

Some mascot names are not all right

By Yvonne Iverson

Native American mascots are gaining attention once again, most recently from the protest held last Sunday at Lambeau Field for the Packers/Redskins game.

Protesters stood in the rain outside the stadium with signs saying "Redskins refer to the scalps of my ancestors" and "the R-word is = to the N-word."

Although the Redskins team owner Daniel Snyder has vowed to never change their name, here in Oregon Gov. Kitzhaber vowed to change all Native American team names by vetoing a bill that would allow some teams to keep their names if local tribes approved.

So starting in 2017 no Native American mascots or names will be allowed in public schools.

My thoughts are that teams and mascots should not refer to any person or group of people, not necessarily because the names and images are offensive (but believe me some of them are), but because people are passionate about their teams and love to show their team spirit.

You know you are going to cheer your team on and you want them to "stomp" their opponent. When your team is running up the score they are "killing" the opposing team.

Well when the opposing team refers to a group of people hmmm... let's say "The Indians" then team spirit turns into racist slurs.

During Homecoming and Spirit Week across the county the whole point is you want your team to crush the rival. You decorate the halls, make posters, and dress up to show your spirit.

But if your rival team is "The Indians" then the halls that our children walk in say things like "We're gonna stomp the Indians," or maybe even "massacre the Indians," with a picture of our mascot scalping their mascot.

These types of things are not okay.

I am all for team spirit, so just take the references to people out of it, because nobody seems to mind if there is a noose around a Duck's neck during Civil War week.

Letters to the editor

Culture Class

Culture Class is no longer including tribal language, as the Language Program is unable to provide teachers due to conflicts with the immersion classes and other language program obligations.

However, the Cultural teaching will continue, and Parole and Probation will be expanding these services to include providing classes to inmates in our tribal jail.

On Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m., Cultural Classes will be held for the male population at the Warm Springs Correctional Facility (WSCF).

On Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m., Cultural Classes will be held for the female population at WSCF.

Then on Wednesday, Culture Class will be held at the Tribal Parole and Probation office from 3 to 4 p.m.

Leona Ike, director, Parole and Probation.

Museum event

The Huckleberry Harvest, Gathering by the Creek, is set for October 5.

The Huckleberry Harvest will be held at the Museum at Warm Springs, where you will be immersed in the beauty of the culture and traditions of our tribes... with the mesmerizing beat of a drum as it echoes through the basalt rim rock canyon, each drum beat, a heart beat. We will have a traditional salmon bake, cooked over smokey alderwood, a savory taste of tradition that has gone unchanged for generations.

We will have a silent auction and oral auction, filled with hand-crafted art from our tribal artisans, so you can take a piece of Warm Springs home with you.

Please join us! We look forward to seeing you then. Get more information, and register at: museumatwarmsprings.org

By attending the Huckleberry Harvest you are directly supporting the preservation of an important resource: our communities' heritage, our museum. Over four decades ago, our elders and tribal leaders had a dream, to one day have a place to house and show our family heirlooms and treasures. A place to educate both our own tribal members and visitors from around the world about the history, heritage and culture of the Con-

federated Tribes of Warm Springs. We've been open for 20 years now, and we are still celebrating our dream!

Turning dreams into reality continues to be the work of the museum board of directors, board of regents, our staff, and the Warm Springs community.

Your help gives us the opportunity to grow, flourish and share our beautiful museum with visitors near and far. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will attend the Eighteenth Annual Huckleberry Harvest. Sincerely,

Debbie Stacona, Museum at Warm Springs.

Changes

Our home, where Gene grew up, burned down and we lost everything including our dog and cat. That was a very sad day. It has been a dramatic change for us. Moving from the country to West Hills, having no rent to paying rent, no neighbors to many, these are some changes. We also had the loss of our Elder, my Uncle (autwyi) Wow.

We are thankful for all the prayers, songs, hugs, words and loving thoughts, traditional wear, clothes, towels, blankets, kitchen ware, money, and so many more things. This has not been an easy time.

During this time, we have been supported by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, and our children Violet, Julia, Sterling and Leah; others, my work family (CCC), NARA family, NAYA family, and my special friends (so many). We have gotten support from our communities, Warm Springs, Madras, Prineville, Oregon City, Portland, and the churches near and far.

We are so grateful and blessed for the generosity, love, kindness and goodness of all! We hope to rebuild our home in South Junction some day.

Gene and Alice Sampson, PO Box 87, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Life is not easy some days and we get pushed to the edge it feels like. Twenty-seven years ago I would have drank my sorrows away with alcohol. I would have stayed in pain, self-pity, depression, anger, fear and blaming and attacking others for my life issues.

With working my daily program, putting my Creator first, making better decisions, living life, treating others how I want to be treated, taking responsibility for my choices, communicating in respectful ways, and again putting the Creator first (prayer and song). During this rough time in my life, I can appreciate the good in us all. I am so thank-

ful for sobriety!
Alice Sampson.

A thank you

To family and friends, We want to thank everyone that was there to support our family before and after our brother's passing on. We want to thank those that made the time and effort to visit him in the hospital that last day. Thank you for the songs that were sang before and after he passed. Your support meant a lot.

Thank you to our out-of-town and out-of-state family and friends that came to the services.

Thank you Jode for officiating and helping with all the other ceremonies that, go with a funeral. Alfreda Mitchell, thank you for the outfit.

Thank you to the Phillip David and Alvin Schuster and sons (nephews) for doing the dressing in a respectful way. Thank you to the cooks. Thank you to the police escort from Redmond, and Paul Vaeth for transporting our brother.

Thank you Annie for helping Carmen during the funeral and all the other things you have done for her. Thanks also to the drummers and dancers.

We also want thank our family and friends that helped clean and prepare the home for family services. Also those that loaded and hauled the stuff to the dump. And all that helped label the give away at the home.

I am sure we aren't remembering everyone, but please know all that was done to help was appreciated. Thank you to utilities for the tables and benches and the grave digger. Thank you to Olivia Wallulatum for the memory cards.

With love and much appreciation,

Jameson Mitchell, Freda Wallulatum and Darlene Foster.

Memorial

My family and I had a Memorial for Atwai Michael Spaulding on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the Simnasho Longhouse. I know memorials are usually held on Saturdays, but on this day, it would have been our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, and we had made plans a long time ago to renew our vows on this day at Cove Park. That is why we chose this day. After it was over, I heard people went to the Longhouse on Saturday. Thank you so much for thinking of us, and I'm sorry we missed you.

I would like to thank Diane Fuller, Marella Sam and Veronica Baez for their con-

Indian Head Casino

— Employee of the Month —

Kara Katchia

The Indian Head Casino Employee of the Month for August is Kara Katchia of the Player's Club.

Kara has performed outstanding customer service in a sincere helpful manner, said Margie Tuckta, director of Human Resources.

"She approaches her job with a great attitude and a keen sense of creativity and problem solving," Margie said.



Congratulations Kara!

Honor and Courage

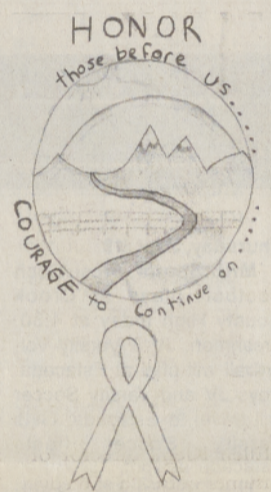
First of all, apologies are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sam... I'm sorry for the misspelling of your last name, or should I say missing your last name, in the last issue of the Spilyay.

Honor and Courage... Honor those before us... Courage to continue on...

Who would have thought two words would have so much meaning to everyday living and carry into eternity!

The logo for team "No Fear" (members include Lynn Trent, Tammy Wilson, Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie, Melissa VanPelt, Linda Porter, Becky Picard, Liz Smith, Elizabeth Sachse and Earlyne Squiemphen) showed true meaning to these two words by:

Honoring those who have succumbed to cancer, and we have the courage to continue on with



Logo by Lynn Trent.

their legacy.

Also, Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast supports the American Cancer Society! Great job ladies!

Speaking of Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast, Congratulations to all teams—Great job!

Respectfully yours,
Earlyne Squiemphen

Wishes...

Happy Birthday to my grandchildren.

On September 22, Happy Birthday to Charlotte Shike, and Albert Dean Adams.

September 25, Happy Birthday Dino Jones.

On September 26, Happy Birthday to Anona Francis.

And on September 29, Happy birthday Tamesha Brown.

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House subcommittee hearing on gaming land standards

The House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs is holding a hearing this week to discuss standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes.

Generally, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

bars gaming on land acquired after 1988. But there are exceptions to the rule that have been the subject of controversy (Tohono O'odham Nation) and that have been in the media lately (Menominee Nation).

The Bush administration

adopted a guidance memo in January 2008 that barred nearly every off-reservation application.

The administration also finalized regulations for Section 20 of IGRA that tightened the criteria for gaming on newly acquired lands and

took other steps to discourage or deny off-reservation casinos. The Obama administration rescinded the guidance memo in June 2011. Since then, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has approved off-reservation casinos for a handful of tribes.