

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Help care for blessings and gifts

Tribal Members:

Sherars Bridge has come to life with many scars to show its existence. I have personally witnessed many changes over the years. Sherars Bridge has taught me the meaning of love. The peace and enjoyment I get there, has always been special. As a small boy, I still remember the place as it was. The people have all passed on who taught me the importance of fishing. There are only a few people left who truly have any knowledge about the place.

Many years ago, the people used to all gather at Celilo to fish and trade. My people stayed at Sherars Bridge to fish. As a matter of fact, my father (Thomas David) located a number of fishing sites. Also, Grandpa (Fred Sumpter) took me from the falls all the way down to Buck Hollow. He told me about all the fishing sites, when to fish them, what size net to use. He pointed out these fishing sites to me and told me who used them. Most of the fishermen today don't know the history of Sherars Bridge. I

was taught the respect Sherars Bridge and everything that goes along with the place, especially the laws that govern the place, not whiteman's laws either. I would like you to keep in mind the difference between the two laws.

Our Chief was called upon to settle disputes, misunderstandings and wrongs committed by our people, or else he appointed a person to do so. But, today we don't practice this any more. Our Tribal Council has put us all in a very unreal predicament. One of our most sacred resources has been blemished. The Great Spirit, who provided us with this wonderful resource, may someday abolish or curtail all of our resources. The fish, wild game and roots may disappear. We will all have to pay for a few people's wrong doing.

The Chief is our leader, but we don't have a leader today. I realize that the Simtustus family is still in mourning but we still must have a leader. With respect to the Simtustus and Heath families, the chieftainship has to be filled. The past three chiefs, as I

remember them, had set the highest possible standards for anyone to follow. I wouldn't want it to be any other way. Our Warm Springs Chief is looked up to by many, many people all over the country, as well as in Warm Springs.

We, the people, have to revert back to our old laws if we want to be traditional. We don't have any other alternatives. Our Tribal Council has good intentions but they don't have the right to decide about our Indian traditional ways. By forming the task force of individuals who have very little knowledge about the unwritten laws, it's frightening. The Superintendent, Chief-of-Police and tribal managers don't have the knowledge of our written laws that govern Sherars Bridge. They need to be educated to understand our unwritten laws. Don't accept anything less than the truth for our sacred resources. Having to accept a few people's opinion just isn't sufficient of adequate. There are still some of us old timber left to provide the truth about Sherars Bridge.

Our forefathers were preserving a great resource for us to care for, not to fight over. Leave that to the whiteman, they don't appreciate this sacred land as much as the Indians do. Accept the knowledge they teach you and put it to good use for the benefit of your people, the Indians. Obtain the formal education but don't stoop to their ways. With formal education plus all the wisdom and knowledge that our ancestors had to obtain the hard way, we can continue to preserve our Indian Heritage and identity.

It has been proven that when a person obtains a little bit of authority, that person becomes a know-it-all.

I'm sitting here listening to Washut songs with this prayer in my heart, "Oh Great Spirit, help and guide us all with Your special blessings, so that we may all respect and accept Your gift of life and everything that You have provided for our use. Great Spirit, correct our wrongs so we may be an example for our younger generation. Give our leaders that special gift of wisdom and

knowledge. Give back to our elders that compassion, love and sincerity to lead us all to happier days. Great Spirit, we appreciate Your patience with us, we realize that we are all in need of Your help. Lead us all to accept the truth, responsibility and love for one another. Great Spirit, the prayers go out to You from way down deep within. Make us humble, but not ignorant or irresponsible. We raise our hand and songs to You. Forgive us for our sins and correct our faults. Great Spirit, You're our Maker and Provider, help us to take care of and to appreciate Your blessings and gifts."

Sincerely

Phillip David

Editor's Note: If you care to make a response to the above letter, either send or bring them to the Spilyay Tymoo office or write to David at 6304 N. Atlantic, Portland, Oregon 97212.

Tournament contributions appreciated

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all the people that helped us put on a successful tournament. Putting a tournament takes a lot of time and money.

Many thanks to Dennis Karnopp, Robert Nash, Jim Noteboom the Tribal Attorneys for their donation for the sponsor of the 1st place and "At Least We Tried" trophies, and the U.S. Bank of Portland for their donation for the Sportsmanship T-shirts. I

would also like to thank Girlie, Bunny and Doll for keeping books. Joe "Pie" Henry, Jerry "Chicken-Hawk" Sampson, Dave Wolf and Bid Ed Henry for being the umpires. Thanks Ed Henry, Jr. for all the running around doing little errands.

I would like thank all the visiting teams for participating in this year's tourney and we hope to see them next year.

I would also like to thank the Tribal Council for their donation of the salmon and Ed

Henry for his contribution of food. And Aaron Arthur for cleaning of the salmon and Judy Johnson for the salad. This food fed the visiting teams before they started their trips home.

A special thanks to Hamilton Greeley for his drawing of the logo that was used on the sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Signed,
Ellen Johnson
Animals Manager

An event to remember

To the Editor,

We would like to take this time to thank all the people who made possible the success of the second annual Eddie "Mankins" Cole memorial rodeo.

Announcer for the rodeo was Bill Carter who added humor and his personal touch to keep things moving; timer Georgie Miracle who assisted Carter; the judges Jazz Wewa and Frank Reese for their time and effort; Thea Sanders who was our gate attendant, it was a rough chore but she took time to be a contestant; to Tippy for the \$200 she donated for the race purses; to Spilyay's

photographer and reporter Pat Leno for the news items and coverage; for the many people who worked the chutes and to the spectators and contestants all these people made all the work of putting the rodeo on worthwhile.

A special thanks to all the people who assisted with the barbeque. The barbeque gave us time to spend with all the people who made this year's rodeo an event to remember.

We hope to see you all next year when we have plans for a bigger and better rodeo. It will be the third and final "Mankins" Memorial rodeo.

Thank You,
Shad and Deanna Shadley

4-H Indian Heritage Club attends State Fair

The Warm Springs 4-H Indian Heritage Club will participate in State Fair activities in Salem, August 27 and 28.

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the club will present an Indian dancing exhibition and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., they will have their action booth display where all 4-H leaders will rotate time spent in the booth.

On Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. is the fashion review rehearsal from all interested participants with the fashion review beginning at 11 a.m. At 11:30, the club will present another Indian dancing exhibition.

Before leaving the fairgrounds, the group will have a pizza feed.

Editors Note

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Beautician applies makeup to Doddie McCabe prior to fashion show held at Kah-Nee-Ta with EDD funding and Kah-Nee-Ta sponsersip. The fashion show provided an opportunity for members of the tribal organization to work on improving total self-image and give an executive image.