

Letters to the editor

A thank you

Thank you family and friends. We deeply appreciate you thoughtful cards and beautiful flowers, receiving wonderful symbols of nurturing condolences. All of us as a family whole heartedly appreciate it.

Our grief would have been much harder to accept. Through your understanding, support and patience, you contributed strength and hope with loving hugs and guidance. Blessing to each and every one of you.

Drummers—Powerful and strong prayers of singing.

Undertakers—Dressing and taking care of attawii.

Colwashes—Beautiful workmanship on his outfit.

Hunters—Supplying meat. Food donors—Helping provide foot.

Cooks and Helpers—Preparing and serving meals, and cleaning up.

Dancers—Blessing his path for his journey.

All Denomination—Speaking on behalf of the Lord.

Bel-Air—Accepting, honoring and respecting our traditions.

Officers James Farr and Ken Kipley, responding urgently in a timely manner—exercising your expertise of CPR (40 minutes straight), not willing to stop.

Understanding the Lord called upon him, his work here on earth was finally completed. Attawii Melvin Scott Sr., a very giving person of food, clothing, money, or anything he had. Gifted with his loving fun sense of humor. He shared his wisdom and knowledge to those willing to learn. The smile and helping hand too all he greeted daily. Hard worker, provider to anyone in need.

He truly lived by “The more you give, the more you’ll receive, with twice as much blessing.” He believed in the Bible from cover to cover. He waited anxiously for the arrival of Our Lord and Sav-

ior riding on his white horse to Earth to defeat satan.

Our deepest appreciation and gratitude.

The Scott, Allen, Smith and Dickson families.

Traditions

After reading about the non-Indian berry pickers, it compelled me to add on. I have witnessed non-enrollees root digging and huckleberry picking, and it disturbs me. In my opinion, it should include fishing. I’m sorry to say that I do not condone non-enrollees participating in Indian powwows.

We have experienced, in All-Indian basketball tournaments, because of one person who didn’t show his tribal ID card, the whole team was disqualified. It also is a rule in All-Indian rodeos and All-Indian baseball tournaments, one must have a picture ID, proving an Indian tribal enrolled member. Why not powwows?

I have raised several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and children of my own. I have experienced first steps, Indian naming, first kill (deer), first root diggings and berry Picking, and giving to a special elder. The first beadwork, gloves or whatever the children made.

It devastates me to witness the changing of our culture and traditions. For instance, announcing my first digging or picking at a traditional feast, and giving it to anyone. I feel responsible to address these misgivings, as who else will?

Respectfully, Neda B. Wesley.

Happy 50th



Happy 50th Anniversary my love. September 4, 2014.

Toe Ness

How can you get four suits for a dollar? Buy a deck of cards.

For the Club



Courtesy/Sue Matters

Saphronia Katchia (right) of the tribal Housing Authority presents a check to Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club Director June Smith. Housing recently contributed \$25,000 to Boys and Girls Club.

Healthy challenges

The Diabetes Prevention Program would like to thank the more than 230 people participating in the No Pop Challenge, and the over 210 people participating in the Mile Challenge.

The participation in both events far exceeded expectations. It is great to see people choosing to make healthy changes in your life!

Your participation encouraged us to keep offering challenges. This month “Fall into Fitness” is your new challenge.

Please come to our office to pick up your calendar. Challenge starts this week.

Montell Elliott, coordinator, Diabetes Prevention Program, 541-553-1070

Appreciation

My name is Clarice Rios. I am writing to express my gratitude and appreciation for all volunteers who have helped with Native services at Coffee Creek Correctional Institute.

Trish Jordan of Red Lodge has come for the sweat lodge ceremony, talking circle and Positive Indian Parenting.

For the past eight years she made it possible for Cof-

fee Creek to have a spring celebration. The spring celebration is a feast ceremony and washat service. We ate traditional foods and heard the visitors speak. There was a flute player at the celebration earlier this year, and songs from the Tlingit drummers.

I want to thank all the volunteers, past and present, all those who hunted, fished, gathered and cooked our traditional foods.

Being incarcerated, it’s easy to feel forgotten and to lose yourself in negativity. The spring celebration gave strength and healing. Thank you Guy Wallulatum, Custer and Veronica Wallulatum, Alice and Gene Samson, Katie Smith and Darloo. Jefferson Greene, Roseanne Sanders, Owen Wallulatum and Orthelia Patt came for the first time at this year’s celebration. Also, Maybel Jackson and family provided deer meat. We thank you and keep you in our prayers. If there’s anyone I didn’t mention, I apologize.

Respectfully, **Clarice Rios.**

Thankful

Thankful to be alive! Hello to all my Native people today.

I would like to take this time to thank God for being alive today. I left home on

July 29, 2014, and made a choice for a better lifestyle. But a day after I left home I ended up in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer. And it opened my eyes on my addiction and on my health. And that I do not have one more chance at life.

And I’m very thankful for that today. I am down here at the NARA Treatment Center. But before I came here I ended up at a detox place called Hooper Detoxing Treatment Center. And it was an amazing treatment center that helped me a lot.

It’s a detox center that will help you get into treatment center after your detox. Before you get out of detox they’ll help you get treatment before you leave there. And if you’re Native, you have a good chance to come to NARA.

NARA is a very good treatment center. It’s so good that I came back three times so far. Because I left three times so far. I really do need help, and three times is a charm to me. I made it home one of the times, and really let myself and others down. So I had to swallow my pride and call NARA and ask to come back. And I had help from my sister and her children. I would like to thank them for showing me they care. I’ve let my family and children down so much in my life. It made me sick, and made them really sick. And I

would like to take this time to apologize to all of those I hurt. But mainly to my family and to my children who I love with all my heart.

I’m sorry to all of you. I would like to thank you all for not giving up on me. I love you all and take care all you Natives. I’ll be down here for a bit so keep me in your prayers. Much love,

Angela Polk, NARA residential treatment, 17645 NW St. Helens Hwy, Portland OR 97231.

Births

Jeffrey Dee Jackson

Sam Jackson Sr. and Suzette Boise of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jeffrey Dee Jackson, born on August 13, 2014.

Jeffrey joins brothers Sam Jr., 5, and Kenneth, 4; and sister Le-Quisha, 6.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Gregory Jackson Sr. of Madras, and atwai Louella Squiemphen.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Patricia Kalama of Warm Springs, and Tony Boise of Warm Springs.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Friday, Sept. 12. Thank you for writing!

Regarding phones at Tribal Court

Tribal Court would like to inform the community that through Warm Springs Telecom services the Court now has an automated greeting.

The automated greeting is not the Court’s messaging service. It is greeting that lists a menu of a directory, so that you may chose an option to route your call.

Due to the high volume of calls for departments housed in the Court, as a courtesy the Court has included those departments in the automated phone greeting, so that call-

ers may readily reach those departmental staff. However, the staff at Tribal Court do not take messages for those departments, and do not know when other staff members, not under the Court, are in or out of office.

The automated greeting announces the Court hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from 12 to 1 p.m. Phones are answered from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 to 4 p.m. It then states you may push for:

- 1 Compliance Court fees and fines
- 2 Prosecution
- 3 Juvenile Prosecution
- 4 Parole & Probation
- 5 Legal Aid
- 6 Sex Offender Registration
- 7 Tribal Youth Program
- 0 Tribal Court.

When calling the Court at 541-553-3278 you may enter “0” at any time to reach a Court staff member.

You may call the departments housed in the Court building directly by dialing their phone number instead

of contacting the Court and listening to the automated greeting.

- Compliance 553-3344
- Prosecution 553-3300
- Juvenile Prosecution 553-3335
- Parole and Probation 553-3293
- Legal Aid 553-3228
- Sex Offender Registration 553-2214

Thank you, **Maria Godines**, Court Administrator, Tribal Court, Judicial Branch of Government.

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