

Use of Force

By Duran Bobb

While the investigation continues in the shooting at the mill, many remain shocked, asking: why?

Tribal police undergo the same strict standards of training as local and state police, Stan Suenaga, general manager for Public Safety, said.

Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training guidelines state that an officer may use deadly force only when he believes he or someone he's sworn to protect is in danger of serious physical injury.

Warning shots are prohibited.

By simply drawing his weapon, a police officer is required to report the incident to his supervisor as soon as possible.

It must be a difficult choice to make for those who protect on the reservation.

As far back as most can remember, this is the first time that a tribal police officer has shot and killed a non-member on tribal lands.

The shooting takes place at a critical time, when a bill will be introduced to legislation this week.

The bill (SB412) would allow tribal police officers to serve state warrants in Indian Country.

If the bill is passed this week, tribal police would be immediately recognized as state officers.

Tribal members are beginning to wonder if the shooting will have an impact on the outcome of SB412.

Recently, Tribal Council was informed that tribal police would tighten patrols, as more officers are returning from academy training.

"There are more officers to put on the street," said Suenaga. "Officers are going to be more present. I think the public needs to know that we're out there, for their safety."

If you're speeding on the reservation, Suenaga said, you can be stopped.

"If you run a stop sign or violate any other traffic laws, you can be stopped. But I want people to know, there will be a good reason for any traffic stop."

As the investigation continues, there are rumors, as there always will be when our people are shocked.

The FBI will continue its investigation, with the assistance of Oregon State Police. Eventually, the facts will be known.

Letters to the Editor

From the COO

Dear Tribal Members:

I have now served for ten months as the Confederated Tribes' Chief Operating Officer appointed by the Twenty Fifth Tribal Council, and I want to take this opportunity to thank my family, the Tribal Council and the many people in the community who have had words of support and encouragement for me during my time in this challenging but very important position.

I have lived all my life in this community, and I have always wanted to do whatever I can to help my people. Since I was a young adult, my goals have been to build my own home on the reservation, see my four children graduate from high school, get a degree from the University of Oregon, and be appointed to an important management position in our tribal government. It took many years, and more than a few setbacks, but I have been very fortunate to be able to achieve these goals.

My passion and commitment have always been to give back to my community. I am humbled by the responsibility and challenge entrusted to me by the Tribal Council in appointing me Chief Operating Officer. In this position, I have the opportunity to help improve the delivery of tribal governmental services and thereby have a positive influence on the lives of all of our tribal members. In the short time that I have been in office, I have worked very hard and tried my best to meet this responsibility.

Looking ahead, I am passionate about meeting the challenges of this position and I very much look forward working with the Tribal Council, my co-workers in tribal government, and especially you, my fellow tribal members, to make this a government that truly serves the people. Toward that end, my door is always open and I welcome your ideas and suggestions on how, working together, we can make our tribal government better.

Sincerely, **Urbana Ross**, Chief Operations Officer.

Eagle Watch

Thank you to everyone who provided items for Eagle Watch raffle.

It was kind of a "cool" weekend, but we had a good turn-out and unlike two years ago when it was cold, overcast and foggy, we at least saw birds.

There were a number of bald and golden eagles, hawks, crows and ravens. Nothing will likely rival last year's record breaking attendance of 1,000-plus people for a while, but still it was a good weekend and fair attendance.

Sunday's warmer weather brought a few more spectators and it was at least decent during the drumming and dancing. The eagles even circled over head!

Thanks again. You have been great supporters over the years.

Clay D. Penhollow, Natural Resources planner.

Successor

Tribal Court Probate staff, public administrator Maria Godines, and probate assistant Stevie Hicks, would like to express our gratitude to Chief Judge Susan Alexander, employment services manager Marcia Soliz, Human Services director Mike Clements, Personnel director Benson Heath, and Compensation and Benefits manager Lupe Katchia for their assistance and active support with the Tribal Successor Program.

The Successor Program is geared towards assisting tribal members into higher ranking positions through on the job training and mentoring.

Our tribal leaders, who are Tribal Council and upper management, have always supported our tribal members to advance and achieve their career goals. This support is apparent through programs and departments that are supported by the tribe; and through the Personnel Policy (PER) 206, which establishes a policy to hire tribal members, to provide training and development, and to offer promotions, if possible.

Although Ms. Hicks has demonstrated personal accountability, self-management, goal orientation, and excellent interpersonal skills within the work arena, there are areas of growth. The Successor Program identifies areas of development with goals and training that are achievable and necessary to success.

Ms. Hicks started her career in Tribal Probate in the summer of 2002 through the Youth Worker Program with Workforce Development.

Ms. Hicks' first job was as a Probate clerk. It is apparent that Ms. Hicks is drawn to the Pro-

bate Department through her various positions at the courts.

It is a pleasure to announce the succession of Ms. Stevie Hicks, who assumed the Public Administrator duties as of February 28, 2011. Mrs. Godines will assume the Probate Assistant duties temporarily.

Tribal Probate staff.*

Tourney run

As a former basketball player, I have been a part of a lot of special seasons, as a fan and a player. But this 2010-2011 campaign has turned out to be a cut above the rest!

I would first like to start out by thanking Rory Oster for taking time away from his family to teach the mechanics of how to win to the Lady White Buffalos Varsity Basketball Team.

As a former men's basketball coach, I can honestly say it is not always a forgiving job!

A balance between administration, student athletes, families, politics, it can be utterly overbearing at times, to say the least.

With the poise displayed by the players and the coach and staff, the Lady Buffs nearly claimed the ultimate prize for their hard work and determination throughout the season. It was a great run!

With positive community support I strongly feel the 2011-2012 varsity basketball season will again give fans of Warm Springs and Jefferson County an entertaining season to look forward to.

Good luck, boys and girls next season!

Thanks.

James Buck Scott.

For the gifts

Thank you for all the gifts, prayers and your presence on Sunday at the Agency Longhouse.

Thank you Josie, Lisa and children for the foot massager and beautiful card. Wiggie Sooksoit (blanket); Thelma and Marvin Scott (yarn belt and pot); Anna Polk and family (beautiful necklace).

Thank you Lucinda Greene for the beautiful necklace; Shawndell Johnson (wallet and beautiful card); my mom and best friend Gladys Thompson, Deanie, Sharice and Darius (\$150 and card).

My daughters Reva, Deanie and Joie who always think of my birthday and make it a special day.

Thank you to all the people who attended and shared my cakes and huckleberries and said a prayer for me, gave me a hug and enjoyed the day with me.

Thank you drummers for conducting the wonderful service. I love you and may God bless you and keep you now and forever.

Always,

Marcia Minthorn

From DRCI

We, the Native Circle at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution, would like to announce an upcoming powwow to be held at this institution on Sept. 23, 2011.

Also, we are inviting elders, drummers, dancers and anyone who wishes to attend. For more information, you may contact Chaplain Woods at 541-325-5999. I hope to see you there. Thank you.

The Native Circle, Deer Ridge Correctional Institution.

Healthy dinner

The healthy awareness dinner at the Senior Center on April 19 will be salmon loaf, wild rice, salad with cauliflower, tomatoes, broccoli, olives, green onions, garbanzo beans, beets, cucumbers and a little lettuce; Crystal Light. Dinner is from 5-6:30 p.m.

Education topic is as previously planned: Ron Berry FNP and Edmund Francis on fitness at all levels and how it affects diabetes.

Jeri Kollen, RN, Warm Springs diabetes nurse educator.

Doing well

I am writing this letter to let my family, friends and others know that I'm doing good and will be out of all this in a few months. I would like to thank everyone who has been there for me since September. I'm just glad that this is coming to an end. I've been going through this ordeal for a little over five years and I'm glad that it is almost over. I've brought this on myself and have accepted responsibility for my actions and hope that I'm forgiven for what I have done. Now I just hope that

we all can be friends and have the past behind us. I know that it is hard to forget because I live with what I have done every day of my life and pray that nothing like this ever happens again. I know that I've grown but my crime still haunts me. Before all this happened I was always too scared to ask for help but now I'm asking for help because I know that I'm not able to do this by myself.

As my family already knows I was sentenced to nine months in a federal prison. As some of you all know, I've been in and out of trouble since I was a kid. I waited until I was in my late 30s before I went to prison. I pray every day that none of my children, nephews, nieces, grandkids ever have to go see the inside of a prison. They're better of watching on TV. I would just like to say that I love all my children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren. Take care and have fun. If anyone wants to contact me, they can reach me at the address below. See you real soon.

Johnson Heath Sr., no. 68697-065; Federal Correction Center, PO Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378

A thank you

One morning last week, a number of workers at the administration building were surprised to find their desks had been decorated with a star shaped balloon.

Balloons in various colors (no two alike) and a thank-you note.

Not all desks were adorned, just a few. Not all departments either, just a desk here and there. Those few of us who were the recipients felt pretty special. None of us know who our benefactor is.

So to our anonymous gift giver I would like to offer an anonymous thank-you.

Thank you from all of us for making us feel special on that Tuesday morning.

Birthday wishes on page 9

Clarification

The article in the last paper on the Warm Springs Library should have mentioned that Craig Graham, overseeing the library development, is a tribal member.

Indian Business Talk

Everybody wins with good bartering deals

By **Bruce Engle**

Loan officer

W.S. Credit Enterprise

Bartering is trading. It's a great way to make your dollars go further.

"People helping people" describes it pretty well.

Goods or services are exchanged for other goods or services of approximately equivalent value.

As a community-wide activity, it's a step up from family members helping family and a step down from what the IRS can easily discover and tax.

Bartering on reservations for traditional items is prevalent. It's traditional.

On the other hand, bartering

for basic goods and services can also be helpful to the family budget.

Example—Party 1 has an older Ford truck with a blown engine but a good tranny. Party 2 needs the tranny and has some furniture and a shotgun to trade. Both parties agree to the deal.

Party 3 does the mechanical work in exchange for future use of the truck for some wood cutting and hauling. Party 1 then trades the shotgun (he can't hit a sitting bird at 15 yards) to Party 4 for some home electrical repairs. Party 4 can't shoot either and trades the shotgun to Party 5 (a good-shooting 16 year old) for a negotiated number of ducks, geese, and pheasants, which he will then present,

after properly cleaning, to his girlfriend's mother with the hope that she will look upon him with less disfavor. Note—the presentation of the birds to the girl's mother is more like a hope for a change rather than a negotiated exchange.

Trading works. Some other examples could be: babysitting for haircuts and gas; chopping wood for jerky and berries; washing clothes for fence repairs; replacing a sink stopper for a meal; or removing a skunk from under the house for a lot of considerations—for a long time.

Lots of needs can be satisfied through barter—as long as the work is acceptably well done.

Those who barter their pro-

fessional skills must be competent when incompetence could put lives at risk.

Examples could be electricians, plumbers, mechanics, and carpenters. Also, with the skilled trades, the professional might need to get the approval of his employer as the employer might be reasonably concerned about "giving" away their customer base or improperly using company time for what should be an after-hours activity.

As in more regular "business," a reputation for competence and honesty will have a bearing on one's ability to barter.

The nice thing is that everybody wins when bartering is done well.

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