

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Concerns answered by fire chief

The following letter is printed at the request of Marcia Macy-Hartle.
To: Marcia A. Macy-Hartle
Property Officer
Tribal Records Center
From: Jerry Huff
Fire & Safety Chief
Date: November 1, 1984
Subject: Response to Your Fire and Safety concerns

This memo is in response to your concerns in the letter "To the Editor" of the Spilyay Tymoo appeared in the October 12, 1984 issue.

1. The fire hydrant located in between your brother's homes out Tenino is not really to be considered an effective hydrant for firefighting purposes. The water which flows from it has no pressure. That's zero pounds pressure with a 2½ inch outlet. All of those new hydrants in

that area are all real poor. They can be used to fill the trucks, but are really slow (50 to 200 gallons per minute). They are not real useful during a fire. That is the reason we did not use the closest one and chose to use the one across from the Beymer's. It delivers approximately 600 gallons per minute.

2. We do have maps showing the location of hydrants and buildings, and so do the police dispatchers. We study the maps, but police dispatchers also give directions from the information given to them initially.

3. The same test equipment used to test hydrants is used to test our equipment, including pumps and hoses.

4. The 553-1171 number is supposed to be the emergency number only, for all emergency fire, ambulance, and police calls. Unfortunately, it is used fre-

quently for routine incoming police business. The police dispatcher should never place an emergency call on hold. They have recently attended a weekend dispatchers school, so, they do get training.

5. As far as entering your brother's burning mobile home to retrieve the meat, a hand truck, a chain saw and a hang glider, although those things are costly, they are not worth risking firefighters lives to try to save them. Several important issues existed: At the time, your brother indicated that the fire probably started from the electrical power panel in the bedroom. This alerted us to the strong possibility of an electric short. A mobile home with metal roof (which has collapsed) and metal sides is considered "energized" when an electric short is

suspected and not safe to enter. The firefighter turn-outs worn do protect the firefighter from heat, sharp objects, and water, but do not protect him/her from direct flame contact. They will burn! The structural members in a burning mobile home are not to be depended on. Mobile home manufacturers use very small dimension lumber in the construction of them. They burn extremely swiftly as you probably know.

6. Because you are interested, fire hydrants are flushed approximately every four months.

I am in hopes that this satisfies at least some of your concerns. Please call me if you have other questions.

Sincerely,
Jerry Huff
Fire and Safety Chief

Appreciative of Phoenix trip

To the Editor,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those instrumental in my recent trip to Arizona.

To the nominating committee, thank you for selecting me. To the Confederated Tribes, my thanks for your financial support, which made my trip possible. To Coty Soules, Pennie Albrandt, Darrell Wright, Dick Junge, Ed Roley, Allen Elston, Lalanie and Sammi. My sincere appreciation for the letters you wrote, in my behalf. To Kate, Louie and Margie. Thanks for helping me prepare for my trip.

A special thanks to the friends who encouraged me and told me I could when I was sure I couldn't. Thank you Frances, Kay, Marie and Kholeme. To Coty for her years of encouragement, support and teaching. Last but not least to my family Mom, dad and my family in

Lummi for their never-ending love and interest. They have always been there for me. To my husband Ralph and children Sheldon, Sunmi and Sidney, without you, my family, behind me and sharing my proud moments and willingness to take over for me, none of this would have been possible. I love you.

I would also like to thank my roommates. Donna and Irene, for the good company. Without them I'd still be in Phoenix trying to find the elevator.

I can't begin to express, what this opportunity and these people have done to make my life more meaningful, but it has been great.

My congratulations to Andrew David our "National Outstanding Elder." We were all so proud to be there and to share that moment with him.

With love and appreciation,
Jewell Minnick

Chief's answers responded to by member

Dear Editor and people of the community,

I had requested that the response from the Fire and Safety Chief be printed in the Spilyay Tymoo as we, the people, rarely see a response to our questions in print.

When I had asked my questions in the paper and at the district meeting, I did so as a tribal member and a member of the community. Yet the response letter came to me as an employee. Why? Is a community question

supposed to be handled in-house? Not for public knowledge?

In the above letter, please note #1 on the fire hydrants. Are the hydrants there for looks or just to water livestock? How efficient is the system for fire insurance coverage? It's interesting to hear that the hydrant near Beymer's home was used, apparently after my brother's home was consumed. I double checked this item with my brother, and his wife, and another observer—none of us saw a truck

leave during the fire. Was that just a refill before heading back to the station?

On #2, apparently one of the fire staff was unsure of the map since they did have to ask for the hydrant location. I hope that wasn't due to on-the-job panic or confusion.

On #4, I was told by Ed Manion at the district meeting that a separate or special phone number was "in the plans." I hope those arrangements are made available before someone dies in a home fire. A life was lost in

the fire at my brother's place. So it was just an animal, how would that situation have been handled if it was my brother or his wife? Would I have gotten a pat on the shoulder with "Now, now, that's a sad loss?"

On #5, the items were not located in the home but behind the home and out of contact. I really doubt that it would be comfortable to have a hang glider parked in the living room along with a freezer, chain saw, couch, chair, t.v., wood stove and a couple of shelf units. That's in a 10' x 12' area.

Finally, since the offer was made to open communications I would like to be invited to see the test equipment in use on the water delivery equipment and trucks. And since I have initiated my questions and comments as a tribal/community member, I would appreciate being answered as the same and not through in-house channels.

A concerned tribal member,
Marcia A. Macy
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Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Anniversary celebrated

Don and Lola Sohappay celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary November 20th.

We, the children and grandchildren would like to take this time to express our love and congratulations to them.

Love,
Corinna Sohappay
Renee Sohappay
Davis and Tina Sohappay
Dean Sohappay
Gabriel Sohappay
Grand children-Andrea and Joshua

Old Indian traditions observed with dinner

Before each season begins and various events take place in and around the longhouse, or other public gatherings of the tribal members, a time is always set aside for respect for those who have lost loved ones by death during the year. This is a tradition that has been carried out all through life of the Indian people from time immemorial.

The family's of the deceased all get together and put on a memorial dinner and give away valuable gifts to the elders of the tribe. This shows respect for their loved ones who have passed on. By doing this lifts the mourning period for the family and also gives them a sense of relief to be able to participate in public functions.

On November 16, members of the Agency Longhouse and

families of those who passed away during the year had a memorial dinner. Members of the Steno Pool set this day for respect for Juanita Bourland who was the Steno Pool Supervisor at the time of her death. Also participating in the serious event were members of the Tribal Council, Management, Legal and Consulting personnel.

Council member Bernice Mitchell also set this day aside for family members and relatives who have lost loved ones during the year. No matter if a person just comes for the dinner gives the family a great feeling for a person to take the time and join in on the sacred occasion. There is a deep feeling among the Indian people to carry this out before public functions take place.

October Tribal Council Attendance

Name	Number Attended	Number Missed	Number Missed For Delegation
Larry Calica	8	1	6
Michael Clements	6	6	3
Delbert Frank, Sr.	6	0	9
Jacob Frank, Sr.	8	1	6
Delvis Heath	10	0	5
Vernon Henry	8	2	5
Zane Jackson	10	0	5
Ellen Johnson	9	1	5
Nick Kalama	6	3	6
Bernice Mitchell	10	0	5
Nelson Wallulatum	0	10	10

Total number of meetings held—15

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There was this women who just hung up the phone and said to Bill, "That was my husband, he said he will be late tonight because he is at your house playing Poker." YIKES

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There was these tough guys from the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang who called a doctor to come check on one of the women who complained of being real sick. The doc arrives and goes upstairs where the patient was. Pretty soon he came down and asked if they had screw driver, they gave him one and he goes back up. He comes down again and asked for a pair of pliers and runs back up. Shortly, he comes back down and asked for a hammer and chisel. The leader grabs a hold of him and said, "What's wrong with her?" The doc, "I don't know yet, I can't get my bag open." YIKES.

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There was this male patient in the hospital who came running down the corridor with a nurse right behind him with a knife in her hand. The doctor stops her and said, "No, no nurse, I said to remove his spectacles." YIKES

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How true it is: When a women wears the pants in the family, the man often looks around for another skirt." YIKES

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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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Calica to join Army

Raymond C. Calica, Jr. has enlisted in the U.S. Army under provisions of the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) and is scheduled to leave for basic training on July 16, 1985. DEP allows individuals to enlist up to 12 months prior to leaving for active duty, while earning time-in-service credit for pay purposes. Upon completion of basic train-

ing, Calica will receive advanced individual training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to prepare him for permanent duty as a combat engineer.

Calica is a senior at Madras High School with an expected graduation date of June 1985. He is the son of Raymond and Wauna Calica, Warm Springs, Oregon.

Banquet set Dec. 6

The Deschutes Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is holding its fourth annual banquet December 6, 1984 at Sonny's Restaurant. All tickets are \$25.00 which includes a membership to Ducks Unlimited.

Ducks Unlimited distributes funds for restoration and maintenance of waterfowl breeding habitat. Seventy percent of all waterfowl are bred in Canada. Through long-term leases with the government and private landowners the habitat for waterfowl breeding is conserved. Only 100 tickets for the Ducks Unlimited banquet are available. They may be purchased from Ron DuRette, 7691 N.

Adams Dr., Madras, Oregon. For those who cannot attend the banquet but wish a membership in Ducks Unlimited the cost is \$10.00.

Tribal Council Agenda

- November 26 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m.—Alcohol Treatment
 - 2. 1:30 p.m.—1985 Jury List/ Marcia Soliz
- November 27 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m.—Bear Springs
 - 10% Budget/ Bob Harned
 - 2. 1:30 p.m.—
- November 28 Tribal Council Meeting
 - 1. 9:00 a.m.—Nursing Convalescent Home-H/W committee/ Olney Patt, Sr.
 - 2. 1:30 p.m.—EDA Loan

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