

Holiday Spirit

By Duran Bobb

Last week, the Portland offices of the FBI came to the reservation with an offering in the holiday spirit.

"We put names on a tree," Holly Fauerso, Community Outreach Specialist for the FBI said, "and we had employees take names. People could take a clothing tag or a toy tag...or both, if they wanted to. They went out shopping and we had a wrapping day - we really just had a lot of fun!"

A list of names was made with the help of Warm Springs CPS, Victims of Crime, and ECE, Nancy Seylor said.

And in the end, there were enough gifts to provide for 13 needy families in Warm Springs.

Spilyay Speaks

Beth Anne Steele, who issues the regional press releases for the FBI, was on hand to greet Warm Springs Public Safety GM Stan Suenaga, Police Chief Carmen Smith, Nancy Seylor, and advocates from VOCs. "We've done other versions of this in the past," Holly said as the gifts were being prepped for delivery, "but we've never done this many. This year, we have 71 children."

The FBI Academy Alumni's Association, which serves all of Oregon, also donated for the occasion.

2010 will be history in a matter of hours. These words, these stories will go into the archives and yellow with time as the reservation and our people march forward.

Maybe some day far into the distant future, a young man or woman will read about the generosity of the good people at the FBI and remember that they were one of the children who received a special gift that year.

2010 will not be completely gone, oh no. Some of us will continue writing that year down on anything that we sign well into February.

We were here for it. And we're charging on to be here for whatever 2011 holds for us.

Next June the reservation will be 156 years old. That's a long time for some things to change.

Even longer for other things to stay the same.

TOE NESS...

Spilyay makes a New Year's resolution to go to church.

"In the beginning," the pastor says loudly, "there was nothing! Then God said, Let there be light!"

"I bet He could see the nothing a lot better than," Spilyay said.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you, sponsors



Tysen Green competed recently at the Indian National Finals.

Thank you to all those who donated to my trip to the Indian National Finals in Las Vegas:

Tami Ferrest, Janell Smith, Lisa Putnm, Evon Frost, Molly Semm, Brenda Parrish, Sean Lynn, Carol McDaniel, Sael Minnick, Tara Frank, Darlene Hoffman, Linta Smith, Candy Watson, Mema and Elaine Lewis, JoAnn Smith, Tom Cat Logging, Suzie Green, Angie Blackwolf, and Power and Wa-

ter Enterprises, Kah-Nee-Ta, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Central Oregon Livestock Auction. Also to all those who came to the fundraiser at the Longhouse that my grandmother Lucinda and Starla Green held. Thank you.

A big thank you to my mom's family and my dad's family for all their love and support. Thank you.

Tysen Green

The future



Terry Courtney Sr. on the scaffolding and fishing float in the Jefferson County Fair Parade.

Where do we go? We definitely aren't in tune with our natural world—woe is me! What can we really, really do? Where is the wisdom of life? The knowledge has changed and not for the tribes' benefit. Helter skelter. Unity—ears that don't hear, eyes that don't see, voices

not heard, that drift on the winds to nowhere. There is little respect, hardly any honor left that all our ancestors lived by. Who will be the last traditional person and how many years will pass before this happens?

Tribal elder, Terry Courtney Sr.

With respect

Sending much love and respect to the Warm Springs and Yakama Nation, and those families I have effected by past behavior. Warm Springs folks have maintained in contact with me while dealing with this life

altering experience here in state prison in Washington. You allowing a fellow to call here and there has been such a release of stress and emotions. Sending the people of Warm Springs an assurance that I have not avoided any self help workshops offered to us here at Whitman College, quarterly anger management and alcohol and chemical dependency classes. There's much change in my life as to what was and is today. I understand the past, dependent on abusing the booze, using this as an excuse to deal with hurt and a lot of pain from loved ones lost, through painful dreams and hot sweatlodges. My spirit feels strengthened and a clarity of what is expected of a family member in any community should and will become more responsible to you, my family and relations. Included is a mail box where anyone who wishes to give me an earbeating may contact, please do so. To our elders, you're always in my prayers. Ramon Caldera, 714460, West Complex IMU/ South B-16, Washington State Penitentiary, 1313 N. 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Wishes...

Happy Holiday wishes to Robert, Gunner, Bryce, Jaren and Terrell. Love and miss you all. Dad.

I want to wish Mi Reina Jamey W., Happy New Year! Matthew Ortiz.

I'd like to say, 'What's up?' to the whole Warm Springs reservation, and wish mi familia up on Park Heights a Happy New Year! I love and miss everyone. From Matthew Ortiz.

Fun event

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to the Warm Springs Christmas Family Fun Event, and to those who made it possible as well.

The Prevention Coalition is following that event with another one on Jan. 8, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. called the "Elvis Birthday Bash."

It will be held at the Community Wellness Center social hall. It's a contest where 24 competitors will win prizes in a look-a-like, sing-a-like, and dance-a-like contest.

We need contestants.

Michael H. Martinez, Children's Protective Services Meth and Suicide Prevention Initiative Team. 553-3205/ (971) 678-0387.

Grief support

Mountain View Hospice will host a winter grief support group beginning from Jan. 18-March 8.

The group will meet weekly every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Juniper Conference Room, basement level at Mountain View Hospital, 470 NE "A" Street, Madras.

Pre-registration is required as enrollment is limited. To register or for more information, please contact Mountain View Hospice at 541-460-4030.

Mountain View Hospice is a dedicated team of trained professionals and volunteers committed to providing compassionate care to terminally ill patients, their families and significant others. Terminally ill patients are defined as patients who are no longer responding to aggressive curative therapies or treatment.

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ing quality of life and addressing the medical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the patient, their family and significant others.

Hospice respects patient's

wishes to die a natural death in a familiar environment with comfort (pain free), peace, and dignity.

For more information, please visit www.mvhd.org.

Indian Business Talk

Credit card thieves using new technology

By Bruce Engle
W.S. Credit Enterprise

If your credit card is in your wallet or purse, can your account information be stolen without the wallet or purse being stolen?

Yes!

A small portable "reader" can be passed within a few inches of your wallet and your card type and number are instantly gone.

It is that quick, that easy, and that devastating to your account and your feelings of security. Then, the thief can quickly convert your card information to "purchases" or "withdrawals" that you will be billed for.

Your first hint of the prob-

lem might be a phone call from the credit card company. They are sensitive to certain kinds of transactions.

Or, you might not know of the problem until you have opened your monthly statement and gotten up after reading it and fainting.

Solutions:

You can search on line for RFID wallets or card protectors. Some sites will sell you several for under \$30 including shipping.

Wal-Mart advertises them. Don't use credit cards.

The credit card industry will probably solve the problem in the near future but it's difficult to predict how near that future may be.

Veterans have new drivers license option starting in 2011

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles wants to make you aware of a change that may affect you.

On January 1, 2011, Oregon residents who are military veterans will be eligible to have their status as a veteran placed on their driver license, driver permit or identification card.

Veterans may request this designation when they apply for their driver license, permit or ID card, or when they renew or replace their card.

Applicants who qualify for the veteran designation will have the word "Veteran" placed above the issue date on the front of the card.

To qualify, veterans must provide proof of veteran status, in addition to meeting all other Oregon requirements for driving privileges or ID—including payment of the original, renewal or replacement fees.

There is no additional fee for

the veteran designation. To prove veteran status, veterans must present a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty—form DD214—or a correction to DD214—form DD215.

The option for a veteran designation on driver licenses, permits and ID cards is the result of Oregon legislation passed earlier this year. The law, set to take effect January 1, allows the designation only for veterans as defined by ORS 408.225.

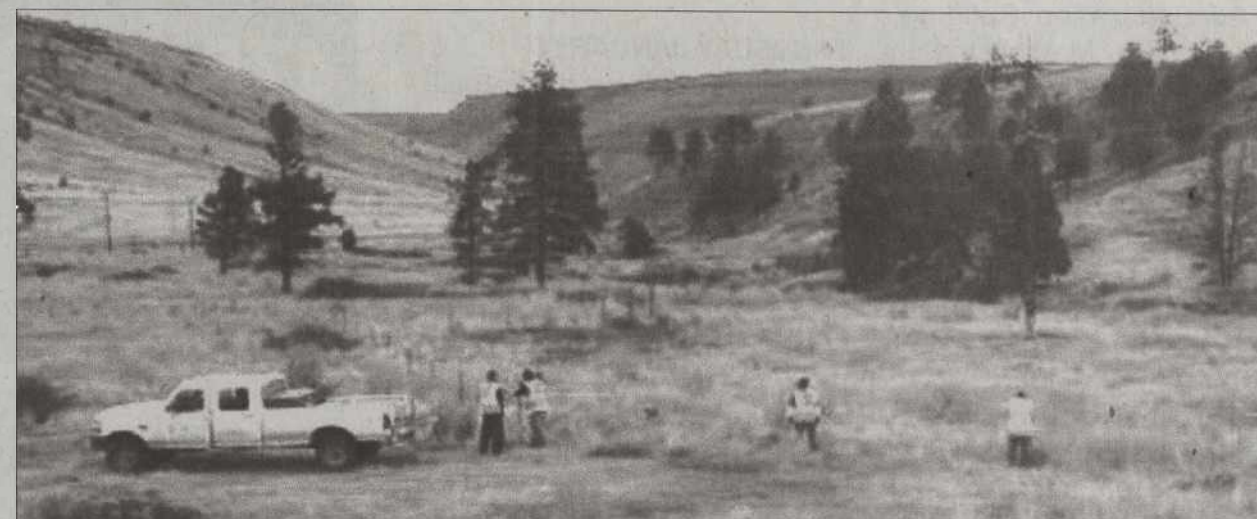
According to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, there are about 351,000 veterans in Oregon who may request the designation.

If you have questions about the new law, please visit www.OregonDMV.com; or call your local DMV office.

Sincerely,

Tom McClellan, administrator, Oregon Department of Transportation.

Fencing project



Tribal Construction Enterprises installing the lower Dry Creek riparian fence.

The Branch of Natural Resources Fish Habitat Department would like to inform the Warm Springs community of the Lower Dry Creek Riparian fence enclosure that the Natural Resources staff has installed.

We worked with other departments and with local livestock owners that utilize the area where the fence enclosure is located.

The enclosure is along Highway 3 and the landfill turnoff road. You can see that it is 4-strand barb wire with metal cable for the water gaps for the live stock to be able to get to fresh water.

We would like to thank the Warm Springs Construction crew that was working on this project and employing 11 total tribal members for the summer installing this enclosure, which

is a total of just under four miles.

If you have any questions for comments on the fence enclosure or any ideas to better the range or stream bank protection for fish, please contact Johnny Holliday Sr. at the Natural Resource Office, 541-553-2001.

Scott Struhs, Natural Resources.