

Letters to the Editor

Frybread event

I had a grand experience recently at the Fourth Annual World Championship Frybread Cook-Off in Tulsa, Okla.

Thank you to those who bought me out during my fund raising.

Thank you to all those who gave their blessings, well wishes, good luck, and financial help for the trip.

A special thank you and appreciation to all my cousins in Oklahoma for their help.

Thank you Robert Jr. and my son Caleb for encouraging me.

I would also like to give a big thank you to my grandpa George Aguilar Sr. for always being there. He made all these dreams come true.

As with Alysia Aguilar, my cousin, who also went down to help me out. I love you all!

Grandpa George Sr. went with us. He gave a Powerpoint presentation on the subject of our people, the Eastern Kiksht Chinookan speakers of the Columbia River at the Haskell Cultural Center in Lawrence, Kansas.

At this event the Native American People of Tulsa were ecstatic about having contestants coming all the way from Warm Springs to participate in the World Championship Frybread Cook-Off.

It was cool to meet these new people, and I believe they felt the same.

Being from a different part of the nation, much interest was focused on our presence and we were snowed under with the attention.

We were invited to attend their Tulsa Powwow in January. We do plan on going to Oklahoma and Kansas more often. That's how welcomed we felt.

Thank you again to everyone who helped me.

Jasmine Caldera.

A thank you

We, the family of Thelma Louise Davis (April 19, 1970-August 4, 2007), would like to thank the following people for their help and support during our giveaway, women's traditional dance, and memorial dinner. This event was held in loving memory of Thelma Davis in Burns on October 10-11.

We would like to thank the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Department for supplying the salmon.

Thank you to Julian "Lurch" Scott for transporting the salmon for the dinner.

A big thank you to Carmelita Scott, Yvonne Pennington, Rose and Delsie Scott for supplying items for the giveaway and for all the support during the loss of our loved one.

We would like to thank all the women who participated in the women's traditional dance special. The \$300 and a gift basket first-place prize was won by Lena Young Running Crane from Arley, Mont.

The \$150 and a gift basket second-place prize was won by Josephine George from Yakama.

Sandra Teeman, Caldwell, Idaho.

Bond of love

How great the wisdom of our Lord. He knows our every need. Although we do not ask for it, he'll often intercede.

He gave two girls a special bond quite early in their lives, and though they were just little girls their future held much strife.

Each girl was a young woman soon. Their choices sometimes wrong. The men would always come and go. None lasted very long. With all the drugs and alcohol, so prevalent today, those little girls were overcome.

They surely lost their way. Now God knew that the time was right. To one he gave the call. She heard his voice and did respond. He caught her from her fall. She was so thankful to our Lord for giving her new life, an end to drugs and alcohol that brought her so much strife.

Her thoughts were of her long-lost friend. How much they once did share. And though her life was really good, she wished her friend was there.

She knew that God would hear her voice, so she began to pray. She asked if He would call her friend and change her life that way. A miracle then came to pass. Her friend did hear his call. She knew that she had had enough of drugs and alcohol.

Now many months have passed on by. Her friend was on her way. Success is now her way of life. She thanks the Lord each day. The little girls of yesteryear, whose gift the bond of love, they really do appreciate their Father up above.

By Eino.

Pen pal

Greetings. My name is Mark McCloud. I'm looking for a pen pal from Warm Springs. It's been a while since I've been to the reservation. For those who

know me and are reading this, send me a line. Thank You. Mark McCloud, 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914-8335.

Happy birthday

Happy birthday on Nov. 17 to Kurtis Satanus. We are very proud of you. Keep up the good work! Have fun, it's your day! Love ya, from mom Jessie, sister Melinda and Matt A.

Apologies

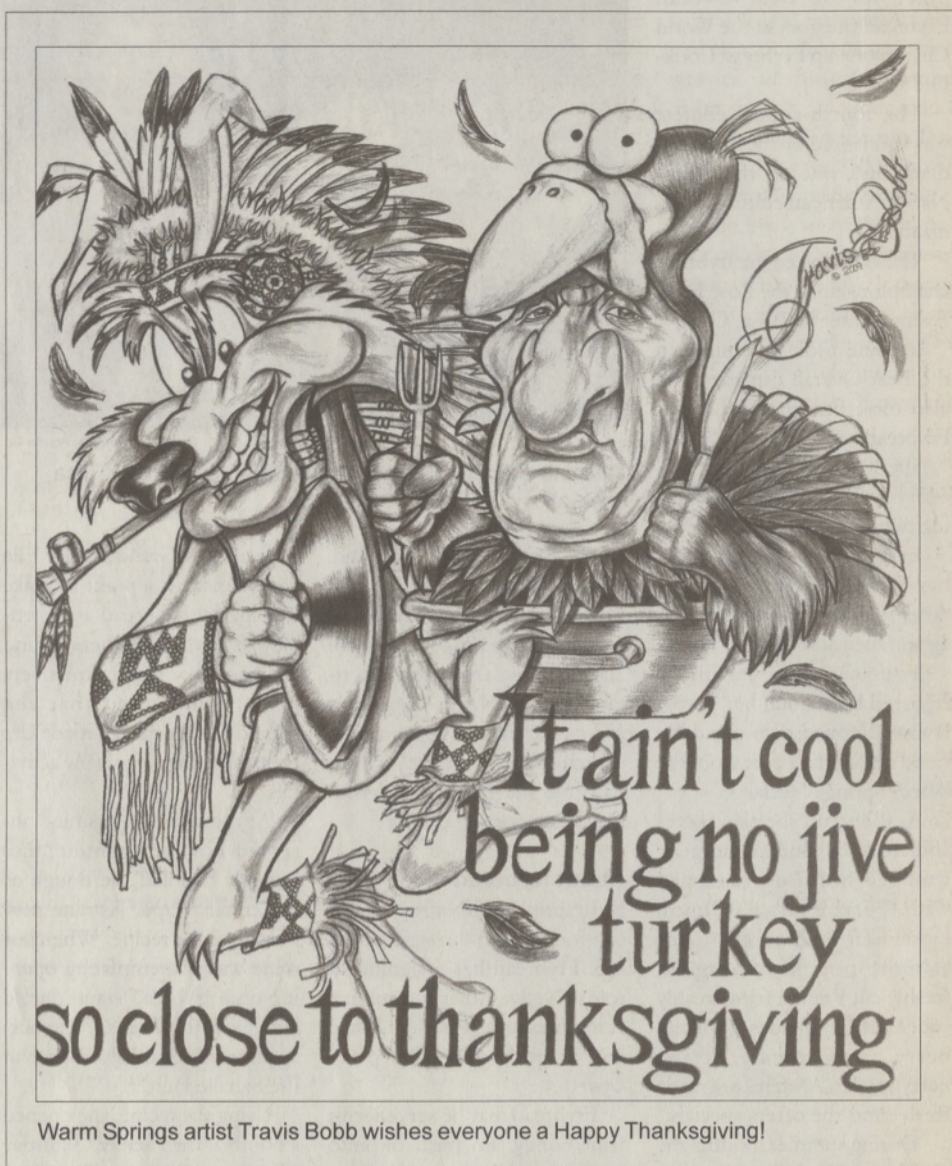
I would like to apologize to S.B. for the incident that occurred on May 9. I am getting help through Warm Springs Community Counseling Center with W., who's been with me in times of crisis. Murray Kalama.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 3, by driving under the influence and unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. This will never happen again. I apologize to my wife, son and sisters. I also want to say that this was the first and last time. Trever Tewee.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 2009 by breaking tribal fishing laws. I was unaware of my actions and knowing now of my wrongful act, I apologize and it shall never happen again. I apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I also apologize to the Columbia fishing tribes, and will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. Bruce Jim Jr.

I am sorry I broke Tribal law on 9-7-09 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering myself and two passengers. Also, driving a truck that had defective equipment. I apologize to M.J. and B.K. I also want to say that it was never my intention to hurt my family and friends. Shannon Wilson.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 7-27-09 by assault and bat-



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

tery on S.T. I have paid my dues in doing so and will not attempt this again. I am very sorry, S.T. I will not attempt this charge again. Thank you. Joseph J. Howtopat.

I am Kirby Heath, and I am hereby submitting my revised letter of apology. I have been ordered by Judge Howes to submit an apology letter to the community and tribal youth, or I will be held in contempt of tribal court. On 10-5-08, I was accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and recklessly endangering three persons. On 8-20-09, I was convicted of these charges. This is a terrible mistake for which I would like to offer my sincere apology. I understand the lethality of the offenses committed. I apologize to those in-

involved in this highly sensitive matter. I apologize to the three young people who were impacted by this incident. Kirby Heath.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 8-15-09 by bringing marijuana into the Warm Springs Correctional Facility and attempting to pass it on to an inmate. I apologize to the Warm Springs Police Department and the Confederated Tribes. It will never happen again. Shannon Wilson.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Sept. 8, 2009 by carrying weapons when prohibited, possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. I apologize to the community of Warm Springs. The crimes I committed will not happen again. Roger

Stwyer Jr.

I am sorry I broke tribal law in October 2009 by being under the influence and cracking my sister's windshield. For that I apologize. I am doing my best to change my ways. I hope you can forgive me. Alex Williams.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-7-09 by reckless driving. It was a mistake. I apologize to the tribal citizens. It won't happen again. Dustin Suppah.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-27-09 by disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. I'm sorry I ran from the cops, and I'm sorry for being under the influence and yelling and disturbing the residents on the street. I apologize. This won't happen again. Wacey Wallulatum.

In recognition of Native American Heritage Month

By Duran Bobb
Spilyay Tymoo

By declaration of the President, this is National Native American Heritage Month.

On the reservation, there's much to remind us of our heritage and much to make us proud.

For example, our leadership recently met with President Obama to help lay the foundation for a new future of consultation and collaboration between the tribes and the government.

In another move, this month the people of the reservation are doing their part in the quest for unity through consensus. And concerned tribal members met recently with Council to work toward solutions to our problems. Such meetings are a time-honored tradition of our people.

In Washington, D.C.

Earlier this month, in front of the federally recognized

tribes of the nation, Pres. Obama signed a memorandum, directing every

Cabinet in his agency to give him a detailed plan within 90 days of how they were going to improve tribal consultation.

"As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship," the president said, "my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. Native voices have echoed... for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen."

That's enough to be proud of right there. I'll have a big piece of that pie.

Recent news

But there are some negatives on this National Native American Heritage Month. There was recent news of a violent homicide of a non-tribal member on the reservation. There has also been emphasis on alcoholics off

Spilyay Speaks

of the reservation. And the FBI is on the hunt for a non-tribal member who is suspected of growing illegal plants on the reservation.

Our land is a place where many, including non-tribal members, live and work and unfortunately, sometimes commit crimes. Sometimes it seems as if, when something goes wrong, word spreads faster than canned gravy over instant mashed potatoes.

But there are bad things happening anywhere. If you dig deep enough you're sure to find something negative about any little town—I promise. It takes courage and determination to strive for solutions to the problems that may seem so hopeless to us on the reservation today.

I realize that not every turkey can be plump and juicy, year after year. But not all turkeys are dry and hard to swallow, either.

Seeing the good

Instead of dwelling on the

negative, it helps to sometimes see the good. There's a recession sweeping over the land right now, that's a big negative. But our elders tell us that during the Great Depression in the 1930s, our people didn't suffer because they knew how to hunt and fish. They knew how to gather berries and roots.

Our devotion was separate from money. And our people invited the hungry of that age to our feasts at Celilo Falls, refusing any sort of payment except friendship. That's a big positive. That is a heritage for all the reservation to be proud of.

"I call upon all Americans," the president said, "to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day."

That's the day after Thanksgiving. And it seems like an appropriate day for Indians everywhere to celebrate their heritage.

Happy Turkey Day, everybody!

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