

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)



## Letters to the Editor

### We were asked to stay away

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter to inform you of what we feel is a great injustice to our family. We received a letter from Tribal Council asking us to stay out of the Simnasho Longhouse, for reasons we can't understand.

In early November, Amelia requested a donation of salmon or turkey from the Tribal Council to use for a dinner for a Thanksgiving dinner for Matilda, Sylvia and Minnie (our daughter). Our request was denied, but what really irritated us was that the Nicodemus family was given salmon for a memorial dinner in Wellpinit. We received a letter saying our request was denied, as well as many other things.

The letter we received from the Council was indignant to say the least. They informed us that we could no longer hold LDS services in the Longhouse because they interfered with the Washut services on Sundays, could not have the salmon or turkey because it was for Mormons and could no longer participate in any longhouse activities.

There are very few LDS members here. The Budge family, the Blodgett children

and ourselves, are regulars. Sylvia and Matilda often attended the services at the Longhouse when they were still held there. Mark Budge is our teacher. He also received a letter from the council, informing him that he could no longer hold services at the Longhouse.

About three years ago, we obtained permission from Matilda to use the Longhouse for LDS services. Matilda felt there would be no problem with the holding the LDS services there since she didn't think they would interfere with the Washut services, because Washut services didn't start until noon or so. After the LDS services, Minnie and Amelia would begin cooking dinner for the Washut people and then participate in Washut services along with the rest of our family.

I can't understand how the two services interfered with one another when we were the same people.

All of this has been especially hard on the kids because they felt they were a part of the Longhouse. Idelia feels that those who don't want us there aren't Christians and if they were, they wouldn't do anything to hurt us just because our religion is different.

Idelia misses seeing Matilda

and Sylvia as does Minnie. Minnie also misses helping with dinner and learning how things are run during the feasts. She thinks Matilda and Sylvia may feel we just don't attend services because we don't want to. She has too much respect for them and the many things they have taught her, to hurt their feelings.

Our kids have no place to go. They can't get involved in school activities because of the time element. Now that they can't go to the Longhouse, they feel alienated, to say the least.

We think a letter of apology is in order from the three councilmen who signed the letter to our family. This entire situation could have long-range, detrimental consequences on our children.

We were going to forget the whole thing, but so many people have asked us why we don't go to the Longhouse, that we thought a public letter was in order.

Many people feel we don't go to the Longhouse because we don't want to. That's not it at all—we were told to stay away.

Sincerely,

Chesley Yahtin and family

### Service gives recognition for good job

Dear Spilyay:

I would like to pass on to those who keep in touch and wonder of my progress at the recent good fortune I have had. As of February 1st I have been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

But along with the good and the bad comes the hard-to-face. It's very difficult to hear nothing but bad news from home and not get depressed. I would like to send my condolences to those families that have lost a member. I'd also like to apologize for not being able to attend any of the funerals.

I have been in the Marine Corps for a little over one year and have made a good deal of progress. It makes a person feel

pretty good to have their work noticed, as everyone knows. I guess that's a major difference between the Marine Corps and living back home on the reservation.

In the service young men and women are recognized for their work and receive compliments and, in time, promotions. But at home the older generations are more often likely to look for faults in the young so they can criticize rather than look at the good points in young adults.

I still would like to encourage those young adults who are out of high school and are having a tough time at making a decision on what to do to go and sign up into one of the armed services. It is a

sacrifice to be away from home but it's a experience well worth it.

I would like to congratulate my younger (I can't say little brother any more) brother on making the decision to enter the Marine Corps. Semper Fi Keith, always remember I'm proud of you and back you on the decision you have made for yourself.

Thanks to those who keep writing. It's always good to hear from someone at home when things aren't going good there. It helps to ease the depressed attitude and feeling of loneliness because I can't be around family at such times.

Again thanks to those who write.

L/Cpl. Ray Moody

### Buck-a-cup campaign a huge success-Thanks

To the Editor

The Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Alpha Omicron Chapter, would like to say "Thanks" to all the people who helped make the Easter Seals society, "Buck-a-cup" campaign, a huge success this year.

The money received from

button sales exceeded those in the past, and will be greatly appreciated by those who need the services of Easter Seals society.

Thanks a Million!

Helen Houts  
Jefferson Co. Coffee Day  
Chairperson

### Your care appreciated

The family of Russell V. Charley Sr. would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the friends and relatives who helped with the food. All the cards that were sent to us, and all of the beautiful flowers are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to give a special thank you to our grandmothers Stella Mc-

Kinley, Matilda Mitchell, Sylvia Wallulatum, Nettie Showay, and Florence Meanus for their company, support, guidance, and prayers that they offered to us in our time of need and sorrow.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Margaret Charley  
Children & Grandchildren

### Thanks for your help

To the Editor:

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee would like to extend their thanks to the many people who helped make the fifth annual powwow a great success.

A special thanks to Lois Squiemphen, Florence Culp and Mona Smith for selling raffle tickets, bringing in \$1,600. Also, thanks to all who bought the tickets.

We would like to mention

our appreciation to those who donated items for the various auctions and the raffle, Zane and Norma Jackson, Totem Pole of The Dalles, Pelton Lanes, Walter's Corner and the Meet Market. We would also like to mention the VFW for the use of the hall for the rummage and bake sale.

All your help is greatly appreciated.

Lincoln's Birthday Powwow  
Committee Members

### Whirlpool of memories

The visitors, friends, and relatives have all gone home; the phone has stopped ringing constantly; the house is quiet and lonely. But a reflection of the past few days appear to remind us of the good times, the sharing of news from other places, the singing, the dancing, laughing, talking with everyone.

In recalling all the faces at the longhouse, people that came to share our meal for our sons, we recall wanting to say a few words to each person in humble gratitude for honoring Pvt. Moody K.D. and L/cpl. Moody R.E. with their presence and time. However gratitude; emotion; pride; love and tears have a way of forming a lump in your throat that prohibits you from saying anything.

Now that our home is quiet and calm we share our

memories and we envision each of you that shared our time with our sons and we are thankful and proud to have friends and relatives like you.

We would like to clarify their present duty stations;

L/cpl. Moody R.E.  
M.C.M.W.T.C.  
Bridgeport, California 93517

—and—

Pvt. Moody K.D. 540-84-1795  
Reception PH.  
S.A.C.—I.T.S.  
Camp Pendleton, California  
92055

When their duty stations change we will inform the Spilyay Tymoo. Thanks for the memories!

Charlotte and Enos Herkshan

### Tribal Council attendance

The following attendance record covers the total number of meeting attended by Tribal Council members since May 1, 1980. A perfect record would total 68 meetings attended.

Delbert Frank Sr. 56	Fred Kalama 41½
Zane Jackson 59½	Karen Wallulatum 54½
Olney Patt, Sr. 22½	Amos Simtustus 62
Bernice Mitchell 62½	Nelson Wallulatum 73
Mike Clements 64½	Nick Kalama 0
Harold Culpus 28½	

### Tribal Council Agenda

- February 23 Tribal Council, 9:30 a.m.
    - 1. 10:00 a.m. 509-J Report-Darrell Wright
  - February 24 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
    - 1. 10:00 a.m. Committee Evaluations
  - February 25 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
    - 1. 10:00 a.m. Tribal Court-Irene Wells
    - 2. 2:00 p.m. Management Reports
  - February 26 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
    - 1. 10:00 a.m. WSFPI Board Report
- GENERAL COUNCIL-Agency Longhouse  
Agenda: WSFPI Annual Report

### Shop seeks Beadwork

To the Editor:

Indian Bead and Leather work wanted on consignment in new shop. Call 382-6048 (Bend) for details.

Sincerely,

Nadine Waltman-Harmon