

Editorial

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(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



Meetings and Budgets

Each year, we all meet at district and general council meetings, raise questions and want answers. We all go to the meetings as concerned tribal members. Some people are there to answer questions regarding their budgets or any activity that occurs in their department. The whole organization is working as a single body with each department doing his part in the organization. Department heads spend a lot of time preparing their budgets and can account for all the dollars they budget for. All funds have a target in which it is budgets for during the year.



This year it was a rather difficult task to trim the budget 10 percent of last year's operating budget, because all the funds were obligated for a specific reason to the nearest dollar. IN some cases there were projects that had to be eliminated because of the budget adjustment. And here just recently there was another suggestion of another five percent additional cut which will really crunch some projects. Trim, trim and trim some more. Sounds like a broken record. Some say just as long as the senior citizens get a fair shake because of the high cost of living they need all the help they can get. Hopefully, everything will work out for the best of all the tribes in the years to come.

A pause to be thankful

Thanksgiving, a time when everyone sets aside one day of the year to give thanks to the Creator for all the things that have been produced by the earth. And thankful for everything they possess today, because with the world in its mixed situation, who knows what to expect next. Family and friends gather during this holiday and share good feelings and have a good time remembering the old days when they were in school and had not much to worry about, except for grades perhaps, and all that good time they enjoyed as a kid. There are all sorts of activities that take place during the weekend around here on Thanksgiving, like dinners at the Longhouse, the Shaker Church, there is also a powwow, a basketball tournament. So there isn't much to do but join in and enjoy all the festivities.

Mascot Issue

How people jump on the band wagon to get all the credit that someone else has achieved, mainly the attention that the pro sports mascots have been getting all along this past month or so. These names have been around here for years and years and no one has ever made any stink about them until the AIM group stirred up some commotion at the World Series. After that made the headlines people started to say that they have been doing this for years and have not been successful until now. Well Charlie, only the good ones make the grade...so sorry Charley, you're just like howling at the moon. There are some people around the country that don't like the AIM group to be speaking for them. And that the AIM doesn't speak for all the tribes across the country. Take the Seminoles, who have a chief who dresses in his native costume at all the college games as the students body gives the native chant. The name of Cleveland Indians was to honor one of the first Indians who broke into the pro baseball league, and they called the team the Cleveland Indians. And that name has been around for years and years. Some say they praise the Indian culture and are proud to have an Indian mascot. All this crap is just some way to get attention from those who feel insecure in what they do today, like some of those who speak out against the mascot names of athletic teams. Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!!

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SPILYAY Komie Korn: Why wouldn't the cannibal eat the clown? Because he thought he would taste funny. What do they call a bull that sleeps a lot? A bulldozer. YIKES

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There was this Italian immigrant who walked into a bank and says, "Pardon mia. I'd like to talk with the fella what makes arranges loans?" The guard replies, "I'm sorry, but the loana arranger is out to lunch." "In data case, I talk to Tonto." YIKES

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Joe said, "I used to be a good boxer, my best punch was a rabbit punch, but they would not let me fight rabbits." YIKES

EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

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Is past tribal court treatment indicitive of future treatment?

To the editor,

I have a subject that a lot of you can relate to. Your situation could be the same as mine or maybe you're on the other side of the fence. If what I have to say offends you, I apologize, but I feel that this is the only way my side will be heard.

For some time now I've been hounded, humiliated, harassed and threatened by the Tribal Court. Why, you ask. The reason being that I'd gotten behind on or didn't agree with my child support payments. I'm not going to say that support shouldn't have to be paid, but the amount to be paid should be fair to both parties. I've been in situations (job losses, incarceration, low income) where I could not pay my support without putting myself on the spot.

Here is one example of just such a situation and how the Tribal Court dealt with it. Read it and judge for yourselves whether I've been treated fairly.

On the last months of 1989 and the beginning of 1990 I'd violated my probation by driving a motor vehicle while revoked. I knew I'd probably have to do some time because I was also unemployed at the time. I went to the Legal Aide office to submit a modification request to lower my support until I could get back on my feet. I didn't make it to the hearing because I'd been arrested before the court date arrived. By then I'd been transferred to Wasco County to face the P.V. charge. While there I received the notice of denial on my modification request. I then was

sentenced to do my suspended sentence of 30 months and sent to E.O.C.I. in Pendleton.

One day I received a letter from the Tribal Court. In this letter was a warrant to apprehend for failure to appear on 4/23/90 and failure to pay child support as ordered. Talk about kicking a man while he's down. The date issued was 4/23/90 and sent directly to Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute where I was doing my time. I responded by asking why they should threaten me with jail when I was already sitting in a correctional institute. I thought that was the end of it.

I got released from E.O.C.I. on the 27th of August on a parole order. Within two weeks of my release I was picked up on the warrant while babysitting my brother's kids. The arresting officers wanted me to bring the children along to the W.S.P.D., I refused, telling them I'd call someone to come after the children. I went to court that same day and was released after getting the failure to appear dropped having to return on another day for the second charge.

When I returned for court on the failure to pay child support charge I tried to explain to the judge that I'd been in prison for 7 months. He responded by asking if they (the Tribal Court) had been the ones that put me there in prison. I was found guilty and given a certain amount of time to seek employment and pay the support plus the back support that had built up over the past months.

I don't think it matters who sent me to prison but that I was there and

unable to earn money to pay support or anything else. When a man puts on a black robe and puts the word judge in front of his name does that give him the right to play God with another man's or anyone's life? I say no!

I've had my pay checks garnished leaving me \$67 to live on for two weeks. I've been called unstable, insecure, and made to look the villain. My visitation rights are next to none at times. Things have improved since my last encounter with the court, but now I face a lay off like a lot of other people at the mill.

Will I again have to face the court knowing that I've lost before the battle begins? I'm appealing to you, the people, to see that justice is dealt out in a fair and equal manner. I thank you for your time.

Anthony L. Boise



After 17 years as an employee of the Tribal Court, Elaine Miller is taking a job with the 509-J School District. Her last day was Friday, November 22.



Saphronia and John Katchia, Jr.

Thanks for sharing special day with us

To the people:

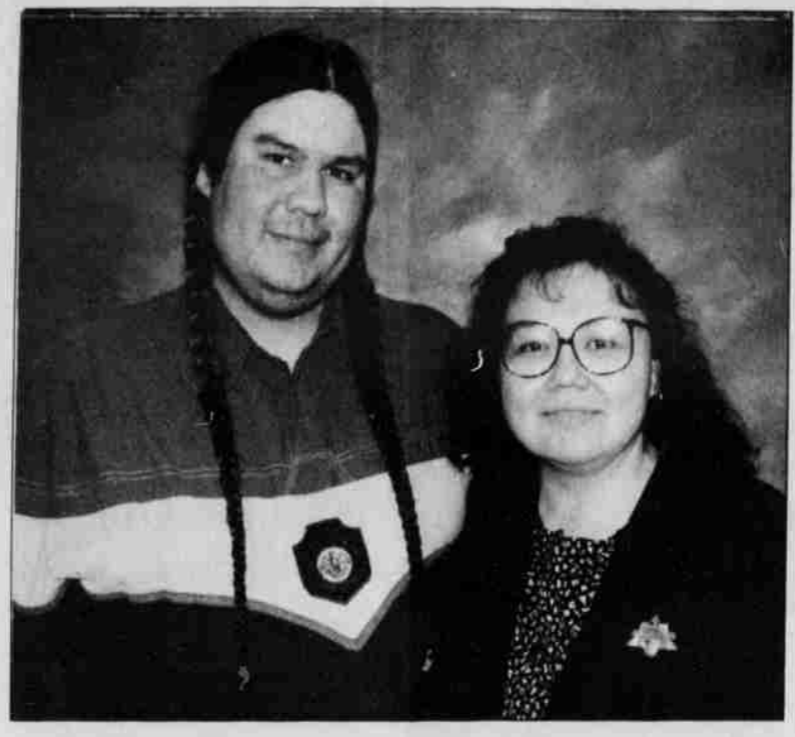
We would like to thank everyone for sharing our special day on Saturday, September 21. It meant a lot to us that you were all there. We would like to thank our bridesmaids for helping with the decorations. All of you who cooked and/or helped in the kitchen, it was greatly appreciated. We would especially like to thank Mr. Elston for conducting the ceremony, you did a great job! Our thank-yous go out to the whole bridal party for being a part of our wedding. Our bridal party members were; Damion Katchia, Monica Sampson, Brian Mitchell, Christel Leonard, Carlos Calica, Missy David, Jose Calica, Denys White, Kelly Jochise, Jesse Reese, Danni

Queahpama, and Margie Ann Vanpelt. We also would like to thank Theresa Vanpelt for the beautiful cake and for keeping an eye on Toya beings were very busy. Oh and Libby (mom), thank you so much for all those talks we had before the wedding, they helped so much, I love You! Thank you for all the beautiful gifts, however we will be sending our personal thank you cards out to you. We would like to thank Elbridge Coochise and the whole family for traveling so far to be with us on our day. Once again Thank you to everyone who made our day a special one!

Love Always,
John Smieuk Katchia Jr. &
Saphronia Roslyn Katchia

Happy 1st Birthday!
Laronn Katchia
November 25, 1991
Love Always from, your
uncle Sky, auntie Saphronia and
cousin Toya Katchia

Memorial to be held
A memorial for Pat Smith will be held Saturday, December 7 at the Agency Longhouse beginning at 12 noon.



Mary Stevens Sando and Michael Parker Emhoolah recently announced their engagement. Sando, of Warm Springs, Wasco and Aleut descent, is the daughter of the late Frank Don Stevens, Sr. and Bertha Mitchell Stevens. Emhoolah is of Kiowa and Arapaho descent. His parents are Sylvia Emhoolah of Yuma Arizona and Parker Emhoolah of Anadarko, Oklahoma. Their wedding date has been set for Friday, February 14.

Bill Chamema receives certificate of commendation; says thank you for support

Dear friends and family,

On November 1, 1991 a Certificate of Commendation was awarded to Cpl. William O. Chamema, Jr. signed by the Commanding General of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Awarded for serving as Personnel Officer for MSSG-11. During April 2, 1991 thru May 23, 1991, during "Operation Desert Storm."

This billet is a gunnery sergeant

by T/O William is the son of Shirley Chamema Smith & Alvis W. Smith, Sr.

The opportunity that I had to serve my unit as a personnel officer was high challenge that I had to accomplish as a Corporal.

This showed me that when the call to serve comes, that you have to be prepared. I'm thankful for the many opportunities that I had to practice leadership roles in school, the LDS Church and the military service.

A heartfelt thanks to the Warm Springs Community members for all the support they gave me and all other tribal members.

A special thanks to the Desert Storm Support Group for all their cards and letters. The Warm Springs Elementary School, Charlotte Herkshan, The Madras LDS Ward, Annie Houssinger, Warm Springs Police Department/U.S. BIA Law Enforcement, Spilyay for all the letters and papers to keep our morale up.

I truly want to thank the Warm Springs community, Madras and

other surrounding towns that supported my mother in her bake sales every week. Thru these bake sales she was able to support four military families with groceries, utilities, and helping a mother fly out to welcome her daughter home from Saudi. Thanks for helping her in her last bake sale to purchase herself a plane ticket to fly down to Camp Pendleton to "Welcome," me home. You, as a Community made it possible to make all these blessings come true for all of us military servicemen to return home safe thru your prayers. Especially our elders, "A special thanks."

Sincerely,
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Cpl. William O. Chamema

Family grateful for help during recent loss

To the editor,

We wish to express our heart felt gratitude to or family for helping us during our time of need. Thank you Auntie Lucille, Auntie

Melinda, Auntie Ellen, Grandma-Mom Evelyn and Mom. We love you and thank you very much.

George, Lizzie, Thomas, Leticia