

# Editorial

## E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor *Whatever you do, do it well*

### Learn independence

Dear Spilyay,

After reading a recent article in the Spilyay Tymoo, I just decided to write this letter concerning the youth and young adults. These people should get off the reservation, out into this world, and fend for themselves. They can learn to take care of and support themselves.

I have not found it difficult living off the reservation five of the last six years. I want to know the happenings that go on, but I can't always be home.

Older people have always said, "Get an education and get a good job." But I feel it doesn't always have to be on the reservation. Young adults should get away for a few years to find out what they can do for themselves.

If they can get funding for college or vocational school that would be a good start. Finish the school and get job placement. I myself would like to continue school but I've been told that I can't get funding because I haven't lived on the reservation.

Drinking and drugs do play a part in what a person does with himself. But a person could do something about himself if he really wants to do it.

This part of the world isn't so bad, but the youth don't have to travel thousands of miles to do something. There are places close that will do just as good.

I hope you print all of this letter because it is important to me. Thank you.

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### Fishing is part of tribal heritage

Letter to the Editor:

This is in regards to my fishing and treaty rights, which I am wondering have they been violated? What really disturbs me is, why wasn't I or any of the tribal Sherars Falls fishermen informed of the closure way beforehand? Such a drastic measure should have been brought in front of the people. Why wasn't it? I just don't understand. Was this politically motivated or was our Tribal Council used?

What gives our Natural Resources the right to say so many things about our salmon run, when the State and the U.S. Government biologists have failed to come up with more of their brilliant ideas of how to save our salmon runs upon the Columbia, Snake, and many other tributary rivers? Which may I add, the runs are diminishing.

I believe every fisherman knows the problem isn't here or there, but out there—where the foreign factory fleets work around the clock harvesting our salmon. Do they take heed? No! It seems they turn their heads the other way.

So many questions need to be answered and I feel we have a right to be informed of why all of this came about.

I really feel that the charts are over-emphasized and over-estimated by the biologists, or should I say the fish monitor counts were never really accurate. Same for the state and federal biologist, and I may add, the presence of our tribal biologist was practically nil.

Yesterday, May 7, my

mother, Ellen Heath and I went down to Sherars Falls and brought our fishing nets and hoops back home. We stood there and wondered, why are us poor fishermen being picked on and being singled out as a danger to our salmon after all these years and years?

My heart as well as my family's and relatives are hurt—our burden is heavy. There are many who wish to rebel. Many have come to me to speak and to have me and my family take a stand. I say this is another step to another "Celilo." This is our people's last ancient fishing falls. Don't ever let anyone take it from us.

My father's last words were: "Our ancient spirits are here and our tribal heritage. Coyote put this falls here for our people so we may never starve. He brought us salmon to can, to dry, and to smoke." Now, many racks and smoke sheds are empty. Our people love the spring chinook, for it is the best salmon anywhere that the fishermen from Sherars Falls brought to our people.

I sincerely pray to my elders now and to those who passed on, to make this the last time our people will ever be done wrong.

A Tribal Member,

Kirby Gary Heath, Sr. and  
Family & Relatives

P.S. "Old People's Saying"

As long as the mountains stand  
As long as the trees stand  
As long as the river flows  
our people shall fish!

To the Editor,

We remember stories told by our Indian mothers a long time ago. We would sit in a room with one flickering kerosene lamp. We heard legends and teachings stories so that we could learn and understand just who we were.

As we heard, we realized that we belonged to a beautiful people on this earth, and that we should love and respect one another no matter always!

As we look around today, we know that it is hard for us to learn and keep the old ways. Everywhere is distraction, distortion and fantasy, pulling on our being.

Some of us are fortunate and have parents and relatives that strictly maintain cultural and traditional values in the home. And some of us would like to know about some of these things, but don't know who to ask.

The community of Warm Springs is good to its young people. The community provides the way for education by being supportive at all times, and constantly encouraging instruction in traditional and cultural values.

They want you to honor the elders by showing them, that they have not failed in their teaching—that what was important in the old camps is still important in the new camp.

To the Editor,

Annie and Zelma wish to express their special appreciation to their brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, Aunt Ruth, Aunt Lucinda and other relatives and friends who contributed food for the tremendous dinner given for Ken.

Then thanks to all the cooks and those who helped set tables and passed out food. Thanks to those who arranged for the Wasco dancers, plus those who participated in the Wasco dances and to the drummers.

### Creek restricted

The tribal Water Control Board has closed a small section of Shitike Creek.

The section between the waste-water ponds (below the Community Center) and the bridge at U.S. Highway 26 is closed to all activities in order to protect the public health and safety.

The public is asked to please observe the restricted use signs posted in the closed area.

This community has made sure that nothing will interfere with your education in all areas, and they will continue doing so.

This summer, as in the summer past, many things are being planned for the young people. As you look around. Remember an old teaching in all cultures. "Whatever you do, do well."

When you give all you have to what you're doing, you'll do well, and in this way honor yourself and you families.

There are two programs this summer that are important to our future.

The first one is the culture camp, which will be a day camp for grades 1-8, or ages 6-14. Monday thru Thursday. Classes will be from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on those days.

There will be two sessions held at the old park area across from the Community Center. The first session will be from June 22-July 9, and the second from July 20-August 6.

Every instructor will be selected from among the members of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes. They will instruct you in Longhouse and camping customs, cooking traditional foods, singing and drumming, preparing meat & fish, tanning hides, making all kinds of things like wing dresses, tule mats, shawls, vests, chockers, and much more.

All teachings in the cultural

day camp will reflect only the customs and traditions of the Warm Springs reservation. All elders who wish to contribute their lifelong skills and wisdom to the young people, please let us hear from you.

The second one is the summer school activities program. This is for grades 1-12 and will be located at the Warm Springs Elementary school. Math and English instruction will be for grades 1-8. For Junior High and High School grades 9-12, different areas of required courses will be offered.

Class time for the summer school is 9:00 a.m. to noon daily. The first session will be from June 22-July 14, and the second session will be from July 16-August 5.

Registration will begin on or before June 1, 1981 for both the summer school instruction and the cultural day camp.

Brochures are being prepared now and will be available soon. They will include all the information you need for summer activities.

For more information about the summer school instruction, contact these counselors:

Small Firehawk-W.S. Elementary — 553-1128  
Doyle Whipple-Junior High — 475-7253  
Ron Pinkham-Senior High — 475-3888

Thank You  
Part A Parenting Committee

### Hard workers deserve thanks

Thanks to the girls that did the Lord's Prayer and to Andy Lucas for singing the Lord's Prayer.

Thanks to all the speakers and an apology to those that were asked and did not (have a chance to) speak. Thanks to the hard-working dish washers and those that helped gather up the dirty dishes and clean up the kitchen, gym and recreation room.

Thanks to the tribe for the use of the Community Center and Longhouse. We are sorry

for the inconvenience that we caused for the use of the items we needed from the Longhouse. Also, thanks to the Shaker Church for the use of their silverware.

Please forgive Annie and Zelma if we may have left anyone out for their help! And thanks to all of you people for having showed your love and respect to my grandson, Ken.

Sincerely,

Audrey F. George  
(for Annie and Zelma)

### Enlistment options offered

Sir:

The Army has recently modified its popular Two Year Enlistment Option. The basic information is listed below. We would appreciate your help in making this program as widely known as possible.

**New Army Two Year Enlistment Program.**

The Army has recently modified its two year enlistment option. A person can now choose from one of over 53 jobs that are now

offered under this program. Some of the new skills offered include law enforcement, legal clerk, construction surveyor and dental technician.

The Army is also offering a guaranteed assignment to Europe. An enlistment under this program also qualified an individual for \$7,400 in after-service education benefits. Additional details can be obtained by calling the Army Recruiting Office at 389-1132.

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Army Recruiting