

# More Letters to the Editor

## Bless you

In regard to ours and your brother, son, father, uncle, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend Joseph Aguilar, aka lil' Joe or L.J., his health is slowly but surely improving. He is in critical yet stable condition. They lowered his sedatives, so he will be awake a little more often. Still breathing with ventilating machine so unable to talk yet. His burns are healing fine. He breathed in a lot of toxic poison from the fire so his lungs are the main concern right now. But they are improving.

We thank God he's still alive and getting better. Praise the Lord! We would also like to thank officer Gilbert for pulling him out of the fire. You're our hero. God bless you three fold!

We would also like to thank the EMTs, Pastor Rick for transporting him to the hospital as fast as you did. We also would like to thank Mountain View Hospital staff for doing the best they can and having patience with our many questions and everything.

We also would like to thank Emanuel Hospital doctors and nurses for taking care of our brother, and having patience with us and being understanding. God bless you so much!

We would also like to thank family and friends who traveled near and far from their time, prayers, love support and being

there in a time of need. We would also like to thank Victims of Crime, Social Services, Melinda P., Viola G., Kunya and family, Louie and Sylvia Ike, Corbet and family for helping us with gas money, and your love and prayers to be with Joe at the hospital.

We would also like to thank Portland residents: Amelia and family, Louie and Sylvia Ike, Angie G. and everyone that offered to open their homes to us. Thank you for your kind hospitality, and your love and prayers. God bless you!

We would also like to thank all the family and friends that couldn't be there but are deeply concerned, and who also sent love and prayers. It really means a lot!

God bless you! Everything that has been done for Joe and our family is really appreciated. We will also keep you in our prayers. Please continue to pray. It really helps a lot. Thank you!

Sincerely, **the family of Joseph Aguilar.**

## Powwow thanks

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow would like to thank the following:

Tribal Council, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino, Voc-Rehab, Three Warriors Market, Natural Resources,

Utilities, the Police Department, Fire and Safety, Chief Delvis Heath, Councilman Wilson Wewa Jr., outgoing 2008 Queen Sorrah Mendez and family, new Queen 2009 Elise Bagley and family, Nola Queahpama and family, Carol Craig, Jabber Davis, Dorian Soliz and Anthony Quinelle.

Without your gracious support and help the 2009 Lincoln's Powwow would not have been successful. We look forward to next year.

**Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee.**

## Outgoing special

We just wanted to say thank you so much to the following people who supported our daughter Soraya "Yaxla" throughout the year and also during her outgoing special during the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

This has made me realize that we have so much to be thankful for. There were so many of you that were so generous and helpful. With that said we know that you are all true friends and have given from your heart without expecting anything in return. Her outgoing special went really well and it was because you all made it happen for her.

Grandma Yvonne, Thank

you so much for your beaded bags you made specifically for the special. Auntie Jolene, for the two sets of beaded medallions and hair ties also for the outgoing cake.

Rena and Kanim Smith, for everything you gave and for being there for support. Tricia and Duane Stiffarm, for your donation and being there for support.

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Deb Scott, for having always positive and kind advice and direction. Alicia Adams, for your kind donation.

Anita Davis, for taking time out of your busy schedule to be there to speak on our daughters behalf. Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, for your kind donation. DMJ, for your kind donation.

Sisiley Scott, Joann Scott and Shannetta Yahtin for judging during her special. I know it is a hard job to hold with all those great dancers. Thank you to the drum group "Eagle Thunder" for your songs.

Sincerely, **Joy and Jose Ramirez, Carlos, Damian, Izraii and Jaihline.**

## Happy birthday wishes...

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mr. Donavon Cylee Wolfe (aka) Grandpa Man. Mom loves you a lot.



Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday Stinky. Have fun on your day. Love you, from Boosh, CyRhon and Kelsey.

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday Don Juan Wolfe. Love you lots, from Auntie Clare, Adam and all the boys.

Greeze "Big Boy" now 6 years old. Happy birthday. Grandma Sandra and Grandpa Grent Clements Sr. Love you very much on your day, March 13, 2009.

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday Donavon. Hope you get really really spoiled and get everything you want. Have fun! Grandma Helen, Spence, Roshanda, Rhonda and Coby.

Happy birthday, Donavon. Love, your lil' cuz Isaac Poitra.



Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Annales. Love you always and forever. Your mama.

## Who can help when your electricity is cut off?

### VOCS cannot pay the bill but they have good information, referrals

By Mark Matthews  
Victims of Crime Services

The power company has sent you a final notice to shut off your electricity. Can Victims of Crime Services (VOCS) help you pay your power bill?

In the last two weeks of February, several tribal members sought help from VOCS for energy assistance.

VOCS receives its grant funds from federal agencies that restrict the use of these funds to assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other personal crimes.

Although VOCS cannot use its funds to help pay your power bill, the staff can help you with information and referrals that will help you with power bill.

The Tribal Social Services Energy Assistance Program is the first program to contact.

This program is located on Holiday Street in the same building as the Commodities Program. The telephone number is 553-4952.

John Brown, Sonia Heath, Nettie Dickson, or Kim LeClaire can help you complete the detailed application forms in order to apply for energy assistance.

Be prepared when you go to the Social Services building to apply for the Energy Assistance Program. Bring your latest power bill, and financial information with you, including proof of your income and expenses for the last year. Every adult residing in your home will have to sign the application.

There is a limit to the amount of assistance that the Energy Assistance Program can provide. If the program can only help you with a portion of your past-due power bill, then you will have to access other social programs. The Energy Assistance Program has a limited budget, and when their 2009 budget is exhausted, this program will not be an option for tribal community members.

### Seniors

The tribal Seniors Program

has limited resources to help with power bill payments if you are 60 years of age or older. The Seniors Program is located on High Lookie Street, and its telephone number is 553-3313. Wilson Wewa, Lilly Suppah, Lucille Schuster or Elton Greeley can assist you in determining whether the Seniors Program can assist a senior with their power bill.

Unlike previous years, the Seniors Program cannot provide tribal elders with a cord of wood for home heating.

The Workforce and Education Development Department (WEDD) is the current tribal program that provides tribal seniors and elders with a free cord of wood.

WEDD is located on Warm Springs and Paiute streets, and its telephone number is 553-3324. Melinda Poitra, Laura Switzler, Verleen Kalama or Buffy the secretary can assist you in determining whether you qualify for a cord of wood.

### State help

The Oregon Department of Human Services may be able to help with income assistance, and your power bill, if you are low-income, have children, and meet its other qualifications.

The department (DHS) has a part-time satellite office at the tribal Family Resource Center at 1144 Warm Springs Street. The phone number 553-1626. DHS has a full-time office in Madras at 678 NE Highway 97, Suite D St. Their telephone number is 541-475-6131.

Like the Energy Assistance Program at Tribal Social Services, DHS has detailed application forms that need to be completed before they can determine if DHS can provide you with assistance. Bring your financial records and bills when you go to DHS to apply for income assistance.

### BIA

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Social Services Program, like Oregon DHS, may be able to help tribal community members with income assistance, and your power bill, if the members meet its requirements.

The BIA's Social Services

Program is located in the tribal Administration Building across the aisle from the tribal Vital Statistics office.

Mona Greene Baez is the primary BIA employee who can assist you in determining whether you qualify for the BIA's income assistance, and her telephone number is 553-2440.

### Other possibilities

NeighborImpact is a non-government, non-profit organization in Madras that can help tribal community members with their energy bills.

NeighborImpact, formerly called COCAAN, was established to serve economically disadvantaged people in Central Oregon. Their mission is to break the cycle of poverty by helping remove the barriers that prevent people from achieving economic self-sufficiency. Their Madras office is located at 645 SW Marshall Street. Walk-in hours are 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can also call 475-7017 for an appointment.

Like the other social services programs mentioned above, NeighborImpact has detailed application forms that need to be completed to determine if you qualify for assistance.

If the above social service agencies are not able to completely help you with your power bill, then you may be able to take out a small loan at the tribal Credit Enterprises. Tribal Credit is located on Scouts Drive, and their telephone number is 553-3201.

In the event that the adults in the home do not qualify for a small tribal loan to secure the power bill, then it is possible to have your child's monthly per capita payment used to secure the small loan from Credit.

Loan Officer Joanne Bryant reminds tribal members that all loans—except for funeral assistance loans—are processed in the order of filing.

Another possible solution is to seek assistance from a church.

(Note: This is the first of a two-part series about energy assistance for community members on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.)

## Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law by reckless driving, speeding on the reservation. I apologize for endangering the people and the property, including the animals on the open range here, that could have suffered serious consequences because of my actions. **Barrett Woodhall.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 28 by assault, recklessly endangering, child neglect. I am sorry to my son. It won't happen again. I apologize to K.B., J.G., N.F., E.Y., my mother. I am going to sit time due to my actions. I am going to stay out of trouble. **Kista Flores.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law Nov. 29, 2008 by my actions. I was not in my right mind at the time. Again, I apologize. It will not happen again. I'm glad no one got hurt. **Promise Lawrence.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 7, 2009 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangerment times two. I know I shouldn't have been driving in the condition I was and apologize to the people. I do realize my wrongs and I will do a better job of doing what I need to in order to better myself. I apologize to S.L., my husband and my girls. I

don't plan on doing this again in the future because I plan to do what it takes to better myself and my family. **Vera Kindness.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 30, 2009 by driving under the influence and having drug paraphernalia in my possession. I apologize to the tribes, tribal court and tribal elders. I will make an effort to not let this happen again. **James Katchia.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law with a crime of aiding and abetting a criminal. I will not let this happen again. I apologize to the court systems. I am very sorry and I won't let it happen again any time in the future. **Jeremy Herkshan.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-21-09 by drinking while I am still under ago, also by causing trouble for those who had to see me. I am sorry for liquor violation that night. I apologize to the people of Warm Springs. I am no longer drinking. **Wesley Spino III.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Dec. 5, 2008 by conducting myself in a disorderly manner and harassing the bartender of Kah-Nee-Ta lounge. I apologize to the Warm Springs community. I will try my best to be con-

structive as opposed to destructive. **Ellen Palmer.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 18, 2008 by not reporting my gillnets stolen, fishing during closed fishing season. I apologize to the people of Warm Springs. I apologize to the people and elders of the longhouse. I apologize and it will not happen again. **Virgil Culps.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-15-08 by driving under the influence, recklessly driving, fleeing, attempting to elude, assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. I apologize to the community. I understand what I did was wrong. **Bernice Mitchell.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-28-09 by carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct. In the future I will not carry a weapon and will try to stay out of trouble. I apologize to the people involved in this incident. I am sorry to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. **Jerritt Smith.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law last month by driving under the influence. I would like to apologize to the community of Warm Springs. I will follow tribal laws and make better decisions. I apologize to the tribal police and tribal court for my behavior. **Robert Allen.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-28-09. To my husband I am sorry for being violent and striking you. Sorry. Also to my children and my father and mother for putting them through the worrying and fear. Sorry. I apologize to my in-laws for getting you involved. I had no right. Sorry. And for taking up everyone's time, sorry. **Helen S. Poitra.**

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