

## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you

On behalf of the children and staff of Warm Springs Early Childhood Center, thank you parents, grandparents, family members and tribal departments for participating in the Little Pumpkin's Parade on October 31.

Without all of you it would not have been possible.

A special thank you to the Warm Springs Hot Shots Crew, Community Health, Work Force Development, Culture and Heritage Language Program, C.H.E.T Program, Vocational Rehab, Seniors Program, Recreation Department, Kah-Nee-Ta, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, Mail and Reception, and Fire and Safety. Thank you all for attending and handing out treats.

Thank you to Suzie Macy for taking all those great photos of our ghouls and goblins. Thank you to Jody Calica, Warm Springs Composite Products, Power and Water Enterprises Wilson Wewa Jr., and Wendell Jim for your donations.

Thank you to the I.H.S clinic for allowing us to come over to trick or treat, and visit all of you and your patients.

If I have missed anyone, forgive me. See you all next year.

**Jodi Orr**, Family Partnership coordinator, Warm Springs Head Start/Early Head Start.

### Two poems

Honor them that are gone. They were heroes young and old.

Live our lives in trust, For they would like so much.

Remember them as they were, the smiles and times we had.

Dry the tears that run to share someday the good we had.

Remember the brightness of their smile, not the pain of their despair.

Wipe your tears before they fall upon the earth that's moist.

Honor them that are gone, heroes let them be.

For without them life would not be all that it might be.

I often think of that day, and how it meant so much.

Carried as a burden now for so long.

To understand it now means so much to me.

Believe in myself, as I once did.

I often think of that day, an open grave it was.

Now to bury but not forget, part of me it has become.

In the crowd I stood so alone I felt. Hiding is the best I do. Standing here and no one knows.

**David Gonzales**, Vietnam Veteran.

### Powwow

This past week I visited some friends on the Warm Springs Reservation.

There was a Powwow for children in the Community Center gym that I attended.

I thought it was such a wonderful and fun evening for the kids. To see such tiny dancers in regalia was really precious.

The parents who took the time to prepare their children and attend this event, you have my admiration.

I don't know the name of the drum that performed, but they were one of the best I have heard at the many powwows I have attended. The MC for the event had such a great sense of humor and did a great job!

I have great respect for people in a community who care enough to plan and sacrifice their time and volunteer for such a gathering.

I was thinking about all the families who were not able to attend. They missed a good time. I hope next year it will be even more crowded with young dancers.

So to all who participated, thank you! It was one of the many highlights of my vacation.

Respectfully, **Gail Seich**, New York.

### To families

To the families of atwai Lucinda Stwyer and atwai Warren Wallulatam Jr., I send my love and respect out to you all.

I was very close to both and this hurts a Native heart not being able to be out there with my people.

I'll always remember them in a good way. Thank you to all the people who have written and sent their support through letters, family and friends, all the people locked up state and federal who kept me in their prayers. Thank you.

Respectfully, **Stuart A. Smith Sr.**, sid no. 12275256, 3920 E. Ashwood Rd., Madras, OR 97741.

### Tias special

The following are the results Wesley Tias Special:

First place: Jeremy Wolfe of Pendleton: \$500 and Jacket.

Second place: Stewart Jim of Toppenish, jacket and \$300.

Third place, Owen Danzuka of Warm Springs, \$200 and jacket.

Three consolation prizes: Damon Billy of Pendleton, Lewis "Lug-Lug" Sweowat of Toppenish, and Frankie Eaglespeaker of Pendleton. \$40 and pullover.

The family of the late Wesley Tias would like to thank everyone who took part. There was

some great dancers out there.

Thank you to the Celilo community for allowing us to have the special there. Wesley loved it there.

If we forgot anyone, we're sorry. **Harvianne Tohet**, Pendleton.

### Abandoned dogs

On November 4, three pups were dumped off at my residence. The dogs were McNab puppies, good bred pups.

I'm asking people not to dump dogs in the Seekseequa area, or at my residence.

This is the fourth time we've had to contact the public health department to retrieve animals. It's a very sad situation for the animals.

We also found a set of puppies dumped in the upper Seekseequa area two years ago.

If dogs, or puppies, are not wanted, please contact Nancy Collins at the Public Health Department at 553-1196. These alternatives are free services.

**Delford Johnson**.

### Basketball

Hi, I'm Rick Minthorn. I am writing a few words about myself. To begin with, I am in the Indian Hall of Fame. I try to make all the tourneys I can get to. All teams know who I am. I put these tourneys on because of my sobriety from being not in the dark side. I think all you know what I'm saying.

One thing I would like to say is, I thank the teams that come from afar. Now this is the good part. I want to tell you guys how I work. You say we will pay pretty soon, then you know this, go on to the next game. I am a person that doesn't get mad about this.

You see guys go there to buy things, and they can't part a little bit on fees for these teams. When they tell me when are they going to get some awards.

I try to show my part, people don't think what these fees have in getting the awards. When the fees are in on Saturday, I go get them after the last bye game. So listen guys, you guys are the ones making the tourney. More if these guys won't come in and pay it, then the team that come from afar, they will have to wait, I don't think it's fair to these. I have three all skins from here. I have a runner up team.

I hope you teams understand me. I have a good heart for you guys on the court. This is a lesson for me to book it. It makes me look bad to the people, and I don't know what the visiting teams are saying about me, the way the tourney was run.

**Rick Minthorn**, director, Gathering of Nations.



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 24, 2008 by failure to maintain my lane that night, plus am also sorry for breaking tribal law for carrying drug paraphernalia and marijuana. There for I am facing the consequences. I apologize to tribal court and Warm Springs parole & probation department, who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that it will not happen again. Sincerely, **Joseph J. Howtopat**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 20, 2008 by driving under the influence of alcohol. I apologize to the elders for being a bad role model to our younger generation.

May our God bless our Nation. I apologize to Elmer Scott, Jr., who was directly impacted by my actions.

I also want to say that I apologize to the people that look up to me. And for the people that reported me in and I'm praying for them and hoping they are praying for me also. I ask for forgiveness your native son, **Kevin A. Blueback**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 27, 2008 by getting caught with a weed pipe on Kalish Aut-Ji Street in West Hills and I'm sure it will never happen again.

I apologize to my grandfather for using his truck, who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I will no longer use his truck and get caught with a weed pipe while using his truck. **Sonny Yahtin**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 3, 2008 by harassing an individual on the Warm Springs Reservation. I apologize to M.H., who was directly impacted by my actions. I will not do it again. **Harry Hisatake Jr.**

I am sorry for trying to stop a fight at my home. I am sorry but most of all I really want to apologize to my dad and mom. I am so sorry, I love you a lot, and I did not want to hurt you, Mom and Dad. Or most of all hurt all the family. It just started as playing. And to my sister I am sorry. And to the Warm Springs police I am sorry. So again I am sorry. **Sadie Picard**.

I am writing to my family to say I am sorry for fighting with family at my sister and brother-in-law's home. I am sorry but most of all I really want to apologize to my dad and mom. I am so sorry, I love you a lot, and I did not want to hurt you, Mom and Dad. And to my sister and the police I am sorry. **Jealeah Sam**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 12, 2008 by recklessly endangering, malicious mischief and contributing. It was a foolish thing to do and I've learned my lesson. I apologize to S.S., J.S., E.S. and also H. and E.J. I'll do my best to make better choices. **Davis Stwyer**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 13, 2008. By writing this letter I hope you could forgive me for my wrongdoing on the date above. I broke the law by littering. I was caught

throwing and breaking a glass bottle on the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort parking lot. I apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino. I'm sorry for my embarrassing actions. **Gary Ben**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 9, 2008 by having drug paraphernalia on my person. I know it is illegal to consume illegal substances. This will never happen again. I apologize to the Work Force Development Department for being arrested on their property. I apologize to the community of Warm Springs. I am further trying to better myself as a person. **Aaron Hart Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Nov. 2, 2008. I apologize to the Warm Springs Police Department and my family. I am going to make every effort to do my best to follow all tribal laws. Thanks for your time. **Gary Katchia Sr.**

### Regarding letters

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## Happy birthday and other wishes...

*Happy birthday to Kurtis L. Satanus, born on November 17, 1988. A young man who knows respect for others including himself.*

*A young man who is decent in his reputation. A young man who knows right from wrong, and always thinks before he acts.*

*My one and only son, I am very proud of who you are. Have a wonderful time on your day!*

*Love, mom Jessie Polk, and sister Melinda Polk.*

**Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 14, Xariya M. Holliday. We love you and miss you very much. Love, mom and Tom.**

To my sister Xariya McKenna, Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. I can't wait to see you. I love you. **Jr. Holliday**.

**Happy birthday on November 14 to my beautiful granddaughter Xariya McKenna. I lve you. From grandma Illona.**

*Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to Rya Holliday. We love you. Jake and Walter.*

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to Tyson Waheneka. We love you, from grandma Illona, Adele and

family, Jake and Walter.

**Happy birthday on November 15 to my "Little Cousin." Tyson Waheneka, from Xariya Holliday.**

*Happy Birthday, Tyrece Ellison David. How much my baby has grown. You're 9 years old, man I'm gonna cry. I love you and I'm proud of you. Love, your Mom and Piggy, Mister Yaw.*