

## Letters to the Editor

### Appointments Powwow

The Warm Springs Heath and Wellness Center is encouraging you, as the patient, to make appointments to see the doctor, nurse practitioner, diabetes staff and dentist.

Once you make an appointment to be seen in any department, it is very important that you keep your appointment and show up 10 minutes before to update your information at the registration desk.

This is so we have the correct address and phone number in case we have to send you a letter or call you for any reason.

We need to make sure we have the correct insurance information and assist you in applying for Medicare or Oregon Health Plan if you are eligible. We are required to ask these questions every time you come in to the clinic.

It may seem redundant or silly to be re-asked questions you just answered on your last visit but we need to follow the regulations we are told to follow.

We have more people wanting to see medical clinic providers and dentists in any given day than we have appointments.

This is why it is important that you just do not show up for your appointment and call if you cannot make it so someone else can be given your time slot.

Thanks for helping us decrease the number of people who do not come in for their appointments.

**Carol Devaney**, chief executive officer of the IHS clinic.

### Invitation

You and your families are invited to attend our annual historical Penn Cove Water Festival. This is a time to open our hearts in friendship and sharing. A time to welcome our First Nations neighbors.

We will be joining our ancestors on Whidbey Island in the town of Coupeville by welcoming you and sharing our gifts and talents together. We wish for you to mark this day on your calendars and copy and send this invitation far and wide. We request the honor of your presence with open arms.

The Penn Cove Water Festival will be held on Saturday, May 6. It will be held in the town of Coupeville, Washington on Whidbey Island. The hours will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be canoe races, performers, fry bread, vendors, children's activities, and more.

For information call **Susan Berta** at (360) 678-3451; or send an e-mail to [susan@orcnetwork.org](mailto:susan@orcnetwork.org).

I am writing on behalf of all the Native brothers here at the Federal Correctional Institution, Sheridan.

We would like to invite any drum group, dancers and interested people to come celebrate at our annual powwow. We plan to enjoy a day of dance and song from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 28, 2006. We will also provide a feast of buffalo Indian tacos and other refreshments.

All people and groups that can make it must have valid ID, and clear a state and federal record check. We need to get interested folks cleared at least 30 days prior to the June 28 powwow. Please give some thought to joining us at our powwow. Come celebrate with your Warm Springs brothers and tribal members from across the U.S. For more information call Chaplin Richter at (503) 843-4443, ext. 256, or Mr. Hollbrook, ext. 131. Thank you. **Charles E. Frank**, No. 55384-065, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 5000, Sheridan, OR 97761.

### Thank you

Dear friends and family,

We are submitting this letter as a thank you from the Moose Lodge team to the friends, members of the Moose Lodge men/women's pool league of Redmond, and all those who came to participate in the last Memorial Pool Tournament held in March at Redmond.

The pool tournament was held in honor of our teammate Janice Marie Gilbert. The tournament was to assist the family in raising funds towards the headstone for Janice.

Tournament results: Winner for the tournament was Tony and Seagrays from Warm Springs. There were 14 teams that registered for the pool tournament.

The tournament raised \$140; the cake auction, \$77; donations received, \$12 (from George Smith); \$10 (from Glenda Kessel); \$50 (from DEL); meal donations received, \$53; silent auction, \$360. Total raised: \$702.

Thank you to the cooks for the meal prepared: Kris Conner; Alexandria Henry; Marcia Simtustus; and Kit Conner.

Special note: We are planning a second tournament to be held on Friday, April 28 at the Rialto Tavern in Madras. Again, rules are the same, scotch doubles (any doubles), double elimination, 8 ball/BCA Rules. Registration starts at 6 p.m., tournament to begin at 7 p.m.

Payout will be in prizes, all funds raised will be donated towards the headstone for Janice

Gilbert, Autumn Funeral Home.

Sincerely, **Pat Allen, Lynn Davis, Marcia Simtustus, Carol Ott, Kris Conner, other team mates played with (Rialto Tavern, past-time, Moose Lodge), family members of Janice Gilbert.**

### Concern

I sit here and listen to young people talk about who got punked out, shot or jumped over the weekend, all for a color, a number, a letter. It's bad enough alcohol and drugs are killing our Native people off. Now our Native kids are killing each other off. Our kids are supposed to be the future, but I'm scared for my little kids. I don't want them to grow up around such violence. If these gangsters are so tough, then why not go to Iraq and fight in the war instead of fighting your own Native brothers and sisters. Signed, **a worried mother.**

### Great career

This is to our uncle Marvin T. Meanus Sr. on your great retirement and for all your years of hard work, time and effort, for all the service and most of all the dedication you put into your work and job duties. I'm sure you've made the Utilities Department very happy and proud of you for all of your hard work you have done for them. We're very thankful for having a wonderful, thoughtful, very helpful and caring uncle like you. And we thank you for all the help you have done for us.

So we can gladly say that we

love you very much, uncle, and want to say that we are very proud of you and congratulations on your retirement. So, no you can take it easy, relax and enjoy yourself, or even take a vacation, anything you want to do you do it. You've certainly earned it and, uncle, take good care of yourself because we love you.

To all our cousins we encourage you to love, care for, watch over and protect your father because uncle Marvin (cow-hand) is a very nice gentleman, and very special to us as I'm sure he is to you guys also. So it's now up to you guys to see to it that uncle is happy and also, cousins, keep him company, same with the grandchildren. He would love and enjoy each and every one of you in good company.

So it's uncle's turn to do whatever he would like to do and take his retirement for granted. And be comforted and not have any worries about work any more.

To close this, we would like to let all of you know we love you guys also and please spend time with your father, our uncle. And take good care of him. Show him that he is loved by all of you and one more thing, may God bless each and every one of you, and take good care of yourselves also, because we're family. We love you all. Sincerely,

**Mr. and Mrs. Warner W. Williams Sr. and children (Warner Jr., Hilbert, Raymond, Harriet and Delberta), and from Richard W. Payne Jr.**

### Love you all

To the Arce family, Annette, Teodoro, Adrianna, Rosalina, Joanna, Theodore, Steven, Daniel, Beatriz, Elisa, Martin, Mrio, Giovanni, I miss and love you all.

This is the longest I ever have been away from all you. I hope this experience will change us for the better. Thanks to my Mom and Dad for your support. Thank you, Rosie, for your words of encouragement and constant support. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to my sister Joanna for listening to me, being my right hand and celly to the rest of my family. Thank you for being here for me. I love you. Your daughter, sister, auntie, **Marci.**

### Exhibit

The National Park Service's traveling tent show will be arriving at the Museum at Warm Springs and holding lectures, videos, speeches April 22-25. Those two lost white guys, Lewis and Clark, were near Wappato Island area, now known as Sauvie's Island (why the name change?).

On April 3, 1806: "... an old man who appeared of some note among them and father to my guide brought forward a woman who was badly marked with the small pox, and made signs that they all died with the disorder which marked her face, and which she was very near dying with when a girl, from the age of this woman this destructive disorder I judge must have been about 28 or 30 years past, and about the time the Clatsops informed us that this disorder raged in their towns and

destroyed their nation."

April 6, 1806: "The party remained in camp on Sauvie Island, hunting and drying meat. They hoped to amass a sufficient quantity to last them till they reached the Nez Perces. Since the rain was almost continuous, they had to dry it over fires. Overcast skies prevented them from making celestial observations and gales lashed the river to turbulence. In the wide river below the mouth of the Willamette, they had not realized how much the spring flood was adding to the difficulty of their progress." (DeVoto's notes on Chapter XXV, From Sandy River to The Dalles of the Columbia.)

Note: All of the area below Celilo Falls was Chinookan, the Upper Chinookan known as The Dalles Wascos, Dog River Wascos and the Cascade Wascos (known in the Middle Oregon Treaty of 1855 as Ki-gal-twal-las.)

The Kiksht, or Chinookan language went from below Celilo Falls to the mouth of the Columbia. It can be guessed that runners were passing the word about what these interlopers were doing, gathering food and preparing to move upstream. The mighty Wascos I am sure had the red carpet laid out for them. **Louie Pitt.**

### Regarding letters

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. Please, when writing, keep in mind that letters should be of no more than **350 words**. Letters that are too long will have to be cut. Please submit only one letter per person per edition.

### Happy birthday wishes...

*Happy 29<sup>th</sup> birthday to Alvagene Charlie, my one and only precious Tootsie. You fill my heart with happiness and joy, so I just wanted you to know I'm always thinking about you and I love you with all of my heart. Hugs and kisses, I miss you and will always love you. Always and forever, your Toots. Darling, please never doubt a love that's true, for in my life there's only you. I may not show it all the time but I'm yours forever and I hope you're mine. Happy birthday, crazy. Always, your Toots.*

*Happy birthday to my nephew Martin Jr., on April 6. There's not a day goes by that I'm not thinking of you. I love and miss you with all my heart. Love, your Auntie Marci.*



**Happy Birthday to my baby sister Joanna F. Arce on April 16. I hope you learned this lesson in life. I want you to change for the better. You have it in you. You had it in you all along. I stand right behind you in anything and everything. Forget those who try to pull and push**

**you down. Because you will always be at the top. Keep your saying: "Don't hate me because you ain't me." I love you and I'm very proud of you. Love, your sister, Marci.**

Happy Birthday Baby Martin, April 6. Love, and miss you lots. Love, your Auntie Joanna.

**Happy Birthday to my cousin Erica Parra, April 29. Love, and miss you. Your cousin, Marci.**

*Happy Birthday to Jimmy Florez. With love, your Auntie Marci.*

*Happy 15<sup>th</sup> birthday to our sonny boy Matthew David Sconawab II. We waited since we meant for our dreams to come true then we waited nine months to welcome you. We lost some sleep, we worried a lot, but with one swift kick you took our hearts. Your arrival was a moment that will last forever. Since the day you were born we've cherished you. You're 15 years old now. You've learned so much and no matter what we'll always love you a whole bunch. You'll always be our sonny boy. Much love and kisses, mom-e and dad.*



### Letters of apology

I, Mervin Governor, would like to apologize to the "Rez" for being behind the wheel while I was under the influence of alcohol. I was not thinking straight and it will not happen again. **Mervin Governor.**

To the Courthouse, I'm sincerely apologize to the Housing Department for destroying property that was being fixed up. Also, sorry to the neighbors who were awakened and thanks be to God that the residence wasn't being lived in at the time. **Charles Thomas Hellon.**

I would like to apologize to my niece, Christina, for my unnecessary actions on Jan. 1, 2006. I had time to think about what I did wrong while in jail, and feel bad for what I did wrong. I love you, "Mija," and am truly sorry. I hope your can accept my apology. Love, **Auntie Kari.**

I would like to start off with,

I'm sorry, sorry to my family. I tried my best to stay out of trouble; to the court system and judges that worked on my case. I'm sorry. I will try to keep myself out of trouble and jail. Thanks, **Lucinda Swyer.**

To my family, friends and the community, I'd like to apologize to my family, especially my grandkids (the younger ones). Also to the community. I was detoxed and charged with DUI. Now I'm paying for it, with a loss of driving privileges. I'm on probation. I have to do community service and write this letter of apology. If anyone needs a driver, or ride, the answer is no. **Georgena Suppah.**

I am sorry being wrong to the fishing rights. Our river has been established for our people. When I know better, and I am old enough to admit to myself. I've been wrong to myself and my people. Amen. Coyote Search and

**Rescue. Wesley J. Spino II.**

I, Glen Dwayne Eaglespeaker, ask that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribes forgive me for my default for drinking and driving with four counts of putting in trouble with the alcohol. I will try my best to be more careful. I did not mean to put the ones in danger and I ask you to forgive me for even wrongdoing. **Glen Dwayne Eaglespeaker.**

I am sending my apology to the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes and all in this community for my actions that took place on the night of December 2, 2005. I regret my actions and have been treated with respect by the courts. So it is with my deepest apologies that I close and thank you for your time and leniency. **Kit A Gonzalez.**

I would like to apologize for my actions on December 15, 2005. I was under the influence of alcohol and made a very poor decision

to drive. I am truly sorry and I am sure it won't happen any time soon. **Leroy Hicks III.**

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for the incident(s) that occurred on November 7, 2005. Not only to the tribes but also to both families that are involved. Mine and my fiancée's, Carolyn Johnson. We are sincerely sorry for bringing our problems into your home. We have both sat and are both straightening up. This is not only for the benefit of us, but also our unborn child. Thank you for taking the time to read and accept my letter of apology. **Winterdawn Selam.**

Warm Springs Indian Reservation, I apologize for messing up and getting caught with D.P. and I hope my family will forgive me because it's embarrassing to get caught with any thing to do with drugs and once again I want to apologize. **Marcus James Crowe.**

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