

**Pen pal wanted**

**To the editor,**  
Dear People, I was writing in the hope that you could help me, I am looking for a Native American Pen-friend, I was hoping you could publish my request in your newspaper. I have no problem if it is male or female and any age is not a problem. I find Native American Culture and history very fascinating and am very interested and pay you so much respect for your courage.

If it is at all possible could you please send me a copy of your paper. If you need me to send a subscription fee please let me know and I would be only to pleased to send it. I hope this request is not to much trouble.  
**Yours faithfully,**  
**Wendy Thomas**  
81 Warburton Highway  
Lilydale, Victoria 3140  
Australia  
P.S. Don't forget to say I live in Australia



Thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Hoptowit and family for helping and attending our wedding on November 11, 1997. God Bless you all.  
**Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hoptowit**

*Who's Next?  
Who's next?  
Will it be you?  
I hop that you  
will think about  
it first.  
Think about the  
people who love you,  
the children who will  
go to you for problems now  
and later in  
life.  
Think about the  
Anguish that  
it will cause.  
Think about help before you  
decide that life is  
not worth living.  
Because life is worth  
living when people around you  
hurt knowing that you  
are thinking about  
taking your own life  
or when you do actually take  
your own life.  
Please Don't Do It!!!  
Get Help it will be  
worth it in the end  
knowing that you have  
spared your family  
the hurt and wonder of  
Why.*

**Hoptowit wins poetry contest**

Jefferson County Middle School student, Dawn Hoptowit, is a poetry contest winner. She entered the Valentine Poetry Contest sponsored by Metro Washington Park Zoo where she will receive an award and read her poem Friday, February 13, 1998.

Winning poems with the poet's name, school and grade will be published in the 1998 Anthology of Winning Poems. Dawn is a member of the Warm Springs Tribes and the daughter of Tamera and Donald Hoptowit.

Her poem reads:

The Lost of the Tiger

Your first sight of the tiger will never fade.  
His satin-like colors gleaming in the jungle shade.  
The powerful tiger walks around so free.  
The beautiful colors of striped orange and black to see.

People need to stop and think of their future ways!  
Mankind and tigers need to work together all the days!  
Stop and watch the tigers in the zoo safe behind bars.  
Look up at the night and think about the jungle stars.

If we are not careful these strong animals will drift away.  
Our children will never see a tiger in their distance day.  
People will never know what we have now.  
Unless we take the time to show them how.

Dawn Hoptowit  
Jefferson County Middle School



**Dawn Hoptowit**

**Lincoln's Powwow Sr. Candidate**



**Daleena Frank**

My name is Daleena Frank. I am the daughter of Sandra Greene and Jeffrey Frank. I am 14 years old and currently selling raffle tickets for Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Senior Court. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. I attend Madras Middle School. I have participated in school track, cross country and volleyball. I am a member of the SMILE club. My hobbies are riding horse, drawing, reading and beadwork. I participate at Powwow's as a Fancy Dancer. I share my Indian culture with visitors to Warm Springs with the "Spirit Walker Dancers". Over the summer I went to Florida for a month to share Indian culture with the Group "Dancer's of the Seventh Feather" (Charles Tailfeather Jr.s). Your support in my ticket sales is greatly appreciated. See you around the community. Thank you.

**Thank you for condolences**

**To the editor,**

To the people of Warm Springs: I wish to thank the many, many members of the Warm Springs Community who offered words of condolence and sympathy to me and my family over the recent passing of my mother, Marian Arnett. I especially want to thank Nelson Wallulatum for his prayer song at my mother's funeral service and Pierson Mitchell for his prayer song at the graveside services.

I also want to thank my many friends from Warm Springs who attended the services and sent us thoughtful and comforting messages of sympathy. Your wonderful friendship and compassion made a tremendous and lasting impression on me and my family. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,  
**Howie Arnett & the family of Marian L. Arnett**

**Thank you for the love & support**

**To the editor,**

To: my father & family,  
Thank you for all the love and support you have so unselfishly given. This past year (especially) has been unlike any other. This year we found someone that will forever change our lives.

We have found our heavenly father, comforter, friend, prince of peace, healer, and wonderful counselor. Someone who will always take care of our family through good times & bad times. He will make us strong & carry us when we are weak. Furthermore, he will fly us away this earth to a place that will fulfill our every need. Not a house, car or all the money in the world could satisfy the riches of what our father has in store for us.

May God always bless you and yours. May the blood of Jesus forever unite us! Amen.

**Happy Holidays,**  
**Love, JEBlake (John 3:16)**

**JCMS yearbooks on sale now**

The JCMS 1997-98 year book is now into production. To ensure that enough copies are ordered, it is necessary that students pre-order their copy now. Year books may be ordered from classroom and TAP teachers. The cost is \$9.00. November 3-7 will be the last presales to order the yearbook for \$9.00. After Christmas break the yearbooks will cost \$10.00.

**Madras Center offers various COCC classes to community**

Sneak preview of Winter classes offered by COCC at the Madras Center

**Computer Classes:**  
Intro to Computers, Intro to Computers (bilingual), Computers for Seniors, Windows 95, Internet, Quickbooks, Desktop Publishing, Word for Windows, Keyboarding and Buy the Right Computer.

**Art Classes:**  
Watercolors, Drawing, Woodcarving

**Human Development Classes:**  
Conversational Spanish, U.S. Citizenship, Bring your Words to Life, Love and Logic Parenting.

**Home and Garden Classes:**  
Gardening Workshops, Welding, Maintenance Welding.

**Dance & Fitness Classes:**  
Beginning Tap Dance, Intermediate Tap Dance, Western

Swing, Yoga.  
**Lunch & Learn Series:** enjoy a variety of local residents sharing their travels and adventures in Central Oregon and abroad.

1/22-Fall in England & Scotland  
1/29-South America on video  
2/5-Habitat for Humanity-Guatemala  
2/12-Eagle Watch, Cove Palisades Park

2/19-Your National Grassland  
2/26-Spring in Morocco

Winter term is a great time to take a class without leaving town to do it. Stop by the Madras College Center to see our new 10 computer lab ready for Winter term computer courses. We've expanded our computer offerings to accommodate local demand for computer education.

**Important dates to remember**  
Center closed for X-man Dec. 22-

26 Mail/Fax Registration begins Dec.

29 Phone/Walk-in registration begins Jan. 5  
Community Ed classes begin Jan. 12

Pre-registration is required for all Community Ed classes.  
**Adult Basic Education classes:**

Classes to work toward your GED, High School Completion or improve literacy skills will begin on January 5 and meet every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
English as a Second Language-Next classes begin the week of January 5, Beginning ESL Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced Monday and Wednesday 6-9 p.m.

**Christmas is a gift of love to all**

**To the editor,**

Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, in one week we have the time of Christmas. The gift of love. So, how are you handling the idea of a loving God??? How about the idea of a loving God loving you??? In the seventeen years I have been a pastor, I have seen a major idea of how people come to know who they are in this world. People do an elimination process to discover who and what they are in this world. A Spanish person will say "Oh, that is what white people do. We Spanish don't do that so therefore I must be Spanish." Or an Indian says "Oh, that is what the black people believe. Indians don't believe that so

therefore I must be an Indian." There is a constant comparison of people to people, culture to culture, and faith to faith. The problem is in the sizing up of someone else we may also add judgment to the quality of what we see. Then it goes from the Spanish to those Mexicans...or the illness of alcoholism to those drunks.

Well, what are we to do...in the gift of Christmas there is the clear example of our Creator who does no comparison. Every human being is not seen in how they stand next to each other. In the eyes of God as a parent with their child they are not Indian, black or white. They are people who are loved. In Christmas it is the great parent who reaches out to give love. Not to size us up, but to fill us out with all of the elements that love makes to make your identity and of the knowledge of what life is meant to be. It is meant to be a time to love and be loved. Merry Christmas from the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Also: The Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 21 at 11 a.m. And a Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7 p.m.

**Pastor Rick. R. Ribeiro**

**Thanks for your generosity**

**To the editor,**

Marty & Morningstar Spino would like to thank all those people who have shown their generosity towards the family with our recent loss. We were trying to keep a list of all cooks, friends and family who have helped, but the help was overwhelming that a General Thank You feels appropriate, so that no names will be forgotten. God Bless You and hope you have a Merry Christmas.

**Job Corps helped turn life around**

**To the editor,**

My name is Alvagene Charlie. I am writing to give an update on how Job Corps is. I have now been in Job Corps for 11 months. I'm real close to completing my GED and my forestry trade.

In Forestry, I am 75%. My instructor Todd Payne says I could be done by spring time. When I finish I'll be going to Sisters, Oregon until winter, then go to Bend for advanced forestry training, so I could be closer to home. I want to take a little bit of time to tell you about Forestry. In forestry, I've gotten my fire fighting card, my chainsaw card and a tree climbing card. We also get to go burning. All these are really check offs. You have to remember a lot of things. You have to know different kinds of knots for tree climbing. Dif-

ferent kinds of cuts for chainsaw use and everything for fire fighting.

We have people coming and going in Job Corps. You get to meet them, get to know their background and then next thing you know they are gone.

But the good part is a lot of other students complete. All the students that complete, put their minds to it, and move on. They follow all the rules, which are very simple and they leave. The rules aren't hard at all (common sense).

Job Corps changes people's attitudes from when they first get here to 3 months from their entry date. When they first get here their attitudes are not good, until 3 months later it's better.

For me like I said, I've been here 11 months. If people remember when I left Warm Springs, I was in and out of jail. I didn't care about what I was doing with my life. I went my own way, I never told my mom where I was going. But now my attitude has changed, I see things in a different way, instead of my way. I learned how to respect myself, as well as others.

Don't get me wrong, but there are times I think about partying or even doing drugs. But when I came to Job Corps, I got to see for myself that there is more out there than partying and using drugs. I look back on that time and wonder to myself, how could I have done those things. I mean all it is, is a night of drinking and doing drugs and that's it. When you could be using that money for something better.

There is alot of ups and downs but if you make it through the day, life goes on. When I get upset, I think

about why I'm here and what direction I'm going in. While I'm here in Job Corps, I wonder what my future is going to be. I just want to say I'm glad I'm here in Job Corps. Just as long as I'm not home doing wrong, like I was before I left.

When I was doing wrong, I hardly ever thought about my little girl. I always wanted to do my thing. But now I really miss her and I love her with all my heart. She means everything to me. I'm not doing this just for me, but I'm doing it for Jennifer as well. She don't need to grow up the way I did and she don't need to go through it. I am here to help myself and help my family and my little girl.

I want to say thank you to Beverly Smith for watching Jennifer and taking good care of her. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here. I really appreciate what you're doing for me. Thank you so much.

In my dorm, I have a lot of responsibility. I am assistant head dorm leader. We make sure everyone is up on time and they are following the rules. We try our best to keep other students on their best behavior. I have to be on my best behavior as well. It was really hard to become assistant head dorm leader. The biggest part is trying to keep the dorm together. We have 50 females in one dorm trying our hardest to live together. But with leaders to help, we are doing good.

In the gym I am head recreation leader. I make sure everything is under control in the gym, which is hard sometimes and keeping it clean. Making sure we have all the equipment. I do my best in these two things. It keeps me busy, I hardly have any time to myself.

**Alvagene Charlie**



**Happy Birthday**  
Sister  
"Rose Rack"  
Nana Liza, YaYa Tony  
Little Brother Leonard

**Happy Birthday**  
YaYa Chet  
Dec. 22  
Love you lots  
Itta & Albert,  
Sisa, Tony, Rose rack  
& Leonard

Dec. 21,  
**Happy Birthday**  
Lamont Brown  
Love ya lots,  
Itta, Albert, Sisa,  
Tony, Marella & Leonard

**Happy Belated 38th Anniversary to our Mom & Dad, Viola and Ron Governor From all your big kids. God Bless everybody and special prayer to everyone.**

**Kw'Alani Wiyanawitpama'**  
(Happy Birthday)  
Inmi Naimuma (my relatives)  
Yaya's Ku Nana's

To everyone else that is having their birthday's this month I hope you have a good one. May God Bless you with many more years to come,  
**From R. Johnson & kids**

**Kw'Alani Wiyanawitpama'**  
(Happy Birthday)  
Inmi Naimuma (my relatives)  
Nana's (Sisters)

Joseph Crowe, Denys White, Maria Lopez, Leanna Wolfe, Kristina Sampson, Nancy Seyler, Eileen Dick, Shina Culps, Tipits Walsey, Angie Blackwolf, Zelma Blackwolf, Julia Begay, Lorreta Tulee, Heather Nunez (in Hoopa, CA), Maxine Switzer, Tashina George, Auntie Josie Redfox,

Thank you for everything and all your help and support to us all. My little daughter Melissa Bryant, wherever you are my baby girl, I will remember you on your birthday, always & forever. I think of you everyday, I will continue praying for you. Isha I love you. Lola Ellrina Mae Dick, I love you LolaBunnie "Atauwishamash Iyashani"

**Neo Design Studio seeking local calligrapher/artist**

Neo Design studio of Portland, is looking for a calligrapher/artist who can hand paint a legend on a wall in Kah-Nee-Ta's new spa opening around January one 1998. Please submit a sample of your lettering ability along with your name and phone number to Neo Design Studio, 2229 NW savier street Portland, Oregon 97210. All respondents will be given consideration.

Yaiya's (brothers)  
Levi Greene, Bobby Begay, Harold Blackwolf Jr., Uncle & brother Morris (yauwiinat) Johnson, Love you bro, even though I don't tell you very often, but it is in my heart, knowing that God knows I love you. That's good enough for me, hoping you will understand.

"Iyashani" Inxtwai (my friends) Atauwishamash tmnakni awala awatawishaash "I love you from my heart".  
Inmi Aswan: BlueJay (xwashxwi) Kenoras, Josh (Wtpasumxee) Slickpoo Jeremy (JT) Jim, Dean Antone, Judd Frank (Goldendale)

We truly praise and Thank God for all the wonderful things that you do for us and you are very special in all our hearts, keep up the good work. Thank you Aswans (boys)!!!!

May God Bless you our dearest nephews, sons, grandsons, cousin & brother's with many more to come.

"Atauwishamash, Iyashani"  
Atauwishamash tmnakni awala awatawishaash "I love you from my heart"

**From all families, Jim's Slickpoo's, Ortiz's, Antone's, Seelatsee's, Franks, Johnsons & Ike's.**

**The Baptist Church presents**

**An Indian Christmas Play**

**at the Baptist Church December 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.**  
Take time out from your hectic shopping schedule and join the Baptist Church for a family night out.

**To my husband, Daniel Lawrence,**  
Merry X-mas & Happy New Year and God Bless you.  
**from your wife,**  
**Carol S. Lawrence**

**To Maureen & Tyrone Saludo,**  
Merry X-mas & Happy New Year, Love you!  
**from Dad & Mom**

**To Everyone in the WS Community;**  
Merry X-Mas & Happy New Year!  
**From Carol & Daniel Lawrence, & Maureen & Tyrone**

For Sale  
Miniature Dobermans  
9-10 weeks old  
AKC registered  
They are ready to go!!  
Have had their second distemper/parvo shots.

They will need their 3rd distemper/parvo shot  
in another month. They need their rabies shot too.

Have been wormed.  
These dogs are wonderful companions.

They will have vet from Madras come give special shots for \$5 here in Warm Springs. Nancy Collins sets these programs up.  
Contact Shirley Smith at 2111 Wasco St.  
or work phone #553-3309 WSPD

For Sale  
2 bedroom single wide mobile home with a master bath, walk-in closet, wood stove, and a small storage shed in the back. Great for a new couple or a couple just starting their family.

For more information, call the Credit Department or Denise at 553-3205 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 553-5027 after 6 p.m. If no answer, leave a message on the answering machine.