

Banquet honors this year's graduates

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Students were honored with congratulations, and inspirational messages of motivation for their future decisions, as they have just completed a milestone in their lives. The annual banquet to honor tribal member graduates was held June 18 at the Agency Longhouse.

After dinner the Blacklodge Drum group sang a grand entry song to bring in all the graduates for the awards ceremony. They continued with a flag song before everyone was seated. Also present was 2008 Miss Warm Springs Cyrille Mitchell, who performed the Lords Prayer in sign language with the assistance of Lola Sohappay who sang for her.

Wilson Wewa welcomed



Justine Thomas/Spilyay

Families of the many graduates attended the banquet.

graduates and family, and congratulated them for their accomplishments. He stated that we should put them up on a pedestal as we celebrate them and their accomplishments. He offered his thank you to the committee for their organization of this

annual event.

"I saw a shooting star and wished for happiness, and find that my wish came true because I am here speaking to all of you," was the opening remark by guest speaker, Luanne Foltz, Teacher at the Jefferson County

Middle School. She has been teaching math for the past 10 years and was happy to speak to those students who have touched her life, and in return she has pushed them and encouraged them.

She continued to say that life has hard days, but there is always family who will help. Choose a career path that will make you happy, keep learning new things, and you will want to go to work each day.

Graduate speaker Jefferson Greene spoke of his hardships before he strived for an education. His further encouragement was to step out into the world and check it out. "This is your first accomplishment, continue your legacy or start new, because the next door will either open or close for you."

He spoke of college and that there are not many Native

Americans who continue in college and that there should be. It is a journey worth taking.

All graduates names were called and were presented with a gift by the Education Committee: Margie Tuckta, Laurie Danzuka, Louise Katchia, Mavis Shaw, and Teddy Tanewasha of the Higher Education Department.

Further presentations given by 509j School District were outstanding attendance and 3.0 gpa or higher. They were also presented with a gift.

Also honored by the Education Committee was Jeff Sanders for his many years of service to the school board.

Blacklodge concluded the evening with an honor song for the graduates as they had family and friends congratulate them with a handshake or hug as they went around the room.

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Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Need not be present to win. Drawing to be held July 31, 2008.

See the following people to get your tickets: Earlynne Squiempfen, Lynn Fluhr, Shari Marrazzo, Becky Hunt, Salena Sahme, Jolene Hintsala, Juanita Majel, Lauren Holliday, Bridgett Culpus, Denys White, Michele Stacona, Paula Miller.

Greene graduates from PSU with triple major

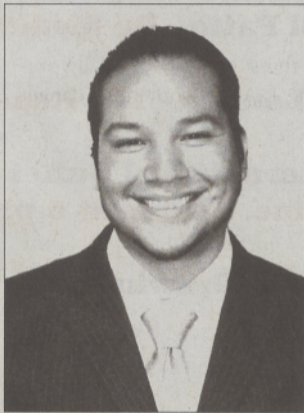
Jefferson Greene has received a Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University. Greene graduated with a triple major in Business Management, International Marketing, and National Advertising.

Since graduating from Madras High School in 2002, Greene has become the head recording engineer and producer for The Apollo Sound Productions in Beaverton. He started the independent Gold Mind Music Production company in 2004, and recorded, mixed and produced several musicians throughout the Willamette Valley.

Greene also was the executive producer for the Sacred Ground Entertainment release of (Luis Baez) Bigg B's "GAMEsta" album in 2006. He is the father of a 2-year-old boy, unconditionally loved.

In February of this year, Greene was elected the chairman for the 33rd Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Warm Springs.

Throughout his years of school, Greene was working with the United Indian Students in Higher Education (UISHE)



PSU graduate Jefferson Greene

as the coordinator and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) as a member, both PSU student organizations who cater to high school minority youth students to encourage them to pursue a higher education during and after senior high, and educate the youth about culture and history.

He also co-founded the Chako Kuntux student organization at Mt. Hood Community College in 2004 with a fellow classmate.

While in school he's traveled the west coast working in the music, tribal economic and hospitality industries to help finance

his academics and gain experience for after graduation career opportunities.

"After graduating from Madras High School, I felt I wanted to gain some knowledge to later give back to the area of Central Oregon, which nourished my early years of education," said Greene. "College was a big step for me, and once I got into it I became more motivated to learn more and more and in the end I came out as a triple major student".

Greene currently works for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, and the Kimpton Corporation in Portland.

His ultimate goal is to be highly involved with economic and community development in the Central Oregon area, which he feels has been a major contributor to his success. He would also like to be involved with the Central Oregon youth to nourish and motivate them to pursue higher education, set goals for themselves, challenge negativity, and work for a better community. Greene has a passion for environmental

sustainability and consciousness, cultural awareness and relations, and animal and habitat health.

After gaining experience in

the workforce here in Central Oregon he'd like to pursue a Master's Degree in Entertainment Business Management.

Warm Springs Community Library

The Warm Springs Community Library is located in the Family Resource Center.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library staff invites all community members to stop by and browse through the growing book collection.

There are computers

available for Internet access, as well as daily newspapers.

The library is conducting a survey to find out how to best serve the Warm Springs community.

If you wish to give your input, stop by the library to fill out a survey form.

For more information, call 553-3462 or send an e-mail to lsmith@wstribes.org

Change in pharmacy policy regarding filling prescriptions from outside providers

From the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy

Beginning September 1, 2008, the Pharmacy at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center will only fill prescriptions as described below:

Prescriptions written by one of the providers at the clinic;

Prescriptions written by a provider at an emergency room visit;

Prescriptions resulting from visits to specialists following a referral to that specialist by a provider from the clinic.

All prescriptions filled must be drugs carried at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness pharmacy.

We are unable to special order any drugs that are not carried on our current formulary (a formulary is a list of drugs approved by our local pharmacy and therapeutics committee for stocking in the pharmacy).

Part of the goal of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is to provide full and complete health service. When prescriptions are filled without access to the medical records from that visit, full and thorough

health care cannot be delivered by the pharmacy staff. The pharmacists at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center provide a different level of care to patients than a pharmacist at a local drugstore.

The level of care is possible due to the pharmacists having access to the full medical record and not just a single prescription. The pharmacists look at past labs to ensure safe drug use and verify that the drug prescribed is the best option for the condition being treated while also considering other drugs or conditions a patient might have.

When patients are seen by providers outside our system, this information is not available to our pharmacists or our providers and can result in an adverse reaction or less than the best possible care.

This does not mean that patients are not able to continue to see a provider outside of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

It does not mean that any prescriptions resulting from that visit (other than a referral to a specialist from a Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center pro-

vider) will need to be filled at an outside pharmacy, and you will be responsible for paying for the prescription.

Always make sure you tell your provider about all the medications you take.

If you don't have insurance with prescription coverage, you may wish to consider using the \$4 prescription program at Wal-Mart or Fred Meyer. To learn what medications are offered for \$4 a month or \$10 for three months, you can look on the Internet at walmart.com or fredmeyer.com.

If you don't have Internet access, you may stop by the pharmacy and ask to look at the list. If you have insurance coverage for prescriptions, but your plan has co-pays over \$4 for generic drugs, be sure to let the pharmacists at Wal-Mart or Fred Meyer know you wish to use these programs rather than using your insurance.

If you have any questions about this new policy, please feel free to call the pharmacy. If we are unable to answer your questions, we will refer you to someone who can.

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