

## Letters to the Editor

### Feeling good by doing good

By Ashley Aguilar  
Spilyay reporter

As a young adult or teenager I believe working for our community will make a positive influence on others.

Every summer since my kindergarten year I went to 4-H Culture Camp and learned important skills and lessons as a child growing up.

When I became old enough to work I started to volunteer as Counselor In Training.

I took two weeks out of my summer to participate with the OSU extension program.

It's not only fun, it's a great learning experience being with the younger children.

Since I was 5-years-old this was where I went to have a good time, and I still do have excellent times.

Every year is a new beginning and each year it just gets better and better.

While my role is to teach the children, sometimes the children are teaching me. Its weird how they know little interesting facts that you wouldn't even think of until they bring it up.

I admit it has its flaws. For instance, some children chose not to listen because of my age, so it becomes hard to get them involved.

But some of these kids just need the extra attention because they weren't getting it elsewhere.

It feels good when kids come up to you and ask you questions, or confide in you. I enjoy helping them solve problems.

Meeting the children at camp reminds me of when I went to my counselor for advice. I liked them because they were really nice.

Not only are the children a blast, the other counselors, cooks, teachers, and administrators are also a great help. They are always here and willing to improve your skills so you can do a better job.

I love the kids and staff I work with. I think volunteering two weeks of my summer is well worth the effort.

#### Toe Ness

It is said, "If you can smile when things go wrong, you must have someone in mind to blame." YIKES.

#### Better Support

These past few seasons there has been a lack of support given to our young athletes who play softball and baseball. Also to the coaches, who take the time to coach and work with the kids.

Concerns or requests were not considered to help support our young athletes. They lost interest in the sport and turned to the streets. In my opinion the Little League Association never made the extra effort to check what was going on within the league. They said they needed to be informed, just an excuse not to do anything.

This year's season turned out to be a mess. When rule changes were made, not all coaches were informed, causing some disagreements at the games. The same with the paperwork. Not all was turned into the organization before the season began. Why?

So as coaches we were penalized, and informed that we could not be considered to coach the All Stars or make the All Star selections. So who are the rules set for in this league?

The Little League organization tells the Indian coaches one rule and gives a non-Indian a different set of rules to abide by, why? Warm Springs athletes were not given enough representation on the All Star selections.

The tribes have enough athletes to make their own All Star teams in all divisions but receive no help locally to push the option. In the past the team record was given consideration for the head coach and All Star selections. That's when the league played on potential and not other factors.

The league was better organized and received support from all the communities. We need to get rid of the politics to find solutions to upgrade the league. Get rid of the middleman. Have the coaches work directly with each other, to have better communication.

There's nothing we can do about it this season. The Little League association already made their ruling, regardless of what was brought to their attention. It's time to quit ignoring the problem and start to getting something done.

God bless you all. Speaking up for our youth...

**Big Rat**, coach for 28 years.

#### A thank-you

I, Eliza Brown-Jim, would like to thank my family for a very memorable birthday. But remember, I wasn't supposed to have a birthday until Harv catches me up. Thank you to my sister Neda for cooking and my niece Jamie for the cake, and

to my children and grand children, great grand children, sister Charlotte, and to my Harvey for all your lovely words and my special gift, remember you too take care of my blah blah blah. Again family and friends, I'll be happy forever. I was also honored with the presence of Chief Heath and Family.

Love you all, **Eliza Brown-Jim**

#### Takes a village

Dear Family and friends of Warm Springs,

Because of your generous support during our fundraising events, we raised enough money for Joshua to attend and compete in the Southern California Instrumental Music Tour 2003 at Disneyland Heritage Festivals.

They were able to take the Heritage Festivals highest honor given to the symphonic band. They also placed second during the Portland General Electric/SOLV Starlight Parade presented by Southwest Airlines, during the Rose Festival upon their return.

I know that it sounds cliché but it truly does take a village to raise a child. Thank you for helping and supporting me as I raise mine.

Sincerely, **Dana (Buffy) Hurtado and sons, Joshua and Paige Smith**

#### Apology

I would like to apologize to the community and all my friends and family for driving under the influence of alcohol on June 9, 2003.

**Albert Comedown**

#### Doing well

Family and friends, I just want to let you all know that I am doing really good. Thanks to Creator for giving me another life to live. I miss and love you all and would like to hear from you all if you have time to write me. Please send pictures to me. Buddy, miss ya. Keep in good health and take care. With love and respect,

**Tamara Henry**, 17645 N.W. St. Helens Hwy., Portland OR, 97231.

#### Veterans

We're so close to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Korean War. The ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are mothers, wives, sisters, aunts or children of veterans.

We would like to honor these veterans (living and dead) of the war on this set state, of the Korean War Era, which is Sunday, July 27, 2003.

We as a tribe have 18 living

veterans from this war. We have two decorated men who have retired. As we remember, cease-fire started July 1951, but took two years for fighting to really stop.

When North Korea signed the armistice, rebutting to prisoner exchange, the war erupted June 1950, which involved over five million soldiers.

KWVA will have theirs July 25 at 2 p.m. (Salem), July 26 at the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville.

We the Native American would like to have one here July 27 (maybe an evening meal). Any suggestions, donations.

Let us thank the veterans for doing unselfishly for us and our country.

Love and Respect to you veterans, **Eliza Brown-Jim and Neda Wesley**. Contact us at 553-9003 or 553-1538.

#### Moving on

I met and have a very nice female friend in Eugene. She is also in the same program as I am in, in Eugene.

She'll be moving out. I will miss her when she leaves, moves out of the program, but I have cherished the memories of the many times we giggled around

together.

I thank her for her being there and being my friend.

Friends are needed in the world.

**Evette Patt**

#### Great event

We would like to express a belated "thank you" to our families and friends who made our April wedding such a wonderful event.

You will never be forgotten. Don't forget to drop by and see us.

God bless.

Sincerely, **Ginger and Lawrence Crawler**.

#### Not responsible

I Dondi Foster am not responsible for any debts of Pearl Wyman since Oct. 31, 2002. We have never been legally married.

#### Pen pal

Dear editor,

Hello, friends. My name is Paul Johnson, and I'm in search of a native pen pal. I'm very interested in the Native tradition and teachings.

I'm in search of myself at the present time and I need a friend to help me on my jour-

ney. I'm incarcerated now but will be released September 3, 2003. I want to build a long-lasting friendship. I will reply to all who write. I'm 23 years old, from the hills of eastern Kentucky. To whoever writes, I'll be waiting. With gratitude and respect always, **Paul Johnson**, 07715-032, U.S. Penitentiary, Bldg. 63 cell 102, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth KS, 66048-1000.

#### Couple to wed

To all family and friends of the Warm Springs Reservation, we would like all to know that Angela Thomas and Rene Ramirez-Prado will be marrying on Aug. 9, 2003, at 4 p.m. in Beaverton.

It will be a simple ceremony in Beaverton, but a few days later another ceremony will be held here in Warm Springs for all family and friends to attend.

Angela Thomas is the daughter of Sandra Morsyquiqui (Thomas) of Warm Springs. Rene Ramirez-Prado is the son of Silvia Prado of Beaverton, and Alfonso Reyes of Durango, Mexico.



Weight Loss Incentive participants (standing from left) Redine Kirk, Janet Corbett, Vesta Johnson, Robin Mitchell, and (seated from left) Dorothy Henry, Chris Smith (first place winner) and Emma Smith.

#### Dieters thank weight-loss sponsors

The Weight Loss Incentive group wishes to thank all of the sponsors of the group's recent weight-loss contest.

Several people lost weight during this six-month contest. Taking first place was Chris Smith, who received one night free lodging at Kah-Nee-Ta,

plus 70 percent of the cash from the pot. Austin Smith Sr. finished second. He received a \$50 dinner gift certificate at Kah-Nee-Ta, plus 30 percent of the pot.

Several other prizes were awarded. The group thanks the following sponsors: the Museum

at Warm Springs, Deschutes Crossing Restaurant, Warm Springs Market, Figaro's Pizza in Madras, Sonny's Restaurant and Subway Sandwiches in Madras.

From everyone in the **Weight Loss Incentive Program**.

### Birthday and other wishes...



Congratulations, Kahseuss J. on graduating from the University of Oregon Business School. I'm very proud of you.  
Lacie.

On July 18, to Neda Willa eee-eee Wesley, wishing you the happiest of birthdays. For you're loved by all of us, for all your unselfish love, cooking, baking, just plain taking care of traditional foods so we could all have a good nutritious feed. We love you. From Harvey and Eliza Jim, Levi and Pearl VanPelt, Roberta and Marella Sam, Chet VanPelt and boys, Tiger and Tates VanPelt, Itta Van Pelt and children, Wolfman and Farrell Suppah, Eliza and Rego and your ulla.

#### Memorial

A memorial dinner in honor of our mother Deanna A. Shadley is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Shadley residence in Madras, 1751 S.W. Old Culver Highway.

All friends and family are welcome to attend. Sincerely, Anthony, Missy, Jack and Dorothy.

#### Miller nationally recognized

Candice Miller's biography will be published in The National Dean's List for 2002-2003.

The students in the list consist of one-half of 1 percent of the nation's 3,000 colleges and

universities.

Selection is based on academic achievement. Candice is a math/science/biology major.

She is the daughter of Vesta Johnson of Warm Springs, and Whitney Miller of Pendleton.

The next deadline to submit Spilyay Tymoo letters to the editor is the afternoon of

Friday, July 18.

Thank you for writing to Spilyay Tymoo.



The Warm Springs softball team, coached by Lana Leonard, have played in Prineville, Bend, Redmond and Madras. This picture was taken on the first day of summer. The team members are Reggie Clements, Samantha Kalama, Brianna Stacona, Jenny VanPelt, Destry Begay, Chantel Clements, Alyssa Selam, Chrystal Thomas and Alyssia Meanus.