

## Casino at the Gorge pictures displayed

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Management successor

Did any of you get over to the longhouse to view the pictures of the proposed casino at the gorge? I happened to make it and was impressed by the pictures and how large this casino will be.

Spilyay Speaks

My daughter Leanna said it's going to be huge. And I have to agree with her on that, because it will be big once it's built. It will have three levels and will include a hotel for overnight guests.

These pictures of the design showed me a lot about the construction that I only pictured in my mind for a long time.

Now I wish I knew what the environment of the proposed construction site looked like. I have never been out there to see it.

I hear things about it. Well, we all do because there is always conversation about the casino. There are still positive and negative things said about it not only outside the reservation but here as well.

Most of the negative I hear locally is the time frame it's taking to get it done.

I read about it in the Oregon newspapers that have websites. There is still opposition, and, well, it seems there will always be opposition. Whether it is from politicians, the no-casino group, and of course Grand Ronde tribe.

But you know that not all the Grand Ronde members share their leaders' visions. In their own opinions, they like the Warm Springs people and do not want to fight over money, which is what it really comes down to.

Why would we damage a place that our ancestors' livelihood and the memory of their way of life?

But, if this casino is built sometime soon it will be a beautiful casino because the designs were really nice.

I haven't been to Cascade Locks but I would sure go there to see the building once it is finished.

## Toe Ness

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

If you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?

Who is General Failure and why is he reading my hard disk?

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

## Dear friends

To our dear friends,

So many of you have helped and supported our family at this time of the passing of my husband. Our family thanks you for all of your kindnesses, words and actions at the dressing, the services and through your prayers, which have both strengthened and comforted us in our hour of greatest need.

He would be very proud of you for this is the essence of our community, and the strength of our culture, for which he worked every day of his life, and now is here to provide comfort to us all.

Let his life and spirit serve as an inspiration for all of us as we face the future, with the courage, leadership and vision. We will miss him, but we also know that he is with us through the many ways he touched our lives and cared for our community and culture, which serves as a bright beacon of hope for the future.

Thank you for your many kindnesses made in his memory, and thanks you for the help and support that you have provided to his grateful family.

I would also like to thank the following: Washat Drummers for food, monetary gifts and flowers. The Senior Program, Cooks, and Wilson Wewa; Pat Tanewasha, Lucci and Vena for prayer services and lighting up my house after the funeral.

## Birthday and other wishes...

We would like to wish our perfectly well behaved little angel, Shirley Geneva Wainanwit (Big Girl), a very happy birthday. Two years old on January 24. Since the day you were born, you've brought so much love, joy and happiness to our lives. Happy birthday #2. We both love you, Brat, Love, Dad and Mom.

To our little niece, Shirley Geneva, we want to wish you a very happy birthday. It's already been two years. Thank you for being the sweet little girl you are. We love you with all our hearts. With lots of hugs and lots of kisses. Love always, your aunts Allie and Jamey.

Happy birthday to our cousin, Shirley Geneva. Thank you for the love and laughter you bring us. Thinking of you always. Happy second birthday, and may you have many more. We love you, hugs and kisses, your cousins Angelina and Karina.

Most of all I would like to thank my family (Queahpama and Greene).

I would also like to thank the people of Cascade Locks for the wonderful memorial, and tribute.

There were so many people that came to the hospital to give prayers and support. Words cannot express my feelings for the wonderful out pouring of people.

From Anna Clements and the Clements family.

## Disrespected

On and around November 6, 2005, my mother Maxine McKinley's house was disrespected. Someone came in to her home and stole a lot of things that meant a lot to her. Some are very sentimental and they are lost. Please, anyone with an ounce of respect for themselves, let the police know, or someone who can handle this situation. It is a very bad feeling for someone of her age, when someone has nerve enough to enter her establishment and disrespect her.

In her heart, she loves everyone and I thought that everyone would return the feelings to her. Do not just take things you want. She would give the shirt off of her back if you only asked.

Maxine McKinley's daughter, Teresa.

## Addiction

How many times have I wished that I could overcome the addiction or compulsions that keep me in bondage? I know what it is like to struggle with the effects of addiction and the craziness it brings to my life. I wonder if there is any way out of the insanity of my current circumstances, deep down inside my heart there is a sense of brokenness that is a constant reminder. I try to stuff it down and ignore it. I try to drown it by giving it to my addiction but sorrow doesn't go away. Loneliness and isolation go along with the shame and guilt I feel.

I am so confused and so overwhelmed by the pain in my life that sometimes I wish I could just die. I feel down on myself and continually compare myself with good people. When I was feeding on my addiction it was easy to become consumed by my own needs, nothing else mattered except for what I craved for so desperately. I lied, cheated and stole but that didn't stop me. With my family and community I became known as a "taker" trampling over feelings and needs of others. I used those as an excuse for my behavior.

I feel love just doesn't seem to work for me.

The guilt, hurt, self-hatred and my fear make me unable to believe in love that others have for me. I know what it is

like to be a burden to others. It is a common side-effect being controlled by my addiction. My behavior has made me lose what is so important to me, my family. It is very important for me to think about how my irresponsibility has affected my family and just how much pain has been caused by my actions. I thought I know it all. I thought I didn't need anyone, just sitting and thinking about the things I've done now it's just me and a wall of emptiness I allowed to be built as I set out to mend relationships.

There may be some things that are beyond my control, some people may refuse to be reconciled even when I am trying my best to make amends for the wrongs I have done. I understand that I cannot undo a lifetime of damage overnight but I am willing to try. Lillian Jo Blackwolf, No. 66820-065, Federal Medical Center Carswell, P.O. Box 27137, Ft. Worth, TX 76127.

## Student needed

The Education Committee is seeking a tribal member to serve the title of Education Committee Student Representative.

You must be from the eleventh grade to senior in college. Please submit a letter of interest to: Education Committee, Attn:Secretary, PO Box 1299 Warm Springs, OR 97761.

The letter of interest should

include why you want to be the representative as the Education Committee Student, your educational goals (short and long), your ideas on what you can bring to the Education Committee and how you can assist us bring our people closer to seeking educational goals.

Remember to include a current telephone number with your current address. This closes February 18. The Education Committee.

## Great job



Congratulations to Joaquin Dixon for graduating. I am so proud of you. Your hard work paid off, and my your future be full of many awesome opportunities. I love you so much. Love, your mom, and sisters Judy and Jhalena, your brother Lester and all the rest of the family.

## My 47 years with Warren R. Clements

We were married in 1958. He was a junior at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande. He graduated in 1962 and we moved to Portland for his first teaching job.

We moved back to Warm Springs to run the Community Center. He was the first director at the Community Center. He held a number of different tribal management positions throughout his career.

We built our house and he did a lot of work on the fencing around our property. Rudy did the landscaping, planting trees and shrubs that today are beautiful.

When we moved back to Warm Springs, Rudy wanted to learn the Washat Religion and went to the Queahpama sisters, Nettie, Matilda and Sylva. We went to the Simmasho Longhouse every Sunday. From there he got involved with their Lincoln's Pow Wow (Which they loved to Pow Wow), started fund-raising every year from food concessions to dance performances at different locations.

We really worked hard on keeping the Pow Wow going for the elders that started the Pow Wow.

During our 47 years together, Rudy and I traveled near and far. We made cultural presentations in Germany, Hawaii, and around the United States. We presented at the Folk Festival in Washington D.C. Our daughter Trudee competed in dance competition in Canada and the United States. She was Miss Warm Springs and we traveled to Alaska and Sheridan, Wyoming. The high light was to see her as Runner-Up in the Miss Indian America contest. We traveled with her to compete in different pageants.

Rudy and I attended conferences at NCAI, ATNI, State and federal meetings on gaming and education, in different states. We traveled to Indian Country for different events.

Rudy was always a sports fan and participated in different sports. I watched him play baseball in college. He also bowled for the college team. We both competed in bowling, traveling to Reno, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Wichita, Kansas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. We bowled in national, state and local tournaments.

Our family always had horses. We loved horses and still own horses. We traveled with our daughter Trudee to different rodeos where she competed in barrel racing. Our granddaughter Shayla owned her own horses and rode for leisure. Rudy and I enjoyed going to horse racing at different tracks around the Northwest.

Rudy loved to fish. We went to the upper lakes and the Deschutes River. He recently taught our grandson to fish. Rudy took Congressmen, Senators, Governor Atiyeh fishing.

As speakers said at the funeral, the youth was what he focuses on. He coached baseball, bowling and counseled, always encouraged education. He was a youth camp director.

We had friends in all walks of life, pow wow, bowling, rodeo, state and federal government.

Rudy was a very generous person, easy going, easy to get acquainted with. I'll remember all our family get together for birthdays, pot lucks and just eating a meal with some one. I'll always cherish the gifts received throughout the years.

— Anna Clements



To my niece Shirley Geneva. Wishing you the best on your day and every day. Happy second birthday, Jan. 24. Keep being the happy, loving girl you are. Love, Uncle Joseph.

I want to wish my granddaughter Shirley Geneva Wainanwit a very happy birthday. You have brought such joy and love to our family. You made things seem so bright and cheery. Please have a wonderful day every day of the year and I know you will be a good girl for your mom and dad. I love you lots. Kuthla Mona Baez.

We want to wish our little niece the best time of her life on January 24, 2006. We know that you're always on your best behavior like we used to be when we were your age. Love you always, Auntie Veronica, Uncle Brute and Ramon and cousin Jake Frank.

Happy birthday to our granddaughter Shirley Geneva from Grampa Roscoe, Daniel, Tim and Mike Greene and Grandma Celia, Sarah, Paullie and Delsie.

Happy birthday to grandpa Alley. We love you. Thanks for being a father to us and always being there. Love, Angels, Tyrece Ellison, Simyan, Kylan.

Happy birthday to Janice Suppah.

May all your wishes come true. From niece Sophia M. Suppah and sister Deece R Suppah.



Happy birthday to Myrtle Suppah from Sophia & Deece Suppah.



Happy birthday Dad "Alley." Thanks for always being there. I love you, Dad, Love, Edna "your No. 1 daughter" Hiram.

Happy birthday to our family members in January: Jefferson Greene, Mona Baez, Audrianna "Audz" Perez-Greene, Alexyz Gonzalez, Shirley Geneva Wainanwit, Prosanna "Lil Prunice" Katchia, Corbett Tom Jr., Gloria Mitchell, Elizabeth Hisatake, Alicia (you know), Bossy Tossy Hisatake. From the Greenes, Baez, Gonzalez and the "Irkie" Smith family.

Feliz Cumpleanos para mi hermano Daniel F. Arce. I hope you have a good one. Already 17 years old but to me you're always going to be my baby "Dee." Sending lots of love from your sister always, Rosalina Arce and Baby Martin sends his love and kisses para su tio.

Happy birthday para mi prima Priscilla Parra. Love always, Rosalina Race.

Happy birthday para prima Gracelia. Love, Rosalina Arce.

To my wonderful sister who I love with all my heart, I miss you very much. Also, Happy New Year. Siempre hermanas tu y yo Marcie, con much carino y respecto. Rosalina Arce. De todas tus hermanas tambien. Joanna, Adriana.

Happy New Year to my brother Steven Arce. I miss you, love you a whole bunch, can't wait until you get out. Also Baby Martin is sending his love. Also happy belated birthday uncle. Love always, your sister Rosalina Arce and Baby Martin, A. Maldonado.

Happy birthday to Joyce Suppah from Sophia M. & Deece R. Suppah.

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