

Youth participation important to their confidence

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So, what do you think of the new sub-chief of the Paiute? Gordon Scott Jr. was named on Saturday. I'm not real political but I think that Joe Moses must have had a good reason for naming somebody, because it seems there is always controversy when it comes to naming someone after the passing of a chief.

But then, isn't there controversy when naming somebody at any time? I know for instance some people disagree with the recent sub-chief ceremony.

If the chief names somebody, then there is no question as to who will become the next chief. Gordon is the grandson of the late Nick Kalama, who was chief before his passing.

I wanted to witness the sub-chief naming process. As I stated in an article before, I've wanted to witness the naming of a sub-chief ever since I heard about Bullneck's naming ceremony. But my kids were bowling in the state tournament in Portland when Gordon Scott was named, so I missed it, but was able to see the pictures taken by Dave.

Speaking of my kids and their tournament, I have to say that they made a good showing at the state YABA tournament. There were three teams from Jefferson County that attended, and one team is standing in first place: Nick Hamilton, Mychal VanPelt, George Boise and Leanna Boise. I was quite the proud parent. Though they all fell apart in the doubles event, some of them came back and fared well in the singles event.

These three teams were able to see their new friends from the Pepsi Cola Tournament held last month. Five of the Jefferson County bowlers qualified for the state level in the Pepsi Cola Tournament. Let's hope to see qualifying entries at the national level held in Indiana.

It is a nice thing to see when our youth are showing their talent or skills in sporting events both in high school and other organized activities. Actually it's a nice sight just to see the youth participating in organized activities, because there are a lot of athletic or talented youth in Warm Springs.

I especially enjoyed hearing and reading about Briana Stacona because I remember photographing her as a young lady in the youth tournaments in Warm Springs.

It's a hard thing for some youth to get out there and participate in activities. I wanted my kids to experience some sports activities when they were younger. Some of the other kids were so competitive and my kids' confidence levels were low because they weren't as good as the other kids. They would have kept trying had it not been for the other kids telling them they're not good enough.

It is a hard thing to bring up the self-esteem of kids who are below the standards of other kids. That in turn makes it hard to get them back out there to try again. But all of them should at least get that chance to try, and maybe they can bring up their confidence enough to say "I tried that once." Maybe they will try something else without fear that they aren't good enough. Look at the confidence in Gordon Scott. He must be confident in himself, as he is willing to step up and accept this honor.

Spilyay
Speaks

Long journey

I know it's been a while since I wrote a letter to the people. I'm still in my recovery yet and still working my program as a clean and sober cancer survivor.

It's been a long, lonely six months journey on my road to recovery physically, emotionally and mentally but spiritually very strong in prayer. I would like to thank all my relations who were at the medicine dancing, singing the prayers and releasing my energy to heal my body, spirit and mind. It felt so good. I was very grateful to all the auntsies for singing and praying for me. I really needed them to let me know they cared, loved me and supportive of my healing journey.

I have one more surgery on April 4 to close my ileostomy to make sure that there's no cancer and four more months of chemotherapy to make sure. I'm praying for myself and for others who are dealing with other kind of cancer, so that they will live and be strong in their heart and soul.

Today, I'm very proud to say I'm a cancer survivor who understands, and want others to be educated about their lonely disease.

It sure does mix your emotions and controls your mind but it's good to talk about it. I hope this letter let's people know I'm still hanging in there. Doing the best I can trying to enjoy life to the fullest. Being grateful for what I have and who I am. Being alive and thankful to the Creator for his guidance. Giving me strength, faith and hope to continue living. He's given me another chance at life again, so I'm loving it.

I wish everyone to have a Happy Easter and enjoy life one day at a time. Praying helps a lot. It does for me.

Thank you for letting me share my feelings and to let people know how I'm doing, if they want to know. Sincerely, with my love, **Linda Meanus, Lamoosh.**

Common goals

Let's face it, you face it and accept reality. Collaboration without the people's voice has taken us nowhere and you everywhere.

Indian Casino monies have the absolute attraction of the United States Government; as well as the greedy that do not want to work hard for the money. They take a big piece of our pie which certainly is misuse, abuse, mismanagement, unmanagement of our tribal dollars and why isn't the BIA or government capping on this as a self determination detriment?

Leaders across Indian Country, at times, may as well be considered scouts (but let's not compare these to the Wasco scouts that took care of personal business), no matter which way our hard earned dollars and destruction of our natural resources is looked at and recorded in the money books, our immediate community in not healthier, growing economically nor developing, nor are we beautified and our monies are not being put away for our future generations.

Leaders, few years back, I told you that water was like gold; if not more so today. Did our tribal attorneys or our consultants tell you? Our people have been requesting you to bottle our water for years; at least it would be revenue. Investigate who is funneling our water and make them court accountable. Watch the BPA contracts and make outsiders abide by our

laws, we are a sovereign nation. Why do you keep allowing the pollution of the waters surrounding us and running through our reservation, even our drinking water is despicable.

The voice of our People should run through your blood, our voice is what should let your heart know that all your traveling isn't bringing brains to develop our community; our past built homes are not even built to housing codes, is this crookedness still going to be allowed? Your people are the ones suffering-dying. Your actions say that you do want healing in our community, your actions say that you are only worried about traveling here and there; actions do speak louder than words.

First there was murdering of our ancestors, then land allotments, boarding schools, Christianity in disguise, IRA, Self Determination - all laws and rules to fit their livelihood, their technology, their diseases, their terrorisms, what about the race that took care of this land since time immemorial? The revolving door of infestations and politics is killing our race and effecting our future generations.

They have EPA laws, why don't we, they have major crime laws, why don't we? They have attorneys, CFO's, doctors, why don't we? The commercial code is not the answer, bettering the un-management of our programs, branches and enterprises is the answer, making departments accountable is the answer, making people actually work is the answer, making employees accountable for Tribal Council priorities is the answer. You have opened our doors wide enough to let all this destruction happen, you allowed it and enabled it. Let's be the closed reservation you claim us to be. Get a new team of players; ones that are schooled in this generation, ones that have brains, ones that know what work is, ones that care about all their people, ones that care about our future, ones that are stand up, ones that are not sneaky, conniving politicians that only care about themselves and their new shoes. Sincerely, **Emma Smith.**

A thank you

To my family and friends, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to everyone who has been there for our family through these very difficult times. I know through the years our family has lost many family members in such a very short time.

First of all I would like to thank and honor my mom, Aleatha "Blondie" Wolfe for being very strong through all shortcomings, the loss of her father Fred Johnson Sr., brothers Jeff Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Fred Johnson, Jr., sisters Pat Schuster, Eva Heath, and Auntie Laura Stwyer Crowe.

My mom has been ill and through all this has prevailed to be strong and comfort many who needed a shoulder to cry on. I would also like to thank and honor Mona Starr and family for the courage and strength they offered even with the recent demise of the loss of her daughters, our cousins Rhonda Starr and Florence Starr.

Mona has been very spirited through all of our great losses and has shown us strength unimaginable. A very special thanks goes to Larry Dick and Rose Mitchell who has always been there for our family by offering knowledge, comfort, and bearing of officiating processions.

Recently, I would like to ex-

tend my appreciation to all of the friends and family who have helped and supported my brother Raphael Caldera through the great loss of Maria Minthorn, my great friend, who will be dearly missed. You have all been so kind by sending support through strengthening words of comfort, sending food to make sure Raphael keeps his strength physically, and standing by my brother in a difficult and devastating time.

An extended thanks goes to my brothers, Archie Caldera who caringly submitted his art work and regalia creations to many of our family funerals, Lawrence Caldera and Raphael Caldera who with sensitivity and concern extended comforting words and also shed light with humor.

Thank you, brothers, for you have all been there for each other in a time of need, through words of comfort, actions showing that you care and prevailing beyond limitations and boundaries.

Thanks goes out to nephews, nieces, and my two sons, Jonathon Caldera and Nicholas Caldera, who have helped by putting forth effort in everything asked of them. And finally we cannot fail to remember family and friends who have eagerly contributed time, effort, and materials.

Our entire family would like to extend thanks to all who have participated in our time of need; officiators, drummers, cooks, dancers, and all of the helpers. Again, thank you very much family and friends. I would also like to announce the completion of my Masters in Business Administration, specializing in E-Commerce, I could not have finished with out your support. Thanks again. **Cynthia Caldera and Family.**

Appreciation

To my family and friends:

I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the people who shared their concern while I was in the hospital at Mountain View. Special thanks goes to Archie and Roberta Caldera for taking care of me, Cynthia Caldera, Lawrence Caldera, Raphael Caldera and respectively all the children. My thanks and love goes out to each and everyone, family and friends, who have showed their support. I love my family and friends dearly, my prayers are with all of you and may God bless. Sincerely, **Aleatha "Blondie" Wolfe.**

Heart Smart

A crowd of about 200 community members attended the Twelfth Annual Heart Smart Dinner at the Agency Longhouse on March 2. The sound of drums greeted everyone as they entered the longhouse. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lemon pepper salmon dinner prepared by chef Michael Spauldnig. The Senior Center cooks jumped in and helped in the kitchen. Staff and volunteers served the food.

While everyone was eating their meals, the unique music from Queen Lorene and the Skillet Lickers filled the longhouse. A memento to Heart Smart, donated by the Community Health Education Team (CHET), was given to people sitting at the tables.

Carolyn Harvey and Elsie Howard presented their education and then Elton Greeley gave a special presentation to Mark Matthews. Then all the children lined up for a gift.

Next, the elders received a gift and then the raffle started. When everything was done, people hung around to get their blood pressure/blood sugar done by the diabetes staff.

There were so many volunteers that jumped right in and helped with the clean up. We really appreciated everyone who helped. I wish I could thank each of you personally.

Every year we ask for donations from staff so that we can have the gifts and raffle items. If it wasn't for them and their families, we wouldn't have items to give out. I want to give thanks to all the people who donated and if I miss anyone, please let me know.

Monetary donations were received from Joy and Carolyn Harvey, Amy Wright, Marge Koeping, Jennie Smith and myself. Donations of raffle items were received from Marge Koeping, Elsie Howard, Diana Howell, Gay Priday, Dr. Creelman, Madeline Queahpama-Spino, Nicole Hanlon, Kaci Solt, Dayle Tufti, Rose Rudder, Marian Smith, everyone who donated saver shields and Debbie Jackson.

Thanks also go to those who are continuously supporting our function: All the drummers (sorry, I didn't get everyone's name), Judy Budd, Liz Sasche, Lori Mitchell, Bernadine Watlamat, Dan Walston at Erickson's Sentry, Michael Spaulding, Kirstie Morrison and Mikayla Collins who do the public service announcements on KWSO every year with their grandpa, CHET, Early Childhood Education kids for all the beautiful decorations, Royce Emanks, Diane Franklin, Elton Greeley, Wilson Wewa who MC'd, Senior Center cooks. Carshal Brunoe was a big help at the longhouse, also The Wilman from KWSO and last of all but not least - everyone who attended the function. We hope to see you all back next year with more friends and family. Sincerely, **Kat Spaulding, Jennie Smith, Marge Koeping and Elsie Howard.**

Peyton Place

My dear people: I am really tired of all the things going on, it's like Peyton Place. If you have ever seen this movie, you would know what I am talking about. But to hear about comments that our own leaders say about the people who put them into office. You know the people are the ones who put these leaders there, they didn't put themselves there, so why attack a person who voted for them, supported them? Why? Personal issues, personal gain? What? Why attack your own people?

It's time to put a stop to all of the traveling, it's time to stop

all of the personal gains in this area, you can do all you want to your people. You are only hurting yourself. It's time to stop all of the making of own arrangements of travel, need to go back to designating who is going to go where, and how many can go. Not "I'm gonna go here, I'm gonna go there" without even asking, appointing themselves to speak on behalf of all the people. **Barbara Jim.**

What to do

What would you do if you one of your loved ones was either close to death in the hospital or permanently unconscious, and it was very unlikely that your loved one would ever become conscious again? What if you were the patient in the hospital and you were either permanently unconscious or close to death, and the doctors were asking your family what to do? How would you want your family to direct the doctors?

From Florida and in the national media we've seen and heard the news about Terry Schiavo and how her parents and husband fought in the courts about whether or not to keep her on life support with the feeding tube. The problem for the doctors, courts and family is that Terry never left written instructions for what she wanted her doctors to do if she became terminally ill and on life support.

This is a "what if" question that could face everyone who reads this letter at the end of their life. Tribal members can express their wishes about life support, and whether they want doctors to use or not use life support by completing a written legal form called, "an advanced directive to physicians." This is a standardized form used by IHS doctors and Oregon hospitals. Tribal members can get advanced directive to physicians forms at the clinic's medical records office. After you review the form, you can either make an appointment with a clinic doctor, or the attorney at the Warm Springs Legal Aid office. The form must be signed in front of two witnesses.

Legal aid recommends that the original advanced directive to physicians form should be given to your primary doctor to be put in your medical charge, and that you should provide copies to your family.

Warm Springs legal aid is open Monday through Friday at the Vern Jackson Home. Tribal members can make an appointment with Demus Martinez at 553-3269. **Mark Matthews.**

Get in touch

Dan, Leo and Carol, old friends of Julie Cloud, would like to get in touch with her. Please call (510) 428-2575.

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