

Native American Indian Heritage month time to participate

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"Honoring the Good in our People" is a pretty good theme for our Native American Indian Heritage month.

After the proclamation was signed to name the day, our tribe has proclaimed the month a time to celebrate our successes and recognize our customs and languages.

Back in my boarding school days we used to celebrate a Native American week with activities. Students from all over the United States would get together and make this a fun event for everyone on the campus.

We celebrated the unity of the many tribes that were able to come together and celebrate being Native American. Held a princess and warrior competition for students from each class, club, or sports activity. That was very interesting and fun.

Well, our activities in Warm Springs will include the parade, a walk, powwow, art festival, and essay contest.

With Veterans Day on November 11, the parade will include a Native American Dress Parade to join with the Veterans. That should be an interesting and fun activity to see. It's always nice to see families dress up in their regalia and be in a parade.

It is just as nice to see the Veterans in their military clothes.

Recognition goes to the Veterans of our tribe, and many other tribes, on this day because as Representative Joe Baca stated, "Native Americans and their ancestors have played a vital role in the formation of our nation. They have fought with valor and died in every American war dating back to the Revolutionary War, and deserve this special acknowledgment."

Stated very well in the AP story recently.

Anyway, I hope everyone comes out to participate in this National recognition of Native American Indian Heritage. I know we have artists here and it would be nice to see that talent surface in the art festival. Create a canvas art piece that signifies our theme.

Watch for flyers on the confirmed dates for these events. And we will see you there.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than 350 words.

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Letters to the Editor

Nite Out

Dear all,

I want to thank the people responsible for the Indian Nite Out events that occur for community members.

My granddaughter very much likes to dance and we take every opportunity locally where she can practice her dancing.

We initially thought the event was Monday night and we got all ready—just for disappointment when we reached the Community Center.

My Granddaughter was very upset, as she was very excited about the event. But thanks for the next day opportunity—because it did make up for her being able to participate.

I personally want to thank you all again and want our leaders to take note there were a lot of youth at the event and this is great way for keeping them busy and involved. Respectfully,

Myra Johnson-Orange

Eye and heart

A holla to the tribes. Eye of the Heart tells me of the strengths that I have, the gifts that I have given. The gifts that are the Native way to pass on to those that want up-grading and to those that are young and inquisitive.

To see the gifts with such names as perseverance, honor, respect, compassion, and humility, I have lived 50 years in ignorance to these gifts and yet I have recaptured some too.

The Eye-Heart lets me see that I am missing a dear and close friend, one of the few that I'll have in this world, for she has crossed to the spirit world. I have been in the heartbreak hotel for some months now, and that is where I write to you from, the hotel of humility.

It is my honor and pleasure to say to you that she was as strong as they come. I lived with her through 15 years of marriage, nine children, and three grandchildren. It was through her that I learned of respect, for she was quiet and conforming; she did not go out to look for others to hurt or yell at; she did not go out to stir up trouble.

When she did go out, others may not have heard yet could see and feel the compassion, respect and humility emanating from her spirit-self. Others have told me as much and I believe it and I am not much. I will be thankful forever for the compassion she had in her heart for me, the testament to that being our marriage, children and grandchildren.

She lived with honor in that she kept oath of marriage to me for 15 years and she practiced her perseverance by staying

through the bad times, hardships; and smiled and laughed through the fun times and the creating of life.

This eye-heart is proud and honored to tell the world that I love and miss her and ever will. She once told me that she prayed and wished that I would change my nomadic and self-destructive ways, by that she wanted me to quit my drinking the dark water nemesis of the Red Nation. I regret not listening to her then. So with that I voice an oath today, "to the tribes and the Holy Ones. In honor of my good friend, I have and will learn from the final lesson she presents to me, a walk on the spirit trail due to alcoholism. I will not be defeated or consumed by the nemesis of our Red Nation. I will shake the dust of the past from my moccasins and place them on the Red Road."

To those out there confused as to direction, I can say only this: recognize the strengths of your eye-heart. "May the Holy Ones smudge the sickness and hardness from my spirit and strengthen it with courage to persevere."

With respect to the tribes and love to my children and grandchildren, **Tyree Stormbringer**, #1401, Linn County Jail, 1115 Jackson St. S.E., Albany, OR 97321.

Sympathy

To my family and friends, I would like to give my deepest sympathy, to my aunty Jeney Mouse, Jay Mouse Mitchell and my cousins for the lost one. I will miss her deep inside. Love you and may God be with you two. With all my sympathy.

To Davis Stwyer, I'm letting you know you were a loving father and good brother and cousin, and I will miss my niece.

Bird Roberta J. Bruce.

To youth

My name is Shane Wilson. I am locked up for some of the poor choices that I have made in my life. In the time that I have been incarcerated I have learned and come to an understanding that in life the gang banging and all the illegal activity that I have been doing, using drugs, you name it I have done it, has been nothing but making me fall back on my spiritual walk. I am Blackfoot and I am 22 years old and finally coming to realize and accomplish a lot of things. I no longer have the gang mentality, I no longer have the criminal mind I once had. I came to jail with no education. I have been locked up for five years and have three more left. I have been able to get my high school diploma, and to do that was the most powerful thing I have accomplished in my life. There are a lot of people that don't want to use, to pull ourselves out of the dark hole. I just want to let my Native people know that there is hope out there and we need to learn our Indian ways so that we can stay strong. For the next three years I want to get a degree in alcohol and drug counseling,

working with Native youth or with the youth dealing with gang problems. We as older people need to stand strong to teach the younger generations. I am wanting to help my people out and to do what is right for me and others. If there are young Natives out there feel free to drop a line at 2630 N. Pacific Hwy, Woodburn, OR 97070. Thank you and may the Creator bless you on your walk. **Shane Wilson**.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 8 by attempting to elude the police and getting a DUI and an RD. I was not in the right state of mind when this happened. I am getting help for drinking. I will be going to rehab so this will never happen again. I am sorry to my reservation. I apologize to everybody else who was directly impacted by my actions. It won't happen again. I also want to say that I am sorry to the Lawsons. This was my last time and I hope you can forgive. **Robert Howe**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 28 by committing child neglect times 3 at the Pi-Ume-Sha campgrounds. It won't happen again. I apologize to D.S., M.S., A.S., K.L.R., and R.E. who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I'm doing what I had to do to make things right for all my children. I'm sorry and I love you, and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Tina Spino**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 29 by being guilty of assault and battery and child neglect. I sincerely apologize to the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the community and most of all I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to my son Dwayne "Boogie" Heath and my wife, Delsa L. Jim who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I am on the straight and narrow now and plan to stay there. **Waylon Heath**.

Be safe with your fireplace and woodstove

by Suzi Macy
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Your woodstove or fireplace provides you with warmth, relaxation and enjoyment during the cold months ahead.

Please use the following guidelines to ensure the safe and efficient operation of your woodstove:

Inspect and clear your stove or fireplace yearly. You can do it yourself or hire a professional.

If your chimney has any loose mortar to brick have it repaired. Look for cracks in your chimney liner.

Use the proper fuel. Seasoned woods with low moisture

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 22 by having drug paraphernalia when I got detoxed. I apologize to the officers that were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I am glad that the officers did what was right, and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Michael Meanus**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 27 by getting a liquor violation. I am under the age of 21 and should not be drinking. Also, I am sorry for the false ID. I apologize to the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that this will never happen again. **Robert Main**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 24 by assault and battery charges that I have committed. I know what I did was wrong. I know every action has consequences. I apologize to the court system and whomever I offended that was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I am sorry and I hope the people of Warm Springs can forgive me. **Paul Scott**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 26 by driving while under the influence of intoxicants. I had no good reason to be driving let alone driving while I was drunk. But I apologize to my reservations, court system and all the people who know I can do better than that. I apologize to my family members and my dad who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I will never let this happen again. I will do better from now on. **Jeremy Herkshan**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 26 by being charged with aiding and abetting. I have been incarcerated and have paid for my crime and have learned my lesson. I'm sorry to the community of Warm Springs and West Hills, too. I apologize to my aunt Alice Jim who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I'm sorry to my girlfriend for being locked up when she needed me at

home to help her. **Tommy Napyer**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 9 by drinking and driving, reckless endangerings, and false identification. I apologize to my job and work that was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I hope the people I hurt and disappointed will forgive me. **Keneth Clark**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 28 by getting a liquor violation. I also want to apologize to the High Desert Resort and Casino for my wrong doings while I was there. I apologize to anyone else I have affected who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I am truly sorry and I will do my best not to let it happen again. **Julia Simtustus**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-10-08 by driving under the influence of alcohol. I not only endangered the community, but also myself. I apologize to the people of Warm Springs. I am sorry for my actions. **Ronald Thomas**.

I am sorry I broke Tribal law on September 18, 2008 by driving under the influence and reckless endangering other tribal members on the road. I want to say I am sorry to all my passengers. I apologize to Patricia Kalama, Clara Kennedy, and Rhonda Robinson, who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I won't drink and drive no more, I'll ride shotgun, and will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Glen Whiz Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 19, 2008, by driving under the influence. I apologize to the following people who I let down: my mother and stepfather, Bernie and Jamie Watlamet; my girlfriend Cece LeClaire; my son, Tyler Anderson, who were directly impacted by my actions. Being in jail made me realize my values in life and I am grateful that I wasn't "statistically" labeled for causing harm or pain to other civilians. **Raymond Anderson**

content burns cleaner than green fuel or woods with high moisture content.

Don't overload your stove or fireplace by building a fire that is too large for the stove to handle it. Make certain that your fire gets enough air.

During the holidays, avoid burning wrapping paper—it burns at too hot a temperature to be disposed of in this manner. Recycle your household papers instead.

Use a fireplace screen.

When you clean your stove or fireplace and remove excess ashes put them in a metal container with a lid, and keep them away from anything that may burn, including your deck or

house.

Please don't store them in your garage. These ashes can smolder for hours and possibly days after they appear to be out; and in addition to the danger of an unintentional fire, they can emit deadly fumes.

Keep the area around your stove or fireplace and chimney clean and free of debris, and trim overhanging branches near the chimney.

Keep furnishings, clothing, papers and anything that can burn at least four feet away from the stove or fireplace.

Now relax, have a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy your woodstove or fireplace. Stay safe and warm this winter season.

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Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy anniversary to my one and only Joe Greene. Love, Kaylie LeClaire.

Dear Cheryl, Happy Birthday! With a lot of love, Dave.

Happy belated 21st birthday to our brother Steven Jesus Arce, from you sisters Adriana, Rosalina, Marcelina and Joanna, with lots of love and respect.