

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Letters to the editor

Older people were right all along

Dear Spilyay:

I decided to write this letter and hope that some of the young adults will read this and take the advice I offer.

In the past years there has been a change in the attitudes of the youth. It had always been that young adults were in search of an education with which, upon their return to the reservation, they would contribute to the progress of the reservation. But now it seems that the youth have nothing better to do but abuse alcohol and drugs.

I have made many public statements on the older generation's criticism of the youth's behavior. I would now like to apologize to them, for all along they were right and I have been wrong.

To those young adults who are living at home and making no effort to progress themselves, you belong to the group of which I speak. It is your group who is the most confused and in search of answers. Yet you continue to look for the answers in the

wrong place such as inside of a bottle or with different kinds of drugs. These things do not help, they only add to the confusion and hardships.

I was in the same situation as most of you. I was out of high school and not sure which direction to turn. I had moved out of my house and in with grandfather. It was there in his home where I received the guidance and help I was in so much need of. I was given the courage and help which I needed when I decided to leave the reservation.

Now that I have been away from home for a while, I have gained great respect for this man who made my problems look so mediocre and to give myself a second chance to straighten up my act. I still have my faults, but each day I gain more respect for myself and life. I also appreciate home, the religion and my family a great deal now than when I lived on the reservation. To that man I owe a great deal and will always remember how he helped me. Thank you, Jacob.

To the youth whom this

letter concerns, take control of yourself and gain the courage to break away from alcohol. It does only damage to you and the life you have in store. It's hard to turn away from drinking, but not impossible. I should know because being away from home complicates things for when I get lonely or homesick. It's ever so easy to go and get a drink, but I found it does more damage than good.

I know this sounds like a lot of preaching and I can understand that because I've heard just like you have. It took me this long for it all to sink in. I only wish I would've listened to all the advice that was offered to me.

I would like to pass this on to those who read this. If you don't—don't start. To those who I encourage to drink, I'm sorry I got you started down the wrong road and would only wish you would realize what I have learned, and stop.

I appreciate you taking time to read this and hopefully it will help you out.

Respectfully,
Ray Moody

Rank "girlie" magazines a problem

An open letter to Delbert Frank, Chairman, Tribal Council Warm Springs Confederated Tribes:

Mr. Frank,

As a Tribal Member it appalls me that rank "girlie" magazines are being sold within easy reach of our youth of the community. We know of the many problems we have in our respective areas and the amount of monies appropriated to deal with these problems.

To condone such human degradation by apathy is not the way some of us have been raised to be, and the past has

not let us forget the female in our Indian society has an important place. Total removal would be the ideal solution but I am sure any relocation away from the young people would be an improvement.

I agree an adult parent may have such material in his own house. But that is his castle and this area located directly adjacent to the ice cream case and the United States Post Office makes it a public nuisance.

This problem is not just my particular problem but the problem of us as an Indian Nation. We have let a lot of bad things into our reservation and cannot be sure of what may help or hurt. This is a Tribal

Council problem. We depend on you to protect us from the spiritually debilitating things that surround us if at all possible.

There has been many things done in the past to help relate this as a problem to the well-being of our community but, apparently, it has only postponed any confrontation.

Please, Mr. Frank, let us not pretend this is not a problem because it is and business-wise Mr. Macy should be concerned about more than just making money. We are a community and need respect as such.

Respectfully yours
Lewis E. Pitt, Jr.
Tribal Member

Outgoing liaison thanks Indian Club

To the Editor,

I would like at this time to express my sincere thanks to the Junior High Indian Club for their help and support while I was Community Liaison. A special thanks goes to Indian Club president Lana Shike and other Indian Club president Lana Shike Indian Club members Ronna Wilson, Alvis Smith Jr., Anson Begay, Sarah Scott, Wendy Woodside, Max Jim, Joyce Suppah and any others who haven't been mentioned.

I feel what you did was very special and meaningful and you were responsible for organizing the Junior High Indian Club. For me to receive the dozen long-stemmed red roses and beautiful card signed by all the Indian club members, 42, strong, was a very thoughtful and sincere gesture. It made my last day on the job as your community liaison and friend very special.

You kids are very special seventh and eighth graders—very much the leaders of the

future. And I would like your parents to know that they have a terrific bunch of kids.

We shared very special goodbyes on my last day. Hopefully you can continue with the programs you wanted to begin. I wish you luck and success with those programs—you are all leaders.

Most respectfully yours, your friend,

Pat Darcy

Council urges interest

Dear Tribal Members,

The Tribal Council has initiated the total update of the 1969 Comprehensive Plan. This will be our most important planning activity because the plan provides guidelines and policies for the development of all human and physical resources for the next 20 years.

To aid Tribal Member involvement throughout the planning process, a slide-tape presentation has been prepared to provide orientation to members. The slide-tape will be presented to all interested groups and individuals by the Land Use Planning Committee. The presentation will include a discussion about issues and concerns, along with a short questionnaire.

Orientation meetings will take place between April and June of this year.

The Land Use Planning Committee is authorized to meet with as many groups and

individuals as possible. If you would like a committee member to present the slide-tape orientation to you, please contact one of the following:

Warren "Rudy" Clements, Chairman, Land Use Planning Committee
Buford "Biff" Johnson, Vice Chairman
Grant Waheneka
Prosanna "Prunnie" Williams
Margie Earl
Dora Goudy, Committee Secretary
Planning Department Staff

The Council encourages meetings within homes because communication is often easier and more relaxed. Home meetings also provide an opportunity for members to participate who are not involved in organizations, district meetings or general council meeting.

Sincerely
Delbert Frank
Chairman, Tribal Council

Two nice men helped

To the Editor: (This letter was forwarded from the Tribal Council to Spilyay Tymoo for publication)

Tribal Council
Warm Springs Reservation
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

I would really like to pay a compliment to two of the young people of Warm Springs.

Sunday, March 21, my husband and I, unfortunately, had to replace the water pump in our car at the Chevron Station. We did all of the work while these two young men loaned us the use of the garage and tools. They were interested

in what we were doing, but still took care of every customer as quickly as he came in. They were helpful and courteous those four hours and even helped when we needed an extra hand.

Raymond and Ted, the young men working that afternoon, are the two nicest young men we have met in quite some time. I hope there are more such young people coming into adulthood these days.

Sincerely,
Randa S. New
Edward H. New
390 N.E. Hillwood Dr.
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

Need some spring cleaning?

Blondie will do cleaning. Aletha "Blondie" Bryant is available to help you with any

spring cleaning you may have. Contact her at 553-1773 after 6 p.m.

Lost cat

A long haired white male siamese cat wearing a white flea collar has been lost in the vicinity of the Warm Springs fish hatchery. A reward is

offered for his return. If you have information about Otto's whereabouts please contact Doug at 553-1717.

Tribal Council Agenda

April 20 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Tribal Funeral Expense—Mr. Fitzgerald
2. 2:00 p.m. Enrollments
3. 4:00 p.m. Committee Appointments: Education, Recreation.

April 21 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Realty
2. 2:00 p.m. Credit Program—Ed Manion
3. 4:00 p.m. IHS Report—Garret Soules

April 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Review Previous Report
- Prepare Agenda for April 23/24

April 23/24 Tribal Council/Management Retreat (Bowmans)

April 27/30 Timber Symposium—Denver, Colorado

April 30 Bid Opening — Kah-Nee-Ta Water Line — KNT lodge