

## Good and bad of school reclassification

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The reclassification of all the schools in the state has had its good and bad points, in particular the shake up in the Inter-Mountain Conference, where the changes of all schools to class 6-A, 5-A, 4-A, etc.

Spilyay Speaks

The IMC now consists of the Mt. View Cougars, the Bend Lava Bears, Summit Storm, Crook County Cowboys, The Pendleton Buckaroos, the Hermiston Bulldogs, The Dalles-Watsonka and the Madras White Buffalos.

In athletics, football will create a lot of problems mainly in the student enrollment area. It was visible during the past football season. This does not necessarily pertain to the IMC "Inter-Mountain Conference," but to all other 5-A leagues in the state. After some schools took their bumps and bruises they elected to join independent leagues to be compatible with other schools in the same situation. This would create a way for schools of similar sizes to be able to compete and perhaps win more games. The towns people like to see their home team do well. To see their kids do well in sports is the good point of the independent league.

Now the bad point of the independent league is: any athlete who participates in the independent league will not be eligible for state recognition for his ability of participation. He will not be recognized as an outstanding running back, an outstanding defensive player, and will not be eligible to participate in any state play such as all-stars no matter how good the athlete is.

It is quite certain the Madras White Buffalos have elected to join an independent football league which is a wrong move in many respects. They should have stayed in the IMC, and took their lumps and bruises because who knows what holds in the future. It may take a few years before they would do well or who knows, it may be a year. This would give a good athlete a chance to receive the honors that are due to him in state recognition. Who knows, the independent league may cause good athletes to transfer out of the region and play at other schools.

As it is the Madras White Buffalos have the ability to participate in all other sports in the IMC.

Several years ago Madras was a small school and just had enough boys to field a football team but they took their pounding from the Redmond Panthers and the Crook County Cowboys with lopsided scores but that was just all in the game. These are just comments about the sports participation of the school with no remorse feelings one way or the other... just something to think about.

### Toe Ness

There was this sign at the gym where the college was holding open tryouts for the basketball team: "If you can pass through this door without bending, don't." Yikes.

Sitting at the Super Bowl game one not-so-bright guy said to another, "Y'know, if it weren't so crowded here, a lot more people would come." Yikes.

## Come forward

To whom it may concern:

On the early morning of February 7 someone or some people stole my 1981 Dodge Arrow from my carport between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. We reported it to the police as stolen. Now on or about 6:30 a.m. the police found my little truck on the side of the road and it was vandalized. All of the windows were broken out and tires slashed.

Whoever did this, come forward and take responsibility for what you did. A lot of people know me on this res, and at least they respect me enough to help in this matter of catching the people responsible for this action. Stealing from a family man is the lowest people can go, especially when it was my work truck and I have a family to feed. This is no threat or promise, it is a fact. What goes around comes around. "Behold the pale horse, and the man who sat on him was death, and hell followed with him." You have just awakened the volcano, dude.

Sincerely, Woodrow Picard Sr.

## A thank you

Family and friends,

As many of you know my brother Racin "Jason" Johnson was shot on February third at about midnight. First I, on behalf of my family, would like to thank the people who were there, for their swift actions. You did save his life. I understand you may or have suffered the repercussions of the evil that has touched my family. Despite what has happened I appreciate the love that is still here. Your actions prove to us there is still love in our homes. EMT's, Victims of Crime, thank you for your actions. Also, you may say you were doing your job, yet you could do it elsewhere for more money. Thank you for caring

enough for our home. I am disappointed in the crew of police officers who were working that night. I believe that my mother was not notified by anyone until the hospital chaplain called about four and a half hours after the incident and the police have yet to make contact on their own accord....

Jason has many friends and I do not want any of them to go to jail or suffer the same for the evil that hovers over our homes. Again, EMT's and individuals who were present, thank you for your swift actions. You did save his life. Pray for us. Thank you. Jeremiah Johnson roll no. 4856.

## Obesity battle

Obesity, with the associated health problems of diabetes, heart disease and stroke, is a huge problem for the residents of Jefferson County. With obesity, diabetes and heart disease rates significantly higher than the state of Oregon average, and the potential for earlier onset of problems in our kids, we must learn to live our lives differently. Two health challenge programs are about to begin for residents of Jefferson County, as a way to jump-start healthier living in this new year.

Warm Springs residents have access to the well-established "Biggest Loser in Warm Springs" contest, run by Carolyn Harvey, the Community Health Education Team (CHET), Indian Health Service Nutrition Program, and the Diabetes Prevention Program.

Through education and motivation, the program has been improving the health of Warm Springs residents for three years now, and they are always encouraging as many participants as possible. Why not call Carolyn Harvey today at 553-1196 ext. 4166 and get signed up for improved health and fitness?

Residents of other cities in the county have access to a program modeled after the Warm Springs program, new this year, called "The Movin' Mountains Health Challenge." As the advertisement says, Why not make your resolution a revolution to change your health and fitness? Call Beth Ann Beamer at Mountain View Hospital District Hospital, 475-3882, ext. 2436 to register.

Here's to your good health! Carolyn Harvey, Warm Springs Community Health Coordinator, and Beth Ann Beamer, Mountain View Community Health Improvement Partnership.

## Not in favor

We, the following tribal members, are not in favor of developing the Mount Jefferson area and especially not for a ski resort.

Tribal members remind Tribal Council that we are at the top of the pyramid, not Tribal Council and management. Tribal members are to be included and informed before decisions are made about us and in spending our money.

We suggest that Tribal Council set up meetings with the membership on this Mount Jefferson concern (there are a lot more people than the signatures on this letter that care about this). Let us know how Council will consistently keep the membership informed on all matters and how we can expect Council to come to the membership with financial matters, as had been done in the past. Thank you.

Pinky Beymer, Rain Circle, Pat Gold, Terry Courtney Jr., and Mavis Shaw.

## Time will tell

Well my prison time is almost up. I've learned a lot and matured a lot. My biggest test will

be when they hand my freedom back. Instead of going back to the wicked life I led I hope to better my life for me and my daughter, and to do that I'm going to need to take precautions to keep myself from temptation. My friends and even family, I want you to know that if I don't come around it's not that I don't love or like you. I just don't want to go back to the same bad habits that ruined my

life for the last four years. I have no doubt you will respect that I want to better myself and not put myself around anyone or anything that will bring me down. I want to send my love to my family, friends, and Shanell and I can't wait to see everyone soon. I know it's easy to say things and harder to do. I guess only time will tell. Much love and respect, Jarrod Allen.

## Happy Valentines

To my buddies—my friends: Marci Picard, Danica, Eric Williams, Sally, Pearl, and Laurie. Happy V-day! Thanks for all you've done for us. Keep on smilin'—we appreciate your kindness. Sweetest personality! Peace, let live on. Your buddies, Rachel Saludo and Ted L. Barney Sr.



To my special girlfriend, Rachel Saludo: be my valentine. Love you always, your guy Ted.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my sisters, brothers and family: Carol, Daniel Lawrence; Arnette; Terry and Tony Stradley; Mallory and Tommy; Lil Fran K. Saludo; William Phair. XOXO.

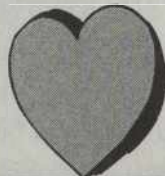
Happy Valentine's Day to my boys, my sons! To Mr. Reed Jordan Doney, Mr. Brock Tuff Doney, Mr. Dale Brad Doney. Much love to you all, XOXO. From your mom, Rachel S. and Ted Barney Sr.

Happiest Valentine's Day to my daughter, Miss Woo a.k.a. Cassidy L.A. Doney. Much love, sweetest. From your mom Rachel S. and Ted Barney Sr.

To my Ted. L. Barney Sr. I love you! Always! Ditto: a.k.a. I love you now and later, forever. You're a wonderful man. I appreciate you! From Rachel Saludo.

To the Hurtado family: Julia (Grams), Anna, Daiz, Faye, Trevor. Happy Valentine's Day, God bless you all. From Rachel and Ted.

Happy Valentine's Day to the best parents that could ever exist: Alice Wyena and Pat and Lamont Brown. We love all of you to the fullest. Thank you guys for always being the shoulders we lean on in times when we need you. You all are the parents we could ever ask for. Not only are you the best parents, but you are our best friends! We hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Love your biggest brats, Ikie and Curtis Brown.



To my number one grandparents: Alice Wyena and Pat and Lamont Brown. I love all you guys. Thanks for loving me to the fullest and always being there for me. I hope to get all the best chocolates from you on Valentine's Day—then you can send me home to my parents! Thanks for always putting up with me. Love your one and only, number one granddaughter, Cassandra Marie Brown.

To all the DHS case workers and support staff in Warm Springs: Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for welcoming me aboard and helping me on my job training. I appreciate all your support and general words of encouragement. Ikie Marie Brown.

Happy Valentine's Day to my wife, Ikie Brown. You are my world. You saved my life—I mean that! There is no drug that could make me feel as good as you make me feel. I owe you my life and I'll do my best to fulfill you and Cassandra's dreams. Have a good Valentine's. Love your husband, Curtis L. Brown.

Happy Valentine's Day to Curtiss Dickson and T.J. Stwyer. I love you guys lots—miss you a whole bunch. Have a good day. Love, Mom.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my family and friends. Have a good day. Love, Mae.

Happy Valentine's Day to MARRIKA, Joel, and Kamelia. Thinking about you guys. Love Auntie Mae.

Verleen: How do I tell you how I feel about you? When every time I think of you, my body shakes; every time I see you, my knees grow weak; and every time I'm with you I don't want the time to end. When every time I look into your eyes, I wish I was there; every time I see you smile, my heart melts; and every night before I go to sleep I pray we don't end. Then to try to tell you exactly what's on my mind, yet I wish to tell you that I'm beginning to love you more with each passing of the day and that I want to be with you forever. Love, M.

To Ulysses: Happy Valentine's Day, Honey Love! I love you with all my heart! Always and forever—Love, Charlyenne.

To Charlyenne: I wanted to send you my love. Have a happy Valentine's Day. Love, Ulysses.

Happy Valentine's Day: To my only redheaded niece Mona Smith. Since your recent unique dead weight decrease compliments about to the kids and your rebound. Success is within your reach. Love Auntie Ronna.

Happy Valentine's Day to the cutest little angel, our baby girl, Bus Bus a.k.a. Cassandra Marie Brown. You are the best blessing God could ever gift us with. Remember Mommy and Dada will always be here for you. You are our pride and joy and we promise to give you a life that only some kids could dream of. Because of you we made so many changes that we are proud of. We dedicate our life to you, sweetheart. Love your Mommy and Dada, Ikie Marie and Curtis Brown.

## Birthday wishes...



Happy birthday Niya-Pie and Stormy Bob! Love, Auntie Bob.

Happy birthday to both Niya-Pie and Stormy. Love, Grandma Mom and Grandpa.

Happy seventh birthday Stormy! Love Charly Tubby and Niya.



A very big birthday wish to my "Big Na Na" Aiyana Kalama. No one could ask for a greater sister than you. Xxox. Your lil' sister Noelani.

To my daughter Jeanette Thompson, Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on Feb. 3. I miss and love you. Mom.

CHALL – even though we are miles apart, I think of you, you're in my heart. When you get lonely, sad or blue, just remember... I'm always thinking of you. Love, Mom.

Happy fifth birthday to our Angel Baby! We're both very proud of you and love you so much! Love, Mommy and Step Dad.

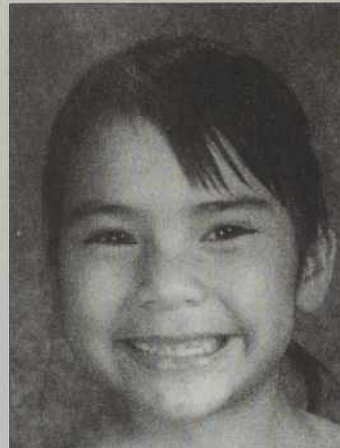
Happy belated birthday to Nick Kelly and Harley Ray Kelly, from their Uncle Ira and family.

A very happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to Aiyana Flora Kalama. "If daughter means gladness, then how do we start to count all the smiles you've brought to our heart?" Hugs and kisses, Mom and Dad.

Happy first birthday to the lil' Cupid Cutie Chavondria Briseno from Sterling, Eileen, Aiyana, Noelani and Natalia.

To Lisa M. King, Wishing you a very Happy Birthday on your special day. M-O-M.

A happy birthday to Sharita Marie Lynn Johns on 3-8-07 and to my Na-Na Lillian Walsey and to Wes Smith. Love, Jamie McKinley-Bailey.



Happy Birthday Anna Queen Decora.



Happy Birthday Emerson Squiemphen. Ivan Goodlance.

Happy Birthday Vern Son, may your day be full of fun. You'll always be mom's baby boy. Thanking of you brings me joy. You're in my thoughts each and every day. Mom loves you. Happy Birthday, have a great day. Love, Mom.

Happy birthday to Netta Rae Saludo on Feb. 15. Be good! Happiest day. From your sister and brother-in-law.