

## Junior queen appreciates support

Niix Pachwai inmi naimumal Inashwanisha Malia LaLonie Collins. I would like to thank everyone for supporting me in my candidacy for the 2007-08 Junior Queen for Lincoln's Birthday Celebration in Simnasho.

I had a very good time going around to different powwows in the Northwest selling raffle tickets. I got to meet and make a lot of new friends and also was able to see old friends and family.

First I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to represent your celebration. I will not disappoint you as I travel to different places and speak on your behalf. This has been a big learning experience for me that I will carry the rest of my life.

I would especially like to thank my local people right here in Simnasho and Warm Springs! Without your local support, I wouldn't have been able to achieve this dream. It was with your support and encouragement that I was able to succeed. I would also like to thank Annette Jim for her great advice in the raffle selling business... you shared good ideas that I used and were invaluable to me.

I also want to send huge thank you's to my family who



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supported me from far away. My Ullah Dundee and Pusha Harry from Marysville, Washington, my uncle Austin in Sacramento, my uncle Javier in Portland, my aunt Kitty and uncle Jason in Seattle, "grandma" Georgie Meracle in Ceres, California, and my Onepennee family from Yakama.

Thank you to my Kuthlas Lillian, Marlene, Carol, Bunny, and my Kussa Maxine McKinley. Thank you to my Tilla Jacob and Kuthla Winona Frank. All of my aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmas and grandpas. A huge thank you to Phil Rhodda of Tectonics and Warm Springs Composite Products Enterprise for your generous purchases of my raffle tickets.

Thank you Katie Mae Smith for walking around with me while I sold tickets. And last but not least, thank you to my mom and dad and my sisters Mikayla, Kristie, Yesenia and my YaYa Miguel.

I look forward to representing the Lincoln's Birthday Celebration throughout the next year. I have already made it to Washington's Birthday Celebration, and I plan on attending powwows in Lapwai, Gonzaga, Missoula, and hopefully Gathering of Nations this coming April. This is just getting us through the end of April, we will see how far I can push my dad to take me!

My family and I will be doing fundraising to help me get to these powwows throughout the year, and I look forward to your continued support. This has been a dream come true, and I am very honored. If I left anyone out, I didn't mean to, but I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Malia Collins.

## Remembering Rudy

This last year has gone by so fast since we all lost someone special to many people from far and near. As I reflect on the life and memorial of Warren "Rudy" Clements I'm further reminded of his humor, laughter, wisdom, foresight, leadership and his love of the tribal ways and of all of his family. My thoughts, memories and prayers remain the Clements family, Anna, Shayla and little Jake.

As we all reflect on Rudy, I'm offering this letter to the Tribal Council to consider passing a resolution to devote a day in remembrance of Rudy. After all, Gov. Kulongoski has already bestowed this for Rudy for everything he has done for not only for our tribe, but other tribes and the State of Oregon.

I'm sure this is a relatively small request, considering everything he's done for the tribe - mainly our Gaming Enterprises and the Bridge of the Gods Columbia River Resort & Casino.

The casino will have an everlasting positive impact on our tribe and future generations for years to come. When done and operating, it will certainly stand tall head and shoulder as a major milestone for the tribes. Certainly if the State of Oregon can have a Warren "Rudy" Clements day, our tribe can match that.

I remain privileged and thankful to have had the opportunity to work for Rudy. He opened the door for me at Gaming. Rudy never really considered me "working" for him, rather "beside" him for the people.

It was a true honor to have had Rudy as a mentor when I entered into the Gaming Enterprise and Expansion team. The Enterprise lost someone special, but recognizes it was his time to go be with the Creator.

I think I can speak for many tribal members working at Kah-Nee-Ta, Rudy always believed in our own people and stood up for us in times of need and always saw the best in everyone.

In closing, it certainly would be appropriate for our tribe to offer up recognition that is proportional to what Gov. Kulongoski and the State of Oregon has already done.

For those who knew him, worked with him and loved him, his vision will live on for our tribe. His leadership will remain of a unique caliber, achieved by only a few from our tribe and state.

His leadership will likely go unparalleled for our tribe and I'm sure the Tribal Council can accommodate this suggestion, considering everything Rudy did for the people.

Floyd J. Calica

## More birthday wishes...

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to our son-son, Keyshawn R. Speakthunder on March 27. We love you very much! Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday to my ya-ya, Keshb. Love always, Patty.

Happy birthday to Tyus Speakthunder. We love you and miss you very much. We hope that you can come visiting during your spring break. From Romelle, Willie Keyshawn and Patricia.

Happy birthday to Tyus Speakthunder. Love, Dad.

Happy birthday to Michael E. Speakthunder Jr. From Romelle, Willie, Keesh and Patty. We love you very much.

Happy birthday Mike Jr. From your dad, love always.

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to Keyshawn. From your grandma Crystal and uncles Reed and Pete.

## Holliday takes at show with second with record elk

Chico Holliday took second place in the elk division at the recent Sports and Recreation Show.

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