

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



There finally was a little dampness in the woods here recently which enabled the Forestry to burn slash which is well overdue. There are several plots to be burned in preparation for replanting. The weather has been so dry that in October the fire danger was just as high or higher than that of last August. Several logging operations throughout the state were shut down because of the high fire danger, in fact most of the National Forest Parks were closed down or restricted to limited use. It has been days and days since there has been any measureable moisture around the state.



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The November Physical Fitness challenge is in full swing again, this is where all departments urge all of their employees to participate and get in as much minutes of exercise during the month. At the end of the month all the time is compiled and the department with the most minutes turned in is the winner of a traveling trophy for the year.

Here are the results of past winners, the first winner when this first got started back in 1980. Personnel was the winner and following were Purchasing, Recreation, Forestry for two consecutive years, next the Warm Springs Elementary, and last year the Education. All these departments have several members on staff where it doesn't take long to build quite a chunk of time. It seems a little unfair to the small departments with just a few work their hearts out and come out short each year. A fair way to settle this or make it more inviting would be put it on an individual basis and the person who records the most time would be without a doubt a champ. The way it is a couple or three from a department trying their best to put in as much time as possible feel defeated before the show gets on the road.

## Farewell/good luck meal set

A fund raising and farewell dinner will be held at the Agency Longhouse November 10 at 6 p.m. for Lyda Scott, 24. Scott will represent the Confederated Tribes in Washington, D.C. in the Miss Indian USA pageant November 16-21.

The dinner will be a farewell and good luck meal with donations to be given to Scott to assist her with expenses during her trip. She extends an invitation to all her friends and family and the community to attend.

If there are any conflicting activities, at the Longhouse, the loca-

tion will be moved to the Baptist Church.

### Donations needed

Once again it is time to clean out your closet and donate clothes and toys to the needy for Christmas baskets. Also add an extra canned item on your grocery shopping list to give. Leave your items at the Planning office or the Insurance office. Any volunteers to help with this project will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you all. Kate Jackson, ext. 270. and Ante Pamperien, ext. 327.

## Cooperation to successfully maintain fleet lacking

To the Editor,

The tribes direction regarding our tribal fleet is one of the concerns about departments following vehicle pool policy more closely, reduction of fleet size, and the misuse of tribal vehicles by tribal employees.

Talking in terms regarding the first concern of this organization fol-

lowing the vehicle pool manual more closely, it was thought that this had to start with the vehicle pool manager sending manuals to the various department heads. The managers reviewing these policies and becoming familiar with them. The vehicle pool manager than needs to take the time to meet with the various department staff to

familiarize them with policies regarding their operating of tribal vehicles and also to answer any questions. The fleet size was addressed and seventeen vehicles will be put up for sale. Twelve that were replaced with new ones and five more that came out of vehicle pool general use vehicles. The twelve were automatics because they were due to be replaced for reasons agreed upon by the departments using them and the tribes. The other five were chosen by myself, and I feel the Tribes can function without them. As far as the rest of the tribal vehicles, I feel that they are necessary in order for the tribes to do their jobs. There has been a lot of concern about misuse of tribal vehicles. Some specific examples are: use of vehicles to transport family members, use of vehicles to and from home, hauling hay for personal use, running over on service sticker mileage, taking vehicles home at lunch, vehicle cleanliness, departments running to town in tribal vehicles, and a few more but I feel these were the most common concerns.

In answering these concerns I feel they all relate back to enforcement of the vehicle pool policy

manual. The cooperation required to successfully maintain our fleet is lacking. Education through department staff meetings, resigning driver agreement sheets, department heads being more aware of what's happening with their department vehicles, communication with vehicle pool about problems with tribal vehicles, it can go on, but mainly being concerned about our fleet costs and appearances as tribal employees should take precedence over a non-caring attitude that seems to now exist.

All in all though, I am glad to see the Tribal Council address the concerns of the tribal members.

Ron Suppah  
Vehicle Pool Manager

## Canopy for sale

**For Sale:** Small camper/canopy. Fits a small standard pickup and up. Has ice box and storage. \$125 or best offer.

Canopy. Fits Ford Courier pickup. 88 1/2 x 62 1/2. Real nice. \$175 or best offer.

Contact Jason at Utilities at 553-1161, ext. 249.

## Bike. trunks for sale

**For Sale:** Two steamer trunks for storage, \$40.00 for both. 10-speed Schwinn touring bicycle, new tires \$180.00. Call Jimmy Scott at 553-1043 anytime.

## Barrett found

**Found:** A barrett with an eagle feather attached, found in a yard at West Hills. Call 553-1644 to identify.

## Keep praying for families left behind

To the Editor,

I would like to apologize to my people for taking such a long time to write this letter. There is so much I would like to say but cannot find the words to express how I felt in my heart.

I would like to thank the people who supported Bruce and me during our time of sorrow over the loss of our son, Jonathan Harold Jim, on July 28, 1987.

I would like to thank the Officer who was on the scene first, (Officer Slater), and his efforts to save my son's life.

I would like also to thank the Fire and Safety personnel who, I know did all they could, and used all the experience that they had, to save my son's life. I know that the personnel of Fire and Safety used the skills that they were trained for

and the efforts they used with my son were their best. Bruce and I express our greatest gratitude to these people and to the officer who was there at the scene of the accident. You really never know what or how well these people are trained in the fields that they have chosen unless you have experienced a life threatening situation.

I thank all the family members who were beside us and helped support us during our time of sorrow: The Tribal Council for assistance that was given; The Chief of Police for the assistance of his office to bring Bruce home and the arrangements for his return back to Lompoc. Elders: Matilda, Nettie, Sylvia; Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Jim; Bruce & Barbara Jim and family; James and Lucille Teeman and family (my son spent many times with this family and they

were a second family to him).

The drummers who came to the house to have services the first night; The Shakers who were there for the following three nights; The people and families who sent cards and flowers: The Elementary School staff who brought food and fruit and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Jacks.

There are so many people I would like to name. I know that all the

prayers were appreciated from the families.

I know that the pain will not heal around here but I would like the people to keep praying for the families who were left behind, for our loss was great.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Jim

## Children should show consideration

To the Editor,

I would just like to express my feelings about a small incident that broke a little girl's heart.

On Halloween day we went out to Kah-Nee-Ta for the family events that were going on. We had taken my sister's children out because their mother had to work. Out there, my niece carved her own Pumpkin that she was very proud of and got to bring it home.

On Halloween night she had it lit and out on their front porch. They

had left their house for not more than three to four hours to come home and found what some NICE little kids can do to people's property.

These so called "nice" children around here were going along busting all the people's pumpkins. I know that those kids know who they are and should take other people's things into consideration. If you can't treat them nice, to not treat them at all.

A concerned person,  
Lana (Shike) Adams

## Leave our home alone

To the Editor,

My family and I have been living in our home here on Miller Flat. During the past few months someone has been trying to pry open the windows but haven't gotten in yet. Someone did kick in the back door and ruined it.

I don't know what I have that anyone would want but I'd like to know what it is so I can give it to this person that is doing all this damage to our home. I've reported

all of this to the Police, hoping they will find out who is doing this.

I can remember the time where a person could leave their home unlocked and not have to worry about anyone stealing or breaking in. People, today, don't have any respect for other people's property.

I hope that the person who is doing this would stop and think about what he or she is doing, and leave our home alone.

Lester and Peggy Poitra



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So long, Warm Springs

Caroline Cruz is on her way to a new job with the State of Oregon. She will be director of the state's prevention resource center. Caroline worked for the Confederated Tribes over 10 years, primarily in the health and prevention field.

## Tribal Council Agenda

### Monday, November 9 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Business
- 9:30 a.m. Tort Claim
- 1:30 p.m. WSFPI Pension

### Tuesday, November 10 Tribal Council Meeting

- 10:00 a.m. Veterans Program/Agency Longhouse
- 12:00 Noon—Lunch

### Wednesday, November 11 Holiday/Veterans Day

### Thursday, November 12 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Business
  - 10:00 a.m. Tim Wapato/Columbia Inter Tribal Fish Commission
  - 1:30 p.m. Workman's Compensation
- PUBLIC HEARING—PROPOSED 1988 BUDGET/Agency Longhouse, 6:00 dinner—7:00 p.m. Meeting**

### Friday, November 13 Tribal Council Meeting

Klamath Falls/ Warm Springs Tribal Council at Bend, Oregon.

### Monday, November 16 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Investment Workshop/Portland

### Tuesday, November 17 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Budget Review/Portland

### Thursday & Friday, November 19-20, Tribal Council Meeting

- Power & Water Workshop/Silver Falls, Oregon

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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