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The areas that need immediate change are Public Safety, Education and expanding our revenue base for current and future generation needs. The tribal members do not feel safe without their own communities and the crime rates has been on the increase for the past few years. Violent crimes such as murder, assault and battery, elder/child abuse, gangs, drive-by shootings, drugs and addition, drug dealers, burglaries, curfew violations, truancy, vandalism and thefts have come a way of life for most of us. As community members we are entitled to a safer community in which to raise our children and live. What we provide as tribal members in general fund dollars are being wasted on the lack of planning on the part of those individuals who are paid high salaries to come up with solutions. Our tribal elders who had no for-

mal education, saw far into the future of the needs of our people. They saw and understood the need for educating our youth to compete with the outside world and to make our reservation a better place to live. All of our elders and ancestors had to live in hard times and had to go without in order to have money for the younger people to improve their living standards. We are still having problems both at home and in the state school system to educate our youth. We expect our educated tribal leaders to assist us in addressing our children's educational needs and help up work toward educating all of our children. Our future looks dark and bleak for many of our children who have not been educated. Even though we have put millions of dollars into our tribal education programs/department and the 509-J school district. The dropout rate continues to rise in high school as well as colleges by our youth. As well as the grade point averages remains low and in some instances are still dropping. As a tribe we re now spending down our financial reserves that were set aside for future generations because of poor planning for current and future generations. We need to look for alternative revenue for the support of the tribal government and to put away for the future generations. The revenue we get for timber and power is going down each year and the outlook is for a slow recovery of those lost revenues. Yet, our tribal enrollment continues to grow with no increase in revenues to support essential tribal government services

capable of doing the job. We hired them, let's put them to work. Another area would be in the Contracting area. We're making it almost impossible for our local contractors to receive contract jobs here on our own reservation. We should utilize local contractors first before seeking others outside of Warm Springs. The third area I'm concern about would be in the Purchasing area. I see to much over spending in some areas and under spending in other areas. The most important area I see that needs improvement, is in the way we look at our economy. We need to quit looking at our timber as our main resource. I don't mean to quit logging completely, but we need to manage our timber differently. As far as the community goes, I feel there needs to be more younger people that are not afraid to speak up. The older people should at least consider what the younger generation have to offer"



Phillip Florendo, "There are several areas in the Tribal Organization I see that need improvement. One would be in the Consulting area. We need to cut back in that area. We already have our own professionals

Happy Belated Birthday August 1st-Leonard American Horse 4th-Allen Charley 7th-Cyril Frank, Sr. 10th-Grampa Chief 16th-Eldred & Ida Frank 19th-Morgan Frank 25th-Evette Pat & Avery Frank 27th-Ulysses Suppah

31st-Margaret Suppah & Danelle T. Happy Birthday September 1st-Butch M. & OJ 3rd-Grace Ann Kalama 7th-Dr. Shawn 8th-Colleen R. 22nd-Dad

From: Sarah, Josiah, JR and Devon Ray

We love & miss you dad

Our Beloved Father, Chester VanPelt, Sr. August 19 to September 10. Dad, you left this world 22 years ago. Our hearts have never been the same. Although you're not with us since Sept. 10, your life has continued not only through us but gone further on into your grandchildren. Some of them have your smile and some look like you. And they all have a piece of your heart and of course, your crazy sense of humor. So, even though you're in heaven with our family, we love you Dad and we miss you a lot.

From your children, Levi VanPelt; Marella VanPelt Sam, Chet VanPelt Jr., Anthony "Tiger" VanPelt & Lillie "Itta" VanPelt & all your grandchildren, Tracy, Wolfman, Sadie, Elsie, Robert Jr., Neda, Jeleh, Thomas Chester Sam, Prenincia, Jenny, & Patrina VanPelt, Mychel, Chet III, Kenny VanPelt, Margie VanPelt, Eliza, Tony, Marella, & Leonard Great-grandson Woody Picard Jr.

Life continues on changing, but our culture remains the same, prayer is needed

Life continues on changing, but our culture remains the same. It is only through the strict observance of our ceremonies that our tribes and Indian country can stay close to the Creator. Everyone can see how things have changed from the olden times. When sacred values were at the center of our life, up to the present day, when our society does not seem to have a sense of the sacred, their culture and respecting what is theirs. Our religions is the traditions of our ancestors. The dreams of our old men, given to them in the solemn hours of night by the Creator and the visions of our sacred medicine men and is written in the hearts of our people. All this was before the white man ever appeared. To ensure this doesn't die out. Is through the teaching of those wanting to learn and through our children and their children. The power of prayer is very great. If we all prayed together daily, sincerely, it would be a different world. All of us, young and old need help. Guidance through daily prayers to the Creator. We live one day at a time, because no one knows if there's going to be a tomorrow. What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is a breath of a buffalo in the winter time. It is as the little shadow that runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset.

It's sad to see what's happening to our community. It's been brought out by others with great concern also. With the destruction of tribal property, killing each other, gangs, suicides, alcohol, drugs, etc. Why? Each to their own. But it's costing the tribe a lot of hardship. Please think! Before doing!

If the tribe has to continue repairing damages done, with tribal money, then this should be considered seriously by all. Because it's always being stated, our budget is very limited. If damages continue, that will probably eliminate this year's bonus. So think about what's being done. The few must realize what usually happens affects the over all majority. The Tribe. It's been an on-going situation with the tribe. Nothing is done with tribal concerns, until someone gets hurt, killed, injured or dies. Then it's considered important enough to be taken care of. People need to be held accountable for their actions. We don't need to be injuring, killing one another, destroying tribal property, etc. We need to stick together as one, a tribe. By doing so we can live on as Indian. For the United States Government, the whiteman, in history and up to the present, keep trying to eliminate the Indian and our way of life. Think about it, legally!

Fads in life come and go, some good, some not. It's all part of growing up. At times, pulling our future from themselves. Being Indian. For there are some who admit that they are ashamed of being Indian. Our children must understand the importance of education, getting a diploma, GED, some furthering their education, moving on with the times. But also remaining with their culture, traditions and religions. Regardless of what you do, what you become, you are Indian. You're born an Indian, you leave this world, you'll still be an Indian. Joining those who departed back to the Creator by living a good life. In the olden days, all Indians followed the sacred ways. No one disagreed about the manner in which we should worship the Creator. With the coming of the whiteman this changed. Telling our ancestors, our elders they could not speak their language, or practice their beliefs. They condemned everything that the Indians did. Some religions today, condemn all our sacred ways, by saying "It's all Satan's work". It is only through prayer and the observances of the sacred rites that our world can continue. This is an universal feeling among Indian tribes. There may be some small differences, but most of the spiritual men agree on this outlook.

When everyone understands this, they will know why it's important to treat all things with great respect. To the Indian, our religions, culture, traditions and mother earth are sacred. We must be able to forgive each other, because if we are unable to forgive, then how can we ask the Creator to forgive us for all our wrongs done in life?! No one is perfect. The only one in a position to look down on anyone is our Creator. He knows all and is forgiving! No one is better than another. For we all made mistakes in life. At times, used as stepping stones to improve our lifestyles. We all carry skeletons in our closets, mistakes, wrong choices in life. So be careful of what you do or say about others. Treat others as you yourself would like to be treated. People who usually degrade others are usually worse off than those they cut down in life. The old saying always applies, what goes around, comes around in time. We must pray for each other. Each person should know that their prayers, help not only themselves, it helps others and all creation. We should all pray because we are all God's children and that's what He expects of us. I feel and believe in time our people will return or turn to our Creator, religions and culture, going his ways. It is the best answer to everything

and to all the trials that face us. It's through these trials our faith in the Creator is tested. The world is full of surprises, unexpectancies, some good, some bad, some very painful. It's how we accept and deal with them, will decide our success or failure in life. For without prayer, even if we succeed in accomplishing some great goal in the eyes of men, we have failed in our sacred responsibilities. Thus have failed in what is truly important. With the Creator, all things in life are possible. Prayer should begin and end each day for daily guidance. Some people find it impossible to pray or believe. You do not have to be religious to pray or believe, if the heart is not pure, the Creator can not be seen. If you should die with this ignorance, your soul can not return immediately to the Great Spirit. But must be purified, by wandering about in the world. The man who is pure contains the universe in the pocket of his heart. The heart is a sanctuary where the Great Spirit dwells. By which He sees all things and through which we see Him. Everyone is subject to change in time. Don't ever be afraid to try to make things better. You might be surprised at the results. It takes support from family and friends to succeed. Don't every forget that achievements isn't as hard as it seems. Be-

cause the difference between success and failure is nothing less than just one more try. Don't ever stop loving and believing. Don't ever stop dreaming your dreams in life. Hence, each one of us must take definite steps to establish and maintain a spiritual relationship with our Creator. Such a relationship will not develop automatically. For we may stumble many times in life before reaching our goals. We need to go back and pick up the good things our ancestors, elders, parents taught us. Our only hope is to fall back upon our traditional way of life. It is the foundation we have that would give meaning and purpose to us. In the vast expanses of native in which the traditional Indian roamed he was in one sense without limits on his freedom. In another sense, he was always confined to the strict role placed upon him by his religious universe. In every moment and in every place, everything reinforced the sacred obligations of his heritage. Also Indians are patriotic to a degree that is in some ways astonishing. Given the manner in which they have been treated by the government of the United States. "Sad isn't it", God bless all of you, our prayers to all, condolences to others who lost loved ones, we love you all. Big Rat, Lucy Suppah & family

that are needed. We can no longer count on the BIA or IHS to meet our community needs. It appears as if they are getting out of the Indian business as the Federal government is down-sizing their programs and services. We must look for alternative revenues to meet our housing, small business, infrastructure (water and waste water, landfill, etc.) new economic incentives for employment of tribal members. The need for maintaining tribal government services to match our growth we will need to increase our revenue base. Tribal government was reorganized in 1989 under the leadership of Larry Calica, Secretary/Treasurer. He was a man before his time. His insight into the needs of the community and our people came from his heart and knowledge of the people. Many of the reasons for the reorganization are still valid today as the expectation for the need for change are still unmet by the standards of all tribal members. We have seen changes in the number of people it takes to supervise other employees, but the quality and quantity of services being provided has fallen below tribal member and community standards. The reasons for the reorganization were as follows: * The organization has become increasingly complex and is perceived by many tribal members to be out of control. * The cost of tribal operations has increased. * People are not being served as well as they could be. * There is little accountability

within the organization. * The credibility of the organization is low, morale is at a crisis point, employees doubt that the organization will change. * Support staff and information for the Tribal Council is inadequate. * There are opportunities for improving efficiency, reducing costs, and simplifying planning, budgeting and administrative processes. We, as tribal members, look to the Tribal Council make the organization more responsive to the people it serves. With that, they must establish clear lines of accountability and responsibility and hold managers more accountable for the outcome of their programs and services. One of the primary roles that Tribal Council should be looking at is improved efficiency, make better use of resources, integrate programs and services, improve coordination, eliminate duplication and make financial resources go further. The decisions that we make today will and are affecting our future generations. Because, if we do not pay attention to it today, we will also be looking like the Klamath Falls Tribes and have to sell our land or resources in order for us as a tribe to survive. Making the organization more proactive to avoid the crisis management mentality currently being practiced by General Managers and Directors of the organization. We should be focusing our resources on direct delivery of services rather than administration by shifting the emphasis from the high cost of administration of programs and services to delivery of those services. Jeff Sanders, Sr. Tribal Member

Tammy Wells, "The primary improvement that I would make would be with the way the organization prioritizes issues. I know that Tribal Council has made youth development a priority, but saying it and doing it are two separate things. The Community Center has made great strides to offer activities and opportunities for the youth, but with little financial support. The primary support that sustained these new programs has come from Healthy Nations and Human Services. Keeping youth busy in a safe and secure environment is what will help keep them out of trouble and from hurting themselves or others."

Retail Space Available If interested in leasing the space at Warm Springs Plaza 3240 Walsey Lane, Suite #4 submit proposal to the Small Business Development Center by Friday, September 25 For further information, call the SBDC at 553-3592 or stop by the Center at 2107 Wasco Street

Please write with positive encouragement Family/Friends, I am writing this letter to inform all that my niece Heather E. Picard is now attending Anadarko Indian Boarding School. She herself has chosen this path. No matter what you heard. She did all the work to apply etc. to attend. She felt she had a better chance to graduate. This is for four years. I am asking each and everyone of you to please write to her in a positive way. Nothing gang related or negative about other juveniles or adults being want to be gangsters, no alcohol/drug stories. There is a no tolerance policy at this school so don't get her in trouble.



3rd Annual Native American Youth Ministers Rally

Come join us as we celebrate this great year of Jubilee (Lev. 25) Place: Seattle Center in the Shaw Room on the North side of the Key Arena Time: 7 p.m. nightly Date: September 18 & 19, 1998 Special Youth Minister: Titus Upham & Family from the Blackfoot Reservation in Browning, MT. An upcoming minister of the Word and also in music. Come and be blessed Hosts: Merle & Debbie Williams, Jr.; 11901 55th Ave. N.E. #14; Marysville, WA 98271; (360) 659-1777 Merle & Rose Williams, Sr.; (360) 658-1215. Sponsored by: The Merle Williams Ministries, Inc.

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To the editor, The grandchildren of Mable Eyle would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who assisted and supported us through our grandmother's burial services: Mt. View Hospital staff, Phillip David, Margaret Boise, all Shaker staff, kitchen staff, family members and friend who traveled from California and afar. Thank you sincerely from the families of: Juanita (Gary Villa) Denny, Donnetta Ewack & Victor Smith, Jr.



Congratulations Professor Aurolyn Stwyer-Wahltamet on your birthday, September 18th. Enjoy your new job.

Happy Birthday Janis I won't even mention how many! Love, Donna

Love Mom As one door is closed today, a new one opens before you. Pause briefly at this threshold and know that what you are leaving behind is good. Approach this new door with great confidence in your heart, for you have prepared well for this moment. Open each new door with trust, holding your hopes and dreams very near... knowing that the world is waiting for the excellence and the love you carry with you. (by M.E. Miro')