

More Letters to the Editor

Huckleberry endurance horse race



Thank you to all the contestants for participating in the Second Annual Huckleberry Endurance Horse Race.

A big thank you to the following for sponsoring the event:

Les Schwab Tires, Abby's Pizza, Mary Tohet, Chris Bueller family, the Swanson family, Liz Hisatake and family, Charolette Herkshan. Without all of your generosity this would not have been possible. Thank you for giving to the kids. Sincerely,

The Hisatake family and Richard Tohet.



Riders (top photo) in the Junior Division of the Second Annual Huckleberry Endurance Horse Race. The race winners (bottom picture).

Courtesy photos.

Honor warrior ceremony

The family of Raylene "Ti-Kwux-ni" Ike-Thomas cordially invites you to her honor-warrior ceremony this coming November at the Agency Longhouse.

Raylene is currently stationed in Germany at Spangdahlem AFB. Raylene enlisted in the US Airforce December of 2005, and left for basic training May of 2006 at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

My daughter has completed one tour of duty in Northern Iraq with the 332nd security forces squadron for six months, and may possibly be redeployed this upcoming January 2009.

Hopefully with a new president in office, our soldiers may be out of harms way in the near future. I, like other parents who have kids in the military am a proud mother. Raylenes next duty station will be at Andrews Airforce Base in Washington D.C., the home of Airforce One.

Raylene is the daughter of LaVena "wah'ska'duni" Ike and Ronald Thomas. She has five sisters and two brothers: Dorothy Kalama, Dionne, Qua'taw, Dena, Ron Jr., Walsey, and Daisy Thomas. Raylene is the granddaughter of: (Maternal) Atwai Chief Fred Ike Sr. of Rock Creek/



Raylene "Ti-Kwux-ni" Ike-Thomas

Yakama & Daisy Dick-Ike of Wasco/Warm Springs and (Paternal) Leslie Thomas of Wasco/Warm Springs & Roberta Lucci-Wawasuk of Yakama.

Her grandpa Fred served on the Yakama Nations Tribal Council for three terms, and was the last Chief of the Kahmilt-pah Band of the Yakama Nation since 1983. He passed on May 2003. Raylenes Cuth'la Daisy is the greatgranddaughter of Wasco Chief Tah Symph, one of the Treaty signers of 1855 for the wasco-pum/dogriver band of our people. Raylene has one surviving great grandmother (90 years old) Elsie Billy-Dick of Rock Creek-Kahmilt-pah/Yakama, and numerous relatives throughout the

Mid-Columbia River Intertribes.

The ceremony is a traditional ceremony, where she will be recognized for serving our country, representing our people as a proud Native American Indian.

This past April, she was made a member of the Yakama Nations Warriors Society. Rae played basketball and softball from little league-middle school onto HS, lettering in basketball. She quit softball her freshman season to travel to powwows, competing in the jingle dress category throughout the United States and Canada.

We made adopted family all over, who supported us during her deployment. I am grateful to my family and friends for their love and support.

I respectfully request to have our tribal employees excused to attend the traditional ceremony. I know Raylene would be happy if our council and management were readily available. Thanks for your consideration regarding this matter.

Commencement date: November 19, 2008 (Wednesday); services-12 noon, dinner-1 p.m. Ceremonies to follow.

Thank You!
Lovie Ike

Clean, sober



This is me Angela Martinez down in Klamath Falls, off of meth. I have five months clean off of meth, and it feels so good.

This is a drug that will take everything you've got in a matter of time. And if you're in denial, it eventually does. I'm starting over from hitting rock bottom. And that was the worst feeling in my life.

Now that I'm clean and sober, I recognize all the areas where I went wrong in my life. And I'm working on those areas in treatment. But there's nothing I can do about my past because I can't change anything.

I can only change myself and do what's better for myself and my children. And what I do know is that God's got a plan for me. And I will follow it from this day on. And I'll take it one day at a time, and thank God that there was hope for me.

Taking it one day at a time,
Angela Martinez, 2006 Gettle St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603; ph. (541) 591-8627.

To my boys

A few words to my boys. Hi, my sons Pierre and Stefaughn. I believe I should tell you something even if that means putting my business out on blast but I don't know your address so I figure this is the way you get it no matter what.

I know you have a lot of questions and I have some answers. For one, it's not your fault I'm not around. There's nothing wrong with you. In fact you're perfect and I wouldn't have you any other way. So you understand I love you both more than you know. I had to make the toughest decision of my life and that was what was best for you two. I know I've told you I'm trying to become a dad for you, that means learn-

ing how to get my life together and making some changes to the choices I make like my drinking and all that goes with that.

I just want you two to know that I love you and I'm sorry I'm not there for your and I'm sorry you have to grow up without me and I'm sorry I wasn't the father I should have been. So if anyone tries to say I left because I don't love you, you know they're lying and they can ask anyone who reads this. Remember, sons, stay in school, do good things, and remember I'll always be with you no matter what. Just look in the mirror, you'll see me. Love always, your lost father, **Andrew McClould**.

Apologies

I apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the community and my family for drinking and driving when I should not have been. I put not only myself but others in danger. I apologize for that. I will try to do better as time goes on. I will do the best I can from here on out. **Louie N. Ike Sr.**

I am really sorry for breaking the tribal law. I know it will not happen again. Please don't worry about me any more. I am sorry to the tribes of Warm Springs. **Rex Robinson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 18, 2008 by having dangerous narcotic drugs and hallucinogens and drug paraphernalia. If I could do anything to change these things, I promise I would do just that. I apologize to the community of Warm Springs and everyone I put in danger or hurt in any way. If I could take everything back, I would. **Jennifer Smith**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 19, 2008 by driving under the influence and reckless endangering my cousin and her children. I apologize to C.J.S. and R.S. This will never happen again. **Jennifer Smith**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 29, 2008 by stealing from Macy's. I am very sorry and also I regret the things I have done. I know that stealing from anywhere is not only breaking the law but wrong. I apologize to the owners. It's not going to happen again. **Jennifer Smith**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 8-17-08 by DUII. I know it

was wrong and I endangered others. I will try very hard to see that it doesn't happen again. I apologize to Brenda S. I love Woodrow H.T-S too much to scare him any more by being in jail. **Lisa. J. Smith**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 27, 2008 by being under the influence of alcohol while still a minor and for getting a liquor violation while still a minor. I apologize to the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino. I will not drink alcohol. **Rodney Katchia**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 8-20-08 by. I would like to apologize to the community, the tribal court, and C'O'S for being intoxicated in a public place then escorted to the Warm Springs Jail, where upon being searched was caught with a small portion of marijuana. I apologize to the corrections officers and tribal court. **Tammy Robinson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 7-10-08 by speeding dangerously, disregarding the laws and safety of others, and not thinking my actions through. I apologize to M., T., A., Progressive Mechanical. I will drive more responsibly from this date forward. **John Ruby**.

Big thank you

We would like to say thank you to the following people who helped out at our wedding September 6, 2008:

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sam, a very big thank you for coming to cook for me and my family, when our cook went MIA.

Thank you to all who helped: Elsie Sam, Anna Lopez, Rittni Clements, Robert Sam Jr., Regina LeClaire, Luana Robinson, Dempsena Polk, Victoria Polk-Ruiz, and Angela Polk-Ruiz.

We would also like to send a big thank you to the drummers who showed up to help start it with a blessing, and to kuks and Carlo for hauling the chairs to the longhouse. If I have forgot anyone I apologize.

PS: If anyone has any pictures that we can get copies from we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Tias and family.

More happy birthday wishes...

Happy Birthday to my lupab Roosevelt, Sr. on September 23, from your Nana & Muk Arquette over in Medicine Valley.

Happy Birthday to my baby Dyamelle Don Carlos on September 27, from Mom and ChMuk Arquette, Lots of Love.

Happy Birthday to my daughter, Raelynn Caylei Jim on "9-27", 8-years-old already, reading, and writing. . . I love you and miss you. . . see you soon. . . Love, your Dad, Caleb P. Jim

Happy Birthday to my nephew, Matthew Miles Smith! On September 7th, 2008. Dang 2 years old already! I wish I could have been there. I love you! I'll be there next year. Love always your aunt, Josephine Zacarias, "Jo"

Happy 7th Birthday to Quantiko Feldman "Tiko" on September 13th! I love you and miss

you!! I'll be home pretty soon. Love always Na-Na Jo.

Happy 1st Birthday to LeQuisha Jackson!! Dang! Big Gurl, ayez. I love you and miss you very much. Love always, Nana, Jo

Happy Birthday Susie B. and Congratulations!! I have another baby cousin. So Sweet. I can't wait to see him. I love you and miss you! Love always, Josephine Teeman Zacarias.

Happy Birthday on September 16 to my two little cousins, Darius Schirmer and Janessa Boise!! Already 9!! Growing up too fast, ayez. Love you both and miss you. Love your NaNa Josephine "Jo"

Happy 3rd Birthday to my little cuzin, my Lupab, Michael Andrew. I love you very much and miss your little rotten self, ayez. Love always, Josephine "Jo" Zacarias.

Happy 18th Birthday to Candra Lawrence on October

1st, 2008. I hope your day is happy. You're a little adult now!! Don't have too much fun! Haha ayez. Love always, your homie, Josephine Zacarias.

Happy Birthday to my brother Curtis, Love you and Miss you. Selena.



Happy birthday Grampa "Muff"! Luv, all your grandkids. We love you!

Happy Birthday Dad, Luv & Miss ya ~ Rhonda.

Happy Birthday Grampa, Luv you grandson, SLICK :)

Happy Birthday Grampa, Luv Lisa, Jasmine, & Jennifer.

Happy Birthday Su-Yenn, Luv Rhonda & Family.

Picture from the past

Emma Smith was the first person to call the Spilyay with the names of the people in the Boxing Club picture, which was taken in 1967. She correctly named the boxers as follows:

Back row (from left): Francis Suppah, Randy Boise, Randy Smith, Austin Smith, Gerlad Smith, Emerson "Chief" Smith, and Keith Charley Sr.; second row, Lee Johnson, Alfred Goudy, Tony Boise, Vernon "Besta" Smith; front row, coach Claude Smith Sr., Lyle Rhoad Jr., Matt Wewa, Kennedy Smith, Merlin "Booger" Standing Yellow Horse, Roscoe "RT"



Thompson Jr., and coach Jazzy Wewa. Lula Smith also called, recognizing her dad in the picture, Randy Smith.

Photo courtesy of Gerald Smith