

## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you

To our people,

I'd like to thank our garbage men who faithfully pick up our garbage once a week. Thank you. And to the Health and Welfare Committee for our hard tacks and peanut butter and other things, Thank you.

Ditto, ditto to the words from Emma Smith in the Pioneer.

Shirley Saunders.

### Poem

I often think of things that maybe you might not—of place, far away but always near.

I see the trees and brush, the double edges on the grass, the green turn to brown from the heat, so intense.

I close my eyes now to see the trails I've walked so many times, known to me so very well.

What if the trail had been different than the one I see. What if the trees were in a different place.

So here I sit, pen in hand, and think of things that maybe you might no—of places far away but always near.

David Gonzalez.

### Searching

I'm a Native American and I'm searching for a long lost sister that lives there on the rez. Her name is Julia Lewis, unless she's married now with a different last name.

She is my younger sister. We were separated and placed in foster homes as children. We lost all contact. Now we are adults and I would like to hear from her. I'm doing time and would like to receive some mail from anyone. Sincerely, **Dionisio Rendon**, c#89115, PO Box 7500-B-3-125, Crescent City, CA 95532.

### Family, friends

How is the weather there? Over here, where I'm at, it's just fine. I'm back here at Sheridan, doing a little time for a parole violation. The people who are close to me know what it's about. The rest of you will have to wait until I get home to find out, because it's a long story. If I started at the beginning I would have to start out like this. A long, long time ago when the animals walked upright as people, there was a young man who was already getting into trouble, before he could even walk, but that story is for another time and place.

I'm going about six months for this parole violation, and I should be home around June. I'm just writing this letter to see if someone, anyone, would

write me. Where I'm at right now I can see the top of Mt. Jefferson and it makes me wish that I chose a different path than the one that I chose. When I get home this time I'm going to try and do things differently than I have before.

I want to say to my son that I love and miss him and happy belated birthday. Please write.

If there is anyone else out there who would like to drop me a few lines, feel free.

Johnson Heath Sr., no. 68697-065, Federal Detention Center, PO Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378.

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law. This was not my intention to drink and use meth, and stealing to support my habit. I am sorry for having a meth pipe in possession. Thanks. **Adam Rubio.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 8, 2008 by using marijuana and driving through the community on an illegal mind altering drug, marijuana. I apologize to my granddaughter. What happened to me can happen to anyone on our reservation so know your rights. **Laura Johnson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-11-08 by drinking under the age of 21. I apologize for my wrong doings and doing my best to not let it happen again, and doing what I need to do to do a better job in life. **Mary Culps.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 12-2-08 by getting an LV and being under the influence of an intoxicant. I am sure it won't happen again. I apologize to the tribes. There will be no more LV's. **Sonny Yahtin.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 21, 2008 by driving recklessly and recklessly endangering. Very serious crimes. I was way out of character, driving aggressively. I apologize to the motorists who were on the road that day for my misconduct. I'm very sorry and I do apologize. Also, when driving, I will respect all policies and laws. **Robin Allen.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 5 by driving under the influence of intoxicants. I apologize to the people of Warm Springs. I will not do this again. **Willis Bagley.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 12-4-08 by driving under the

influence of alcohol and also recklessly endangering a passenger that night. And also driving without taillights. I apologize to the owners of the car and to my brother. I am very sorry. **Jesse D. Greene.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 12-5-08 by being charged with disorderly conduct, 305.433, and harassment, 305.185 at Kah-Nee-Ta. I apologize to S.W. and Kah-Nee-Ta. This won't happen again. **Ellen Palmer.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 28 by aiding and abetting. I will not break any laws in the future. I apologize to the Warm Springs community and the Warm Springs Police Department. I thought I was doing the right thing to stop the situation at the time. But I'm still sorry for what happened. **Sissaley Graybael.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 12-27-08 by violating law and ordinance 310.510(1) and 310.358, thus learning a valuable lesson and much needed wake-up call to my personal life. I apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta and friends. This action on my behalf will not happen again. **Rodney L. Scott.**



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb is wishing everyone a Happy Valentines Day!

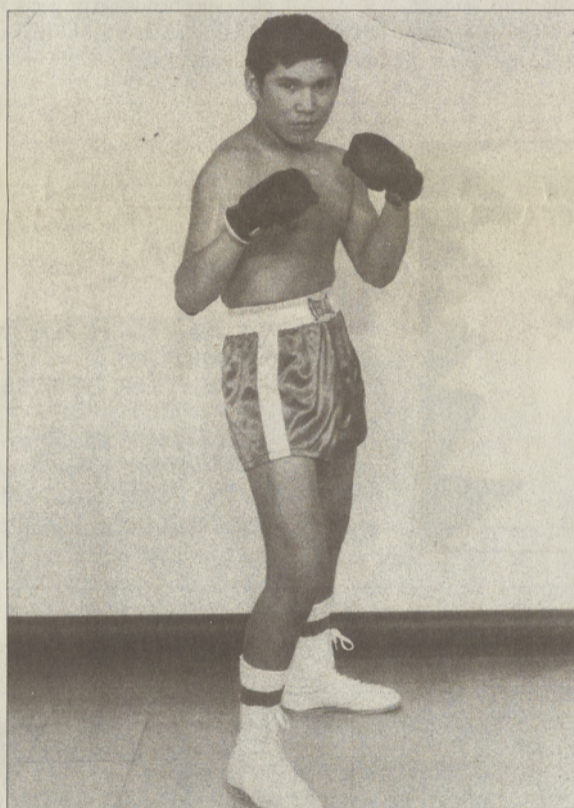


Photo courtesy of the Warm Springs Boxing Club.

Recognize this Warm Springs boxer? Call the Spilyay with the answer, 553-3274. Answer in the next Spilyay.

### Smith-Greene

#### Wedding announcement

To all friends and family, you are cordially invited to bare witness to the Marriage Ceremony of Victoria C. Smith and Ramon L. Greene.

In Warm Springs, Oregon on the 14th day of February, 2009, at the Baptist Church at 1 p.m.

Victoria is the daughter of Angelena J. Smith of Warm Springs. Her late grandparents were Victoria J. Smith and Claude H. Smith Sr., of Warm



Springs.

Ramon is the son of Ramona A. Greene-Baer of Warm Springs. His late grandparents were Harold M. Greene and Perry L. Greene and Verbena T. Greene of Warm Springs.



## Happy birthday, Valentine and other wishes...



To my brothers Al, Nick and Harly family, Happy Valentines Day!

To my friend Joy Soto R and family, Happy Valentines Day!

To uncle Manual Teemon and family. Happy Valentines Day!

To uncle Merle George

and family, Happy Valentines Day!

To Danika Green and family, Happy Valentines Day! From Ira Kelly and family, 2009.



To Arlene Wewa and family, Happy Valentines Day! From Ira and family.

To Sammy and Clint Bruised Head and family, Happy Valentines Day! From Ira and family.

Happy 13th birthday to Lupita Phyllis Tobet. Wish you many more. Love, your Mom & Chet.

Happy birthday to Liza Marie LeClaire. Wish you many more. Love, your Auntie Harvianne & Chet.

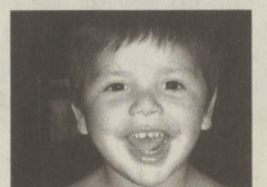
Happy birthday to my NaNa Liza LeClaire. Wish you many more. From Lupita Tohet.

Happy birthday to Sallie Polk-Adams. Wish you many more. From Harvianne, Chet Tias & Lupita Tobet.

Happy birthday to my mom, Rosa G. From

RaeAnne, Bianca, and Andraz.

Happy birthday Mom! From Jalen Graybael.



To our little angel Avan John Garcia, born February 5, 2005 at Deschutes crossing, Happy 4th birthday with many more to come. Grandma and Grandpa said watch out for chucky cheese this year!! Love you lots from you're family from the north end and you're family from the south end.

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