

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Letters to the Editor

Tribe neglects elders

To whom it may concern:

Common sense tells us that most elderly people are not totally self-sufficient, but from time to time will need in-home help. Especially during periods of illness an elder requires someone to handle the basics: cooking, cleaning, administering medicine, and sharing companionship.

The Tribe allocated \$110,966 for a Senior Citizen program that is entrusted with the responsibility of (and I quote from the 1980 budget) "assisting senior citizens by providing for their basic needs."

I was amazed that the program was unable to help in any way when I told them of our need to find a person to do short-term in-home care for pay. We called the Madras Senior Citizen program and they were able to give us one name. I was embarrassed and ashamed for Warm Springs.

I wonder about the two Warm Springs senior citizens who are in a nursing home, wanting desperately to come back here, but can't because they need a full-time caretaker. So what's the big deal? Has anyone advertized around for this kind of help? Why isn't this

obvious need a number-one priority in our Senior Citizen program?

This tribe gives lip-service to respect for elders, but when it gets down to the nitty-gritty, they're just being used.

Two gets-you-where-you-live examples of a poor job of providing for basic needs are the outfitting of the Senior Citizens homes with small, cheap, defrost 'em yourself (even if it kills you) refrigerators and (2) the purchase of cafeteria-style tables and benches for the senior center (community building). They are guaranteed to be hard to sit on and difficult, if not impossible, to get in and out of. Any elder deserves better than this.

The Tribal Council buys itself a \$9,000 table and sits in stuffed leather chairs. So why do the elders have seating most of us left behind at grade school or in the longhouse?

The beauracracy may think they're putting something over on the rest of us but you can bet your bottom dollar that the senior citizens are not fooled.

For His Sake,

Nancy E. Pitt

Disgruntled student writes

To the Editor:

I am very upset. As a matter of fact, I am sitting here in sulky dissatisfaction.

I worked in the tribal accounting department for seven years, 1970-1977. I left profitable employment in tribal accounting in the fall of 1977 on educational leave. I left to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. My special field of study would be in accounting or management.

I began my college studies at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. I am completing the C.O.C.C. requirements for an Associate of Science degree in business administration. After C.O.C.C. I am planning to transfer to Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. At P.S.U. I will complete their requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and/or economics.

Now, why am I upset? When you attend college it costs money. Every little bit of financial aid helps such as scholarships, grants and money from occasional employment, especially summer employment. It also helps a great deal to earn money from employment during Christmas and Spring break.

When I left the tribal accounting department to

pursue my degree, I felt I had much encouragement. But, now, when I seek employment between school quarters and during summer vacation, I get the feeling the accounting department doesn't want me back. They say they'll check to see if there is any work available. This sounds unusual to me because I have worked there and there always was something that had to be done.

I would not feel so bad if I were a stranger, but I am from Warm Springs and I have worked in the accounting department for seven years. With my experience and background I should not have to feel like a beggar on my own reservation. But that's how I feel when I want to work and call the accounting department.

One of the reasons I went back to school was that I would always hear complaints about not enough tribal members working in the management of our reservation. That is what I am trying to do, but it seems tribal accounting does not see fit to help out a tribal member learn to manage his own tribal organization.

There are a great many things left unsaid, but space in the paper is limited. So for now I'll stop, until next time.

William E. Hoptowitz
(Billiam)

Don't forget to vote

"You don't have a right to complain about things if you don't vote," says one person. "You can't change things if you don't cast your ballot," says another. Yet another says, "I know my vote is important, but I don't have time."

We all live with excuses. We all procrastinate, until it's too late. No matter how "unimportant" an item may seem, no matter what the issue, it's important to vote. It shows you care about what happens in your community.

The March 25 school board election, Central Oregon Community College operating levy and the Jefferson County Education Service District position elections are all important, just as is the Criminal Justice Facility referendum.

It doesn't matter if you approve of disapprove of an item, you must vote, to make known your opinion. If you don't you really don't have the right to complain, and you really can't expect favorable changes. Don't let others make your decisions for you—get out and vote!

Mini-college: A learning vacation

Start planning your Learning Vacation at the 1980 Extension Mini-College June 16-20 at Oregon State University. Nearly 60 different classes and special activities are planned during the event sponsored by the OSU Extension Service and the Oregon Extension Homemakers Council.

Registration forms and complete information about classes, costs, etc., will be available from the county Extension office in early March. **Deadline for registering is June 1 and classes are filled on a first come, first served basis so you need to start now.**

Marie Bussard, Mini-College coordinator, reports that those who come for the entire program will enroll in one morning class which will meet for three hours each day. The morning, or "A" classes, will cover such topics as

leadership, food preservation basics, energy conscious housing design, aging, considerations in starting a small business and adolescent sexuality.

* Full-time participants will enroll also in two afternoon classes that will meet for an hour and half each day. Early afternoon subjects include Oregon coast perspectives, investing in a time of inflation, home computers, wood heating, child abuse and neglect, and Oregon geographic names.

Late afternoon classes, designed for fun, relaxation and to spark new creative ideas, include such topics as making pastas, wall hangings from natural materials, calligraphy, picture framing, and recognizing your own antiques.

A special Mini-College Assembly is planned again this year for one afternoon as is the annual business meeting of the Homemakers Council.

* Again this year, you may attend just for Thursday, June 19, if you wish. Persons attending for one day will select one class to attend in the

morning. The afternoon will be devoted to the assembly and business meeting. The day concludes with the annual banquet.

Several special evening programs are planned for OSU during Mini-College week and many will be open to Mini-College participants. A list of special campus activities will be posted at the registration desk in Bloss Hall.

Full time attendance, room and board, based on double occupancy, will cost \$92 this year. Persons who wish single rooms will pay an additional \$12. This includes meals from Monday dinner through Friday breakfast.

There are two options available for those who wish to attend Thursday only. Registration, lunch and banquet will cost \$20. Or, you may arrive Wednesday and stay through Friday morning for \$39, which includes meals and room (double occupancy). A single room will cost \$6 more.

There are also special rates for those who wish to commute to the campus.

Monthly tax refund

During 1980, you can receive a monthly tax refund if you can answer the following questions with a yes answer:

1. Will you earn less than \$10,000 in 1980? (If you are married, then the husband and wife's combined income must be less than \$10,000.)
2. Do you have a child living with you?

If you answered yes to both questions you should contact the Accounting Department of your employer to find out if you qualify, the employees in the Accounting Department will help you fill out the required form.

Memorial Dinner

Joyce Quinn and family wish to announce that they are having a Memorial Dinner Saturday March 29, 1980, at 12:00 p.m. in the Agency Longhouse. They extend an invitation to everyone to feel free to come.

KNT bath house policy

Now that Kah-Nee-Ta is once again open for business; we would like to review our swimming policy for tribal members in the village pool. The pool hours will be from 9:00 a.m. 'til 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. When a tribal member presents the Bath House with their enrollment card, they will be

charged \$1.25 for each adult and 50¢ for each child six years and under, Monday through Friday. On weekends only, the charge will be full price regardless of enrollment identification.

John Behrend
Village Manager

Tribal Council Agenda

March 25 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Kah-Nee-Ta Board Appointment
2. 2:00 p.m. Personnel Manual Modifications

March 25 REFERENDUM - Justice Facility

March 26 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Referendum results
2. 11:00 a.m. Unfinished Business