

Cobell: Letters to the Editor

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By Duran Bobb

Last week, news spread faster than the flames of the UDC Fire... people were opening their mail boxes to find unexpected checks!

Some tribal members received over \$300.

Others, like Marti Rai Ramsey, received a check for a single penny.

"I thought it was crazy for them to write a check for \$1.49," Sarah Frank said. "It probably cost more than that to calculate, print, and mail the check! But we were happy with what we received."

People began to wonder. Were these checks the long-awaited Cobell Settlement checks?

No, this was different. No money has been paid out as of yet in the Cobell Settlement.

Late last month, Senior US District Judge Thomas F. Hogan declared the \$3.4 billion Cobell Settlement "fair, reasonable and adequate."

There are 500,000 claimants in the settlement. Only a few of those objected the final proposal.

With approval obtained, Cobell checks might begin as early as August, with each check averaging \$1,000.

Others will be paid according to formulations of activity in their accounts.

The unexpected money earlier this month came from another source.

For a certain time, some borrowers were overcharged by an outside company on their life insurance premiums on loans through Tribal Credit Enterprise. The mistake was caught, and refunds for the difference (including interest) was paid.

"I got enough to put gas in my truck and buy some groceries, so I was happy," Roberta Kirk said.

Some were extremely grateful for the timing.

"Mine added up to enough that I was able to take my kids out for pizza," Jonathan Smith said.

TOE NESS...

Fireman: Why do *xatxats* (ducks) have flat feet?

Spilyay: *shrugs*

Fireman: So they can stomp out grassfires.

Spilyay: Why does Sasquatch have flat feet?

Fireman: *shrugs*

Spilyay: So he can stomp out burning ducks. YIKES!!!

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Spilyay Speaks

Thank you all

We'd like to thank everyone in the community for showing strong support for Brandon Bailey.

The outpouring was heartwarming, and it helped to make positive dreams come true.

With your help, Brandon wrestled and placed in the California State Tournament and the West Coast Regional Tournament.

Thank you to the following (in no particular order):

Ted Chase and Jonsie, Libby Chase, Duran Bobb and Steven Bechtel, Ronald "Boss" Heath, Saphronia Katchia, Ron Green, Roy Jackson, Jolene Switzer, Dan Martinez, Mike Roberts, Candis Wood, Charlotte Pitt, Don Hall, Dr. Bob and Loye Ryan, Marci Martinez, DMJ, and Hazel Wahpat.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank all of you!

Love, Rosanna Jackson, Brandon Bailey & Family.

To sponsors



Hello, I would like to thank everyone who sponsored my trip to the District 5 Little League All-star Tournament in the Dalles this year.

Thank you Carmen and Norman Parkins, Romona Baez, Gladys Grabaal, Jody and Marie Calica, Ricky Grabaal, Tracy Graybaal, Peggy Brill, Lori Anderson, Carolyn Owyhee, Beverly Surface, Paul Young, Charles Jackson, Snuffie Smith, Lillian Heath, and Gayle Rodgers.

We were able to hang in there and play three games, but ended up being put out by Hood River. It was a great experience and a lot of fun.

Also, thank you to my coaches Leevi Herkshan and Hobo Patt, and the biggest thank you to my main supporter, my mom Angela. Thank you, Perry Isadore.

Hard times

To Tribal Council,

I'm writing to ask you our leaders to lower the senior age to 55. I'm not yet 55 but I see our people struck down by the times now. I don't know if you leaders are blind or just don't care about your people. Don't you see people panhandling everywhere? I can't even go to the store or the Post Office without getting jumped for money. Or the steal from cars. Why can't you all find ways to employ our people between the ages of 40 to 100 years? Do we have to start begging in Madras too?

Lois Knight.

Heritage Month

To all interested community members,

When the month of November arrives, we will embark on another Native American Heritage Month.

I am writing now to encourage any and all to partake in the planning of activities for this coming time of celebration.

As Native people, we embrace our heritage on a daily basis but on a national level the month of November signifies the appointed time that we share our heritage with the nation.

This is your invitation and opportunity to collaborate with fellow community members to plan events that acknowledge and celebrate what beautiful people we are and the rich heritage we all derive from.

The next planning meeting is at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 18 in the Family Resource Center conference room. During this time, we will share vision and ideas to make these events a success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anita Davis, Public Health Education Team, at 541-553-2211.

Current events

I've lived in Duck City, Eugene, Oregon, for many years now. I see it's getting pretty dangerous in some areas. There are a lot of very ill people who live in Eugene, but then I hear there are a lot of ill people everywhere. I'm looking at the positive side of living anywhere in

the U.S. We are all still alive!

The city of Eugene has many resources for everyone, and we are all fans of the Oregon Ducks. Go Ducks!

Evette Patt, 50 Kourt Dr., apt. 3, Eugene, 97404.

Culture camp

Volunteers are needed for the 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp at Peters Pasture.

If you would enjoy working with and teaching the youth of Warm Springs, want to be a positive role model for our future youth, have lots of energy and a good attitude, we need you!

The following positions are needed:

Male camp counselor (three needed); female camp counselor (three needed); Sweat House leader for boys and girls (one male and one female).

Teachers are needed in the areas of:

Beadwork (all levels); drum making; and any other area of skill you would want to contribute, please contact OSU Extension at 541-553-3238.

Register by August 1

The 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp is for girls and boys in grades 4-7. The number of campers is limited to 30.

This is an overnight residential camp at Peters Pasture focusing on tribal culture and outdoor education.

The camp starts on Sunday, August 14, and ends on Saturday, August 20. Cost is \$25 per camper. The last day to register will be Friday, August 1.

Register now at the OSU Extension Office in the Education building.

Arlene Boileau

Wishes...

It's so good to know someone special, who shares my secrets, my laughter, my dreams and my cares. Someone through good times and bad, when there are tears. It's good to know you Leti, my cousin, sister and friend... through the years. Happy birthday, Leti! Wish you lots of love on your birthday, July 16. Love you lots. Monica and the boys.

Congratulations, Graduate!



Fontaine Nevaeh graduated from the Umatilla Tribal Cay-Uma-Wa Headstart and will be going to kindergarten this fall.

The family is very proud of her, and celebrates on the next steps of her journey.

Grandparents Vernon and LaDonna Squiemphen want

to share this moment with all of Fontaine's family, especially Terry and Gladys Squiemphen, Laura Sahme and the others that have helped financially with Fontaine since she has been with us.

Love, LaDonna and Vernon Squiemphen.

Awareness Walk



Manny Jim-Calapoo of the Renegades Walk 4 Diabetes recently made it cross-country to Washington, D.C.

Thank you all for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo.

You can write to the Spilyay at P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs 97761; or

email: dmcmechan@wstribes.org

Or stop by the media center. The next deadline is Friday, July 22. Thank you!

Indian Business Talk

Retail business—Want to start one? What's needed?

By Bruce Engle

Loan officer
W.S. Credit Enterprise

First requirement—availability of customers who will buy enough of what you will sell, at a sufficient price, so you can afford to be in business.

Next—cash and experience in the business.

It usually works best if the owner is a professional in that kind of business. The reason so many start-up businesses fail is start-up owners.

The areas of competence required for operating a retail business must include purchasing, marketing, and finance. There are two other areas that sometimes come into play.

Personnel becomes a needed function if there will be employees.

Production isn't usually part of the retail store concept but it might be found in a craft store, a leather goods store or a clothing store for example.

None of the areas can stand alone. They are a bundle. If one unravels, it may take the others down with it.

The owner will usually need two success teams. He may be the whole "in store" team if he knows the three applicable areas very well. Otherwise, he should hire what he can't do.

The other team usually consists of a banker, an accountant, an attorney and an insurance agent. They keep us from costly mistakes when we consult with them before problems get out

of hand.

Sometimes, they even can help us survive our mistakes - sometimes. The owner/manager needs to know when to get them involved.

The owner is always the top manager. If he hires a manager, he should plan to manage that manager or he may well get managed out of the business.

Each of the five areas requires specialized knowledge that best comes from successful experience in the same or a very similar business. First-timers can't be expected to have that background.

A Business Information Center (BIC) or a Small Business Development Center can often help an inexperienced businessperson get through the first two or three years. After

that, they should know the ropes fairly well. Specialized help may still be needed at times but the owner should know where to find it by then.

It is important to always remember that all of the basic operations involve finance. Somebody in ownership or management needs to be good at that or the business will fail. That's not productive.

The old sayings, "Cash is king" and "Pennies make dollars," are worth remembering.

Also, successful people often take great pleasure in sponsoring success in others. They bring a lot of help and encouragement to a new businessperson.

If you have a fire in your belly to do well in business, prepare well; and go for it. Good luck and do well.

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