

Klismis Xaxaikw

By Duran Bobb

A non-tribal member asked the question recently: Is it fair for Indians to get free money from the government every year just for being Indian?

"No, no, no," Tribal Councilman J.P. Patt said. When the Christmas bonus dividend payments began in Warm Springs long ago, the funds came from surplus revenue generated by tribal operations.

"This was when revenues were high from logging," Patt said. "There was a certain amount over, what our leaders set aside to go back into the tribal budget. They took this amount at the end of the year and divided that up between the 3,000 or so tribal members at the time."

Back in the 1930s, tribal elder Adeline Miller was attending boarding school.

"One day, I got a check for 20 dollars," Adeline said. "That was a lot of money back then. It came in handy."

Christmas back in those days was simple, she said.

"We'd go to the church every year. They'd give everyone a quilt, some apples and oranges, some peanuts and a toy so it was special for the kids."

"I remember the 20 dollars," Harrison Davis Sr. said. "Back in the day, all the senior citizens would get a fruit basket. Times are changed, but they still think about the elders. Today I got my gift card from the Senior Program and will probably use it for gas. Everybody needs gas these days."

"I made the motion for this year's bonus," J.P. said. "Some folks have asked, 'Can we afford it?' But I know some families are chasing their tail trying to keep up with bills. Without help, there wouldn't be much of a Christmas."

In closing, the Tymoo reminds you to visit our advertisers, and leaves you with these words...

'Twas the night before Bonus when all through the Rez, Tribal IDs and box keys are set out to do biz. The bills were all sorted by final notice and need. What to pay now or later, what to stick 'neath the tree. And *Katla* had screamed at the kids to sack out. They were far too excited to cry or to pout! Last night's luckamean leftovers chilled by the sink. *Tila* tap-danced before bedtime on the ice - like a rink! From Simnasho to Seekseekqua, everyone's in good cheer. We can go ahead and say it now: *We barely made it this year!*

Letters to the Editor

Performance

In 2009 at Lucinda Greene's request, I wrote and illustrated a Native American story to be enacted as a performance at her home each Christmas. The name of the story is "Peace Came in a Cradle."

This year December 1, Lucinda conducted the performance at the Community Center to share the story with the rest of the community.

I want to thank the many children and adults who participated in the preparation and performance, bringing my story to life in the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas.

It was a joy to my heart to watch the children as they did such a beautiful performance. It brought back many memories of our happy times in "Carol's Room" when they were younger. The Community Center walls have experienced thousands of people and community events over the past 40-plus years that I have been there.

"Peace Came in a Cradle" is one of the many stories and plays containing the Warm Springs history, culture and languages I have been creating to be given as a gift of love to the people of Warm Springs in the name of atwy Warm Springs Chief Nathan Heath.

Thank you all, for your love and appreciation.

Carol Allison

Good cause

Our Youth Dance Group Ayayat Iday TeNa Numu travels to perform social dances around the Northwest.

It is our goal to raise funds to travel and perform at the Puyallup State Fair this coming year for the Native American Days.

Gladys Grant has helped us with an opportunity to make some money by selling 100 Noble Fir Christmas Trees.

Cost is \$25 (\$20 if the tree is small). Please let me know if you would like to purchase a tree, as it is for a good cause. If you don't need a tree and would like to donate a few dollars, that would help. Thank you.

Radine Johnson

Horses

Regarding horses, time immemorial, Ku-Si.

In our seven drum song, we who condone this Columbia River ceremony. The song indicates about the horse that it turns into a bird. We sing this

song, a slow song, my father attested so, in his time.

We, who to our medicine dances have this horse spirit. At this time, horses were given away, without being pilk-sa.

We had wedding trades with our horses.

We had war horse veterans. The horse fought with you, protected your family, baby-sat, let you know who is coming, an enemy or friend, or other horses.

The horse helped us live—packed our food, that is, meat, roots, fruit. So we may grow, from 1800s to the present.

The adopt-a-horse program should be instituted, give them away to people who will take them.

Sincerely,

Martinez Charles (Sue-Wy-y). P.S.: My family paid many horses for my Indian name. Once again our sacred customs are being neglected.

To casino guests

The last day of the casino at Kah-Nee-Ta will be on Jan. 2. (The official closing time will be 4 a.m. on Jan. 3).

The New Indian Head Casino will open on Highway 26 in Warm Springs in early February.

The Kah-Nee-Ta Resort will remain open. The Spa, golf course and hot springs pool are open year-round.

Kah-Nee-Ta slot tickets will need to be redeemed before closing on Jan. 2.

Tickets can be redeemed in person or mailed to Kah-Nee-Ta at P.O. Box 1240, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761; Attn. Acct. Department.

Blackjack gaming chips can be redeemed up till April 1, 2012 at the new casino.

After these dates, tickets and gaming chips will be void.

Please visit us at:

kahneeta.com

Or call Club Kah-Nee-Ta at 541-553-1112 ext. 3472 for the latest details.

The new Indian Head Casino phone number will be 541-460-7777 or on the web at: indianheadgaming.com. Thank you.

Looking forward

I have been incarcerated for half a year in the Warm Springs tribal jail. There is nothing cool about being locked up! All there is to do is read books and play cards, which gets old after a while. I cannot say "I won't be back" or "this is my last time coming to jail." But I will try my best to stay out of here when I am released.

I don't like it here one bit. I hate it here, but I'm forced to be here for my actions. I am sorry for what I did last May. I feel ashamed, and I don't think I will be able to face my family when I get out. But I have been forgiven for it!

There were times when I felt all hope was lost and had nothing to look forward to. All that has changed because now I have freedom and a new start to look forward to, to get a better life than drinking and getting high every day. All that depends on the choices that are made when I am free again.

Now all I have left to say is, If you don't like jail, then don't drink and drive, or do anything that will put you in here. See you on the other side!

Damon David.



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

Thank you to sponsors

We are sorry for the time it took to give all you people that helped support our young boys, Marcel Allen and Joseph Scott, to travel to Shawnee, Okla., on Nov. 9-13.

Both boys were in the steer riding division. They were both up on Thursday and Saturday. Marcel got hung up on Saturday, in which the clown got knocked out distracting the steer from getting the rider!

Both boys did not last the six second required, but more luck to them in the coming year! They would like to thank all those who made this trip possible. Thanks to Kah-Nee-Ta for helping the boys with the \$150 apiece.

Thanks to DMJ for their support and practices at their house. There was a fundraiser with donated items with these results (item and the winner):

Pink shawl, Shelley Hanson; Applique bag, Linda Porter; Applique bad, Rena Adams; Abalone shell necklace, Rosanna Jackson; lap blanket, Val Grout; Beaded necklace, Shana Johnson. Deerhorn knife, Tammy



The boys at Shawnee, Okla., rodeo competition.

Garrison; Kah-Nee-Ta sweatshirt, Hestor Scott; Necklace, Kobe Baez; ceramic piece, Tiger VanPelt; bags of dried venison, Delford Johnson; beaded belt buckle, Harrison Davis Jr. Other prizes: coffee containers (three), and OSU beaded medallion.

While in Shawnee, Okla., Marcel was accompanied by his grandpa, Francis "Toba" Scott, mother Desiree Allen, uncle Israel Scott. They say it was a once in a lifetime trip, in which they got to be with the boys, and got to see the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in

which those that were in the Hall of Fame, such as Lane Frost and Ty Murray.

Toba stated, "They knew all of the best rest stops!" While there, they also went to the Thoroughbred Hall of Fame. Joseph III was accompanied by his father, Joe Scott Jr., and his mother, Crystal, and two sisters.

We would like to thank you all for the help and contributions. Much thanks to Carmella Scott, Auntie and Dezi Hurtado for the fundraiser dinners!

To those who helped make the Carlight Parade

The Carlight Parade 2011 entries were:

Charlie Brown Christmas-doctors, nurses and lab workers, IHS; the 509-J School bus; KWSO/Warm Springs Construction; Book Mobile, Warm Springs Library.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Community Health; Gingerbread House by Housing; "We Are Here" by Teleco; Prevention.

Fire Management and

Smokey the Bear; Head Start; The "Ducks" community member; and the Queahpama Ranch.

Thank you all for your great effort in constructing your floats.

We really appreciate your participation in the parade. Your generosity and creativity are boundless. Shout out to all and we look forward to seeing you next year!

And now the winners:

First: A Charlie Brown

Christmas, by the doctors, nurses and lab workers, IHS.

Second: 509-J School Bus with Santa.

Third: Head Start.

Fourth: Gingerbread House by Housing.

Fifth: KWSO/Warm Springs Construction.

Yours truly,

The Recreation Department, Community Wellness Center, Carol Sahme, Arts and Crafts coordinator.

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