

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"



The Ground Hog is beginning to make me not a believer anymore as he allegedly did not see his shadow on February 2, giving everyone the impression that winter was over. Goes to show that even the Ground Hog can pull some boo boo's.

Just because the Ground Hog supposedly didn't see his shadow didn't mean that winter was over, cause a few day later snow fell to record numbers of inches causing all types of problems. The steady down fall started early in the afternoon and by night fall it had piled up to as much as five inches. During the day the BIA and Tribal employees were excused early so they could get home safely. The next morning when everyone made

ready for work and as they looked out of their windows they saw more snow than they could shake a stick at. The heavy snow fall caused all schools in the 509-J school district to close for a couple of days. Also on the first morning a tractor-trailer jackknifed about halfway down the grade preventing commuters from Madras to be a couple of hours late for work.

Now that the weather had proved that the Ground Hog could be wrong, we had so much snow causing traffic tie ups all over the place. Well, what happens when the snow melts? Yep, there was water all over the place. The streams rose and overflowed their banks, every gully looked like a stream but we were fortunate there were no major wash-outs along the highways as the big storm several years ago in 1964, when the entire Central Oregon was paralyzed with flooding and road washouts, isolating people in rural areas. Today everything seems to back to normal.

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The Great Sound Around

Whats the greatest sound around? Here lately every where you go the sound is "KWSI, 96.5, on your radio dial." With highly trained technicians and a few raw local recruits learning to become DJ's. KWSI has made its way into the hearts of everyone as the greatest sound around.

Scheduled to come on the air at the end of September originally and missed a couple more opening dates because of highly delicate equipment took so long to arrive, but when everything was all assembled and hit the air it took off like ducks take to water. Its particularly interesting and pleasant when you are packed in a car late at night with your favorite, you can open your eyes and hear a tune now and then, oh well. It is good to listen to even if you are parked with your own wife. The music is varied to where there are tunes played remind us of school days and our school sweethearts.

I'm sure everyone here is pleased with the way it turned out, because there must have been some doubt as to what type of a radio station it would be.

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There was this tough guy who just came in from the "Dirty Moccasin Tavern," as a witness in court. "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God!" said the clerk. "Daa, Why not?" said the tough guy. "I'll try anything once." YIKES

The Doctor told Al: "I'm afraid you're very run down. I suggest you lay off golf for a while and get a good day in at the office now and then." YIKES

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Les told Ben: I gave up fishing for golf. . .and I like golf much better.

Ben: Really, how come?
Les: When you lie about golf, you don't have to show anything. YIKES

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Lee told Cece: My doctor said I can't play golf.
Cece: Oh! Did he see you in the office.
Lee: No, he saw me on the golf course. YIKES

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Tom said, I got some new golf clubs for my wife. John: Gee, that's great! I wish I could make a trade like that! YIKES

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Teen offers words to troubled peers

Dear Teenagers,

There's something that happens in us all every once in a while. Something that seems to be one of those painfully cruel human nature emotions. Usually, you might feel it after a big quarrel with your mother or your father. You might feel it when your entire family is against your own moral opinion.

You can do it with a gun, you can do it with pills, you can do it with a small box of tan-colored powder, but you don't have to do it at all. Sometimes, people just like yourself think that there's nobody in the entire world that understands them. Like the entire world is out to get them, or out to destroy them.

The truth is this: There is no teen in the world that hasn't thought about killing himself. A majority find reasons to live, reasons to go on and make a better of their life. Few, unfortunately, think that the world is a place they would rather not live.

As Indians, we have to try. Teens will someday be the adults of the community, without adults there is no support. An Indian in my eyes is a precious person,

more valuable than a moon of gold.

And even when you think that there's no person in this entire world that will back you or support you, you're wrong. There's one that has been watching over you most of your life. These feelings, combined with a number of others, makes adolescence. Adolescence contains many, many phases that will soon pass over. It's hard, but the reward is life.

I dedicate this poem to my peers.
Thank you all for your being you.

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In His Own Words

On a night when it seemed
The ocean was without a netter,
I sat down to write
My suicide letter

Firstly I thought,
"What should I say?"
Just tell them why

Employee to be commended for dedication

To the Editor,

Being a somewhat cautious person, I feel, after some thought that maybe now is a good time to write this letter.

This letter is to inform people about one person in particular who contributes so much to the department, as well as to the Tribe, without anyone realizing

it. I guess you could say that this person is the "silent contributor" in the department. Someone who doesn't receive the credit that is due her. Hopefully, after this letter, people will begin to realize what a thankless job she has and how much she actually contributes to the department. If it weren't for her, there

probably wouldn't be any type of good, solid documentation; fewer completely sound systems; well-written documentations; and overall good quality in the system. She was the major contributor in the final design and implementation of the Vital Statistics system (Per Capita, Pension, Bonus, etc.). She did a good portion of the programming as well.

She also made major contribution in helping with staff development and training. She is a very thorough and conscientious person. She never leaves a job undone and when it is done, it is done correctly.

When there is something to be done by the Programmers, there is always some input asked

of her. She's always willing to give that input...that makes her a valuable person to this department (as well as to the Tribe). It makes the department look good, in that we follow standards and it makes the Tribe look good, in that the department is functioning as expected.

I believe this person deserves a pat on the back and a big "Thank you, Lavonne Rotz for all the good work you've done!". Although working in Data Processing is a team effort, she has contributed so much that she really deserves a special 'Thank you' for all the effort put forth!

Sincerely,
Val Squiemphen

What's news and what isn't?

To the Editor,

My family members and I are super-proud of the new radio station—KWSI—and especially of Tribal Members employed as DJ's! Ron, Delson, Kenman and Phillip. Keep up the good work. We're proud of you. You're a feather in the cap of the Tribal-Member-First war bonnet. To an old family friend, Ron Smith, congratulations on your position KWSI.

I commute between Warm Springs and Bend while attending COCC and I often hear good, positive comments about KWSI. It makes me proud to be a member of this tribe.

The only thorn-in-the-side is the reporting of crime or police reports on the radio of our tribal members. I really feel that

it's a case of the dog biting its own tail. The Pioneer (Spilyay forbid) and the Bulletin already report these offenses for all to see. Why does our own tribally owned radio station have to cause more damage. Outsiders already believe we're all alcoholics and criminals, why broadcast such suggestions on the radio. I believe radio is for enjoyment—let's keep it that way. PR should be used to build up our images to the public, not break it down.

KWSI—how about reporting upcoming concerts in Portland? Central Oregon is usually the last to hear about concerts, so we're usually left out of tickets. Selling tickets for concerts would be even better.

Respectfully,
Myrna J. Bobb and Family

Thanks for support

To the Editor,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in making my trip to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico possible.

First of all, all the monetary sponsors for my trip deserve a big thanks, because without the bucks, I could never have traveled down there.

Confederated Tribes (Tribal Council); Warm Springs Rodeo Association; All community members who supported me by coming and buying items at the rummage and bake sale; KWSI radio for announcing it. Last

but not least, I'd like to thank all my family and friends for giving me moral support, even if it was just a "good luck down there" it really helped out. A knocked down barrel in the second go put me out of the average, but I did make the top ten and placed second in the last go. That makes the trip all worth it, just to place.

Last of all, I'd like to thank my sweetheart, for going and just being with me.

Respectfully,
C.R. Squiemphen

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Jim and Luana Macy

Family acknowledges help

To the Editor,

We, the family of Levi Boise, wish to acknowledge our sincere gratitude to the many people who lovingly and unselfishly contributed toward his funeral.

Margo personally wishes to acknowledge Charlotte Shike for transporting herself and family to The Dalles to identify the body and the Spencer Libby funeral home for their beautiful understanding and direction. We also—thank Larry Dick for his part in dressing traditionally

and Evelyn Sam for providing the traditional Indian food for the last feast breakfast.

Because it is the belief of our family to uphold our Indian traditions, even through death, we are extra appreciative at this time. God Bless and keep you.

Margaret Boise & children
Harriet Williams & children
Ray & Charlotte Shike & children
Jimmy & Neda Wesley & children
Eliza Brown & children
Lamont & Pat Brown & children
Laura Brown & children

Visits appreciated

In Appreciation,

I, on behalf of my husband, would like to thank all employees who stopped to say hi and to wish him well, while he was on sick leave during the month of February.

Although some visits didn't turn out to be just visits but turned out to be problems at the office. I feel all this support helped my husband get through his illness easier and uplifted his spirits, and enhancing him to come back to work rested and

ready for them (his employees aahs jokes).

Even though Herb has been through alot of tests he never lost his faith in the doctors to find and give the right answers to us.

All in all I will always be by your side (as the saying goes) "In sickness and in health."

Incidentally, I am so proud of you for quitting smoking.

Love you,
Earlynne Graybael

Alumni plans Monday meetings

To the Warm Springs Serenity Alumni:

We are going to hold our chapter meetings twice a month. The meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. The next meeting will be on March 17,

1986 at the Assembly Plant at 7:00 p.m.

Help us get our chapter going again. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Jerry Sampson
President

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