

# Letters to the Editor

## Exciting time of year

By Yvonne Iverson

The days are getting shorter, the nights a little colder, and next week the busses will be picking up kids for their first day of school.

*Spilyay Speaks*

It is back to school time—time to get back in the routine of getting everybody up and moving.

This time of year was always an exciting time, with new classes and new teachers, a clean slate, and a fresh start to a new school year.

"I love that kids are just as excited to start a new school year as they are to end a school year," shares Aurel Kalama-Surface.

Lori Switzler still gets the feeling when starting classes at COCC. "It's a love for learning and readiness to take on a challenge!" says Switzler.

The bus ride for kids in Warm Springs can get a bad rap, but bus driver Linda Warren Larson has a different experience.

"I like that the kids love school and the bus and do not want to get off, even when mom calls them," says Larson.

The summer is quickly coming to an end, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Back To School Barbeque and the upcoming sporting events.

Just remember to smile there is no need to be camera shy.

## Waterfalls 2

This letter is in recognition for the help in battling the Waterfalls 2 fire:

Northwest IMT Oregon Type 2 Team 1; Warm Springs IHC Gary Sampson Jr. and the Shots; Yakama Strike Team and Don Jones; Warm Springs Initial Attack and Lionel Smith.

BIA Buying Team Lori Anderson, Tobi Smith-Morales, Denys White; camp crews Byron Frank and Tony Thompson; Warm Springs fuels crew Kia Donahue; Ute Mountain BIA exclusive-use helitack Jason Petruska, and Navajo BIA exclusive use helitack Dan Begay.

Warm Springs Helitack CWN ship 47C Glenn Smith and his staff; Warm Springs Agency (WSA) AD support dispatchers Carol Lawrence and Rebecca J Soliz; WSA Forestry Orvie Danzuka and staff; WSA Restoration crew drivers, WSA DNR resource advisors and departments, and WSA BIA Roads.

Big Sky Caterer; Grandmas Porta potties; Middletons porta potties; expanded dispatch from all across Oregon and Washington; assigned engines, crews, overhead and support staff; Wissie Smith, and Chilkat Enterprises.

WSA Logistics Bob, Norm, Thomas, Rob, Terry, Tony H. Albert and Andy; Facilities Gorky, Administration staff Theresa Hyatt Morris, Tana Frank and Irwina Mitchell Smith. Secretary-Treasurer Jodi Calica and Tribal Council.

There are more, and sorry for anyone I missed. This was a total team effort and all involved did an outstanding job. Thanks to all here and visiting responders. We have successfully suppressed the Waterfalls 2 fire with no major injuries and everyone goes home.

Big sigh of relief and a heart full of gratitude and overwhelming awe in an effort of heroic proportions from all involved.

**William Wilson**, Fire Management, Logistics.

days and I don't crave them either. I want to apologize to everybody for the fool I've been. I can see that my behavior for the last decade or so has been degrading, pathetic and self-destructive. I'm sorry I've been so heartless and selfish to those who try to show their care. Yes, I'm in jail and yes I'm bored but that is not the reason I feel these feelings. I can't explain it, sorry. It's self-explanatory why I might get the cold shoulder from former friends and family but if you get bored and have any news or gossip you'd like to share, please write me. I think I'm going to be in here for a while.

**Charles T. Hellon** c/o Jefferson County Adult Correctional Facility, 675 NW

## Thankful

I just wanted to say thank you to my aunt Caroline Cruz for coming home again and working so hard for all our people. It's going to be my goal to be thankful for someone, relative or not, everyday. We live in such "critical times hard to deal with," and heartache and death is so hard. Despite all that, it's going to be my goal to be thankful for what we have.

**Joelden Ross Surface**

## Toe Ness

How do you stop a ten-pound parrot from talking too much?

*Buy a twenty-pound cat!*

What is a cat's way of keeping law and order?

*Claw enforcement.*

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment for a while. "I can hardly believe my eyes!" he exclaimed. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"He's not that smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him a couple of times."

## Round Up Time



Happy Canyon Princesses Norene Sampson and Marisa Kash Kash. Courtesy photo.

I would like to extend an invitation out to the community of Warm Springs to attend the 2012 Pendleton Round Up and Happy Canyon Show on September 12-15. I hope you

Although the rodeo doesn't start until Sept. 12, there is a lot of activity going on prior to Saturday.

There will be the dress-up Parade through down-

town Pendleton at 10 a.m. Also on the evening of Sept. 8, in the Happy Canyon Arena, there will be a concert, featuring country artist Jake Owen, the 2009 top new male recording artist for the Academy of Country Music. The other featured artist will be Lonestar.

It's been a wonderful nine months for us as ambassadors. As of today, we have attended 30 engagements as

Happy Canyon Princess, ten of them parades. I have made 23 trips to Pendleton over the months. We definitely have made some great memories. The next couple of weeks are going to be a whirl of events. I'm most looking forward to meeting Jake Owen.

Thank you, and "Let's buck!"

**Norene Sampson**

## Fall Round Up Yard Sale

**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
Set-up at 8:30 a.m.  
Sales 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tables are limited,  
Sign up today.

For more information, contact Carol at 541-553-3243.

## Toe Ness

What do you call an alligator wearing a vest?  
An investigator.

SSS SSS SSS

"I was born in Oregon."  
"Which part?"  
"All of me."

## Some clarity

Hello to the community of Warm Springs. My name is Charles Thomas Hellon, and I just wanted to express to you that for the first time in a long time clarity is creeping in to my mind. I haven't had drugs or alcohol in 49

## Indian Business Talk

# Curing spendicitis by burping the buffalo

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

Spendicitis. It's a hazardous condition. It's catching. It can be a generational problem. Children learn it from their parents who may have learned from their parents.

Your families rely upon you to act responsibly for them. One way to do that is to spend for needs before spending for wants because:

- Wasteful spending diminishes your ability to provide for basic family needs.
- Family financial success and survival require an adequate economic base.

There is a remedy, Burping Buffaloes—What?

A holey quarter or nickel (see instructions below) can

be used as a reminder to be cautious when "Spendicitis" threatens.

Offer—I will exchange "coin-for-coin" for a specially selected and prepared (drilled) coin with this reminder, warning, suggestion, and hope:

1. Reminder—You can be a prudent spender without being a cheapskate.
2. Warning—The hole in the coin may have reduced or destroyed its value in commerce.
3. Suggestion—Remember to put wants in their rightful place—behind needs.
4. Hope—That you will be very careful when defining wants and needs.

### How to use

- Attach coin to keychain.
- Grasp the coin when tempted by a "want."

*Goofy — Crazy—Weird. Yup. But, my Financial Skills students tell me it has worked for them.*

- Squeeze. Squeeze harder. Squeeze as hard as you can—carefully. Don't hurt yourself.
- You may spend for a "want" if you can make the Buffalo, both Buffaloes, the Bear, or the BroncBuster burp, belch, hiccup, squeal, or squeak.
- No burp—No buy! That is the rule.
- Do not modify or ignore the rule.

One Buffalo works well for spenders with only a small problem. Some 2005 nickels

have a Buffalo on one side. 2005 Kansas quarters also have a Buffalo. Burp one Buffalo.

Medium problem spenders should use the 2006 North Dakota quarter—Burp both buffaloes.

Big problem spenders should attempt to burp the bear on a 2008 Alaska quarter—think of putting a Heimlich maneuver on a bear. Burp a bear. Very risky!

And just for the girls—a Wyoming 2007 quarter with a bucking horse and rider—urp a broncbuster.

Goofy—Crazy—Weird. Yup. But, my Financial Skills students tell me it has worked for them.

*The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Friday, Sept. 14. Thank you for writing!*

**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: dave.mcmecan@wstribes.org.  
Annual Subscription rates: Within U.S.: \$15.00.