

## Letters to the Editor

### A thank you

I believe in the power of prayer! Those words come from the heart and I do believe them. It was proven to me when I had an aneurysm on December 19 and was given a 10 percent change of "making it." I also suffered a heart attack and fought with a bout of pneumonia.

I am so blessed to have so many people care about me and pray for me to pull through. There were many people who prayed for me and showed their love and support to my family. I appreciate all of it!

There are so many people to thank, I hope I get all of you. First and foremost my family: Gary, Monica, Gary III, Jordan, Arrita, Jeston, Trey, Ina, Mom, Dad, Earlynne, CR, Sammi, Terry and Gladys, Vernon and Ladonna, Amanda, Teri Jo, John, Edison and Destry, they were all with me when I was in ICU.

Second, all my friends and other relatives: Lori Fuentes, Lori Courtney, Wolfman, Albert, Tana, Saphronia, Shauna, Snuff and Versa, Mary Stennfeld, Laura Cailloux, Twila Teeman, Susie Slockish and family, Bridget Culpus, Lyda Rhoan, Lyle and Arlita Rhoan, Michael and Yvette Leecey and family, Edward Henderson, Tony Holliday and family, Larry Holliday, Sam Starr, Dennis Thompson, Ginger Smith, Vesta Johnson, Lynn Fluhr, Leota Saunders and family, Rodney Smith Trucking, the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Association, ICU staff, the doctor and nurses who took care of me, EMTs and others that transported me to Madras, Dr. Tien, Dr. Fitzsimmons, and Trevor, Tatiana and Yvonne in therapy.

I know sometimes words just aren't enough to express how truly thankful I am to each and every person who was there and supported my family emotionally, physically and through prayer. Together my family has seen firsthand just how truly powerful prayer is, I am proof of that. It's now time for me to get on with my life and to get a new outlook on life. Thank you again for being there in my time of need. I apologize if I have left anyone out, it is not intentional but just know that I am thankful.

Sincerely,  
**Val Squiemphen.**

### The raindrop

A drop of water, all alone, so soft and crystal clear. But when it's joined other drops, it seems to disappear.

The drops become a little stream. Their course they do not know. It's always downward to-

ward the sea, where winds of season blow.

The drop becomes alone again when driven by the air. It's flying high above the waves—to where, it does not care.

Have passion for the coming day, who knows what it may bring. Approach it with a love for life. You'll have the joy of kings.

**By Eino**

### Native club

The Native American Club at Central Oregon Community College wishes to thank the following for their contributions to our wood delivery service project last month:

Frank, Katherine and Geraldine Brunoe, Reina Estimo, Nate Brunoe, Donald Winishut, Daffy, Allen VanDyke, Amanda Sanchez, Sean and Cruz Mueller, Chad Bulosan, Cassidy Sears and especially the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for their generous donation of wood.

**Vicki Sears-Mattole**, COCC Native American Program student assistant.

### Showed me love

This goes out to my friend who has always showed me love. When I just felt like visiting, you're the first one I'd think of. I could never just pass your house, when I'd be walking that way.

Because no matter how I was feeling, you could always brighten my day. I'm going to miss the way you spoke the truth and always stayed real. It never bothered me to hear exactly how you feel. You probably already know where I am, the only place that stops me from coming by when I can. I was just talking about who I'm going to see when I'm released. Then someone said, "I'm sorry but your friend is deceased."

I love you Lilian Walsey and I'm going to always miss you. Martina Marie Stwyer.

### Influential people

You are invited to nominate individuals who are shaping the future of American Indian academia, law, policy, government, and the non-profit community.

*Haskell's 125 Most Influential People* is about discovering and showcasing those with a passion for culture, community, and the Haskell values of *accountability, respect, cooperation and honesty.*

Haskell Indian Nations University wants to honor those in Indian Country whose words and deeds reflect these values.

Nominees may reside anywhere, and nominations will be accepted through Oct. 1. All submissions will remain confidential.

We will reveal the *2009 Haskell's 125 Most Influential People* in December at the Haskell 125<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Gala and Silent Auction.

To obtain a submission form, please call (785) 749-8441; or email shallum@haskell.edu

### To Celilo

Inash Wanisha Taw'ta-liksh tanan-timki,ku shuyaapu-timki inash wanisha Fred Hill.

I want to commend the people of Celilo for such a great job on their Powwow and feast. Thank you Ray and Gloria for the invitation.

This is the first time I've MC'd there, and I had a lot of fun with you my family, friends and relatives. I hope I made you feel good with some laughter, and at least for a little while forget your problems and worries.

I made it to work with a couple of hours of sleep but I commended the Wyams to my students and staff how great it was to see the young men and women step up and take care of the New Foods in the proper ways. But I know you do it for your own Timash too.

I also want to commend the Eagle Thunder Drum (Greg Arquette and Broz) from Warm Springs for singing several of the songs that I placed on my CD (Songs of My Heart) a few years ago. Thank you for singing them out for the people to hear and dance to... I'm encouraged. Chi kwaal nash waa-sinwii (this far, I speak).

**Fred A. Hill Sr.**, Umatilla language/cultural teacher. fhill@pendleton.k12.or.us

### Tourney

I would like to sincerely thank all the individuals who sponsored Abby Scott's co-ed high school basketball tea, the West Coast Reign.

The team competed in a basketball tournament held at the Warm Springs Community Center the weekend of April 10-12.

The West Coast Reign completed the hoop tourney with a record of 5 wins and zero losses. The Reign received leather sleeved jackets for the Championship.

The Reign was coached by James Buck Scott and Mac Maloy. Look for the West Coast Reign to compete in future tournaments.

A special thanks to grandma Rose and Delcie Scott, Tommy Fuentes and family, Randy Nathan Enterprises, Dwayne Stiffarm, Ross Racing, Robert

and Marcia Macy. The West Coast Reign players and coaches thank you very much for your sponsorship.

And a special thanks to tourney director Edison Yazzie for making the tourney open to all high school athletes Native or not.

As a huge basketball fan, I look forward to many more open basketball tourneys, all-Indian tourneys as well.

**James Scott.**

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-21-09 by my wrong actions in the market. In the future it will not happen. I apologize to the market. **Elsie Sam.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law. I apologize to my grandma and my grandpa for making a spare key and stealing firearms from the house and selling them. **Cassandra B. Wolfe and Kaylyn Wolfe.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Feb. 10, 2009 by aiding and abetting a fugitive. I knew my son was on escape from the Warm Springs Corrections Department. I did not answer the officers truthfully. I apologize to my son. This is the last time I'll be dishonest to an officer. **Shari Rachele Macy.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 1-31-09 by being intoxicated which resulted in disorderly conduct. I apologize to the G. family. I also want to say that people deal with sorry in their own way. **Wendell Greene.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-16-09 by false identification, attempt, drug paraphernalia, narcotics, dangerous drugs, hallucinogens and delirants, and not checking in with probation when I should. I apologize to the tribal courts and the community. I am sorry for what I have done and assure you it won't happen again. **Frederick J. Wallulatum.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-09 by driving under the influence and reckless endangering. I apologize to L.H., and the tribal court. I will try to better myself in the future. **Mark Johnson Sr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 14 by assault and battery times two. I will try my hardest from now on not to drink. I've been doing good not drinking. I apologize to L.T., and M.S. I will continue to pray. **Ashley Thompson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 3, 2009 by the offense of malicious mischief, and recklessly endangering times two. I apologize to S.J. and L.J., and to the Warm Springs com-

### School district candidate



Greetings family, friends, and community members.

My name is Laurie S. Danzuka and I am a candidate for a seat on the Jefferson County School Board.

I am asking for your support so please cast your ballot for me in the upcoming election for school board position one.

Registered voters who reside in Wasco County, but are within the Jefferson County School Service District (i.e. Simnasho) are eligible to vote for the Jefferson County school board positions.

I have been active in education issues for many years, mainly through Head Start, but now I serve on the Warm Springs Tribal Education Committee as the vice-chair. This has allowed me to broaden the areas I am involved in.

Some of the areas I am now active in are the school district level (K-12), higher education services, and adult education.

Prior to this my involvement with the school was directly with the teachers and classroom as a parent, but now my participation has extended to the broader issues involved at the administrative level.

Current focus issues while serving on the Education Committee are: improving communication with parents and improving parent involvement, the student transition, and the budget issues for the district.

First, improving communication with parents and serving as their advocate is very important in the schools, because that is a way to increase their participation

community. **Jordan Jackson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 7, 2009 by the offense of DUII and recklessly endangering and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. I apologize to A.M., and to the community of Warm Springs. **Jordan Jackson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 6, 2009 by DUII, recklessly endangering times two. I have hoped to not ever write a letter to the people of the tribes but would like to say

in their child's education. If parents are aware of the classroom lesson plans, they can reinforce those at home to improve their child's retention. This will build a positive foundation between the parent and the teacher so they are both aware of what is going on with that child.

Parent involvement in their child's education and structure at school is essential for that child to be successful.

Second, the student transition from the elementary school to middle school is critical and an area that requires immediate action.

I support the looping of teachers between the schools to help students maintain continuity in service and retain attendance and academic levels achieved at the elementary level.

It is also important to support those students development for the transition to high school by ensuring that they are at the academic levels to stay on track for graduation.

Lastly, the budget is a valid concern due to the statewide budget constraints.

There are additional impact aid stimulus funds that the district can apply for, especially since the Johnson O'Malley funding is uncertain.

The staff, tutoring, and other services provided by these funds are essential to students in need and must not be sacrificed.

These school district issues are and will continue to be my priority in order to provide our children with a quality education.

This will in turn allow them to attend college, vocational school, or obtain gainful employment and be responsible, productive citizens.

My experience and knowledge will enable me to assist at the school district level in cooperation with others to be a successful member on the Jefferson County School Board

**Laurie S. Danzuka**

sorry. I apologize to C.K. and E.G. Hopefully, I won't have trouble again. **James Johnson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 3-16-09 by driving under the influence, reckless endangerment and attempting to elude. I am sorry I endangered the community of Warm Springs along with myself. I have plenty of time to think about my irresponsible actions and thinking. **Amanda Tom.**

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## Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to my baby boy 5-18-06, Marcal Blackwolf Tewee. Mama loves you very much. **Martina Stwyer.**

Happy birthday to my bro Ty Eaglespeaker. I love you and I'm glad you came home. **Martina Stwyer.**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday "Nana" on April 26. Love, Seneca and Taya and Baby John.



Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, Savvy and Mom.