

## Use caution on Hwy 3 near the new media center

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I remember years ago there was talk of a communications center for KWSO, Spilyay Tymoo, and Public Relations. Today that has become a reality for the two remaining departments. The new building is complete and everyone has moved in.

If you haven't been to the new KWSO and Spilyay office on Hwy 3, you should come and check it out. Our long awaited move has finally happened and we are getting settled into our new building.

There are still a few kinks being worked out and we are progressing slowly but surely.

Moving is not what it used to be when you moved furniture and files. The digital age has made this a slow progression. While our completion is nearly here, we are still functioning as a newspaper and radio station.

When you do come to visit, I would caution you to watch for cars speeding up the hill, as it is dangerous to pull out in front of a vehicle speeding around that corner. Had a near accident there already. I looked left, then right, then pulled out and was almost hit by a fast-moving vehicle coming from the left side.

I believe the speed limit there is 45 miles per hour, because of the blind corner. So please take caution when coming up around that blind corner because there will be cars pulling in and out of the new building from day to day.

When pulling out onto hwy 3 take caution as well because there are speeding vehicles coming around that blind corner.

Anyway, you should definitely watch for signs of a possible open house to be held after everything is up and running like a well-oiled machine.

**Huckleberry Feast is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd, at He He Longhouse**

### Spilyay Speaks

## Letters to the Editor

### Pipeline

On July 7, I attended a scoping meeting that introduced an alternative proposal by Palomar Gas Transmission to build a natural gas pipeline through Warm Springs.

As I listened to Palomar's and tribal departments presentations, it started to sound like a done deal. However, we were told a decision wouldn't be made until the end of this year.

On July 9, I read an article in The Madras Pioneer. On page 3, a headline read: "Gas: Tribes suggest, support alternative route."

While reading through the article, I did not come across any Warm Springs tribal member names. There was nothing in the story that anyone from Warm Springs made any kind of comment.

The article informs us, July 13 is the deadline for public comment to FERC for their environmental impact statement.

Most of the comments I did read regarding any route through Warm Springs was those made by Madras people suggesting the pipeline route through Warm Springs. Just like me, many of the Madras people said they didn't want the pipeline routed through their land either.

The Madras Pioneer article also pointed out that Palomar promised their project would bring \$800 million to Oregon. About \$9 million would be divided between the seven counties they cross in Oregon.

And, their project will bring about 2,000 construction jobs to Oregon.

Common sense tells me Warm Springs will receive a very tiny, fraction of those millions and any tribal member employment will be brief and menial.

If we are going to sell out, let's do it right! I would suggest at least 10 percent of Palomar's profit, annually for as long as the pipeline runs through our reservation. In addition, a \$10 billion insurance policy to cover the cost of lost natural resources caused by gas leaks, explosions or natural disasters, such as lightning strikes, earthquakes or wildfires.

Warm Springs already has Highway 26 running through it and we have very limited funds to cover the cost of guarding and protecting our "closed" areas along Hwy 26.

We have outsiders helping themselves to our bear grass, fire wood, pine cones, huckleberries, fish and wildlife. We also get campers with recreational vehicles that destroy our closed areas. It is hard enough trying

to guard and protect our closed areas, it will be even harder to guard and protect this lethal pipeline.

The pipeline would cross several rivers and streams in Warm Springs. Any natural disaster, such as wildfires or erosion would destroy water supplies, fish beds, our forest, traditional food gathering sites and the soil. It would change and devalue the landscape all along the pipeline route.

Our fishing and hunting seasons are now extremely limited. Already, I tell my children that our hunting and fishing seasons were never as limited as they are today.

With this pipeline, we will be telling our children, "We used to have a lot of beautiful forested land, we used to have beautiful rivers and lakes, we used to fish and hunt, gather roots and huckleberries here."

The Palomar Gas Transmission has made a lot of lucrative promises. I would ask, "Did the people of Exxon Valdez make the same kind of promises?"

Tribal members have been promised we will have more scoping meetings to voice our opinion on this pipeline proposal.

These future scoping meetings would be an excellent time for tribal members to speak up and help our leaders consider better business venture ideas that will give us permanent, meaningful employment.

There has to be better business ventures than this pipeline. I know many tribal members have excellent ideas about more worthwhile business ventures. We just need to give tribal members the opportunity to speak up.

The internet provides extensive, excellent sources of information regarding the proposed Palomar natural gas pipeline through Oregon.

Redine Kirk-Billy

### Create jobs

Dear Warm Springs people, You could hire local cowboys to tame and train the wild horses.

Wild and fearful horses do not sell well—but tame and useful ones would.

More horse sales per year could be had. The rodeo world needs good horses and bucking stock.

Let people in other states know they are available. Everyone knows that Indian ponies are special.

The elder horse trainers know well how to do it—honor them. They could teach the younger ones and pass on tribal traditions that work well. Younger men could be trained too. They could be useful in range management also.

Wild Indian ponies are not a "product"—they are a special gift from your Creator.

We all have to answer to Him about how we have cared for His gift.

A very negative approach to the horse population would be, to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to build a facility big enough to have holding corrals for live horses, trucks to transport them, a killing plant, a meat processing and packaging plant, a market office, a disposal plant to get rid of blood, guts, bones, hides and manure.

Money for all sorts of permits to operate, inspection

fees—and the federal government departments checking on everything.

It would be a great expenditure of money and a loss of privacy. But the greatest loss would be the respect of many thousands of horse lovers. Would they still come to you with their money? Warm Springs would have a "black eye" that would never heal, even if they shut down the plant.

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### Youth survey

Dear parents,

(Note: the following letter is in regard to a youth survey session held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. this Wednesday, July 29 at the Warm Springs Community Center.)

The Community Counseling Center is very excited to be participating in the Oregon Native Youth Survey. The purpose of this research project is to help identify the needs of youth in our community and to develop strategies for working with Native youth. You are being asked to allow your child to participate in the study—you have been selected because your child is between the ages of 12 and 19 and part of the tribal community. If you provide consent, and your child agrees to complete the survey, your child will receive a \$20 gift card (for 80 participants) for participating in this study. In addition, you and your child will be part of our efforts to improve services to Native youth.

Privacy: Parents are being asked to let us include information about their children in this effort. No identifying information will be collected as part of this study—in other words, no one will be able to tell which youth participated.

Mandatory reporting: The only exception to privacy might be if a youth approaches a staff member with information about their intent to harm themselves or others, or that they have been harmed. In this case, our staff would need to report this to the appropriate authorities.

Procedures: Youth who participate will be asked to complete a written survey. The survey contains approximately 110 questions and will take about 40 minutes to complete. The survey asks about many parts of your child's life: relationships with family and friends, experiences in school, the community you live in, cultural activities, drugs and alcohol, firearms and crime.

The survey will take place in a group setting; however, youth will not share their answers to any of the questions with other members of the group. A moderator will walk the youth through the survey and be available to answer any questions the youth may have about the survey.

Risks and discomforts: Your child may feel uncomfortable with some of the questions we ask in this survey. He/she can refuse to answer any questions he/she is uncomfortable with, or skip questions he/she does not want to answer. Staff will be available to provide support and assistance if any youth who experience distress or are upset by any of the questions.

Rights as a volunteer: Your child's participation in the Oregon Native Youth Survey is

voluntary. You or your child's decision will have no impact on your or your child's eligibility for services. In addition, you may withdraw your consent to participate at any time. To those interested: A consent form is available at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center, and will be available at the survey site.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Marcella, Dabi, Rachel, the Community Counseling Center.

### CRITFC hire

Rebecca Miles, Nez Perce tribal member, and official, was selected by her treaty tribal officials to lead the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) 2009-2010 officer team as its chair. Miles election this morning makes her one of the youngest commissioners to serve in the position.

"I am honored to serve at this table," Miles said in her acceptance address to the commissioners this morning.

"I look at this table as a family, we rely on each other and to have a woman in this position shows the true state of the tribes. At one time it wasn't necessary to have a woman serve in these roles but today it takes everyone. It's my goal to move CRITFC forward, protecting our sovereignty and exercising our treaty reserved fishing rights."

Miles has accepted leadership roles early in her career having been elected as the Nez Perce Tribe General Council Chairman at the age of 27 where she served four years before being elected in May 2004 to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC).

Miles is a current member of NPTEC and the first woman and youngest person to serve as chair for NPTEC. She has a reputation as a problem solver and is a strong advocate for natural resource issues, working extensively on the Snake River Basin adjudication, endangered species recovery and habitat restoration, and treaty reserved rights.

Miles is the third consecutive female chair, succeeding N. Kathryn "Kat" Brigham (Umatilla) and Fidelia Andy (Yakama).

She will serve in dual roles as active member of the NPTEC and as commission chair.

"It's been an amazing year," said Brigham. "We've come a long way but there is more work to be done. The commission is in good hands and I'm confident that Chairwoman Miles will continue to protect the tribes' treaty rights and treaty protected resources."

Retiring Chair Brigham presided over CRITFC during a year that saw a change in Administration, restoration of Pacific Salmon Treaty funds and working with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission on a unified approach to protecting tribal and treaty rights.

"I was familiar with Kat and her ability to lead before I was elected to NPTEC," said Miles. "To come here and serve alongside her and to work with her has been a true honor."

Bruce Jim (Warm Springs) was elected vice-chair, Fidelia Andy (Yakama) was elected sec-

retary and Kat Brigham (Umatilla) was elected treasurer.

The 2009-2010 officers represent the third consecutive year that three out of the four officer positions have been held by women.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 4-29-09 by breaking tribal code 310.510. I want to say, this will never happen again. Adrian Tula.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 6-1-09 by drinking under the age of 21, failing to keep my promise of not drinking. I would like to say I'm sorry. I apologize to my girl and my family. I am truly sorry for what I did. Sammy Culps Jr.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 6-5-09 by DUII 310.510. I was driving and endangering people by drinking and driving. I was not in any condition to be driving and wasn't thinking of the serious consequences of causing harm to others. I apologize to the people who were driving. I will consider that I could have injured others. Henry J. Yahtin.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 6-18-09 by disorderly conduct and child neglect. I apologize to the Warm Springs Reservation. It will not happen again. Sonny Yahtin.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-7-09 by having a marijuana pipe on my car, and for being intoxicated, also for contempt of court for failure to appear. I apologize to S.H., D.H., and L.T.B. This old lady has finally seen the light and it won't happen again. Patricia J. Brown.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 4-25-09 by assault and battery on my companion T.D. Sorry, it will not happen again. I apologize to T.D., and the police. I am very sorry and please forgive. Melvin Scott Sr.

I am sorry I broke tribal law in July 2008 by assault and battery. I was involved in a fight that occurred in the trailer courts at Oitz Loop. I have not denied my part in this situation and have taken full responsibility for my actions. First, I am sorry to G.S. and to the community. I am sorry, I have been sentenced accordingly. Clarice Tewee.

I am sorry I broke tribal law by possessing drug paraphernalia (marijuana pipe) on tribal land. I have been to treatment since then, trying to heal my mind in a positive manner. I can guarantee that it won't happen again. Duane H. Luton.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-10-09 by committing the offense of assault at 1713 Foster Street. I apologize to I.B. I have a year to correct my mistakes and learn from them. Curtis Brown.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 5-30-09 by assault and battery at 1713 Foster and violating a restraining order. I apologize to I.B. I deeply regret the turmoil I've put you through. Curtis Brown.

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