

Loss, grief and goals of life

By Selena T. Boise
Reporter

I remember when I went into treatment, one of the things that I had to do was write an obituary for myself. At the time I didn't understand why I had to do this. But then I realized that it was to see for myself all that I have accomplished in my life so far.

I am beginning to feel the realization of life again, as I have at times taken things for granted. Having people die tragically or slowly due to illness is a hard thing for families to deal with after the fact. This happened recently to the families of Dorothy "Pebbles" George, and Mylan "Crouch" Smith.

These two lives are now gone and the families left behind will miss them. They were parents, friends and true believers in family.

I will miss Pebbles and her smiling face, but at the same time I am glad that she no longer suffers with the illness that she had.

I will miss her at family gatherings in the community. She was not shy about getting right in there for the balloon toss, egg toss or three-legged race. She was there to have a good time and that was what she did.

What I liked the most about her was that her anger was short-term and she didn't let it get her down, she continued to live her life to the fullest with a smile. That is something that we can all learn from her, to let go of things that can drag us down.

Pebbles has definitely accomplished a great deal in her life. She carried her pride in being an Elvis Fan Club President of Warm Springs, and she did that well. She was Miss Warm Springs for the tribes, which is a great accomplishment.

There were many things that she did in her life and her family no doubt is proud of her.

I will miss her at the women's pool league games. She was always fun to play pool with.

One thing I didn't know was that she was once a logger.

Another logger who will be missed by many is Mylan, or Crouch, the name all his friends called him. It is hard to be a responsible family man, but he came through the barriers and was truly family-oriented, an admirable trait that will be remembered by his loved ones.

I find it easier to snap back to reality and realize that I have not accomplished all of my goals in life, and if I were to write my own obituary I would not be pleased with myself.

I decided 12 years ago to be a mom to my children and teach them to be ready for the world after school. I have to say that is my biggest accomplishment. I never dreamed I would have to lead them through stressful situations, but I managed and I didn't even realize it. I have yet to see them through many other situations that will come up.

In our community accomplishments and losses are always upon us, and we deal with them the way we are taught to deal with them. The best way is to be surrounded by friends and family who can share it with you.

Toe ness

What did one raindrop say to the others?

Let's get together and pool our resources. Yikes.

Many thanks

This letter is to thank everyone who had a part of Pebbles' care during her illness, hospital stay and funeral.

Thank you, Sam for loving her the last 15 years, to Dusty, Joe and Marlin for treating her as a mother, Big Joe and the rest of the Wahsise family. Thank you to aunt/mom Hilda Culpus and granddaughters. Thank you to family that traveled so far to see her. Her sister Doris from Taholah, Washington (and family), her brothers from LaPush, Wash., David and Dennis Hudson. Family that came to visit and pray for her, Brenda and Julie George and John for your Shaker songs, Lucinda Yazzie and family, Bobbi for your songs (and Fudd Suppah), Fannie, Faye and Pam, JoAnn Smith, Marva and girls for being there, Kanim Sr., Alvis Sr. and Besta, Rena and Kanim Jr. and kids, Eva Heath and grandchildren, Marlene Alexander, Jeri Smith, Brenda Scott coming to visit, Lucy, Sandra, Merv, Janette, Marvin for your prayers, Jackie Gabriel and children. Tiger and Tates, Eliza and Harvey Jim, all the drummers, Rosie Johnson and Mona Schuster, Dorothy Simtustus and Eraina Palmer.

Thank you Jojo, Wolfman, Angela, Aaron Squally, Johni, Tasha and Ashley, Bruce and family. Thank you Easton, Shanell, Perry III, and Colleen. Thank you Big Rat and Sacredheart for singing her very last songs. Mt. View nurses, Living Care nurses and assistants, and Hospice Care. Mary, Kris, Robbin, Debbie and all. Also thank you to doctors Manning, Creel, Rudd and Cornfield, and to Shari Marazio.

Please don't be offended/hurt if I left anyone out, it isn't intentional. Special thanks to the Small Business Department, Roberta Stone for the painted picture of her, it was beautiful. All the Chilocoans that emailed, called, visited and attended her funeral especially to Dolly Badonie, Alex Stone and Myrna Walking Eagle. Most of all I thank God for taking her out of her pain and making her whole again. The Lord blessed me with a friendship that lasted our lifetime, the next time we meet, will be everlasting. God Bless you and yours.

Tina, Easton and Shanell, Colleen and Perry III, Hilda Culpus and Family, Jojo, Kelli and kids, Wolfman, Farrell and kids, Angela and Brandon, Johnny, Tasha, Ashley, Bruce and family.

Thank you to doctors Manning, Creel, Rudd and Cornfield, and to Shari Marazio.

A better place

To my family, friends and relatives, I would like to take this time to thank all the elders, drummers, cooks, servers and all those that helped with our nana, a mother, sister, friend, grandma, and a great beadworker.

It was one of the hardest things for me to handle and to see her suffer like she did. I couldn't accept the fact the pills weren't working and wondered, "why her?"

As much as she suffered, I could feel her hurt but Pebbles would smile around, joke and laugh around with everybody.

I decided she's not suffering anymore and in a better place. She's probably dancing with the King up there in Graceland with her blue suede mocassins (aye).

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and thoughts. I'm gonna miss you very much, "Tun Mi." I love you very much.

With all my love to the kids

- Jo Jo, Angela, Wolfman, and especially Tasha and Ashley, take care of each other.

I will see you when I get out of treatment in 60 days. You can write me at this address:

17654 St. Helens Hwy., Portland, OR 97231. Linda "LaMoosh" Meanus. "Lil Trees."

Best wishes

Dear parents, students, friends and colleagues, my husband and I have moved to Wyoming, and I didn't get the chance to say a proper goodbye to many people.

I have enjoyed the four years I have spent in Central Oregon and the numerous wonderful people I have encountered. Too many people to count have touched my life in very special ways. There are no words to thank you all for the incredible memories, but thank you to everyone who went out of their way to help me while I was at Jefferson County Middle School. I humbly appreciate every one of you, and feel very blessed and grateful. To my colleagues: Never stop dreaming. The middle school has improved and will continue to improve with everyone in the community helping. To the students: Never stop believing in yourself, helping others and working hard.

To the parents: Never stop being involved in your child and his or her education. We need your help. And to everyone: Thanks and best wishes to you. Most sincerely,

Anita Moose

A great night

Our little committee would like to thank all those dancers, drummers, family members who made there way to Simnasho for the second Hot Summer Night Powwow. We had a great time dancing, playing games and visiting with one another. We greatly appreciated seeing our elders come and take part, and we would like to thank Jacob and Winona Frank, Norene Greene, Anna Clements, Patrick Mitchell, Levi and Chris Keo, and Lydia Murphy.

Rose Saludo and her grandson won the Simon Says contest. Daleena, Robert Jr. and Jermaine won the "Sweep your teepee" contest. Gene Sampson won the Round Bustle and was gifted a Pendleton blanket and a tanned buckskin hide, and Evan was gifted with blanket and ribbon shirt. Margie Tuckta won the Puth La Pa, and won a Pendleton blanket. Teenie Tappo was gifted with tanned buckskin. We had seven ladies entered in the Puth La Pa and each of them was gifted with a bundle.

We would like to thank the following for helping with the dinner: Levi, Chris and Terry Keo, Sandra Sampson, Norene Greene, Austin Greene, Charlotte Herkshan, Guy Wallulatum, Katie Smith.

We would also like to thank those who donated the toys and prizes: The Alcohol and Drug committee (Jim Quaid's group), Jay Suppah and family, Chuck Moody and family, Charlotte Herkshan, Frito Lay, Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola of the Dalles.

We want to thank Austin for the use of the P.A., Jabbar Davis for the generator, the guys from the Fuels Crew (Dilly, Charley and Eric) for cutting down the weeds, Jason Smith for the support, the Utilities crew (Jimmy, Cowhand, Virgil and Oliver) for the use of tables, garbage can

and the ever-important bathrooms. Thanks to the Fire and Safety crew and the two Warm Springs Police Department officers for standing by. I want to thank Nonie, Huston, Antone and Ryan. If I forgot someone please accept my apologies, it wasn't intentional.

We hope to see you on September 26, as we have our Second Annual Simnasho Shindig. Right now the specials that are planned are: 49 Drumming Contest, Sweep your teepee contest, and a clown dance and giveaway sponsored by Miz Hucks.

Captain and Family

Culture Camp

The 4-H camp staff would like to express appreciation for all the time, energy and support that many people have put forth year after year toward the Warm Springs 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp at Peter's Pasture.

Thank you to Utilities manager Herb Graybael, and to Cecil Bruno Jr., thanks for building the new shelves. Thank you to the Utilities crew that brought the tables, the barbecues, and the bee catchers, and thanks for hanging them.

A big thank-you to all the teachers for your creativity, energy and support. Thanks to Frank Jim for teaching the campers the songs and drumming.

Thanks to Fire and Safety, and Fire Management. Thank you Don Courtney and each officer for all you have contributed to the 4-H camp.

To Bubba and Chris, thank you, there is so much you both bring to the 4-H camp. Thanks to the crew from the Warehouse who delivered the paper goods as soon as they could.

To Maria and Bobby Macy from Warm Springs Market, you are the best for all you do to show support for the 4-H camp and all the 4-H activities we have throughout the year. Montell and Tracy, you are so special for all the treasures you bring to 4-H camp. A special thanks to Montell's supervisor for allowing her to be at this 4-H camp.

Harry Hisatake and his horses, you bring so much joy to the campers. Thanks and thank-you Jason Smith for allowing Harry to come to camp at Peter's Pasture.

Mary Smith, the camp nurse, we are so very thankful for all the years you have spent at the camp. And we'd like to thank Larry, her husband. Clint Jacks, thanks for all the support.

To Forest Management, thanks for cutting down the trees that were dangerous to the campers. Larson Kalama, thanks for all the help with the sweatshouses. Thank you to Richard Craig for doing the water testing, and a big thanks to all the businesses that gave the 4-H camp at Peter's Pasture a discount. These are Warm Springs Market, Erickson's, Cash and Carry and United Grocers.

4-H camp staff

Privileged

Thank you to our Native American family, for your loving care and patience with us during the time of our son David Miller Kalama's death.

Your kindness, guiding and explaining of the things to do at that sorrowful time were very helpful.

We are privileged to be part of the family.

David was a kind-hearted guy. He brought a lot of joy while he was with us. We will

miss his phone calls. He was always the first of our children to call on birthdays, anniversaries and special days. We were blessed to have him in our life. We loved him and love all of you.

Loyal and June Miller

Indian name

I just want to express my whole hearted thank you to the people who went all out to give one of my grandsons, Dura Boff, an Indian name. Thank you to the language workers for your kind hearts. You will all be blessed one day. Thank you to the Culture and Heritage Department, where he works. You will also all be blessed one day. I really enjoyed my day at HeHe that day.

Thank you again,
Maxine McKinley and all her children

Investment idea

I have an idea of 100 of us each investing \$100 to create after-school jobs for our children, to offer them the opportunity of exposure to economic cash flow, how to handle their kitsy to benefit not only themselves but also to retain that dollar in our community of Warm Springs instead of always going to Madras.

One idea is to create a water world park owned and operated by Warm Springs teens, creating our own business leaders and tycoons. Water. Of all our natural resources choosh always was and still is our foremost prayer, blesses, gifts. The ultimate goal is to own barges and ships that will offer future generations international world trade. Our treaty tribes have always been river skins, not only fishing but I can remember people from all over of all nationalities coming to Celilo to trade. Before my time, even before any other people lived in the U.S.A. our elders bartered on our Columbia River inchewana clear up into what is now called Canada, using the Pacific Ocean too.

We possess an inherent right given by our Creator to utilize our inchewana and Pacific Ocean waterway. Water laws are different than land laws. Our treaty tribes have always traded up and down the Pacific Coast and the Columbia River.

If we can accomplish even a fraction of this goal, I believe that we would be the first and only tribe to own its own barges, ships, etc. A dream. If we can get it started, then our children will benefit.

Bobby Eagleheart

An apology

Mr. Johnson, I would like to let you know that I deeply regret my actions I have done to you and your property. There are not enough words to explain my actions. No man in his right would do a thing that I have done. However, I am not asking you to forgive me, for I don't think it is forgivable, but I would like to apologize personally. And I am going to seek help with my addictions and alcohol problems. Hopefully I will be able to find a positive source of income, whether it be here or out in the world someplace else. But for now I am where people like me wind up when we abuse alcohol and/or drugs. Once again I apologize for my actions. Sincerely,

Curtis Lamont Brown

A thank you

On behalf of my two grandsons, C. Michael and Kendall Bobb, I want to thank all those

who offered words of comfort and encouragement to them during the funeral of their beloved father Corwin. It really meant a lot to them to know that there were so many caring people.

Both grandsons got to meet their three siblings from Washington. They were so happy to meet them and know they weren't alone in their grief and loss. They also were happy to learn they were related to the other Washington visitors, and were thrilled to add them to their comforters and relatives.

I want to send out extra thanks to my family who came to be supportive to the boys: Selena, Richard, Duran, Amy, Preston, Isaac, Jeannie, Bunny, Carol P., Kathy Smith and Captain, plus all CJH's family members for words of comfort. It was a shock to my grandsons to lose their dad so suddenly and so young. They have a great support system, so they're doing fine.

Myrna Frank

On addiction

I want to apologize for a letter I wrote in the Spilyay that said alcohol and drug addiction are not a disease, but a choice. This is a retraction tot that message. Addiction is an incurable, chronic and progressive disease. There remains a choice of whether you want God to free you from it or not. Scriptures clearly point out that drunkenness (1st Cor.6:10; Gal.5:21) or sorceries (greek word phamakeia, drug use) are lusts, which keep one from Heaven. Strep throat is a disease you are stuck with until you go to the doctor and receive a prescription to free you of the bacteria, streptococcus. Addiction is a disease you are stuck with and will keep you from Heaven. The AA 12-steps are a God-given prescription. The first steps tell you to accept a Savior and a Lord.

There are words describing addiction in the Bible. One of them is inordinate affection (Col. 3:5). One is lust (4:5). The Greek word synonymous to these words is pathos. Pathos is the diseased condition of the soul out of which the various lusts spring.

Addiction is the diseased condition of this soul. Alcohol and drugs are two of the various lusts that spring up from it.

Addiction is the spiritual disease because we think we can play doctor on our "self." But we have no control. The invisible and intangible soul/spirit can only be healed with the intangible and invisible Spirit of God. Addiction is a physical disease because we think we can stop using once we have started, but have no control. Addiction is a mental disease because our minds become obsessed with the desire to use, and though our mind has no control, it becomes "genius" when it comes to that next drink or making an excuse to drink.

Note that all three aspects, spiritual, mental and physical portions of the disease have lack of control. Can anyone say, "I have made up my mind and purposed in my heart that my body will never catch a cold?" Hardly. Then, understand that if you are an addict of any sort, that does not make you a bad person, or immoral person. Stop beating yourself up. You have a disease that you were born with.

RT Thompson

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