

## Tribes should all work together

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Unity is a word that has brought this country a long way. Everyone helping one another in whatever task that is at hand. There are things that one person or one group cannot get by without the help from some other person or groups.

This country has struggled right from the start when people helped one another. Everyone helping one another to get along brought all the people together to work as one.

They found out that uniting made them a stronger group. Sometimes this meant some would sacrifice their good fortune to help their neighbor so everyone would live equally.

There isn't an individual or group of people that got by without the help of their neighbors. No matter what type of business or venture is taken, it's hard to accomplish without the backing of others. Everyone has to work for what he gets and the harder he works the better the results are for that person or group whichever the case may be.

This prevents the saying, "What's mine is mine, and what's yours is mine!" But should read, "What's mine is yours, and what's yours is mine." Everyone working together with that certain goal, and that's for everyone to get ahead in this cruel world.

However, there is always some that don't see things that way and think of themselves to get ahead of everyone else. Like to get the cream of the crop.

A few years back an issue came up before all the tribes where they had to make a big decision for their future. These years were referred to as, "Termination," where all the tribal members would get thousands of dollars for their share of the reservation. If the tribe decided to take the money they would lose their status as Indians. There would be no more tribal rights and they would fit into the everyday life as the non-Indians with no protection of the reservation. They would sell out all their rights to hunting, fishing, gathering fruits and vegetation as in the past.

Those dollar signs sounded and looked good to several and they agreed to accept the money offered. Thirty to 40 thousand dollars per individual. They lived happy for a time, with everyone driving new cars, living it up.

We here in Warm Springs all voted against Termination to keep our reservation in tact. Even though it seemed like a struggle, and seeing other tribes spending their money, we managed to get by. Well, 30 to 40 thousand dollars seems like a lot of money but when you have to live in the outside world that doesn't go very far.

It wasn't long before the money was gone and living was tough. Those who sold out were on the outside looking in, so to speak, and all wanted backing to become tribal members again, and we here in Warm Springs gave testimony to aid these tribes to become tribal members again.

Sometimes it makes a person wonder if all these tribes who sold their rights and were helped back to regain tribal status ever think of helping Warm Springs, so as Warm Springs can become self-sufficient in their everyday life, and not trying to grab every dollar before their neighbors.

It is quite apparent that all tribes can all help one another and still maintain a good livelihood. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!

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## Letters to the Editor

### Great program

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my Early Headstart Homevisitor Patricia Brown.

I really enjoy all the activities you bring for my children to learn. My family has been with the Early Headstart Program for a little over a year now and I can see the results within my children.

When I first started the program my daughter was in a transition stage getting ready for the fall, when she would start part day. She was easily frightened and was not used to kids her own age. She would cry any time anybody would acknowledge her.

After she got used to Tricia coming into my home bringing things for and her brother to play with, or create a learning project with, she started to open up to new things as well as new friends.

At the group socializations, let me tell you, in the beginning my son would not sit to eat our meals, but now it's so much better and easier to communicate with my children.

I encourage the stay-at-home parents to join the program. Not only will it benefit your kids but you'll also get to meet the other parents (if you don't already know them), and take with you some of the information brought to you in the program.

Early Headstart Program: Home visitors will come to your home. Group socializations are when kids get to play with other kids their age, and hands on learning experiences. There is transportation to program events, or classes.

This is the program I have been involved with and will be with my son, who is now 10 months old, until he is ready to make that transition into the Head Start program. Again many thanks to Patricia Brown, Kristin H., Wanda, and Michelle - Early Head Start staff.

**Roberta Thomas, Talliah, Desmond and Lenso Hanchor.**

### ECE safety

In order to maintain a safe environment for the children here at the Early Childhood Education Center, the A-pod entrance is now to be used only in cases of emergency.

All employees, visitors and parents need to use the front entrance. All persons are asked to please leave the handicap spaces for those who are legally in need of them.

Please do not double park or park slanted, as it causes traffic and pedestrian safety issues. There are two parking lots available for parent use.

If there is not enough space to park in the front parking lot, then please use the old staff parking lot. Violators may be cited on sight or by mail, and the police department will be monitoring the parking closely.

We thank you for helping to make our building a safer place for our children. We will be getting our lines and handicap spaces repainted as soon as possible. Thank you. **ECE Safety Team.**

### Many thanks

I know that this might be a year or so late, but better late than never, right? I would like to thank my mom and family for putting on a dinner for me the first time I got back from Iraq in October 2003.

My mother may have not always agreed with decisions that I made in life but I was glad that Sister Pauline had talked to you, mom, to show you my point of view. As you can all see, joining the military may have been the thing to really open my eyes and help become who I am today. I am honored to say that I am my mother's daughter.

I have finished two tours in Iraq and still a possibility that I may go back in September for a third time.

I am thankful for all the support I have received from my family and friends. I would like to thank all the Greenes, Reeds, Staconas and Lumpmouths.

I would like to thank my God Parents Jim and Thelma Coburn for the creative cake that they brought for my dinner and all the other things they have seen me through. Grandma Bernice for all her prayers and acknowledgment of reminding others that we have our own tribal members that were present during war times.

Wendell Cook (belated) and his kids for their never ending support of letters of encouragement to know that even our nation has their own opinion;

they are still there for the ones who don't have a choice in what they are fighting for. Gerald, I heard about your speech that you gave at the high school and I was honored that you mentioned my name and that both you and your sister have someone to look up to.

I wish my (belated) Grandpa Truman Lumpmouth Sr. and (belated) Grandma Mico Chase could have been here to see what all I have accomplished. I know that they have been watching over me and brought me home safely. I miss them so much, but I know they are in a better place up above with our dear lord, where they still protect and live with us in our everyday lives. I want to thank the Catholic Parish members for all of their prayers and I send much gratitude to all of them for keeping the military men and women in their daily prayers.

To my Uncle Truman Lumpmouth Jr., who has been a father figure to my cousins and me and I am so glad that you were always there for us nieces and nephews. I thank you for believing that I could do something with my life and to see the world. You have been my father figure since the day you came back from the Navy and your opinion has always meant so much to me. I am glad that you are "my dad" and set the standards even higher for us. I love you, Dad!

To Grandpa Chief Nelson for dedicating a feather in honor of me and being at my late grandpa Levi's funeral, for which I was able to come home for. To all the veterans who honored my Grandpa Levi, thank you for including me in the ceremony to say my last farewell to my beloved grandpa.

A big thank-you to all who came to the dinner and to the people who gave me beautiful gifts. To Austin Smith Jr.'s family for giving me a blanket which my Aunt Kim accepted on my behalf and my prayers are with you Austin Jr., Semper Fi.

I know that I am forgetting some names and please forgive me. I have so many people that I would like to give thanks to but there are so many of you all that if I did, it might end up turning into a book. God bless you all. Semper Fi. **Rose Sanchez**, Lcpl/USMC, San Diego, Calif.

### Much support

Dear family and friends, We just finished a beautiful Medicine Sing at the He He Longhouse.

Many people helped out. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

First, we would like to thank the elders, singers, and dancers, who attended the Sing and gave us support through their beautiful words and presence. Neda and Jimmy Wesley, their daughter Aurolyn, and Eliza and Harvey Jim have supported us for years now with our trail and overall support.

Martina and Lucinda worked extremely hard on shawls for us. Even our godson Wesley contributes to our trail with his own toys and piggy bank money.

Marella and Robert Sam and their family have cooked for us for three years ever since we started in Corbett two years ago. Not only did the Sam family cook, they helped keep the longhouse clean and the grounds picked up. They were there to help in whatever way they were needed. Thank-you Sam family.

And thank-you to Plum Gilbert for all her hard work, smiles and good energy. Lindsey Howtopat echoed tirelessly with no relief throughout the entire sing and did a wonderful job. Charlotte Shike and Hilda Culpus helped out with food and trail items.

Percy Blackwolf baked pies for each night. Christine and Clifton Bruno and their sons helped out with the trail and being our pack horses.

We were so glad to see our Katchia family who took time out of their busy family obligations to show their support. And thank-you to Bernice for her beautiful words about the He He Longhouse and advice on how we should close the Sing.

So many people helped, and even though we can't mention all by name, we did notice and have much gratitude for you. And thank-you to all the people who attended the Sing, the longhouse was filled with your prayers and love, and it was beautiful.

We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

With love, **Tuck'ush Man and Heidi Katchia, Two Bears.**

## Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy Birthday to my first son. I love you and miss you, son. When I had you my heart was so full of happiness, then I warhooped, my first son. I've loved you all your life and I am going to love you for as long as I live. I'm proud of you, my pride and joy. You make momasita proud. Take care at school, study hard. I hope you did good at your robotic tournament. As long as you had fun, that's all that matters. No more girls in your room (aye, just kidding son). Love you, mom, Allen, Lucinda, Martha, Jamey, Vesta, Stan the Man, Beautiful, Phil, Mel, Kyle, Sam, Ray, Jordan, Barbie, Ellen, Shawna, and all your nieces and nephews. We all love you and miss you.

Happy Birthday to my son Jonathan William Tyrone Smith Jr. You are now 10 years old and will excel in whatever you do, my little computer genius. Keep it up and remember that Momma loves you and is thinking about you always. **Hugs and Kisses.**

Happy Birthday to Calli An. To my precious sweet Cal girl whose heart is so pure and innocent. There isn't a day that goes by when I'm not thinking about you. Keep that spirit going throughout school and Momma will be with you soon. **Hugs and Kisses.**

Happy belated birthday to my Bobby Ho. Stay out of trouble and be good. You better be only seeing Cleopatra and those slots up at Kah-Nee-Ta. Love, your Chica.

Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my dad Harold Blackwolfe Sr., on March 12, with lots of love from your Big Baby Agnes Ardis Josie Wolfe. I hope you have a good day Dad! This is sent with my love, hugs and kisses, Dad! I love you Dad.

Happy Birthday to our Grandpa Harold Blackwolfe Sr. on March 12 with much love hugs and kisses from your grandbabies Devon James Wolfe, Kalan Mae Wolfe, Wynema Mae Wolfe, and Katrina Josie Wolfe. We love you Grandpa!

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to Baby Joss, love all your Na-Na's and your dad James Lee Wolfe III and Momma Rosa Wolfe.

Happy Birthday to my Na-Na Joss. Love your Litsa Jade Wolfe, your baby sis. Love you Na-Na!

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to my Ulla Joss. Love you lots from your Ulla Flossie.

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to Baby Joss, love all your Na-Na's and Ya-Ya's, Devon James, Kalan Mae, Wynema Mae, and Katrina Josie Wolfe (The baby wolfe cubs!).

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to our niece Joss. Love, all your aunts and uncles, Agnes, Samuel, Kosie, Lecann, Lucy, and Nelson Wolfe. We all love you bab! May God bless you everyday, cause you deserve it!

Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday to you dad Harold Blackwolfe Sr. Love, your baby boy Harold Blackwolfe Jr. (Jo Jr) Love you lots! **Hugs and Kisses.**

Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my husband Harold Blackwolfe, Sr. with much love from your wife Perci Blackwolfe.

Happy St. Patricks Day to the Wolfe Klan with much love from Agnes and girls Wynema and Katrina Wolfe. Just a part of the Wolfe Pack.

Happy St. Patricks Day to the CO's (Dustin, Mariam, Dan, Larry, Warren, Heidi, Kristen, Ken, Eric, Perci, Lt. Flores, Marci & Michael). Thank you for putting up with us. We appreciate everything that you do for us. **Hope you have a good one. Be safe and have fun.**

Happy St. Patricks Day sister Lillian Jo Blackwolfe, with much Native love from the Wolfe Pack. We all love you and miss you. Just hang in there sis. Love, your sis Agnes Wolfe and girls, the Wolfe Klan and Wolfe cubs.

Happy birthday to Lana on March 15. Love, Mom and Anona.