

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Letters to the editor

Hospitality was great

To the Editor,

We recently brought 44 third and fourth grade students and 16 adults to your community in the hopes of gaining a better understanding of your community's culture. In doing so, we learned many things.

Among those things was the fact that courtesy is a valued behavior within your community. We were met with friendly smiles and helpful people everywhere we went.

A few of your community members were especially gracious to our group. Andy Lucas, at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, was particularly capable of making us feel welcome. Nina Rowe and Lenora Starr were excellent in sharing with us some of your culture and tradition.

Our most special thanks go

to Uren Leonard, who helped organize all of the wonderful things we saw while on the reservation. With his help and the help of the many people he lined up for us, we feel we have gained a better understanding of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the people who make up its membership. Along with that better understanding, we feel we have gained a greater respect for what your people are doing and who they are.

We thank all those people who helped us realize these new learnings and we hope that our visit did not create any problems or extra work for anyone.

Glen Gelbrich
Rob Schulze
Teachers, Philomath School District

Wish you success

To the Editor,

The Madras Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the County Merchants would like to take this opportunity to wish Warm Springs Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty

Days much success and good times.

Sincerely,

Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce
Madras Retail Merchants Associations



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

No place is safe from vandals

It would seem that no place is safe from vandals as the Warm Springs Baptist Church was struck by vandals sometime between the hours of 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8 and 10:30 a.m. on June 9, according to Reverend Allen Elston. The kitchen cupboards contents were thrown and broken, the children's classroom and nursery contents were scattered, showers were turned on and left running and toilets were plugged. All the damage was to rooms in the basement. Vandalism appears to be the work of "someone who is very angry" and looked "like the work of kids," according to Elston.

For safety's sake. . . .

Backs of pickups should be avoided

The rule of thumb in the journalism business is not to write an editorial unless there is an accompanying article containing the same subject matter. The editorial therefore can express in opinion, pro or con, on the matter. In this case, be thankful there is no accompanying article.

But after witnessing a recent incident, I feel compelled to say something about the dangers of letting people, especially children, ride in the back of pickups.

One night after work, I saw a small, white tribal pickup being driven towards Madras—the back of the pickup was jammed with members of a T-Ball or baseball team. I have no idea who was driving or what team it was. The team members, 10 or 12 of them dressed in red and white uniforms, were either sitting on the floor or outside rim of the pickup.

I have no real objections about a tribal vehicle being used to transport kids to a game, but a pickup is **definitely not** the type of transportation that should be used.

At least one child from Warm Springs has died because he was riding in the back of a pickup. If the pickup is rear-ended or must stop or swerve suddenly, it's impossible to say just what injuries/fatalities could be suffered.

My suggestion is, if the Tribe agrees to provide transportation for teams, to **please** find a large enough vehicle, such as a van, to get the kids to their game.

Above all else, no one should ride in the back of a pickup. If a pickup is the only means of transportation, don't go or find another way. For safety's sake, avoid riding in the back of a pickup.

Donna Behrend

Macy chosen secretary

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.

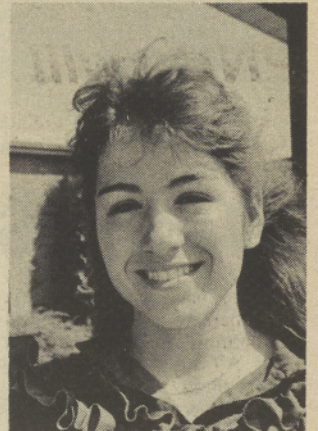
Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy.

Selected from the Madras High school student body Brigitte Macy will hold the position of student body secretary in the upcoming school year.

Her responsibilities on the student executive council will include recording minutes of the student council proceedings and publishing and posting them.

In preparation for her position Brigitte will be attending with other student officers the Oregon Association of Student Council workshop, July 17-22. The class is offered to student leaders to equip them for better dealing with their offices.

Students attending the workshop in the past have returned ready for their



Brigitte Macy

position and with positive ideas for the school according to teacher Doug Henry.

Please return

Whoever borrowed my power lawn mower from the old Quinn residence two months back please return it.

Joyce Quinn

Contract health care notice

Indians who were denied IHS contract health care for medical bills that arose before August 7, 1978 because they then lived off reservation in the State of Washington: **The Indian Health Service may owe you money.**

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington has ruled that any Native Americans who lived in Washington State and who applied for and were denied contract health care benefits because they lived off reservation are eligible to have these medical or doctor expenses paid if those expenses arose before August 4, 1978.

The Court also ruled that IHS must pay back those wrongfully denied contract health care for any other medical or doctor expenses they paid that arose after their initial application or inquiry but before August 4, 1978, even

though those later bills may not have been submitted to IHS.

If you think you may be entitled to payment contact the Indian Health Service.

You may also contact the attorneys who represented the Indians in this case: Jeffrey S. Schuster, Evergreen Legal Services, Native American

Project, 520 Smith Tower, 506 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104, 206-464-5888. Or John H. Bell, Attorney at Law, 2002 East 28th Street, Tacoma, Washington 98404, 206-597-6374.

You only have one year to apply for repayment of your old bills.

Tribal Council Agenda

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

1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments-Dennis Karnopp
2. 2:00 p.m. Management Plan and Budget Ordinance/Dennis Karnopp

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

1. 10:00 a.m. Comprehensive Plan

June 27 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30

1. 10:00 a.m. Realty

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

1. 10:00 a.m. OEDP Annual Report