

Letters to the editor

A thank you

On behalf of my late mom and the Ike family, we would like to give special thanks to all those that came together during my mom's sudden illness and death.

To our beloved son, Jonathan R. Smith, who guided our strength to ensure mom's directions were carried out as ordered by her. To our beloved nephew JoDe Goudy for your dedication and love for mom. These young men, your grandma who loved you dearly, taught you well. Your spiritual strength gave us strength.

To our beloved nieces, Raylene, Lara, Dawn, Felicia and Daisy Mae—mom lives inside you, all of you made this difficult time much easier for us. Thank you to our uncle Larry Dick for your strength, support and guidance.

To our beloved relatives, Louise and Cassie Katchia, thank you for taking care of us during the service. To the Medicine Society who came together for special service, dear friends and relatives Neda Wesly, Liza Brown-Jim, Millie Colwash, Hilda Culpus, Winona Strong and our Yakama relatives Lisa Jim, Rosanna Jim, Carol Wahchumwah and Yakama Tribal Council for their donation of blankets.

Special thanks and appreciation to the Warm Springs Police Department Patrol and Investigation for serving as our honored pallbearers and taking part in the services to our mom's final journey and resting place.

Thanks and appreciation to Anita Jackson and Carmen Smith as our speakers. Thank you to the Tribal Court Judges for their support and kindness to serve as our Honorary Pallbearers. Special thanks and appreciation to Joe Myers, President of National Indian Justice Center for his kind words and NIJC flowers.

Thank you to our Veterans and Warm Springs Ladies Auxiliary, who also served as our Honorary Pallbearers. We also thank DMJ Automotive for their kindness in assisting our family to commute to Bend, and for always being there for our mom. Thank you Marita, Delford, Shana and Johnson Family.

Thank you so much to Lori Fuentes and the Credit Enterprises Board for your expedited action. Special thanks to Danny and Heather Martinez, Doris Miller, Don Courtney, and Valerie Fuiava

for your contribution towards funeral expenses.

We would also like to thank and send our appreciation to the Kalama family. Special thanks to our employers and co-workers who were patient and understanding, and showed compassion during our mom's illness and last days. Thank you to our cooks, dancers, drummers and all the helpers who made the services so beautiful.

Our family would also like to recognize and send special thanks to those businesses who loved our mom—Mid-Oregon Credit Union, The Outpost, Blackbear Diner, Broken Bow, and High Looksee Lodge. Our Tribe is so fortunate for the wonderful staff at High Looksee who showed love, patience and compassion for all of us.

Thank you to Howie Arnett, tribal attorney, and Urbana Manion for their kind words.

Special thanks and appreciation to all those who came to visit mom and share prayers with her, all those who called or sought us out to share kind words and support and all that attended her service. Please forgive us if we left anyone out, it is unintended.

Most of all, to our Creator and the unwritten laws that guided the services to clear the way for our mom's journey.

Atawishamash, the Ike family

Honor to know

I want to take time to express the honor and privilege I felt to know Earl and Rita Squiemphen. It was the talks I shared in tender moments that touched my heart. Rita kept a secret from her children, her "secret friend" who she called almost daily. There were valuable stories and beliefs shared about family and other things that were important. We always reminded each other we would not get into idle gossip, but would be resources to each other.

Earl once told me his "telephone bill went down about two dollars" (Well, I knew there was no charge for local calls). Both of these people created value to each day. The memories left bring a smile when I miss them. Sorry, I missed the memorial service and dinner. I got confused about the date set. My heart was to fill your request, C.R., and I feel a firm respect for all the children of Rita and Earl Squiemphen. My

thoughts were with you through the holidays. Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Frank.

Food fundraiser Friday

There will be a food fundraiser this Friday, Jan. 24, at the Community Center Social Hall.

Please come enjoy some comfort food, and help me in my efforts to raise some funds for a ceramic art studio. Thanks, and I hope to see you there!

Pamela Louis

On the menu: Homemade Alfredo sauce with grilled Italian Sausage, baked garlic chicken, sautéed veggies over Penne pasta and French bread and something chocolate and gooey. Yum!

Choice of soda or bottled water. \$7 donation. Serving from 11 a.m. until 1:46 p.m. exactly or until the food is gone.

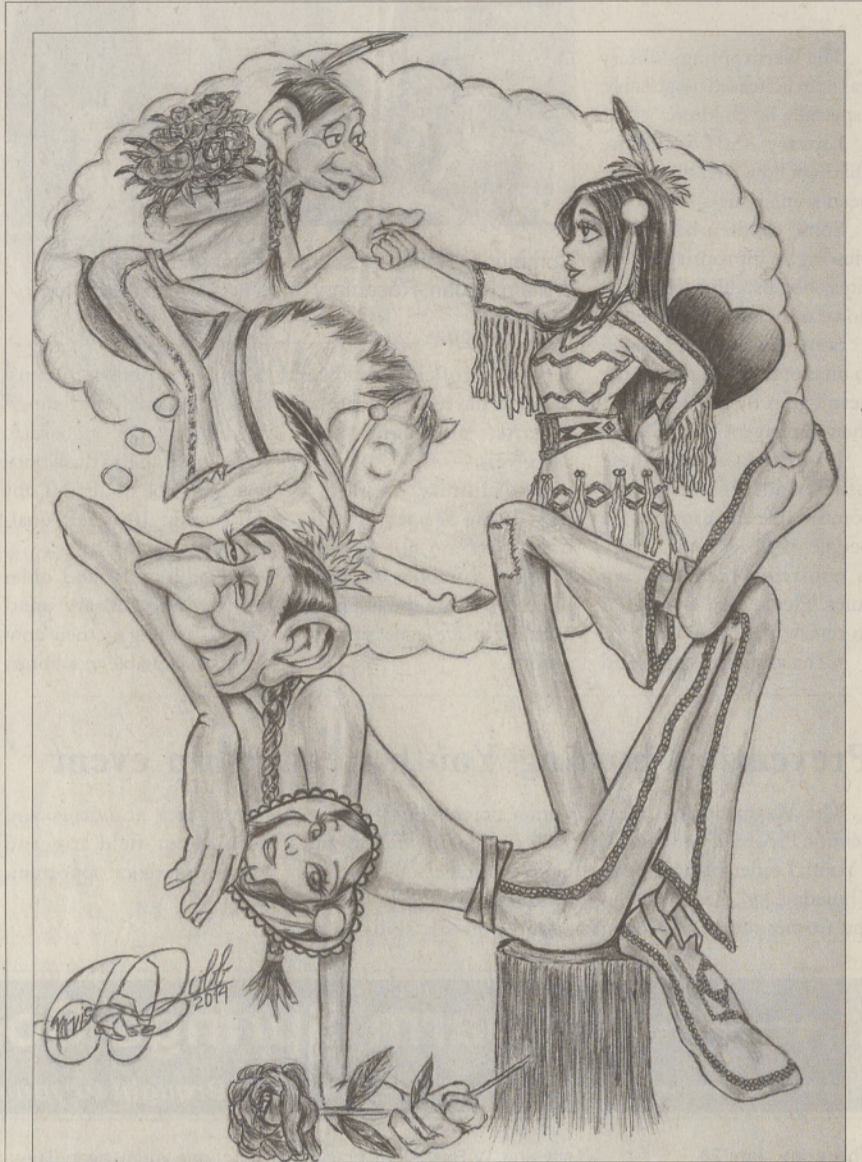
Christmas Pageant

The David family is thanking all the people for the success of the Sixteenth Annual Christmas Pageant, held on December 10, 2013. The play of "Peace Came in a Cradle" was performed by volunteer youth. We are thanking all the parents and grandma's for having the youth dressed on time for practice and the play.

Food was prepared by KimiKo and her staff. They had the food ready to serve on time. During the meal, music was by "The Webbers" with a four-piece band singing Christmas carols. Opening performance was flute music played by KC Green followed by one seven of Washat by the Longhouse youth—signing of the Lord's Prayer by all the cast was led by Starla Green.

The program began 16 years ago, held at my home at Lower Dry Creek. I had seven family kids I was caring for. We were at Wal-Mart and they were all in line to see Santa. One of my girls said, "Why doesn't Santa come to the reservation?" Mrs. Clause overheard and conferred with Mr. Clause. She came up to me and said Mr. Clause wanted to come to Warm Springs. So they came to my home, where I was holding a small party for my kids and neighbor kids. It flourished from that year, getting bigger each year. So I was asked by past chief operations officer Gerald Smith to share it with the community. So I would like to thank these people for the donations and help in making this a successful year:

Three hundred people of all ages for the dollar tree donations. Power and Water Enterprises, cash donation. Indian Head Casino, cash donation. Community Counseling, 300 snack bags. Forestry, all the beautiful trees.



Looking forward to Valentine's Day with Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

Utilities for building the tree stands and setting up trees at the center, plus loading ladders for our angels.

Erickson's Sentry Market, food donation. Franz Bakery, bread. Recreation staff, all the assistance—helping set up props, and Carol Sahme with her wonderful artwork and the staff for cleaning, KWSO, advertising, reminding the people about the program as well as playing some of the program after the fact.

Thank you to Cindy Patrick from Madras for setting up the sound system with four or five microphones—people were able to hear everything. Gladys Grant, gift of toys. Choir: Gladys Grant, Rick Ribeiro, Cindy and audience. Mrs. Herring from Sisters, for the box of gifts for the children. Betty and Rob of Vancouver for cash for toys and food. Reuben Henry for the cash for food.

Thank you Jody Robinson, Paulina, gifts of toys and cash. Chubby Robinson, cash for toys. Aurolyn Stwyer, beverages plus props for the play "War Bonnet."

All of these people gave from their hearts towards a wonderful, beautiful cause. We hope and pray that the community got the message from this performance. The youth did a wonderful job.

Volunteer helpers were Reva Johnson and Deanie Johnson. Carol Allison wrote the script. Casey Green and Buster Isadore ran the lights. Ada Billey helped with keeping the cast together. Sonja Heath and Aurolyn Stwyer were helpers in the background. Sarah Frank, who got ill but gave her best. Thank you to Wilson Wewa, MC, and Carlos Calica, chief. Great thanks to my sister Roma, daughter Charlee, son KC, for all the hard work they did. I could not have done it without them.

And great thanks to Santa Clause for 16 years of bringing joy to all children. I pray I have not missed some people—I do thank you and bless you for the greatly appreciated help. Thank you from the David family, Roma, Casey, Starla and Lucinda.

Births

Jerome Oliver Centre
Stephon Centre and Alicia Centre of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jerome Oliver Centre, born on January 7, 2014.

Jerome joins brother McKie, age 1 year and 10 months, and sister Jaden, age 2 years and 8 months.

Grandparent on the father's side is Clara Jackson of Pendleton.

Keanu Jay Fasthorse-Begay
Dillon Begay and Courtney Fasthorse of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Keanu Jay Fasthorse-Begay, born on January 9, 2014.

Grandparents on the father's side are CeCe Walsey Begay and Rod Begay, of Washington.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Stacy Fasthorse-Burke (grandmother), Robert Kaltsukis (grandfather); William

Suppah; great grandmother Stephanie Heath; Markin Burke and the late Franklin Fasthorse.

Vivian Lynn Big Knife
Carson Big Knife and Dawnlynn Big Knife of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Vivian Lynn Big Knife, born on January 10, 2014.

Grandparents on the father's side are Shawn and Tami Big Knife of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Don and Ellen Courtney of Madras, and Sid and Teresa Towell of Madras.

Bible, journaling class for women

A weekly journaling and Bible study class for Warm Springs women is on Mondays at High Looksee Lodge, in the Tribal Room. The free classes are from 5-8 p.m.

This is a women's therapeutic writing class and Bible study, journals and Bibles provided. Come discover your healing and find your voice through journaling.

All are welcome to attend **Social Dance Class** Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Center aerobics room.

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