

## Letters to the Editor

### Youth tourney

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Organization held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual All Indian High School Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament on April 4, 5 and 6, 2008 at the Warm Springs Elementary School gym and the Community Center.

Much planning takes place for an event coordinator to make it as successful as possible. The tournament in general ran close to \$7,000 to conduct this year. Including in that awards, referees, elementary school gym rental, and insurance for the event. I, as the director of the event, attest to the hard work of my volunteers to see this through.

The recruitment of teams representing their tribal nations to come and participate is the easy part, as years past successes encourage teams to return.

The recruitment of a referee staff, concession needs, and the list of volunteers and potential sponsors is the task that requires a huge part of the director's time. These aspects once complete and on line, can make the tournament successful. So at this time, I want to thank all that have given to this event, whether as a volunteer or sponsor. The sponsor list includes:

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, Warm Springs Composite Products, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, The Leo 1 Company, DMJ Automotive, Chilkat Enterprises, Mr. Ron Suppah, RC Construction, Tribal Credit Board, the referee staff as Don Winishut, Jay Keyes, Mackie Begay, Jeff

Strom, Wolf Suppah, Kia Donahue and Randy Haugen.

Scorekeepers and clock: Paula Kalama, Jerry Sampson, Gerald Sampson, Alfred and Reina Estimo, Charles Wolfe and J'Dean Kalama. Gate/admissions: Richard Wolfe Sr. Brackets: Cena Wolfe and Sammi O'Reilly.

Concessions: Margie Tuckta, Birney Greene-Boise, Jolene Boise, Bubs Boise, Cena, Teeny, Jeremy McKinley, Angie Spino, Sandra Greene, Norene Sampson, Cheeks Boise. Also recognizing Andy and Lana Leonard, Edison Yazzie, Monte McKinley, Norene Greene, Anson, CR, Blaine and Arcitty Begay.

If I left anyone off the list, I apologize. But I am very thankful for your contributions and success to this event, as plans are already under way for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. Thank you.

Austin Greene.

### Rodeo thanks

The Warm Springs Rodeo Association would like to thank all those that made this year's Root Feast Rodeo a huge success.

The members generously donate everything from the concessions needs to their time and efforts so that the community can enjoy some good old Western entertainment.

Root Feast is our biggest fundraiser for the Pi-ume-sha All Indian Rodeo. We thank the Community for their support by attending we had an overwhelming crowd. Also we thank the following for donating their

time, equipment and stock:

Lois Lesarley and Sonja Heath for timing, Lee Tom and Buzzy Scott for judging, Mackey Begay and Bob Medina for announcing, Joyce Oberly and Community Health Education for the sponsorship of the t-shirts we gave out to all the youth contestants; Casey Green for providing all the roping cattle and bucking calves, Jason Smith, Jabbar Davis, and the Tohets for bucking stock, Jason Smith for cows and calves and Joe McClain for the sheep; Jack Towe for working up the ground, Issaac Mitchell and Vernon Squiemphen for the water truck service and Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

We also thank Butch David for setting up our fundraising golf scramble. Thank you golfers for your support we had 13 teams. (Rodeo and golf results on page 6.)

The Warm Springs Rodeo Association.

### Seniors Day

To the Warm Springs tribes,

Thank you so much for your warm, friendly hospitality. I enjoyed the whole day - from beginning to end. This is my second time to Honor Seniors Day. The children were wonderful.

Carol Christiansen of Bend (letter to Neda Wesley and the tribes).

### Vote Ellsbury

Now is the time to vote for the 2008 Major League Baseball All Star game to be held at Yankee Stadium in New York

City. Vote for Jacoby Ellsbury to be in the 2008 Major League Baseball All Star game!

He is not on the ballot of left field or center field players, so you will have to put him in as a write in Candidate. Go to www.mlb.com, click on "All Star Ballot," and vote for Jacoby Ellsbury to be in the All Star Game. (Note, you can only vote 25 times to make it fair for everyone.)

Lemminie Smith.

### All okay

Hello to all family and friends,

I'm here at Santiam Correctional Institution. All's okay. I can be reached at the address below. All relations welcome to drop a line. All my brothers and sisters across the land locked up, stay strong. Keep your heads up. I'm witnessing the strength and unity of Natives on a daily basis. I'm a very proud "Springer." I miss all, too many to name. Stuart A. Smith Sr., sid no. 12275256, SCI, 4005 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317.

### Retiring

I started my employment with the Warm Springs Police Department in April 1996. There have been many rewarding challenges over the years with the department. I have been blessed working with the Native people. It has helped me understand some of the traditions of my own people, by working here. I will miss everyone; this has been my life for the last 12 years. I would like to thank Lt. Avex Miller, Mariam Tias, my

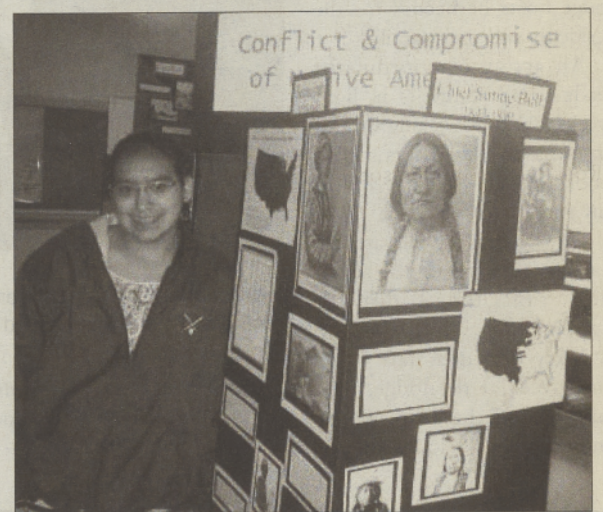
first lieutenant in Corrections, and Linda Talifson. These people have been an inspiration to me throughout my career and my life.

I have retired as a police of-

ficer. My last day with the department will be June 30, 2008.

Take care everyone. Yours truly, Nancy Wilson, DPSST no. 32422, Warm Springs Police Department.

### History Day competition



Hi everyone.

As most of you know, I competed in the State of Oregon National History Day Competition in April. My project placed Fourth.

I am now eligible to compete in the National History Day Competition. Nationals are being held at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland from June 15-19, 2008.

We will be fundraising to help with the costs associated with this trip. While in the DC area, I will be able to go on tours with the History Day Association and visit the National Monuments. I am

really excited about this amazing opportunity. If I am able to compete in my high school years, I may be able to receive scholarships.

I am so happy that my mom is going to go with me as my chaperone. We will be flying out of Portland on June 14th and coming back on June 20th.

On Friday, I will be selling fresh baked banana bread. Then we are going to sell hamburgers and hotdogs at the fields but we don't have a date set. Please come support me if you can.

I love you all with all my heart! Tasheena.

## Happy Birthday and other wishes...

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Evelyn Elsie Velma May Polk "Evey," from your mom and dad and Leno, Dionne, Meredith, Rashawna, Korina, Dixon, Jr., Dominick and Elias.



Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Evelyn Polk, from your Ala Alberta Yallup and the rest of your ala's...

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Evey Polk, from your Uncle Michael Polk and cousins: Sequoia, Maurice and Lil Mo, Swan Jay, Julia and Te'ane...



Happy late birthday Elysia Moran and happy birthday Dominique Craig. We love you both and wish you a very special birthday. Sincerely, Esmerelda, Eric Craig and the whole family.

Happy Birthday to Jake Johns. May the Creator bless your journey here on Earth.

You have made life brighter by being a big part of our Family.

Remember that we love you with all our heart.

The Howtopat Clan in Tabolab.

Happy birthday to our brother William B. Stahi. We all miss and love you. Nettie S. Dickson, Thelma M. Dickson Scott, Laura L. Kelly, Gary A. Chiquito, Albert A. Stahi, from Salem, Oregon.

Happy birthday Bill, from Aunt Blance and Uncle Frank in White Swan.

Happy birthday to our Uncle Bill. Mallory C. Gilbert, Lavonne R. Boise, Davis Stwyer Jr., Curtiss A. Dickson, Brandi J. Stwyer, Theodore J. Stwyer-Greene, Nicholas Kelly, Harley Kelly.

Happy birthday to our Grandpa Bill. Neteva Polk-Saludo, Gary Katchia Jr., Eva Katchia and Jesse D. Bobb.

### May 27th

Happy 4th birthday to my lil' man Bennie John Martinez IV. Love, Mommy.

Happy birthday to my Ya Ya Bennie. Love, Baby Hazen.

Happy birthday to my Beenie Boy Bennie. Love, Grandpa Bennie and Kutbla Lila.

Happy birthday to my nephew Bennie. Love, Auntie Amy Lee & Hazel.

Happy birthday cousin Bennie. Love, Kamelia, JJ, Marrika.

Happy birthday Neph Neph Bennie John Martinez IV. Love, Auntie Nana Danielle and Brand.



### June 1st

Happy birthday to my baby girl Kamelia Sahme Zacarias. Love, Mommy.

Happy birthday sister. Love, Joel Sahme Zacarias.

Happy birthday Nana Kamelia. Love, Marrika Coreen Sahme Zacarias.

Happy birthday to my one and only lil' girl Kamelia Sahme Zacarias. Love, your favorite Auntie Bird.

Happy birthday Nana Kamelia. Love, lill Bennie & Hazen.

Happy birthday to my Kamelia Sahme Zacarias. Love, Kutbla Lila & Grandpa Bennie.

Happy 7th birthday Kamelia Sahme Zacarias. Love, Auntie Amy & Hazel.

### June 5th

Happy birthday Mommy. Love, your lil' man Bennie John Martinez.

Happy birthday Mommy. Love, your baby Hazen Amos Martinez.

Happy 20th birthday to our Birdie Bird. Love, Mom & Dad.

Happy 20th birthday to my sister Roberta Leigh Martinez. Love, your lil' sis Hazel Joy Martinez.



Happy 20th to my sister Roberta Leigh Martinez. Love, your baby sis Amy Lee Martinez.

Happy birthday to my lil' sis Roberta "Berda, Bird, Birdie Bird" Martinez. Love, your Nana, Danielle Sahme and Brand.

Happy birthday to my favorite Auntie Bird. Love, Kamelia Sahme Zacarias.

Happy birthday to my Auntie Bird. Love, Joel Sahme Zacarias Jr.

Happy birthday day Auntie Bird. Love, Marrika Coreen Sahme Zacarias.

Congratulations to my niece Renee Miller on your baby boy. Wish you nothing but the best. Love, Auntie Bird & all the family.

Congratulations to my Auntie Georgena Suppah on your great grandson. Love, Bird & all the family.

Congratulations to my cousin/sis Michelle Gonzales on your first grandson. Love, Bird & all the family.

This May 31, 2008, Happy second birthday to my pride and joy my little princess Elisha Suire Picard. Today is your day and well, princess, have fun on your day. We all will be there with you. I love you baby, from Grandma Marella Sam.

Happy birthday to our little sister Elisha Picard. Love from Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, and Chantel Picard, Janathian Tracy Ray Lee Tias, Gerald Lee Tias Jr., and Clarence Vernon Sam.

be a good day. Love from all your pride and joys Clarence Vernon Sam Gerald Jr. and Janathian Elisha Kaylobe Dartanian Woody Jr., and Chantel.

Happy birthday, Sena Polk. Wish you many more. From Harvianne and Chet. Happy birthday "Droopy," Love, from "Droopy."

Happy birthday Anna Lopez. From Harvianne, Chet and Pita.

Happy birthday to my brother D.B.L. Sr. Love, your sister Harvianne (p.s.: I miss you and your family).

Happy birthday to Uncle David the guy I know as my dad). Love you lots, you niece Lupita P. Tohet.

Happy birthday to "Mom" Phyllis M. Tohet. Love and wish you many more. Love, Harvianne and Chet.

Happy birthday to "Grama" Phyllis M. Tohet. Love your spoiled rotten baby Lupita Phyllis Tohet.

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