

Encourage graduates to continue their education

By Selena Boise
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So, what do you think of those tribal graduates? Pretty cool that they were able to complete this enormous milestone in their lives, and then face the decision ahead of them, which is: what do I do now?

Well, encouragement for continued education is what I heard at the Education Committee's graduation banquet. There were very good speeches and recognition of previous success stories.

So, I hope to see some of these graduates come back with their success stories after their continued education. I have a graduate, and I keep pressuring her to complete all the paperwork necessary for higher education. She's like, "I will mom." But I feel like I was all those times I would look up their progress on power school. They would hate it when I did that.

But, I am proud of my daughter for what she did, because it was a hard year for our family. She was there when the hardships were very hard on us. She took care of her grandparents as much as she could. She was a drop out for a little while because she wanted to be there.

But I am a strong believer in continued education and I envy those young graduates who are going to go back to school. Because when I was young, and just graduated, I waited a while before I went, and by then I was set in those ways that keep you from concentrating on school-work. An occasional drink turned to a needed drink. And education wasn't my goal any longer.

But, now I wish that I had continued and finished way back then because in later years it becomes difficult to juggle school, work and kids. I took a year off from my current education goals because I wanted to deal with my grief and didn't think I would do as well.

Although it is possible to get an education at any age, it is much easier and you are more focused at a young age. When you do that you are ahead of the game. Because everything else falls into place for you after you receive an education. You just find a new goal after that.

Stay focused, continue to learn, and like Luanne Foltz said, "find a career path that will make you happy."

Letters to the Editor

Special thanks



During her time in Washington, D.C., TaSheena visited the Vietnam War Memorial.

I wanted to send out a very special thank you to everyone in Warm Springs. I just returned from competing in the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland. I received an award for Outstanding State Entry in the Junior Division. This is the first award that a Madras student has received in about 13 years.

I am very thankful for everyone who helped support my trip by purchasing banana bread, hot dogs, floats, lemonade, and raffle tickets. Because of you, I had enough money to attend this contest and see some of the beautiful monuments and memorials located in Washington, DC.

I would also like to give a big thank you to Warm Springs Power Enterprise, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, TomCat Logging, and Credit Enterprise for your generosity. Thank you to the Rotary Club, the Lions, JCMS Leadership, and Jefferson County Historical Society for your donations to all four JCMS

Students that were attending the National Contest.

I am especially thankful to all of my family, who offered words of support, love, and encouragement. I want to acknowledge my Auntie Sharon for never doubting that I would win a medal and for all of her support. Courtney Lupton, our school coordinator, thank you so much for your support and for listening to my mom's venting when things were going crazy at Nationals. Thank you to Nancy Collins and Victoria Parsons for sharing this incredible experience with my mom and I. And a huge thank you to my mom. From the moment we got the call that I could go to Nationals, my mom never stopped finding us a way to get there. I am so grateful that she was able to go with me and share this amazing experience with me.

TaSheena George.

In treatment

Hello, tribal members.

How's the rez life treating you? Me, I'm doing just fine. I'm just writing to let you guys and gals know how I'm doing and to let a few people know that they didn't deserve what I did to them.

I wrote a letter a while back when I first went to prison to let a certain person know that I did her wrong and now I'm writing this letter to let every person that I wronged know that I'm working on my problems. In my last letter I told everyone that I've changed but I really didn't. Actually I told everyone that I was going to appease the courts and try not to get caught, but I ended up getting caught anyway. It was either go back to prison or attend in-patient treatment.

I chose treatment so that I could get the help I need for my addiction.

Right now I'm here in Eugene attending an intensive in-patient treatment center. I've heard that there are a few graduates from here in Springs. If they are still yet in recovery, I would like to get to get together with them when I return to the rez.

This treatment center has taught me a lot about myself and has helped me see things that I just didn't want to see. I am going to be a different man. I won't say that I'm a changed man because I'm still yet working on it.

All I really can say now is that I'm on the road to recovery now and I have a lot of obstacles in front of me.

I would just like to let the people that I've wronged know that they didn't deserve what I did to them. I also want my family to know that I'm taking my recovery very seriously for once. I'm doing this for myself and for my children because I haven't been there for them while they've been growing up. All I can say right now is that I'm working on my recovery.

Johnson Heath Sr.

In memory

In memory of Sarina Marie Kibby-Wolfe. May your Soul rest in peace, baby. I'm going to miss you each and every day for the rest of my living days.

I'll always love you in my heart, mind and soul. Baby, you no longer have to suffer for you are in a better place right now. I know you hear me when I cry for you every day, but I can't help it, for you are going to be missed by me each and every day. So, Baby, I'll see you when

I get there, for we will once again be together forever. Baby, I love and miss you forever. Always yours, Kanet Wolfe.

All my heart

An open letter to my baby Shirley Geneva Wainanwit. I love you, Big Girl, with all my heart. I want you to know I'm behind you 100 percent. Although things aren't looking very good right now, in a short while, things will turn for the better. Always remember God has had his hand on you since the day you were born. You are always in my prayers and also other family members and friends are praying for you too.

Love you sweetheart... stay strong, Dad, Tim Wainanwit.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law in the summer of 2007 by putting L.A. and others in danger by my obscene actions. I apologize to L.A. It will not happen again. Jessica Kirk.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on May 16, 2008 by neglecting my child. I am sorry and it won't happen again. I apologize to my daughter. It won't happen again. Amethyst Maki.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on May 16, 2008 by breaking the law of having smoking meth in front of a young teen and it won't happen again. Craig Tailfeathers.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 3, 2008 by violating the W.S. Tribal Code 305.66. Be-

cause of my wrong choices I am writing another apology letter, also being intoxicated at the IHS. To all of the staff at the IHS I apologize for my wrong actions. So I am sorry. I apologize to the tribal courts, IHS staff, my family. I will try to further better my choices into positive decisions. James T. Greene Sr.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 4-6-08 by driving under the influence of intoxicants, and reckless endangerment. I apologize to the community and police officers. Ellie Williams.

I am sorry I broke Tribal law by negligent wounding. I apologize to L.B. who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say again that I am very sorry for my actions and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. Laneda Thompson.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 4-28-08 by being under the influence in public and having a gun on me and pulling it out when there were a lot of civilians around. I am sorry to all those who were around. I am also sorry to the owner of the Shell gas station. Further, I apologize to the court. Cody Wallulatum.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 5-30-08 by driving under the influence with no drivers license and drinking under the age. I'm also sorry for having stolen property in my possession. I apologize to the tribal court. I also want to say in the future, I will not drive under the influence and have stolen property in my possession. Freddy Wallulatum.

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Theft of fish at W.S. hatchery causes serious damage

Randy Boise and Kevin Blueback

Tribal members and hatchery employees

Sometime during Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, June 10-11, persons entered the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery and removed salmon from the catch pond.

The actual number removed is difficult to determine as the salmon are still returning to the facility.

A conservative estimate is that up to 40 were removed.

It appears that chemicals were used to stun and kill the

fish. Indiscriminate use of chemicals could easily destroy all of returning adults, and in essence, wipe out a year class of valuable fish.

If such an event occurred the impact would be felt for years to come.

Warm Springs Hatchery was founded as a collaborative effort between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Federal Government dating back to 1954. At that time members of the tribal community brought to the government's attention that the salmon run was diminishing, and requested that an evaluation be performed to determine if a suitable hatchery site could be located.

It took several decades for

Congress to supply funding and the hatchery to be constructed and initiate operations.

The core mission of the hatchery is to produce Spring Chinook salmon to enhance the annual run.

As a part of the process all returning adult salmon that are not required for hatchery production are retained for tribal members. This program is managed and administered through the Department of Natural Resources of the Confederated Tribes.

Returning adults that are held for hatchery production must be treated with chemicals to control potential fish diseases prior to the spawn process. These fish are never released to the pub-

lic, as they are not considered fit for human consumption.

Wild salmon are not retained for hatchery purposes and are passed through the hatchery to continue their migration upstream to complete their lifecycle.

It is not known how many wild fish may have been taken.

This year the returning adults are not responding as in the past. The timing of the return is late and based on historic levels the number of fish required for hatchery operations is about 60 percent of expectations. The run prediction was initially for up to 6,000 adult hatchery fish and 1,000 wild fish.

To date the have been less than 200 wild adults and less

then 1,000 hatchery adults.

The theft of fish creates immediate problems for hatchery operations; the theft included wild fish which impacts an already declining population; and it reduces the ability of the Department of Natural Resources to allocate fish for tribal members and tribal functions. Additionally the use of chemicals may affect all other fish in all areas and production phases and down stream of the hatchery.

Security measures have been increased to help catch any future violators. If anyone has information about who committed this act, please contact the Conservation Officer with Division with Natural resources.

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Happy Birthday and other wishes...

Congratulations to everybody and my brother, Alex Anguiano, on their high school graduations. We did it! Alexandria Anguiano.

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Marella Sam. From Maria Lopez and kids, Mary Danzuka and family, Mona Lopez and kids, Lucy and Thomas Williams, Julie and family, grandma Plum and boys.

I'd like to wish and hope that my aunt Marla Hicks' granddaughter Kaili Leanne Marie will have a great and wonderful 8th birthday this year. She will be 8 years old on the 23rd of July. May your birthday be great for you Kaili. Be very great and happy, it's your 8th birthday! Love, your mother's niece Evette Patt, 50 Kourt Dr., apt. 3, Eugene, OR 97404.

To my step mother Bunny and all my aunts, sisters and friends, Happy belated Mothers Day and in-laws as well, and many more to come. I love you and please write me if you have time. Tamara Henry.

To my uncles, brother, friends, Happy belated Fathers Day to you all, as well I love you all. Tamara Henry.

To my friend Nelson Zomant, I need you to write me or come visit me when you have time. I can't remember your PO Box number so please don't be shy and say some prayers for me as well. Your friend, Tamara Henry, 675 NW Cherry Lane, Madras, OR 97741.

Happy birthday to Marlana Manion. From Jammers.