

Olney Patt

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Times were troubled for the Patt family. Olney was alone and he felt like an island on the reservation.

"I never understood why people would be at our home using belittling or abusive language," she says.

She goes on, "My father would have them come in the house. My mom would ask us to leave and I would go around by the side. I could hear what they were saying. It was a sad time for me because I didn't understand why they were using mean and abusive language with my dad in our native tongue."

After incidents like this, arwai Frances Patt would order Orthelia and the other kids to leave him alone and let him think about what had happened. She remembers hearing her father and mother talking long into the night about some of the difficult decisions facing the tribes during those years. She credits her mother with helping provide the strength to hold the family together in those times.

"I feel proud because I've come from a stealthy family, strong and healthy on both sides," Orthelia says, "We were rich, not in wealthy things."

Orthelia prefers to concentrate on the happy memories of her family. A traditional family where the men and women had their separate duties in the house, but as soon as the girls stepped outside, they were expected to take care of the horses, paint truck racks and carry firewood. It taught them to be comfortable in two different worlds.

But most of all she recalls the

warm memories of a little girl when her father would be the first one out of bed on a cold winter morning. Olney would rush to the woodstove and get the fire started. Then he would jump back in bed. While the house warmed, he would sing traditional songs - owl dance, round dance and even war dance songs to his entire family. He kept the rhythm by gently rapping his knuckles on the wall.

"He would tap on the wall and sing to us every morning. He had a really good voice," she says.

Olney was with his family. These were the good times. These were the happy times.

History of a Leader

1950 - Fought against public law 280

1957 - Celilo flooded by The Dalles Dam backwater

1958 - The Dalles Dam settlement of \$4 million for loss of fishing sites. Most of the money is held in tribal treasury.

1958 - Pelton Dam dedicated.

1961 - Warm Springs Land Purchase Act passed by Congress [first time an Indian Tribe had repurchased their own land with their own money].

1961 - Confederated Tribes purchase Kah-Nee-Ta for \$165,000.

1965 - Dedication of Round Butte Dam and Lake Billy Chinook.

1966 - Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery authorized to stock waters on reservation with salmon and trout.

1972 - Tribal Elderly Pension Program established.

1972 - Kah Nee Ta Lodge grand opening.

1972 - McQuinn Strip returned to tribes.

1974 - US District Court rules Indian people are entitled to half of the harvestable salmon and steelhead in the treaty area and have the right to fish at traditional off-reservation sites.

1976 - Phase 3 of Kah-Nee-Ta dedicated.

1977 - Tribal Administration Building completed.

1978 - Warm Spring National Fish Hatchery dedicated.

1978 - Industrial Park established.

1979 - Confederated Tribes appropriate \$10,000,000 for Pelton Reregulating Dam Hydroelectric project.

1984 - PGE settles with tribes on negotiated payments relating to Pelton/Round Butte Project on the Deschutes River.

Nat Shaw of Tribal Relations provided research for this history.

Letters of apology

To my family, friends and fellow people of Warm Springs, I have just returned home from successfully completing drug and alcohol treatment at the Sundown M Ranch in Selah, WA. While there I learned about the addictive poisons that control so much of our people. I'm not trying to sound or act better than anyone else. I'm not. I was selling that poison to our people in the form of methamphetamine. This is my formal apology and yes I am very sorry. To some of you this could be humorous, for you have read lots of apology letters. I am sincere and plan on paying back our community in positive cultural and spiritual ways. I would like to say thank you to the courts and police department for without them I would not had a chance to turn my life

around and get on the "Red Path of Sobriety." It is a good feeling, but again I am sad and very sorry to you my people of Warm Springs. Sincerely, **Shawn D. Cartney.**

I am writing this letter of apology to a person very dear to me. My action of anger was uncalled for on March 29, 2004.

I hope I'm not a fright to you because I love you. Alcohol's done me no good so I'll work on that problem. I wish us a more stable future. **T.T.**

To the community of Warm Springs I am really sorry for my actions that resulted with myself being arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. I understand that I endangered the community by driving with no taillights (which have been repaired). I will not let it happen again. Sincerely, **A. Gonzales.**

To the community and people of Warm Springs. I would like to apologize for driving under the influence back in February 2003. I realize what I did was wrong and will try not to let it happen again. **C. Stwyer.**

Due to a conviction and sentence for the criminal act against the tribes of driving under the influence, and upon recommendation of prosecutor Toni Made, I have been ordered to write a letter of apology to you. So, therefore, in compliance of the court, I apologize to you.

I would like to thank the police officer for being kind enough to take care of my vehicles. Thanks much to my two kids for their big heart. Respectfully submitted, **E. D. Thompson.**

Kah-Nee-Ta: focus on tribal member employment

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The intent of the program, along with enterprise hiring practices, will focus on tribal member employment and opportunities.

The human resource department will be implementing the program in the very near future. Under Janell Smith's guidance, program manager Laurain Hintsala, along with two coordinators, Priscilla Frank and Leroy Smith, formerly of Warm Springs Forest Products, bring a unique understanding to the program and human

resource area.

It is Kah-Nee-Ta's hope that tribal members will take advantage of its human resource staff and jobs in the hospitality industry.

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