

Letters to the editor

Gen-I Challenge



Warm Springs youth are taking the Gen-I Challenge, having been selected to attend the White House Native Youth Summit

During the Gathering of Nations Powwow, Pres. Obama launched Generation Indigenous (Gen-I), a national initiative focused on removing barriers to success for Native youth.

Gen-I also includes a call to action to Native youth to take positive action in their communities by developing community based projects and to Tribal Leaders to support youth led efforts.

Jodi Gillete, former special assistant for Native American affairs to Pres. Obama, shared at the recent Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians that Gen-I is "trying to get youth more active with the White House and the Presidency."

She said the First Lady wanted to make sure that "Native youth know that we care about them."

Several youth from the community have taken the Gen-I challenge including:

Gavin Begay, Malia Collins, Mitchell Lira, Ashley Meanus and Keyana Yellowman, who are working together to start a Warm Springs Youth Council for youth ages 14-24. Their 30, 60, and 90 day plans include continued outreach to Native youth in the commu-

nity, establishing a constitution and by-laws, and seeking official recognition from the Warm Springs Tribal Council.

Suzanne Slockish, Miss Warm Springs 2015, and her brother Quincy McConville, have also taken the Gen-I Challenge, and are working together to create and present information on the dangers of drugs and alcohol to their peers.

Suzanne shared that she will "make a presentation showing and telling the youth within my community how to fend off peer pressure, show the serious health risk of drugs and alcohol and show them the many opportunities they could have if they continue their education and finish school and go on to college."

In addition to taking the Gen-I Challenge, all seven youth applied to attend the first ever White House Native Youth Summit. The summit will be held on July 8 in Washington, D.C., bringing together youth from around the country to dialogue on issues important to youth. Students will also be given an opportunity to meet with President Obama.

It is not too late to take the Gen-I Challenge and local youth are encouraged to get involved. Learn more at: <http://1.usa.gov/1QCm1s>

— *Alyssa Macy*

us; love you.

Thank you to our children Levi, Pearl, children Charmaine, Prenencia, Jenny, and Trina for the daily visits; Tiger and Tates, Chet and Beck and boys Itta and Cowboy, Wolfman, Eliza, Rigo and children Robert-Marella family.

Thank you to one of his best friends Marvin Ike, and Priscilla Frank for coming up for his last hours and staying; to Ron Lockwood for coming to be with us, and for the food, big pizzas for the family, and the words said with the family in Bend.

To Utwai Bobby Suppah and Harvey Fudd for staying and praying in Bend. Thank you to my children Vernon and Ladonna Squiemphen for coming home to be with us and running us to Washington. Thank you to my grandson Mychal Van Pelt for helping drive us over and back to all the trucks that came over to Madras to help with all the stuff; Charmaine—Robert Jr. Tiana.

Thank you family from Yakima (sisters) travelling and spending valuable time with Harvey, son Qungn Jim for the daily calls to make sure he remembers. So much thanks to the family before and after the funeral, for his plan was completed. Larry Dick and Sam Starr, you did good work at the hospital, and with the blessing sending him off.

Wilson Wewa, you know how he enjoyed the song and dance. We believed, when he danced, Rex again you remember the war bonnet you helped bless, and the leadership you do well. Joday, I couldn't make it through the days, and your words came to me, you have a blessed way with your walk. Thank you to my my granddaughters, knowing tradition and changing bed linen, getting me clean clothes. Like you girls told me, we loved Dad-grandpa too, he's ours, so it's our job as traditional women to do this, Eliza Madrano, Marella Van Pelt and Ashley Surface. I'll never forget Mina Shike Estimo for traditional food, and Shania Tom for digging roots for me; and Liliana and Wenona for the household stuff and Indian food; and my sister for the kitchen supplies.

Thank you to the paramedics for being there the last time we called. Thank you for the compassion you had for Harv. The PD (I don't remember names), you were so great.

I felt so alone, but again all went as his plan. That makes it all the easier. Thank you children for the trip to the Shaker services. Again thanks Larry and Sam for your special leadership, the funeral blanket and service at Simnasho, on Memorial Day. Thanks for all the hugs. All this time is very painful and heart-breaking for us, the family and children. The lil' ones don't really understand. Luv u all,

The children of home love you Gloria for all the cooking for grandpa. Tony and boys: Lil Marella for the loving care you showed from your heart.

Leonard, all the love and care you showed with Dad-

Gates Scholarship

Jazmine Ike-Lopez earned a rare honor during her senior year at Madras High School.

Jazmine became a Gates Millennium Scholar, earning a full scholarship to college. She is one of just 28 high school seniors in the state to earn this scholarship, founded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Madras High School was well represented in the scholarship program this year, with three students earning the Millennium Scholar award.

The scholarship is based on grade point average, involvement in the community, and leadership.

Jazmine will be attending Pacific University in Forest Grove, where she is planning to study business and marketing management.

Part-time during the school and during the summer, Jazmine works in radio production at



Jazmine Ike-Lopez

KWSO 91.9 FM in Warm Springs.

Jazmine is graduating in June with the MHS Class of 2015. Her parents are Rhonda Ike and Saloma Lopez.

This week she is attending the Native American Leadership Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge in

Washington.

She was asked for her advice on how to reach goals and be successful. She said, "Give everything a shot. And don't second-guess yourself."

Congratulations to Jazmine, Gates Millennium Scholar.

G-Pa; Eliza, Rigo, Shlitsa, Savana, Rod and loving Tyrone, you know you all will always remember, the love G-Pa had for all of you. Thank you Wolfman and Chet for the daily visits and calls, helping with caring for Dad. Thank you all from the Senior Center for the calls and hugs we got. Thank you for all the prayers for our family. The family has extra memory cards. Thank you nieces and nephews for being with us, and the traveling you did for uncle.

To Harvey's casino buddies and veteran comrades, I feel for all of you too.

I can go on and on but when you feel a loss as big as losing a loved one, I tell myself we took good loving care of him. The hurt is real—one day at a time.

Love to all,

Eliza Brown-Jim.

Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our Spring Celebration here at Coffee Creek Minimum Facility.

We greatly appreciate your time and efforts in making this event possible. The singing and drumming especially were uplifting and cleansing.

This is our one ceremony we look forward to all year long.

Through various donations of beads, leather, and beading supplies, we were allowed to make items for our giveaway this year for the first time. The women put much love into their work to show their appreciation.

A huge thank-you to all the volunteers, elders and anyone else not mentioned. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Thank you to Chaplain Al-Amin, Red Lodge volunteers, drummers and singers, guests, Tawna for the

frybread and those who donated food. Thank you Ed Edmo for the stories and jokes. And thank you speakers for sharing knowledge and teaching and inspiring words.

Thank you until next time.

Victoria Rocha, and all the Native girls at Coffee Creek.

Today, my motivation to be a better person was completely replenished. There were tribal members who role modeled and displayed what a productive member of society looks like to me. They did this by taking time out of their lives, coming to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. You not only brought us traditional foods, but sang songs and shared stories and words of advice.

The reminder of the beat from the drum, as well as the nutrients and flavors of the foods, helps give us the strength to get through this time in our lives.

We can't express our thanks enough. Thank you for bringing us a piece of home. Lots of love,

Susee Davis, and all the Native girls at Coffee Creek.

Postponed

To Sidwalter residents: The meeting regarding the proposed Sidwalter irrigation district has been rescheduled from May until June. The specific date will be announced when available.

To youth

All youth ages third-grade and up are invited to join the Tuesday evening Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit classes at the Community Counseling Center. The sessions are from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information call Deanie at 541-553-3442; or Rosanna or Sarah at 541-553-3205.

Tee-ball

If you are interested in signing up your child for tee-ball, you can fill out an application at the Warm Springs Community Center.

There is a \$20 fee for the first child, and \$5 per additional child for one household.

This is for youth ages 4 to 7 years old, if the child has never played tee-ball or baseball before.

Birthday invitation

To family and friends of Arlene Boileau:

Please join the family at the Brunoe residence on Urban Lane off Highway 26, on July 25 from 2-5 p.m., to celebrate Arlene's birthday.

We look forward to sharing our mother's birthday, and we want you to join us. Our Mother is loving, and deeply loves her tribal community. We want you to join us and shower her with love and attention on her special day. Woohoo! Happy Birthday,



Mom.

From Arlene's daughters Toto, Relda, Wakush, and Susie.

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