

A miracle recovery from life-threatening event

(During the August 2011 wildfires on the reservation, Jasmine Caldera suffered a severe and life-threatening physical reaction to the smoke. Doctors at one point gave her a 10 percent chance of surviving. Her heart stopped beating for 45 minutes. Family and friends were called to the hospital to say goodbye. Her recovery has been rare and truly miraculous.)



Jasmine Caldera

By Jasmine Caldera

To my dear people of Warm Springs,

At this time I wish to thank those who stood by and upheld me with their prayers, after being in an induced medical coma for 37 days.

I also learned other people's prayers ascended to heaven from a good portion of the United States. Very special thanks to Uncle Easton and Auntie Tina, my mom Becky, Onte, Kim, grand-puba George and others for sacrificing time to come and pray during my struggle for life.

In the course of this spiritual conflict, I saw a lighted room. It was a very radiant atmosphere, and there appeared a man with my grandmother, both were in glowing beautiful garments of white, and it is difficult to describe the beauty of the scene.

In this visionary encounter my grandma Ella told me, "Your time is not yet." During this fight for my life, I sometimes heard uncle Easton praying, singing for me, and I distinctly heard Grandpa George playing his guitar.

Darkness out there

During this spiritual clash I was bound to a bed with my wrists anchored to the bed. There was one solid wall at the head of the bed, and the ceiling, floor, and the walls were all crystal clear glass. The confined room I was in was somehow lit with a very brilliant light. Looking to the outside from this awesome lit room there was a total lifeless darkness out there, and there appeared a horrible evil looking creature on the outside. The gruesome looking creature was trying to break through the glass to rub me out; it was using a large piece of equipment that looked like a Xerox copying machine. The creature was slamming the copying machine against the glass walls to break through the protective hedge; however, it did not succeed as it did this time after time.

Regaining consciousness the first person I saw was Uncle Easton, although I was ex-

hausted and very weak physically. Uncle Easton's prayer was answered.

'Our miracle girl'

Recovery from this spiritual warfare was so fascinating the medical and support personnel deemed this a miracle. I was then referred to by the medical staff as "our miracle girl." When I was discharged from the St. Charles Medical Center intensive care unit, my attending medical doctor approached me with this specific statement:

"I'm not a religious person, but there has to be a higher power for you to recover from this critical illness." My cousin Alysia and Grandpa George also heard the doctor's statement.

The letter dated August 25, 2011, Thomas C. Kelly, in his letter to the Tribal Court concerning the release of Robert Sam Jr. from incarceration stated Jasmine's status was so severe she could pass away during her hospitalization at St. Charles.

I was then sent to a specialized hospital in Portland. The projected time for this specialized treatment was to be possibly one to two years. Through intercessory prayer this was also considered an unusual recovery. While a short time here, there was also an appearance of a terrible evil entity peering through the glass window of the hospital, further prayer was administered and the evil being did not appear anymore.

An open wound was on my back from laying in one position for several weeks. I brought this to the attention of Uncle Easton and Tina. When they were on their way to Washington, Uncle Easton and Tina prayed for the healing for this open wound. That same night an attending nurse dressed the open wound, and it was also photographed at this time.

During the course of the night the dressing was interfering with my sleep. I summoned

the attending nurse to look at or redress the wound. Upon viewing the wound that was under the dressing, the nurse was astounded to find the open wound was completely healed with new skin formed over the open wound within a period of six to eight hours. The attending nurse photographed this happened and showed it to the attending doctor.

About one week, while confined to this recuperating hospital, I began to take physical therapy. On my first attempt to walk I only stood up and took one step and that was it. I was still very weak. The next day Grandpa and Caleb my son came to visit. They attended my therapy exercise and I made 70 to 100 steps. Within a week I was going to the bath by myself. I went for walks in the halls of the hospital. And part of my physical therapy was climbing the stairs of the hospital. This recovery progress amazed the physical therapist. Upon discharge from this specialized unit my shopping spree was at Winco's Grocery Store and Walmart.

Miracles? Yes!

Thank you Jesus! There was when I was discharged from this recuperating center also an open surgical wound that was supposedly to have taken quite some time to close. I was instructed how to treat this wound while taking its course to natural healing. While grocery shopping I was constantly being aggravated with the dressing of this surgical wound, so I took it off. I told Grandpa to look at the wound. He looked and asked, "How long is it supposed to heal?"

I told him, "Several weeks." He said, "There is no open wound. There is skin completely covering the surgical wound."

The removal of the tube to my throat was just three days prior. When I was discharged from this specialized care hospital I was told there is nothing wrong with my lungs, liver, kidneys, and heart.

My heart and mind and all my vital organs are good as ever, despite having a miraculous recovery when my heart stopped beating for 45 minutes while confined to the Intensive Care Unit of St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

I was told I only had a 10 percent chance to live and 90 percent chance of miracle. Also, my left lung shut down and collapsed, and my liver and kidney were ready to collapse.

Upon discharge from this specialized hospital I was met

with a very life-threatening encounter in the form of dense smoke from several forestation control burns, one of them was only about three miles distant. I was evacuated to Kah-Nee-Ta, where the tribe provided an overnight room.

The Tribal Council ordered and immediate stop of the control burning on my behalf, and for those who had medical issues with their lungs.

Thank you Tribal Council for your concern for your people.

At this time I would like to

express my sincere thanks to those who were responsible for my housing needs, the medical doctors, Tribal Council members, and a special thanks to Scott Moses. This housing unit is brand new. It was dedicated to the Lord and blessed on January 8, 2012, and Uncle Easton officiated.

At present my physical body is well on its way to complete recovery. I'm getting stronger physically, and because Jesus has been so good to me I have become more aware of His pre-

vious mercy upon my life. Many thanks, honor and glory to Jesus, who is the great healer, and the giver of life for all those who love Him.

Jasmine Sheylene Caldera.

(My Indian name from my genealogical tree is: He-a-yu. She is my great great great great grandmother, and was the mother to Stanaque and Kimiwit. He-a-yu was a teenager when Lewis and Clark arrived at the Columbia River in 1805.)

New school

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The location by Highway 26 is also a problem for safety, noise and other reasons.

And a K-8 school in Warm Springs would also reduce the long-distance commute that middle school students from the reservation face each school day.

The bond proposal that school district voters will likely see in May includes the new Warm Springs school, plus other improvements at other schools.

One of the options for the school district bond would include construction of a performing arts center in Madras, which would cost an estimated \$7.9 million. There are other improvement options that the district officials will consider before finalizing a bond proposal.

School district property owners at the end of 2012 will see the retirement of the bond that funded the Jefferson County Middle School. For this reason, approval of the new bond in May would result in no increase in a person's property tax, said Rick Molitor, district superintendent.

Tribal Council members said they will be strong advocates of the proposal.

WS Telecom

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The Warm Springs Telecom will build a state-of-the-art fiber and fixed wireless network and eventually serve everyone on the reservation with telephone and Broadband.

As the Telecom has received its federal certification, the company will also be able to offer Tribal Lifeline services, enabling eligible tribal members to receive telephone services for \$1 per month.

The ribbon cutting and welcoming ceremonies will be at the Telecom central office and customer service center by the industrial park, 4202 Holliday St. The ceremonies will dedicate

the newest enterprise of the Confederated Tribes. The Warm Springs Telecom is only the ninth tribal telecommunication company in the U.S.

The W.S. Telecom, five years in planning and development, received \$5.6 million in federal funding in 2010.

This enabled the years of planning to come to fruition.

About 5,000 members and others live on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Unlike most American communities, only approximately 60 percent of reservation residents have access to basic telephone service, and less than 30 percent have DSL service.

Indian Head

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The casino will offer 500 slot machines, eight Blackjack tables, the Cottonwood Restaurant open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., the 24-hour Tule Grill, and the Cedar Basket Gift Shop.

The casino is open to ages

21 and over. Guests under 21 are permitted in the restaurant and can use the east entrance to enter the facility.

For more information on the casino, go to:

indianheadgaming.com
Or call 541-460-7777.

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Mt. View hosting bereavement group in W.S.

Mountain View Hospital's Hospice program is hosting a free, eight-week Bereavement Group in both Warm Springs and Madras.

The Warm Springs group will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Family Re-

source Center.

The group will review, "Understanding Your Grief," by Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D.

This compassionate guide will help you understand the normal and necessary journey of grief. Please call 541-460-

4030 to register or if you have questions.

The Madras Bereavement group will begin on Monday, February 6th from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm at the Juniper Room at Mountain View Hospital.

Dam removal changes White Salmon landscape

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) - Breaching the Condit Dam has drastically altered the landscape for cabin owners on what used to be Northwestern Lake near White Salmon.

The reservoir is now a muddy canyon, and the White Salmon River is continuing to carve channels through the

sediment.

The Columbian reports the utility that owns the dam, Portland-base PacifiCorp, is monitoring dozens of cabins. So far, none have been destroyed by the erosion.

A century of sediment is being washed away, following the explosion in October that blew

a hole in the 125-foot-high dam. It's about 65 miles east of Vancouver and three miles upstream from the Columbia River.

Demolition work will resume in the spring to restore the White Salmon River as fish habitat.

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