

Letters to the Editor

Round dance

To the editor,
Bruce Jim and family would like to thank all the people who donated for the round dance that was held on February 6, 2003.

This was a very wonderful event, as people know it has not been held in this area.

The donations went for food and money for the drummers who came a long way from Canada, Montana.

We had many prayers, especially for what was occurring at the time, search and rescue of the loved ones who were missing in the river.

Mr. Manion of Power Enterprise, Smith Enterprise of Portland, Mr. Fuentes, Social Services (paper products assisted with the food service), and many other people donated.

We would also like to thank Rita and Earl Squiemphen for selling the most raffle tickets. Rita sold 200 tickets in one morning. We dubbed her Ms. Round Dance Queen. Thank you Rita you did a good job.

Many people came and enjoyed themselves, many drum groups came, and we have been gracious hosts. Hospitality is our main thought.

We carry on with what we were taught to take care of our guests. Putting food on the table and treating our guests with respect.

We want to thank Calvin and Roberta Queahpama, Lincoln's Powwow Committee, in donations of food. We all had to put in for potluck dinner.

There were many people at the round dance, and the food went around.

We are hopeful that next year will be more.

Changes take place at Bowling Tournament

By Selena Boise

So, did you all spend a special day with your Valentine? I spent the weekend at Reno bowling in the National Indian Bowling Tournament.

I saw a lot of couples and families at this tournament. A few couples came home married. Congratulations to these couples.

I was excited to get there and bowl at this tournament, but had a hard time on the bowling lanes. There was a lot of oil on the lanes and many of us had to bowl different than we do at Madras Bowl. For some of the more experienced bowlers that was easy, just make a few adjustments. But for some of us still learning, it wasn't easy.

Some of us bowlers came home possible winners at this tournament, so I'm anxious to see the results when they become available.

There was something important that I learned while on my trip. Valentine's Day can be a happy time with loved ones or a turning point with loved ones.

It can be a time to stand back and evaluate what is in your lives and decide if you are going in the right direction for yourself or your family. People can make changes for the better, keep doing what they're doing, or they can get out while they can and start over.

Staying strong throughout any kinds of changes is going to help.

An invitation

The Delbert Frank Sr. Memorial Dinner will be held on March 15, starting around 8 a.m. and lasting until we get done, hopefully around 1 p.m. We invite everyone to attend.

During our father's funeral, Sept. 8-10, 2001, many of his friends, fellow councilmen, associates were stranded elsewhere and couldn't make it, so the family invites everyone to attend his memorial. To contact us or for more information call Myrna at 553-7021. Come join us.

SMART thanks

The SMART Reading Program at the Warm Springs Elementary School would like to thank and recognize the following people for volunteering to read to the students. Thank you all so very much for your precious time and dedication to the education of our youth. The smiles are all worthwhile when they get to take home a book or spend time being read to one on one by someone who cares.

Thank you Helena Jackson, Chele Paye, Vivian Macy, Trudy Thompson, Wendall Cook, Vesta Johnson, Frank Smith, Carladean Caldera, Kaipoi, Pinky Beymer, Bernyce Courtney, and Dolly Still.

You are all a bright light in the SMART Reading Program. The Portland Trailblazers support the SMART Reading Program, just for your information.

River search

The Warm Springs Police Department and Warm Springs Fire and Safety would like to thank the following for their help in the recent search for the victims of the recent Deschutes River drowning tragedy:

Warm Springs Search and Rescue, Jefferson County Camp Sherman Search and Rescue Team, Wasco County Search and Rescue Team, and the Warm Springs community volunteers.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue dive team, the Deschutes County Sheriff's

Office jet boat, the Bend Fire Department swift-water team, River Bend Guide of Warm Springs, White Horse Rafting of Warm Springs, Warm Springs Natural Resources, Warm Springs Forestry, Evergreen Helicopters, Civil Air Patrol, Warm Springs Utilities, the Warm Springs WEDD program and Warm Springs Construction.

Please return

A necklace made with large beads was taken from a young girl, age 7, during the Heart Smart dinner. The necklace was set on a coat, and when the girl got back, the necklace was gone. The item belongs to the girl's grandmother. The granddaughter feels very badly about this. Please return the necklace to 1622 Foster St.

Shaiandra Saunders-Kalama

Appreciation

Your support is greatly appreciated in assisting with the "Blessing of the Sacred Sweat Lodge" that took place in the fall of 2002, located at the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services.

I would like to take this time and give a very special thank you to Anthony for being a great fire keeper, without the fire keeper the sweat wouldn't have been such a big success.

My gratitude goes out to Bobby Eagle Heart for all of his hard work in humbly building the Sacred Sweat Lodge, gathering the wood, rack spirit and cedar bows, Kennedy Smith for providing the food, Edna Williams for preparing the food, Sessley and ReAnn Graybael for baking the Chinook.

Thank you Larry Potts (WSFPI), Rudy Clements (Tribal Relations), Russ Alger (IHS), Kanim Smith Sr. (TRT), Charles Calica (BJA), Derek Tsumpti, Margaret Buckland, and a special thank you to the Victims of Crime staff and director. Thank you all for your prayers and participation. If I left anyone out, it's not intentionally.

Respectfully, God bless you.
Mona L. Smith-Cochran

Wants pen pal

Dear Warm Springs tribes,
My name is Jenny. I'm 18 years old and from Denmark, a little country in Europe.

Since I was little I always wanted to study Native American languages and cultures, but that's not normal in Denmark. Therefore there's nothing about Native Americans here. Not much.

So now I'm just looking for other young people to write with as pen pals. If you have a Native American background, it could be very interesting for me.

About me: I go to college here in Denmark, and would like to study Indian cultures at the university.

In my spare time I go to belly dancing. I have a big family and a lot to do all the time. I hope to hear from someone, and am looking so much forward to an answer.

Many greetings from:
Jenny Clause, Ugerlosevej 18, 4296 Nyrup, Denmark, Europe. My e-mail address is: jennyklausen@sol.dk

Native journey

Let us fly in the sky when we die, as an eagle that takes flight come morning light. We shall soar across the land we so loved, spread our wings and fly away high above. All the pain and the sorrow we have shared, now only peace because our Great Spirit showed he cared. O, Great Spirit Mother Earth our souls with thee, let us fly as an eagle and be free.

Chuck Crum, Cree native

Not ashamed

I'm not ashamed. I want to share with you all, I'm not ashamed to say I'm now a Baptist, believer in Christ of all Christs. I'm now an official member of the River Road Baptist Church in Eugene.

I know Jesus Christ will forgive all sinners who ask for forgiveness. Put your faith, hope and trust in God through his son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Respectfully,
Evette Patt

Scott returns from deployment

Navy Seaman Hester L. Scott, daughter of Florene and Harvey Scott of Warm Springs, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Va.



Hester L. Scott

During the deployment, Scott's ship traveled more than 50,000 miles, launched more than 10,000 sorties, dropped nine and a half tons of ordinance and visited the ports of Greece, United Arab Emirates, Portugal, Italy and Slovenia.

Scott is a 2001 graduate of Madras High School, and joined the Navy in October of 2001.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey

Scott and family would like to say the following:

Thank you to the people who have asked about her well-being. Hester is doing well. Hester also surprised us by coming home for Christmas. So our family had an extra nice Christmas last year.

Hello from Pastor Rick

To my list of things that I like to do. I have become a substitute teacher. I have subbed a few times at the Warm Springs Elementary School.

A great bunch of teachers. A great and wonderful principal, Dawn Smith. And the kids, full of laughter and energy.

Except in the classroom or hallway many kids have been given a spoonful of helplessness.

Who is dishing out this poison? You see it in their not wanting to try. The work is not that hard.

Yet to ask a child why not try doing the assignment, their answer seems to be the same. "I don't need to know this stuff. It won't do me any good living here."

They are great kids, not moping around with sad eyes. They are full of talk and life, except education is not an issue or a concern for them. Someone has

given the poison of living today only and denying that tomorrow exists.

Someone has pulled the hope of the future out of the hearts of many of our kids. It has been filled with teasing, joking, and for some, anger.

Now, please remember not all the kids have been poisoned. But if one is, we, the adults of this community, have the responsibility to become teachers by example and by our words of what hope is to us.

If you know what hope is then share it with your children. Protect your children from hopeless teachings. If you do not know hope in your own life, now is the time to find out what having hope does for you and your kids. To talk more about hope call me at 553-1237.

Rick Rebeiro, Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Reminder regarding letters

It is the policy of Spilyay Tymoo to print Letters to the Editor from any and all tribal members. Because of space limitations, letters should not

exceed 350 words.

This policy is necessary in order to ensure that room exists in the newspaper for all of the Letters to the Editor.

Water agreement is against tribal interest

By Randy Smith

The quantification of Warm Springs' water rights is now documented as a Deschutes County court decree. This agreement supposedly was negotiated in Warm Springs' best interest. Considering how well the state of Oregon and other jurisdictions have honored previous agreements that Warm Springs have accommodated, every tribal member should be gravely concerned.

Our senior water right status seems to have been poorly represented and argued by our legal advisors. Why? I've also been informed of a conflict of interest, the same law firm securing our water right also repre-

sents other municipalities within the Deschutes Basin.

Why didn't the Honorable Stephen Tinkin request a formal filing of a deposition regarding this matter before finalizing Warm Springs' water right in his courtroom. These questions along with a few others demand an answer.

Over the past 40 years, I have seen our once existent water right diminish by at least five feet of Deschutes River depth. That equates to approximately \$10 trillion by my own estimate. Why didn't our legal advisors pursue the equitable compensation we're entitled to for the state's historical ignorance of

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our unique senior water right status.

After reading The Water Rights Survival Guide, I'm even more skeptical of the sincerity of the legal advice we have been receiving during the entire water mitigation process.

It would seem to me that the only water rights that were adequately protected were those of outside entities. Why else would our legal advisors agree to excluding water permits issued by the Oregon Department of Water Resources before 1991?

Water permits issued before 1991 are the primary reason we are faced with the current water shortage today within the Deschutes Basin. All of these

water user groups have in some way or another contributed to the lower water levels and pollution we are confronted with today. This has also directly contributed to the current list of restrictions and regulations we are mandated to comply with because of the language of the Clean Water Act, and the Scenic Waterway resolutions.

The state of Oregon certainly had to be aware of our senior water rights status, but elected to continue to issue water permits within the Deschutes Basin continually ignoring Warm Springs senior water rights status. Why?

I speculate one reason might be that our legal advisors were very cavalier when it comes to

defending our federal treaty rights. After reading "The Water Mitigation Document" I'm bothered even more by the fact that one of the presenters may have directly contributed to the problem of overextending the water permits within the Deschutes River watershed as a former director of the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Oregon now proposes to lease or buy back water permits to alleviate the water shortage we're faced with today. Why should I or any taxpayer agree to mitigate the state's poor administration and management of this publicly owned resource that they were hired to preserve and protect, not destroy?

Steps to resolving an off-reservation DUII

By Guy Wallulatum
Warm Springs Counseling

There's been some confusion and misunderstanding about what procedures to follow after a driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) violation off reservation. Court will normally refer an individual to a state certified DUII Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program, such as BestCare Treatment Center.

Warm Springs Community Counseling Center is a state certified Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center, but it is not DUII certified because of sovereignty issues. If your driver's license is currently suspended you will receive a state of Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) notice on reinstatement requirements. See LICENSE on 10

Birthday wishes...

Happy seventh birthday, Lupita Ocampo, Feb. 15, 2003.

To a very precious little one on her seventh birthday. May the best wishes go to Lupita Ocampo.

Happy birthday, Pita. May this day be very special for you, lil' one. Your seventh birthday only comes once.

Enjoy your day, because it's your day. Put your very

beautiful smile on. It lights everyone's day, and don't get too full on your birthday meal.

Love, hugs and kisses, Lou, Allan, and the rest of us who all treasure you.

Happy belated birthday to Jake Frank, age 3, love Dad, Plyza and sister Verbena.

With love from Montana.

From the Bobb family and our dad Ray Jones.

Happy Eighty-Fourth Birthday to our grandmother, mom and great-grandmother, Katherine Barr, from Oakville, Washington.

We wish you the best and send love from all your Warm Springs grandkids and great-grandkids.

Love from Selena, Freddy, Travis, Amy and Michael and Kendall Barr.