

## Spend Wisely

By Duran Bobb

'Tis the season! Black Friday has come and gone, no news yet on who was trampled in the dash for a bargain.

And once again the annual division begins - those who think we're making a big mistake, and those who are releasing a collective sigh knowing that December 15th is just around the corner.

Retailers are sighing, too. Estimates show that electronics are the hot-ticket items this year. Flat panel TVs, iPads, iPods, digital cameras, laptops and gaming devices are flying off of shelves all over.

No matter what the item you're searching for this year, there's a good chance that you can find it somewhere else at a better price.

But sometimes price doesn't matter as much as service. An old-fashioned smile, greeting, please and thank you make it all the more easy to part with your hard-earned *saxa'ikw*.

There are other thoughts to consider. Are merchants genuinely thankful for our business year-round, or do they become appreciative at just this time of year? Is the town an example of a local economy that I would want to support? Are the people in that shopping community supportive of the three teepees?

If I wore a hat, it would come off to the local businesses who advertise with our tribal newspaper and radio station. They have shown dedication, optimism, and support to the reservation and her people.

Wherever you go this season, please drive carefully and return home safely.

### TOE NESS...

Cashier: Where are you from?

Spilyay: Out on the rez.

Cashier: Which part?

Spilyay: All of me!

YIKES!

### SSS SSS SSS

Spilyay is on the bus when a woman with a baby sits down next to him in a huff.

"What's wrong?" he asks her.

"That bus driver just called my baby ugly!" the woman screams.

Spilyay is appalled. "You don't have to take that from him! You march right up there and give him a piece of your mind! Here, I'll hold your little monkey for you!" YIKES!

### SSS SSS SSS

Spilyay Speaks

## Letters to the Editor

### W.S. Boxers

Warm Springs Nation Boxing Team Reports:

The Warm Springs boxers went on the road Nov. 13-14, 2010, to Spokane, Wash., for some action. The Inland Northwest Sub-Novice Boxing Tournament was not full of action but it had enough action for our young boxers. When you and enter a USA Boxing tournament now days, it's not like the old days when you go and find a whole lot of boxers to be fought in your weight class. The rules are different and are forever changing with the new control in boxing, safety first.

The weight in the Junior division is one hard to figure out area. For instance, our light heavy weight boxer Jamie Halliday weighed in at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, and the official weighing him said he needed to lose one-half pound in order to be in the 176-pound weight class (light heavy weight). So he skipped the rope and chewed gum at the same time, not hard to do, sweating and spitting. He lost over a pound and then weighed in again and corrected his weight.

The same thing happened to Lai. He also made his 65-pound weight class. We left the scales and went to eat our morning meal. When we came back after eating breakfast, there was a coaches' meeting where we decided on "uncontested" boxers, boxers who have only themselves in their weight class. Shag, Antonie and Shaniah had no competition in their 13-14 year olds weight division. They were awarded for being uncontested contestants.

Those who had other boxers in their weight classes: Iyza Thompson had himself and three others in the 12-13 year olds, 105-pound weight class. The names of each boxer were put in a hat and the names were then drawn from that hat and the matches were made up like that. Iyza lost a coin toss decision to Yakama PAL Boxer and was eliminated from a championship match. There were only two boxers in the 65-pound division and Lai Thompson was one of them. They fought for the championship in the 8-9 year olds division on Saturday; Lai lost to a more experienced Spokane boxer, but Lai did good and always does his best. Some day that's all going to come together for him. He works harder each time and doesn't give up. Hard work and sacrifice always win out in the end.

Getting back to the odd 176-

pounds division that the weigh-in official didn't realize was in the junior 15-16 year olds weight division. No light heavy weight division in the juniors? Only 176-plus pounds? What's up with that? Championship match for Jamie ended up having a much larger opponent to deal with and the extra 30 pounds was almost too much weight and the bout was stopped by the referee midway through the second round, losing to a tough Mexican boxer from Yakama, Wash. That Jamie is one tough cookie, no quit in him. He'll only get better. I know the referee that stopped his bout and he told me if my boxer could have slipped some of those power punches he would have let the match continue, and he thought that the big fella would have ran out of "gas" because he was looking like they do when that happens.

That was all the action we had in the tournament, but we did get some match bouts for Shag Spino, Antonie Scott, Shaniah Scott, and even Lai and brother Iyza took on a couple more bouts for the road. Shaniah lost her bout because she didn't want to box just right then; although for the few second she did pivot, move and punch, she was a boxer. Sometimes you've got to make blood flow backwards and never mind the thoughts.

Shag, he won over his opponent and looking like Andy Kendall as he did it, good performance at 115 pounds, 13-14 year old division, very good.

Next day, Sunday, Antonie Scott matched up with a Mexican boy from Yakama PAL Boxing Club. He was a little quicker than Mr. Scott, that was the only real difference. I thought the final round went our way even though we lost the decision. Antonie said he had fun and felt more in shape this time.

Lai weighed in on Sunday morning at 8 a.m., looking for a fight, and so did Iyza Thompson. They both got some action; Lai went up against a quick little kid from a club there in the city of Spokane. Lai lost another

close one, always close. He never seems to fear any of his opponents and he always is looking for a way to figure out his opponent and that is a good sign. It's called thinking, looking for openings to use the combinations or to create openings to use effective punching. That's what I think a boxer does and that is what boxing is. What else is there? No glancing out of the ring while in action is a rule, because it's important not to lose focus. You deal with split second action. Iyza did a good job of out-boxing his opponent. His hands are getting quicker all the time and to time a stiff jab to an on-coming opponent with speed and your weight behind it, yep! That doesn't feel too great when it nails you, or anyone for that matter. Slip the jab and counter with yours, left side right side, bob, duck, twist and turn on the balls of your feet, pivot, pivot. Keep training and work it off, okay?

I would like to thank you people for supporting us with the donation of money for our gas, food and hotel expenses: Macy's Market and DMJ Automotive, and the merchants that went that step with us during our fundraiser boxing event at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. With a very special thank you going out to our fight doctor from our city of choice, Madras, Oregon, Dr. Leland Beamer. Thank you my friend and best wishes to you and Beth. God bless everyone.

Austin Smith, Warm Springs boxing coach

### Indian Business Talk

Some thoughts on economic development:

Creating jobs—Wonderful!

Having places to spend earnings from the jobs—also wonderful.

Both are necessary for a local economy to thrive.

Economic development ef-

forts are not realized until both needs are met.

Bruce Engle, business loan officer, Credit Enterprise

### Business ideas

We have formed a group on Facebook called "Brainstorming on the FB Rez." This is an online discussion where tribal members are encouraged to give input to the problems we face very day on the reservation.

One of the topics discussed in our group is the potential business opportunities for the reservation. We are interested in tribal member input on what types of businesses would succeed and benefit our tribes.

Our group is also concerned with chemical dependency, depression, violence, and diseases which are impacting our people. Other tribal nations are challenging our proposals for economic development, traditional food gathering, and encroaching upon our treaty reserved areas. The unemployment rate is one of the highest in the state, despite initiatives and goals to improve self-sufficiency.

Many tribal members share the frustration of not being heard by the leadership of our tribal government. "Brainstorming on the FB Rez" is a place where one person can share their ideas regardless of age, sex, color, political affiliation and religion.

So far, we have gathered an extensive list of possible businesses that community members would be interested in seeing on the reservation. It is our hope that our leaders will look at this list when considering the economic development situation on the reservation.

We are community members who want to express our frustrations, identify problems, and work to resolve conflict and to obtain logical solutions to tangible problems. Please join us for a discussion about what people can do to solve problems important to the future of our

tribe.

Every person has a voice. We would like to hear about your concerns, ideas, goals, and help form proposals for our leadership.

For a complete list of ideas submitted by members of our group, and to learn more about our cause, please join us on Facebook.

Marcia Macy

### Happy birthday and other wishes...

On November 15, Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Jadrian. From your crawler buddy Lindy.

On November 21, Happy Birthday Uncle Scott. Love, Lindy.

Happy birthday Ron (Xat-xat 12-24)! Love, Freddie & the Gang!

Happy birthday to Tashayala and Cody. Love, Jeanette and Jadden.

Happy birthday, Kendall! Love, Freddie, Mom, Grammy, Travis, Amy, Michael, Ron and Baby Jessie Bobb.

Happy birthday to my momma Valerie Ann. There are no words to say how much you mean to me. Thank you for being there for me no matter what. I love you with all my heart and soul. Jesus loves you more. Love, Annie Dee.

Happy birthday to my sister Kishon Marilyn. I love you chunks. Want to see my necklace? Lol. Love, Annie Dee.

Happy first birthday to my nephew Anthony Jr. I love you, Wanthony.

Happy birthday to my niece Demariose. I love you baby girl. Love, your auntie Annie Dee.

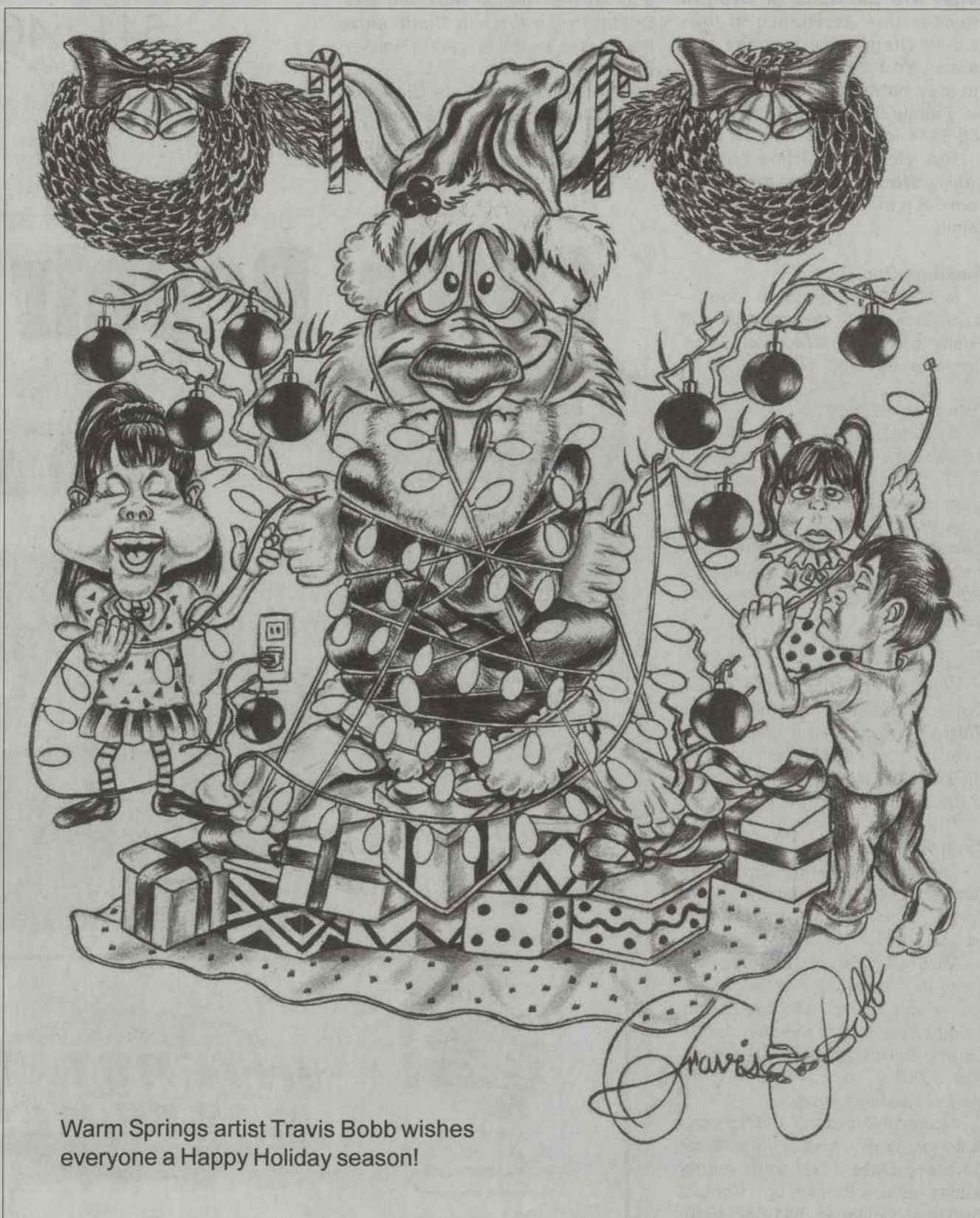
Happy birthday to my daughter Kalisha Rose. I miss you so much and I love you unconditionally. You'll always be my baby. Love, your mom, Annie Dee.

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 18 by committing assault and battery. I am sorry and I hope we can get along again, because the family doesn't need any more breaking. I am sorry, S. Idelia Cloud.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-18-10 by breaking and entering and trespassing at 1620 Foster St. I was not in my right mind. It will not happen again. I apologize to my family for the shame my actions have brought to our family name. Further, I apologize to the following: M.C. and her husband, who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that this will never happen again. I am very sorry and will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. Cody Wallulatum.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 18 by driving under the influence and reckless endangering and child neglect times two. Sorry to the community and the tribal court. Forgive me. It won't happen again. I apologize to J.G., S.C., L.M., and T.M. Keith J.



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season!

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