

## Honoring our veterans on the Fourth of July

*The parade and other Warm Springs July Fourth activities this year are in honor of veterans of the Vietnam War.*

*The following individuals of the local community served in that war:*

Lloyd Adams, Army  
 Keith Baker, Army  
 Randolph Boise Sr., Army  
 Garland Brunoe, Army  
 Charles Calica, Navy  
 Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Navy  
 Phillip David, Navy  
 Ellison David Sr., Army  
 Tony Fuentes, Army  
 Kirby Heath Sr., Army  
 Leo Hellon, Army  
 Ray Lyle Holiday, Marines  
 Marvin Ike, Navy  
 Larson Kalama, Army  
 Ross Kalama Jr., Marines  
 Thomas Kalama, Marines  
 Larry Langley, Army  
 Walter Langnese III, Marines  
 Dennis Leonard, Navy  
 Uren Leonard Jr., Navy  
 Vinson Macy, Air Force  
 Daniel Martinez, Marines  
 Francisco Martinez, Air Force  
 Kenneth Miller, Navy  
 Everett Miller, Army  
 Charles Moody, Army  
 Victor Moses, Marines  
 Rafael Queahpama, Army  
 Ralph Queahpama, Army  
 Jim Sahme, Army  
 Gerald Sampson, Army  
 Rick Santos, Army  
 Elmer Scott Jr., Navy  
 Alfred Smith Jr., Army  
 Bruce Smith, Marines  
 Claude Smith Jr., Army  
 Darrel Smith, Marines  
 Randy Smith, Marines  
 Janice Smith, WAC  
 Raymond Gene Smith, Navy  
 Roger Smith, Marines  
 Lawrence Squiemphen Jr., Marines  
 Erland Suppah, Army  
 Louis Tewee, Army  
 Willard Tewee, Marines  
 Dennis Thompson, Army  
 Richard Tohet, Army  
 Eldon Lawney Tom, Army  
 Lawrence Tufti, Army  
 Gerald Wewa, Army  
 Jim Quaid, Army  
 Calvin Two Bears, Marines/  
 Army  
 Nelson Zomount, Army  
 Harvey Jim, Army

The Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Market are presenting fireworks, a parade and barbecue, canoe races and other games on Monday, the Fourth of July.

The barbecue lunch starts at 12:30 p.m. at the community center. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs.

Starting at 2 p.m. are the family games.

## Letters to the Editor

### Employment

Before I decide not to discuss employment on the rez and sweep my short story under the rug I will share this story of a tribal member and friend who found employment but was stopped short by a conventionally minded supervisor... These so-called supervisors all too often have the final say on employment and I feel they lack a certain community connection that is important when considering the health of the Warm Springs Nation... our community.

A top athlete in the day, intellect in both book and life, our tribal member returned to the rez and applied for a job in the chosen field with a degree in hand only to be told that age disqualified our friend, "too young," from following the chosen profession by a conventionally minded supervisor.

As to the mill job opening, another conventionally minded supervisor gave the reason of being "unreliable," a label attached 20 years ago (when our friend accepted education over employment), as the reason for not employing our tribal member. Strike two to becoming a productive community member on the rez.

Now the tribal member worked hard to become eligible to apply for a job, got the job and continued to struggle with the road bump of life on the rez. The local tribal programs, IHS staff, and family supported the effort but again the conventionally minded supervisor could not accept the effort and fired our tribal member. Bringing us to today where self determination fell short again. Our friend chose a native life working off the rez, gaining skills and knowledge and returning only to have to prove to conventionally minded program supervisors that self determination is possible on the rez if only the conventionally minded supervisors and programs would understand daily struggles on the rez.

Our tribe once worked with the unemployed to gain a foothold in employment. The last chance agreement was one of the efforts in keeping a tribal member employed but the lack of community unity among some tribal/federal supervisors have undermined our local effort in maintaining a strong labor pool.

I have been told in life that nothing is fair and no one will give you what you want for free. In times like this a helping hand

was extended by our community programs and tribal members who tried to rise in defense and speak up for tribal member employees and the unemployed. But those words fell on deaf ears... It is time we tell our supervisors to consider more than applicants' qualifications, to look past the surface and consider their connection to the community and the efforts to improve themselves. It is time to allow our tribal members seeking employment assistance to fix themselves so they can change the direction they are headed... sometimes the non-Indian way of thinking will not fit our community needs.

Paternalism in tribal operations has been extinguished but I see that some programs understand that the community has a vested interest in our government and programs to meet self determination. These pockets of community support give me hope that the conventionally oriented "me-me-me" way of business is coming to an end.

I believe community ties are important to our future, and self determination can be accomplished with a helping hand and support from community members and that tribal management practices must revert back toward the community to become as healthy as it once was. It is nice to have positive efforts recognized and to encourage our unemployed and employed tribal members that they are important to the tribal organization and federal programs.

Our ties are to the land which we have and the family we raise, let us not forget we are in this together and life is a circle.

Sincerely,  
**Marge Kalama**

### Stray dogs

I am writing because I have a concern in Warm Springs: There are many good and bad dogs running around the community.

The dogs are out of control here. They ran after my niece. I stopped at a Warm Springs officer and told him the problem. He said, "Just bring a stick with you so the dogs won't bother you." This doesn't always work.

I see there isn't a leash law enforced. Why? This should be taken care of.

I don't want to be afraid of walking around where I live, by myself or with family. I just want Warm Springs to be safe for all.

Good things are happening in the community. Let's hope they continue. Thank you.

**M. Chase**

### Friends, family

Hello, friends and family. I am writing to reach out to my friends and family for letters and pictures of home. I am in need of pen-pals and correspondence. I am doing a 10-year sentence for a robbery and gun charges and other charges but mainly I'm doing time for an armed robbery. I'm not proud of this. I regret it fully. I wish I could be home and free but all is okay.

I have to pay for my crime and I'm doing my time. I just need some letters from my people to me with my time.

Here are some names of people I'm trying to reach, sorry if I misspell your name. First

of all my son Quinton Hoptowit, Carol, Arnetta, Rachel, Terry Saludo, Zett Boise, Macklin Kalama, John Sconawa, Curtis Stacona, my brothers Kurtis and Lance, Jerrod Kalama, uncle Sacred Heart, Fred Wallulatum, and anyone else who can shoot me a letter. Thank you.

**Robert G. Boise**, no. 13164006; 82911 Beach Access Road, Umatilla OR 97882.

### True leader

During over 30 years of working in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, some of my most memorable moments were spent working with one man, Chief Nelson Wallulatum.

Some of the characteristics of a true leader include knowledge of his position in life, and unselfishly dedicating his work for the best interests of his people. Nelson was a true example of both of these traits.

Few Indian leaders understand the treaty that shaped the future of his tribe like Nelson did. He studied this document and was able to correctly interpret its content and meaning in a manner all of us could understand.

He was a humble man, putting the best interests of his fellow tribal members first, ahead of his own. Thanks to his devotion for the best interests of his fellow tribal members, the Warm Springs Reservation has seen great strides under this chief's leadership.

Nelson was always a gentleman and a true spiritual leader of his people.

I raise my hands to the heavens, knowing Chief Nelson Wallulatum is up there watching over his people here on earth.

**Bernard W. Topash**, BIA superintendent (retired).

### To artists

Dear artists and galleries, The Sixteenth Annual Huckleberry Harvest is August 13 at The Museum At Warm Springs.

We would truly like you to seek this opportunity to showcase your art or auction item, and participate in the Huckleberry Harvest auction and dinner. In exchange for your contributions, you will receive a listing in our auction catalog.

For more information on donations, sponsorships, and attendance for our annual auction please call the museum office 541-553-3331 or e-mail: maws@museumatwarmsprings.org

Sincerely,  
**Jefferson Greene**, development officer, the Museum At Warm Springs.

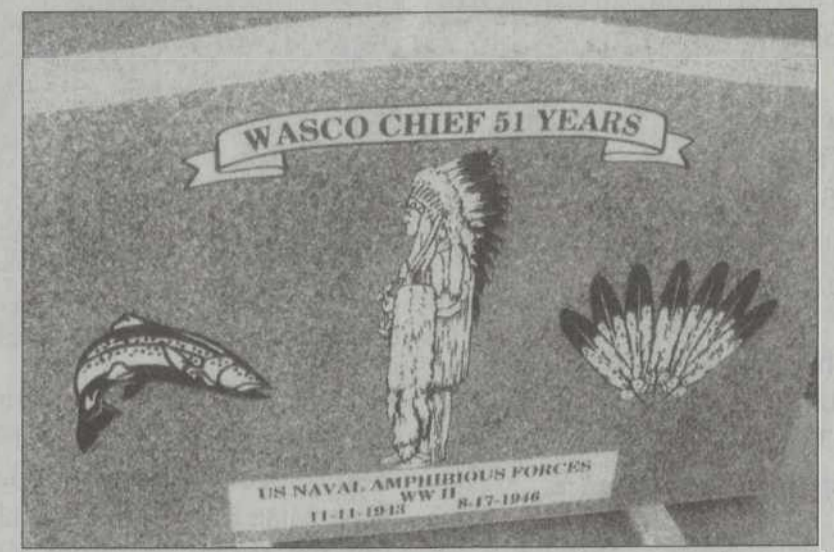
### Graduates

I would like to let one of my first cousins Hobo and his wife Karla Patt's daughter Chelsie Patt know that I'm proud of her having the motivation to finish her 12 years of school and to get the school diploma too!

I'm proud of all the Springers who graduates. I hope you all will have a safe and happy life after you all get your high school diplomas. May all the graduates from Warm Springs have a safe and happy life with their high school diplomas.

**Evette Patt.**

### Chief Stone Setting



The back and front of the Memorial Stone set for Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum.

I would like to thank all those at the cemetery who helped put up the stone in honor of our Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum, at the June 10 stone setting.

Those who attended witnessed in our own traditional way, and the teachings that were given I will never forget.

There is a belief that our people have from time immemorial, and I am very grateful for being a part of his life and learning from him. Our Chief carried great responsibility—cultural, traditional and spiritual—never for himself but for the people.

We all miss him but we will remember the words that he spoke, the words of wisdom that no one else will ever speak again. Our elders don't speak these words of wisdom to our young people.

Special thanks to all the Yakamas, all the Umatillas, and the whole medicine community.

The memorial came out better than I figured. Thank you to everyone for attending. Please let him rest now. His wish was that he rest in peace and not have his name brought up at all events. Let him go, he's in a better place that we are.

**Larry Dick.**

### Real journey begins

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2011 graduates, as well as share my own personal success.

In March I completed my Bachelor's in Culinary Management from the Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts, Scottsdale, Arizona.

This degree is in addition to my previous Culinary Arts degree from Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Oregon.

I am currently exploring career options where I can utilize my full range of education, expertise and experience. One of my goals for the near future is to design and open a food cart to contribute my talent to the Portland "Foodie" scene.

I would again like to thank Warm Springs Higher Education for helping me realize and achieve my education goals. The quality of my life (with my family) and my credibility in the culinary/hospitality industry has greatly improved in direct proportion to my level of achievement in higher education.



I hope to stand as an example for our tribal members that have the desire and ambition to improve their lives. The success of our Tribe begins on the individual level. As tribal members, it is our responsibility to better ourselves so that we can heal our families and build healthy communities.

Education is the most elementary step we can take to achieve this, and Warm Springs Higher Education is a wonderful resource to support our tribal members seeking a better life.

Thank you to those that have supported me—my family, the Tribe of Warm Springs, and to those of you that have been supportive of me through kindness and prayer. Now the real journey begins!

**Bruce Howtopat**

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