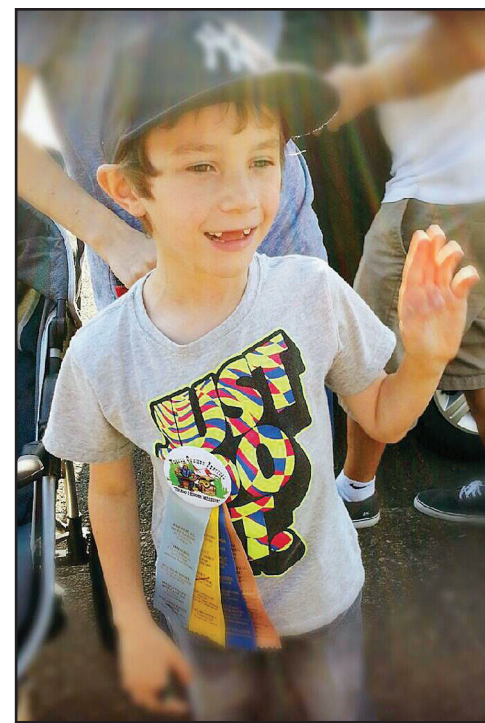




Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds Casino Resort staff

Executive Chef Jack Strong (right) and Sous Chef John Vogel represented Chinook Winds Casino Resort at the Rez Kitchen Tour at the Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton, Ore., in September. The team came out on top with a perfect score on their dessert, a tie for best appetizer and a win for best table presentation. They received customized Pendleton blankets.



Courtesy photo

Miles Case

## Case named Student of the Month at SVS

Congratulations to Miles Case! Siletz Valley School awarded our son, Miles, with Student of the Month honors for September.

Miles, 6, is in the first grade and was recognized for citizenship, responsibility, academics and respect. His nomination from his teacher read, "Miles is kind and respectful. He makes good choices and works very hard. We are so glad that Miles is in our class!"

Miles also received a free ice cream cone coupon from Little Chief Restaurant.

We love you, Miles! Keep working hard and shining your light.

Miles' parents are Brandon and Apples Case. His brothers are Luke and Ezekiel Case. Proud grandparents Wazzy and Lori Case and Buster and Kristi Lane, great-grandma Elouise Case and great-grandma Marty Lockhart (Downey), along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, are all so happy Miles is such a blessing.



Courtesy photo

Amber Yarbrough (right) awaits the next play with her teammates during a volleyball game in October.

## Girls learn life lessons on volleyball court for first time

By Glenn Yarbrough

My daughter, Amber Yarbrough, played her very first sport this year on the Siletz Valley School Lady Warriors fifth/sixth-grade volleyball team.

This is a very exciting time for a parent to show support, participate and encourage personal goals from start to finish and all the in-betweens. Completion no matter the score, win or lose – it is the knowledge gained on the chosen path that is priceless to undertake.

The first game was Oct. 6 and the season will finish up Nov. 3 at the Siletz Rec Center. The ladies played Newport, Waldport, Toledo and Lincoln City.

The ladies won their first game of the season, with most of them taking the court for the first time.

All these young ladies are wonderfully athletic, intelligent and very diligent, thriving not only in games but on the practice court as well. It is a wonderful opportunity to watch their growth, education and success – and see them rise above and learn from disappointment in losing to opponents.

This is very brave of all these young ladies. It must be hard to take the game on the court for the first time in life as a representative and team member.

The impact is strong, offering ethics and moral strength in several aspects

of life. Thank you, Coach Tosha and Coach Heather. The smiles, "high fives," laughs, cheers and teamwork brought me much joy.

To my daughter, Amber – I am so proud of you. Not only did you take it upon yourself to try out, you are so eager to go and play, learn and help. You overcame your jitters and nerves and stepped up and out. Remember, "The only stupid question is the one not asked."

Keep up the great work(out)! Set, call, return, serve, spike – just do your best. After all, it's a game. You all are awesome!

I love you, Amber.



### Tom Family Get-Together

Nov. 25, 2012 • 1:30-5:30 p.m.  
Grand Ronde Community Center

Join us for a Thanksgiving-themed potluck. The turkey will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

Hope to see everyone there!

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