

Letters to the editor

To our family

It has been a year since we lost our son, brother, uncle, nephew and father. It is time for us to start moving on and thanking all of you for your prayers and generous donations from our families.

It was hard to let him go but to watch the suffering he went through I knew I couldn't be selfish and make him fight any longer.

Our lives have changed forever. He may not of been an important person but to know what he did on his journey through life, people came and shared how he touched their lives—the people who prayed from the north of Washington down to California and throughout the nation, his job was complete.

Sometimes that is all we have to hold on to when you go through your darkest hour.

I love you all for what you did for us in our time of need. I have not forgotten any of you. I think of what we lost—a person who cared for all of you in his own way.

Thank-you all for being there at the hospital and when we brought him home: Jason, Aldwin Moots, James Mims, Ronnie, Fudd, Richard, Willie, Roger, Garrett Sr., Birney, Markus, Beeps, Janice, Pepper, Manny, Nun Nah, Jetts, Aldwin, Luther, Erland, Sally, Ambrosia, Lila, Glen and Dwayne.

Thank you Jefferson for singing his grandma's song at the feast, and Cassie for relaying my message to him.

Thank you Auntie Millie for the outfit, and Jeremy and crew for digging his grave. Thank you Annie and Sharon and the crew. Thank you Erland for dressing him, and Jetts for always helping me his #1 babysitter. If I forgot to mention you, it isn't intentional. We were blessed to have you all with us. Our loss is his peace, no more pain and sadness.

Love,
Smoke, Terrance, Michael, Lucille.

Free 12-point kid inspection

What parent doesn't have questions? Is your child's development on track? Will their smile last a lifetime and can they hear and see okay?

Healthy Beginnings can help you answer these questions, because health and development from birth through age 5 is critical to

your child's success.

Next Friday, April 22, Healthy Beginnings will bring its 12-Point Kid Inspection to Madras, available to Warm Springs families.

At these screening clinics, each child receives nearly \$3,000 worth of assessment services at no cost to the family. There are no eligibility requirements. All families are welcome to attend.

Healthy Beginnings screens young children in hearing, speech and language, motor skills, cognitive development, vision, health and safety, dental, behavior and nutrition, information regarding early literacy and car seat safety is also provided.

Access to professionals and trained volunteers in all these essential core areas is available at the time of the screening.

At this screening will be the Spot Vision Screener, a device designed to help screeners quickly and easily detect vision concerns on children 6 months and older.

Parents and children birth through 5 meet one-on-one with as many as 12 health and development professionals. Families are encouraged to attend regardless of insurance coverage.

Referrals are made for any child identified in need of additional services with community resources provided to all families. Healthy Beginnings can even provide information and assistance with Oregon's health insurance application process.

According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly eight in every 10 children miss a developmental screening. To receive adequate preventative care, the CDC recommends that all young children have developmental screenings at least three times prior to entering kindergarten.

Healthy Beginnings is a unique program available only in Central Oregon. The program works to assure parents that their children are developing appropriately; or if needed, the program makes referrals for in-depth evaluation and further treatment.

Parenting information and community resources are provided free as well.

Every family attending a Healthy Beginnings screening receives extensive information on the health and development of their child. In addition, early literacy information and kindergarten readiness as well as parent education are also provided.

Appointments are being accepted for the Friday April

In loving memory

On October 7, 1973 a young boy was brought into this world as Jesus Ortega Madrid Jr., later changing his name to the infamous Jesse Daniel Greene.

Jesse and his sister Sonya Madrid and brother Levi Greene II were all raised by their late grandfather Levi Greene and his wife the late Dorla Greene on their Sidwalter Flat ranch.

He was introduced to ranching at a young age and worked alongside his grandfather, helping with everything. He was taught at a young age gun safety and how to hunt and fish. This would prove to be the beginning of his love of hunting and fishing.

He was happy every hunting and fishing season, ready to catch the big one. Ready to find his buddies to go on an adventure. His love of nature would be cemented by his love of saving nature, shown through his hard work through Fire Management throughout the many years.

Unlike fire, though, Jesse was very forgiving. He didn't look for trouble. He avoided it as much as any normal person does. He loved to live

guilt free.

When he could learn new and exciting things, he did. He loved art from a young age. He liked to draw, and anywhere he could express art he went with ideas ready for a project. He also made sure his goals in life were met, and one of his goals from a young age was finding his father, which he had a chance to do before his father died back in 2010.

Let's not forget he also lost his mother Georgie Ann Keo Greene at a young age in 1984.

On his journey down to New Mexico he was able to fulfill his main goal of meeting his father Jesus Madrid Sr., along with many uncles, aunts and cousins. He had two other brothers, Roger Madrid and Jesse Madrid, who he wasn't able to meet. He never forgot them though.

They were a part of his thoughts, and we keep the Madrids—in Arizona, New Mexico and beyond—in our thoughts.

Jesse also was set to marry his fiancé Natalie Kirk, in whom he found love, comfort and great family. He finally felt "spoiled" for once in his life. We keep the Kirks in our thoughts—the Jesse we all knew would like that.



Jesse was from a huge family. Along with the Greens, let's not forget he was a Keo-Queahpama descendant.

As we remember Jesse, let's remember how he had open arms for the world. He never looked at your missteps. He always focused on your good deeds. He never saw a child as a problem but one who needed guidance, and if he could he did. Sometimes it was helping a niece or nephew out on the river, or encouraging a smile.

His children were the beginning of his memory and not the end. He didn't have

a mean bone in his body when it came to kids. In his eyes they were the most innocent. He tried being the best he could. We must remember his children. He wouldn't have it any other way.

Jesse wasn't just anyone. He was a father, a brother, uncle, friend and provider. His laughter will be missed but not forgotten. He will live through those he taught and loved.

His selfless acts will be remembered above all. We lost a fine man on March 5, 2016, but he will never be forgotten... Remember...

22 screenings, to be held at the Children's Learning Center, 650 NE A St., Madras. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome between 9 and 11 a.m. You may email: kelli.neumann@hdesd.org Or call 541-383-6357.

Please write

Just wondering. I'd like to write to whoever. To get back in touch with society. So please drop me a few paragraphs. Jacques Martinez, #1053971; NNCC, PO Box 7000, Carson City, NV 89702

Family and friends of **Harvey Jim** are planning a memorial in April. There will be a traditional blessing at 7 p.m. on April 29 at the Agency Longhouse. The unveiling of the Veteran's Monument will be on April 30 at the Simnasho Cemetery, dinner and name giving to follow at the Agency Longhouse. Contact Eliza Brown-Jim at 541-460-1921; or Winona Strong at 541-460-0391.

Fish Conservancy litigation puts regional salmon fisheries at risk

The member tribes of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission expressed disappointment and frustration at the filing over federally funded Columbia Basin hatchery programs.

The tribes believe that the misguided attack disregards constitutionally protected promises made to them by the U.S. to replace fish runs that were damaged by the construction and operation of federal hydroelectric dams.

The lawsuit further delays NOAA's Endangered Species Act consultations and seeks to halt funding for hatchery programs that restore salmon that were lost due to the construction and operation of Columbia River dams.

These programs, which support tribal and non-tribal fishing, are key to the Yakama Nation's program to sustain the ancient tribal fishery on the Klickitat River and are an important tool in restoring natural runs of salmon in the Klickitat, Wenatchee, Umatilla, and Clearwater river basins.

"Lawsuits like these are expensive distractions



Tribal fishers at the Columbia River.

from the important work of salmon recovery, and they jeopardize the livelihoods of tribal and non-tribal fishing communities," said Jeremy Wolf, chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

"The lawsuit is based on the flawed logic that hatcheries caused the decline of wild salmon abundance, and wrongly asserts that simply closing hatcheries will increase wild salmon abundance. In the tribes' experience, that path only leads to fewer fish in the rivers and does virtually nothing to improve the condition of natural runs."

Wolf added, "The tribes have demonstrated with their own successful pro-

grams how carefully managed hatcheries can rebuild abundant naturally spawning runs in our rivers and streams. Those truly interested in recovery are better served by putting their efforts into restoring the wild rivers that salmon need."

Tribal hatchery programs have been an important component of salmon recovery efforts throughout the Columbia River system in recent decades.

While not all of those programs will be directly impacted by the litigation, tribal programs on the Klickitat and Yakima rivers in Washington could be impacted.

"Columbia Basin salmon were not decimated because

of hatcheries. The Columbia Basin has hatcheries because natural fish were decimated," Wolf said. "The Fish Conservancy litigation won't do anything to help the fish, but it will certainly hurt the most vulnerable fishing community: tribal members who rely on these programs. Litigation like this perpetuates the myth that all hatchery fish are bad and cannot be used in recovery."

"We should not allow a tiny special interest group with a narrow agenda to distract the rest of us from the big picture of refining hatchery practices and working together to rebuild abundance."

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