

Serving the community Letters to the Editor

By Duran Bobb

Last week under a cloudless summer sky, against the hillside (recently turned black by fire), in fluorescent orange jumpsuits, they were there—gathering trash along Highway 3 with an officer standing watch.

For decades, tribal members have asked for such an inmate community service program.

With overcrowding in the correctional facility and much work needing to be done, the question has been raised before at several general council meetings.

Tribal members have expressed a concern that inmates could be giving back to the community, rather than serving an idle sentence.

"I've been barking for this for years," Esten Culpus said. "These inmates are giving back to the community now! In the future, I'd hope to see them painting over some of the graffiti and helping out tribal elders. This is an excellent start!"

"We can utilize inmate labor and cut tribal costs," Demus Darwin said. "This highway is the gateway for our casino. If I were a tourist, I wouldn't want to look at trash all the way to my destination."

"It's great that they're giving back to the tribes," Sandra Danzuka said. "I'm very proud of Public Safety as well as the inmates."

"They should clean the playgrounds next, that would be so nice," Monica Cuevas said. "Kudos to our community service workers!"

Fire Chief Danny Martínez said, "It's a blessing to see our inmates contributing in a positive cause. I fully support them on productivity and cleaning up our community. Many have requested this as a way to utilize our resources. And it's good to see them out getting fresh air."

For some inmates, this is the first time they have worked in years. This provides a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Honk if you're thankful. "Reward them," Danny said. "Thank them and thank our correctional staff for their commitment. Wave!"

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Ala: It says right here that one out of three is *q'shm*.

Spilyay: So if it's not *Tila*, it's gotta be one of us, right? YIKES!

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Spilyay Speaks

To Veterans

The Veterans Office is working with the University of Colorado on a needs assessment project for Native American veterans in the Warm Springs community.

The discussions about veteran issues were to be held this month with veterans and their families, and community members who work with veterans.

Unfortunately, the Veterans Administration has delayed this project. The project is not cancelled, but is delayed by several months.

Once the Veterans Administration clears this project, the Veterans Office working with the University of Colorado will organize a date for the next round of discussions.

The staff at the University of Colorado convey their deep regret about the situation. They also remain committed to working in the Warm Springs community, and hope to return soon to continue this important project.

Thank you to all the local military veterans who have expressed support for this research project. If you need more information about veterans issues, please contact Elton Greeley at the Warm Springs Seniors Department, 541-553-3313; or Shelia Danzuka, Central Oregon Veterans Center, 541-749-2112, or 541-280-0614.

Warm wishes, **Carol Kaufman**, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado, Denver.

In Afghanistan

The family of LPCL Nelson Wolfe would like community members to know where he can be reached by mail, as he is serving in Afghanistan.

Friends, please write to him at:

LPCL Wolfe, Nelson W.
1/12 Charlie Btry Det 1
Unit 444121 FPO AP
96607-4121

Teen drinking

An American Medical Association report shows that adolescent drinkers perform worse in school, are more likely to fall behind, and have an increased risk of social problems, depression, suicidal thoughts and violence.

Even occasional heavy drinking injures young brains.

About one out of fifteen youth ages 12 to 17 suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence in Oregon, about 21,000 youth.

Rather than "outgrowing" alcohol use, young abusers are significantly more likely to have drinking problems as adults.

Nearly a third of eighth-grade youth, and 46 percent of eleventh-grade youth surveyed drank alcohol on one or more occasions in the past month, slightly lower than 2007.

Since 2001, eighth-grade alcohol use increased considerably, with higher rates for girls.

Binge drinking involves consumption of five or more drinks within a couple hours.

In 2008, twenty-five percent of eleventh-graders, and 11 percent of eighth-graders surveyed reported binge drinking on at least one day in the past month.

In eighth grade, girls have slightly higher binge drinking rates; by eleventh-grade, boys have higher rates than girls.

(A message from the Warm Springs Office of the Prevention Coordinator.)

Emergency help

Dear friends,

I want to thank the men who responded so quickly to my medical emergency on July 15.

The work crew responded so quickly and carried me down on a stretcher on a very narrow and steep mountain trail through the dense forest. I know that was very strenuous, and took a lot of effort. You also transported me in your pickup, and had called ahead to have an ambulance meet us.

Your prompt action enabled me to get the medical attention I needed.

I want to assure you that my health has been restored and I am now doing fine. Some days ago my doctor examined me and said I was back in good health.

Thank you all very much for helping me during this emergency. May God's Spirit bless each one of you.

Sincerely,
Dean Gonnerman

(P.S. The only two names we remember are Charles Frank and Lilly. There were many others who assisted me.)

Veterans meetings



Dennis Thompson and Randy Boise Sr. invite veterans to meetings on Thursday afternoons at High Lookee Lodge.

Hello Warm Springs,

This is Dennis Thompson and Randy Boise Sr., addressing combat veterans of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

We are taking this opportunity to invite all warrior veterans of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to the All Warriors Veterans group sessions on Thursdays at 1500 hours (3 p.m. civilian time). The session is held at the High Lookee Lodge.

Please come to the meetings to discuss benefits you may be entitled to, for example disability compensation, agent orange compensation or combat trauma treat-

ment.

Information about resources will be available. Sheila Danzuka, who is a readjustment counseling therapist with the Central Oregon Veterans Center, will be there for discussion.

All efforts will be extended on your behalf to receive the help you deserve as a Warrior/Veteran of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Dennis Thompson, U.S. Army combat medic with the 3/4 Calvary, Vietnam; and **Randy Boise**, U.S. Army, 2/327 Air Mobile Brigade attached to the Third Calvary, Vietnam.

Housing BBQ



Duran Bobb photos.

The Housing Authority hosted a barbecue picnic last week for the local community. This is just a way to say thank you and give something back to the people of Warm Springs, Housing Director Scott Moses said. "It's also a way to let the renters know that we've closed all of the findings that were opened. It's just a time for some fun and good food."



Tom Strong (left) and Rudy George cook the burgers.

Art show

The Warm Springs Recreation is offering a free Art Camp August 8-10 in Carol's Room. Elementary grades 1 through 5 can attend from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; grades 6-8 are from 10:30 until noon; and high school kids camp is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. An Art Show will be held on August 11. To reserve a spot, call 541-553-3243. Sincerely,
W.S. Recreation

Grand Entry at 8 p.m.

All are being held at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion Hotel in Portland. Interested vendors may contact K. Smithson at aaip.org.

Yours truly,
The AAIP.

Fundraiser

Friends and family for Clint and Dianna Corey are holding a fundraising team roping and barrel racing benefit to help the family with medical expenses.

The benefit is Sunday, August 7 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

For event information contact Robin Willis 541-546-8896. Events will start at 9 a.m. Thank you.

Wishes...

All of the families of *Antonio and Nachelle Becerra* would like to congratulate the newlyweds on the beginning of their new journey. **Leticia Becerra.**

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Indian Business Talk

Recent blaze reminds us of importance of fire insurance

By Bruce Engle

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Earlier this month I drove the perimeter of the Upper Dry Creek fire by Highway 3 and Upper Dry Creek Road.

Several homeowners dodged the bullet by only a very few feet—much less than the 30- to 50-foot defensible space recommendation you have heard the

fire marshal recommend.

All that remain from the abandoned doublewide trailer are the steel frame and water pipes. The home next door is still standing but scorched on the outside.

I have not seen inside but the hole in the roof seems to indicate substantial damage inside.

Upper Dry Creek folks: Most of you got off lucky.

Tommie Street, Tmsh and Sunnyside folks: It almost got

to you too. The fire jumped Upper Dry Creek Road. Only quick action kept it from taking off toward you.

Think about that a bit... You are still surrounded by fuel for the next fire.

Do you have defensible space around your home? If not, will you? When?

Importantly, Do you have a current paid-up fire insurance policy?

Credit Enterprise requires a

policy when we finance a home purchase. We do that to protect you, your family, and the loan fund. That is a win-win.

Your home is still at risk once the home loan has been paid off.

We can't require you to provide defensible space around your home and insurance protection against catastrophes, but we hope you do and that you will.