

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Letters to the Editor: EMT's get pat on the back

Crackdown on drinking drivers

To the people of Warm Springs,

Alcohol has been found to be the largest single factor leading to fatal crashes. In the United States, alcohol is responsible for over half of all traffic deaths.

Since taking over in June, our own Emergency Medical Technicians of the Fire and Safety Department have observed that all the accidents they've responded to so far were alcohol-involved.

The incidents involving deaths and critical injuries are giving our community some very clear-cut messages about this problem. It is no longer okay to stand back and say it's not our problem. We are all involved in this problem and in finding its solution.

What are some of the obstacles that stand in the way of attacking the problem?

- Social acceptability and use of alcohol
 - Resource shortages
 - Need for increased Judicial support
 - Crowded Court System
 - Need for effective methods to identify and penalize those who serve intoxicated individuals
 - Need for increased commitment on the part of enforcement officials
- In our community, although

it is against the law, people who have lost their Oregon driver's license because of alcohol continue to drive on the reservation without special permits. People who are involved in alcohol-related accidents are still driving.

I realize that Warm Springs is a sovereign community subject to its own laws. However, are our people any less worthy of living? Does life mean less here than elsewhere? Does a person who has been identified as an unsafe driver become safer just because he's driving on the reservation? These questions must be answered quickly.

Are we to sit back and let our legacy be killed off through the unwise use of alcohol and other intoxicants?

I propose that the Confederated Tribes enforce the attitude that **Drinking and Driving is Dangerous**. Prosecute those who do it! Enforce the law about people driving on the reservation without a valid license.

Make mandatory the license suspension, Traffic Safety School, fines and treatment which is so important to help prevent further tragedies.

We must stand up now and be heard before it is too late!

Steve Bekofsky
Director, Alcohol and Drug Program

Forgiveness, letters requested

(Editors Note: We felt the first portion of this letter was inappropriate for our paper but decided that the remainder, which follows, was sincere and acceptable. The writer is referring to the incident which led to his five-year term for assault III.)

To You the People:

I care a lot for the two girls who were with me. I didn't have no reason to be shooting at them. But what has happened cannot be changed. It hurt me very much to find out what happened, but it only hurt more when I couldn't remember the incident myself.

Now I am locked up and that

neither can be changed. Maybe the thing I can possibly do is ask for forgiveness and for the few friends I might have to write and give me a few words of advice and cheerful thoughts.

I would appreciate it very much if you would put my letter in the Spilyay. I am in need of friends and friendly words.

I would also like to receive weekly publications of the Spilyay. My address is: Luther J. Danzuka #9350, 3405 Deer Park Drive, S.E., Salem, Oregon 97310.

Sincerely Yours,
Luther J. Danzuka

Mayor sets Tacoma Indian days

To the editor,

I would like to welcome everyone to the Second Annual Tacoma Indian Exposition and Powwow on behalf of the city of Tacoma and the Tacoma City Council.

I am sure the exhibitions, demonstrations and presentations will be of great interest to all who are able to attend, and I encourage all our citizens to take advantage of this

opportunity to learn and to be entertained.

I am pleased to proclaim September 13 and 14, 1986 as Tacoma Indian Days in honor of this celebration and in recognition of the importance to our community of the cultural heritage and contribution of Native Americans.

Sincerely,
Mike Parker
Mayor

To the editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the volunteers who man the Madras and Warm Springs ambulances.

These are a special group of people who give up much of their time to aid the sick and injured in Warm Springs and Madras. Many times they are called out at all hours of the day and night to help someone who is sick or has been injured and transport them to the hospital.

But their responsibility doesn't end there (although it could). Very often they are asked to help out in the X-ray department holding patients or otherwise assisting us to get our exams done. They are always

willing to help any way they can which makes our job easier. It helps us to complete our exams much more quickly so the patient can be treated by the emergency room staff and physicians.

Sometimes after the patients have been treated, they must be transported to the hospital in Bend for further treatment. This means that it will be another two or three hours before they (the ambulance crew) will be home again. Yet, these men and women take it all in stride as a part of a job that needs to be done.

We think that all of us should be proud and grateful that both of these crews (Madras and Warm Springs) are willing to give up so much of their time

and of themselves to help others. I know that we in the Department of Radiology at Mt. View Hospital certainly are.

Frank R. Silvia, Jr., LRT, ARRT
Chief Radiologic Technologist

Marsa A. Souers, LRT, ARRT
Staff Radiologic Technologist

(Editor's note: During a phone conversation, after this letter was already mailed, Mr. Silvia added that both these ambulance crews are so competent and do such an outstanding job, that he would feel perfectly comfortable about them handling him or anyone in his family should they be in an accident. "They really care," he said.)

American Heritage trip was great

Dear Education Committee,

I would like to thank you for making it possible for me to go on the American Heritage trip back east to New York, Boston,

Philadelphia, Virginia and Massachusetts.

I had a lot of fun on the trip and I learned a lot. I also made a whole bunch of new friends.

I would like a special thank you to go to Mike Clements, and to my parents Fabian and June Sutterlee.

Thank You,
Cheryl Sutterlee

"Captain" stationed in Sierra Mts.

Dear Spilyay:

Howdy again, I am writing to let everyone know that I'm settled at my new duty station which is up here in the Sierra Mountains. This base is relatively small compared to other military installations, for this base has only 125 or so permanent personnel but we are capable of supporting 2500 Marines who come to train.

While I was home on leave I had plenty of time to visit those friends and relatives who have kept in touch. I felt very good when someone would come up to me and congratulate me on

my progress. To those people a big thanks for the nice words.

Also while I was home I had the unfortunate opportunity to witness a sad thing. I received the Spilyay and was looking through it and saw comments against the registration of males for selective services. I personally am a firm believer in the volunteer registration for the sole reason that we as a nation need the trained forces for protection of the nation. For those who wrote these letters wrote them hastily and in poor taste.

Every Indian family I know takes great pride in saying that a family member was in the

armed forces, whether it may be father, brother, uncle or son. It is of great honor when I boast to my friends here of my father's years served in the Marine Corp or my grandfathers who had served in the Army or the Navy.

And no one can really say that we will ever have to call on those few who took ten minutes to fill out the card. Below is my new address and if anyone cares to write, do so and I will answer as soon as I can.

Thanks Again,

PFC. Moody R.E.
M.C.M.W.T.C.
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Thanks for caring about Warner

To the editor,

I would like to take the time and opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the people who came to Mt. View

Hospital and St. Charles Hospital to offer prayer, for the flowers and cards sent, and to the people who took their precious time to stop in to visit Warner Williams.

Special appreciation to Annie and Zelma Smith for cheering him up, and Mr. Elston for his prayer line.

Priscilla Frank

Tribal Council Minutes:

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8/11/80

1. Present were Delbert Frank, Chairman; Mike Clements, Zane Jackson, Fred Kalama, Bernice Mitchell, Amos Simtustus, Harold Culpus and Karen Wallulatam.

2. Because of the difficulty the Census Bureau is having in completing the census count for the reservation, Madeline Craig is to be asked to send them a list of all enrolled members.

3. Use of Agency Longhouse and 200 lbs. of donation salmon approved for August 28th for the JOM back to school dinner.

4. Donation of \$400 and 80 lbs of salmon approved for Full Gospel Church for their Camp

Meeting.
5. 50 lbs donation salmon approved for Kah-Nee-Ta Men's Golf Association for their tournament with the Salem Golf Club.

6. Use of the T/C van approved for the Purchasing Department's tour with Yakima representatives, August 19 and 20th.

7. Presentation by Rose Festival Association to be made August 19th.

8. Law & Order Committee members, Daisy Ike, George Clements and Woodrow Smith, Sr., approved to attend Indian Lawyers Training Institute workshop Kah-Nee-Ta, August 18-20.

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Tribal Council Agenda

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

1. 10:10 a.m. 1981 Budget to Council
2. 3:00 p.m. Court Salaries Schedule Report
3. 4:00 p.m. OEDP Update

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

1. 10:00 a.m. Management/Tribal Court Report
2. 1:30 p.m. Law & Order Task Force