

Saying goodbye is difficult for parents and siblings

By Selena Boise
Management successor

So, have you gone out and picked huckleberries yet? I haven't.

I even missed the feast because we had a barbecue for my son George, who left for basic training on Monday.

It was hard to say goodbye, because even though I have been trying to prepare myself for this, I still cried. But, I guess that's what moms do.

I was glad that I talked him into joining us on vacation this year, because I was able to spend some time with him and see him smile, laugh, and be George.

My daughters were there as he left and it was hard for them as well, because he is close to them. Though all their arguing makes it seem as if they hate each other, they truly care and love each other. What brothers and sisters don't have arguments?

Well, at least George was able to eat some huckleberries before he left. He seemed ready for this and it showed in him. He was being the strong person for us all.

All his four years of JROTC were his deciding factor to enlist, but, of course, it was the Navy for a while.

His brother Jackson hopes that George will return for their birthday in December, so we're hoping that he will, too. Jackson hardly understands any of it, but he told George, "I'll see you on our birthday."

All in all I have to say that I am proud of George and his decision to enlist, because he is only thinking of his future and his education. The experience is something that will make all that worthwhile to him.

Though we will miss him at the Portland-to-Coast High School challenge this year, we will be thinking of him as the team crosses the finish line. Last year our team ran the course with only eight runners, but this year we have 12 and it should run much smoother. George was our stronger runner and took up some extra slack for the absent runners, with some other boys.

But, the good thing is that his running abilities will be watched and it's possible for him to train for something bigger. We will be watching and waiting for that to happen. So, keep my son in prayer.

We will all appreciate it.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay. Please keep in mind that letters can be no longer than 350 words in length, one submission per issue. Thank you.

Spilyay Speaks

Employment

Like land, water and minerals, jobs in private employment on or near the Warm Springs Reservation are an important resource for Indian people and Indians must use their rights to obtain their rightful share of such jobs as they become available.

Indians have unique and special employment rights and the tribal governments have the inherent sovereign power to pass laws to implement and enforce these special rights on behalf of Indians.

Indians are also entitled to protection of the laws that the federal government has adopted to combat employment discrimination, and the Warm Springs tribal government can and should play a role in the enforcement of those laws.

The Warm Springs tribes should believe it is important to establish an employment rights program and office in order to use the aforementioned laws and powers to increase employment of Indians and to eradicate discrimination against Indians.

Concerned tribal member,
Amos Switzler Jr.

loss of sister, Aunt Rose and Randy. All my prayers and thoughts go to them. Sorry for the delay in my messages. I love you all, and let you know life goes on.

Each day I pray for all the people at home. I miss being at home but the sacrifices I make to heal myself to be stronger in my prayers and continue my treatments to survive.

I wanted to say "Hello" and "How your bones?" to my sister and brother if they're reading this. Congratulations to my niece, Dora Payne, for making me grandma, too. I'll be darn, too. Thanks. It'll give me a chance to come home to see him on the 16th. I also wanted family to know about Auntie Hilda and family giving me my grandma Flora's Indian name, LaMoosh, and Jonathan's three boys received their Indian names. We also had a dinner and memorial for our mother, Josepha and our brothers, the Yahtin boys. It's just a dinner, but no headstones yet. So, I hope to see the family there, and will be happy to see all of you because I miss your mugs. With all my love, **Linda Meanus, "LaMoosh"**.

Thank you

The 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp 2005 has come to a close and I would like to thank the following departments and people for their devoted support to this endeavor for our youth.

Community Counseling, Utilities, Fire and Safety, Fire Management, Warm Springs Police, Fish and Game, Forestry, Natural Resources, Culture and Heritage, IHS Sanitarian, Diabetes Team, CHET, Work Force Development, Warm Springs Composite Products, Vehicle Pool, BIA Roads, Tribal Council, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary-Treasurer, KWSO, Northern Energy, Middleton's Septic, the campers, the parents and guardians, the guest speakers, the volunteer teachers, the paid staff and the volunteer staff.

You are commended for your time, effort and commitment. (Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention you.)

Thank you again. **Kimberly Woolston**, camp director and 4-H agent.

Each day

It's been a while since I've written, but I've been in and out of the hospital dealing with infections these last two months. But today I'm feeling grateful and surviving another day.

I've started my chemo, and it's my last round. I'm hoping and praying that'll be the last. I do it twice a month for four months. But enough of myself, I just wanted my families to know how sorry I am for the

Gathering

Greetings. I'm a council member of Lakota Oyate Ki Circle, located within the walls of the Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore. We are a non-profit organization, and we're having our 21st Annual Powwow Aug. 20.

The Lakota Oyate Ki Circle invites you to come to our gathering. The gathering starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

We will be dancing, singing and making presentations to acknowledge our supporters who have stood for us and by us throughout the years. Breakfast and traditional foods will be served throughout the day. We will have a giveaway. These giveaways are crafted by our Lakota brothers. No one leaves empty-handed.

Things to know: dress appropriately, no denim clothing, everyone must bring photo ID (minors included), and you must pass through a metal detector. If you are a dancer or singer, please let us know in advance so that we can cover guidelines for coming in with your regalia/drums, and get these items approved through the OSP staff.

Birthday and other wishes...

Babyface

He was solid
Like the rocky earth he was born on
Had respect for all Indian people, akin
He had your back
He knew you had his
Loyalty was more important than a lil' time
He had your back
No he wasn't no name brand Indian
No eloquent theologian
Nor cigar box Indian
He had the earth to sustain him
He had his brothers and his friends
They saw him go
Yet they were looking away
Saw him shot in a room they were sitting
He had your back
Do you have his?

Woods P.

If you are interested in coming in or have further questions, please contact the Lakota Oyate Ki staff advisor Ray Austin at: (503) 378-2289. Our deadline date is Aug. 10 in order to be cleared by OSP to attend the powwow.

Respectfully, **Stu Boyd CrazyBull**, No. 6952044, 2605 State St., Salem Or.

Crime of arson Appreciation

Arson... a word that should strike fear into all of us. Arson signifies destruction and death. It is murder by fire, a violent crime against people and property. Recently several wildland fires on the reservation have been attributed to suspicious activity or arson. Arsonists deliberately set fires for a variety of reasons. The following is a list of arson motives: profit or personal gain, concealment of a crime, hate or revenge, pyromania, insurance fraud, civil disorders (environmental sabotage), vanity or the hero syndrome, and actions of juveniles. The crime of arson endangers the lives of the firefighters and the community. It can affect the economic income of the community. Arson costs the nation and the state of Oregon millions of dollars each year. The recent fires in question here in Warm Springs are in close proximity to Kah-nee-ta Resort and Casino, the fish hatchery, and several subdivisions. How would you feel if your home and all your belongings were destroyed due to the actions of an arsonist? What would happen if the mill were caught in the aftermath of an arson fire? What if thousands of acres of forestland were destroyed by the actions of an arsonist? This crime is serious and does affect us all. As a community it is time to watch out for each other and our natural resources. If you see any suspicious activity or hear of any information that relates to arson fires please call 9-1-1 immediately. Write down any information you can such as license plate number, vehicle identification (make, model, color, year) and description of the person or persons involved. All the information will remain confidential and even the smallest piece of information may prove to be invaluable to the arson investigators. You can also contact Wetip at 1-800-47Arson (1-800-472-7766) or visit the website at www.wetip.com. This is The

Dept. of the Interior/BIA and up to a \$10,000.00 reward is possible for information regarding arson fires on Indian Lands. All information is strictly confidential. Please help keep our community fire safe. If you have any questions or concerns please call Warm Springs Fire Management. **Suzi Macy**, Fire Management tech.

thank you.

To my cousins who are grieving, Keep going forward in your life, cry when you must. It is healing, but remember the good times and the smile that was always there.

The Lord knows your pain. Open your heart to Him, and He will comfort you. My love to each of you.

God bless you.
Sarah Frank.

Driver class

The AARP Driver Safety Class in June was a great success, and all the students who participated passed. Graduates and certificate holders of the driver safety class are:

Aptoinette Pamperien, Charlotte Pitt, Alice Scott, Shirley Smith, Daniel Brisbois, David and Edna Gonzales, Buford Johnson Jr., Charles Nathan, Patricia Copeland, Earl and Norma Samp of Madras, and Homer S. Habertich.

(Some names were accidentally left off an earlier published list.) Sincerely, **Ruth Womack.**

Letters of apology

To the community of Warm Springs, please accept my sincere apology for bad actions that resulted in a DUI on May 3. Since that time I've bettered myself by treatment (P.T.T.C.), attended some A.A. meetings and am a Native in recovery and hope to stay on the right side of the road.
Perry C. King

To the community of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for driving while under the influence of intoxicants on the night of June 23, 2005. I know I endangered myself as well as other motorists and pedestrians. Once again I am sorry for these actions I committed.
Willard Poitra

I would like to apologize to the Warm Springs community for being intoxicated on June 26, 2005. I was leaving the grounds when I was picked up. During the normal booking procedure, I was found to have a pipe in my possession. Once more I apologize for my behavior.
Spencer Poitra

We would like to apologize to the community for child neglect that happened on the night of June 24, 2005. We are very sorry for these actions and it will not happen again. Thanks for your minute.
Y. Smith and T. Sorrellose

To the people of the tribe, I done wrong by you and you know in your heart that I'm not the one who should be writing this apology letter. But by the law and the love in me I apologize. One love.
Joseph H. Stevens

I would like to apologize to the community and to my girlfriend for being under the influence and driving. I have no excuse for my actions and it will not happen again. Again, my deepest apologies.
Tommy Thompson

To Daddy Sherman Holliday, from all the family, Tootsie and Gloria, Don, Lyle, Gary Pete, and from all the rest of the family, the Hudson boys and from the Warners. We love you, Grandpa.

A big happy 17th birthday, Lorien. We are all so proud of you and your continued accomplishments and life trials. Keep up the great work and enjoy your senior year in high school. We'll miss you as you are going back early to play sports at Riverside. Love you always, Grandma and Grandpa, Gilbert, Darla and all the rest of your family.

Happy birthday, Lorien! I want you and the world to know I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have done a great job fundraising for school events since elementary school. You have accomplished the sports of bowling, softball and volleyball. Not so good at boxing. You've made me very proud when you were Little Miss Warm Springs and Junior Pi-Ume-Sba Queen. When I heard



you were the president of your junior class and the vice president of your student body, dorm leader chosen and a participant in the honors program in Washington, D.C., and all your extra-curricular activities in speech contests, decorating for occasions like dances and the prom, it just makes me proud and happy.

I am proud of you for continuously putting others before yourself and making others happy and for being a role model for your brothers and looking out for them. Thanks. Always proud and loving you, Mom, Jr., and Sonny.

August 1, Happy birthday to Royce the "e-mail bandit," from the Diabetes Staff.
August 4, Happy birthday to my sister Mad. Love, Kat and Michael.

To the love of my life "MoonPie." It's been 17 whole years since that big day in Seattle on "8/8/88." Happy anniversary, with all my love always, Kat.

Happy birthday brother Lyle and Tina Holliday. Love you. From sis Rose Aly.

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