

# Editorial

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(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor *In violation of civil rights*

### Thanks for help

#### Letter to Tribal Council:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Warm Springs Tribal Council and especially Bernice Mitchell for the generous donation of salmon for our last year's 7th annual Indian Spirit Life Center Gathering and Powwow.

Since we were in the area we decided to stop and personally thank the Council and Bernice but we were unable to see them at that time, so we are thanking them now.

We would like to thank Minnie Yahtin, our Miss White Eagle and princess and her family who contributed their

time and cooked the salmon over an open fire. For many of our people it was the first time they tasted the salmon of the Northwest.

We would also like to thank Jim Selam who helped with our celebration two years ago.

Again thank you all, your help and donations have helped to make our gathering a success. We would like to invite the people of Warm Springs to attend our gathering and powwow at Cortez, Colorado on June 13-19, 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Neskahi  
PO Box 1206  
Cortez, Colorado

### Want to powwow?

#### To the Editor,

Would any interested people be willing to come to dance and drum at Oregon State Correction Institution powwow? There would be no

prizes or awards, just good old powwowing and a salmon bake if possible about July 30, 1983.

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### WSFPI hiring policy—members only?

#### To the Editor,

I am writing in regards to the hiring preference and procedures of the mill. (Warm Springs Forest Products Industries). Please correct me if I do not have the right information, I understand that Tribal Members have first preference for jobs, if they meet the specified requirements, second married into the Tribes, third non-tribal and last non-Indian.

If this is the right procedure, then I would like to know why are there more and more non-Indians beating the Tribal Members and married into the

Tribes applicants, out of good paying jobs? Comparing the ratio of the Indians and non-Indians, it is obvious who the majority are employed. I know I'm not the only one complaining, several of my relatives have expressed their concern quite a few times.

I always hear the majority of the supervisors say the Tribal Members are undependable. Can't there be a little leeway for benefit of a doubt credited towards the Indians? Surely they have the skills and qualifications, this should be considered along with other judgements passed on when hiring.

I called personnel about job openings at the mill and was told as far as they know, only Tribal Members are being hired, as instructed. Who's instructions? Council? Management? After all, who is paying who?

I heard that there will be openings on all three shifts in the dryer-veneer section after the mill's vacation. As a Tribal Member I, and I'm sure I am speaking for my relatives, would like some positive acknowledgement to my questions. Thank you.

Stephanie H. Burke

### Thanks for supporting COCC powwow

#### Friends, Relatives and Family:

We would like to publically thank all of those wonderful people that assisted us during the Central Oregon Community College Native American Club's salmon bake and powwow held on May 14, 1983. This was our best ever... thanks to everyone.

Lillie Heath, Ursula Little and Verbena Greene for doing most of the cooking; Cheryl

and Dennis Kennedy, Orthelia Miller, Kate Jackson and Monica Wahnetah, Roberta Danzuka and everyone else who helped with the food; all the dancers and drummers and especially to Ron Mason for taking care of the raffle and the bingo; Diane Nehl for helping out with the games; the Gilbert Brunoe family for helping with clean-up; and to all the people for donating raffle items; Pat Brunoe, Lyle Rhoan, Sr., Wendy St. Martin, Richard Craig, Earl Miller, Tony and Merci Suppah and anyone else

that we have forgotten to mention by name.

We received lot of help and really do appreciate it. If we have forgotten to mention anyone, please don't be offended, as there were a lot of people there. And a very special thank you to the Tribal Council for donating the Salmon.

Thank you all for coming and we hope to see you all there again next year!

Val Squiemphen for the  
COCC Native American Club

### Shop has new hours

The Information center/gift shop located on highway 26 has changed their hours. The new summertime hours at the center are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Items in the shop for sale

range from beaded purses, barretts and necklaces to paintings, dolls and moccasins. Many of the items are made by local artists. The stock is continuously changing.

emphasize my point.)

(B) The members of the Tribal Council may make decisions ignoring appropriate sections of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, established policies and procedures, ordinances, resolutions and motions, etc., and their opinion or decision (informal) will be the golden rule.

(C) Could a form of dictatorship (various degrees) be established? I believe the answer is yes.

I am being enlightened on what can happen and it is my concern that all tribal members need to be enlightened on the supreme powers of the Tribal Council. It is my intent to find the answers that we can all understand.

The case has now been presented to the Tribal Court. It is very difficult to assume that my case will be treated in a fair and equitable manner due to the fact the same lawyers that advise the Tribal Council also advise our Tribal Court.

It appears that there is no remedy, no recourse of action, or no due process for me or

anyone else. I don't think that Congress intended that this should be the situation. Congress must have assumed that there was due process and fair and equitable procedures for hearings within tribal organizations.

The Charter and Constitution and By-Laws approved under the Indian Reorganization Act are patterned after the Constitution of the United States. The Tribal Council members take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States—then why should only Indians not be afforded any civil rights?

Depending upon what happens or does not happen, then I will have to decide what else needs to be done. Perhaps a lifetime objective lies before me to try and correct such an unfair situation through publicity throughout Indian Country. I sincerely believe I am right, otherwise I would not be making statements that should end up in court.

Lloyd G. Smith Sr.

### Registration for kindergarten June 1-14

Parents with children five years of age, or who will be five years of age by November 15, 1983, can register their child for kindergarten at the Warm Springs elementary school beginning June 1 through June

14 in the school office.

Early registration will be appreciated so that we can determine class size before the start of the new school year, please provide a certificate of immunization status.

### Tribal Council Agenda

#### June 6 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Area Education Director, Mr. Van Peters
- 2:00 p.m. Sherars Bridge Task Force Report

#### June 7 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Law and Order review (New JSA to be present)

#### June 8 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Election Challenge-Dennis Karnopp
- 2:00 p.m. Postoffice location/Lease-Ray Rangila
- 4:00 p.m. Statement re IHS-Bob Jackson/Sal Sahme

#### June 9 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. EIA Quarantine-Clint Jacks/Mr. Kunzman
- 2:00 p.m. Update Report/Water Studies-Jerry Dibble

#### June 13 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Preliminary Budget Discussion
- Accounts Receivable Policy

#### June 14 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. BIA Realignment-Merrit Youngdeer
- Update-Judgement Funds Distribution/Merrit Youngdeer

#### June 15 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Committee Appointments
- 3:30 p.m. Realty

#### June 20 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Enrollments-Dennis Karnopp
- 2:00 p.m. Management Plan and Budget Ordinance/Dennis Karnopp

#### June 21-22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Comprehensive Plan

#### June 27 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30

- 10:00 a.m. Realty

#### June 28 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. OEDP Annual Report

#### 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.