummers; my aunts, Arlene Greene and Roma Cartney families, Wilfred and Geraldine Jim and Carlos Calica.

I greatly thank all the Agency Longhouse drummers, their names were remembered at the funeral and memorial giveaways. All of their songs and words were very beautiful.

A big thank you to Fred Hill Sr. who spoke for his niece at the Funeral and at the Memorial services.

A big thank you to Thomas Morning Owl for officiating over the Funeral services. Your words and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much to the greatly appreciated fabulous and gracious cooks, Janice Smith, Cassie Katchia, Bobby Suppah, Lally Jackson, Eva and Betty George. Their names were also remembered at the giveaways.

A very big thank you to Leslie Aradonna Davis for the quick blanket run to Portland and back, you are always greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Warm Springs Tribal Council for the grant money used towards the funeral services and the Tribal Utilities personnel that helped maintain the Agency Longhouse while we used it for the services and for cemetery work that was done.

Thank you very much both to Grandma Carrie and Ramona Starr for their undertaking duties rendered, you are both greatly appreciated. Thank you to my caring sister, Roberta Kirk, for making the white buckskin dress.

Thank you to my Arizona family, father Oliver Kirk Sr., my sisters, Nicketa K. Benally, Becky K. Dokey, Bertha K. Hosteen, for providing a Pendleton Blanket and a beautiful silver and turquoise cross medallion for her to be wrapped in for her journey and some monetary assistance.

Thank you to my mother Lolita Greeley, my sisters Olivia Wallulatum, Maria Godines, Anita S. Mendoza, Joann Selam Gonzales, the great pie maker; Redine K. Billy and brother Tony and Seegray Littleleaf for all their help that was given.

Thank you very much to Cecelia Muniz and Clifford Stanger for providing the deer and elk from Pendleton for the memorial services.

A big thank you to my uncles, Hamilton Greeley for all his assistance, Elton Greeley for his memorial services monetary assistance that is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Priscilla Frank Ike family for their memorial services giveaway contributions.

I want to thank all the persons that contributed to the funeral and memorial services in one way or another. It is all appreciated very much.

Thank you very much to Denise Muldoon and her daughter Danielle for all their greatly appreciated assistance whenever it was needed.

Thank very much to Jeannie Brisois for all her great help at my residence.

Thank you very much to the Warm Springs Fire Management, Luther Clements and Jabbar Davis with their crew that helped with clean up around my residence, the Warm Springs Natural Resources Department for providing the delicious salmon and deer meat.

Thank you Warm Springs Tribal Credit Enterprise for granting me a loan for her memorial services.

There may be some names not mentioned, but not intentionally. You are all greatly appreciated.

I want to thank my entire daughter's closest of friends and relatives who knew her very well, and some friends who once were her friends. Without you all, my daughter would not be who she was. I want to just say thank you all very much from my heart for knowing my daughter when you did during her lifetime.

A big thank-you to Wiggy for leading my family in for the re-joining, and the Eagle Thunder

drummer for singing the songs.

Thank you very much Doug Kowalski from Bel-Air Colonial Funeral Home, you were a great assistance.

Thank you to the Warm Springs Police Department, the Warm Springs Tribal Court and Prosecutor's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Williams for your still continuing services.

Knowing the truth of my daughter's fate would greatly ease my pain. I can never really forgive the person who took her away. Now I have to live with the sad fact that she is gone and her two precious treasures remain. For the love of them I will remain civil and understanding.

**Oliver Kirk, daughters Merle Anne and Annie Marie.**

### Better life

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) was created for our people to help themselves. There are a few risk factors that need to be met to qualify for the program.

Diabetes is quite high in my family as it is with several families in Indian Country.

I am not diabetic, nor do I want to be and with the help of the SDPI, I'm preventing diabetes as long as possible. As a tribal member and a Native American woman at risk, I feel fortunate to have been able to continue to utilize the services provided. If it wasn't for the SDPI, I would not have received the physical activities opportunities, nutrition and sports information, the wonderful incentives, and the will to change my life.

If not for the SDPI, I may not have been able to utilize their support and education to complete the Portland Marathon in 2009 and 2010. I would like to encourage the tribal membership to take the risk test and find out your numbers. Find out if you can challenge yourself and change your life.

**Bridgette Whipple**

### Wedding day

I would like to express my gratitude and say thank you to all those people who contributed and helped make February 21 a memorable one. I am grateful to the people who helped prior to Feb. 21.

Thanks to Sandra Danzuka for making the invitations, to Lucinda Heath for making the

men's ribbon shirts, Jeanine Kalama for making Kylene and Coby's ribbons shirts. Roberta Fuentes for Wubs' moccasins and vest. To Ramon Greene in helping get eagle feathers. To Roberta "Bobbi" Jim for lending a hand when we needed it. Big thank you to Auntie Birney for putting the elk teeth on the dress.

Thanks to these people the day of February 21, 2011. The cooks and food prep: Louisa Fuentes, Charlotte Herkshan, Auntie Margie Tuckta, Auntie Birney, Lori Fuentes and Shari Macy. To Mary Sando-Emhoolah for recording, to Uncle A.G. and Sheena Stevens for filling in for the two people who couldn't make it. To Judge Glendon Smith for performing the ceremony. To Pusha Jacob Frank Sr. for drumming and singing. Thanks to all who attended.

Thank you to the following for all their help, support, and planning. Lori and Tommy Fuentes. Dad Jerry Sampson and Norene "Bratface" Sampson.

A very special thank you to my mother, Sandra Greene, for dedicating a lot of her time in helping me plan and prepare for this day. Helping me sew the wing dresses, making my dress, helping make my veil, buying the material and supplies and food. I greatly appreciate everything you did. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Finally, to my husband Orlando Craig Stevens for your patience and help by watching the boys, getting them fed, into bed and to school every day. Your patience and understanding helped make the whole process less stressful. Thank you and I love you. We finally did it, only took us six years, two sons and a lot of trials and tribulations to get to this point in our relationship. We made it. We exchanged vows and committed to spending the rest of our lives together, and I'm going to stick to my vows, stand by you and do whatever it takes to be a good wife, and give you everything you deserve. Xoxo, Mut! Your loving wife,  
**Daleena Mae Stevens.**

### Wishes...

*Happy Birthday, my son, in whom I am very proud. Travis Reid Bobb, it has been a great honor to watch you grow and develop your talents over the years. I remember the day that I was blessed with you. You bring me just as*

*much joy today, my precious Birthday Bird. Much love, your mom, Myrna J. Frank.*

**Happy birthday, "Otis". Love, Selena, Freddie, Ron, Amy, Michael, Kendall, and the baby boys.**

*I want my oldest son Floyd Jr. and his father Floyd Frank Sr. to have a fun and happy birthday this year on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March.*

*Are you two having fun getting old every year? Whatever, Happy Birthday!*

*P.S. No matter how old my oldest son gets, I will always call him, "my boy." I'm his mother.*

*I also want to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day, and Happy Easter this year.*

**Evette Patt**  
50 Kouri Dr. #3  
Eugene, OR 97404

### Indian name



Hello, everyone!  
My name is Hazen Wallulatum-Medina.

My parents are Matilda Wallulatum and Jose Medina.

My maternal grandparents are Fred and Olivia Wallulatum and my paternal grandparents are Sally Charley Medina and Aristeo Medina.

I was given an Indian name by my ulla Freda Wallulatum, the name is Wash-Now-It, who is brother to Wash-Mow-It.

My ulla Freda said the name she interprets it in English means "Hungry," "like you wash because you're hungry."

I am a direct descendant of Wash-Now-it, who was from my ulla Freda Mitchell Wallulatum's grandmother Millie Swan, who was married to the late Warm Springs chief Frank Kwi-a-pum-ma.

*Thank you all for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo! The next deadline is Friday, March 18.*

### Indian Business Talk

## Profitable career path found in accounting

**By Bruce Engle**  
Loan officer  
W.S. Credit Enterprise

Competent accountants are always employable.

Currently, they are the third most prized and employable degree holders. Some business people call them "bean counters" and say nasty things about how they restrict, delay and inhibit progress. Yet, they pay them well—and they should.

Accountants make sense of the dollars the business earns, spends, and saves.

They are part of a "business success team" that usually consists of the accountant, an attorney, an insurance agent, and a

lender. All are important but, the closest one to the entrepreneur is the accountant.

My first accounting instructor told our class that the golden rule of accounting is "Anticipate no gains and provide for all losses."

Accountants seem to follow that rule. Maybe that is why most of them are not entrepreneurs.

The good accountants are somewhat conservative and skeptical. Entrepreneurs, on the other hand, are optimistic and aggressive.

The accountant often provides a necessary balance to their boss's entrepreneurial spirit.

Entrepreneurs focus on gains, on profits. That is what drives them. Their way of going and their business plans and operations reflect that.

When pennies make dollars, somebody needs to keep track of them and know how to show the relationships of separate activities to each other and to the business as a whole. The accountant who can do that well and can explain it to management is a treasure.

Accountants provide the basic information that management uses to solve all kinds of problems.

A business that sells on time needs to know who pays timely, who pays late, and how late—

or not at all. Management sometimes needs to be reminded of payments coming due and whether or not cash is available or where it might be obtained for the payments. Expansion plans must be funded.

Accounting provides information to management about where a business is—profitwise. Ownership determines where it is to go—profitwise. Management is supposed to get it there. Accounting tells all of them if and when it gets there and how well it is doing.

A competent accountant will probably have very little trouble finding or retaining employment throughout his or her career.

Spilyay Tymoo  
(Coyote News, Est. 1976)

**Publisher Emeritus:** Sid Miller

**Editor:** Dave McMechan

**Reporter:** Duran Bobb

**Advertising Director:** Yvonne Iverson

**Media Advisor:** Bill Rhoades

Spilyay Tymoo is published bi-weekly by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Our offices are located at 4174 Highway 3 in Warm Springs.

Any written materials submitted to Spilyay Tymoo should be addressed to: Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Phone: 541-553-2210  
Advertising: 541-553-2307 or 541-325-1089

E-Mail: spilyay@wstribes.org.  
Annual Subscription rates: Within U.S.: \$15.00.