

Letters to the Editor

Letter of thanks

Dear friends and relatives:
I know this letter of thanks is late, but a well-deserved thanks goes to all who were there for myself and children.

For my family also because we were so hurt, the pain of the loss of my son Reggie Heath affected us all. He touched so many people. He traveled these four directions and met many people.

I thank you for taking him into your home and feeding and giving him a place to sleep.

I want to thank everyone who sent cards of kindness, food, giveaway things but also things they gave for my home. It means so much to my children. It made them wonder why? It's that caring our people have for each other during times like this, touching with your love and concern. I thank you for that.

I want to thank my family for helping out. My brothers and sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, my aunts, uncles, my grandmothers, grandfathers. I also thank Reggie's relatives on his father's side who brought things to wrap him and give away. Also his father and brothers, uncles and aunts, cousins, grandma and grandpa. Although Reggie never knew his dad, he was getting to know his brothers, that meant everything to him. He was lonely, this was missing in his life, but getting to know them filled that emptiness. He needed them in his life. May God bless you.

I thank the drummers and bell ringers who came to my home and to the longhouse. I thank you for your faith in your belief and belief in your faith. Doing God's work is hard and during this time there were many deaths. For you being there for us I am grateful. May God bless you and your family.

I thank my uncles who took care of his body, dressed him and also burned his things for us. Also the cooks who fed the people with their good thoughts and prayers.

I think of it like yesterday. I say a prayer of thanks for the food and

choosh "water" of life, for another day. My son Reggie was a Sundancer, he danced for the people and his family. Nine years he did this.

He fasted and prayed like that with that time approaching we need to prepare ourselves, my children. I know there are people who don't understand going outside of our own ways, but I try to respect each other's ways.

I say thank you, and I don't want to leave anyone out because there were many people and relatives who brought things. For this I am grateful and may God bless you.

Lisa Wallulatum and children, Sonny, Melody and Michael Berry.

(Editor's note: The letter above was submitted to Spilyay Tymoo several weeks ago, but by mistake the letter was not included in previous editions of the paper. We apologize for the error.)

Sorry for incident

Cherlyn Starr,
I am sorry for what happened back in January. I do believe there is someone else who owes you an apology...they know who they are. I am sorry for my part in the incident.

Ms. Johnson

In memory

This is a pretty cool poem I got from a buddy in Eugene. I just want to share it with you all who have lost a loved one in your family.

In Memory: Those who we love remain with us, For love itself lives on.

Cherished memories never fade, Because one loved is gone:

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart; For as long as there is memory, They live on in our hearts.

This poem has helped me to think of my earthly father Ab. I miss him a lot now, but I think of the cherished memories I have of him. Ab was a very loving father. Now I have faith, I know he's not suffering here on earth now.

I loved you Ab, Everett Patt. You were a one of a kind father.

Eveatt Patt

Seeks Mother

Dear Editor:
I saw your address in News From Indian Country, so decided to write you to see if you could help me. I'm Native American and doing time here in this California prison. But I'm striving to better myself.

I've been trying to find my mother. I was taken from her many years ago as a child by the court, and placed in foster homes. Now I'm a grown man and she's still out there but I don't know where for sure.

But I last heard she's staying in Warm Springs or Mt. Jefferson area. Maybe if you could print this letter and my address in your tribal newspaper she will read it and write to me. I would appreciate it very much if you could. Also anyone that would like to write, please do I'll write back. My mom is "Paiute", her name is Mary Ann Rendon.

That is my dad's last name, I don't know her maiden name. Thank you.

Sincerely, **Dionisio Rendon**
C#89115. P.O. Box 7500-C-12#111. Crescent City, CA 95532

Some good workers

To our Warm Springs tribal peoples.

I would like to compliment our local police department; since Chief Courtney took over the controls it seems our local police officers are treating people better (and nobody is getting murdered by our own government.)

The small business secretaries (Lonnie James, Shelly Greene-Boise, Verleen Tom) do a good job of making our people feel welcome. Even our court has friendly people. If you have to go to court or fill out any legal papers, they now have considerate, friendly, receptionists.

Our Victims Assistance Program is doing a good job. (Marie, Barbara, Glenn, Gladys)

And they work. They don't just sit around all day eating doughnuts and doing beadwork on the tribal people's limited resources. More of our programs should follow Victims Assistance's example and require some real, actual work... Man, we pay these so-called workers way more than we should for them to just sit or ride all day.

No matter what, our home, Warm Springs Reservation is the best. But we have a lot of issues to deal with, solve, for the good of our people, not just a few. Nobody has been willing to talk about the bad issues like the lack of work performed by our so-called labor force. Think about all the stealing, the racketeering by dynasty families, the unsolved murders.

We have a good kind people in Warm Springs, our home... sometimes maybe we are too kind, to a fault. We, Warm Springs Nations, have to protect what little we have left of our resources and freedoms. We are under siege surrounded by the wagons. Manifest destiny, over my dead body.

Bobby Eagleheart

Thanks for support

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in traveling to the University of Maryland to participate in National History Day. I didn't win, but had a great time meeting people and getting to see the sights of Washington D.C.

I would like to especially thank my grandmother Emily Waheneka who made me a wing dress to wear for this special occasion. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated items for my raffle, which helped me, raise about \$500.

Thanks to the following for contributing money for my plane ticket: Willie Fuentes, the Tribe's chief operating officer, Human Services, and Warm Springs Forest Products.

Finally, thank you to my grandmothers Faye and Fannie Waheneka who have always supported me and

the activities I choose to do. Your help and interest in my life makes a big difference for me. I love you!

These are my raffle results:

U of O thermal mug, Earl Squiemphen; 1/2 case of Pepsi, Maxine Switzler; 1/2 case of Pepsi, Arlene Boileau; 1/2 case of Pepsi Twist; Kathy Reynolds; small picture frame, Adrian Smith; yarn belt, George Hough.

Earrings, Gaila Savery; jazz CD, Gladys Graybael; rock oldies CD, Jordan Patt; soul CD, Paula Miller; blues CD, Adrian Smith; classic album cuts CD, Jane Kirkpatrick; garden pin, Cheryl Courtney.

Sweater, Jason Schjoll; towel/potholder set, Maxine Switzler; barrette, Bear Ross; beaded key chain, Tryna Muilenburg; stoneware mug, Courtney Lupton.

Picture frame, Amy Carlson; yarn bag, Adrian Smith; necklace, Sawn Smith; necklace, Deborah Jackson-Alvarez; hairclips, Versa Fuentes-Smith; "Sweetness to the Soul," Donna Rogers; cord of firewood, Desi Hurtado;

D i s c m a n, Deborah Jackson-Alvarado; garden stone, Rita Squiemphen; beaded bag, Courtney Lupton; CD boom box, Lonny Macy; Pendleton blanket, Paula Miller.

P.S. Thanks to the Education Committee for paying for those of us who got to come to the Upward Bound program at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Sincerely, **Carina Miller**

Apology

Dear Harry, Pat, and family
I am very sorry for all the hurt and pain I caused. I didn't realize what I did until I woke up in jail. I am not going to ask for forgiveness because there is no way I will ever forgive myself. It is now up to my creator who I will face at the end of my life. I just ask that you pray for me. I will be going through an experience that will haunt me every day of my life.

Yes, this letter is court ordered, but I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I will now have to face the consequences even if it means being sent away for a long time, which I very much deserve. That's what comes of abusing alcohol, which I know I have a problem with and will be seeking professional help for. No matter how many times I apologize it cannot undo the pain and suffering for any of you.

Sincerely and love always, **Your niece Tippy Teeman eness**

A thank-you

This letter is a long time coming and we apologize for taking so long.

We would like to say thank you to our families and friends for their support and prayers during what has been the most trying time in our lives. Your prayers and support helped us and our son get through his illness. It really has been a day by day thing for us. We could not have made it if it weren't for the support we had. We would like to give thanks to the following for their financial support while we were at the hospital and after coming home.

Forestry, Fire Management, Fire and Safety Volunteer Program, (also thank you for the fund-raising you did for us!), Presbyterian Church, Counseling Center, Voc-Rehab, Mr. and Mrs. Ribeiro, Kelli Picard, Guy Wallulatum, Peggy Williams, Tom Dryer, Marcella Hall, Earl & Rita Squiemphen, (Gram & Gramps), and the pee-wee Rodeo Association (for the Safeway Gift Card). It has helped us tremendously, with everything, from paying a bill to buying diapers. Also, thanks to Tana & Cirelle Frank and Michelle & Kortney Stacona for letting Jordan stay with you and help-

ing her be away from mom, dad and brother. Thank you to Jeston's teachers and his little friends for the get well cards and prayers.

A big thank you to mom (Val) for watching our house and cleaning. Also, for being with us at the hospital almost daily and doing all of our running around. We appreciate you! Every little thing someone has done or said has been helpful.

And our biggest thanks go to our daughter, Jordan for being a bit girl and being so strong. We know it was hard to be away from us, it was hard for us to be away from you all of that time. We love you with all our heart, Munchkin.

If we have forgotten to mention anyone, we are sorry, it is not intentional! Again, thank to everyone, the phone calls, cards, prayers and donations has been so overwhelming. Just know that we will always be grateful.

With much love and thanks, **Trey, Monica, Jordon and Jeston Leonard.**

Appreciated

I would like to take this opportunity to say a warm and loving thank you to Hilda Culpus from the High Lookie Senior Center and its tenants. This is so appreciated for your contributions of clothing that you have made to our tenants. It takes a person with a big and generous heart to think of other people in need and these people are often forgotten. Hilda has never forgotten our people and has contributed to her people always after her sales. We appreciate everything she has done and we love her dearly. Respectfully, **Shirley Smith, High Lookie Lodge.**

Program offers youth work opportunities

The Warm Springs youth work programs are offering youth an eight-week summer work program, with six weeks of paid work experience and two weeks of unpaid community service.

This is to promote volunteerism and the concept of "giving back to the community." This will benefit the community, the people, and the youth. The youth work programs give the youth a wide variety of experiences, and helps them to choose the job that is right for them.

The volunteering is a way to give back to the same community that is helping them to have these experiences. The volunteering will also benefit the youth by adding to their life experiences, building their resume, and positive community participation.

This will be a year-round activity. Volunteer work needs to be completed and verified prior to starting paid work experience for after school-work, part-day work, and summer work in 2003. Sample areas include: cultural events such as memorials, name giving, feasts, first kills, first diggings/pickings; community events, such as attending general councils, district meetings, home base meetings. Sample list of volunteer activities: Helping set up/take down a booth, handling money, help collect donations of food, clothes, household items, or toys, making/posting flyers, banners, or brochures, washing vehicles, baking, sewing, to name just a few activities.

Who to volunteer with: CHET Projects, Sr. Citizen Department Projects, High Lookie Lodge, Lake Billy Chinook Clean Up Day, Boys and Girls Club, All Tribal Committee Projects, Community Gardens, the museum, Rodeo Association, Special Olympics, or any other club, organization, or entity that is within these guidelines.

Birthday and other wishes



Happy fourth birthday to our lil angels, Milton and Phillip, July 7. We love you guys bigger than the sky. Dad and Mom.

Happy Birthday to our two little bro's, Milton and Phillip. Love you two no matter what. **Bernie and Isaiah.**

Congratulations to **Marcella Mae Berta**, daughter of Garland and Susan Brunoe of Warm Springs, who has graduated from North Dakota State University.

Barta completed a Doctor of Phar-

Congratulations to **Annette Sonya** for having your baby son. **Tonah Scott**

Wedding Aug. 17



Michael Soloman Kalama and Jennifer Krystal Tufti invite family and friends to witness their precious moment in time, as they unite as husband and wife. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Baptist Church. Reception to follow at the church.

macy. She was a member of the Phi Lambda Sigma, Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity, American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists and Golden Key National Honor Society.

Happy birthday to my big bro Melvin Scott Jr. from your lil bro Tonah Scott

Happy birthday to Vera Smith from your ex-lil big baby

Notice of upcoming events

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events that are of interest to the Warm Springs community. You may drop announcements

in printed or computer disk format at the Spilyay office, 1100 Wasco Street. Or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, 97761. Fax is 553-3539.