

## Editorial

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(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor

### Council selection important

To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to congratulate our new council members. To those re-elected, this shows the confidence the people have in you and your actions. For those serving their first term, remember that your decisions will affect the future generations of our tribes.

It seems every re-election the people are swept away in the political promises and illusions. During these times, hasty and poor decisions are made in nominating candidates for council. We must remember, with the advice and guidance of our elders and previous councilmen, we have

been led down the trail of prosperity. Those not satisfied with the progress of council suggest a change, but if changes are to be made let them be reasonable and not ridiculous. When election time arrives, let us not turn this into a popularity contest, for those elected will be our governing body for the next three years. When considering your candidate you must bypass all the promises and scrutinize the persons character, honesty and integrity. The person should not only have a love for his land and family but place our elders, religion, and history in front of personal goals and egos.

The eyes and ears of Council belong to those who serve on

the committees. These people represent the tribes across the United States and, if per chance a person is unqualified, it could reflect upon the tribes' integrity. Potential members should be selected according to knowledge and expertise necessary so that the committee may strive towards their set goals. Those looking to serve only for personal gain should be overlooked and the search should continue for a qualified and dedicated tribal member who wishes to serve the tribe.

If we are to continue our prosperity we must place more consideration and thought into our nominations and elections.

Thank you,  
Ray "Captain" Moody

## Commission seeking youth

To the Editor,

The Commission on Indian Services, in cooperation with the Governor's office, is coordinating a youth delegation to the National Indian Child Conference to be held on August 21-25, 1983, in Spokane, Washington.

We are contacting various organizations to find out if you would be able to financially sponsor an Indian student (high school/college) from your tribe or community to be part of Oregon's official delegation to the conference. Such a student should be one who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in any of the following areas, but not limited to: academics; the arts; athletic abilities; heroism; spiritual leadership; etc. Youth representatives will play an active role in the conference by giving presentations on their tribes, discussing Indian youth leadership, youth problems on and off the reservation and future plans for their tribes or themselves.

Of course any student may attend the conference, but to be an official representative of the State of Oregon, a student must

meet the above criteria and be willing to participate as outlined. The "officialness" occurs through an appointment of that young person by a written letter from Governor Atiyeh designating him or her as Oregon's representative.

The Governor has made such appointments for the conference in 1981 and 1982 and included students from Warm Springs, Umatilla, Chemawa Indian School and Klamath Falls. This appointment has special significance because the State of Oregon is

the only state to have youth delegates officially appointed by its Governor.

The Conference is not far off so I hope that you will submit your nominations to this office as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize and honor our young people for their excellence as we encourage them on their way to becoming our leaders of tomorrow.

Kathy Greene  
Executive Secretary

## Memorial hurt us

To whom it may concern:

We would like to acknowledge the people who put on a Memorial Dinner for Leland Tom. This was the most inconsiderate acts of disrespect for Leland's immediate family. We would have appreciated a little fore-warning of this event. It has brought a lot of sad feelings to us. Our Loved One has not been gone for an appropriate length of time, we still have sorrow in our hearts and have not prepared properly for a memorial at this time. We

did not appreciate this dinner being put on in behalf of our son and brother. Our family will be putting on our Memorial in September as originally planned by our family. The dates of this event will be posted by us at that time.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Tom  
Mr. Lee Tom  
Ms. Rosie Tom  
Mr. Eldon Tom  
Ms. Janet Tom Billey  
Mr. Ernest Tom  
Cordelia Kneeland  
Barbara Sam

## Thanks for purchasing poppies

To the Editor,

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our

### Note From The Editor

*Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles to be published from its readers. Short letters preferably 300 words or less are also welcome. All letters must include the writer's name and address.*

*Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy.*

Buddy Poppy program. These red and green flowers are made by disabled veterans for veterans assistance programs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Your donations are held sacred for the purpose for which it was solicited—assistance to needy service men and women or their dependents, it shall be used at all times for the purpose intended.

There are still many members of the V.F.W. and V.F.W. ladies auxillary who are collecting donations, so please give what you can and wear your Buddy Poppy proudly.

Sincerely,

Members of V.F.W. and  
V.F.W. Ladies Auxillary

## Slow delivery?

Recently, with each edition, we have had numerous reminders of such slow delivery of the **Spilyay Tymoo**. I know this is frustrating and I know that I sure would not expect this type of service either.

I am glad you have shown concern and interest and by bringing this to my attention, together, we might find a solution for this unpleasant situation.

For our part, we are doing the best we can, but with the limited budget, we are on the third class bulk rate mailing system. We get the paper to the post office as quickly as possible for delivery and what happens after that, who knows.

Let me try to explain the procedures and the priority the third class mail has. The third class bulk rate has the lowest priority in the postal system. After all the first and second class mail is sorted and delivered that's when the mail clerk will turn to handle the third class mail and sometimes it takes days and days before they get to the third class mail.

I would appreciate a letter from all of you who have deep concern on this matter stating your objections and dissatisfaction on such slow service. With these letters on file, they will serve as a tool for me to generate more attention for better postal service or as a means of increasing budget funding.

In the meantime, I sympathize with you and appreciate your patience.

## Thanks for supporting powwow

To the Editor,

The powwow at Oregon State University was successful due to the participants and people who came all the way over to Corvallis. I would like to thank all of the Warm Springs people who came over for drumming, singing and dancing.

The Tribal Council should also be congratulated for encouraging the Indian students on campus by showing

their support. Thank you for the donation of salmon. The day was beautiful and your contribution was fully appreciated.

The Native American Club of Oregon State University is in the planning stages for next year now and we hope to see you all again next year!

Donna Converse  
Native American Club  
President

## Lenora was great!

To the Editor,

In appreciation to Lenora Starr for her outstanding performance at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Boards 10th Annual Banquet. "Everyone enjoyed your legend, Lenora," so thanks again for your time, energy and

effort. We're all very proud of you.

And thank you; Spilyay Sid; for the wonderful articles on all Health related concerns. "Ee-Au"

Respectfully,  
Charlotte Herkshan  
on behalf of Health & Welfare  
Committee

## Tribal Council Agenda

- May 23 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
1. 10:00 a.m. BIA Education Area Office Report  
Statute of Limitations  
Realty
- May 24 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments  
Deschutes River Discussion-Dennis Karnopp
- May 25 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
1. 10:00 a.m. Committee Appointments
- May 31 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**  
1. 10:00 a.m. Preliminary Budget Discussion  
Tribal Council Benefits