

Utilities committed to highest standard of service

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So you need an appraisal done, who do you call?

Some people would call Utilities, some would say you call the Credit Department, which is an enterprise; and others, well... they might call on an outside appraiser.

Then there are those entities connected to an insurance claim who would most likely send their

own appraiser.

There is one person here on the reservation that we know of who does appraisals. He charges about \$200 to do them. This individual is the same person Credit uses.

I am told that if you were to call for an outside appraiser, they might charge around \$500, and you must also let them know that the appraisal should be done for the building or home and any improvements only.

The exception of course are those private land owners.

Work orders

So, what's the deal with never hearing back on what happened to my work order? Has this become the norm? Is this acceptable? It is not.

This has been a common theme that I have heard over the past several months.

As such, we have begun addressing some of our own internal operations and yes, problems, as they apply to communications.

Somewhere we had a discon-

nect, and as such we will "fix" the problem.

Our mission: is to provide the community with the highest standard of public service which continually enhances the quality of life within our community.

Quite the task to say the least, but as one leader in management always says, "We will get there."

For more information on any of the issues discussed in this article, call 325-1476.

Living with osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis strikes not only the knees, hips and hands.

It can also affect the fine joints of the spine, causing severe back pain that may radiate even down to the legs and feet.

This leaves patients severely impaired and makes many daily activities at work and at home increasingly challenging.

But what can you do yourself to fix this chronic pain?

How can you ease the limitations and support your doctor's treatment?

With assistance from some of the world's leading spine specialists, the American Arthritis Society has compiled 12 practical tips for self-care that are effective and easy to follow.

These and many more suggestions for treating osteoarthritis can be found on the society's website at:

www.americanarthritis.org.

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Dad

Today we sorrowfully laid you in your final resting place by grandma, your sister, your sons and of course, Myrtle. We already miss you and feel the empty place in our hearts, but we know that you are not suffering in your body anymore and have stepped into the Lord's rest and glory. Some things didn't go as you wanted, the caregiver, her son and daughter took over everything and made all your arrangements as they saw fit. But the nice thing was that your friends from the Satus Shaker Church and Canadian church were a real blessing, we could see that they really loved and cared for you, as well as the many people that came. Another thing you would not have approved of dad, is the caregiver, her son and daughter have kept the family pictures and grandma Delia's keepsakes and I don't expect to see those things again, but we will always have the memories of our relatives in those pictures, after all, we grew up with them at the LeClaire Ranch. Oh, and your friend from the Satus Church shook hands with your grandson Alan, told him he was the young version of you and told him to just put on a Navy uniform and he would be you all over again. So dad, we will carry on the family name and remember you as you were, kind hearted and we know that you loved us as we loved you. We are comforted knowing that you are at peace and at rest. Prayerfully we will heal and forgive. Respectfully submitted, your eldest children, **The LeClaire's**.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 30, 2008 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering, resisting arrest. I also would like to say that I will do my best to change my life because jail is not fun. I apologize to officers H. and S. for calling them ugly names. Sorry officers. I am sorry to J.K. for endangering her wellbeing. **Michael Meanus**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 21 by driving while under the influence of alcohol and carrying a concealed weapon

without a permit and in a restricted area. I apologize to my manager and my coworkers. This will not happen again and I am truly sorry. **Raymond Meengs**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 14 by my actions of having marijuana in my possession and being caught with it on Sunnyside and Upper Creek Drive and getting arrested. I apologize to the Warm Springs Police Department. I also want to say that I am sorry to my girlfriend; I was stopped in her car and it won't happen again. **Aaron Eaglespeaker**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 23 by a domestic dispute that threatened the health, safety and welfare of others. I apologize to G.R., L.A.R. III, A.J., W.N., the patrol officers and the Warm Springs community who were directly impacted by my actions. I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Lyle A. Rhoan**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 4 by forcefully ejecting E.W. and A.T. out of my vehicle. There was a domestic dispute in my car and I was charged with assault. I apologize to A.T. for the physical and mental anguish she had to endure. I also want to say that I am sorry to the officer for having to come way out of his way in protecting the community. **Clarence Jefferson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 13 by being under the age of 21 and under the influence of an intoxicating beverage. I apologize to D., S., M. and friend who were directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I'm sorry to have my name publicly known by the things I've done. **Lindsey Morris Yallup**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 13 by driving while intoxicated. I'd like to apologize to the Warm Springs community for my DUII. I could have hurt someone or myself. I feel bad about the situation, that I must change my ways to lead a cleaner and healthier life. I apologize to the community of Warm Springs. I am doing better now with a positive start to change my ways of life. **Roberta Williams**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 17 by breaking the law of assault and battery on a person that I love. I will make sure that I do not commit this offense again. I apologize to A. Sampson who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say that I am sorry for the offense that I committed, and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Roderick Wesley**.

I am sorry I broke Tribal law on August 19 by driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering others. It will not happen again. I am truly sorry for my actions. I apologize to my people of Warm Springs. I also want to say that I am seeking help for my actions. **Ulysses Jefferson**.

I am sorry I broke Tribal law on August 25 by being highly intoxicated on or near 4446 Upper Dry Creek. I was charged with disorderly conduct and I plead guilty on August 27 and now I'm in the tribal jail. I apologize to the Warm Springs community. I also want to say that I'm currently serving some jail time for my actions, and I will make every effort to follow our laws in the future. **Lawrence G. Polk**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 3, 2008 by committing an A and B, and C against my son. I would like to let him and the community of Warm Springs know that I'm tired of living a life of an alcoholic and I am not going to be back in Warm Springs for a long time. I apologize to C.D. If you want to visit I'll be in Portland. **Johnson Heath Sr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Sept. 23, 2008 by committing an A and B against my S.O. We've been good to each other for all the time I've been back and I apologize for what I did to you on that day. I hope that you're able to forgive me. I apologize to D.G. I also want to say I love you with all my heart and hope and pray that our relationship stays strong and again I apologize for my actions. **Johnson Heath Sr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the date of my offense by neglecting my child and for being a bad parent and I will do my very best to care for my

child in the future. I apologize to the Warm Springs community. I'm very sorry to my son C.W. **Kelsey Kalama**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the date of my offense by driving under the influence of intoxicants, red resisting arrest. I would like to apologize to the community of Warm Springs for my actions. I apologize to officer M. for my actions. I would like to say I'm sorry to K.W. and B.K. **Kelsey Kalama**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the Warm Springs Reservation by theft and trespassing. I apologize to the reservation for the devastation my actions have brought to our family name. I apologize to the Department of Utilities. I also want to say my actions were intolerable to those in the surroundings of the community. **Elmer Sampson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on the reservation by drinking beer, alcohol, liquor on the Warm Springs Nation (Reservation). I would like to apologize to the people, family I put in danger by my actions, choices. I apologize to my family, friends, bro's. I will make better choices by not drinking while under age. **Johnny Smith**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 9-14-08 by committing offense 307.020 (liquor violation) in our tribal community. I apologize for my inconsiderate actions and can only move forward and do better for my family and community. **Aldo Garcia**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law in September 2008 by violating the tribal code 305.466 (NDDHD). I apologize to

H.W.C., tribal court, Kah-Nee-Ta, officers and mainly my daughter. I plan on picking myself up and working hard and getting back on the right path of sobriety. **Tim Wainanawit**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 28 by driving under the influence of intoxicants. I'm sorry for my wrongful actions, and sorry to those on the road for my reckless endangerment of drunk driving. **Larry K. Wabaunsee Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on or about July 28 by disorderly conduct and being intoxicated on the reservation. I apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. I am truly sorry and will make every effort to make that it doesn't happen again. **Jarren Davis**.

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