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Letters to the editor

Records important for tribe

Dear Tribal Chairman and Council:

It has been brought to my attention that the upcoming budget will not provide for an Office of Records/Archives Management and staff.

If this is not to be, may I strongly recommend the combination of the Office of Records/Archives Management be joined with the Cultural Heritage Office.

As an enrolled tribal member I have had the training, education, professional connections, and travel to see what has happened to other tribes throughout the nation who have not had the foresight to preserve their records, be they financial contemporary on-going records, or these of an historical nature. Those tribes are at the mercy and whims of outside forces, non-Indians, or non-enrolled persons who control the records/archives for their own, and often selfish motives.

Too many times records/archival materials are destroyed, hidden, altered, or stolen which could be the pivotal factor in the following: whether payments have been made to the tribe; who the tribe owes money to and who should collect money; business; land issues, inheritance claims and distribution; genealogy; treaty rights; water and mineral rights; fishing rights; arts and crafts; traditions; religion; civil rights; legal jurisdiction; sovereignty; research and publication.

It is good to know that many tribes are becoming involved in setting up and maintaining their own records/archival programs. These are people who are not going to let another records/archival rape take place as has happened repeatedly among many tribes down through time and even today. They honor their ancestors by preserving the past for the future generations.

Consider our Yakima Nation kinsmen to the north and how they've helped set the standard in Indian Cultural centers by combining a library and museum with their records/archives. Also, the Iroquois in New York have the Turtle Center; the Navajo Nation has an outstanding

records/archivals program and several museums or display centers; the Seattle region has the Daybreak Center; many Oklahoma tribes have their centers, just to name a few who have taken the initiative to not let their heritage based on records/archives and artifacts die.

The past has shown us that many of the world's great museums in the United States and Europe are the repositories of Native American records, archives, and artifacts. Who controls these records, archives, and artifacts? Certainly not the people to whom they rightfully belong. Now our tribes is at the crossroads as to whether or not keep a records/archives office or even a cultural heritage office. Someone has planted a evil seed in the minds of those who can save our heritage by saying we cannot afford such a luxury and budget it out.

Is our past, present, and future to be cast off, altered, hidden, stolen, or exterminated completely before it is too late to salvage? Are our Confederated Tribes to end up without complete records/archives or artifacts to verify our own existence? Will our progeny be treated as outcasts and be denied their heritage?

It is said the Federal Government wants out of the Indian business. There used to be the policy of extermination and termination. Regardless of the policy, Indian peoples survived. Unfortunately, we dabble in self-extermination and self-determination when we let other people control our records, archives, or artifacts.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs can also set the example and take the lead in records and archival management in addition to cultural heritage. There are numerous smaller tribes with tiny landholdings as well as reservations of moderate size who are envious of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. They see our tribal groupings as a progressive example with a fine, stable financial base lodged in natural resources. Many people wonder why we don't have a useful records/archives office and a cultural center as do the



Mary Ann Meanus, Viola Kalama and an unidentified lady busy cleaning pine moss (Kunce) in preparation for the Seven Drum revival which will be held in the Agency Longhouse November 24 through the 28. This will be a gathering of old time Indian worship (Washut) leaders, drummers, followers and dancers.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

Yakimas. Our tribal people would be shamed to know that the tiny Southern Paiute tribe in Southern Utah which has just been reinstated as a recognized tribe, has plans for their own records/archives office. These people haven't even gotten land base yet!

Again, I appeal to the Tribal Council to reconsider the budget as it pertains to the Office of Records/Archives and the Cultural Heritage Office. We have trained, qualified persons to run these offices. If they are deficient in any way, there are numerous programs available to upgrade and improve their skills and abilities. Our tribal people must preserve our heritage and be committed to that maintenance be it through records, archives, or artifacts in addition to our human resource—ourselves and our children.

Sincerely,

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Enrolled member of the
Confederated Tribes of Warm
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Thank You!

To the People,

To all those who supported our family when our house caught on fire, the Fire and Safety,—to Harvey, Bear and Gary for taking care of Louie after the fire and to all who have donated much needed clothes and bedding we all really appreciate it very much.

James, Pauli, Lani and Tiffany
Wolfe
Louie and Sarah Ike.

Looking for photos

To the Editor,

The Wainanwit family is requesting of the people any pictures of our parents, Walter Wainanwit and Minnie Ike Wainanwit. Also of our grandparents.

We are willing to pay cost of

reprint.

Please contact Janis Wainanwit at Tenino Apts. Deer Loop R-58 or write c/o Elliott Switzler, Box 5, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Respectfully,
Janis Wainanwit

Tribal Council Agenda

November 8 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Financial Report—Ralph Minnick/Doug McClelland
2. 2:00 p.m. Celilo-Wyam Status-Merrit Youngdeer

November 10 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Law & Order Code Revision-Jim Noteboom
- Water Code/Board Matters

November 15 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments and Constitution Amendment Committee—Dennis Karnopp
2. 4:00 p.m. Natural Resource Department—Terry Luther

November 16 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Reports: Tribal Court and Justice Service Administrator
2. 2:00 p.m. Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society—Nelson Wallulatam

November 17 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Comprehensive Plan/Draft Policies—Ray Rangila

November 18 Joint Meeting—Tribal Council/Committees 7:00 a.m., — Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge

- Tribal Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
1. 2:00 p.m. 1983 Budget-Management
- General Council-Agency Longhouse
Agenda: 1983 Budget presentation
6:00 p.m.—Supper
7:30 p.m.—Meeting

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

1. 10:00 a.m. 509-J Report-Darrel Wright
2. 2:00 p.m. Realty

November 23 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Comparison Report-Minors Trust/Other investments
2. 2:00 p.m. Community Center-Ed Manion

November 29 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Education Policy—Charles (Jody) Calica
2. 2:00 p.m. McQuinn Wildlife Management Plan

November 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Comprehensive Plan/Draft Policies-Ray Rangila