

Trash Talk

By Yvonne Iverson

As 2012 came to an end, so did free garbage pickup service for Warm Springs.

This got people talking and complaints started flying. There was speculation of what would happen without regular garbage pick up.

Some had their garbage service paid for before the end of the year, and others did not even know that the change was coming until their garbage was not picked up on the regular schedule.

People who were paying for pick-up were concerned that everyone would be using the service that they are paying for, and how do they prevent that?

There were a lot of questions and concerns regarding the garbage on the Rez. Pictures of overflowing dumpsters were seen on Facebook.

Tribal Council met on the issue Monday, seven days after the changes took effect. A motion was made and passed to restore garbage service to the reservation.

So now all the work that was done to make the transition to paid garbage service has to be undone.

Staff are working to return to regular garbage service. "As much as possible, try to empty stuff yourself," said Nancy Collins, tribal Sanitarian.

"The landfill and transfer stations are all open 24-seven, and you can take it to the transfer stations. We will try to get back to residential service as soon as possible."

If you were one of those proactive folks who paid for garbage service, you will be receiving a refund.

There is always the option to continue to pay for the service to help the department, as this is only a temporary fix for this year. Sanitation and Landfill will most likely be facing cuts again in the next budget year.

Many folks are very thankful for the restoration of service. Following the Monday announcement, a Facebook user commented, "Thank you Tribal Council and anyone involved in making this decision to be of help to the community."

Spilyay Speaks

Letters to the editor

To Veterans

The Warm Springs Veterans Hall is the location for the VFW Post 4217, which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The hall is also the location of the American Legion Post 48, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

The tribal Veterans Services Officer is Keith Baker. His office is at the Veterans Hall. Current day and hours in office are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each week.

The telephone number at the Veterans Hall is 541-615-0347. The telephone number for the tribal Veterans Service Office is 541-615-0348.

On January 15 we are officially establishing our American Legion Post 48. The dedication is at 6 p.m.

Veterans and families are invited to attend. This includes widows and family members of veterans that have passed on. Bring a dish for potluck dinner.

For our youth

Kw'athlanoo. I was thinking with gratitude about our people here who are committed to preserving our culture and spirituality. In Warm Springs I have witnessed our Cultural and Heritage language instructors working with little ones and families to maintain our language and spirituality.

Suzie Stockish has commitment to work evening hours to teach the Waashat songs and the Ichiishkin—powerful messages in the songs. Wilson Wewa and Greg Arquette are diligent helpers with these classes. We have monthly Waashat services at the HeHe Longhouse.

Arlita, Anna, Merle and Dallas have immersion lessons with miyanash 3 and 4 year-olds. It is an amazing sight. Merle's daughter Keyonna Yellowman is a teenager who sings the National Anthem and the Lord's Prayer, and traditional songs in our Ichiishkin language. shix k'inupa Beautiful.

Deanie Johnson volunteers much time to teach Wasco dance, Waashat songs, and spirituality to the young ones. Lamyay Elder Adeline Miller and the late Gladys Thompson also taught the children the Wasco culture

and spirituality.

Lucinda Green works with young people for the Christmas Pageant and most importantly, teaches food gathering to the young boys and girls. Lucinda, her sister Roma and her daughter Charlie, plus others in the family, have a Root Feast ceremony that is carried out by the young ones.

In my perspective as a single parent, we are so fortunate to have these valuable resources!

These are challenging times for school children across the nation. Today, I am giving joyful thanks for:

- Unshakable faith that has endured our way of life—Spirituality.

- The inner strength and character of the Sapsikwathla (teachers).

- Our Elders who are a living tribute to revitalizing our language and culture

- The good work and fruit of labor.

- The mutual respect of one another.

- Special gifts and wise ways of training in God's ways.

God bless you!

Na k'ishayat

Aurolyn Stwyer

Diabetes dinner

We are starting a new year for the Diabetes Awareness dinners. This month's dinner is all planned.

Menus for the year are being worked on, and I am waiting to hear from a couple of the invited speakers before putting out the whole year plan.

The Diabetes Awareness and Support Group is presented by the IHS Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program, and the Warm Spring Senior Program.

The dinners are the third Tuesday of the Month, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Senior Center.

The first dinner for 2013 will be Tuesday, Jan. 15. The topic for discussion will be "Diabetes and alcohol." The menu will include chicken stir fry with brown rice and fresh fruit.

Jeri Kollen, RN, Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator, Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program, the Health and Wellness Center.

God bless

Friends and family,

For those of you who don't know, I am at the NARA treatment center getting help for my alcohol problem. I would like to thank the Coun-

seling Center, and Odessa Jones at Probation for all their help. I appreciate all your help and support. I am doing good. People here are very supportive and encouraging. I am trying to get a hold of Lawrence Caldera. Lawrence, can you get hold of me as soon as possible. I would greatly appreciate it. I also want to send my condolences to all to those who have lost loved ones. Sorry I could not be there. God bless the Res.

Jerome Davis, 17645 NW St. Helens Hwy., Portland, OR 97231

Wishes...



I want to say Happy Birthday on January 8 to my sisters Whitney and Courtney Buck ~ from everyone who loves you!

Happy 2013 to all my family and friends at home. From Steven Anderson Jr. Love you all. Thank you kindly.

Births

Glenn Max Whiz III

Glenn Max Whiz Jr. and Lucille Meredith Polk of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Glenn Max Whiz III, born on December 28, 2012.

Glenn Jr. joins brother Donnie, 4; and sister Rashana, 6.

Grandparents on the father's side are the late Glenn Whiz Sr., of Yakama; and Marva Lawrence of Warm Springs.

Great grandparents on the father's side are the late William Ball Whiz and the late Mildred Whiz, both of Yakama; and Aleatta "Mugg" McConville of Yakama.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Annette Polk of Warm Springs; and Dixon Polk of Yakama.

Great grandparents on the mother's side are James Teeman of Warm Springs; and the late Donnie Holliday of Warm Springs.

Blessed loved one



Get Ready—Stay Ready!

In remembrance of our niece Sandra Jo Scott-McGill.

An apology to the family, for unavoidable circumstances prevented us from being present for the services.

First, I would like to extend a "Thank you" to everyone at the home services, for your endless efforts to help out, and to those who shared wonderful words of comfort. Thank you to the singers and dancers for their sincerity. What a wonderful meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to share words, with family and friends, of my love and respect. First, for the Creator, Who allowed us to have her with us for the time she was here. Her purpose was fulfilled. He called her home, but didn't leave us comfortless. He left us with a peace in our hearts with beautiful memories of how she lived her life.

Her own little world, as mother, a young grandmother, a wife, a daughter, a sister, cousin, niece, a friend—Sandra branded each one of our hearts with her caring

ways. Her efforts were to care for her family, to make them comfortable and happy. Her sense of humor she inherited from her dad Danny, remember him? Unique. Her little giggle (easy to recognize a mile away), laughing and joking her way out from between "a rock and hard place."

With the gift of her hands, she was so diligent in visualizing, materializing with her artistry, creativity and ambition, she worked with pleasure and high expectations with her beadwork. That was our common ground, we shared ideas, laughed at our mistakes, made fun of our first makings—that colorful trail I will hold dearly in my heart; there she will be with me, she took my love to Heaven.

As she served the Lord, prayerful and believing, she dances and sings before the Throne of God on the streets of gold where the roses never fade forever. Live life so we can see our loved ones again. Thank you, God bless and keep you, brothers and sisters in Christ. Love and Prayers.

Delcie Scott (aunt)

Moriah Emalayne

Nathan and Emily Hellman of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Moriah Emalayne, born on January 1, 2013.

Moriah joins brother Judah, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are Mike and Mary Hellman of Fairview, Oregon.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Donna and Wally Schmidt of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Orego-

nians in many civil cases. Phone Legal Aid Services of Oregon to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney on the first Monday of the month (excluding Holidays) at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave., Warm Springs. Call 541-385-6944 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, or on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Fire destroys Colville Reservation longhouse

Colville tribal regalia used in religious and cultural celebrations were lost in a December fire that destroyed the Chief Joseph Nez Perce Longhouse on the Colville Reservation at Nespelem.

An electrical malfunction apparently started the fire. Flames were too intense for firefighters to enter the building. Fortunately, no one was injured.

The building was a spiri-

tual and cultural center. It also used for meeting and events. Tribal historians are working to identify items that were lost. The following is a statement from tribal chairman John Sirois:

Our community, especially the Longhouse community, stood in a state of shock a day after Christmas. At approximately 12:30 a.m. that morning, a fire broke out at the Chief Joseph Nez Perce

Longhouse.

The longhouse completely burned to the ground, despite a valiant effort to save the structure.

The fire response team arrived minutes after the blaze started; however, the flames were such that the fire rendered the building a total loss.

Tribal police were investigating the scene and all preliminary evidence suggests that an electrical malfunction

was the cause of the blaze.

The Colville tribes' insurance company has been notified and efforts to replace the structure are underway.

This building was more than a place of worship. It was a place of giving and a place of teaching and love.

Our prayers are with all those families affected, and we ask that our heavy hearts are lifted in time.