

## Letters to the editor

### New Year at Human Resources

The Human Resources Department was on limited hours earlier this week. We were finally able to make the important physical changes we promised, to ensure we provide to all of you optimal customer service in 2016.

During the first part of the week, staff were involved in shredding, packing, moving, rearranging and setting up new desks, replacing ones from the 1970s that were quickly crumbling.

On behalf of the HR staff we look forward to inviting you, our Tribal Council and community members to the grand re-opening of the new and improved CTWS HR. We will announce the date soon.

With enthusiastic regards,  
**Elizabeth Sato and HR staff.**

### Cultural matter

The Native American Cultural Association of Oregon is a newly formed group, helping Native American cultural groups in the state of Oregon.

The organizers launched the group to replace funding that was cut in the Lane Edu-

cation District, which helped Native American title groups in Lane County.

This affects Springfield, Bethel, Eugene and Siuslaw (Florence) school districts, and puts their Native youth programs at risk.

The Native American Cultural Association of Oregon was originally the vision of Virgil Martin, who ran the Springfield Indian Education Program at the Springfield School District for over a decade.

Virgil was also the one who was able to bring back the powwow at Springfield High School. Virgil started this process before his passing in 2012. Unfortunately, his passing slowed things to a crawl for a few years. With his mother Irene Eskue's permission, we are carrying on with his legacy.

We have been able to establish the network close to the level that Mr. Martin envisioned before his passing. We now feel confident that we have a great group of people and resources to move forward with his vision.

The Native American Cultural Association of Oregon is currently procuring funds to get registered with the state of Oregon and the federal government. We are trying to raise \$3,600, the total

cost to complete all filings and pay all fees.

We are focusing on Lane County, but are willing to work together with Native American cultural groups around the state. If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for all you are doing for the Native community.

Sincerely,  
**Dean Armstrong**, Native American Cultural Association of Oregon. 541-653-7983.  
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### Diabetes dinner

The Diabetes Awareness and Support Group dinner is coming up on Tuesday, January 19.

The dinner and discussion are from 5 to 6 p.m. on the third Tuesdays of the month, presented by the IHS Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program and Warm Spring Senior Program.

The dinner will be at the Senior Center. The education topic on January 19 will be: Diabetes and statistics on ages of diabetes in Warm Springs.

The dinner will be a Chinese meal: Chicken and vegetables stir fry, piox, looksh, celery, onions, carrots, cabbage, low sodium soy sauce, brown rice, sliced oranges and Crystal Light.

### Condolences

I would like to reach out to the Tom family and send my condolences for the loss of one of my lifelong friends, Merlin Dean Tom. You will be missed, Bro. I remember when there was a time when you, Victor Smith Sr., and I were inseparable. We used to do a lot of things together, it didn't matter what it was, from cutting firewood, turning wrenches, hunting or even just running around and being knuckleheads.

We used to be a gang of wrenches, and now you are gone. I'm sorry that I couldn't be there for the funeral and sing songs for you. You're my boy Merlin, and

### Please contact Vital Stats

During the December referendum, the tribal Vital Statistics Department received several ballots returned as undeliverable.

Vital Stats tries to keep an updated list of all tribal members' mailing addresses.

Here are the names (last name first) of individuals whose ballots were returned to Vital Stats.

Please contact Vital Stats if you information on how to contact any of these individuals, 541-553-2236. Or email: olivia.wallulatum@wstribes.org

Aguilar Jr., Ralph Titus  
Anderson, Hazel Ruth  
Antekeier, Susan Kay  
Arce Jr, Theodore  
Arce, Joanna Francisca  
Barney, Rachel Dawn

### Forever in our hearts

Oits Lee Johnson, May 19, 1988—December 6, 2015, died at the age of 27, Seekseequa, Oregon.

Our son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, grandson, friend went to be with his sister Heather on December 6, 2015.

Oits liked to fish from Shitike Creek to the Deschutes River to the Columbia River. He was a member of the Warm Springs Nation Boxing Club, where he traveled to many meets, earning trophies, jackets and other memorabilia. He also won a medal in a Golden Gloves tournament.



He followed in the footsteps of his Dad and uncles and grandfather, when he joined boxing. He liked to teach his nephew how to box. Most will always remember seeing him around the community "shadow boxing."

Oits is preceded in death by his sister Heather Renee Johnson, as well as his grandfather Paiute Chief

Raymond Johnson Sr. He is survived by his mother and father, Lee and Connie Johnson; sisters Wendi Johnson, Jenna Johnson, Leanne Johnson and Cariane Johnson; his nephew Treyvon Johnson; aunts Myra Johnson Orange, Shirley Sanders, and Doreen Johnson; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and his family in Washington.

Oits will always be remembered for having a big smile on his face and a good joke whenever you needed a good laugh. We will miss Oits greatly. Forever will he remain in our hearts and memories.

### Howlak Tichum

Lawana Faye Pamperien ~ 1939-2015

On December 21, 2015 in Vale, Oregon with her husband and youngest daughter by her side Faye Pamperien entered heaven.

She was born on the side of the highway between Harper and the drinking fountain, on January 25, 1939 to Minnie and Curtis Wharton, the youngest daughter of nine.

On October 26, 1956, she married Clifford Datlef Pamperien, lasting a cherished 59 years, which brought forth 5 children—Darl, Cathy, Bonnie/Scott, JoDee, and Rocksy.

She formally resided in Bend, Milwaukie and Pine Grove, Oregon.

Faye had a selfless beautiful soul. She loved openly and deeply. She in-



stilled her love, honesty, knowledge, generosity, independence, and sense of humor in all of us. She loved life, and was an amazing mechanic, carpenter and could fix anything. She was tiny but mighty. A firecracker. We called her Fix-It Faye and sought her advice regularly. She provided an excellent

example of how to see good in every person and in every situation.

She is survived by her husband Cliff, sister Bettie Zink, brother Sam Wharton, 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Carroll, Marvin, John and Tom Wharton; and two sisters, Ruth Howard and Iris Bartle; a grandson, Clifford O. Pamperien; a daughter-in-law, Antoinette Queah-pama-Pamperien, and two sons-in-laws, Tom Brown and Kevin Climer.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

Please send pictures and memories, to be shared at that time, to the family at 970 Airport Road, Vale, Oregon 97918.

### Northwest Indian Language Institute



Dallas Winishut (right) at 2015 NILI language event.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Spring Native language speakers work throughout the year with staff of the University of Oregon Northwest Indian Language Institute.

The institute's recent newsletter reviewed some of the projects from 2015, and looks to new accomplishments for 2016.

Coming up in 2016, for instance, is the Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI) Summer Institute: Speaking Every Day—Everyday Speaking. The 2015 summer program featured Ichishkeen speakers from

Warm Springs.

The NILI brochure for the 2016 summer program features a photograph of Arlita Rhoan, speaker with the Confederated Tribes Culture and Heritage Department.

The NILI brochure year in review recalls the International Mother Language Day at the University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse. The celebration included an English-free language day at the longhouse.

The second Mother Language Day is coming up on February 21. Members are invited to attend.

I'm going to miss you for the rest of my life. So until we meet again Bro, your boy, Big Tay.

Taylor Arthur #12496484, 2500 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801.

### From Sanitation

Warm Springs Sanitation reminds residents that the landfill is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the transfer stations are open

24-seven.

If you have debris or large items, make sure they are disposed of properly. If you need assistance call the landfill at 553-3163.

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