

Editorial

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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Overuse is a clear problem

Tribal Members,

There is to be a hearing on Deschutes river Rafting, contracted through Kah-Nee-Ta, May 10, 4 p.m. at the Tribal Council Committee Room.

You may ask, so what? Aren't they rafting the river anyway? Yes they are, but the rafting in the past has been against the Tribe's wishes and possibly the big thing is that this new proposal will be using Tribal land to launch and land the rafts. I wrote a letter about 10 years ago asking "Why can't the Deschutes River remain just a river?" Overuse is a clear problem, numbers were hoped to plateau. Many tribal people, through many avenues have stated their dislike for such a proposal, my personal viewpoint is that such a major policy change should be done by the tribal people, the owners

not by the Resort.

Why are the tribal people left with the burden of changing the policy back to the way it has been since 1855? The Resort has changed policy. I feel such an action is a major change in that the 'symbolic' representation with the Tribes holding the river as 'something special' will be. I think of the late Tom McCall's statement concerning Oregon, to not have it reduced to a "...cheap hussie."

In my opinion, I feel non-Indian use and benefit, while using Tribal Lands, as this rafting proposal represents, is not the way it should be. Dry Creek campground to near the mouth of the Warm Springs River on our side, who will monitor it? Control a major issue? What will other rafters think and do when they see this occurring? Trespass, littering

and basic abuse is a major problem all along the Deschutes river. A small minority causing most of these problems but doing a lot to damage, fires, campfires, peace of mind, etc.

I fear for what this proposal represents, that any resource is liable when an enterprise needs to be 'rescued', a change in a very important spiritual value reducing it to a exploitable commodity. And by the way, I understand they are rafting this area as described above already, I guess what I hate most of what this represents is again someone else is making our decisions for us.

Write a letter, talk to a Council person, show up to say yeah or nay to such a proposal, if this is what you want.

Holding ground,
Lewis E. Pitt, Jr.

To the Editor,

A special invitation is extended to all interested young ladies to participate for the 1984 1st Annual OSU Jr. Princess. You must be 18 years or younger and have never been

married. The title will be based on "ticket sales." In case of a tie there will be a dance off. For tickets or more information call 754-2738 at OSU Longhouse.

Thank You,
Esther R. Kalama

Kah-Nee-Ta to celebrate

A 20th Year Anniversary celebration is planned for Kah-Nee-Ta Village May 25, 26 and 27. Activities will be open for all to join in.

Opening the event will be a reception May 25 at the Village pavilion from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. A luncheon will be served the following day for senior citizens.

The third and final day of activities will feature a fashion show, "Fashion Splash '84" at 7:00 p.m. with a dance following. Fifteen students and fifteen adults will be needed as models. People for a backstage crew will also be needed. Anyone interested in helping may contact Marie Calica at 553-1112.

Health Fair May 4

Plans for 'Health Fair' '84 are going "full steam ahead." Over 30 providers, community interest groups, and service agencies have responded to requests for display at the fair.

Mountain View Hospital will be doing glucose tests; hearing tests will be done by the Education Service district; blood pressure checks will be done at various stations; the Seventh Day Adventist Wellness Van is scheduled to be there; finger-printing of

children will be available; Madras Medical Group will be running EKG strips on interested persons.

In addition there will be several information displays including preschool readiness forms (e.g.—immunization records, birth certificate applications) provided by the Jefferson County Health Department; dental health from local dentists; eye care by Curtis Dix, local optometrists; fire prevention and gun safety

tips; weight and nutrition information along with healthful snacks will also be available.

Lots of fun activities and demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Area school children will be touring the fair from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; emphasis on adult attendance will be from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now—May 4 for Health Fair '84 at Madras Sr. High School.

Sports physicals being given

Warm Springs students who plan to participate in school sports should plan to take a physical examination at school on the following dates: **Tuesday, May 1** at 9:00 a.m., Madras High School; and **Tuesday, May 8** at 9:00 a.m., Madras Jr. High School.

Blood Drive
May 11, 1984
at
CC Social Hall
1-5 p.m.

Hunting and Fishing rights reaffirmed

In a decision expected to have national impact, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that Oregon's Klamath Indian have a tribal right to hunt and fish on state land without being subject to state fish and game regulations. In 1901 the tribe ceded some 617,000 acres of land in southern central Oregon to the United States, but tribal members continued to hunt, fish and trap on the land without being subject to Oregon's fish and wildlife laws—claiming that was their historical right.

Oregon claimed that state law applied because the land was no longer a reservation.

The appeals court said the Indians could hunt and fish without being bound by state regulation because Congress had not specified otherwise when the land was ceded in 1901. The court said those in authority "must exercise due care in administration of Indian property; they cannot...appropriate them to their own purposes." An attorney for the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado told the Los Angeles Times the decision is important because "it reaffirms the principle that Indian rights may not be extinguished simply because Indian land changes hands."



Indian Night Out

Drummers and dancers are invited for Indian Night Out activities at the Community Center. The next Indian Night Out is scheduled for May 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

Note From The Editor

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters to be published from its readers. Short letters preferably 300 words or less and must include the writers signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editors discretion.

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Meeting called

A special meeting will be held for "all who were not included on the judgement distribution list" that was recently passed. The meeting will be at the Community Center on May 3, 1984 from 6-8 p.m.

Tribal Council Agenda

April 30 Tribal Council Meeting-9:30 a.m.
1. 9:30 a.m.-Funeral Grant
2. 11:00 a.m.-Donations
3. 1:30 p.m.-Minors Trust Fund