

## Special people, and special time

By Selena Boise

Who is that special someone in your life? Who will get that extra special attention on the Valentine's Day this year?

This time of year, just before the spring season sets in, is when you remind someone in your life how you feel about them.

### Spilyay Speaks

I made it through the stressful holidays this winter and now I am ready to start this fresh New Year with a fresh new outlook on life.

That fresh new outlook includes my family, my husband and all that surrounds these important people.

I hope to make them all feel special on Valentine's Day this year. Not just that day but all year.

Hearing of the tragedy this week and the person waiting to hear word about her husband and child makes me realize that family is important.

There was also sadness throughout the nation due to the space shuttle Columbia. This tragedy took the lives of people who had families themselves.

We shouldn't wait until Valentine's Day to make our loved ones feel loved. Love should be expressed each and every day in our lives because there may come a day when you can't show love to someone because they will not be there.

Love shouldn't be taken for granted in our lives, especially for our children, who need love and trust. Give them a hug, buy them a gift, or do something special for them. Don't wait until it's too late.

Keep positive thoughts within yourself when you go home and see your loved ones after a long day at work or school. Let them know that you are glad they are here to greet you when you get home. They have to endure a long day at school as well.

Warm Springs will be meeting and greeting all the visitors at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. I usually enjoy going there to watch the dancing.

Sometimes at these large gatherings you see familiar faces from your past. Friends that you met at other powwows.

On another subject. The big pool tournament is coming up at the Chinook Winds Casino. The first time I went there I was amazed at the pool tables.

There were close to seventy-five tables and more than 500 pool players from the Northwest. I was scared and nervous and didn't shoot all that great but it was fun.

I went there with my friends Patches, and Jeri. I was on their league team, and they taught me how to play nine-ball.

They were fun to travel with because we laughed and had a good time. And we met up with Karla while we were there and she always has a good joke to tell.

It was that year that Karla won the novice division championship, that was so neat to watch. She received a plaque and \$500.

Well, I'm going to go and watch a good match in Bend this week against my former teammates against another team. There's sort of a challenge between these two teams. I want to be there.

I believe that my former team will win.

But then, that's only my opinion.

## Thank you

Dear family, friends, health care workers and community members,

The last couple of years have been especially heartbreaking for my family. In August 2001, my niece Nikki Courtney died unexpectedly. In March 2002, my mother Catherine Courtney died. Seven lonely and lost months later my father Terry Courtney Sr., followed. One week later, my niece Nevada Beymer joined them.

I want to thank High Lookee Lodge, IHS, Mountain View Hospital, St. Charles Hospital and Bel-Air Colonial Funeral Home for the loving care given my family. Thanks to our friends for all the prayers, hugs, flowers, kind thoughts, gifts and food. Most all, thanks to my husband and brothers and sisters for holding together through it all; and to my three daughters who gave up work and school to be where needed the most. You've all been so kind and considerate, thank you. Sincerely,

Mavis Shaw

## Invitation

Friends and family of Laura Stahi are invited to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Celilo Longhouse on March 9. The Washut services will start early.

For more information, call (541) 553-7040.

## Hand drums

In December our class made hand drums. It was a lot of fun, and we learned a lot. We would like to say thank you to the people that made it possible:

Emerson Squiemphen, for sharing his time, patience and knowledge. Susie Stockish, Anna Clements and Lois Squiemphen for incorporating Ichishkeen into the work we did.

Healthy nations and Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino for the money to buy the rawhide, sinew and awls.

Warm Springs Tribal Utilities Department, for donating the pvc pipe and cutting it to make the frames.

The parents that were able to lend a hand: Roy Spino, Gorky Mitchell, Harvey Jim, Jeanette Tanewasha, Ken Miller, Kimma Flammond and JR Smith.

We are really proud of our drums. Stop by the museum and check them out. They are on display at the Children's Art Exhibit. Sincerely,

Mrs. David's second-grade class: **Sylvia, Bryson, Brianna, Wyatt, Shawnel, Dylan, Amanda, April Rose, Marella, Robert, Cadaleana, Tyson, Shaniah, Doris, Rodney, Ashley, Kaleb.**

## Fund-raiser

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to thank all of the students and staff members at Jefferson County Middle School for their thoughtfulness and generosity. The students participated in a fundraiser to purchase new PE equipment that was lost during the recent fire that destroyed the Warm Springs Elementary gym. The total amount dedicated to the replacement fund was \$2,010.54. This amount will help purchase new playground and PE equipment so the students at Warm Springs Elementary can continue learning new skills and maintain their fitness potential.

The students of Jefferson County Middle School should be proud and commended for their efforts and concern for others that will someday be a part of their school.

Hold your heads high and remember that what you have done will make a remarkable difference for the students of the school. Sincerely,

Michael Osborne, PE teacher, Warm Springs Elementary.

## Bad calls

To the editor of the Spilyay Tymoo,

I, Vernon Smith Sr., am writing this letter to the editor on behalf of the Men's 6-foot and Under Basketball Tournaments sponsored by the tribes.

I think it is about time to get new officials to referee the basketball games. One referee was a parole officer, and another referee was a former police officer.

All the referees are from the Warm Springs Reservation; they are all hometown referees. It is too bad that the referees did not call any fouls when the player

from Lapwai, Idaho had his shoulder dislocated. Even though Lapwai had to play five games to get to the championship game in a seven-hour period. Lapwai lost by one basket in the championship game, which was the sixth game they played.

I understand the other teams only had to play two or three games in the tournament. I know that the Lapwai basketball team has won three out of four championships in the four tournaments in Warm Springs.

Bad calls from the referees! Yours truly,  
Vernon "Besta" Smith Sr.

## Apology

To Sally Adams,  
Sorry!  
Twus

## Not responsible

As of Jan. 10, 2003, Pearl Wyman is no longer responsible for the debts of Dondi Foster Sr.

## Child abuse

In recent weeks there have been a number of children admitted to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

These have been children as young as 12, with blood alcohol levels as high as 0.27 percent.

Putting that in perspective, a fully-grown adult is defined as legally drunk at less than one-third that degree of intoxication. But this is not an issue of legal or illegal.

This is an issue of life and death.

Drinking this amount of alcohol can kill an individual by shutting down that area in the brain that controls the person's breathing.

Add an automobile or a weapon, stir in additional drugs, multiply by the number of other intoxicated individuals, child or adult, and the situation becomes even more deadly.

However, these children are not driving to the store and buying this alcohol on their own. They are being provided with the alcohol directly, or allowed easy access to it. This is child abuse.

It is a grave public health danger to this community. "Public health" is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "the art and sci-

ence dealing with the protection and improvement of community health by organized community effort, and including preventive medicine and sanitary and social science."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

There is a segment in our community that is not being protected from, and in fact, appears to be targeted for destruction.

I have heard stated in this community and I have read on these pages that "Our children are our future," "Our children are our greatest resource."

If someone locally were to be caught setting fires in the forests, poaching game, embezzling money from the casino, they would be quickly and sternly punished.

And yet this, our greatest resource, our future is being wantonly squandered.

Thomas M. Manning M.D.

## Our people

Our Warm Springs people's survival is at a crisis point. Desperate, so desperate that our leaders are grasping at straws, wasting millions upon millions of our Warm Springs people's limited resources, gambling on Mr. Governor to honor his word. Please, how many white guys do you know that have ever, ever told our people the truth our brought anything to offer our people besides sickness, pain, sorrow, tears, death.

In my lifetime I have met a few non-Indians who have honored their word or offered our people anything. I respect these few people. Mr. Corolla, new dentist, offered me a set net to catch salmon with no apparent contingency. A first in my life. I'm always amazed how our Creator brings honorable good human beings into one's life at the most crucial times.

Do away with all the credit cards, magazines, open accounts, tribal furnished vehicles, create a memorix accounting system that actually works. Fire these slob, managers, who don't have the backbone to do their job, fire these non-tribal people that 8-5 it and don't do anything for our people anyway. We would save our Warm Springs people millions upon

millions of our limited resources.

Myself, I wouldn't lose any sleep firing these 8-5 carpetbaggers. Let these jerks work for their own people, neighbors, community, instead of living off the blood of our people while the majority of our people continue to live in abject poverty, jobless. Our children like new shoes too. Our children like good food too. I don't know what is exactly wrong but I do know that it is not right. Too many people are suffering, dying, unnecessarily.

Bobby Eagleheart

## Can't believe

To friends and family,  
I hope you all had a better holiday than me. I know in life everyone has their own problems, trials and tribulations to deal with day to day. As for myself, I spend most of my time in blissful ignorance, time goes faster that way.

I've spent 20 some months in a state institution here or there paying for a crime I did commit, yes me and no one else. I get some mail from the rez and newspapers, so I know what I need to know. I haven't seen anyone since I left county jail, but it's a long drive at least cps says so, when I ask about a visit with my son. Whatever.

One day my little inmate existence was messed up. I got a phone call saying my father's gone, what? Nah! Must be a mistake.

I ask about a viewing, DOC says see if your family can videotape it (what, it's not a powwow) because Silva you can't go, oh but this was after they let me think I could.

After that time I'm on automatic pilot because for now this is my world and it's easier if you play nice in the sandbox. The Pioneer comes and I read the obituary, why didn't I survive my father. Ouch, that hurt.

I don't care if no one writes (I've nothing to say). I don't care if no one visits (I forgot how to act). So I'm not looking for pity, but what's up with forgetting me? That was cold.

Baby girl, Little Jug, Jr., that was me. I tried to let it go but I can't, I can't believe I was forgotten.

Margaret Silva, Robert (Wyno) Williams' daughter.

# Birthday and other wishes...



Congratulations to my daughter Candice Miller. First term studying biology at Concordia in Portland, straight A's.  
Vesta

Wishing my father Alvis Smith Sr., a happy 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I remember fishing at Celilo Falls with you, mom and all the other Columbia River skins.

Thank you for all the love and beautiful memories. You're special to me Wenumch.

Plus a belated to my Ya Ya Kanim and that's my mom atwai Ramona in the middle. Three people that I love dearly.

Oh! Almost forgot, a happy birthday to my Nana Snooky, aka Marie Calica, the big 60... many more, sis... Believe it or not I pray



for you guys almost daily. Love you all,  
Bobby

## Happy Anniversary

Parents are very special people to each other and their children.

Through the years, you have shown this to us by giving us love, by always being there whether it be to comfort me in times of need or to share with us, our happiness.

It is such a special feeling to know that we do have parents as wonderful as the two of you, whom we love and respect very much.

And yet, because feelings are so very hard to put into words, we don't tell you often enough how very much we really do need you and we don't thank you often enough for being the two beautiful parents that you have been to us.

So on this day, on this very special day, we would like to say

Happy birthday to Daniel Greene, Jake Frank, Blanche Mitchell Desmond Katchia, Cassie Katchia, Lyle Katchia and everyone else that has a birthday in February.  
Love, Ramona Baez



that yes, parents are very special people and none could ever be as beautiful as the two of you are to us.

Mom and Dad, we love you. **The Frank Stables.**

Happy belated birthday to Shirley Smith. Thanks for everything.  
Bobby

Wishing someone happy birthday? Please contact Spilyay Tymoo at P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Or stop by the office, located at 1100 Wasco St.

