

Letters to the editor

Family, friends

I want to take the time to thank everyone in our beloved community for the support I and our children received after the loss of my beloved husband.

The outpouring of love has made my difficult journey more comforting.

I want to acknowledge the love I received from Louise and Cassie Katchia, Neda Wesley, Eliza Jim, Ralph and Jewel Minnick, Broken Bow, Orthelia Patt, Tedi Tanewasha, Bubi Main, Lynn and Lonnie McQwen, Don Courtney, Sandra Sampson, Bobbi Jim, Olivia Wallulatum, Michele Stacona, Lori Fuentes and the Credit board, all of the Public Utilities staff, our brother-in-law Jody Calica and niece Direlle Calica.

Thank you Preston Eagleheart, our nephew who brought my husband a Pendleton blanket. And to our nephew Alvis Smith III and wife Vivian.

Thank you to my brothers-in-law Bobby Eagleheart and Besta Smith who were respectful and kind to me.

To our Finance department, thank you for your work.

I am so very grateful to my sisters Lena and Lovie Ike, my brothers Tyrone, Lucas and Fred Ike Jr. And our beloved nieces Raylene and Daisy Thomas, and Natasha Dibiaso. They were my strength to start my life as a widow to honor their beloved brother-in-law.

My husband dearly loved his Ike family who embraced him with so much love, loyalty and family time.

Thank you to our daughter-in-law Davida Boyd who cooked and cleaned after my husband prior to his passing. Her heart is hurting so I ask that you pray for her, we love her so much.

Thank you to our daughter-in-law Rena Adams-Smith who got give-away items to honor her father-in-law. We have been blessed with wonderful daughters-in-law.

I have been so fortunate to work for such a wonderful non-profit agency, Bestcare Treatment Services, who showed their unwavering support for me.

And thank you to my beloved friend Heather Crow-Martinez and her husband Danny, my dear friend Michelle Wells, my co-workers who donated food, Katrina, Trent, Theresa, Laura, Silvia, Roger and all others who showed their love for me and my family.

I would also like to recognize JoAnn Smith and Lucy Smith for honoring our husband and being there for the children we share. I love you both so very much for supporting me and our children.

Special thanks to the Housing Department and Fire Management for supporting our sons who work along side you. You brought strength to our sons and I will be eternally thankful to all of you. I would also like to thank Austin Greene and Glendon Smith for your support.

Thank you, Lawren Slockish, Officiator, all the drummers, Larry Dick and Samuel Starr, our undertakers, the cooks, Annie Kalama, Flossie Wolfe, Agnes Wolfe and Lovey Colwash. Thank you Lovie for helping me sew my husbands regalia.

Atawishamash, inii ny moo mah, Leona A. Ike-Smith

This holiday season

This holiday season there are many options to contribute to the community by volunteering, as well as opportunities to participate.

Here are some of the upcoming holiday activities:

Thursday, December 1: Tree lighting with singing Christmas carols at Community Wellness Center. Hot chocolate to be provided.

December 6: Lighted Christmas Floats Parade, plus a Health Fair and Old Fashion Christmas Arts and Craft with a light dinner provided. Line-up starts at 5 p.m., parade at 7.

December 8, 9 and half day on the tenth: Women's: Innovating, Leading and Learning Legacy Conference at the Old School gym.

December 10: Christmas Bizarre at Community Wellness Center.

December 19: Santa's Workshop. Meet at the old school gym to be Santa's helpers. Wrapping presents and putting senior food bags together. Meet at 10 a.m.

December 19 will also include the Indian Nite Out family fun and mini powwow. This will be at the Community Center, dinner starting at 5:30.

December 20: Community families pick up wrapped gifts at old school gym starting at 10 a.m.

December 21: Need drivers to delivery presents not picked up by families on Dec. 20, to delivery to families.

December 22: Senior Christmas luncheon at Longhouse. Provide Christmas food bags to those seniors that are present.

December 23: Need drivers to delivery seniors' food baskets to those who were not at senior luncheon.

Special thanks

A special thank you to the communities of Warm Springs and Madras.

Once again I would like to thank all that assisted the Boileau family when we lost our loved one.

Your willingness, caring and love are helping the family to heal.

Thank you to the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes, the Warm Springs Utilities Department, Warm Springs Senior Program, Warm Springs Fire and Safety, and all the EMTs who arrived in a heart beat to help us.

Thank you to the St. Charles Hospice Team. You help is truly a blessing day or night.

Thank you St. Charles Emergency Room doctors and nurses, the St. Charles nurses in Madras, and to East Cascade Assisted Living.

Thank you and God bless all of you, for all your caring and love.

The Mitchell Boileau Family.

509-J district superintendent

(Jefferson County School District 509-J Superintendent Rick Molitor gave the following statement to the district board, upon announcing his resignation.)

Effective June 30, 2017, I will be resigning from my position with the Jefferson County School District. Both the school board and I agree this is a positive move for the district.

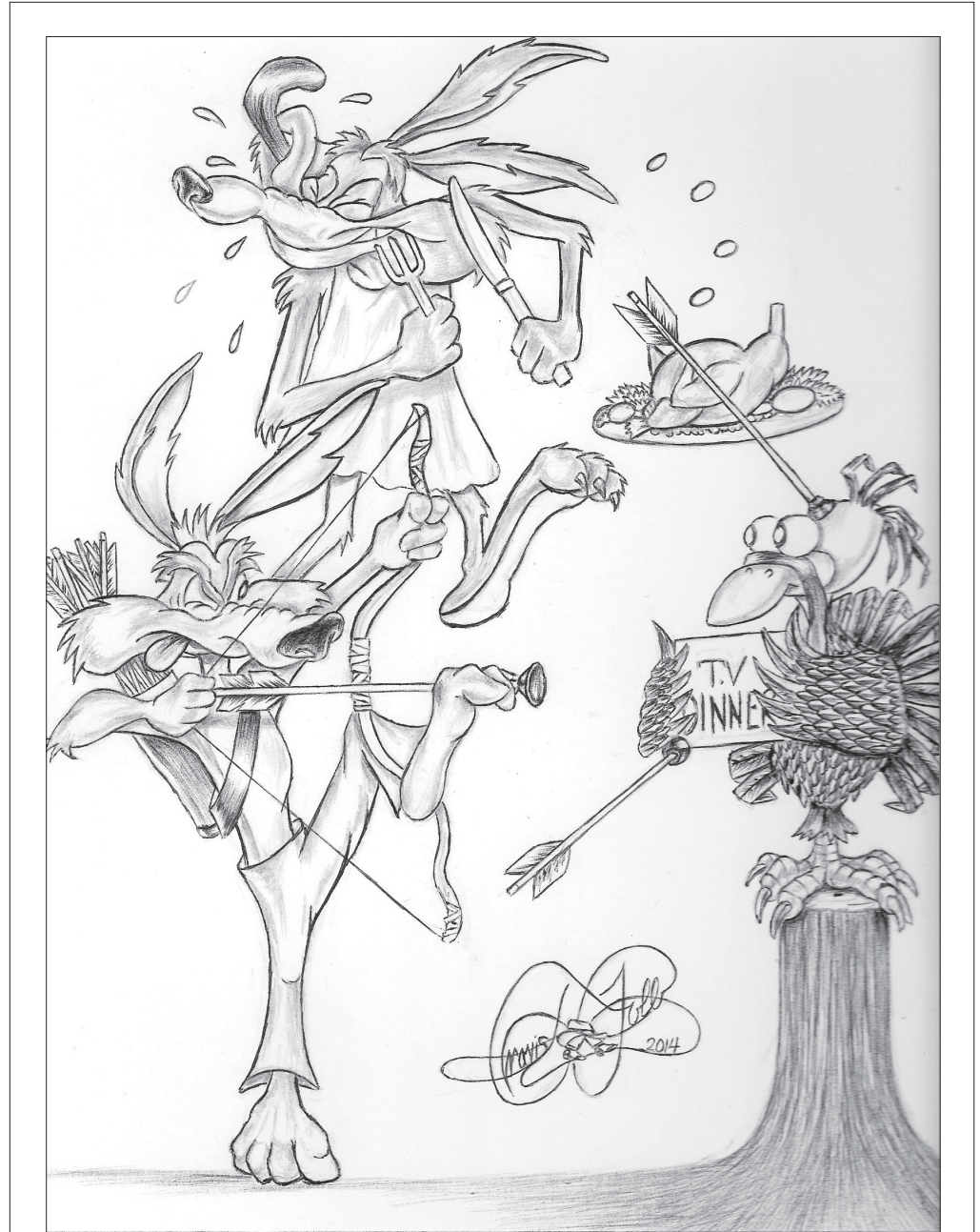
I have multiple career opportunities I am exploring for my future, while knowing this early notice of resignation will provide the Jefferson County School District an opportunity to find a new superintendent to lead the district in a positive direction.

A new superintendent can build upon our past work while focusing on relationship building and reaching out to bring diversity to the forefront of the district's priorities.

It has been an honor to serve the students and communities of the Jefferson County School District for the past nine years. I am proud my own children are graduates of 509-J and members of the greater Jefferson County School District community.

I am also proud of the accomplishments we have created as a team, and am excited about the future potential of this district and our graduates.

I want to thank the current school board along with previous board members who have, and will continue to serve in the best interest



Wishing Warm Springs a Happy Thanksgiving, from Travis Bobb.

Wishes...



Happy Birthday, Biggy, aka Dad. Thanks for all the years of being my Dad, and awesome grandpa. Love, Raggy, Bianca & Dre.

Happy Birthday to my husband Brent. Love you lots. Love, Rosa and grandkids.

Happy Birthday Dad. Love, Jalen.

Happy Thanksgiving to all my loved ones and friends. And thank you for being you. And to my Bianca and Andreaz, Mommy loves you so much. Thank you Lord for all my blessings. Yours truly, RaeAnn Graybael.

I'd like to wish a Happy Birthday to my family: Wylee Graybael, Jayce and Larissa Wallulatum. Chubba and Keagon Caldera. Cody Wallulatum, Fred W., Baby Warren Wallalutum-Garcia. Auntie Jony and Uncle Tracy. Stay blessed. Love always, RaeAnn, Bianca and Andreaz.

of 509-J students. Your selfless dedication is what the students of this district need and deserve.

Sincerely and with appreciation, **Richard R. Molitor**, district superintendent.

Births

Raymond Victor Suppah
Mandy May Suppah of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her son Raymond Victor Suppah, born on November 12, 2016.

Raymond joins brother Gunner Bailey Jr., 11; and sisters Isabel and Evalyn Suppah, 13 years old.

Grandparents are Roman Suppah of Warm Springs and Joanna Nelson.

Wesley James Teeman Jr.
Wesley Teeman Sr. and Clarissa Wolfe of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Wesley James Teeman Jr., born on November 10, 2016.

Grandparents on the father's side are Manuel Teeman and Laura Kennedy.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Cyril Wolfe and Rhonda Clements.

Lucas David George
James Russell George and Lillian Dalyn-Aaryn Gonzalez of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Lucas David George, born on November 4, 2016.

Grandparent on the father's side is Dayle Tuft of Warm Springs.

Grandparent on the father's side is Josephine James of Warm Springs.

Washanaksha

The Washanaksha board is now accepting grant applications. The board will accept applications through Thursday, December 1.

The Washanaksha board administers funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust and other sources. The Museum at Warm Springs is the fiscal sponsor.

Washanaksha is an Ichishkiin word. It means that when something is important, you take it in—heart, spirit and mind—and are committed to carrying it forward no matter what.

Tribal culture, family, history, dance, art, ceremonies, music and traditional practices are the foundation of the tribal identity.

The Washanaksha board supports projects and activities outlined in its Cultural Plan:

Promote tribal members and residents' understanding of and involvement in cultural activities, traditions, arts, language, dance, history, music, etc.

Pass on tribal knowledge and practices to our youth, and help them feel connected to their culture.

Preserve, practice and teach our tribal languages, Ichishkiin, Kiksht and Numu.

The maximum grant award is \$1,200. The Washanaksha board wants to make as many awards as possible. For more information please contact Tamera Moody, secretary of the Washanaksha board and Education coordinator at the museum, 541-553-3331.

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