

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)



Letters to the editor

—Tribute to a great chief—

To relatives and friends,

On behalf of my mother and family, I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for the support and love that you've given in the loss of our father, Amos Simtustus. Although he will be missed by all of us, it's comforting to know now that he can finally rest and is at peace.

We are grateful to the Tribal Council's proclamation of a week's mourning in honor of him. We are also grateful for the steps that Council has taken to assist traditionally and the many ways that they've shown their deep concern for him and

the family.

I'm so glad that he shared with you what he had shared with us at home—that being his many concerns of all the people on the reservation. His concerns, like those of any chief, included daily happenings, national events and his concern and general outlook for the reservation and his Indian people.

It was heartwarming to hear the many testimonies of the great people that he worked with. The direction and the path which guided him was that of which his father and his forefathers also walked and established. It seemed such a

short time for us to learn that direction, but we feel fortunate that we've learned the most important aspect of our father in his position—his values. Hearing your testimonies confirmed our belief that you shared those same values.

Because he was considerate and respectful of others, not only because he was our father, but our chief, we are taking this time of grace in love and respect of him. Even though life must go on and everyday life takes place, as his people, we honor a Great Chief.

Thank You,

Evaline Patt

Preserve timber for future

Editor/Tribal Members:

"In the Pacific Northwest, logging is one of the major activities that can affect aquatic resources (water, fish, etc.). Industries based on timber and fish have flourished in the Northwest since pioneer days, and these industries are still vitally important to our economy. However, as we make more demands on, and become more aware of, our environment, logging practices that were acceptable or overlooked in the past are no longer acceptable to a concerned public." R.L. Lantz Ph.D., School of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, Protection of Salmon and Trout Streams in Logging Operations.

In my opinion, our tribal environment is no different, we

have got to make dollars, but also protect all of the environment. The resources have been impacted greatly both good and bad, in these last three decades by logging. "...without impairment of the productivity of the land..." (excerpt of the law followed by our neighbors the U.S. Forest Service), is nearly impossible when even the best logging practices take away from future productivity, example: roads, compaction, skid trails, erosion, water siltation.

I applaud the implementation of the Streamside Management Plan, but was disappointed that a recent attempt at advancement of further resource protection with regards to watersheds was turned away by Tribal Council. Our fisheries here at home are

worth money and much more culturally. "From an economic standpoint, fishery valued can often equal or exceed the value of commercial Douglas Fir with 100 feet on either side of the stream," as stated by Lantz. Protecting water quality, (fish), by quality roads, soil protection is a good long term investment and is difficult to do when prices for a tribal tree is low. In some areas we are cutting trees simply to build roads, little if any dollars come to us as income. Protection of these resources today means dollars for our tribal children tomorrow. If we don't care, Who Will?

Sincerely,

Lewis E. Pitt, Jr.
Tribal Member

Notice to commercial fishermen

As a result of federal court litigation involving the 1982 fall chinook season in Zone 6 of the Columbia River, Judge Walter E. Craig ordered that the Columbia River treaty tribes determine the number of subsistence or "take-home" fish caught during the 1982 fall season.

While it is legal for tribal fishermen to keep fish harvested during the commercial season, these fish usually are not counted as part of the

tribal harvest since they are not sold to licensed commercial buyers.

Judge Walter Craig ruled that under the United States Supreme Court's 1979 decision in *Washington v. Passenger Fishing Vessel Association* (Boldt case), fish harvested during the commercial season but used for subsistence purposes must be counted as part of the treaty Indian share of the catch.

Accordingly, the Warm Springs Tribe is proceeding to determine the number of fish used for subsistence purposes harvested by Warm Springs fishermen during the 1982 fall season.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee requests that all Warm Springs commercial fishermen who participated in the 1982 fall gillnet season please contact Gene Greene or

Terry Luther at the Natural Resources department and give an estimate of the number of take-home fish, if any, harvested during the 1982 fall season. If you have any questions, please contact the Natural Resources department or Howie Arnett, Tribal Attorney (382-3011). The cooperation of all tribal commercial fishermen is urged and appreciated.

Failure of the Tribe to make a determination of the number of take-home fish caught this fall during the commercial season may result in Judge Craig accepting an erroneous estimate of the tribal take-home catch provided by the States of Oregon and Washington.

Harold Culpus
Chairman
Fish and Wildlife Committee

Who speaks for the children?

To the People,

The year of 1982 is gone and now we are into a new year. For many of us it is the time to stop and reflect upon the past events of 1982. I would like to share with the people one of the things I feel we all need to stop and review.

We dealt with an adoption referendum which was held in November. Forty-eight names were on the referendum. For the 28 people who were adopted by the vote of the people it was the end of a long wait. I feel thankful for those who were adopted, but for the 20 people who didn't receive the necessary votes, I feel concern.

I realize that there will probably always be those who don't make it. But I think what we, as a people, need to do is to voice our feeling about the things we feel are being done or not being done.

Following the adoption election, a great many people expressed concern about the ballot and the manner in which it was presented to the voters. It was hard to read and harder to know if the votes were going to the person whom you thought you were voting for. The names were not always in a straight line with the boxes. We, at Warm Springs, have a printing department that could give us a more professional looking ballot. If it is important enough to present to the people to vote on then it should be important enough to have a good clear ballot.

I was a member of the enrollment committee before it was disbanded. As a member of that committee I had the chance to learn and understand the families and their ties to our Tribes. The committee worked on the census rolls and it was finalized. This is the roll from which the vital statistics draws the information on all families. So, information coming from their office should be accurate. They also have all the family background for all families. I feel that there should be someone to oversee all of the

information which is compiled by the Vital Statistics department before it is presented to the Tribal Council. Even a committee would serve this purpose. I feel there should be a check to make sure all the necessary information has been included. This method was used before and I feel it added to the accuracy of the data.

When I worked on the final census which our tribe now used for the backgrounds on our people, we made sure this information was made available to the voters. The family background (family trees) should show from which families the people are descendants. It would help the elders to know which families the children come from, the elders can relate to the old family names which have undergone changes through marriages and modernization. These facts can be of benefit to those who have their name on the ballot.

These children are of our blood. Their grandparents and great grandparents helped to form the tribes, but for many it is the older family name our people better understand. Many of those up for adoption come from families whose names identify such places as Sid Walter Flats and Tenino Valley to name just two.

After this last election a number of questions were raised by many people and I feel the people have the right to be heard. The question of marking of the ballots with pencils, perhaps it is time to write rules for elections which would make it mandatory to use pens or perhaps indelible pencils.

I feel it is time for the Tribe to review and update the rules covering elections. I feel there were so many questions raised. There should be a way to correct these situations. I am certain there are many people who have some good ideas to contribute to the betterment of future elections.

Viola Kalama
Tribal Member

Tribal Council Agenda

- January 10 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. EIA Report/Clint Jacks
 2. 2:00 p.m. Simnasho School Update
- January 11 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. Water Rights and Other Issues-Dennis Karnopp
- January 12-14 Oregon Wildlife Federation—Corvallis
- January 17 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. Block Grants/Ray Rangila
 2. 2:00 p.m. Unfinished Business
- January 18 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments
 2. 2:00 p.m. Realty
- January 24 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. 509-J Report/Darrel Wright
 2. 11:00 a.m. Auditors Report
- January 25-28 Joint Meeting—NTCA/NCAI/IHS
Washington, D.C.

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