

## Code of Ethics Questions

By Duran Bobb

There has been some talk on the reservation about the creation of a Code of Ethics Committee. Some community members are being asked to complete a survey, giving their input on such things as:

What should some of the qualifications include for being on the Code of Ethics Committee? Do you support the idea of creating such a committee? What concerns do you have?

As a tribal member, my main concern would be determining who has the qualities and morals that it would take to sit on such a committee. Would that person attend church or believe in a higher power? Would they be alcohol and drug free even when they're not being watched? Would they conduct themselves in public the way that they would be asking others to conduct themselves? Would they be required to pass a criminal background check?

Those questions lead to other questions. Would the Code of Ethics Committee be made up of tribal members? Would they be related to others on the committee or on Tribal Council? Would the committee answer to Tribal Council and the public?

The Sage dictionary defines ethics as: *motivation based on ideas of right and wrong. The study of moral values and rules.*

One of my favorite movies depicts a senator who is the co-founder for the Coalition for Moral Order. His co-founder is eventually found deceased in an awkward situation, one that is quite immoral in some eyes.

How would we prevent that from happening with a Code of Ethics Committee? How much power would we give this committee? Who would the committee answer to when they broke their own rules? Whose idea of right and wrong would the committee follow?

These are just some of the questions that went through my own mind while filling out this survey. These are questions that made me grateful that I fell in love with writing, rather than politics.

At least in writing, we have a nifty little backspace button.

Good luck to our next tribal council.

It couldn't be an easy job, representing your districts and moving our reservation into a positive pathway for the generations to come.

## Letters to the Editor

### The children

Young children here in Warm Springs deserve the best that we can give them.

The Week of the Young Child, Sunday through Saturday, April 11-17, is a time to recognize the needs of young children.

The week is also a time to thank the adults involved in their education and care.

Parents, teachers, caregivers and other adults play important roles in the lives of young children, and the Week of the Young Child celebrates their efforts.

We can show our support for early learning in our community by promoting early literacy programs, thanking teachers who care for our children, and working to ensure that our public policies support early learning for all young children.

The Week of the Young Child is a time to remind us that early years are learning years.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Head Start has planned the following Activities:

#### Monday, April 12 at 10 a.m.

Balloon release honoring Prevent Child Abuse Month, breast cancer, veterans and current servicemen. Location: The Early Childhood Education north parking lot.

#### Tuesday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Story time broadcast, "Pop-In and Read" at all ECE classrooms.

#### Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m.

Book giveaway, skit of "The Spooky Old Tree" at the ECE C-Pod.

#### Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m.

Mini field day at the ECE playground.

#### Friday, April 16 10 a.m.

Parade with the theme "Early Years are Learning Years" along Kotnum Road in front of ECE.

Sincerely, **Shirley Allen**, Head Start/Early Head Start administrator.

### Diplomas

To all students and parents, Diplomas (exit options) have changed at Madras High School. Please note these changes:

Oregon diploma—This is the diploma students will need to attend four-year colleges.

The 509-J diploma—This is the same as the Oregon diploma, except for those students

who have a history of being unable to maintain grade level achievement. This diploma prepares students for college but they should consider starting at a community college.

Modified diploma—This prepares students for college but the student should attend a community college first.

Extended diploma—The student must qualify for special education services.

Alternative certificate—For students that qualify for special education services with significant disabilities. This student will not be prepared to attend college at graduation time.

The Education Committee brings this notice to you for many reasons. The main one being this:

If you plan on your student attending a four-year college, he or she must have the Oregon diploma.

For instance, do not go to the higher education department expecting to obtain a "scholarship" to a four-year college unless you have an Oregon diploma.

If you wish further explanation, please contact Rhonda Smith, Education Committee secretary, at 541-553-3257, to make an appointment with the committee.

Or contact Tedi Tanewasha at 553-3311.

**The Education Committee.**

### The election

To my people of the Agency District,

I want to thank everyone who got out to vote. I wish Buck, Austin and Lola a lot of luck, please advocate for our "Agency District."

As a cultural/finance person I will assist where I can. I will continue to work for my people.

Good luck and congratulations to Ron Suppah, Olney Patt Jr. and Raymond Tsumpti of the Simnasho District; and to Scott Moses and Reuben Henry of the Seekseequa District.

**Catherine Katchia**, Agency District candidate, Tul-pah' - Chit-si-ak.

### Canoe blessing

Niix Micqil

I would like to comment on the canoe blessing ceremony that was held on March 27.

My Name is Paula (Smith) Kalama and I am honored to be a part of the planning committee for the N'chi Wanapam Canoe, and I also have a son, Douglas Brisbois, as one of the pullers on the canoes for the short amount of time that we had to prepare for the blessing.

I feel it went very well. All those that were involved in the planning came together well. This was truly a historical event for our tribe because we are River People and canoes were used by our ancestors.

The canoe blessing made me feel proud of our tribe. I am happy that this tradition is coming back to our people.

I have been to a few canoe journeys and they are so neat! There is a unity between all of the canoe families, sharing songs and dances with each other and feeling the spirituality amongst the people brings joy to hearts!

All of the visiting canoe families that were able to come witness our canoe blessing had a

wonderful time and had very good, encouraging words to share.

We are a young canoe family and still have a lot to learn but blessed in having other canoe families willing to take us under their wing and help get us started in participating in future canoe journeys.

I hope more people will get involved. Thank You,

**Paula Leilani Kalama.**

### W.S. jail

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

I sincerely regret the mistakes I have made. I know there needs to be consequences for crime and everybody makes mistakes. Right now we are placed in the Warm Springs Correctional Facility that lacks educational programs, a toxic mental environment, and poor mental and physical health care. When people are sentenced to one, two or three years it only makes our problems worse and makes us more likely to get into worse trouble.

My entire time in jail, there was no schooling, period. Thank God for church services. They are devoted to us. Also, thank Victims of Crime Services for the few times they come in for us.

After a while you start to adapt to all the frustration, stress, depression and negativity, as if it were a normal way of life. And in the end, when you get released, your state of mind in jail follows you, which will only lead to more violence and crime. The lack of education programs, negative environment, boredom and poor mental and physical health care make jail the wrong place to spend one, two or three years. Based on my experience and several others.

**C. Brown**

### Birthday wishes

*April 16th: Happy birthday Daddy. You always make me smile. Love, Lindy Walker. And from Mommy and Jariab, too!*

April 11th: Happy Birthday Dad, **Glen Bobb**. Love, Freddie & Ron, Amy, Travis, Michael, Kendall, Baby and Bobbi.

*Happy birthday to my lil bros' Felix and Terrell Wallulatam. I wish the best for you. Love, your big bro Gunner Wallulatam.*

### Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 2 by trespassing. I understand that my actions affect me and the people I trespassed against. It also affects the community and I apologize for my actions. I apologize to F.T. and family. I will not trespass on that property again. **Melinda Billy.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 25, 2009 by NDDH&D times four, and drug paraphernalia. I apologize to my husband and his family. I had no intentions of hurting any of you. I apologize to those who rode my bus. Do not follow my example. Remember these words I shared with you about living a good and healthy lifestyle. I apologize to those of you I sold drugs to. I hope you see that all this drug does is place

### Ballfields cleanup



Marjorie Kalama photo.

Volunteers helping clean up the ball fields.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in ball field cleanup on the day of March 21. The Warm Springs Nation Little League thanks you for your concern for the safety of our youth in donating your time to make the ball fields safe for our tribal member youth who participate in baseball and softball throughout the year.

I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers that showed up:

Bird Windy Boy, Robert

Spino, Shauna Queahpama, Bryan Lund, Earnie Bryant, Felix Eagle Speaker, Cyril Jim, Dale Kalsukis, Rob Kalsukis, Sharon Katchia, Rayann Katchia, Marilyn Tom, Donnie Bagley, Michael Kalsukis, K.C. Allen, Lyle Katchia, Shania Tom, Margie Kalama, Theron Spino, Demean Frank, Paul Henderson, Gary Katchia, Hulk Katchia, Dean Sohapp.

Many thanks for your time and participation.

**Roy Spino.**

us on a fast road to an early death, and for what? I want to thank the officers involved for allowing me the opportunity to care for my animals. **Darlene Highfill.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-10-10 by two charges of assault and battery and trespass. I am in tribal jail serving my time, taking full responsibility for my actions. I apologize to M.S., and R.S. I will try to make smarter choices. **Jasper Smith.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Jan. 23 by committing the crimes of reckless endangering times three, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and possession of drug paraphernalia. I know my decisions that I made that day caused by alcohol were the wrong ones, and I will make better ones in the future. I would especially like to apologize to my girlfriend. I am sorry to my brother and his girlfriend. **Don A. Howtopat.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law

on 12-27-09 by resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. I'm embarrassed by my actions and the state of my person at the time. I apologize to T.S., B.K., S.B., and M.K. I'll think before I act. **Brandon Smith.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Dec. 13, 2009 by driving under the influence. I should not have been in this condition, endangering myself and others on the road. **Jermayne Tuckta.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 11-14-09 by assaulting E.J. I was not in my right mind at the time. I apologize to the community. It will not happen again; so again I'm sorry for any damage I've done. **Promise Lawrence.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Feb. 9, 2010 by breaking the law by drug paraphernalia an disorderly conduct. I was not in my right mind. I apologize to the community, and my sister E. for jeopardizing her vehicle. I learned from my mistakes. **Promise Lawrence.**

### Memorials and Stone Setting

Saturday, April 10, 2010

**At the Agency Cemetery**  
8 a.m. Stone Setting for atwai's  
**Ivan Mckinley & Lavina Tanewasha**

Then to the Simnasho Cemetery and  
Stone Setting for atwai's  
**Dorothy Thompson Simtustus, Ina Culpus Tohet & Ellen Colwash Davis**

Then to the Simnasho Longhouse for  
Memorials for  
atwai's **Dorothy Thompson Simtustus, Ina Culpus Tohet, Ivan Mckinley, Isadore Charley, Joann Jim Casey & Armando Vecerra**

Lunch will be served  
Name Giving: Stanley Simtustus III

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