

Gaming board chair thanks tribal member voters

By Warren R. Clements
Gaming board chairman

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who voted in the May 21 referendum.

We worked very hard to get the information out to the public, and I personally feel gratified that a large majority of voters favored building a casino in the Columbia River Gorge. We held 32 home base meetings, district meetings and a general council meeting.

Nine hundred and forty voters went to the polls with 720 voting yes, 210 voting no, and 10 ballots were thrown out for being spoiled. The collective wisdom and concern of the people for the benefit and welfare of the current and future generations was reflected in the vote. The membership made this decision for our well-being and survival.

As we look to the future, we will begin taking steps that will end with a casino in the Columbia River Gorge. One of the first steps is to begin Compact negotiations with Gov. Kitzhaber as soon as possible.

We should continue those negotiations, even if they are not concluded while he is still the governor. We will also continue to develop strong relations with federal and state representatives who can assist us in making this a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Another very important task for us is to keep the people involved and knowledgeable about what we are doing. I am hopeful the Tribal Council will hold quarterly meetings with the people on the Columbia River Gorge Casino topic. I would also like to continue to hold home base meetings with tribal members to determine their priorities for use of gaming proceeds.

During the home base meetings earlier, a number of issues were raised about many different concerns. We have already started addressing some of these concerns, and we will continue to do so.

Our survival has been because of the ability of our ancestors, from time immemorial, to place the well-being of the whole, first, and to cooperate and work in harmony for that purpose, even at the expense of individuals.

If we want to continue to survive we have to continue to do that.

The foundation for our decisions has been our strong traditional spiritual beliefs. I think that's the case now as we move our casino to the shores of where so much of our tribal history was written, the Columbia River Gorge.

Pi-Ume-Sha candidate



Ashlynn Danzuka is running for Junior Pi-Um-Sha Powwow Queen. She is selling raffle tickets to anyone who is interested in purchasing tickets. (See her Letter to the Editor for more information.)

Elders Court

To the editor:
I just wanted to touch on something that I had recently read in the last issue of the Spilyay that caught my eye.

I'm thinking at a lot of the people agree with what the police Chief Don Courtney had in mind in regard's go an Elders Court Council.

When it come's to the youth, I think that personally, I've yet to hear a better idea concerning the behavior and actions of the youngsters. Yeah, it sound's good, but is that as far as it will go?

Often time's I read in the Spilyay a lot of thoughts and idea's, that in reality, if pursued, would more than likely make a difference in which direction there pointed. A lot of the people have strong views with strong potential, if they were only followed up.

In this particular case, I also read a lot of letters in which a lot of the older generation get to down sizing and throwing criticisms on the youngster's for the way they walk, talk, and dress. And yeah, maybe in some cases, the shell of a character describes the fantasy of the road they walk. Maybe I am crazy for thinking this, but doesn't it seem like, when we condemn the youth, it doesn't really get anywhere except make them angry and continue to behave like city kids. They need guidance and direction. Maybe if some of the older one's got to thinking in regard's to why do they choose to walk that road? When that whole realty and lifestyle of being a "Thug" or "Gangster" is so distant to our people and our culture, but yet they're looking for something there. Don't it ever make you wonder what they're looking for? Our people come directly from tribes. At one time we lived in unity with each other and the land, when we shared a lifestyle.

I'm a youngster myself. So I won't catch myself trying to discipline or teach them anything. Because the discipline is for the warrior's and the teaching is for the elders.

I strongly encourage the people to advocate for the idea of and "Elders Court".

Thank you for your time,
Tewahnee Sahme

Powwow queen

Hi! My name is Ashlynn R. Danzuka. I'm running for Jr. Pi-Um-Sha Pow-Wow Queen. I live on Tenino Road in Warm Springs, Oregon. I'm nine years old and I am in the third grade. I attend school at the Warm Springs Elementary. My mom is Kathy Danzuka and my dad is William Clements.

My maternal grandparent are the late Kathleen Heath and Gerald Danzuka, Sr. My paternal grandparents are Grant Clements, Sr. and Sandra Clements who also live in Warm Springs. My great-grandparents are the late Chief Nathan Heath and Lillie McBride Heath on my mom's side. I also have lots of other grandma's,

grandpa's, aunts, uncles and cousins. My Indian name is Naxshpoothni.

I have two older sisters, Melissa, 15, and Charnelle, 11. My younger brother is Rich and he is 2. I like dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. I also like to read and hear jokes. When I travel I like to go to powwows, rodeos and to the beach. When I go to a powwow I dance in the fancy dance contest, but I'd like to try jingle dress this summer. I also like to meet people and I have met lots of people selling tickets. I will be selling tickets up until the powwow, if you'd like to buy raffle tickets. My phone number is 553-1240 and I would be happy to meet you. Thank you very much.

Ashlynn R. Danzuka (Photo at lower left.)

Thanks again

Dear Spilyay Tymoo,
I am writing this letter of appreciation to my dad, Marvin Meanus Sr., my sisters Marvena, Madene, Marva and brother-in-law R.T. for coming to my sentencing. Thank you, it felt good to see family, even though I couldn't talk to you guys.

Also to Judy for showing up too, thanks for being there all of you. Here's my address, if you would like to write to me. Any letter would be appreciated.

Thank you again, and take care everyone.

Michael Meanus, No. 65571-065, Federal Detention Center, P.O. Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378, Aka-M-tone.

Youth camp

Attention:
Calling all Warm Springs children age 8 thru 12. I Gladys Grant invite you to attend Canyon Ranch Camp Willow Creek near Lake Simtustus. The dates for the sessions are as follows:

Boys-June 10-13 or June 30-July 3.
Girls-June 17-20 or June 24-27.

There is also openings for 13 and 14 year olds to serve as Counselors in training.

During the children's session. Activities include swimming, hiking, canoeing, boating, eagle watch and great programs every evening. Parent and friends are invited to the evening programs at 7 pm each night of the camp except July 3.

You may pick up registration forms at the Warm Springs Elementary School, the Small Business Administration Office or at the Community Center.

What is the cost? Whatever you can afford to donate and the Lord will provide for all who come.

For more information call me at 475-3190 or write Gladys Grant, 1756 SW Hwy 97, Madras, OR 97741.

Gladys Grant

A thank-you

To the Editor
I am writing this letter to say thank you to the Legal Aid Department because I believe that they work harder than they are supposed to at their job.

And also a special thank you to Mr. Mark Matthews.
Glenn Ray Brunoe

Regarding rumors

To whom it may concern:
Words are harder than a fist. The slanderous remarks and rumors that have been said about me, like I'm suicidal, psychotic, a compulsive liar, nothing, waste of time, air-space, unstable, a loser, drug addict, alcoholic, clown, half off, back stabbing, ugly, worthless, not worth loving, a thorn, a burden, low life or that I need a pshycho evaluation, or stay out of their lives forever. That is fine with me. But I do feel that you should look in your own back door before you condemn mine.

I've got news for you. I'm here to stay and for a very long time. No, I did not try to kill myself. That's a really sick, twisted thing to say. I do know that that I'm a very loving, caring, special person and I have two beautiful children to live for. They are my life, I love them very much, and they are worth living for (even if someone else doesn't feel that way. I do).

My best friend used to tell me "don't sweat the small stuff". She'd say, Geeze Al, what did you do, marry the whole family? You two will never have a chance unless the apron strings are cut. Love isn't supposed to hurt, nor is it controlling. You don't get no respect nor does he return your love. So why do you give so much of yourself when you get nothing in return? I finally realized why she was so worried about me.

So I'm asking you to please stop trashing me. It's hurting my children, that hurts me. I'd also like to thank everybody who lovingly supported us through all this, with their love, cards and flowers. An most importantly they never abandoned me or my children.

Grateful to be alive, Alison Mitchell-Schuster

Unity and support

Yay Blazers. How many Blazer fans do we have in the Springs? So, do we cheer for them even when they're losing? That's called loyalty, if you do. And, so it is with our tribal council.

There are times when I don't agree with what they're doing, but for the most part, I think they're doing their work. Hearsay doesn't count for anything.

Tribal Council carries quite a load of responsibility. 50 years from now, our children will look back and tell their children, "This is what our grandfathers/grandmothers did for us".

So, I'm hoping that our new casino venture is successful. It is going to be a rough, tough, road for our tribal leaders and they will need our support to maintain that strong leadership. Because some Hood River resident's are protesting our casino's chosen site. In addition, we have been limited to only one casino site. Are the casino's in Nevada set to these same limitations? Are we not a nation of free enterprise?

Anyway, let's put more effort toward strengthening our tribes through unity and support our leaders in the great challenges they encounter to improve our future.

Redine Kirk

Letters reminder

The Spilyay again would like to remind readers, please limit Letters to the Editor to 350 words or fewer.

Letters that are longer than 350 words are cut starting with the last sentence. Also, individuals should, absent unusual circumstances, submit one letter per every couple of months.

Sincere apology

This is a letter of apology to two tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

To Sue-Yen Smith whom I put in grave danger by my action while intoxicated to the point of black out stage. Where I do not recall what happened. Until I was in court when they read the charges against me. I am sorry for almost causing a head on collision with you Sue-Yen and putting your life in danger. So please forgive me for any hardship that I may have caused.

Also my sincere apology goes out to Officer Delton Trimble of the Warm Springs Police Department who responded to my drunken driving escapade where he made contact with the vehicle I was driving at the R.V. park going towards Madras.

Upon making contact with me in my stupor stage of drunkenness a confrontation occurred between me and Officer Trimble where I attempted to resist arrest and was roughed up a little. Please humbly accept my apologies I am trying to get help for my addiction to alcohol and drugs so incidents like this will never occur in the future. Sincerely, Winston Wewa

An apology

Hello, my name is Theodore Monte McKinley.

I am writing to apologize to my wife Teeny Tappo and my daughter Noralisette McKinley for my behavior on April 12, 2002.

I am really very sorry and I really do love you guys. In the future I want to have many more happy times with you. I will try my hardest and as for the Administration Building I am sorry for being on the work grounds drunk. I know it is not a place to be in that kind of state.

Theodore Monte McKinley
Cell Block #144

Legal aid

To the people of Warm Springs. It was very good to have legal aid back to help us people in need of assistance that do not know the law.

Jerry Clement

Address change

I want to let you all know that I've been moved from the FDC hold over detention center in Sheridan. Now I'm in a U.S.P. on the California penitentiary grind. I just wanted to give you all who are there for me my new address. Mackalin. K. Kalama, United States Penitentiary, P.O. Box 019001, Atwater, Calif. 95301.

Mackalin Kalama

Counseling center offers advice on teen depression

This information is provided by the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

Teenagers are notoriously moody, but frequently hide feelings of sadness. Keep the channels of communication open and listen closely to what your child is telling you.

Warning signs of teen depression include the following:

Mood changes, including feeling sad, irritable, becoming easily angered or having difficulty get-

ting along with family members.

Loss of interest in hobbies, sports or social activities.

Lack of enjoyment, even when involved in an activity previously enjoyed.

Changes in sleep patters, such as difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep.

Changes in appetite - gaining or losing weight.

Changes in energy levels, such as frequent fatigue, restlessness or agitation.

Self-criticism, even taking blame for things that are not really their fault.

The following are some things that parents can do:

Talk with your child and let him or her know you care and want to help. Don't assume that a teen's moodiness is "just a phase."

Have your teen screened for depression. You can get information from a school counselor or pediatrician.

Get professional help early. The

sooner teen depression is treated, the better.

Lock up medications that may be deadly - or don't keep them around at all.

Remove all guns, including hunting rifles, from the home.

Make sure your child's treatment is up-to-date and that his or her therapist is aware of the most effective approaches.

Address the dangers of alcohol and illegal drugs, explaining to teens that they are especially vulnerable.