

Another school year gone by

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Wow, another school year completed. This year's Madras High School Seniors had graduation on June 1 and the Jefferson County Middle School gave their awards to their students. June 5, the Warm Springs Elementary had the fourth grade graduation ceremony with approximately 85 students involved. What a year.

The upcoming new school year will see a lot of changes for those kids, who have never been to any school where they are the minority. It is a complete shock to see other students other than those of their own culture and traditions. It is another shock to see young people with two parents, as grandparents or extended families are raising most of our kids. So it seems, because they've been raised a "certain" way, it is hard to adjust when entering the fifth grade.

In years past to the present, I've seen teachers degrade our kids/culture because they themselves are ignorant of the traditions and/or culture. I've seen teachers, counselors and aides lump us all in one negative category and leave no room for change. I've seen bus drivers and principals turn away when one of our kids was getting picked on verbally and physically. But when it came to our kid(s) defending themselves, it's our kids that were reprimanded. I've seen and heard our kids being called liars, troublemakers (because of the last name and family they come from), dumb and a lot other names that were negative. Then the school district wonders why it is so hard for our Native American children to continue with their education and graduate. I think the school district personnel need more than one night of Indian dancing to become enlightened to our way of life.

On the other hand, I have come across some teachers who are fantastic with each student. They are few but they do make a difference in the molding of our children. They give unselfishly, putting the needs of others before themselves. I've seen counselors who are full of compassion and hurt right along with you if you are hurting. I've rarely seen a principal who is so committed to his/her job that they know each and every child's name and the family they come from.

We want our kids to be able to adjust to make it in the "real" world without much change but if we keep ourselves separated and set apart from the rest of the world, we're being just as ignorant as they are. Maybe one day soon the color of our skin won't matter, or what family we are from or the way we dress, wear our hair, talk or how much money we have (or don't have) or what our parents do for a living. Maybe one day none of that will be a part of how others see us, and we'll each see one another as God sees us. And still be able to get along with each other, faults and all. But hey, that's only my opinion.

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events that are of interest to the Warm Springs community.

I'm sorry mom

Hi, my name is Jennifer Smith. I would like to apologize to my mom, Mary Danzuka for what happened on March 26, 02. I just want to say sorry and I love you and want to thank you for being here for me while I'm in jail. I wish I was out to help you anyway I can, but I'll be out soon. Sorry mom.

Love, Jennifer Smith

Powwow a success

Recently we attended the "Respect Culture - Enhance Education Pow Wow" held at Agency Longhouse. We are writing to say a special Thank You to all who were responsible for planning such a wonderful evening for 509-J employees and families. It was encouraging to see many of our administrators, teachers and educational assistants, along with their spouses and children in attendance at this special cultural event. Although we missed dinner because of a doctor's appointment in Bend, we arrived in time for the Grand Entry and enjoyed the evening immensely. Captain Moody was a great emcee and made it fun for all. (The prizes were great, too.)

Again, thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the evening so special. Thanks also to the Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Joint Education Committee, the Tribal Education Committee, Title VII, and the Johnson O'Malley Committee.

Everette and Phyllis Griffith

Please return horse

Back in 1995 my husband purchased a horse for our daughter's birthday, ut-uye Bridgette Camille Parra. Bridgette passed over in May 96. Well everyone in the Wolfe Point area knew that the white horse was our daughter's and left it alone. Bridgette's horse had two colts, one was killed by a neighbor's two dogs, the other buckskin colored colt roamed Wolf Point with its mother.

Other people began building in the Wolf Point area that weren't aware of this horse being our property and rounded up Bridgette's horse two years ago during Pi-Ume-Sha and branded it with "BH". Well our poor buckskin colored colt made its way home and was scared, dirty, and sad looking. I heard through the Indian grapevine who the brand belonged to and called their home and left a message for these people to please leave my daughter's buckskin colt alone.

Well last year during Pi-Ume-Sha, during their annual round up, our daughter's buckskin color horse with the erroneous "BH" brand on it was stolen again. This time it didn't come home. We were busy with my father so trying to locate the colt was not a priority.

Our daughter's horse never made

it home again. So whomever sold/stole my daughter's buckskin horse I hope you are taking good care of it. It had a lot of sentimental value to her father and I as well as her siblings.

Carol Parra

I love you

Dearest Sweetheart of mine,

Selena T. Payne, I would like to wish you a very happy birthday on June 9. I know I haven't been myself nor there for you in emotional times but we both know where I will be going and I do want to make it worth it. So if you could find it in your heart to forgive me for the lonely times, the abandonment, the hard times you have been through since I have been where I am. I really do love, honor, respect and cherish you with all my heart and I am doing the best I can to show you these things. This past year has been the ka-poots but we will bounce back and redeem ourselves once again. I am going to take everything one day at a time and support you, my darling, in anything that you do, big or small. I do want to change my lifestyle for the better by not using drugs or alcohol and if anyone has a problem with me because of this than you can just kiss my you know what. I know I can be a better person without the use of those and I am a loving person when I am not using. When I did use those I did not realize how bad I was treating my family and my beautiful wife. So for the better I am going alcohol and drug free. Well my lady have a special day, make the best of it, and I will be wishing you many more to come in the future. I love you and don't you ever forget that, okay sweetheart. Sorry this wish has to be late. I'll make up for it. Love always your monster, R. Payne Jr.

Big Thanks

First started with meeting at Wesley home, was decided food and cooks ok. Thanks Neda W for designing the dress/shirt, all planning. Lilly J and Beck for helping with shirts and Drenee - Cucur Wons't H'eidy for the cedar to bless the floor, Debbie S and Evat Betty for decorations, Carlos and Charmain for all their help and the double feathers. Tukur Wins for the mat for us to stand on. Bonnie Bax and her love for all the beautiful work with the flowers for me and the girls, they were beautiful. Levi and Pearl for fack it was just too

much. Mary D, Lucy M and Thom W, for preparing the full meal deal. For the people that traveled Wolf and Farrell and kids all the way from New Mexico. Harv's aunts, bother and nephews from Yakama, thanks for taking the time to come share our memorable event, you are not forgotten. Ladonna and Vernon we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks for the beautiful and pulling me out of a jam. The gifts were all so great and too much. The beautiful thoughts from Howie A, love you too. We are so grateful, and still on cloud 9 over all we've been blessed with.

We will never forget 4-27-02. Thanks to all involved in the wedding, especially my children and grandchildren, sisters, nieces and nephews. Our love will always be for you all. A big thank-you to Pearl and Levi VanPelt for the invitations, and to Prenincia Jewell VanPelt for the beautiful poem.

Our Thanks and Love, Harvey and Eliza Jim

Memorial June 15

There will be a memorial service for Freddy Blodgett Sr. and Evelyn Greeley Uyeji on June 15, 2002. Washut services will be at 9 a.m. and all drummers are welcome. This will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse in Simnasho. A lunch and give away to follow.

Hiring practices

People of Warm Springs, I was reading the May 16 Tymoo edition when I came across the article on "Kah-Nee-Ta adopts tribal member hiring program" for the high desert resort and casino. I got to thinking about all the ones who were hired and let go. In the article it mentions "we have funding for training for tribal members only." I know that they're hiring the people, but it seems that they are making sure that the ones they hire are sure to fail, so they can keep the key positions for themselves. As an employee of Kah-Nee-Ta, I see tribal members with little or no work history applying for ladder positions. They are hired immediately to meet the criteria set forth by the board of directors which is "to recruit and employ tribal members at Kah-Nee-Ta, and to provide training for work in the gaming and hospitality industry."

People who seem to be able to think for themselves are very few in

number, in these key positions. So what I am saying the Kitchen Management is hiring tribal members that have little or no education to fill these positions, and letting them go as fast as they are being hired. Then they pick non-tribal members with the work history to fill these positions and at the same time show a ledger of these tribal members who were hired and fired to show that we, the tribal members, still need them (Kitchen Management) to run OUR resort.

In closing I feel that the Tribal Members that want the jobs and want to work are getting pushed to their limits. When they want a meeting with the supervisors it's like pulling teeth to even get their attention, so this leads to Kitchen Management not wanting to deal with tribal members, and as a result they get their ledger and the tribal members get terminated.

Garrett Suppah Sr., Kitchen Staff and Tribal Member

Hello, from Pastor Rick

Just the other day I was reading an article in Scientific America magazine.

It spoke of two medical studies. It seems people are wired in the brain to look for short term patterns, real or imagined. When shown random circles and squares the brain really lights up the MRI machine in the front thinking part of the brain.

Our brain tries to memorize and understand the pattern of things even when there is no pattern. Now what does this mean to us? Well, someone might ask, "Why do people after a string of losses at gambling think they are due to win, and make a larger wager?"

It seems we humans will see a pattern that will bring us winnings that does not exist. It is really bad when we decide to bet again within a few seconds after losing. Our Creator has wired us to lose quicker the faster we gamble. Ask the Lord in prayer why? So what does that mean? If you must gamble, gamble slowly. Gambling is random chance. Remember, gambling is a head game, ha, ha. News from the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21. See you in church.

Paster Rick R. Ribiero 553-1237

Birthday wishes, anniversaries, Father's Day

Happy Fathers Day to Mike Kalama. Thank you for being there for me. You don't know how much it means to me. I know most of the time I'm pretty stubborn with you, but I'm glad you have the patience and time to teach me the things you have been teaching me. No matter what anyone says you are a great dad. Thanks for everything. Lots of love from your sidekick, DeAndre Jasper Smith.

Happy Fathers Day to Ricky Ray Smith. Love you lots daddy.
DeAndre Smith

Happy Fathers Day to my Grandpa's. I love you guys lots. Bugger, Ferman and papa Roy Stephens. Love, DeAndre Jasper Smith

Happy Fathers Day to Mike Kalama. Thanks for all you do. I'm so glad you one kind, Patient, gentle man! Have a great day, You deserve it. Love Always, Jennifer

Happy Fathers Day to our dads. We love you guys a lot. Ronald Kalama and Ferman Tufii, Sr.
Love, Mike and Jennifer.

Happy Fathers Day Grandpa Roy Stephens. All the way in the Dalles. We thank you for all you do for us. You are very much appreciated. Love you lots, Mike and Jeffifer

Happy fifth birthday, Traci Jo Elliot. From, mom and dad

Happy Birthday Sally Smith on 6-24. Sorry I can't be there with you but when I get out we will make up for lost time. Hang in there, sis, I love you and miss you lots. Love your sis, Jennifer Smith

Happy birthday, Suzanne Sam-Smith 7-1-01. I love you and miss you Banna or Sombra.
Love your Auntie, Jennifer Smith.

Happy belated birthday to Sena Polk, May 18.
Love Pearl, Hondo, Carson, Dondi, Julia and Lindsey too.

Happy Birthday to my two beautiful daughters Courtney (May 24) and Elizabeth (June 29). I love you both so much. I thank god everyday for the two angels he sent to me. You two are my strength and mommy is

Wedding announcement

Our precious moment in time will be truly remembered as we, Michael Soloman Kalama and Jennifer Kysral Tufii invite family and friends to witness as we exchange vows and unite as husband and wife. Friday, July 5, 2002, at 1 p.m. at the Warm Springs Baptist Church.

so proud of you. Love you a lot.
Love your mommy, Stacy Fasthorse.

Happy 21st Birthday Paulette R. Henry
I wish you a happy day & many more!
And I sure hope you have fun not that
You are of age. Love always & forever,
Na-Na Jolene & Chip

Happy Birthday Auntie Paulette. Lots of love your nieces Lauren, Lexis & Queen Elizabeth.
Thank-you, Jolene

Happy 15th Birthday on June 13, to Ashley Marie with love from your sister Laneda Sherene and your cousins Tonya Leigh and Leanna Elsie.

Happy Birthday, Running Bear. Hope you had a good one. The Spilyay Staff.

Happy Birthday Ashley Marie, June 13. With love, auntie Selena, Tony, George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson.

Happy birthday Tracy R. Sam. Love Gram and Gramps

Pat Brown, 30.
Love Sis and Harvey Jim



Congratulations to Robert and Marella Sam - 25 years of marriage bliss. They share 7 children and 4 grandchildren. They

were married June 29, 25 years ago. We love both of you and do take care of your love. You made it this many years. Love, mom and dad, Eliza & Harvey Jim, Chet VanPelt Family, Tiger and Tates VanPelt, Lillie VanPelt, Wolf Suppah and Family

Happy 26 birethday to my baby brother Jace. Another day to enjoy with family and loved ones. Take care, have a wonderful day. Eternal love, your na-na Jolene and Chip.

Happy birthday Uncle Jace. To our favorite, with lots of love always. Lauren, Alexis and Baby Jade.

Congratulations Chip AKA Raymond Tsumpti Jr. It's been some time, and now you are graduating from Oregon State. With four beautiful and important ladies by your side. We love you always and forever. Jolene, Lauren, Alexis and Jade. We will see you soon in Corvallis. While were at it... "Go Beavers!"