

Changing time for tribes as Council election nears

By Yvonne Iverson

As I was going through my emails today I came across one about change that said, "When things change in our life, often we have resistance to the change."

Spilyay Speaks

This made me wonder, When Tribal Members go to the polls on April 4 to elect the 26th Tribal Council, will they embrace change or resist change?

Judging from past elections some districts are more resistant than others. There will be some forced change this year as the Tribal Council Chairman is not running for re-election.

In the Agency district there are 27 nominees, which is the largest amount that many can recall.

We still have not gotten an official response on which nominees have passed the background checks.

All submitted Candidate statements have been airing on KWSO, and are printed in this issue of the Spilyay without confirmation of if they are qualified or not. Everyone was allowed the opportunity.

Absentee ballots will be rolling in and voters will go to the polls on Thursday, April 4 to decide who will represent them for the next three years on Tribal Council.

According to my email, "Change is always happening for the good of you and for everyone. It is the evolution of life."

Budget meeting notice

There will be a community meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the Community Center Social Hall. Topics for discussion are 2013 budget reductions and the 2014 budget regarding essential services.

Letters to the editor

Lantern Launch

The lantern launch to finalize the *I Have A Dream Symposium* is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, beginning at 6 p.m., and lasting until all lanterns are launched. The lantern launch will take place at the Warm Springs Community Center.

What is your dream? Don't let life's obstacles keep you from fulfilling your dream! With hopes of inspiring both adults and youth to fulfill their dreams, Warm Springs Recreation Coordinator Carol Sahme coordinated the *I Have A Dream Symposium* on January 21. Big Brothers Big Sisters Tribal Partnership Coordinator Sarah Frank assisted Carol.

Rudy Soto will return to Warm Springs for the lantern launch.

At the Jan. 21 symposium keynote speaker Rudy Soto shared his inspiring story, an enrolled member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes.

He was born and raised in Nampa, Idaho, as one of seven children.

During his early teens, poor choices landed him in and out of juvenile detention centers throughout Idaho for nearly two years. Hoping to live a better life he decided to change.

With the support of loved ones he found a new way forward. He graduated from high school and earned a scholarship to attend Portland State University.

While in school he served as the Student Body President, and the leader of the United Indian Students in Higher Education.

He is presently a Youth Engagement Specialist for the National Indian Child Welfare Association and a Sergeant in the Oregon Army National Guard.

Rudy is passionate about inspiring youth to recognize their potential and empowering them to make a difference. He also had the unique opportunity to meet President Obama.

On January 21 Carol Sahme sent participants home with homework. Everyone was asked to put their dream in writing. On April 14, participants will write their dream on a lantern before the lantern is launched at dusk.

Please join us for this inspiring event as we *Launch Our Dreams!*

Carol would like to have

the *I Have A Dream Symposium* an annual event.

If you have any questions call Carol at 553-3243 or Sarah at 408-6973.

Wasco/ Palouse union

We want to thank our families and friends who attended our wedding at Hehe, making it a wonderful confirmation service and blessing of our marriage.

We especially thank the Wasco Chief Alfred Smith Jr. for officiating; Andrew Tiger David, and Anthony and Loren Slockish, for leading the Washut service; Alfred Estimo, for being the MC, Lucinda Green and Roma David family for the wonderful food and salmon dinner; our Maid of Honor Annie Smith Ethridge for bringing out her mother's outfit.

Thank you to Charlotte Pitt and Elizabeth Woody for the wonderful words; Lillian Pitt for designing the grooms wedding band, and our elder Ginger Smith for the Wasco blessing.

We must also thank the Culture and Heritage staff for contributing their knowledge, and allowing us to use their images of traditional root plants, used as décor and education about our traditional foods.

Finally, thank you for your generous gifts and donations. We will (in lieu of wedding gifts) continue to accept tax deductible donations of any amount, to the Palouse Project, to support the Palouse Canoe Family. Mail donations to Tierra Madre Fund, PO Box 17844, Seattle, WA 98127, c/o Palouse Project.

We will be sending out a wedding announcement, which will include an invitation for everyone to attend our wedding reception, to complete our union, on May 11, 2013 at Fishhook Park on the lower Snake River, at our Annual Palouse Memorial Dinner.

We will also be honoring Tom Estimo, for his eightieth birthday, as well as participating in the traditional memorials, name giving's, dinner and services.

Lewis and Jolene Pitt

Redsides Powwow

Last year we had the first of what I hope turn into many Redsides Powwows at South Wasco County School District.

If you were here, you know that we had enough food to feed an army, and enough people to finish it all! KWSO radio from Warm Springs was here and many people were interviewed throughout the evening. We had the Black Lodge Singers, a well-respected and nationally known drum group providing the music.

We were treated to amazing traditional dancing, complete with full dress regalia.

All of our students, parents and community members in attendance participated in many dances, and I would have to say, that a great time was had by all.

This powwow idea was something that Ray Moody and I had bounced around for a couple of years. What it finally took was the energy of one of our high school students to make it a reality.

T.J. Andrews took the idea and ran with it. He drove to many locations around the state hanging posters and handing out flyers. What evolved from all of his hard work was an amazing culture-filled evening for our school and community.

So, when Chico Holliday (T.J.'s father) donated money towards keeping the Redside's Powwow going again this year, it was a very easy sell. We also received money from the Wasco County Cultural Trust and the Oregon Community Foundation. And, Black Lodge will be here again!

I not only want to invite everyone to this year's powwow on April 17, but also let you know about a few of the new things we have going on at this event to help ensure a smooth evening:

Of course, we will be providing a meal. Through generous donations we will be providing salmon and ham along with scalloped potatoes and all the serviceware. We are asking that those attending bring a salad or dessert.

In an attempt to alleviate the large food lines we will serve dinner in the grade school gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m. Buffet lines will be outside with room to eat in-

side. The powwow itself will be held in the high school gymnasium at 6:30 pm.

We will also be selling t-shirts this year to help ensure funding for future powwows. T-shirts will sell for \$10 each.

This will be an open traditional powwow with no money involved, we welcome the singers to bring hand drums for a round dance and encourage all dancers to put on your finest regalia.

We will be sending out an activity bus to the following local stores to help those community members who do not drive, or who simply want a ride, as well as delivering you back at the end of the night. The pick-up schedule is:

Wamic Store - 4:30 p.m.; Tygh Valley Store - 4:40 p.m.; Three Warriors - 4:30 p.m.; Walter's Corner - 4:45 p.m.

Please join us for this fun-filled night. We are hoping to make this an annual tradition and would love to have you attend this amazing event.

For more information please call the South Wasco County high school office at 541-395-2225. Hope to see you there on April 17.

This article was written through the collaboration of Chico Holliday, Ray Moody and Ryan Wraught, South Wasco County Superintendent.

A thank-you

Thank you to the Warm Springs community, and people from other areas, who came to Ernest Hunt's funeral services.

Thank you to all friends and relatives, nephews, nieces and everybody.

We very much appreciate all of the help and support.

Thank you to the pall bearers and honorary pall bearers; thank you to Larry Dick for your support.

God bless you all, **Frances Hunt, and from all of Ernest Hunt's children.**

God Blessed

Thank you God Almighty for blessing us with a wonderful praying Pastor: Ernest A. Hunt. We refer to him as a "four-star General in the Army of the Lord."

We were blessed with

people willing to help: Larry Dick, Brothers, Mel Moss, Edward Jim (dressing); Grave preparation: Johnny Holliday Sr., Antonio Becerra, Frank Fuiava, Brandon Lucei, Clem Picard, Anthony Caldera, Earl Tom, Wayne Tom and Manuel Moscasque.

Tina and Easton Aguilar, Rebecca Picard, Charlotte Shike, Wanda Sampson, Deenie Johnson, Wayne Tom, Senior Program, Tribal Council, Natural Resources, who have contributed in donations, monetary gifts, food, music or some other capacity.

Cooks/Volunteers: Sisters, Kim LeClaire, Valerie Fuiava, Michelle Holliday, Sue Savage, Jasmine Caldera, Coleen Reed, Lee Saunders and Shirley Tufti.

Ministers/Pastors: Pastor Hoskie Bryant, Andrew Cobb, Edward Jim, Mel Moss, Carol LeBeau, Susan Gabriel, Betty Russel, Eason Aguilar, Wanda Sampson, Pastor Arthur Reynolds, Brother Gary Benson and his son "bother delicious" Pastor Rubio, Pastor Maruin.

Family/Relatives: Family from Arizona, New Mexico, Canada, Washington, including children, grandchildren, sisters-in-law, former flock, brothers-in-law and the Body of Christ.

2 Tim. 4:6,7 - For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

"Keep going brother, Keep going sister, Jesus is coming, Be Ready!" by Pastor E. Hunt.

God Bless each and every one of you,

The Warm Springs Full Gospel Church

The next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo will be delayed in order to report the results of the April 4 Tribal Council election.

The paper will be published as soon as possible with the official results.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Tuesday, April 2. Thank you for writing!

Website tools provide access to state Legislature

For those of you who would like to follow this year's legislative session, here are two ways to keep track of the issues you care about in Salem.

On the state's legislative webpage, you will find a new information portal available called the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

OLIS is an application designed to streamline access to session information. OLIS provides access to bills, committee information and the daily calendar of events and is a great way to track what is happening in the capitol.

You can access OLIS either by going to the legislature's home page:

What may be the most fun and most informative tool is the on-line link to live streaming of committee hearings and floor sessions.

www.leg.state.or.us

Then click on the OLIS icon in the center of the page.

OLIS displays a wealth of session information accessible through four icons and their drop-down menus. These icons are called Session Day, Bills, Committees and

Reports.

Session Day provides a listing and an agenda for all hearings scheduled for that day including House and Senate committees and both chamber floor agendas. It also lists referrals and reports for the day.

The Bill tab allows you to search bills by number, text and sponsor. Each bill link provides an overview, current status, scheduled events, key contacts, proposed amendments and measure history.

The Committee tab allows you to look at each legislative committee, including membership, meeting times and locations, assigned bills and agendas.

Finally, the Reports tab provides access to important information like status reports, measure indexes and floor letters.

What may be the most fun and most informative tool is the on-line link to live streaming of committee hearings and floor sessions. On the legislature's web page, you can click on the Audio/Video tab.

From there you can select a video stream to view, including the House and Senate chamber floors and all of the hearing rooms.

You can also access archived audio for the floor sessions and many committee hearings.