

Letters to the Editor

Travel costs

On behalf of our son, David Ezra Smith, we would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all who came forward to make a contribution/donation towards his travels this 2009 year to Cooperstown, New York.

Because of your support our son will be able to participate in this once in a life time event/experience—the one that allows him to compete in the 2009 Cooperstown Dreams Park National Tournament this summer.

Our thanks go out to the following parties for making this possible—for if it were not for you this would not have come together as smoothly as it did.

With that said, we would like to extend a special thank you to:

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise, Warm Springs Credit Enterprise, Kahn-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Yakama Nation Basketball Association, Claude Smith Jr. and Versa Smith, George Danzuka Jr., Roberta Danzuka, and Frank Smith.

Sincerely,
Tyrone and Masami Smith

Support kids

Our Hood to Coast team got rejected for the 2009 Hood to Coast! Everyone was pretty bummed out but we have an opportunity to try again next year. We plan on doing just that.

I did want to let everyone know that I have another team entered for 2009. I have a team entered in the Portland to Coast High School Challenge.

The Portland to Coast is a little different than Hood to Coast, in that they only run two legs instead of three, but basically will be running the same course.

I just wanted people to know that I have a high school team running this year. The runners are going to be:

Gary Sampson III, Misty Spino, Jason Smartlowit, Mallory Smith, Jaylon Holliday, Karlen Yallup, Kelsey Haywahe, Jackie Shoeships, Hiram Yaw Jr., Samantha McCloud, Anthony Maldonado, and Aja Maldonado.

I am so proud of them! I had runners turn me down because they didn't want to run, but these kids have taken the bull by the horns and said "I am going to do this!"

I hope everyone will be cheering them on and showing their support. They are gutsy, courageous kids. I am so proud of them, you should be too.

Be looking for the kids' raffle. We are going to be raising money for gas, jackets for the team and anything else they'll

need. Please support the kids!

Thank you,
Val Squiemphen

Good cause

Dear community,
Please support our bottle and can drive fundraiser.

The proceeds will help Gary Sampson III and Hiram Yaw Jr., who are participating in the Trailblazers Street Jam 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

The can and bottle drive will be on-going through July.

Please call me if you would like to contribute, (541) 980-2867. Or call Lyda Rhoan at (541) 788-3831.

We are also holding a penny-drive for Gary and Hiram. You can give any spare pennies (or any other loose change) to me of Lyda, or to Monica Leonard (phone 553-3201).

Thanks for your support!
Val Squiemphen.

Rodeo time

This year the Pi-ume-sha All Indian Rodeo is going National.

The Warm Springs Rodeo Association, sanctioning with the Western States Indian Rodeo Association, will sponsor an Indian National Finals Tour Rodeo.

What that means is we will be seeing Native contestants from across the United States and Canada not just the four Western States.

We will be starting the rodeo slack on Friday afternoon, June 26, at 4 p.m. and having a performance on Saturday, June 27, and the top ten cowboys in the first round will compete on Sunday, June 28.

This rodeo as a tour stop will help those cowboys earn points for the Indian National Finals Rodeo in one of the top 10 Tour Standings to qualify for the Finals to be held in Las Vegas in November.

Indian Rodeo has come along way and is continuing to thrive in Warm Springs, as we are the only Indian reservation in the state to still sponsor an All Indian Rodeo.

Due to the economy and the lack of interest in other Indian communities, they have completely dissolved their rodeos or have opened them up to any and all contestants.

Warm Springs Rodeo Association works hard to sponsor the Pi-Ume-Sha All Indian Rodeo and also keep rodeo alive by bringing back the Youth Rodeo we held at Root Feast, and by encouraging the youth in the Wild Horse Race competitions by holding a school here and the professional team bronc riding competitions.

The western environment that rodeo provides is alive and kickin' in Warm Springs. Please come out and support not only your local contestants but watch and visit other native cowboys and cowgirls from other areas.

Warm Springs Rodeo Association

Thank you all

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people that have helped my family and me this past year. First, I want to thank Sarah Gonzalez family, Marge Hyde family, Animal Tohet family, Bernice Mitchell family, Katchia family, Greene family from Lapwai, Idaho and Warm Springs, Moses family

from Nespelem, Wash., Doctors Tom and Allison Ball, the Minthorn children and the late Zelma Greene-Minthorn, Celia, Mike, Daniel, Timothy, Roscoe, Delsie, Paullee Greene and all our children for the help which includes: the naming of my grandson Kobe Rey, the honor dance we had for Jefferson Greene at the Portland State University Powwow last year, the Indian namings of Veronica and Lil Ramon this spring and the funeral in Siletz and Nespelem. Last but not least, the Memorial Dance contest in memory of our beloved aunt Zelma Greene-Minthorn, which was done at the University of Oregon Powwow in Eugene this spring.

This last year has been pretty busy for our family and I appreciate all the help that has stepped forward in order to help out our family members. A million thanks to the drummers, singers and dancers who have made the trip to Siletz to honor the request of our family from Lapwai. You all made the services go beautifully and I know it made my aunt and her family feel the comfort you brought them considering the weather that everyone had to travel in to get to Siletz. I would like the drummers that rode with Celia to know that everyone did pray so you have a safe trip home after that ride down to Siletz (we all knew you were safe with her driving). To my family in Nespelem, I know that you are all doing okay and I pray for you daily as you continue your journey to healing and prepare for your memorial. We did a memorial dance special for atwai Zelma Greene-Minthorn at the University of Oregon Powwow as it helped some of us who were unable to make it to her memorial in Lapwai and this was our release.

The winners at the U. of O. Powwow special were: first place, Charlene Moody from Warm Springs; second place, was Bernice Jim; third place was Eileen Spino from Warm Springs; fourth place was Farrellyn Bellinger from Warm Springs; and Angie Sorrelhorse from Portland (but originally from Warm Springs). Thanks to all the women dancers that participated in this contest, you all made it successful and meaningful to my family. The judges for this was contest were first place

Toni M. Cordell and Lisa Minthorn, second place was Kimberly Allen and Hoda Minthorn, third place was Bernie Greene Boise and Sarah Gonzalez, fourth place was the Grand Daughters from Pendleton and fifth place judges were Allie Smith and Veronica Baez. Carlos Calica and his drum group sang both contest songs and Fred Hill spoke for the family. Tom and Allison Ball were very instrumental in letting this take place and without their treasures it would not have happened. Thank you my brother and sister.

As we prepare for summer events and traveling, as this is a time to renew everything including ourselves, I hope that everyone will have a great year as many seasons are coming up baseball, softball, powwows, rodeo, etc., and be safe as you travel to and from each activity. Take this opportunity to give thanks for what you have, that you have survived whatever hurdles you had to jump because it is a new season, new day and a new year for this season.

To my children (all of you and you know who I am talking to) I appreciate your help in everything that you have done not only for me but for other family and friends. You will never forget the goodness you have done and just know I appreciate you all and I will always wish you all the best in whatever you do (as long as it is legal). Again, thank you all and have a great year.

Ramona Greene Baez.

Special thanks

The family of Madeline Queahpama-Spino would like to extend their thanks to those who offered their support and kindness during our recent loss.

Many thanks to those who took the time to be with the family at St. Charles Hospital and Mt View. My wife Nola stuck by my side. I know Les depended on Ante and Nola to help and guide him through this time, many thanks to them for that. Oscar, Jessie, Louel and Doug, Rena, Michelle, Justin, Brandon Shaylene and Mikayla were there. Boo Boo was there and Jo Jo. Jo Jo brought Otwai Albert. It was good of him to be there before he passed on.

It was good to see our cousins there. Milton and Gail, Fred and Olivia, Kate and Frogman, Nip, J Mouse Wow, Darlu, Sal, and Muff. We would also like to acknowledge Noreen, Nancy, Anna and Roberta. Thanks.

The friends of the family, Isaac, Carla, Melva, Margaret, Paula, Lori, Katrina, Mike, Carol Wahchumwa, Marge Hyde, and Bernyce. Thank you. Aurolyn thank you for stopping by.

Our sister sang songs with Fred and Olivia, Wilson sang songs with the family, and Guy was there to sing before taking her to the funeral home. Thank you for those acts of kindness. Those deeds are appreciated and will be remembered. A special thank-you to Doug Kowaleski from Bel-Air for the special care he took when dealing with family and Madeline. Thank you Lillian and Laura for being there with Les. They had another matter to deal with; I hope everything turned out alright with her grandson.

Her grandchildren were great help, especially at the house. I was touched by the kindness of the young daughter of Eric, Brittney, who looked at me for a little while and then came and gave me a hug. I will remember that gesture always. Thanks to those who brought food to the house for the services. Sherry, Darlu, Roberta, Anna, Nancy, Tina Fuller, Butch Miller, Ada Billy, Mike and Kat, Ante and Nola are those that I know of, thanks to you and the others I failed to mention.

We would also like to thank Millie, Roy, Esmeralda, and Krysta for all the support you gave to your significant others. Josie in Reno who was kind enough to help Deirdre and her sons make the trip, and thanks Nola for fixing up a bundle to send back to her.

The drummers at the house and at the longhouse are appreciated. Cyril and your boys, Lil Bull, and Sam are to be mentioned. I know that there were those drummers who were ready but did not have a chance to pick up a drum. Thanks for being there. And thanks for the gals that helped at the house, Tina Spino, Tina Fuller, Sherry Smith, and Clarice Tewee.

Thanks to the cooks who worked hard to keep the people fed. Cooking is hard and tiring work. Get some rest.

I would also like to acknowl-

edge Tina Aguilar for the beautiful memory cards. Norma Miller and Sandra Main for the beautiful corsages. Thank you Violetta for sewing the wing dress.

I was grateful to Joyce, Moogli, and Jillissa for offering their condolences even while dealing with their own loss. He was a good friend and will be greatly missed. I am sorry I did not have a chance to thank him for his help setting up teepees a couple of days before. Best wishes to you and the rest of the family. Jo Jo, Mary, and Boo Boo were there when they suffered their loss. Best wishes to you and yours.

I would like to thank Louel and Doug for retrieving our teepee poles after we had to dash off. There were those who wished us well at The Dalles at that time. Thank you.

Those were good words spoken at graveside by Cuddles and Ante.

Thanks to those who provided the deer meat and the fish to give sustenance to the people. Chief Bullneck and Shirley, and Bob. And Jacob and Winona, Yahtin and the children you were a great help. Ron and Peaches, it was good of you to spend time with us and drum. Our relatives from Yakama. Louise and her daughters and Mona. Also those from Umatilla, Janie and Loretta with son Mitch.

Thanks for the kind people that contributed give away items: Freda Wallulatum, Louise Woods, Frances Allen, Margaret Jim, Sal and Carol Sahme, Cherlyn Starr, Booboo, and Julia.

Please forgive us if you were not mentioned and let us know. You all know in the confusion we can't remember everything.

There were many words of encouragement and kindness spoken throughout the whole time, and I know we forgot many. From around the country there was sad news and I know there were those that wanted to be here but couldn't. Thank you for the words and thoughts of kindness.

All are appreciated and thank you from **Joel and Millie, Shauna and Roy, Eric and Esmeralda, Rodney and Krysta. Also from Ante, Ralph and Michelle, Rafael and Nola, and Kat and Mike.**

Basketball, baseball, Hall of Fame ideas for your consideration

By "Iso" Mike Clements

I respectfully invite the tribal men folks to join me in some fun times in the near future.

I have been thinking about the good old days and the fun times we all had together doing the different activities here on the rez.

One is playing basketball and competing against the other tribes.

Two is hardball town team baseball and the fun we had playing the Umatilla and Yakama Nations in a home and home exchange.

The third item was talking about forming a Warm Springs Hall of Fame, where we can recognize our people for their efforts in different activities over the years. Please join me in getting these ideas turned to reality in the coming days.

First, I would like to get a 60-year and older basketball team formed so we can play in some games this coming season and 2010.

It would be fun to go play some games with the neighboring tribes and see some of the old timers there. I have been asked to see if we have enough interest here to get this accomplished.

We can see how many players we can gather and go from there. Please let me know your interest by calling me at home (553-1756) or at work (553-3559).

Second, I was called and asked to see if Warm Springs could form a hardball baseball team to do a home and home series with Umatilla and Yakama.

At one time I was also asked if we could get a team together to venture to the Chehalis reservation in Oakville, Wash.

I said I would get out a notice and see if there was enough interest.

This would be a men's team 18-years and older. If you are interested please call me at the above numbers listed.

Sal Sahme and I are willing to coach and manage the group and go and have some fun competing in a game we enjoyed playing in our younger days. You might even get Sal to take a few swings (as he hit the long foul ball many of time). Let me know, it could be a lot of fun for the summer.

Third, the Warm Springs Tribal Council have some visitors from the Chickasaw Nation (Honorable Governor Bill Anoatubby and Mr. Stan Speaks, Portland Area BIA Superintendent) coming to visit at Pi-Ume-Sha time with regard to their Hall of Fame.

Warm Springs is interested in having a Hall of Fame here and

we are going to visit with these folks as to how their program works.

I have had two meetings with a small group of folks who have expressed interest to serve on a start up group. Please let me know again by calling the above referenced phone numbers and I will include you in the next meeting. We will meet once for sure before these folks arrive and make sure we are ready to ask them some questions. They are on the Tribal Council agenda for June 26.

We will have a lunch meeting as in the past so as to allow for those on the job that wish to participate.

Okay, let me know of your interest on any of the activities above and I will be more than happy to include you. Have a great summer and a good time with the family. Good luck in all your ventures. Let's do it again: "One More Time."

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