

Summer's almost over, still time to have fun

## Letters to the Editor

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Management Successor

So, what is going on out there? Today I wanted to share with everyone my son's address. He is in Iraq right now and has recently sent me his address for anyone interested in writing him.

Spilyay Speaks

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From what I hear he's doing okay, and he's close to a place where he has internet access available to him, but for a cost. I think his time is limited to what he can afford while he's there.

I sometimes receive news of other military personnel from Warm Springs, but not that often. It's a hard thing to cope with and it's hard to talk about it at times. But with the support and prayers of family and friends I have been doing fine with all of this. I just anticipate an email or phone call from George.

We took a team to the Portland to Coast High School Challenge again this year. We just continue entering the same team the George started three years ago. We make mistakes and learn from them and make each year better. Look for the team captain to write her thank you letter to sponsors and supporters of the team.

There really should be more teams becoming involved because all the kids have a good time, and the finish line is at the beach. What could be better? I encourage more involvement in this event and more of our, active young people participating.

We will be entering a team again next year, and hopefully have another two days of fun.

There were also teams entered in the walking event and the Hood to Coast event, which are both a fun thing to do as well.

Another event still happening is the Oregon State Fair, if anyone is still looking for something fun to do before school starts. I'm sure a person can spend a whole day there and still can't see everything there.

If you haven't done anything fun before school starts, besides work, then you should. There's school shopping, that's always fun to do.

### Toe Ness

**Teacher:** Why do you have so much trouble answering my questions?

**Student:** If it was easy for me, I wouldn't be in school!

**Teacher:** Can anyone tell me how many seconds there are in a year?

**Student:** 12! January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd

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### Proud of team

To the sponsors of the high school Indian boys team, "Rez Express," Thank you for all of your confidence in our kids for the two tournament in Phoenix (NABI and Piestewa):

Erickson's Thriftway; The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; WSFPI; WSPE; DE Composite; Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino; Earl, Rita, Val & Earlynnne Squiemphen; and DMJ Automotive.

The kids may not come to you in person to show appreciation, but they did appreciate the help. With the most talented basketball players in the country present at NABI, the kids did their best and had fun but did not qualify for finals. The kids also played at Piestewa well and should have taken first place but one bad referee call, put us in second place.

Good, bad & indifferent, the team fared well and will come back next season with a new perspective/attitude that will be better. The team made me proud and I hope the community knows how hard practice, commitment and loyalty is hard to find in an athlete such as these.

To coaches Audrey and Willie; to the parents who allowed their kids to participate, thanks for being a positive influence and your support for the kids!

Lastly, to those who encourage and not tear down the athletes, I appreciate you. Thank you and Lord Bless. Many thanks, Sammi O'Reilly, coordinator.

### Thank you

On Thursday, July 27, the Wolfe Point II fire started along the road between the Wolfe Point Subdivision and the Culpus Bridge. The fire quickly spread up the canyon to Webster Flats and across towards the Deschutes River. By Friday morning the fire could have been renamed the South Junction Fire. We woke up to a house full of smoke with the fire burning in the hills behind our house. During the day, despite the efforts of all the fire personnel, the fire made its way down the hill coming closer to our house. Through the dedication and skill of all involved, the fire was diverted away from the house as it moved down the canyon and up the Warm Springs River.

Thank you to the Warm Springs Fire and Safety guys who parked their engines next to our house until the early hours of Saturday morning.

Your friendliness and dedication made us feel safe. Thank you to Fire Management, Forestry, Natural Resources and the fire crews who came from out of town to fight the fire. Thanks to Catherine and Sonia for house sitting, garden hoses in hand, and giving updates all day long. It's a terrible feeling to know that all you have could be gone in an instant if it weren't for people like you. Thank you so much!

Edward Heath, Heather Alford, Krysten, Dylan and Hayden.

### Made my day

Thank you, Anthony Andrews for making my day.

Anthony Andrews is 14 years old and has taken a great interest in the rodeo circuit.

On August 13, 2006 he rode here in the Warm Springs Rodeo in the wild bucking horse and a couple of other events. He had dedicated his ride to his grandpa Elliott Switzler. Anthony Andrews is the son of our daughter Sally and Darrell Armor. His father Gilbert Andrews is a great teacher for our grandson.

Anthony, we're all very proud of you and know Grandpa Elliott is looking down and very proud too! I want to take this time to say I'm proud of all my children, Lucille Ike, Sally Armor, Leanda Jim, Maria Switzler, Norma Switzler, Geraldine Switzler and Bill Switzler III. I thank God for all my grandchildren because you're what keep me going on every day. Life only comes around once and we take one day at a time. Love, Grandma Laura.

### Ready now

To my family, friends and the community,

As I am near the end of my prison sentence, I have been wanting to write or say something but I felt the time wasn't right or I wasn't ready. Now I'm ready.

I know and understand a lot of people are hurting. A lot of people are mad. A lot of people are hating (especially me). I want to apologize to Andres Sarago's (biological) family for the pain, suffering and the emotional ride they have been on due to my negligence. And I pray with all my heart that you will find it in your heart to forgive me one day. And to my family, I thank the Creator that I have such a big and strong family that has stood beside me. You may never understand the numerous times

you have picked me up. The words of encouragement, the letters, cards, the love and support you have given to me. The kind words I hear over the phone or the songs you sung to me. Thank you.

I have cried numerous nights, wishing, hoping, praying this was just a nightmare and I would wake up and have my family back. To my friends, a big hug and thanks to you all for putting your necks on the line and for having the courage to say I am still your friend and not judge me of my wrongdoing.

The tremendous support has lifted my spirits, even today, knowing I could write you and receive a letter addressed to my friend. Thank you with all my heart.

To the community, I hope and pray that you will accept me and let me be part of the community once again. And may you not judge or hate and that one day you will find it in your heart to forgive me, as well.

Tamera Coffee, 64719065, 501 Capital Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

### Salvation

To the Full Gospel Church, since the 12<sup>th</sup> of June (the day of my salvation) my life has changed.

From the 16<sup>th</sup> I've been going through trial after trial. I've been hospitalized, diabetes, pancreatitis, abscess on my life.

I'm still leaning on God. Praise God! Thank you Jesus! The pain I feel let's me know I'm still alive.

Before I go any further I'd like to thank Susan Guerin for getting me to where I needed to go. If there were more people like you, the world would be a more beautiful place. Thank you!

Anyway, I'm asking for help. I'm not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid because I'm in a men's program. I don't even have money to buy a state ID card. The assistance I'm eligible for caters to illegal aliens, even Indian Health Services won't help.

I pray. I pray you can find it in your heart to help a brother out. Whatever you can send will be appreciated. Other than that I'm sober alive and learning and doing God's will. You don't know how hard it is for me to ask for help. I know it was a lot easier doing it in Rainbow. I'm asking so I can stay here and keep the collection agency from coming, while I learn about the ministry. Let me tell you it won't be some guy that looks like me preaching, it will be me preach-

ing! I've been delivered.

Signed, sealed and delivered, post marked to heaven. Here's my parting thought from the Ecclesiastes chapter 11, verse 1: Cast your bread upon the waters for you will find it after many days. Sincerely, Joe Craig, 325 N. Main St., Salinas, CA 93901. P.S. To the snake pit, what's happening?

### To holdouts

Are you ready for some football? I can remember how excited I was for football season. I don't care much for watching it, but I do enjoy playing football. Unless you've played yourself, you can't fully appreciate the effort and work involved in competing against the opposition.

A football team is made up of many members with different gifts and talents. The Bible says that the church is made up of "many members" or parts. Each member is important, and just like a football team, suffers when members are hurt or absent. It's a shame when one member of the team holds out and refuses to join the necessary training and exercises that build and develop the whole team.

A holdout is someone who is overcome with pride. They believe they are worth more than the other members and so they refuse to be a part of the team until they get what they want. They aren't interested in what's best for the team and they disobey the instructions of the coach.

The church is made up of followers of Jesus and His instructions. Jesus said, come "follow me." He is like a coach and those who follow Him continue

to obey Him. The Bible says that church members "walk according to His commandments..."

How long has it been since you've attended the church you say you're a member of? Warm Springs Baptist Church would like to invite you to come worship the Lord. We meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are invited, members are expected. Don't hold out; give your excuses to the coach. His name is Jesus and He already knows.

Jonathan R. Smith.

### Cancer cannot

Cancer is so limited. It cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot corrode faith. It cannot eat away peace.

It cannot destroy confidence. It cannot kill friendship. It cannot shut out memories. It cannot silence courage. It cannot invade the soul. It cannot reduce eternal life. It cannot quench the spirit. It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.

(A poem by Dan Richardson, a person who lost his battle with cancer, submitted by Linda Meann, cancer survivor.)

### Apology

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I, Watkins Johnson, an enrolled member of the Warm Springs Reservation, would like to apologize to my daughter Maxine Johnson for all the pain that you were put through. I would also like to apologize to the community, this reservation, and an anonymous party. Sincerely, Watkins Johnson. Stay good.

### Great job at school

We would like to take the time to thank our kids for doing a great job in school! We are very proud of you in your efforts to finish the 2005-06 school year by making the honor roll list at Madras High School with GPAs of 3.6, 3.4 and 3.6. We are so proud that you were able to accomplish this while playing school golf and track as well as being major participants in the making of the movie "Silent Message."

The next coming school year 2006-07 will be the final year you will all be together in high school and we hope you each make the most of it as you're off to a helpful start by all playing the same sport (football) and making



The Katchia kids: Nicolas (junior), Victoria "Toya" (sophomore), and LaRonn (fresh).

our lives a little less hectic in the fall. As each of you graduate the next three consecutive years we hope you continue to strive for the best, as that is what will truly make you happy.

We love you (Mom and Dad) (Auntie and Uncle); Saphronia and Sky Katchia.

## Happy birthday and other wishes...

From the Warner Williams children:

Happy birthday to Leander Sr. on August 24. We are grateful we have such a special uncle with a big heart to love all of us.

God bless all that out our family during the loss of our grandpa.

Thank you, grandchildren Warner Williams Jr., Hilbert Williams, Raymond Williams, Harriet Williams, Delberta Williams, parents Warner Williams Sr., and Josie Payne Williams.

On September 10, to the greatest grandma who came into my life. I know you will always treat me right. I love you so much! Especially when you always squeeze and hug me so tight... Love you, Grandma Carolyn A. Winishut - Have the greatest Grandparents Day! From Kara-Lynn LoRae Renfro.



Also a happy Grandparents Day to my Grandpa Joe Winishut in North Carolina.

To Grandma Girlie, I love you! Have a great Grandparents Day. Love, Kara-Lynn LoRae Renfro, Rosbone Angelina, and Forest Avery Renfro.

Jade and Tatum, It's been six long weeks since we have seen you.

We miss you girls; you are the light of our life.



We are thinking of you all the time. (Sisters miss you, too.)

Every passing day that we don't get to see you, hold you, hug you, laugh with you only makes our love grow stronger.

Someday when we are reunited we will make it up to you... cotton candy, kisses, kitties, sunshine,

rainy days... Jade, congratulations on your graduation from Headstart— Aug. 23, 2006 @ 2:30 PM. Love, Grandma Bunnie & Grandpa Harry

Happy 8th Birthday to my N a - N a T e m m a on September 1.

You are a great and wonderful big sister.

I hope you have a great B-Day Na-Na. Love you lots. "Sissie" Tiffany.



On September 1, 1998, you came into our lives and have been keeping us blessed and on our toes ever since honey. You are a great daughter and will always be our "Baby Girl" now and forever. Have a great and very happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday Lil' Miss Temma Rudder, with many more to come. Love you lots, Momma and Daddy.



Happy Birthday Jarryn We love you, Grandpa, Grandma, Tonya, Leanna, Jackson, Devyn, and George