

Letters to the editor

Back to School BBQ



Sue Matters photos

Big thanks to everyone who made the Back to School BBQ 2014 a success!

I've helped coordinate the event for the past several years and wanted to acknowledge the hard work of all the volunteers who make it happen. Thank you to:

The Health and Human Services Prevention Programs for funding the food; the Education/JOM Committee for handling backpacks and supplies; Tribal Council for the paper products; the Community Garden for the corn; and the school district for providing t-shirts for our K-8 Academy kids. We served nearly 1,200 plates of food!

I want to recognize Jazmine and Lisa Ike-Lopez, TJ Foltz, Scott Kalama and Leighton Pennington. They packed all the food and supplies from Warm Springs Market to the school.

Thanks to Don Courtney and the Utilities crew for moving all the tables and grills into place, and to Dan Martinez and his crew for getting the grills going.

The actual BBQ and backpack distribution could not have happened without all the volunteers who stepped up and pitched in. All the inside and outside helpers contributed their efforts to



Food servers (top), and families enjoyed the Back to School BBQ, held this year at the new k-8 academy.



make the day happen.

Thanks for the ton of help and hustle from all the individuals who volunteered, and to the folks from our Health and Human Services Programs, OSU Extension, the Warm Springs K-8 Academy food service and custodial staff, plus Fire and Safety staff.

The Back to School BBQ is a great opportunity for the community to come together and get excited about the

new school year. It demonstrates to our youth that Warm Springs values education, and as a community we support them in their school efforts, both academic and extracurricular.

Have a great school year everyone and thanks again to those who helped out at this year's Warm Springs Back to School BBQ.

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Heart Felt Blessings

The family of Tibbs wish to express our prayers of thanks for the following who helped to get our brother home, as we didn't know we had lost him.

Tibbs was a brother to sisters Wanda Jackson Holum, and LaLovi "Lolly" Jackson, youngest sister Esther "Bird" Lucio; and he had a wife and one child, Whitney Jackson.

We would like to take this time to thank the following people for taking time to assist us: Tiger VanPelt and Levi VanPelt for driving our brother from the airport. Thank you Sam Starr and Larry Dick for dressing him. Thanks to our auntie Amelia Colwash and her helpers for making his outfit.

I wish to thank the Bell Ringers and the Drummers, who sang such up-



lifting songs to help our "Bro" on his journey.

The cooks for the funeral did an excellent job. Max and Kimike, Frankie and Cassie Rhoan, thanks for your hard work.

I would like to say thanks to berries, roots and salmon, so plentiful that people got to take some home.

Please do not feel left out if I forgot someone. Please drop me a line as I'm going to have more memory cards finished up soon.

Please keep his memory of love alive, by sharing a

hug, a story of love goes a long way.

I would also like to add a God bless and prayers of the family's heart-felt appreciation to Joann Smith Moses for taking time to come and check on me and my sons, as their father is in the hospital and I've been almost running on empty. Juliane and June, thank you for the shoulders to cry on.

Marella VanPelt Sam, thank you so much for watching out for me during the funeral. I can't believe how much you have matured into a real strong woman, and much loved by all my children and my grand children.

And prayers go out to uncle Harvey Jim and the family.

Lolly Jackson, PO Box 554, Warm Springs OR 97761

Deer Ridge

Inmi Tananwa,

I am writing to you on behalf of all the Native brothers here at Deer Ridge—DRCI Madras.

We send our thanks for the salmon you provided for our humble powwow. We would also like to acknowledge and give a big thank-you to Rosanna Sanders for making the fry bread. We can't forget Marge in Charge Kalama and KWSO for their presents. It was very uplifting for the brothers here...

Not to be forgotten, we also need to thank Neda Wesley for sharing her knowledge in the Native ways. We are very grateful. We learned a lot and now have better understanding of the traditional Native ways.

We were humbled and honored by her going out for the huckleberries, going completely out of her way for us. A thank-you and thank you. You can't imagine how much that means to us. And we were happy to see all the

guests who came. Without you being there for us, our humble powwow wouldn't be a success. It was a blessing in a hard place. Niix Pachwai Inmi Naimuma, Axwaimash Anch A Q'inuta.

H.M. Stwyer, representing all the Native brothers at Deer Ridge. Thank you all.

To family, friends

Hello to my family and to my friends. Today I sit in a jail cell with 23 other women, sitting out time for my DUI crime. The judge gave me 364 days. My release date is March 16, 2015. Times get lonely in here—when you can, sit down and write to me, please. If you would like to set up a visit or email me, sign up for an account on gettingout.com

You can visit me if you have Skype, go to skype.com — yes, this jail has a computer in the dayroom but I can't get on Facebook, only email and Skype, and for education purposes. My time does not stop

here. I have a warrant in Portland and the The Dalles. Get put back on "the chain" March 17, 2015, most likely Multnomah County next. I miss you all and hope to hear from you soon.

Antonia Wahsise, pod k17, Benton County Jail, 7122 West Okanogan Pl., building B, Kennewick, WA 99336

Trust fund disbursements

If you are a tribal member who graduated in the high school class of 2014, you should bring your diploma and transcripts to the Vital Stats office at the administration building.

This is a requirement for trust fund disbursements. If you have questions, contact Vital Stats at 541-553-3252.

Thank you all for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. The next publication comes out Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Advisory Board meeting

KWSO will hold a meeting of our Community Advisory Board this Friday, September 19 at the Warm Springs Media Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Voc Rehab Conference

A Vocational Rehabilitation conference is coming up on Tuesday, September 23, from 9-5:30 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall.

The keynote speaker will open at 9 a.m. There will be a Consumer Appreciation luncheon and giveaway, followed by vocation assessments.

At 4 there is a special youth session on preventing diabetes and obesity. To learn more contact Sharon Jones at 553-4952.

Prevention Walk

Warm Springs Community Counseling hosted the Suicide Prevention Walk on Wednesday of last week. About 80 people attended.

Suicide rates are more than double for Native Americans, and Native teens experience the highest rate of suicide of any population group in the United States.

The Prevention Walk last week was at the Community Center, where there were speakers and information on suicide prevention. Carlos Calica shared his own experience with the loss of classmates, friends and family to suicide.

It was World Suicide Prevention Day last Wednesday, Sept. 10. For more information on this subject call Rachel at 553-3205.



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Ski Bowl

Mt. Hood Ski Bowl and the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department are seeking vendors for an event on Saturday, September 27, at Ski Bowl.

Organizers are looking for storytellers and dancers, cooks and artists.

Contact Josie at 553-3290 or Marge at 553-1968 for more information.