

Proud time for parents

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School is winding down to the last few weeks and graduation is just around the corner for both high school and college. I should know because I have a high school senior and my husband is graduating from Central Oregon Community College with his associates degree.

I am proud of my son. He's a year late but he never gave up. He was two credits short of graduating last year and picked those up this year. I'm going to miss seeing his choir concerts during the school year after this, but we will see his spring concert soon before the school year ends.

I am proud of my husband also because he works hard to put in his 40 hours of work for the week and attends school full-time. He is getting his degree in Automotive Diesel Mechanics because he works in the mechanic's shop at the Warm Springs Forest Products. This is something he studied right out of high school but never completed until now.

I bet he won't miss that trip to Bend four times a week. It was certainly hard on him to travel that distance and travel back to continue working to make the full work week. He would be on the road for about nine hours a week.

Well, it's about to be finished and he will be able to work and then have his evenings again. It's been quite an experience for us all and we are glad to have learned from this, especially our kids. I was telling our kids how important it is to finish high school and then continue school immediately after. Because your study habits are there, and you are starting college with your math and writing skills fresh in your mind.

My high school senior is learning that he should go ahead and do something now rather than later because of this experience. He doesn't want to work a full week and attend school.

I'm not saying that it isn't possible to attend years down the road, but why wait?

My husband was fortunate to have this opportunity to finish school. It took a lot to do this for him because he had to apply for financial aid, from which he received the Pell grant and student loans. The tuition costs are high and the mileage back and forth to Bend were high, plus the cost of books. You can't imagine how high the price is for books, up to \$150 for one book, and some classes require more than one book.

I think the time to attend college is right out of high school because if you wait, things come up and you put it off, then something else comes up and it gets put off again.

Spilyay Speaks

Kah-Nee-Ta

I wanted to congratulate all of our tribal leaders on reaching a critical turning point for the reservation. The signing of the compact is indeed a great victory to be celebrated, and I can't wait to see how things are in, say, 20 more years.

After Bridge of the Gods is up and running, we're still going to have Kah-Nee-Ta on the reservation. It would be nice to see the resort transformed into an establishment better suited to serve our community. It would benefit the reservation beyond belief if Kah-Nee-Ta was transformed into an Indian college.

We could teach arts, computer technology, archeology, tribal languages, business, Indian law and tribal history. People who want to further their education wouldn't need to leave the reservation. Indians from across the country would bring in their tribal dollars for tuition. The dorm rooms are there, the classrooms are there, the physical education facilities exist, and it would make a perfect campus community.

If a college seems a little extreme, then Kah-Nee-Ta would make a great school (K-12) or a national Native American alcohol and substance abuse treatment center. It's out of the way and in a private area.

I'm just so proud of our tribal leaders and their accomplishments, and once again - congratulations! Respectfully, **Frederick Duran Bobb, Skw'ililapt.**

A thank you

The Jackson family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support throughout this time of sorrow. A special thanks to all who sent flowers and cards, it was greatly appreciated. Also, we greatly appreciate the help from Charles and Sandra Jackson, Anita and Debbie Jackson, as well as all included in funeral proceedings. **Patricia A. Jackson and family.**

The salmon

Seals and sea lions. The real problems for salmon are the dams and the federal agencies that are responsible for supposedly balancing the electrical production needs and equitable treatment to the fish and wildlife in the Columbia River drainage. (The Northwest Power Act of 1980.)

NOAA has failed to come up with recovery numbers for the salmon species and the marauding seals. Will there be a goal, something to achieve?

The salmon don't have a chance to escape from the seals because of the dams and the fish ladders. These situations are not part of the natural landscape.

The seals need to be dealt with. If environmental or bleeding heart groups encroach into this arena, then the doors to lawsuits should be open to all the fishing sectors in the Pacific Northwest.

All ratepayers: We all supposedly pay \$600 million per year for salmon recovery. **Terry Courtney Jr.**

Sea lions

The numbers of invading California sea lions at Bonneville dam have been drastically increasing every year. Those sea lions are far past their natural bounds. At Willamette Falls one was observed eating 51 salmon in a two-week period. Sea lions can swim very fast, about 25mph. The average bull weighs between 700 and 800 pounds, has 30 to 36 sharp teeth and extremely powerful jaws. Once any fish is bitten the prey has virtually no chance of escaping.

Sea lions are now attacking sturgeon, which are protected. TV news showed video of an 8-foot sturgeon in the jaws of a sea lion being shaken around like a rag doll. The slow swimming sturgeons are prehistoric fish which are in more trouble now than ever before.

Where's the spring chinook run? At Bonneville Dam, sea li-

ons are gorging on salmon around and inside of the four fish ladders. Sea lions are notably smelly animals. Salmon have an exceedingly well-developed sense of smell. The scent from all those sea lions probably produced an alarming reaction that might well deter salmon from entering the narrow fish ladders, driving them back.

The obvious interference is causing a smaller and later spring chinook salmon run. The sea lion issue at Bonneville dam is a significant concern to the four 1855 treaty tribes that are seeking a lethal solution. Sea lions do not belong in the fish ladders or this far up the river. A lethal solution may be the only way to protect the salmon.

In the early 1990s we had the same problem at the Government Locks fish ladder in Seattle. But we don't have that problem anymore. The expert explains their success: "The run we were trying to protect essentially doesn't exist anymore," said Steve Jeffries, a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist who worked with the sea lions at Ballard Locks and has consulted on the Bonneville situation. **Tony Littleleaf.**

One month

Lonesome trail of jail. Locked up in this jail once again. When it will end I don't know when. One month of freedom is all I had. My enemies and rivals are probably glad. These lonesome feelings are here to stay. I can't blame anybody, it's my fault anyway. When will I ever learn to do the right thing?

Maybe when I am loved and got a ring. Maybe if I just take my life away, and go to hell to forever stay. That would be too easy to do. I just got to hang tough and to God be true. If I am loved and cared for in a certain way, then maybe in sobriety I will stay. **Michael Meanus.**

Apologies

On February 19, 2005, my mother and I had a misunderstanding. We had our words. I want to apologize and admit to my wrongdoings. I do acknowledge what I did was not the way I was raised. To my mother, I do love you very much. And please accept my apology, things like this happen like pencils come with erasers. Love always, your daughter, **Bernadette Winishut.**

I would like to apologize to the officers for my actions back in April. I was well off that night when I could have hurt myself, or someone else. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, **Bruce Miller.**

I want to apologize to my better half for the wrongdoing that I did. I didn't mean any harm to him for my impaired condition, and didn't mean any harm to members of my family on March 25, 2005. I thought about my actions and I'm going to do my best to change. **Charlene Winishut.**

To the three officers I verbally abused, I am deeply sorry for the altercation and all the things I said, which cannot be mentioned. Please forgive me. You saw a part of me, intoxicated, a part of me that even I can't stand. I apologize to the courts and to the judge. Thank you for your time and for having mercy on me. And most of all to my family and the community for the embarrassment of my actions, sorry. **Stacy L. Logan.**

I would like to apologize for maintaining a public nuisance. I'm sorry for my dog's actions and again apologize to my neighbors. I will do my best in keeping my dog chained and locked in my yard. I'm sorry, so sorry. **Aletha Govenor.**

I have to apologize for my dangerous actions on December 8, 2004. Acting as dangerous as I did, I received nine charges against me. I put people in danger and also scared them. I also have to apologize to the Suppah family. Many of you probably still hate me for that. But I hope you'll come around and forgive me. As you know Billie and I are back together. We are expecting a baby at the end of June. Most of all, this apology goes to Billie Suppah. The way I think, love knows no boundaries. I thank you for seeing that and taking the courage to forgive me and still have love for me. I have quit drinking. So no one will ever have to witness that side of me again. Respectfully, **Aaron Culp Sr.**

I apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I am very sorry for drinking and driving on December 23, 2004 and it will not happen again. Sincerely, **Lilly Suppah.**

I Florence Culp apologize for drinking and driving. I know that was the wrong thing to do and I know I have a problem. I'm doing something about it, to help myself. Once again I'm sorry. **Florence Culp.**

To the people of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, I'm writing to apologize for my actions at the Warm Springs River a few weeks back. I was under the influence of alcohol and I was cited for shooting my rifle near a residential area. To the families of the residence, sincere sorry. **Robert Charley Jr.**

To my people on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, I am writing this letter of apology to you for driving while under the influence of intoxicants on April 16, 2005. I am sorry for placing not just myself, but others in danger by driving in this condition. Sincerely, **Anthony Henry.**

To the people of Warm Springs, I am writing this letter of apology for my actions this last February. I was cited for DUI and was a danger to the community and for that, I am sincerely sorry. Thank you. **James Massey.**

I would like to apologize to the lieutenant, corrections officers and all the inmates in the Warm Springs Correction Facility. On March 20, as I was a trustee cleaning the drunk tank, I found a broken glass pipe, which I took back to my cell. It was found by a corrections officer during a shakedown. I regret this mistake and was sentenced 15 more days in the Warm Springs Correction Facility. **Curt Jim.**

To the community and people of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, I was ordered to write an apology letter to you all for being caught with drug paraphernalia on March 20 while serving jail time on another sentence. I also apologize to the officers that I became belligerent toward when I became aware that they found my paraphernalia. **Taylor Arthur.**

I would very much like to apologize for my mistake of making the wrong decision of not returning back to jail after being released for work detail. I understand it was totally wrong and there is always a consequence to be paid. **Victor Becerra Jr.**

I apologize to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for being intoxicated on April 27, 2004, and for violating my probation for the first time. Now I'm paying for it, so please forgive me. **Ida Frank.**

I'm writing this apology letter to the Tribal Court and to my brother Tony Thompson for assaulting him during a conflict we had between us about differences, which I feel my brother Tony didn't deserve. And I would be responsible for what I have done and I feel that I need to be accountable for my actions, because I'm wrong for afflicting someone forcefully, especially to one close to me like my brother Tony and other people I care for, and all I can say is, I'm sorry to my bro and to the Tribal Court for taking up their time. I'm sorry. **Curtis Thompson.**

My sincere apologies to my children and community for allowing my heartaches and addiction to tear me away from my parenting and recovery. I do know there's other ways to deal with heartache, the life altering changes we endured felt like Mount St. Helens, but today I realize it will only pass with prayer. So God, babies and community, please forgive me. I love you all, keep me and mine in your prayers. **Vena Badroad (Tias).**

On April 2, 2005 the police came with a warrant to my home. They were looking for my husband. When I talked to the police I told them he wasn't at home. Later when they found him in the house I told the police that he was someone else. I was charged with obstructing justice and concealing a fugitive. On May 2, 2005 I was sentenced to supervised probation, jail and a fine. I'm sorry for my actions. Please accept this letter of apology. **Rachelle Renfro.**

Happy birthday and other wishes...

To my son Juan Manuel (Big E) Lame Bear, happy 19th birthday on April 26. I miss you very much and I hope you are feeling better. We all love you. Love, Mom, Sman, big sis Christina, baby sis Angelika, and bros Matt, Chucho and Roja.

Happy 21st birthday to my baby sister Joana Arce. Have a good one. Love always, your sister Rosalina.



Happy first birthday. I love you (son) Baby Martin Adan Maldonado Jr. Love, Mommy and Daddy.



Happy belated April birthday to Sissy Smith and Rico Thompson and Yvonne Iverson, from the IHS administration staff.

Happy May birthday to **Marella Sam and Bob Boffin and Nancy Collins.** From the IHS administration staff.

Happy Mother's Day to **Wauna Calica, Laurain Hintsala, Jolene Tsumpti, Beulah Tsumpti, Mary Bailey and Shielyn Calica. Love, Raymond Jolene Tsumpti Jr., Jace and Gigi Hintsala and family, Rusty Calica, James and Mary Bailey family, Floyd and Joseph Calica, Lauren Holliday, Alexis Hintsala, Jade and Tatum Tsumpti, Rhianna Wolfe and the Adams Family Troy Jr., Melanie, Mariah, and Raymond.**

Happy Mother's Day to my mom Juanita Robertson, love Joseph Calica.

Happy Mother's Day to aunts **Glowingstar Wolfe and Lucia Majel. Love, Joseph Calica.**

Happy Mother's Day to **Mary Bailey, Love James and Lane Bailey, and Seth Sites.**

Happy Mother's Day to aunts **Darlyne Araiza, Alvita Leonard, Rosella Moseley, Margo Miyamoto, Jeannie Smith, Marie Calica, and to Dorelle Calica, Marcie Picard, Natalie Picard, Yvette Leecy (Twink) and LaDonna Squiemphen, Rita Squiemphen, Barbara Jim. From the family, Rusty Calica, Raymond Tsumpti Jr. and family, Shielyn Calica and family, Floyd and Joseph Calica, James and Mary Bailey, Lane Bailey, and Seth Sites.**

Happy Mother's Day to **Grandma's Wauna Calica, Beulah Tsumpti, Laurain Hintsala, Lillian Galindo (LaLa), Love Joseph Calica, Lauren Holliday, Alexis Hintsala, Jade and Tatum Tsumpti.**

Happy Mother's Day to **Grandma Jan Majel. Love, Joseph Calica.**

Happy birthday, Selena. From Angie and the boys.

To Walter and Glowingstar Wolfe, Congratulations to the newweds! From Angie and the boys.

Happy birthday, Selena. From your friends at the Spilyay.

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