

Letters to the Editor

An apology

I am going to just say that I am sorry for my action for there is a reaction and mine was uncalled for. My apologies are sincere and I hope that this can be forgotten and not spoken of.

Robert Lucei

New year

It's already another new year. I think it's great if we can make and have resolutions for the new year. It feels great when we do the resolutions we make. Got to let go of our past, and live for today. "One day at a time." Look at

everything we can do today. It will carry us on into our future. Sincerely,
Evette Patt.

Great opportunity

First of all I would like to give my love and thanks to my family who has been helping me through the struggle behind these walls. I want to thank my grandmother and grandfather, Nola and Rafael Queahpama for everything they've been doing for me. I love you both with my life and heart. My precious mother, Bobbi Jo Berry, who is the greatest joy of my life, I know we had some differences and some rough

times while I was searching for myself, but I'm happy to say it only made our love stronger. I love you, mama. But most of all, I would like to give my love and thanks to my friend, Monia Cuevas, for keeping a young Indian sane and happy from the life in here which people couldn't even imagine.

But why I'm relly writing this letter is to announce to all my friends an opportunity that is in the music business. I have managed to get myself a CD deal with a label called "Music Fo' the Mobb Records" out of Vallejo, Calif. The person who made this all possible for me is my mentor and friend DeShawn Dawson, who goes by the name of "Mac Shawn." He was originally with Death Row Records, and is with "The Click Family," who you may know as E-40, B-Legit, D-Shot, Suga T, Little Bruce and Mac Shawn himself. But I wouldn't do this album without you. I'm opening the doors for all of you to be heard down here in the bay and I would never leave you guys out of this big opportunity I have. I'm very happy to inform you on my success.

So if you want to be a part of this, get at me at the address below, so I have the names to give to my manager in Oakland.

Nathan Berry, No. T:57502, CB-23-12-L, P.O. Box 2500, Susanville, CA 96127.

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Waldon Winishut

Waldon P. Winishut died Dec. 25, 2002, at the age of 41.

Mr. Winishut was born April 15, 1961 in Redmond, to parents Percy and Pauline (Johnson) Winishut. Mr. Winishut was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Winishut worked as a

plumber for Double W Plumbing.

Survivors include his daughter Christine Johnson of Pendleton; brothers Don, Duane and Stacy Winishut, of Warm Springs; and sisters Charlene and Jewel Winishut, also of Warm Springs. Burial was Dec. 28 at the Simnasho Cemetery.

Auction of estate items Jan. 24

The Warm Springs Tribal Probate Court will conduct an estate silent auction on Friday, Jan. 24. Auction items include the following:

One travel trailer with propane tanks. One white pick-up with camper, needs work. One full size brown pick-up with camper, needs starter. One back-end of pick-up for hauling.

One welding set. One engine block hoist. Three-quarter hydraulic jacks. One air compressor. One canoe. One gas welder, one arch welder.

One set of rims. Four sets of tires.

And several tool sets, Craftsman's tool from Sears.

Viewing will be Jan. 24 from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the parking lot across from Macy's Market. This is the only chance to view the items and bid.

Items will be sold to highest bidder. Probate does not accept personal checks, C.O.D.'s or cash. The court will accept cashiers checks, money orders, approval from credit, or bank loan. Must be blank until brought to the probate staff, and write the name of estate you are purchasing from.

In the Warm Springs Tribal Probate Court of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs

The following is the schedule for upcoming probate proceedings.

January 14, in Room 3 of the Administration Building.

Stanley/Dorothy Smith, Probate No. 62-PR6-61/4PR3-58, 8:30 a.m.

Victor Smith, Probate No. 833-PR25-95, 9 a.m.

Deanna Shadley, Probate No. 018-PR29-01, 9:30 a.m.

Earl Miller, Probate No. 009-PR30-01, 10 a.m.

Alice/James Florendo, Probate No. 834-PR26-95/812-PR4-95, 11 a.m.

Arthur Mitchell, Probate No. 876-

PR06-97, 1 p.m.

Prosanna Williams, Probate No. 858-PR16-96, 2 p.m.

Janice Lucie, Probate No. 996-PR07-01, 3:30 p.m.

Raymond Shike Sr., Probate No. 972-PR19-00, 4 p.m.

January 16, in Probate Hearing Room 3.

Nancy Johnson, Probate No. 955-PR02-00, 2 p.m.

Webb Johnson, Probate No. 979-PR26-00, 3 p.m.

George Picard III, Probate No. 016-PR27-01, 4 p.m.

2002: A look back at some of the news stories

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September

There has been talk over the past couple of years of developing a skate park in Warm Springs. This year, the hope is to make some real progress on the idea, said Kim LeClaire, who is a local skate park advocate.

During September, LeClaire and other supporters of the park idea gathered at the Warm Springs campus area to discuss the issue. The meeting saw a good turnout of young people who are anxious to have a place to skate. Meanwhile:

School session started in early September for Jefferson County District 509-J. Students were getting busy with their class work, while school officials were occupied with balancing the district budget, a task of increasing difficulty.

At their meeting this month, the district board members agreed to reconvene to discuss specific cut possibilities after a special state legislative session. And this:

A U.S. District Court magistrate has ruled against the interest of Columbia River tribes in the case involving ancient human remains discovered six years ago in shallow water of the Columbia. As a result of the ruling, scientists may be able to study the remains, known as the Ancient One, or Kennewick Man. In other news:

The Huckleberry Harvest fundraiser brought in approximately \$40,000 for The Museum at Warm Springs. The museum meanwhile received a donation of a new Dodge Ram 15-passenger van, from Stephen and David Andersen of Andersen Construction, the company that built the museum. And this:

George W. Aguilar Sr. continued making progress on his tribal history book, When the River Ran Wild, to be published soon. In other news:

The decisions in developing the tribal government budget for next year will be difficult, with departments facing at least a 5 percent reduction from the current year budget. The following is one of many possible examples of difficult funding decisions facing Tribal Council, and tribal members who participate in the budget process:

Warm Springs Social Services provides services to elders, as well as to local youth. In the current year budget, Social Services was able to fund travel for elders. This year the elders visited Albuquerque.

If funding is provided for elders to make a similar trip in 2003, then Social Services would have to eliminate funding for local youth activities, said



Julian Scott pulls in a fall chinook at Sherar Falls.

Gayle Rodgers, Social Services director.

Every facet of tribal government – building maintenance, natural resources, education and cultural programs – is facing difficult choices in meeting necessary reductions.

October

The newest tribal enterprise, not yet one year old, has the potential for great accomplishments. Geo Visions staff were busy during the fire season, providing mapping technology to the fire-fighting agencies. The work with the fire teams will continue next year, but helping the fire fighters may be just the beginning for Geo Visions.

For instance, through the U.S. Army, the federal government has set aside \$5 million for development of resource plans for federal installations across the nation. Geo Visions has the right of first refusal on contracts for developing the plans. Elsewhere:

Warm Springs Ventures, the tribes'

investment and business corporation, has announced the purchase of a 51-percent ownership interest in a Redmond-based tile-making company.

There is the possibility that in time the company's manufacturing plant could relocate to the reservation. This would provide more tribal employment opportunities, said Tom Henderson, chief executive officer of Warm Springs Ventures. And this:

The Tribal Council approved the posting of a proposed budget for 2003. The proposal includes a 7-percent overall decrease in expenditures from the current year's levels. Tribal operations would see an overall reduction of about \$1 million under the proposed 2003 budget. Nearly all departments of the tribal government would see reduced budgets under this proposal.

Later in October, tribal officials discussed the 2003 budget proposal with the membership. Members mentioned concerns on a variety of subjects, from public safety and youth and elder issues to budget cuts and possible sources of additional revenue.

One revenue option that is being explored is the use of part of the tribes' "rainy day" fund, established in 1988 by Tribal Council. Meanwhile:

The Tribal Administration building is being refurbished and repainted on the exterior, because the last 13 years have left it weather-beaten. The current work, by Warm Spring Construction, includes painting as well as renailing the exterior wood siding. In other news:

Two young men charged in 2001 in the death of Michael Saludo have pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. Sentencing for Angelo Fuentes and Ronald McKinley is set for November.

November

Nettie Shawaway, the eldest member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, turned 102 years old. Her friends and relatives used this remarkable occasion to pay tribute to Mrs. Shawaway. "She touched many of our lives," said Neda Wesley, Mrs. Shawaway's niece, who organized and cooked at the birthday celebration. Meanwhile:

Tribal members took part in the 13th Annual Veterans Day Powwow. This event was in jeopardy of not happening due to lack of funding. However, the Tribal Council and the Human Services Department each contributed \$5,000, allowing the powwow to proceed as planned. Meanwhile:

The Tribal Council made the construction and operation of a fire hall in the Seekseequa District a priority for 2003. The tribal government budget for 2003 includes over half a million dollars for equipping the new fire hall, and for its operation and maintenance.

The council for the 2001 budget appropriated \$250,000 for construction of the Seekseequa Fire Hall. The 2003 budget includes \$225,000 for its operation and maintenance, plus \$330,000 for equipment.

The 2003 budget, approved this month by Council, also acknowledges that the Seekseequa Fire Hall has funding priority over a proposed new fire hall that will serve the Sidwalter area. In more budget news:

The Tribal Council decided to use \$1.5 million from the Credit Enterprise as a source of funds for the 2003 tribal government budget. The Council also decided to use approximately \$2 million from the tribes' revenue reserve, or rainy day fund, but only if the tribal general fund working capital reserve drops below \$6 million, which is the minimum balance needed to pay current payroll and other essential expenditures. And this:

The Culture and Heritage Department, Education Committee and

School District 509-J developed a schedule for teaching the Ichishkean language to fifth-graders at Jefferson County Middle School. The classes will begin next month.

This will be the first time that a Native language course will be offered at the middle school.

December

The last month of 2002 saw one of the most dramatic news events of the year: The Warm Springs Elementary School was destroyed by fire. The quick response by Warm Springs Fire and Safety was credited with containing the flames just to the gym, thus preventing further damage. Meanwhile in December:

Tribal and federal government negotiators are moving forward with a plan to relocate Columbia River petroglyphs to Horsethief State Park in Washington.

Negotiations are among the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

It has long been the desire of many Native Americans to move the rock art, in possession of the Corps of Engineers, closer to the original location. Horsethief State Park, home of the She Who Watches pictograph, is the closest area to the original location.

The original site is inundated by water of The Dalles Dam, built in 1960.

And in other news: Confederated Tribes have chosen an Alaska-based architectural firm for the design and development of the new casino at the Columbia River Gorge. The tribes' gaming expansion team has chosen the firm of ASGC, based in Anchorage, for the casino design and development work.

ASGC is the largest Native American-owned architecture and design firm in the U.S. The company, which also has an office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, employs 800 people. Elsewhere:

For the last 10 years, since its inception, The Museum at Warm Springs has been open 362 days a year. In the spirit of economic frugality, and to catch up on some exhibit work, the museum board decided to close the museum on Mondays and Tuesdays, until March 1.

John Hicks, director of Central Oregon Community College at Warm Springs for the last 10 years, has decided to retire. Cody Yeager, a former teacher at COCC, will take his place as director in January. Also retiring this month from COCC is Marilyn Hart, secretary at the school for the past 12 years.