

## Memories of Christmas at boarding school

By Sid Miller  
Publisher Emeritus

Looking back to the past during local boarding school days, each year we would have the play "The Birth of Jesus."

The story when Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem and Joseph was unable to find a room in all the inns and the only place they found was in the stable where Mary gave birth to the Christ Child, of how the angels spread the word of a "new born King" to the shepherds who watched their flocks by night.

The three wise men who followed the star in the east that led them to Bethlehem where they found the Christ Child laying in the manger.

Jesus of Nazareth is regarded by Christians as the prophesied Messiah. Christian, a believer in Jesus as the messiah prophesied in the Old Testament, or in the religion based on the teachings of Jesus, having the qualities taught by Jesus Christ as love, kindness, humanity, etc. Peace on earth and good will toward men!

Each year during the school play, the setting focused on where the Christ child was born. The cast included the Shepherds, Angels, the three wise men, and the main ones, Joseph and Mary. For a week or two we rehearsed, preparing for the annual Christmas program.

The only regret I had was I never got to play the part of Joseph. I was always one of the shepherds or one of those wise guys.

During the changing of the scenery each class would get in front and sing carols like "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Away in a Manger," "We Three Kings," etc.

Individuals would get up in front with a recitation. I can remember back to when "I was just a cute little tyke." I always had a recitation in the program.

All the kids wishing the program would hurry and end so we could get our present.

After the program was over and we got our present, everyone would file out of the gym and receive a bag of candy. Hooray—no school for a couple weeks!

I believe everyone has memories of their school days at Christmas time.

Today we reflect back and remember relatives and dear friends with Christmas cards, wishing them well.

Today Spilyay wishes a "Merry Christmas and a happy new year, and to all a good night!" Ahh-Nah-Chi-Joon!

Spilyay Speaks

### Donation

On behalf of the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services I want to thank Frances Allen for his donation of deer meat to our department.

This generous donation is greatly appreciated. We plan to use half the donated meat at a December Women's Support Group meeting, and the other half will go into the deer meat chili lunch that will follow our December crime victims compensation claim training at the VOCS office.

Any woman who would like to share or participate in a Support Group meeting can come the VOCS Office Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. for a small meal and meeting.

A kind gesture such as a donation of a traditional food can mean a lot to tribal community member victims who are affected by the stress of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other abuse.

VOCS appreciates all of the donations that we received in 2007, which included clothes, stuffed animals, blankets, personal care bags, and traditional foods.

I have heard Adeline, Daisy, and other tribal elders tell about traditional hunters and fishermen who would share a part of their catch or hunt with their Elders and other tribal community members who did not have providers.

I think your donation is a modern day example of this wonderful tradition.

Thanks again Frances.  
Very truly yours, **Mark Matthews**, VOCS manager.

### Fire Safety

Smokey Bear is getting ready for his annual hibernation, but before he retires to his warm, comfy den, he wants to remind everyone to please be fire safe.

Smokey would like to remind everyone to clean their chimney before the winter snows come.

If you are using a wood

stove, make sure the wood you are burning is dry and when cleaning out your wood stove, please put the ashes in a metal container.

Place the container away from anything that can burn, including a wood deck or the garage.

A lot of folks are spending more time in the kitchen with the holiday season here, so please don't leave anything cooking on the stove unattended.

If you burn candles, place them in a safe area away from children and pets and use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candleholder.

Always make sure candles are blown out before leaving the room or going to bed. And kids, please don't play with matches or lighters – ever!

Okay, now Smokey can enjoy his winter nap without worrying about his human friends.

Have a safe and warm winter season. See you all in the spring time!

**Suzy Macy**, Fire Management.

### Ski trip

I would like to thank all the people who organized the Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Trip on December 7, 2007.

It was a great experience I would never have afforded on my own. The Mt. Hood Meadows staff showed our group gracious service.

And the entire working staff were very friendly, one was so friendly I had to ask if I knew them.

It was funny how it suprised me that someone actually being really nice to me almost scared me.

I then realized everyone was nice so it was icing on the day. I had a great time skiing, checking on the group, and skiing.

Thank you very much for the experience.

**Marg Kalama**.

### Honor Dinner on Dec. 29

Versa and Claude Smith (Snuff) are hosting an Honor Dinner to recognize their grandson Machinist Mate Third Class Robert N. Thomas Jr.

All friends and family are invited to celebrate Robert's achievements while in the service.

The dinner will be December 29, 2007 at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse. Services will start at 11 a.m. with a meal to follow at 1 p.m.

Robert and his wife Kathleen will be home on leave December 22-31, 2007.

Robert graduated February 2, 2007 from the Great



Machinist Mate 3rd Class Robert N. Thomas Jr.

Lakes Recruit Training Command in Chicago.

He is currently undergoing

extensive nuclear training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, South Carolina.

Robert enlisted to serve in the United States Navy for six years.

Robert is the son of Shirelle and Robert Thomas Sr., of Warm Springs.

His grandparents are Claude Smith Jr. and Versa Fuentes-Smith of Warm Springs, and Judy Knapp and the late Neil Thomas of Madras. Robert is a descendant of Andrew David and Winona Katchia, Wesley and Annie Smith, Claude Smith Sr. and Victoria Charley and Ernestine Stevens.

### Letters of apology

I would like to make an apology to the people for my wrong doings on the morning of New Year's Day. I was driving my vehicle under the influence, being at the wrong place at the wrong time. I made the wrong decision to be behind the wheel, due to some circumstances, I made the wrong choices in the matter. This is a mistake I will not be making in the future, nor will I be putting anyone else in danger like that again. **L. Berry**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law in September 2007 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering the persons I was driving and the people on Highway 26. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to the following: M. Thompson and J. Tufti who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I will use my better judgment and comply with court orders given to me. And I will make every effort to follow our laws in the

future. **J. Gonzalas**

I am sorry I broke tribal law in the middle of May by aiding and abetting Betty. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to the following: my boys, who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that next time I will think before I speak and take serious thought before I act, and know that aiding and abetting is a serious crime. And I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Sarina Alford**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law by having in my possession a glass meth pipe in pocket on a traffic stop. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. And I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Harold Charley**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 13, 2007 by getting pulled over with a warrant, not doing community service, and getting caught with a weed pipe. I also apologize to the Warm Springs Police Department and the community of Warm Springs for my wrongdoing. It won't happen again. **Aaron Eagle Speaker**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on November 11 by trespassing and theft. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to the following: Kanes Hauchor Jr., who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say

that I apologize to anyone who was impacted by my actions. And I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Matthew Craig**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Nov. 13, 2007 by fighting with a loved one while my kids were present. I apologize to my kids and my girl. Please find it in your heart to forgive me. I think about that day and hurt for what I did. **James Craig**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Nov. 23, 2007 by being highly intoxicated at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, plus being a public annoyance. I also want to make more responsible decisions on the matter. **Forrest Leonard**.

I would like to apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the West Hills residential area. On the 15th day of September, 2007, the cops pulled me over and threw me in the hooscow. I'm sorry and glad nobody got hurt. **Leland Thompson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 11-19-07 by consuming alcohol and being intoxicated. I will try not to consume any alcoholic beverages. **Roger Simtustus**.

I am seriously regretful for getting caught driving under the influence on November 17. I am however very thankful that I did not hurt anyone. Wearing those oranges along with the handcuffs is a blast of humility. It will not happen again. **F. Sutterlee Jr.**

### Happy Birthday and other wishes...

**Happy 8th belated birthday on Nov. 25, Tyrece Ellison David. How much you have grown my baby. I love you. Love, Mom and Hiram, Piggy Kylan.**

**Happy 2nd birthday (Dec. 13) Kylan Yaw, aka "Spiderman." Time flies by. We love you. Love, Mommy and Daddy.**

**Happy 2nd birthday (Dec. 13) Kyla aka Spiderman. We love you. Love, Tyrece, Piggy.**

**Happy birthday Kylan Rayne. Love, Keisha, Marrison, Jr Man.**

**Happy 8th birthday Sissy Gump. We love you. Love, Hiram and Edna and Angels.**

*Happy birthday to our baby girl, Demariouse Fuiava. We love you! Mom and Dad.*



**Happy birthday lil sister. Love, Demetria.**



*Merry Christmas to all our family and friends. Love, the Saunders-Fuiava family.*

**Happy birthday Annette Arce, Carol Parra, Marlene B. on the fifth, eleventh and fifteenth. Also, to Tarivia Parra and Graciela Estrade, happy birthday and Merry Christmas. From Charles Frank.**

**Happy 22nd Birthday George, Happy 12th Birthday Jackson on December 14. Thinking of you both, always. Love Dad, Mom, Tonya, & Leanna.**

**Happy Birthday Donna on Dec. 14, we love you, Tony, Selena, George, Tonya, Leanna, & Jackson**

### Myths and facts about diabetes

By Elsie Howard

This is a true or false question, so grab a pencil and circle your best answer.

*By reducing calories and exercising, you can expect to see dramatic results quickly? True or false?*

**Answer: True.** Some people with type 2 diabetes who lose weight improve their health so dramatically that they can reduce the amount of medicine they're taking. Cutting calories can help you drop pounds, but exercising is the key to keeping

them off.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 553-2478.

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