

## Letters to the editor

### In favor

First I would like to apologize to my sister, Eliza B. Jim and her Van Pelt children for the loss of their Van Pelt elder. However, at least their close love and knowledge will live forever.

Because tribal monies are involved in the rodeos, powwows and sporting events, I am very concerned the tribes are contributing thousands of dollars to these powwows and other sports events. You know and I know some tribes are now requiring tribal enrollment numbers shown before they are given a participation number to be in any powwow events. I am in favor of this practice and am encouraging the powwow committees and our tribes to start practicing this.

Gratefully,  
**Neda Wesley, T# 74, 7-18-38.**

### Message from Power & Water

The membership is invited to review the Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises annual report. The document—reviewing the 2018 performance—is available at the administration building, and at the Power & Water office. Some of the points in the document:

The year 2018 saw a slow turn in the right direction for energy sales revenue. With an extremely hot summer and a late cold winter, energy markets were busy filling the need for demand, which drove up the wholesale market. We derive our revenue through a power sales agreement approved by the Board of Directors and the Tribal Council....

The future of Power & Water Enterprises looks positive with many things to explore for future development. The Pelton Project will continue to be a very important part of the tribes' overall economic viability...

The reintroduction of steelhead and salmon into the upper Deschutes basin above the project will be an exciting development, but with this comes the large responsibility to ensure the tribes' interest for restoration becomes a reality....

**Power & Water** welcomes the membership to review the full document. You can reach the office at 541-553-1046.

### Vets Expo

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office would like to invite you to

attend their first annual Veterans Expo. This free family event will be on Thursday, June 20 at the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office, 860 SW Madison St., Madras.

Many veterans service providers and vendors will be on hand: The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, including Aging Services, Women Veterans, HUD-VASH, Central Oregon Vet Center, BestCare Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

Johnathan Courtney, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Military HelpLine, 22 Outdoors, National Guard Family Programs, Willamette National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America, American Red Cross Programs, and many more.

There will be free haircuts and massage, a free barbecue and raffles.

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### Howlak Tichum

Lucille Marie Geary of Toppenish died in her home on Sunday, June 2, 2019. She was 69.

Ms. Geary was born in Warm Springs in 1950 to Dondee Leon Geary and Bessie McKinley.

She attended grade school in Warm Springs, and then Riverside Indian Boarding School in Oklahoma, where she graduated in 1968.

Lucille earned an Associate's Degree in Bookkeeping from Central Washington State College.

Lucille worked for the Yakama Nation, including as a bookkeeper with the tribe's Comprehensive Alcoholism Outreach Program and for the Yakama Nation Tribal School.

Although from Warm Springs, she was content and wanted to spend her time with her children, grandchildren, and extended grandchildren of Yakama Nation.

During her lifetime she lived in Warm Springs and Los Angeles, before settling down in her rural Toppenish home for over the past 30 years.

Lucille loved many hobbies and interests, including seamstress work and shopping thrift shops. She also cherished gathering, preparing and serving traditional foods with her mothers-in-law and cousins. Her love of sports ranged from local teams to the Seattle Seahawks. She especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting

events, where she could be heard coaching and getting after the refs.

She married Ronnie L. Washines, a fellow Riverside alum, in 1969 and they have five children.

Her children, Ronna Lena Washines, Dayel Marie Washines, Magdelina Sue Washines, Brian Edward Washines and Ronn Cassaseeka Washines, her siblings, Dempsey O. Polk, Illona Lillie and Monty Arthur, her grandchildren by Ronna, Trevor Smith, Draidan Smith and Cari-Gene Smith, all of whom she loved and enjoyed beyond measure, her many nephews and nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, in both the Yakama Reservation and Warm Springs Reservation, all survive Lucille.

Her parents, her siblings, Donna Geary-Foster, Delmar Geary and Antonette Lillie, her aunt, Maxine McKinley, her uncle, Clarence McKinley, and cousins, nephews and nieces from the Warm Springs and Yakama reservations, all preceded Lucille in death.

### Sunday services

Our Sunday Services are now at 10 a.m. We are still meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for potluck and Bible Study.

Warm Springs Christian Fellowship, **Pastor Brent**

### Census jobs in W.S.

A U.S. Census is coming up in 2020, and the Census Bureau is seeking to fill census taker positions, including jobs here in Warm Springs. The application process is easy. You can apply online at: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

As part of the application process, you will be asked to respond to questions that relate to your educational, work and other experience. If you need help, just call 1-855-562-2020.

If hired, your work schedule will depend on your position. Generally, hours for field positions are flexible. Some positions require day hours, and others evenings and weekends.

Supervisory positions require employees to be available for certain day, evening and possibly weekend shifts.

The goal of the Census Bureau is to place the Cen-

## At the Lil' Miss Pageant



Warm Springs Recreation in May hosted the Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant. The candidates demonstrated traditional skills and knowledge, and public speaking. Shantelle Henry was crowned Senior



Lil' Miss Warm Springs; Jaliyah George, Junior Lil' Miss Warm Springs; and Ashlyn Wolfe, Lil' Miss Warm Springs. The evening included a social, and other dances.

Jayson Smith photos



### Wishes...

Happy Birthday nephew Amere, I love you, ninja. Happy Birthday Eric Queahpama, Love Anga, Love you cuz. Happy belated Birthday Vanessa Walker-Stwyer, Love Angela Polk. Happy graduation Carissa Smith-Strong, from ninja. Congratulations to Audrey Polk-Ruiz from Auntie Anga ninja, Happy Birthday 'grace' Love ya.

The Oregon Legislature last week held a minute of silence in Ms. Winters' honor of Representatives. A lawmaker who had been presenting a bill was overcome with emotion.

Rep. Mark Meek, D-Oregon City, stood up and sang Amazing Grace.

Sen. Winters was most recently re-elected in 2018 to represent the Salem area, but she had been ill with lung cancer and was absent from the Legislature for weeks.

She was remembered for strongly backing a sweeping juvenile justice reform package. Among other things, the bill ensures young offenders aren't automatically sentenced to life without parole, and establishes pathways for early release and rehabilitation.

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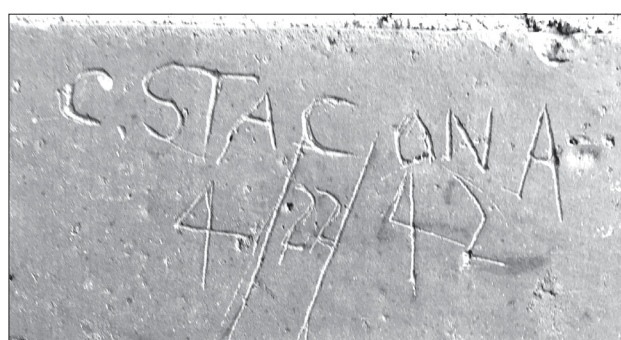
Veteran Republican Oregon Senator Jackie Winters, the first African-American Republican elected to the Legislature, died in late May at age 82 after a battle with cancer.

Sen. Winters was a good friend of Atwi Prosanna 'Pruny' Williams, working on women's health and children's welfare issues.

Sen. Winters was a longtime guest of the Pi-Ume-Sha dinner; and supported tribal efforts throughout her state legislative career.

*Congratulations to bicycle raffle winner Tony Anderson.  
Ronnie Thomas.*

### Interesting reminiscence



The Warm Springs Academy opened in the fall of 2015, the former Warm Springs elementary having closed that summer.

Some of the former school building now

house offices providing tribal health and family services.

The old school buildings, though, still bear apparent witness to former students who attended some years ago.



"It was brought to my attention that there are etchings on bricks at the old school building that may have meaning to someone," said Ron Hager, director of Warm Springs HAPPY.

The etchings (two examples above) appear to be by students who attended the school back in the 1940s—an interesting reminiscence of years gone by.

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