

## Letters to the editor

### To Marine



Joe Hisatake completed U.S. Marine Corps basic training, graduating from boot camp in San Diego, Calif. He is with the Second Battalion Golf Company Platoon 2150.

He is next headed to Camp Pendleton for combat training. His specialty with the Marines will be security mortar transport, manning the gun on the top of the transport vehicle.

Joe Hisatake was a star football player at Madras High School. He graduated last year, and could have gone to college on a scholarship. He chose the service instead.

For his recent achievement, family and friends wish to say Congratulations!

tor driver, pickup man, and fixers of whatever needs fixin, Jimmy Tohet Jr, Daniel Gilbert, Gus David, Bear Spino, Buster Isadore, Hobo Patt, Anson Begay and Butch David.

The timed event crew Mike Holyan, Ty Green, Leslie Robinson, Smokey Wewa, Ada Billy, Andrea Supay, Atcitty Begay, Cece LeClaire, Dana Hardin.

Thanks Edison Yazzie for donating your box pads; Jess Reese for donating his ATV and raking the barrels. And the guys who cleared the arena Casey Green, Clint Bruisedhead, Jim Lawrence and John Gererro; Snuffy Smith's concession crew and Annette LeClaire and Stuart Paul on the gate. Thank You Mike and Mary Emahoola of Emahoola Trucking for keeping the grounds watered throughout the weekend. Thank you Pita Pitt for your gift to the club member—this was an awesome remembrance to the reason we celebrate Pi-Ume-Sha.

If we missed you, we are sorry—we thank you all. Happy Trails from the Warm Springs Rodeo Association.

**Cheryl Tom**

### Essays for great prize

Through a generous donation, scholarships are available for young people to attend the Wings and Waves Aviation Museum and Water Park.

Linda Hansen and the Chehalem Valley Presbyterian Church are making the scholarship donations.

The Recreation Department is working with the church on selecting the group to visit the Wings and Waves.

Any young person who would like to go to the park, please submit an essay to Recreation answering these two questions:

Why do you want to go to Wings and Waves Aviation Museum and Water Park?

And what do you think you will learn?

Stop by Recreation from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday, July 14, and they will help you with your essay. For more information, call Recreation at 541-553-3243.

The Recreation Department wishes to thank the Chehalem Valley Presbyterian Church for the donation of scholarships.

Thank you also to the

church work group for their recent projects on the reservation. The group that was here included Keith Hanson, pastor E.E. Bell, Sean and Dottie Boyle (paint crew), Max Boyle and son (paint crew), Anna Danese, Jack Danese and Daniel Natzke (garden workers).

### Cadet grads

Roshanda Clements-Poitra and Alexis Hintsala graduated this summer the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

This is a statewide alternative high school program. On June 18, the Youth Challenge held its annual class graduation.

There were 136 graduates from across the state, including Roshanda and Alexis of Warm Springs.

Roshanda also received the Sam and Becky Johnson scholarship award, Service to Community Excellence Award (\$350), and Oregon Youth Challenge Program (OYCP) Leadership award.

Of the 136 graduates, 12 received high school diplomas and 14 earned GEDs. One-hundred ten cadets earned enough credits through OYCP to return to their hometown high schools and graduate with their respective classes.

In attendance for the graduation ceremony were Heidi Moawad from the Governor's Office, Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Bend-La Pine Superintendent Ron Wilkinson and Deschutes County commissioners Tammy Baney, Alan Unger and Tony DeBone.

The event drew hundreds of family members, friends and community supporters of the graduating cadets.

As part of their training in the program, the cadets earned their food handler permits, as well as first-aid and CPR certification. In addition, 126 donated blood through the American Red Cross. Cadets set a goal of giving 130 units of blood, and exceeded that goal by giving 145 units.

In addition, the class provided 11,300 hours of community service, averaging 83 hours per cadet. Cadets volunteered at numerous civic events and nonprofit organizations in the Bend area. The estimated total value of their volunteer service is \$102,830.

Since 1994, more than 5,400 cadets from urban and rural areas of Oregon have entered the OYCP. The voluntary 17-month program provides at-risk youth, both male and female, ages 16 to 18, with a second chance to succeed.

Details about the program are available at:

oycp.com  
Or by phoning 541-317-9623.

Tribal Court will answer the telephones from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and from 1-4 p.m. daily.  
During the time the phone is not being answered, the phone is set to take messages. Staff will review the messages daily and return calls.

### Great job

Family, friends and relatives,

On April 25, 2014, Mary J. Williams graduated from Chemawa Indian School. She is the daughter of Debbie and George Williams.

Mary completed school in November, 2013. She was given the option of walking with the 2014 graduating class, which she wanted to do.

Mary worked hard on her school work for three years, in order to graduate in 2013.

When Mary attended Chemawa she had six credits; she needed 26 to graduate. She worked hard and completed all her necessary work. But due to a computer problem, part of her work was lost. Mary was informed that



Mary with friend and fellow Chemawa graduate.

she needed to return in the fall.

Mary reluctantly returned in September, 2013. With perseverance, dedication and lots of support from close friend Samantha and others,

Mary completed the necessary school work and attained 32 credits to graduate.

Mary's continuing education goal is to get an AA in the social services field.

### Keepsake

Norman A. Nathan ~ Alpha: August 8, 1937 ~ Omega: July 18, 2012.

On this your second anniversary in Heaven I remember you.

Though your smile is gone forever and your hand I cannot touch, I still have many memories of one I loved so much.

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, but I have you in my heart. Love you forever,

**Renee Hogan Krstovich**

### Birth

Thomas and Margaret Medina of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Wyatt Peralez Medina, born on June 29, 2014.

Wyatt joins sisters Alison, Sophia and Jada.

Grandparents on the father's side are Bob and Kim Medina.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Alison Mitchell-Schuster and Wendell Switzler.

### Water report

Attention all Warm Springs and Simnasho Schoolie Flats water users:

As a public water system, we are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act to publish the consumer confidence report.

Copies are available by calling the water treatment plant at 541-553-1472.

### Native Aspirations



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The Native Aspirations students kicked off the summer program with an improvised fashion show last week.

This was a team-building exercise, said Caroline Cruz, tribal health liaison, who organized the event.

Sixty-eight students attended the kick-off event. The students were divided into teams, and given the task of creating a talent show. The challenge as that they could use only newspaper, tape and magic markers. In each group, two students served as the models, and one as MC. Native Aspirations is a six-week program for young people to gain work experience and education.



Teams show the fashions they devised using just newspaper and tape.

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