

# "Blessing of the Animals" held on Sunday, October 3, 1999

## Agent impressed



Sister Pauline shares story with a captive audience.

Sunday, October 3, was a beautiful fall day, and on campus a small cluster of people (kids and adults) gathered to show respect and appreciation for their pets, and to thank them with the help of Sister Pauline, for all their kindness and love. It was the second annual Blessing of the Animals in Warm Springs. This even is celebrated in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures on his feast day of October 4.

Here is some of Sister Pauline's message at the Blessing of the Animals:

"Creator God, we praise you for this lovely day-for the blue sky, the warm sunshine, the flowers and the tall trees. We thank you because you have made a world that is so beautiful and wonderful. When we think about the size of the universe, when we hear the thunder, watch the horses galloping, or sit beside a flooding river, we remember what a great and powerful God you are. And then we see the little things like the patterns of a butterfly's wing, the colors of a fish, a bird feeding her babies, an ant working hard, a spider making a beautiful web, or a mouse building a soft bed for her family, and then we know that as well as being a very powerful God, you care about little things: little cats and dogs, and insects and bugs and hamsters and very special little people. We thank you for giving us all these animals and birds and fish and insects to help us be happy. Help us to take good care of everything and everybody you made. And if we have hurt any of them, please forgive us. Amen."

Then Sister Pauline read a story-Saint Francis and the Wolf-a wolf that had been terrorizing the people

of a city called Gubbio.

While Francis was staying in that town, he learned of a wolf so ravenous that it was not only killing and eating animals, but people too. The people took up arms and went after it, but those who encountered the wolf perished at its sharp teeth. Villagers became afraid to leave the city walls.

Francis had pity on the people and decided to go out and meet the wolf. He was warned of the danger, but he insisted that he would be safe. A brave friar and several peasants accompanied Francis outside the city gate. But soon the peasants lost heart and said they would go no farther.

Francis and his companion began to walk on. Suddenly the wolf, jaws agape charged out of the woods at the couple. Francis signaled the wolf to slow down and to close its mouth. Then Francis called out: "Come to me, Brother Wolf. I ask you not to hurt anyone." At that moment, the wolf lowered its head and lay down at St. Francis's feet, meek as a lamb.

St. Francis explained to the wolf that he had been terrorizing the people, killing not only the little animals in the forest, but also farm animals and people. "Brother Wolf," said St. Francis, "I want to make peace between you and the people of Gubbio. They will harm you no more and you must no longer harm them. All past crimes are to be forgiven."

The wolf showed its assent by moving its body and nodding its head. Then to the absolute surprise of the gathering crowd, Francis asked the wolf to make a pledge. As St. Francis extended his hand to receive the pledge, so the wolf extended its front paw and placed it into Francis's hand. Then Francis asked the wolf to fol-

low him into town to make a peace pact with the townspeople. The wolf calmly followed St. Francis.

By the time they got to the town square, everyone was there to witness the miracle. With the wolf at his side, Francis offered the townspeople peace, on behalf of the wolf. The townspeople promised to feed the wolf. Then Francis asked the wolf if he would live in peace under those terms. He bowed his head and twisted his body in a way that convinced everyone he accepted the pact. Then once again the wolf placed its paw in Francis's hand as a sign of the pact.

From that day on the people kept the pact they had made. The wolf lived for two years among the townspeople, going from door to door for food. It hurt no one, and no one hurt it. Even the dogs did not bark at it. When the wolf finally died of old age, the people of Gubbio were sad. The wolf's peaceful ways had been a living reminder to them of the wonders of the natural world.

There are other churches and faiths that also have ceremonies to honor animals. In many religions and belief systems, the paradox that each living creature is unique and therefore separate, but simultaneously part of a larger circle of life, is addressed.

When we focus on differences (any differences!) in a critical way, we become more separate from each other and from other beings. This separation often leads to fear-and fear can lead to misunderstandings and anger. When we focus on the similarities shared by all living beings, we can feel empathy and sympathy for others, we can understand the actions of other people, and we can even stop to listen.

To the editor,

On Wednesday, October 6, 1999, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Family Science Night event at Warm Springs Elementary school hosted by OSU SMILE (Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences). SMILE is an enrichment program for disadvantaged students in grades 4-12 that currently has clubs in the Warm Springs/Madras Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

I was not familiar with the program or its participants so I did not know what to expect. What I saw was incredible! I saw students excited about sharing their knowledge, I saw teachers supporting learning on multiple levels, I saw interested community members and I saw proud parents. Now THAT is a hard find these days.

For those of you who have not witnessed the excitement of a child engaged in explaining a scientific experiment or leading other students in a hands-on activity or just having FUN in a non-violent and healthy manner, I urge you to check out the local SMILE club. I guarantee that you will see it all!

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Handley  
Family & Community  
Dev. Agent  
OSU Extension/Warm Springs

## Thank you firefighters

To the editor,

Special Thanks. The families of Tommie & JoAnn Smith would like to thank all those that participated in saving our Sidwalter home from the HeHe Butte Fire.

Especially the two Jefferson County Firetrucks & volunteers who went on site, and to the planes dropping retardant.

Thanks to friends and families checking on us. What a traumatic experience, being on national and local news. We thank the Creator & all those that assisted, all local, county, and out-of-area agencies.

Thank you again,  
Tommie & JoAnn Smith  
Shane & Donte Smith  
Aaron Smith & Angie Blackwolf

## Thank you for caring

To the editor,

To the employees of WSFPI, Tribal, IHS/BIA, WS Elementary, Sonny's Restaurant, Oscar's Sporting Goods, Madras Community members and all Tribal Members,

This letter is a big thank you to all for donating raffle items to the mill for Truman Lumpmouth Sr. He has not been able to work since the middle of February of this year and he does miss working at the mill.

Thank you to Florence Scott, Theresa VanPelt and Mona Strong for putting this together, and to all the mill workers who helped sell the tickets. Thank you especially to those people who contributed the donated items and all the people who bought the tickets. This donation came at the right time and he truly appreciates everyone who was involved. The list of names is posted at the mill of who won the raffle items. Thank you to everyone in the community! May God Bless each of you.

Truman Lumpmouth Sr.  
& Family

## Attention

Indian Trail Restaurant is now accepting quality arts and crafts on consignment for sale to the public. Interested artists and craftspersons may contact Richard or Vivian Macy at Indian Trail Restaurant at the Plaza at Warm Springs. (541) 553-1206

## Church to celebrate 125th

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. I am pleased to announce that on October 31 at 7 p.m. we will be celebrating the 125th birthday of the Warm Springs Presbyterian church. We are going to have a birthday party at the church. It won't be really long-it is still a school night. But we are going to have games, prizes and a cake to cut and eat. So come and wish us a happy birthday.

Here is other news of the church. There is a cancer support group that meets here in Warm Springs and in Madras. Its purpose is to provide information and support for anyone who is in the midst of wrestling with the disease of cancer. It is also there to provide support for families. If you have cancer you do not have to be alone. All praise and applause to the Tribal Council for passing a seat belt law for the community. Wearing a seat belt is not a white world issue, Indian world issue, or rural county issue. It is an issue of science. When an object, a person, seats inside a box, a car, when the box stops the object inside keeps inside keeps moving forward. You have got to hold down the object inside to protect it. Hey, how about a seat belt. Great News and Thanks Tribal Council.

I must make comment about all of the funerals we have been having in the community. Please to one and all

continue to pray for all of the families who are in grief. Their struggle begins when the services are over and life is suppose to go back to normal. So you see it is important to go and ask family how are you doing? And be a good listener. Also I want to thank the people of tribal utilities, the police, Longhouse cooks, and others who work very hard behind the scenes to make a funeral happen in a loving worshipful way. Special prayers to family who must make at times, really hard decisions about the medical care for a loved one. Do not take on guilt to your life. Make the call between you, the patient and your God.

I tell the community of Warm Springs that I went down to the rap concert on Friday and Saturday nights to listen to the music. What I heard was cursing and a message that women were sexual tools and slaves to men. With our record of domestic violence I hope and pray we will do better to not give our young people such trash to feed their minds.

The Warm Springs Church is located on the campus area. Christian Education is Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship and study at 7 p.m. Youth study on Tuesday nights 7 p.m. (seventh grade and up). And Women group on Wednesday nights 6 p.m.

See you in church.  
Rev. Rick. R. Ribeiro

## Thanks Ante

To the editor,

I would like to thank Antoinette for all her efforts in getting the family together in honor of "Cliffie". The food was great, thank you to the other Kat for helping Ante clean and cook. It was nice seeing Cliff and Faye, Roxie and her family, Norma, Pat, Bernie, all the kids and the rest of the family that we are always glad to see. It's good to get together for a happy occasion. We all had a great time. Happy Birthday to all the family having October birthdays!

Love, Kat, Michael (old man), Kirstie Bear & Mikayla

## Congratulations given

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jake Suppah, married in Las Vegas on August 28, 1999.

Jake & Julie, we love you both and wish you peace and happiness. Jake you are now our brother, a part of our family. We accept you with open arms.

Jake we appreciate and thank you for your love and dedication to our sister, Julie and our nieces, Sophie and Sierra.

There are a lot of people that are very happy for you both. So stay focused on the good in this world and don't ever let mean and hateful people come between you both.

We wish you both a long and happy marriage.  
Love your brother & sister,  
Orvie & Shelia Danzuka

## Family thanks community for support in their walk for Diabetes

The family of Ellen Johnson would like to thank the community for their support in our walk for diabetes on September 25, 1999. The following are those that helped with their donations: Georgie Meracle, Patti Couch, Jamie Burleigh, Dena and Bobby Thurby, Mona Jim, Vio Vaeth, Minnie Yahtin, Maureen Fragua, Carroll and Chuck Dick, Minnie RedDog, Deborah Jackson-Alvarez, Rich Lohman, Hilda Culpus, Elsie Sam, Monica Leonard, Sonja Kenyon, Dorothy Henry, Joann Moses, Marissa Wolf, Vivian Wewa, Ollie Smith, Lucinda Green, Helean Arthur, Laura Sahme, Cecelia Collins, Roma David, Gayle Rogers, Joan David, Sandi Thomas, Dana Smith, Teddi Tanewasha, Stacy Fasthorse, Wayne Saunders, Brenda Cloud, Bonnie Langeliers, Sara Thomas, Bo Ortiz, Alvagene Charlie, Missy Scott, Drew Smith, Gerald Danzuka, Bridget Culpus, Bodie Shaw, Austin Greene, Anna Clements, Sylvia McCabe, Talya Holliday, Catherine Lazlo, D. Yahtin, W. Leonard, Sarah Ike, Mark Stevenson, L. Hellon, B. Bobb, T. Coburn, Robert Hornbuckle, Don Courtney, LeMinnie Smith, Urbana Manion, Jane Kirkpatrick, Shilo Shaw, Redine Kirk, Dave M., Mark Coffee, Jerry Kendrick, Don R., John & Helen Smartlowit, Carmen Smith,

Suyenn Smith, Greg Stinson, Theliah Henry, Tyrna Muilenburg, Gwen Leonard, WSFPI and Indian Head Casino. We apologize if we have missed mentioning anyone.

In total we raised \$777.10 for the American Diabetes Association. The following are those that helped with the fund raiser: Colleen Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Theron Johnson, Judy Johnson, Althea Henry, Wally Lujan, Laurain Hintsala, Bev Surface, Leah Henry, Tiffney Henry, Martha Winishut and Joe Henry. The day of the walk, September 25th, was Ellen's birthday. Ellen suffered a great deal of her life with diabetes and the illnesses it caused her. It was important for her family to get

together as a team to raise money to help toward finding a cure for diabetes and to take part in the 6 mile walk in her memory. Twenty-four of her family members ranging in age from 3 years old to 50 years old made the entire 6 mile walk. Those that walked were: Harry Hintsala, Laurain Hintsala, Jolene Hintsala, Chip Calica, Lauren Holliday, Alexis Stwyer, Jace Hintsala, Stephanie Belgard, Carolyn Johnson, Theron Johnson, Judy Johnson, Althea Henry, Wally Lujan, Kamianna Lujan, Andrew Lujan, Leah Henry, Tiffney Henry, Alexandria Henry, Martha Winishut, Don Winishut, Donesha Winishut, Bev Surface, Jim Surface, Arianna Henry. Thanks to all that participated.



Happy Birthday Bob!  
October 16th  
Hope it was a good one.  
From the Spilyay Staff



Happy 12th Birthday  
Erickson James Lucei  
October 9th  
I love you & hope things are better at school now. Study hard & don't let the cute girls interfere with your homework. Write me OK!  
Love, Mom & Virgil

Happy Birthday  
Erickson, hope you have a good day! And we miss you too!  
Love your sisters,  
Shannon & Davina

Happy Birthday  
Vernice E. Switzer  
From Lawrence G. Polk plus your Brat Girls  
Ernestine & Maria

Happy 1st Birthday to Baby Girl  
Nalani M. Brisbois  
Can't wait to give you all the sweets  
for your birthday...  
Love your Uncle, Auntie, Byron and Lil Larry

Happy Anniversary  
Marty & Morningstar Spino  
Many wonderful wishes to you both.  
Love your good pals...  
The Scotts

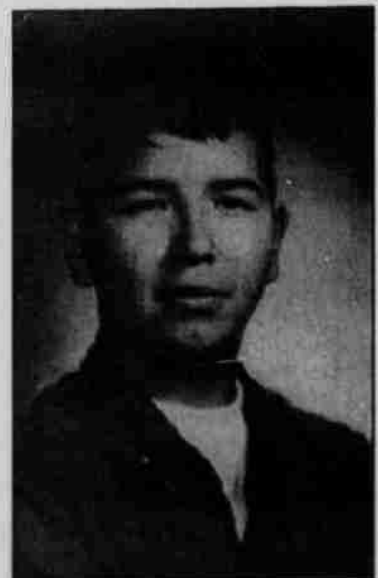
Happy Anniversary  
to my husband  
"Anthony L. Boise"  
Love you more each day!  
Selena

Happy 10th Birthday  
October 19, 1999  
Byron Ray Scott  
Our Big Baby...  
We are very proud of you in everything you do. You will always be one of our little Angels...huh, huh...  
We love you with all our hearts.  
Dad, Mom & YaYa

Happy 7th Birthday  
Douglas Brisbois  
Hope you have a great Birthday  
Love, Uncle, Auntie, Byron & Lil Larry.

I would like to wish these family & friends a Happy Birthday, this is for the month of October. I hope you all have a very good day on your special day.

- 1st-Chuck Moody; Florene Wolfe
- 2nd-Wiyaka RedDog
- 4th-Bryce Johnson
- 5th-Susie Moody, Calvin Williams
- 8th-Lester Begay
- 9th-Larissa & Farlynn
- 10th-Alice Johnson
- 12th-Marylee Sconawah
- 17th-Rosie Johnson
- 18th-Edith Walsey, Raenele Weaselhead
- 20th-Blake Weaselhead
- 21st-Shawnee Johnson, Percie Black Wolf, Edward Weaselhead
- 22nd-Champ Palmer
- 28th-Devon Wolfe, Lil Mikey
- 29th-Eric LeClaire, Jackson Mitchell
- 31st-Tarence Wolfe, Jesse Bevis



Happy 50th!  
Lots of Love  
From you Luvin' Family  
Bunnie, Jolene, Chip, Jace,  
Stephanie, Lauren & Alexis

