

More Letters to the Editor

God called

June 23, 2007 God called our dad Cy to join him in heaven.

He said, I've come for you to take you away, you'll join your loved ones, so you'll be going to stay.

Ninety years you've toiled this earth. It's time for your reward which is small compared to your worth.

Three sons, three daughters, plus grandchildren are being left behind. But you'll join Buff and Lil' Buff, so I'm sure they don't mind.

You've done so much in the time you were placed here, Councilman, umpire, engineer. But dad, husband and grandpa is what you held most dear.

Graduating from Chemaawa 1934, you stressed education in order to survive.

Traveling by horseback to places near and far, to work for a living for the family and food to be stored.

You've done more in your lifetime than most men your age, all of these will be added to another page.

Many relatives and friends will miss you each day. But Cy, I've come to help you on your way...

Dad, we will miss you but we'll let you go, knowing you're going to be with all our loved ones, this we know.

We love you.
By Tina Aguilar

My brother

My brother Jamie, an awesome guy, I don't know why you had to die.

You were so tough as a little boy, you smiled rarely but it brought us joy.

Even though we had our little fights, over silly things like shoes, clothes and wiring lights, I never wanted to be a pest, I needed your skills, cause you're the best.

I'm glad those times were only a few. It was easy for me to argue with you.

But that's just me, as you are you, And in the end you always came through.

This is Warm Springs where you are from. We all are here with Dad and Mom.

Our hearts are broken, as you know, we really can't bear to let you go.

Sometimes you were so crazy and loony, especially with Tilla and Kathla who called you

"Loocy."

I know that everyone here will agree with me, that the Dry Creek Boys is the best there could ever be.

It's happy thoughts that will get us through like all the fun we shared with you.

And now my poem will come to an end, until the day we meet again.

I pray that you are now at peace. Goodbye Jamie- with Love from Me.

Clinton Tohet.
R.I.P Jamie Tohet aka chili-guy

Adoption

I shouldn't and wouldn't be writing this letter if our Tribal Council would show a little backbone by passing a resolution to discontinue these adoption referendums. There are no services or funds for tribal members right now and the foreseeable future. Tribal members are being laid off permanently, positions terminated by being combined with another position, budgets slashed to and past the bone and so where is Tribal Council going to bet funds to cover this next onslaught of adoptees?

Since the first adoption referendum was forced on us by a Tribal Council member, there have been changes to these adoption referendums to add more and more adoptees to each one. Some don't even appreciate being adopted into our tribes. We adopt them, they turn around, have kids from a non-tribal member and then put their kids on the next adoption referendum expecting us tribal members to adopt them.

As tribal members, it is not our job to tell these children, No you cannot be a part of our tribes. By Tribal Council standing up for the tribal members and passing a resolution to never have these adoption referendums any more. That's why we voted them in, to make these tough decisions for us, not to pass the buck. Put the responsibility where it belongs, on the enrolled parent. It is his or her job to tell their children why they were not automatically enrolled.

I feel very strongly about this matter, even though I am an enrolled parent who had kids with a non-tribal member. I was

lucky to have enough blood to have my two boys enrolled, but I know my grandchildren won't and I will tell them why they are not enrolled tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, because of the choice I made to have children with a non-tribal member.

So if the Tribal Council has enough backbone to 3-day retreat around on the Oregon Coast, when we have no funds for Managed Care program for our Elders, quit proving us right that we wasted our votes. And give us our luxury box back so we can go watch our Blazers, the biggest luxury box with free food and drinks this time. Nyyyy.
Maury G. Rhoan Sr.

School BBQ

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the following organizations for their generosity in providing donations for the Back-to-School BBQ.

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The event provided 500 students with a backpack and school supplies and fed over 900 meals. Without the help of so many energetic volunteers it would not have been a huge success. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to our children.

Sincerely,
Julie Quaid

Prospective Bough Cutters 2007

If you are interested in participating in the 2007 bough program, you must submit your request to the Tribal Timber Commit-

tee by 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24. This year's program is limited to 10 permittees. The maximum crew size is

6 people. If you have any questions, please contact Yalya Holliday at 553-2416, ext. 235.

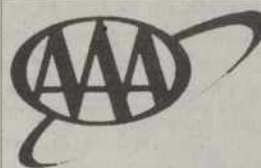
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