

More letters to the editor

U.S. Marine

Friday, February 3 and 4, 2005 Austin and Lois attended their son's basic training graduation at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego, California. We want to thank a young Marine and her family who made our trip a lot easier. Tasha and her husband Pare and their daughter Kaili Leanne Marie Hicks-Wert. We would've still been standing around at the airport and lost if you folks hadn't seen us. They picked us up at the airport, got us a room on base for the first night and let us spend the second night at their place. We ate well and slept like bears and in the morning they drove us to the graduation ceremonies and then back to the airport again.

It makes a lot of difference when there are thoughtful people helping you that know what is needed and can help someone by being hostful and caring, expressing their good teachings. Thank you. Our son is young and has chosen to serve America as a soldier, here he expects to find out more about life as he continues to seek. He reads, writes and speaks English very well and understands much about the reasons of war. He has always had the interest of being what he is now doing. I tell him to help people if you can and to find their viewpoint, because it is important to understand others as you understand yourself. Brotherhood is being a Marine to our son, prayer and good



Austin L. Smith Jr.

thoughts are all we have for Marines. We know he'll make changes with his life along the way. He most likely has thoughts and prayer for our lives too to make changes within ourselves too. Being who you are is important. I'll never forget that moment when the Eagle, Globe and Anchor had been presented to you and your fellow Marines. Thank you Austin L. Smith Jr. for bringing us to witness all you young men at MCRD graduate becoming and advance with the best part of all of us. We all Love you, because, Love is forever. Austin Smith Sr.

Name giving

Saturday, February 5, 2005, at the Simnasho Longhouse. Kamiax. Thank you Alvis W. Smith Sr. and Shirley Smith, for all the good feelings that you have given us here at 7230 Hwy. 3, Schoolie Flats. My father Alvis followed up on a request that

Lois and myself wanted to happen in the Wasco way, we wanted our son Austin L. Smith Jr. to be given his traditional Wasco name. Since he being a male and my father being a Wasco, the name must come from the father's side of the family. As pointed out by his uncle, Lawrence Squiemphen Jr. I think the name giving ceremony went very well because of the blessing done by the Washut drummers and singers, also, for all the nice items donated by both sides of the family for the giving away and most of all from the good feelings extended through the hearts of all the good people that brought themselves to attend the rejoining ceremonies and this name giving ceremony on this special day. Thank you, from the heart to all of the Songs, Sticks and Drums, that came together making all things right through the Washut drummers and singers at this time and the good words spoken by elders to our son as he accepted his new name through good motions. My father addressed everyone and expressed the name and the meaning of the name chosen for him to carry on, also, my father told of where the name came from and who carried it before him.

Thank all you good people for helping us with this naming ceremony and the way it happened. It is good to be from Warm Spring Nation, here in 2005. God bless each and everyone and may our future be like those who have gone on before us. Austin's



Austin Smith Jr. and Alvis Smith Sr. at name-giving ceremony in Simnasho.

grandparents on mother side: Atwai Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sr. and Artis (Scott) Squiemphen. Grandparents on father side: Mr. and Mrs. Alvis and Atwai Ramona Rosetta (Whiz) Smith. Much love from: Austin, Lois, Wyntersky, Kacie, Louis, Archie and Pasha, Austin II, Johnny, Jasper, Leander, Leonard, Jeremiah and Isaiah and all our relations.

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Birthday and other wishes...



Congratulations to Katrina Ann Blackwolf for her accomplishments at school. Katrina is 8 years and in the third grade. She attends Lincoln Elementary School in Toppenish, where she recently won the student award for Tolerance. The award says, "Katrina is patient and understanding. She is nice to all kinds of people." Katrina was born in Oregon, and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes. She lives in Toppenish with her mom and sister.

She likes soccer and pow-wow dancing. "She is well loved by her friends and family, and we are very proud of her," said her mom, Zelma Jackson Blackwolf. Congratulations on the award, Katrina.



Happy third birthday to Sophia Mae. Love you lots and miss you. Love, Grandma Mi-Mi and Jack.



Happy 3rd birthday, Sophia. Love, Mom.



Congratulations to Farrel and James (Lucei) Hance on your newest addition. Welcome, Illyan Hazelynn Hance, born Jan. 31, 2005 at 5:46 a.m., six pounds eight ounces, 20 inches long.

Grandmother, the late Hazel Lucei. Maternal great grandmother and father, Norman and the late Janice (Hoptowit) Lucei. Paternal grandparents, Evelyn and Bob Richards of Calif. Paternal great grandparents Elsie Hardgrave of Okla., and Charles Sweet of Okla.

Happy birthday to our Na-Na Lauren, with lots of love always, your lil' sisters Alexis, Jade and Baby Tatum.

Happy 12th birthday to my daughter Lauren Holliday. You've grown to be a very beautiful young lady. Hope you have a wonderful day. Forever love, mom and Chip.

Happy birthday to my lovely niece Lauren. Love, Uncle Jace (Janeisha and Tajah) Hintsala.

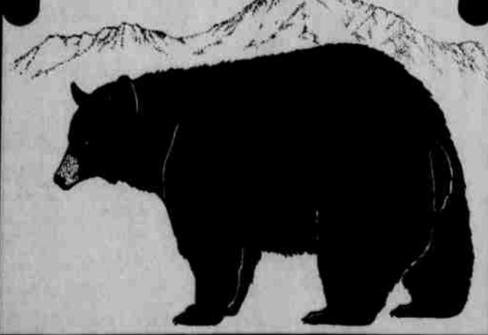
Happy birthday, Lauren. Love, Grandpa Harry and Grandma Bunnie.

Happy birthday Auntie Am and Uncle Dolan. Lots of love, Lauren, Alexis, Jade and Tatum.



Congratulations to Lil' James H. on becoming a big brother to Illyana Hazelynn on Jan. 31, 2005.

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