

## T-shirts and Fires

By Duran Bobb

It didn't take long, once the smoke filled the air, someone began selling commemorative fire shirts.

Some tribal members who lost their homes during the Simnasho Fire still have those T-shirts. They have never been worn.

*Spilyay Speaks*

To the victims of a wildfire, souvenirs can be painful reminders of a horrible time.

But Dan and Sheri Wilson of Omak, Wash., have another point of view.

"This is a tradition with fire fighters," Dan said.

For the second time this season, Dan is back on the reservation to sell T-shirts to firefighters.

While battling the flames, fire fighters form strong bonds of friendship with the members of their team. And sometimes, the memories of a dangerous job with friends can be the most cherished.

"Most of the shirts that I sell go to firefighters," Dan said as his wife folded shirts out of a heat setter. "I sell a lot to the locals, but it's mostly for the firefighters to buy as souvenirs."

Dan and Cheri are the owners of Zion Ink. They work right from their trailer.

"We travel from fire to fire in the summer," Dan said. "During the off-season, we'll do sports teams."

Dan designed the logo himself and had screens ready to print within 20 hours after he received news of the fire.

"In this job," he said, "timing is crucial."

Some tribal members were concerned when Dan's stand vanished.

"We actually found out that my permit had been expired for three days," he said. "But that's all been taken care of."

T-shirts are \$20. Kids shirts are \$15. Hoodies are \$40. Long-sleeves are \$25. Tie-dye shirts are \$25. Caps are \$20.

Dan Wilson can be contacted at dan@zionink.net.

### TOE NESS...

Spilyay: [9-1-1 Call] Hurry, come quick! My teepee is on fire!

Fireman: Calm down! Just tell me how we get there.

Spilyay: Oh...you don't have those big red trucks anymore? YIKES!!!

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## Letters to the Editor

### Spokesperson

Reina Estimo has worked as a criminal defense spokesperson and the assistant public defender for less than 12 months. However, I need to publicly recognize Reina for her hard work and dedication to the job of providing criminal legal assistance to Warm Springs tribal members.

There is more to being a public defender than winning jury trials. The tribal member criminal defendants need an advocate who will point out their good attributes to the tribal judge.

Our criminal defense work often starts with tribal members being held overnight or a weekend for a bail/bond hearing. At the bail/bond hearing the prosecutors often ask the tribal judge to impose pre-trial bail, and that's when Reina will tell the judge the individual's situation and ask for an "own recognition" release, or to decrease the amount of the bail.

At arraignment hearings, Reina will advise all the defendants being arraigned on new charges, or on violations of their probation, of the recommendations of the tribes.

She will help with the defendant's sentencing arguments if the defendant chooses to plead guilty or no contest. Reina works hard on case preparation and any needed negotiations or motions for those clients going to trial.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, Reina defended a tribal member on August 25 who was charged with a driving under the influence, and the jury returned a not guilty verdict. Reina carefully reviewed the police officer's reports and the case facts with her client. In preparation for the trial, she made a list of the perceived weak points in the prosecution's case. During the trial she noted the possible errors in objection rulings from the bench, and completed her closing argument points. I saw her closing argument and it was very good. A big "Good Job" to Reina Estimo.

Mark Matthews, tribal public defender.

### A question

I know other people find themselves in similar situations. Mine involves our court system. I'm incarcerated here in town. So what else is new? But don't I, as a tribal member, have some rights?

Over the past couple of months I've been trying to get my per caps sent to me. I was

told my per caps were going toward a loan and court fines. With the loan off, I started getting \$50 a month and the court got \$50. This went on for a few years.

All of a sudden, without the benefit of going to court or a modification hearing, or me signing papers, the courts changed it. I wrote legal aid, and the court. No answer. I guess when you're in my position, they can do that. I'm just curious, and who can I get an answer from?

Edmond Kalama, 675 NW Cherry Lane, Madras, OR 97741

### 4-H Camp

A special thank you to Bryan Lund and his crew for picking up the remaining garbage at Peters Pasture after the 4-H Camp.

I appreciate this so much, and there was a lot of garbage.

This was very helpful. Once again, a Big Thank You.

Arlene Boileau, 4-H coordinator.

### To clarify

I, Earlynne Squiemphen wife of Herb Graybael, would like to comment on the obituary previously submitted, and I do appreciate all the kind words that were written.

Herb was born in Merrill Oregon, not Sutherlin as stated.

Lynn and Daniel (Chavez) Graybael were both adopted by him, and he raised them as his own children and claimed their children as his grandchildren also: Thyrecia Chavez, Zachery, Aaron and Scott Fluhr. All four grandchildren, will always remember "Grampa." They also know that Brent, Tracy and Rick are their uncles, and their children as their cousins as well.

When it came to family, he always put their needs ahead of his own regardless the circumstance. He contacted his sister Shirley Holmes, who lives in Arizona, frequently just to chat and inquire on her health and well being, say prayers together, and have great conversations with her.

His working career with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs actually started in 1966. Granted he did work along side his father, but he started as a Journeyman Carpenter. Through the years he was promoted to Utilities plant manager and eventually general manager of Public Utilities.

He was the jack of all trades: carpenter, water/waste, plumber and even an electrician. He was very dedicated to the community of Warm Springs and their needs. You could find him to be out with his crew digging trenches, fixing water lines, or whatever need arose, always hands-on and getting the job done. The Utilities Department was his life and all the staff went above and beyond the call of duty each and every day. They deserve "hats off, roll out the red carpet" for all their hard work, and in making Utilities stand for serving the community of Warm Springs.

He had total respect to the community of Warm Springs and the community gave it in return to him. He was a very humble man, who never said no to any job that needed to get done within the community of Warm Springs, totally dedicated! No one will ever fill his shoes or replace the knowledge he left

with. But due to medical reasons he retired January 2009 from the same job he held for 43 years, which was his livelihood each and every day.

I would like to thank each employee of the Public Utilities department for your commitment. You always made him proud to be part of your department and personal lives.

With this, I hope no one takes offense or their feelings are hurt (as mine were).

Thank you community of Warm Springs!

Earlynne Squiemphen, wife of Herb Graybael.

### Family, friends

I would like to send my condolences to my family and friends of my yaya, Roger T. Stwyer. I am truly sorry that I could not attend the funeral, mainly due to my problem with alcohol and the way it affects me. As it is, it has landed me where I am at, in the Jefferson County Correctional Facility, Madras, where I'll be for a substantial amount of time.

I blame no one except myself and my problem. It has been very hard for me to accept all the deaths in my family, my uncle, my two nieces, and now my yaya Roger. Sadly, all Stwyers. For them I pray.

I give thanks to all who did attend, and my prayers are with them. Especially to my sister Winona and my nephews William, Charles and lil' Roger. I am sorry to be a disgrace to the family. I didn't mean to let down my family and friends. Thank you and I'll see you all next spring.

Henry Maurice Stwyer, "Swan-See-Kee," 675 NW Cherry Lane, Madras, OR 97741.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Sept. 16. Thank you for writing.

### Thank you to supporters



Courtesy of Merle Kirk

Keeyana Jane Yellowman (Alawiikt)

Keeyana Jane Yellowman (Alawiikt) won the title of Miss Pow-Wun-Put Powwow and Encampment 2011 in Roosevelt, Wash.

Keeyana worked very hard and sold her own raffle tickets to gain the title.

The powwow happened July 15-17. This powwow represents all of the Columbia River tribes.

We would like to thank all of her supporters and her family.

Merle Kirk.

### Wishes...

Happy 40th Anniversary to my husband Greg on September 3. From Darlene.

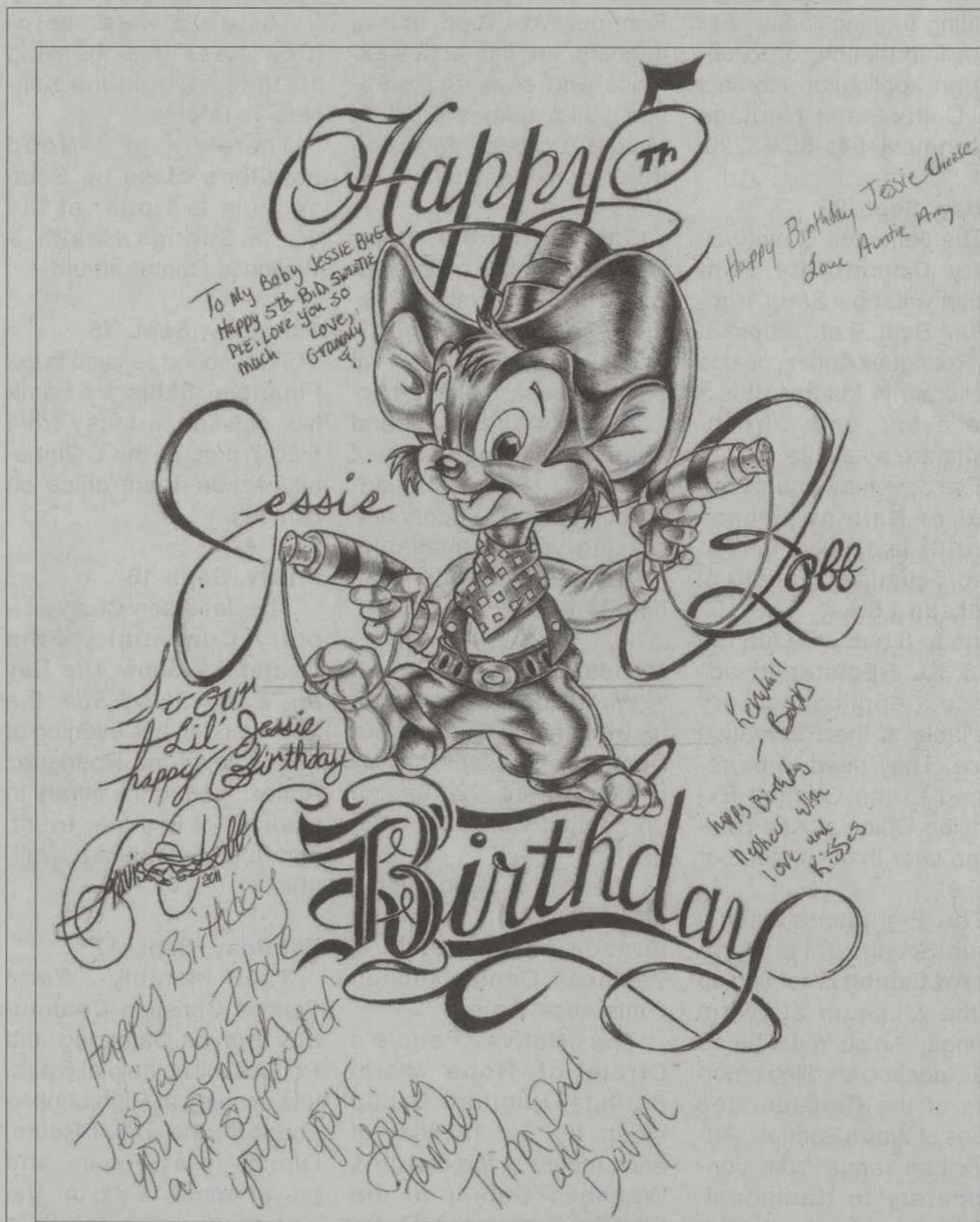
Happy 35th Anniversary to Wow and Carmen on September 3. From Darlene.

Happy birthday, Matthew Lee Craig, Sept. 13. We love and miss you! Love, Mom, Carol and Chad, and Grandma Carol.

Happy birthday to a Special Cousin, Roberta Ann Tuffi, September 7, 2011.

There may be many cousins who are thoughtful, warm and kind, but it's plain to see how special you are because of the smiles you leave behind!

Hope your birthday brings as much happiness to you, as you've given to others. Lot's of love and hugs to you from all your cousins near and far.



A Happy Birthday wish from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

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