

Letters to the editor

Appreciated

Thank you to all for the support and love shown through these past few months while my brother struggled through his illness until he passed. In July he was admitted to the hospital. From there he went to assisted living and hospitals numerous times.

Michelle, his spouse, stood by him, as well as her children, nieces and nephews. Anna and Bria took good care of him in those last few days.

My wife Nola was with me through all of this. I really want to thank her for her love and support.

Our nephew Guy travelled and visited, carrying the bell to offer the songs. Wilson Wewa did as well.

Rena and her children, and Shauna and Wiyaka were there from those first few days. Rena and Shauna, you two helped out a lot.

Charley and Sherry were there, and took good care of us to see that we did not go hungry.

Oscar and Jenny visited, and Oscar sang for him. After that my brother was in real good spirits.

I was glad to see Joel and his 'wife' Millie. Joel gifted a feather and sang some good songs. Sherry, thanks for finding him.

J Mouse, thanks for being there, and you too, Darlu. Also Frogman and Kate were there. Thanks for singing the songs, Kate, I know he liked that.

For the first time I met Dave Mclay and wife Tana. He was a real close friend of my brother. Also Chuck and Leon, I was glad you were there.

It was good to see the relatives, Clede, Sybil and Allie. Thanks for the good words. Monica and Christie also had some good words. Relatives from both sides of the family. Eric, thanks to you and your family. Muff and Priscilla, many thanks. Thank you Erland. Wolfman, thanks for hunting.

Louel, Joy, Melinda and Jessie, thanks for your hard work in the kitchen to feed the people with that good food.

I am glad my grandchildren Julian, Jenny and Emily jumped in there to help, and danced for the first time. Thanks Deidre. JoJo and Deshelle, thanks for your support.

Mikyala, Kirstie, Dominic and Nicole, and your dad Sam, thanks to all of you.

I would like to really thank Suzie and Flossie for their hard work to sew the

buckskin outfit. Cassie, thanks for taking care of the dish. You are always there.

Delvis and Shirley, thank you for drumming and the kind words.

Laura, thanks for the Shaker songs and the good words. Richard was lending his support again.

We would like to thank Tamara and the veterans for their work.

I would like to thank Sam and Larry for their work, as well as Guy and Fred for leading us through the ceremony. The drummers stayed through and sang many beautiful songs and prayers. Austin, we would like to thank you for the 10 count ceremony for a boxer who has passed at the cemetery.

Kat and I would like to thank and pray for all whose lives were touched by our brother. We pray that you find the strength to carry on and take care of yourselves and others. Remember that smile and sense of humor and the good times.

Rafael Queahpama

Elder Council

The Elder Council met in October to prepare for the district meetings on the 2018 proposed budget. We asked: Does our Tribal Council follow our Constitution and By-laws reporting requirements to our people? Article IV second 9 states: "It shall be the duty of each member of the Tribal Council to make reports to the district elected concerning Tribal Council proceedings." In particular, report the results and discussion that fulfills the Constitution Article I, Objectives and Bylaws Article IV of the Tribal Council.

What is the vision for our government? Is it real sovereignty and independence from the U.S. government? Are we self-sustained and maximizing use of our natural resources, especially our human resource, our people? Jobs create and improve economic and personal health.

We ask:

1. Revenues: Did tribal general funds increase or decrease? How much federal, state and grant/contract funds came to the tribe? What and where is our reserve interest earning accounts? And plan for their use?

2. What is our credit worthiness/rating? Are we paying our bills on time? How much do we borrow? And from whom?

3. What is happening with the sale of the WSFPI as-

sets?

4. What are the products and resources brought home as a result to Tribal Council travel to ATNI, NCAI, etc., conference and meetings?

5. What's happening with negotiations? Cannabis project? Right-of-way Highway 26 lease to Century Tel that expired four years ago, and the \$1 million back payments owed to the tribes?

6. What is employment for tribal members? Is the Human Resources Department able to give a timely and accurate picture?

We attend the district meetings and found the handouts helpful. The Agency meeting was heated and had a helpful dialogue. We hope the Tribal Council hears our questions and fulfills their legal, moral and ethical obligations. We pray the Tribal Council accepts this with respect and dignity. We hold the Tribal Council to our traditional values of being elected to serve all the people.

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Warm Springs Elder Council.

Birth

Lexi Rae Sam

Thomas Chester Sam and Dena Marie Thomas of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lexi Rae Sam, born on October 29, 2017.

Lexi joins brothers Isley Jayden, 5, Orion Robert, 4, and Corbin Benard, 3; and sister Lucille Jewell, 1.

Grandparents on the father's side are Robert Sam Sr. and Marcella Sam of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lavena Ike and Ronald Thomas of Warm Springs.

New location when Spay-Neuter resumes in Warm Springs

Bend Spay and Neuter on the Warm Springs Reservation is moving to a new location. The service will return in February at the old elementary school, 1116 Wasco Street.

The clinic had been at the Housing Authority Greeley Heights community building, where the veterinarians and staff have taken care of hundreds of pets over the past many months.

The team is taking December and January off in Warm Springs, and will return at the old elementary school the first Sunday of February.

All services are free for dogs who live in Warm Springs.

When the program resumes in a couple months, the check-in time continues at 8 a.m. The team can handle up to 30 dogs a day on a first-come first-serve basis.

Bend Spay and Neuter has provided the service to about 260 dogs, and have given more than 300 vaccinations for dogs and puppies on the reservation.

Three Rivers Humane

Make a Difference Day on the Reservation



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

YouthBuild cleanup crew at Elmer Quinn Park.

On a cool autumn morning an energetic group of youth assemble at the Elmer Quinn skate park. They are ready to put in hard work to serve the Warm Springs community.

On this particular day, 'Make a Difference Day,' youth AmeriCorps members from Heart of Oregon Corps' YouthBuild are beautifying parks on the reservation.

It is one of the largest annual single-days of service, where people come together to improve the local community.

"It feels great to do hands-on work in the lands where I grew up," says Kris Howtopat, YouthBuild student.

Many of the students who are part of Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild live on the reservation. On this Make a Difference Day they are making a beautifying impact near their homes.

In addition to improving areas in the skate park, students did landscaping and clean-up of the overall Elmer Quinn

recreation area, the trail along Shitike Creek, the community ballfields, High Lookee Lodge, the Agency Longhouse and parking areas around the tribal administration building.

The mission of Heart of Oregon Corps is to inspire and empower positive change in the lives of young people through jobs, education, and stewardship.

Heart of Oregon achieves this by leveraging partnerships across Central Oregon to create opportunities for local disadvantaged youth of all ability levels, ages 16-24.

Youth gain an education while simultaneously serving their community.

"This time of year, local utility crews are overbooked and unable to perform the work," said Butch David, Native American liaison, who was assisting and mentoring on Make a Difference Day.

"Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild stepped up and decided to improve lands in the Warm Springs community, with the goal to make parks more of a family atmosphere. Students working in the communities they are



from is wonderful to see."

About Heart of Oregon Corps

Heart of Oregon Corps is a nonprofit organization invested in inspiring and empowering change in the lives of Central Oregon youth through jobs, education, and stewardship. Their programming creates pathways out of poverty while stimulating regional economic growth. They apply a "work-earn-learn" model that invests in local young people, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds, to prepare them for the workforce and to encourage their self-sufficiency.

For information see heartoforegon.org



Spilyay photo

Veterinarians and staff with pets at the Greeley Heights community building.

Society, and the Humane Society of Central Oregon have also been participating, taking in puppies and dogs that need a new home.

There is no fee to receive any of the services.

The goal of the program, offered in cooperated with

the Confederated Tribes and local community, is to help control the over-population of dogs on the reservation in the most humane way possible.

The funding comes from a private bequest, called the Daisy Fund, established by a

former resident of the reservation.

Please contact Bend Spay and Neuter for more information, 541-617-1010.

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