

United States Census 2000

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Once again Ron McNeil, the great, great grandson of Sitting Bull, knows the time has come to be heard. The Census only comes around every ten years. As leaders, we must invest the small amount of time to encourage our people to participate. Census 2000 means that the voice of our Indian communities, our ancestors and generations of Indian people to come will be heard. If we do not participate, we may not receive the services and programs we need. In the circle of life, we speak not only for ourselves, but for all our Indian people.

starvation, sterilization, and more recently DNA testing.

Self-sufficiency. Non-dependency. Self-Determination. What do you think we're trying to do by building a casino? Is it going to take business away from somebody? Our intentions are not greed or anything that would hurt other people. This is to say there have not been federal government people who understood the plight of the Indian, but these are few and far between. One of these was John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs under the FDR (Franklin D. Roosevelt) administration from 1933 to 1945 (by the way, he was of Canadian origin). His efforts were instrumental in passage and implementation of the Wheeler-Howard Act of 1934, otherwise known as the Indian Reorganization Act. The reasoning behind the legislation was his strong dissatisfaction of the way the federal government was handling the administration of Indian affairs. He believed that Indians should be allowed to live as close as possible to their natural culture, that the government should be more culturally sensitive, and also to be self-governing and self-sufficient. Does someone have a problem with that? Warm Springs is an IRA tribe, made possible by a law written and made law by the U.S. government.

Now we're getting to the essence of this article. If the federal government (they are our trustee, we are their ward) wants us to become self-supporting, why do they not back us up in the area of economic development? Why do they not question the decision of the State of Oregon to deny us the Cascade Locks site? Why are we being singled out, when other states and races have had gambling for years? Maybe somebody is afraid we may become successful in our venture? We have many friends from Hood River and many other places, far and near, that come to the Indian Head Casino in Warm Springs to gamble. We appreciate their support and especially their friendship.

Here's something else for the opponents of our casino and those opponents located in Hood River. Do you think your elected mayor is actually making decisions and recommendations for your city? There are others with plans for land there, that wish to develop it and put businesses there; whether this will be scenic or just more commercial business, you may want to find out yourselves. They talk to the mayor and "influence" (by what means nobody knows) the recommendations he makes to the governor. Talk to the people who go to the employment office looking for work at Hood River. You will find that at least 80% or more want the casino built there because they need jobs. Who is looking out for the people in Hood River who really need jobs? Being jobless, it's getting pretty tough trying to support oneself because of welfare reform.

Jobs for tribal members has been brought up in the newspapers. Yes, if we decide to build at Hood River, we do have tribal members who are already trained, but not enough in number to fill all the positions that will be created. A remark was made in the paper to the effect that it would lay off most of our people. Who is to say whether or not these employees will or will not follow their jobs? Have you personally talked to them? The same article refers to an "anonymous news source". Come on, let's not pussy-foot around. Name your source, if in actuality there is one.

Scenic. The Gorge area used to be scenic when our people lived there before the treaty of 1855. Everything was in its natural state, unless you think Indians living along the river is unnatural. I drove through there a few days ago and noted some of the "scenic" structures: dams, above ground power lines, trains, railroad tracks, barges, buoys, interstate highways, tunnels through the mountains, unattractive businesses, bridges galore, wicking yards, clear cuts, you name it, don't tell me that a casino would not add to the beauty of the area because I know it will. A building constructed to attract people must be appealing to the eye. We've already been through this stuff. It will bring badly needed economy to the area. People who stop at the casino will patronize already established businesses in the area. All of the above named "scenic" uses point to only one target—commercialization.

How about taking a look at what the minority of Hood River people consider scenic. Wind surfers? We know Hood River is the wind surfing capital of the world. When the area allowed wind surfing, evidently did not take into account the environmental impacts. Wind surfers interrupt and interfere with the natural migration of fish up and down the river. Water fowl natural to the area are disturbed. How about erosion to the river shores? All in the name of, yes, the almighty dollar. Where do these dollars go? To the Private business owner, of course. Not to the poverty level people, or those lacking money for the basics of life. Not to create employment for the jobless, the needy. It goes into the pockets of the business owners.

When I read the governor's denial, (front page headline no less), what really jumped out at me was the expression of satisfaction of one of the other tribes. There is nothing that people like more than to see tribes and Indians fight against each other. In the 1970's Warm Springs tried to work with the other Oregon tribes on a good approach to work toward getting gaming for tribes in the state. But no, a few tribes were to eager, gluttonous, and impatient to work together as one voice, one people, which is one of the attributes of true Indians. I hope that tribes is now using its' 20-20 hindsight and thinking, 'maybe we should have all worked together.

The group in Hood River that wants our land, had they played their cards right (no pun intended) had an option. Requests the mayor to recommend in favor of the Cascade Locks site. The "group" could have bought the Hood River land from the state. The governor could have approved Cascade Locks for us. And everyone concerned could have gotten what they wanted. What ever happened to common sense and good judgment? Is it being obscured by greed, by territorialism, by tribal comments of ignorant and narrow minded people?

Editorials have been written about drunken Indians. It sounds like Indians are the only people who drink alcohol. True, we have a few people at Warm Springs who drink excessively and we are willing to own up to that. You will never see them in our local casino, nor any that we build, wherever we decide to build it. Who will you see there? Go there yourself and observe who is imbibing and disturbing our patrons. This business of stereotyping Indians as drunks needs to stop. Step forward and admit there are others who drink excessively, closet drinkers, even politicians who drink "firewater" excessively and call it "social" drinking. Give us some stats on non-Indian drinkers. Have studies been made on other races? I doubt it. The only reason stats are able to be collected on Indians is because the federal government has agencies such as the Indian Health Service who keep regular stats on school related accidents, deaths.

When the news media finds out negative things about Indians and/or reservations they don't hesitate to immediately report it. Why aren't good positive things written about us. We have tribal members who have degrees such as A.A., Bachelor of Science, M.A., M.S., Ph.D., J.D. We have people who work in upper management, middle management, profes-

sional fields, good vocational-technical jobs, but there aren't enough jobs here to accommodate every tribal member who wants to work.

Let's start really thinking this through. We want our people working in good paying jobs supporting their families. Hood River needs the economic growth. The fed's need to start looking out for their protge. The state needs to be more optimistic, open minded, and think for themselves. Do you want to see our Indian people in welfare lines being paid by your tax dollars? But at the same time, let's not forget that Indians pay federal taxes just like any other citizen in this country. Help us to help ourselves. JFK, one of the outstanding leaders of our country, established the VISTA Corps. These were Volunteers in Service to America. Their main purpose was to help 3rd World countries get on their feet. VISTA helped these countries by showing them HOW to do simple tasks such as growing their own food. Instead of the United States giving them food, the US helped them by teaching them to grow their own food. Same principle applies to this situation. I do not want to see our tribe look toward tax payers to provided our daily needs. We want to earn our own living, stop concentrating on the negative and looking for loop holes to go out of helping us-remember we do want to help ourselves.

An example of recent legislation is the August 1998 Presidential Executive Order on Indian Education. Nowhere in this document will you find the words, *treaty, trust responsibility or sovereignty*. Why was not the executive order made a public law so it would carry more power and significance? Of course we are lucky to have at least an executive order instead of nothing at all, like in the past. Why does a ward have to fight its trustee for funds for important causes? Records show it has gone on for centuries, not only in the area of education. Revenue from the new casino would certainly help to provide educational opportunities for our people. The revenue would help us improve our economic well being. It would earn funds to support human needs programs on the reservation. The average annual income in Warm Springs is below the poverty level. As of 1998 employees are 16% below the cost of living.

I don't believe in telling others where to build. It is their decision as to where they want to build something. Dictatorship went out with communism. Would the Hood River group still oppose building of a casino if it were themselves building it? I doubt it.

To those who don't know what their ancestor promised, I would suggest you do some reading and see if you can make head or tails out of it. Ask yourselves whose interest and well being did they really have at heart. Read about the Indian Allotment Act (Dawes Act) and the Homestead Act. What was their real purposes? I'd really like to hear from people who understand the natives of this country and the injustice and persecution they have had to endure and are still withstanding. The only request I have is that you include your name and address so I can acknowledge you and have a place to send a reply. We are still fighting wars. The only difference is we are not using bows and arrows now to defend our people, land and resources. Our foes, weapon of choice seems to be the most unfair, so far. I'll leave that up to you to translate.

All I'm asking is that we get real here and start acting like adults. Let's be problem solvers, and not be a part of the problem. Stop the one-upmanship tactics. In the end, things will work out the way the Creator meant for it to be. As it is, nobody is getting what they want. Let's play a fair game so everyone comes out a winner.

Sincerely,
Ginger Smith
PO Box 566
Warm Springs, OR 97761

For sale

Trailer located on 2493 Sunset Lane at the Trailer Courts. \$8,000 obo. Contact Pebbles 553-1266

'78 Thunderbird car, radio, A/C, Power brakes, Good shape, \$1,250 call Mike McCool at 475-2805

Motorola Cell Phone with Charger \$50; US West Pager \$40; Bunkbed-white tubular with mattresses \$250 call Vesta at 553-9223

At the request of the author, we are reprinting the following letter. Response can be sent to the address above.

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All teddy bears accepted

KQAK Radio and McDonald's Restaurant have begun their Annual Charlie Bear Program. This program provides teddy bears to the Central Oregon Hospital Emergency Rooms for kids who need that extra TLC that only a fuzzy little buddy can give.

If you would like to participate, the new teddy bears can be taken to any of the Central Oregon Hospital Emergency Rooms. Or, if you drop them off at your local McDonald's Restaurant, you will receive a Free KQAK meal which includes a hamburger, fries and a drink.

The Emergency Room staff will tell you that these bears can make a big difference to the children suffering from trauma and illness.

Cynthia Nina Whiteplume

Happy 8th Birthday! 1-17-2000. We sure do love you! This wish comes your way with all of our hopes for many more kind years to come. May you be healthy and happy. May you wish come true. May you believe in the Creator and all that he stands for. May you and your family be in the Creator's hands at all times! May you always do your best at home and at school. Until we meet again, you listen, learn, and enjoy your life.

Love & Prayers,
Gramma Annie, Faron,
Scott Tatum, and Levi Kalama

To: Nathan Napyer

Happy Birthday on 1-10-2000! Wishing for a good day for you. Wishes to be strong physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually! Hope this year brings wonderful blessing to your young life! Prayers come your way for your whole family. Care of your life and your hopes, dreams, and goals also are turned over to the Creator!

Love & Prayers,
Auntie Annie

Medicine dancing set

Medicine Dance will be February 3, 4 & 5, 2000 for three nights at Lower Dry Creek (Lucinda Green's home). Everyone is welcome and urged to come for your own healing. Dinner will be begin at 5 p.m. daily. The dinner on Thursday, February 3 will in honor of past loved ones who always attended the ceremony.

News from the IHS Health & Wellness Center: Head lice & Open House



Submitted by Hal Martin, RPh Chief Pharmacy Officer

The December 2nd Spilyay Tymoo contained an article entitled "Good-bye Nits". The article states the opinion of an individual identified as Moshe Ipp (from Canada) who claims that a 50/50 mixture of vinegar and mineral oil will provide 100% success in the treatment of head lice. I feel the community needs to be aware that this recommendation IS NOT based on scientific evidence and IS NOT the recommendation of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Clinic, the Food and Drug Administration, or the American Medical Association.

TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE

Head lice have infected man for thousands of years. There have been hundreds of so called cures. It seems like every year someone comes up with a new one. The only thing that is certain is that head lice are here to stay and the best treatments are those that have been tested scientifically.

There are several medications available for the treatment of head lice. The drug of choice is a permethrin (NIX). NIX is the drug of choice because it is very safe and it almost always works if it is used properly. If it is used properly and doesn't work (there is some evidence to suggest that head lice can be resistant to NIX), then malathion or lindane should be considered. These drugs are more toxic and should be

HOW TO GET RID OF HEAD LICE

- 1) Wash hair with regular shampoo, rinse with water and towel dry.
- 2) Apply enough NIX to saturate the hair and scalp. RUB IT INTO THE SCALP. This is very important as head lice can remain alive on the scalp if the NIX is only in the above hair. Long hair may take more than one bottle of NIX.
- 3) Allow the NIX to remain on the hair and scalp for 30 minutes.
- 4) Rinse hair with warm water.
- 5) REMOVE ALL NITS. This requires a comb and finger nails. The nits (eggs) must be removed. There is some evidence to suggest that vinegar will help loosen the nits so they are easier to remove, but finger nails MUST BE USED.

HOW TO KEEP THE BUGS FROM COMING BACK

- 1) CLEAN all articles that might have lice or nits, such as bed sheets, pillow cases, and coats in hot soapy water.
- 2) DISINFECT combs and brushes in bleach or soap.
- 3) Use a CLOTHES DRYER or VACUUM items that can not be washed, such as hats, pillows, and mattresses. Be sure to vacuum seam areas.
- 4) RECHECK daily. If new nits are present then retreat with NIX or consider changing to another medication.

HOW TO STAMP OUT BUGS

- 1) CHECK scalps regularly.
 - 2) CHECK children that go to sitters or school.
 - 3) CHECK all family members and children after visits of friends or relatives.
- Please check with your physician, nurse, or pharmacist for current recommendations.

A pirate ship has landed at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center! We will be having an open house at the clinic on Wednesday, February 2 for the second and fourth graders from the Warm Springs Elementary School to show them what has happened!

You may be familiar with the yearly tour including puppet show the Dental department has done in the past. Dental does this to honor National Children's Dental Health Month. It has always been a fun and educational activity for kids.

Now this year our Community Health departments and Medical departments will be joining in on the fun. The plans include: Five things to stay healthy Motor Vehicle Safety Dental Puppet Show and Tour of Medical Smoking Education Bone structure & X-ray Education Physical Exam demonstration

We will be making this an annual event. So, if you are in first or third grade, you will be able to come to the pirate ship landing at the clinic next year. As always community members are welcomed to participate. We think it will be lots of fun!

Hours of operation on Wednesday, 2/2/00: Dental Department opens at 3 p.m. for Emergency patients. Medical Clinic starts at 2pm vs. 1pm on this day.

Book signing set

The Simnasho Faith Outreach will host a book signing with author Betty Eadie on January 25, 2000 at the Senior Center. Eadie is a Lakota Indian with three books on sale, "Embraced by the Light", "Awakening Heart" and newest release "Rippling Effect".

For more information call Aurelia Stacona at (541) 553-6504.

Committee & Board members wanted

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation would like to announce the following vacancy:

COMMITTEE and BOARD'S

Fish & Wildlife (ON-RESERVATION): (3 Positions)

Serve as an advisory body to the Tribal Council in the protection and management of the Fish and Wildlife resources for present and future generations of members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Education Committee: (2 Positions)

Serve as an advisory body to the Tribal Council in the development of educational programs and opportunities for tribal members. Reviews and recommends educational services offered through tribal, state and federal agencies. 1 position will be a student representative.

Commission in Indian services (2 Positions)

Tribal Member applicant interested in improving services with American Indians in the state of Oregon. Attending meeting with the commission on Indian Services. Duties include: compile information relating to services available to Indians. Develop and sponsor in cooperation with Indian Groups and

Organization programs to inform Indians of services available to them, assess programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Indians and make recommendations to appropriate agencies for improvement of these programs, report biennially to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on all matters of concern to Indians. 1 position is a member, 2nd position is an alternate, should COIS member not be available to attend meetings.

Kahneeta Board of Directors: (1 Position-Non Member)

The board of Directors shall review the preceding year's operation, made plans for the ensuring year's operations, elect officers and transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Warm Springs Composite Products Board: (1 Position-Tribal Member)

Tribal Member interested in the economic and social development of the Tribe and its membership and who possesses expertise in marketing, management, manufacturing, finance, banking or some other field which would benefit WSCP.

Waterboard: (1 Position-Tribal Member/Non-Member)

Review all matter pertaining to the water resource to make recommendations to the Tribal Council in

regards to making Water Management Plan function and to propose changes or improvements in water policy and the plan.

Warm Springs Museum-Board of Regents: (3 Positions-Tribal/Non)

Board of Regents shall act as the primary advisors to the board of Directors and may be appointed to committees formed by the Board of Directors for the conduct of the business of The Museum. Shall participate in and contribute to the following activities: Raising Capital and Operating funds for The Museum; Academic and Cultural Affairs of The Museum; and, all other activities in aid of the purpose for which the Museum was established.

If you are interested, please submit a RESUME and LETTER OF INTEREST before January 31, 2000 to:

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE
Attention: Dinah Merrifield
P.O. Box 1299
Warm Springs, OR 97761
LETTER OF INTEREST- Letter to Tribal Council stating you are interested in serving and state which COMMITTEE you have an interest. Also information on background, such as educational background, work experience, training, etc. (Please make sure and submit with letter if interest, is important)