

Thankful for the help from friends

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Another year of pool playing has paid off for the members of the BCA.

The Billiard Congress of America holds leagues throughout the Northwest, in which each player is required to play eight weeks of league play to qualify for the Annual Northwest Regional 8-ball tournament held at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.

At this tournament an estimated 1,000 pool players arrive to compete in the singles, scotch doubles, or team event. Within three divisions—novice, open, or masters.

It was a good year for me, as I advanced this year from the women's open to the women's master division. I placed second out of 104 entries in the women's open singles event. I also placed 7th-8th in the open scotch doubles event with my partner, Louie Smith.

I am truly thankful for the assistance I received from friends who helped me practice and get as many games in as possible before this big annual tournament.

It is a continual learning experience when you play pool, for years I pick up new shooting techniques from friends who are willing to share. A pool player can grow from these learning experiences if given the opportunity.

I was thankful for the invites I received to play in tournaments and jackpots in Bend, Portland, Redmond, Madras, and Washington. These were very good practice opportunities for me.

It helps to shoot with various people. Like people you know, people you just met, even strangers. Because when you get to the regional level it is overwhelming to see the large crowd of pool players and for some it is intimidating.

I would get a lot of practice with friends after league games, just keep playing until we get tired or it gets too late. Sometimes to challenge certain players, who are good, helps to get a strategy for your game.

The games eventually go either way, you win some you lose some, but it's good practice. I am thankful to those who would hang in there and keep playing against me because I got some good practice that way.

I am thankful to Karla and Lono for inviting me to the Bend tournament, and Smitty for inviting me to play in Portland in those tournaments. These were very good experiences for me. I met new people and made new friends.

I hope to get the same practice in for next year, as the masters will be a new crowd of opponents.

Spilyay Speaks

Letters to the Editor

Wrestler

I would like to thank all of those who supported my son, Colton "Gus" Stevens this wrestling season.

He fought his way to finish third at the Middle School State Qualifier in Bend which made him eligible to wrestle at the State Tournament.

He weighed-in heavy for his weight bracket and had to be moved up from 115 to 122 pounds for State.

He wrestled twice and was eliminated but it was a great experience and something that he is very proud of himself for accomplishing.

I would like to thank my family John, Kasheena, Preston and Madaline for helping in every way you can and always going-with-the-flow with our crazy schedules. I would like to thank my Mom Roma David and my brother Shawn Cartney for always being there for me and my kids.

Thank you to Grandma Lori for the support, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Grandma Cinda for making the signs for the fundraiser.

Thank you to Edna for being a good friend and for your donation.

Thank you to all who came to the fundraisers and supported a local youth doing the best he can to stay on the right path.

If I've forgotten anyone, please forgive. Most of all I would like to thank my baby boy Gus Gus for sharing all your wins and losses with me and putting up with a lunatic for a Mom when you're on the mat! Love you Babel!

Lisa Webb

ily, and they told me I can call them my grandma and grandpa. They're still here and alive! They are his brother and sisters. It's family love. Thank you.

Evette Patt, 50 Kourt Dr., no. 3, Eugene, OR 97404.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 12, 2009 by drinking to the point of drunkenness and hurting my wife and daughter physically, mentally and spiritually. And I'm sorry for all the pain and suffering caused to my family and friends and all involved. I'm very sorry for all wrongdoings on my part.

Mychal Allen Van Pelt.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-19-09 by the offense of assault and child neglect. I apologize to M., M., P.J, and everybody. This will never happen again.

Watkins Johnson.

I am sorry I broke tribal law earlier this year by driving un-

der the influence of intoxicants, speeding and open container. I apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. It won't happen again. Sorry.

"Ellie" Eleanor Williams.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 10-18-08 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering times three. I apologize to everyone affected. I am doing the best I can to make better choices and be more positive.

Kathlee Wallulatum.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-1-09 by driving under the influence and recklessly endangering times two. I apologize to everyone affected. I am doing the best I can to make more positive choices.

Kathlee Wallulatum.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on October 5, 2008 by driving under the influence of intoxicants. I also would like to apologize to my passengers for endangering them and for having NDDHD. I am sorry for what I have done. I apologize to the

community. I am sorry for and won't let it happen again.

Evaristo Antunez.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Oct. 25, 2008 by being charged with assault and resisting arrest and being intoxicated. I know what I did was wrong and irresponsible and I am doing my best not to let it happen again. I apologize to officer A.B. I'm sorry and want to apologize to the community.

Jerritt Smith.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-6-09 by driving under the influence of alcohol and endangering my passengers. I apologize to N.L., J.G., and A.P. I've sat in jail and had time to think about my responsibilities and priorities.

Cassandra B. Wolfe.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-8-09 by not being of age and being under the influence of alcohol and being on the reservation when this happened. I apologize to the people I was hanging around. I'm going to try change and hope it does not

happen again.

Jodene Boise.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 12-24-08 by driving under the influence, reckless endangerment and fleeing and attempting to elude. I apologize to the tribal court and the community. I have learned my lesson, and I am currently attending community counseling. I'm also sorry to the officers involved.

Leander Williams Jr.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-10-09 by driving under the influence of alcohol. I apologize to the community and everyone affected by my actions, fleeing and eluding and reckless driving. It won't happen again.

C. Williams.

I am sorry I broke tribal law. I would like to apologize for neglecting my child. I know I made a bad choice at that time. I am paying my dues for my actions to those that may have been affected. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Tufti.

Happy birthday and other wishes...

I would like to wish **Dondi J. Hoptowit**, my father, a happy birthday this on the 20th. I hope you have a blast and come out with a bang! Love always, your daughter **Darleen H.D. Hoptowit**.

I would like to wish my aunty **Emmy Yazzie** a happy birthday on the 28th. Also, I hope it turns out fun and exciting. Sorry I can't be there. Love always, **Darleen DHDH' Hoptowit**.

I would like to wish my niece **Ikeana C. Kalama** a

happy birthday on the 19th. I hope you lots of presents and eat lots of cake and ice cream to keep mom and dad up all night. Love you baby girl. Love always, your aunty **Darleen Hoptowit aka DHDH**.

I would like to wish my aunty **Rosie Rudder** a happy birthday on the 10th of this month. Sorry I can't be there to celebrate with you and everything but you guys are always on my mind. Love you always, **Darleen Hazel Dorel Hoptowit**.

Disco music

Disco, some like it, some don't.

I've lived over this way in Duck country, Eugene, for many years now. I went to a disco dance and party where I now stay on a recent Friday night, and I can see there are a lot of people out there who don't like to listen to and dance to disco music.

Well, this is just my opinion but maybe those who dislike disco cannot do the things John Travolta did, and that's why they dislike disco.

I have a feeling disco music and dancing will make a comeback. Thank you. **Evette Patt**.

Family love.

I'm really going to miss my grandpa **Olney Patt Sr.** a lot. He lived for a very long time. As one of his granddaughters, I hope and wish to have and live a long life, as he did.

I was very fortunate to talk with sisters and brothers he has left, as his survivors in the fam-

Festival celebrates family heritage

To the family descendants of John Kalama,

You and your family are invited to attend, participate and join us for the fifth year anniversary of a unique festival, the Kalama Heritage Festival.

The festival, in August, is a celebration of the unique blended heritage, history and home of Native Americans and Native Hawaiians.

More people are discovering this unique tidbit of history at the festival.

There has been television news programs, books and articles written over the last couple of decades, and even a documentary was produced leading to a 2001 Washington State House of Representatives adoption of a resolution acknowledging the Hawaiian ancestry as part of state history. This same resolution was adopted by the City of Kalama on December 15, 2004.

This is what is currently in the history archives of Cowlitz County Museum and in current history pages:

How Kalama Was Named

The town of Kalama, Wash., received its name from the river two miles to the north.

The Kalama River was named after John Kalama, a full-blooded Hawaiian, who was born on the Hawaiian islands in 1814.

John was forced to leave his Hawaiian home at 16 years of age to seek employment on one of the fur trading vessels that made its way to the Northwest in the early 1830s.



Courtesy photo.

Sign at the town of Kalama.

The rough life of the sea did not appeal to John, so he found the Nisqually Indians where he sang his Native songs and joined in their festivities.

John eventually married **Mary Martin**, daughter of Chief **Martin**. John built a cabin near **Tumwater** for his bride.

When the Indians made their annual trip to the Cowlitz for smelt and berries, John Kalama and his wife went with them.

John did not enjoy being on the move all the time, so for that and perhaps other reasons he did not return to the Sound, but took up permanent residence at the mouth of the river bearing his name.

He hunted, fished, and trapped for many years, and the area soon became recognized as his domain.

Today, there is more information that various family mem-

bers have shared with us, and we are making a collection of these to share at the fifth year event.

We are requesting additional information and pictures of John, Peter (John's son), Mary and descendants of your family.

We are planning to have a display exhibit of the Kalama family. Please send to the above address or to:

kalamafestival@yahoo.com.

We would be very honored to have your attendance and have an opportunity to meet attendees of the festivities. We are looking for sponsorship for the event and have discovered that the descendants exceed over 2,200 in the Pacific Northwest.

To help us identify the Kalama family descendants who attend, we are creating an iden-

tifying name badge and t-shirt. This is a fundraiser, and the cost is \$10.

We will provide a discount for vendors, tickets, and hotel accommodations as a John Kalama descendant and provide a VIP area designated for your family. Drummers, dancers, canoe pullers, artists, flute masters will be provided. There will be free vendor space.

Canoe builders, and pullers on the Columbia River would be a wonderful addition to this year's event as the theme is the waterways—the first highways of history.

We would like to be able to have a family photo of the descendants of John Kalama at this event.

To help us plan better for this event we ask your help in getting to us as soon as possible your rsvp.

The earlier we have your response, the earlier we can add you and your families to the press releases, media and marketing campaigns that will include television, radio and newspapers interviews, stories, flyers, posters and internet resources.

Thank you. We are asking your help to make this real. Respectfully,

Gloria Fujii Nahalea and **Bill Nahalea**, event producer and board president.

Please respond to Hale Halawai O Hawaii Resource Center, P.O. Box 33745, Seattle, WA 98133. Ph. (206) 299-2662; or (206) 478-0772

The Kalama Heritage Festival—Days of Discovery—is scheduled for August 28-30.

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