

Letters to the Editor

Honor Seniors 'Mardi Gras Fun Day' set for Friday

By Selena Boise
Management Successor

With May upon us we have had Root Feast, and now senior citizens will look forward to the annual Honor Seniors Day event.

The theme for this year is "Mardi Gras Fun Day."

Which is pretty much what they have, a fun day.

During previous years that I attended, I saw a lot of laughter, a good thing for senior citizens to have. As I am told, laughter is good medicine.

The annual event came from an idea to gather senior citizens together for a fun day to honor them, let them laugh and have a good time together.

So, if you happen to have a free moment to stop and see what this day does for the senior citizens you should stop in at the Agency Longhouse.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and the children's powwow is at 10 a.m.

Other entertainment will follow for a fun-filled day.

Spilyay Speaks

A thank you

Thank you to the local pool players for showing your support and friendship for Tony and Seegrey Littleleaf last Saturday, April 25th.

Players to thank for playing: Clint Smith, Pearl and Levi Vanpelt, Billy Begay, Del Frint, Tim Myers, Selena Boise, Dixon Polk, Louie Smith, Sherri Smith, Lynn Davis, Tony and Seagrey Littleleaf, Pat Allen.

Funds donated by: Del Frint, Glenda Kessel, Jan Six, Dan Marusko.

Raffle and Silent auction items donated by Pearl Vanpelt, Pat Allen and Lynn Davis.

Funds from the event were gifted to Tony and Seegrey Littleleaf from the pool players. The assistance provided was out of appreciation for your friendship and past assistance with jackpots and get togethers.

Winners in tournament: Louie Smith placed first, Tim Myers placed second and Billy Begay placed third.

Again, thank you to all the pool players for coming to show your support. Sincerely,

Pat Allen, Lynn Davis, Pearl Vanpelt and Del Frint.

Sherars fishing

I just read the regulation that outlines salmon fishing at Sherars and it is very upsetting. As tribal river people, the fishing should not be stopped.

We, fishermen, don't want anyone who hasn't fished at Sherars in the last 10 years to make final decisions in our behalf. The fishermen need to be heard. They all know more about the fish runs in our area than anyone else.

Please remember, the fishermen don't get unemployment, assistance, or buyouts. There are no jobs that they get access to, if any become available. The losses of their driving privileges, no monies to buy good decent vehicles. Nothing!

According to our Treaty of 1855, we reserved certain rights. The salmon is sacred, it is our people's first food. For centuries, the people and the salmon came together every spring. Now, our leaders buckle under the pressure that the Euro-Americans have thrust upon us.

In 1995, that Tribal Council listened to the fishermen and let us fish.

All the rules that the fishermen see year after year are never changed. We are treated like children in school.

We do have dignity, we have feelings.

Some of us fish for the Elders, and some aren't our immediate family. This is what I

was taught besides other unwritten laws by many older Sherars fisherman from the 1960s and '70s.

I am a night fisherman and the Tribal Council needs to understand that when the moonlight hits the water, the fishing dies, then there is no guarantee that the water will still be high enough to catch the fish. You all need to learn more from myself and some of the Sherars fishermen.

The fishermen know that our Natural Resource, the Fish and Wildlife Committees and Tribal Council don't favor the plight of our first food. The fishermen want a voice in the decision-making process.

The fishermen don't like the fact that the local hatchery now heavily dictates the final outcome, which is "will the Sherars fishermen be allowed to fish this year?" It seems to repeat itself, year after year.

It is not the fault of the fishermen that there isn't the right number so they can fish.

All the fishermen want to do is pursue the life we used to do uninhibited. Empty nets means empty stomachs. Thank you.

Terry Courtney Jr.

Root Feast

To one and all,

I apologize publicly to Geraldine Jim for calling Protocol dance night before Root Feast.

My five Colville baby singers need me for their help in the Chinook Walk—had to call release dance.

Thank you Richard for your support. You are a good elder.

Thank you all for accepting my homeless family to the Root Feast. They enjoyed it.

No anger here but I'm glad I can sing any ole time.

Thank you all for open hearts. My homeless family really enjoyed Root Feast and looking around on our rez.

Love, peace and prayers,
Wanda McGraigie.

Motherhood

When God created motherhood, he did it with delight. It had to cover many things, and everything just right.

She had to have a loving heart, and also very strong. It had to hold up under pain when everything went wrong.

A body that would never quit for many hours a day, when children kept her up all night and

took her sleep away.

She tried to dress her children well, though little did she own. Her clothes were just for working in and so she stayed at home.

A Christmas program at the school, her children then were small. Her heart was always full of pride. Oh! How she loved them all.

In later years they would be gone but never far away. They often came to visit her, she watched their children play.

Her heart was big enough for all, much bigger than they knew. She'd play the role of grandmother, until her life was through.

So let us give our loving thanks to mothers everywhere. They are a blessing from above with all their love to share.

Eino.

Condolences

To family and friends,

Hello, everybody. I just thought I'd drop you all a few lines to express my regrets and condolences to the loss of our families. It is quite sad to you have lost two cousins, uncles and friends two years later—I am really living in the alcohol battle and/or always in jail... I respectfully ask my family's forgiveness for the lack of responsibility I have shown. I regret sincerely I have let alcohol control my life. I am so sorry... I love you all and I surely do miss you all. Much love and respect to you all.

Pengie.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 6, 2009 by driving under the influence, reckless endangerment, reckless driving. I am going to be sitting in here for a long time so I have a long time to work on myself and better my life not only for myself but for my children and work towards keeping my family together. I apologize to A.S., and my children. After getting as much time as I got in here, I have learned my lesson. **Vera Kindness.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-21-09 by driving under the influence of intoxicants late at night on the rez. I apologize to everyone who was at risk on the road. I'll try to make sure it doesn't happen again. **Roger**

Simtustus.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-8-09 by drinking while under age, a bad example for others. I am sorry for getting a liquor violation that night. I apologize to the people of Warm Springs. **Theodore Stwyer-Greene.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-21-09 by drinking and driving. I know better than that, and it won't happen again. I apologize to P.F. I'm sorry to the Warm Springs people for my actions. **Tommy Ball Sr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-13-09 by A and B, RE, CN, NDDHD against my kids and girlfriend. I am doing my best to change so our relationship will work out better. I apologize for the embarrassment I brought. I apologize to the officers involved. I am trying my hardest to change. **Alex Williams.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 4, 2009 by aiding and abetting a fugitive at my home. I was not in my right mind for doing what I have done. I am very sorry for what happened on that night of Jan. 4. I apologize to the Simnasho community. I will not let this happen again in my home. **Edwardine Henry.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law by driving while intoxicated. Since then I've been doing good for myself and family. So I am sorry for my actions and also apologize to the police department. I apologize to my family because I love them so much. I am currently seeing counseling with Warm Springs and Best Care. **Roberta Williams.**

To the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, friends, and family. I would like to take this time to apologize for my actions on the night of July 21, 2008, for DUII, and to my passenger "Mr. G" for recklessly endangering not only his life but fellow drivers on the roadway that night. I will do my best to ensure this will never happen again. In short, "I apologize." Respectfully, **Damion C. Katchia.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law in February, 2009 by assault. I apologize to CI and to the community. I also want to say I am

on the road to recovery. **Carl Iyakitani.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-28-09 by possessing drug paraphernalia, and being detoxed. No more excuses. I know I am a better person and addictive behavior shall and will not be tolerated. I will refrain from addict behavior. Consequences are confinement. I apologize to the tribes, the officer, and A.J. **Lyle Rhoan Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-16-09 by consuming alcohol under age, which is a liquor violation. I will do my best to prevent this from happening again. If there is a will there is a way. Make it happen, whatever it takes. Semper fi. **Rodney Kenyon.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 4 by assaulting and causing injuries to the victim's face. I apologize to O.W. I am truly sorry. **Fred Wallulatum.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Dec. 5, 2008 by possessing drug paraphernalia on my vehicle. I apologize to the community. I am doing my best to make sure it doesn't happen again and I'm trying to do better. **Marie Kalama.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Feb. 24, 2009 by driving under the influence of alcohol and being under the age of 21 at the time. I apologize to B.G. I'm sorry to my auntie for betraying her trust in the usage of her car. **Jeremy Badoni.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-1-09 by recklessly endangering, carrying weapons when prohibited, discharge of weapons, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, disorderly conduct, illicit cohabitation. I apologize to A.T. It will not happen again. **Charlie Wainanwit.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 9-9-08 by the offense of driving under the influence and recklessly endangering times three. I apologize to J.G., M.S., N.J. I am sitting out 60 days for my wrong doing. **Jason Jim.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-15-09 by unlawful causing or threatening to cause injury to another person (assault). I apologize to J. Tewee and my brother and sister, also my niece and nephew. This kind of action won't happen again. **Kenneth Danzuka.**

Correction

A false letter of apology was published in the previous edition of the Spilyay Tymoo. The letter said it was from Cassandra B. Wolfe and Kaylyn Wolfe, which was false, and the Spilyay apologizes for printing it.

Please note that the Spilyay can no longer publish apology letters that are not initialed by the tribal court. Thank you.

Correction

A probate notice in the previous paper, regarding atwai Venus Strong, wrongly listed Aaron Strong as being deceased. We apologize and regret this error.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo.

The next deadline to submit items for publication is Friday, May 15.

Happy birthday and other wishes...



Happy Mothers Day

I sit back and think, thinking about the goals I set for my life. About little man and the girl I love, the one patiently waiting for my release day.

Late night talks on the phone to you and little man. Just to show I love you.

Days and nights go by and I fall more and more in love with you. You are the one that brings beautiful life into this world.

You are special and beautiful and so much more.

People hate but they don't know about me and you.

We first became friends before we were lovers. And our love grew.

So I sit back and wish you a Happy Mothers Day, just to show I love you and little man.

I would like to wish a very special person in my life a Happy Mothers Day.

Kristina Cassaway, my moon light, I just wanted to wish her the best on Mothers Day and thank her for being on my side through these times.

Before too long your man will be home. I love you and miss you, stay strong. From your man, Shane Wilson, your sun shine. Love, Shane.

A very Happy Mothers Day, Mom.
Love from Dave.

Happy 20th birthday, Tonya. Love, Mom.

Happy birthday, Mom. Love, Dixon.

Happy birthday, Selena. From Dave.

A happy birthday to all of you who are celebrating a birthday in May.
From the Spilyay Tymoo.

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