

More Letters to the Editor

Huge Thanks

We, the family of Atcitty Begay, would like to thank all of you who helped us during our fundraising efforts that allowed him to participate in Australia. We had a large amount of money to raise and we received a huge amount of support from you all.

He looked forward to making that trip from the very first invitation letter he received.

He knew that he had to go to Australia to run, and without your support it may not have been possible.

We would like to thank all the people who supported us: Sandra Greene, Mackie Begay, Bernie Boise, Cena Wolfe, Austin Greene, Norene Greene, Anna Clements, Earl and Rita Squiemphen, Wilson Wewa, Margie Tuckta, JR Smith, Lisa Lomas, Hobo and Karla Patt,

Angie Spino, Lincoln Birthday Pow-wow Committee, Bridgett Whipple, Roberta Queahpama, DMJ Auto, Power Enterprises, Kahneetah, and all of you who bought a lunch from us. I know I probably left a few names off, but you are much appreciated as well.

While in Australia and Hawaii, he competed in three races and each time just finished out of the placing medals. There's really no way to explain how your child grows when in the presents of other athletes from other states and countries, and amongst another culture of people.

He came back from his 13-day tour a little more grown up, just in time to leave for college. He's currently attending school at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon running for their cross-country team this fall, then track in the spring.

Our eldest son Blaine Begay also had an opportunity to go to Australia a couple years go, and came back a little more grown up ready to attend college. He attended two years of college in California and participated in football, which their team won a Conference title for the first time since 1991 and made a Championship Bowl appearance. He's currently transferred to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon this year and is also playing on their football team.

But, without support from people such as your self, their current opportunity to succeed may have been limited, if not able to travel and compete on an international scale. And we thank you for that support.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for helping make this possible.

Anson Begay and family.

Appreciation

I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the many friends and family that supported us during our time of grief on the loss of Calvin Wray Queahpama, locally called Bumstead. Cal to his drag racing friends and co-workers from Portland General Electric. The high regard demonstrated by PGE in sending over the two High-Line truck and Pole Setting truck that he operated, that escorted him from Redmond, Oregon to Simnasho, Oregon

and on his final trip to his place of rest.

Thank you all for the telephone calls of support and the wonderful hugs of love, warmth and support that cradled the family when needed most.

Thank you to the immediate family for financial assistance, cooking and taking care of the traditional cleansing of the home; friends for financial donations and the Health and Wellness Center tribal and IHS staff for donations.

Thank you to all sisters, cousins, nieces, nephew, sister-in-law

who traveled long distances to represent my side of the family.

Thank you to the physicians and nurses and health care providers for all the care and tender kindnesses extended to us throughout his illness at Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, Mountain View Hospital, Bend Memorial Oncology Clinic and St. Charles Medical Center.

With respect and regard,
Roberta and Kyle Queahpama.

Inspiring visit

Recently, I went to visit my family on the Chehalis Reservation in Washington, where my dad's side of the family lives.

Their casino (located on-res), The Lucky Eagle, is booming and they're expanding. When you drive up to the casino, there's no question in your mind who owns the place: the theme is Native American.

My cousin, who sits on tribal council for the Chehalis Tribe, told me that when they designed the casino they sought input from only tribal members, and it shows. They didn't hire consultants from the East Coast to come in to tell them how Indian they could be. They didn't listen to non-native MITs. They didn't call together the non-tribal members into special forums to get ideas. It was *only* tribal members, because it's *only* their casino, my friends.

pool where people rode waves created by a moving wall. There were fantastic waterslides. There were Indians behind every counter.

Every tribal member was given a certificate good for a free weekend stay at the Great Wolf Lodge. But most were still holding onto their tickets, because ever since the amusement park opened, it has been jam-packed. I like to think that it's because the tribal members were asked for their ideas, personally. When we hire consultants and non-tribal members to come and tell us how Indian we can be... they give us what's on the imaginations of every other non-tribal member. So when visitors come to visit, it's nothing new.

At the Great Wolf Lodge, there wasn't a single slot machine.

There were no card tables or Keno screens. No betting. No cash-outs. It was just family-fun.

Don't get me wrong. My home is here in Warm Springs. My pride is with my reservation and her people. I will always be Warm Springs down to my bones.

But the question comes up in my mind... does Bridge of the Gods absolutely need slot machines? Could you imagine a gigantic Native-themed water park in the Gorge? We'd need no special permission then, would we? We wouldn't have to pay for ambulances and prize-packages that we could use on our own reservation.

Just a thought.

Skw'ililapt, Duran Bobb, member no. 2102.

More happy birthday wishes...

Happy birthday "Bosh" from uncle and Mernie and Amari!

Happy birthday "Bosh." Love, Stranger.

Happy birthday "bosh-man." Love, Sallie and baby! We love you!

Happy Birthday to your cousin "bosh-man." We hope that you have a good birthday and we love you. Love, Angela, Victoria, Audrey.

Happy 18th Birthday to my nephew "Bosh-Man." We love you sonny! Love, Sena and Angel.

Happy Birthday to my first grandson "Bosh-Man." Love, your grandmother Anna Lopez.

Happy 18th Birthday to our older brother "Bosh-Man." Hope that you have a good birthday and we love all you a lot brother. Love, Ada, Alex, Ali, Aaliyah and Alexa.

Happy "2nd" B-Day! Benita Dena Merrifield. Love you always, your Gramma and Granpa.

Happy 2nd Birthday, Benita on 09-14-08. Love always, your favorite Kucka Monster, Michael Belgard.

Happy 27th birthday on September 27 to Tatiana "tots" Penny in the land of the butterflies. From all your fam here in Springs. Best of wishes to you and your family. God bless September 18, a very big happy 7th birthday to Tannun.

Happy 2nd birthday to my baby girl "lil B." Love, Momma and Papa.

Happy 2nd birthday to my baby girl "lil B." Love, Mom.

Happy 2nd birthday to my baby girl "lil B," Love papa (Kurtis).



Happy birthday to Tyson. Love from your mom.

Happy birthday to everyone whose birthday is this month. From the Spilyay.

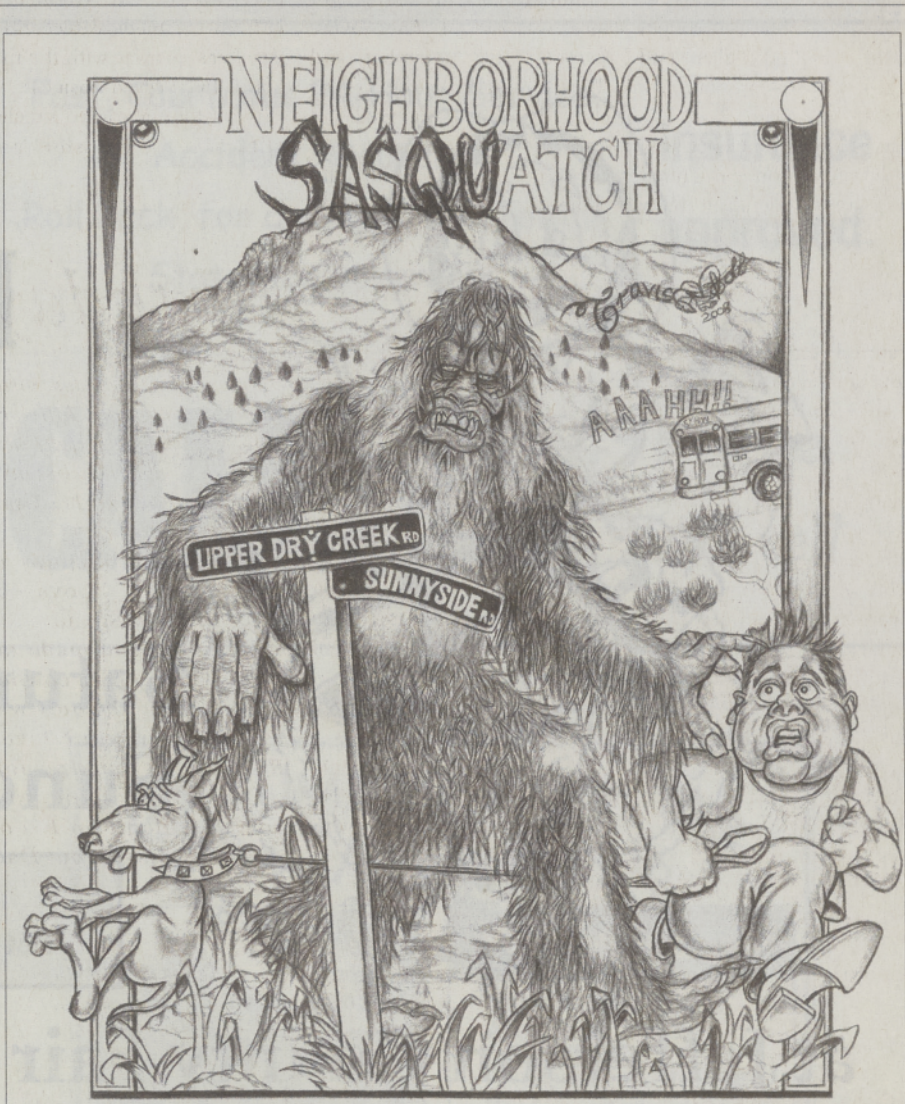


The Great Wolf Lodge



Water amusement park

Courtesy photos.



A reported sighting recently of a sasquatch in the Upper Dry Creek-Sunnyside neighborhoods inspired this drawing by artist Travis Bobb.

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Narcotics Anonymous meetings

Meetings at the
Family Resource Center Conference Room

Thursdays: 6-7:30 p.m.
Fridays: Noon to 1 p.m.

*The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, September 19.
Thank you.*