

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



With the new year just under-way lets hope this will be better year than the last one. We have made some progress during the last year but still things could be better.

We should look toward the future and try to envision what's in store for us. We've got to make the right decisions on pending issues, we've got to look for our resources here on the reservation whether it is human or natural. We have projects that need completion such as the museum, the shopping center, employment for our people, continue to educate the younger generations for it is they who will be running

the businesses here in a few years. We must direct and guide our youth, set them in the right direction.

Some people talk of the good old days! What were the good old days? If there were any good old days I'd like to know what they were. Every generation has faced tough times and they could be tougher if we don't start working together giving direction to the youngsters. They should be told that by refusing dope or alcohol won't make them sissy's. If they can refuse dope and alcohol they are the ones who are really not the sissy's because they are strong enough to refuse that junk...!

### Reading, math help available

Need help in reading, math, or spelling? Would you like to learn to write and speak English or study for US citizenship? Help is available through the Adult Basic Education office at Central Oregon Community College. Low cost and free classes are taught with personal individualized instruction. There

are a variety of convenient class times in COCC education centers throughout central Oregon. You can begin now, or anytime during the year. GED and high school completions are also available. Call 1-800-422-3041, ext. 224 for more information.

### Local craft show set

A special arts and crafts show featuring local people is planned for May 14, 1988 at the Warm Springs Community Center, according to coordinator Shirley Sanders. The theme for the one-day event is "Sharing of local talent." Items will be displayed for selling, trading and showing.

water colors, ink drawings, quilts, beadwork, basketry, silver smithing and Indian jewelry, pendleton blanket coats and jackets, carving, Indian ornaments, dolls, photography, pottery and music.

Sanders said the show will be strictly a volunteer show. She is looking for community people who would be interested in assisting as members of committees. If you are interested contact her at 553-1769 or Elton Greeley at the Community Center or call 553-1161, ext. 302.

Items accepted for the show will be oil paintings, acrylic paintings,

## Toe Ness

Confucius Say: "Only fellow sure to get something from following the 'horses'...street-cleaner, and you know what the get!" YIKES

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A gossip: "You must have missed a great deal by not marrying?" Old Maid: "Oh no, not really, only the ceremony!"

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Figures may not lie—but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth. YIKES.

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There were these two maiden ladies thinking back. "As a girl," said one, "I had four sweethearts." "All tolled?" "No. One kept his mouth shut." YIKES

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

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## Someone really does care about you

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As you read this today, let us wish upon you with a prayer, that everything in your life is going to turn out the way you want it to.

My brothers and sisters, I know that perhaps in your case, things are not as you would like them to be. This letter is for you and for me.

I have the need to tell you that there is someone who cares about "your" life, and your needs, and your dreams, and if you actually believe that someone loves you.

To love one another is to be that which God created, a human being, and in my case, to be a human, I must be that which I was created to be, an Indian. Whatever you were intended to be in this world, you must be. A man cannot be a bird or a fish, only a man as he was created. A woman cannot be the wind or a flower, only that of which she was created. And nothing else in this world tries to be anything else. There is no reincarnation or evolution where one thing becomes something else, and we cannot become something else.

Are you lost in this modern and "civilized" world? Do you feel as though you don't belong anywhere?

If you are an Indian person reading this, are you trying to be a non-

Indian, by giving up all the knowledge of our grandparents and their grandparents. Do you actually believe that you can remain an Indian person as you were created, without the "Spiritual" relationship must be maintained on a daily basis? What would your day be like, without the spiritual part of your life? To be honest, without a

spirit that was included in your creation, you cannot remain alive. It doesn't matter what kind of life you are living today, because you can change it back to what it's supposed to be. You can lay down all of the ways that have brought you troubles in your life, just like you can throw away poison that can kill you.

The Indian people of our great-grandparents day, never picked up anything that brought them harm, or distorted their way of life. Instead, they lived in peace by absolutely living in harmony with everyone and everything else as much as possible. They lived under strict rules

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## Suicide not part of Indian culture

To the People,

Each time a young person dies, a part of the strength of a community dies. When that death is by suicide it takes much more than just that person's life. It takes hope and dreams. Unfortunately, suicides in the Warm Springs community are on the increase.

The taking of one's own life was not and is not, a part of the American Indian culture, it is not a part of our tradition. These recent suicides should warn us all that something is drastically wrong. How can our young people feel that there is no way out, that there is no hope?

The Warm Springs Reservation gives, or should give, every tribal

member a place to call home, a career or job to earn a living, a chance to develop their lives and a great pride in being a part of proud, strong, healthy and traditional people. But apparently, in some cases, this is not true. It is a fact of life that there are some who will never see a way or an answer to problems. Regrettably, the percentage of those people in Warm Springs seems to be higher than elsewhere. The suicide rate for Indians is higher, but how can that happen here when there are so many reasons to live?

There is so much for the people here and yet in many cases it does not help to keep them alive. There is a counseling center for the people, a staff of trained doctors at the

clinic, a police department to uphold the laws, a tribal government and enterprises—so much is available to everyone.

What has gone wrong? What part is played by alcohol and drugs, unemployment and idleness? If you look at the statistics, you see drugs and alcohol were involved in eight of nine suicide deaths of Warm Springs people. Unemployment and idleness should be almost unheard of because the Tribes offer such opportunity for its people. It is not handed out on a silver platter but the chance is there.

It is time to stop blaming others for the tragedies in our lives. Every parent was given and is still given the opportunity to instill in their children that they can be a great part of the future of the Tribes. Parents can give strength to their children to stay and fight and survive. As parents, we are the ones who can make that difference in whether our children will be users of alcohol and/or drugs or not use them. We set examples. Often times we may think our roles are not important but if our children are taught to strive for life and to fight for it, the desire to live will grow within our children. We are the ones who cry for the children when they take their own lives.

I was born here and I have lived here all of my life and when I think of home it is Warm Springs and its people. I feel great pride. When I grew up everyone in the community was part of my family and I was a part of theirs. They all corrected me when I was wrong or bad and loved me when I was hurt, scared or lonely. Where has that family and community unity gone?

The program offered in the community cannot solve all the problems. The solution must begin with the parents and family. What happened to the close family life that used to be so vital in Warm Springs? Let's save our children, the very wealth of our people. We worry about savings trees, land, jobs and face; but if we lose our children, we lose our future.

A community member,  
Pat Leno-Baker

## Smith will not run for re-election

To the Editor,

My present term on the 509-J school board expires June 30, 1988, and I will not be a candidate to fill my position No. 1 at the next elec-



Lloyd G. Smith, Sr.

### Contributions appreciated

To the Editor,

Although this letter is long overdue, in my heart it is not forgotten.

On Saturday, November 21st, 1987, a memorial ceremony was held honoring the memories of Mr. Harold Culpus, Mr. Zeke Scott, Mrs. Wilma Scott, Mrs. Phyllis (Tweety) Charley and my grand-

son Jonathan Jim.

This commemorative affair was due to the generosity of the wonderful people who donated items for the raffle, the people who sold the raffle tickets, the people who bought the tickets, the hard workers behind the scenes and those up front.

Your kind contributions will be remembered for as long as I live. Happy New Year to everyone.

Thank you sincerely,  
Mrs. Effie Culpus  
and family

### Offices move

The Juvenile Coordinator's office has relocated to their new offices.

The office is now in the Old Administration Building, or the new Tribal Court Building. We are on the top floor where the Spilyay Tymoo office was located. The office will be open Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your time and patience.

Daisy M. Ike,  
Juvenile Coordinator

### Notice

Person witnessing Richard Robinson's accident in the Safeway store on afternoon of December 7, 1987 please call him at 475-2650.

tion date that is scheduled for March 22, 1988.

Candidates must file declarations for candidacy on or before February 11, 1988 with the Jefferson County clerk.

Due to personal reasons, I will not be able to commit my personal time for an additional four years.

Even though I have until June 30th, 1988 to serve, I wish to thank the people who have supported me in the past five elections, which gave me the opportunity to serve our local 509-J School District as it emerged from the stern forties and fifties into the restless and idealistic sixties and seventies, and now into the newly pragmatic eighties.

During the past 20 years that I have already served on the school board, the U.S. has changed from the industrial age to the technology/information/services economy as evidenced in the shift of jobs in

these sectors. To illustrate this change, consider the fact that in 1960, 73 percent of jobs were in the trade and manufacturing sector. By 1983, the proportion of jobs in that sector of the economy had shrunk to 23 percent, while information and service occupations accounted 73 percent of jobs (Daggett 1984).

My reason for not continuing on the school board has nothing to do with these social and economic changes. There is a limit in how long I am able to volunteer my time. My concern is that many individuals apparently are not aware of the gradual changes. Educationally, we cannot live in the past because it would not be fair to our children and grand children, who are the students of today.

Thanks again,  
Lloyd G. Smith Sr.

## First Christmas wonderful

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the beautiful people of Warm Springs who shared with me and my family through "Santa," of their kindness and Christian love. During this past Christmas season.

Love is the greatest "gift" a person could possess and to share it with another, is even greater.

God bless each of you my brothers and sisters and fill your new year with his peace and happiness. I shall always remember my "wonderful 1st Christmas in Warm Springs!"

Sally Marcellais and family  
Warm Springs, Oregon

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### Free puppies

Free to good homes—puppies. Heinz 57 variety and will be small. Call 475-3105. No answer? Keep trying.

### Memorial set

To Relatives and family of Mable Kishawak Benson

It will be one year this month since our beloved mother passed away. We the children of Mable will have her Memorial on March 12, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. at Satus Longhouse.

The reason the date is so late is because of the weather, traveling should be better by then. Please mark your calendars and hope to see you there. March 12, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. at Satus Longhouse.

Thank You,  
Lucinda Benson Miller  
Caroline Benson Dick  
Darlene Benson  
Ginger Benson Lawyer  
Diane Benson  
Tom Benson

### Car for sale

For Sale: 1987 Ford Thunderbird, L.X. 302 fuel injected V8, cruise control, power windows and seats, AM/FM stereo cassette tape player, w/six speakers, air conditioning, leather interior, a set of four extra tires. Call the Spilyay Tymoo office at 553-1644, or after 5 p.m. call 553-1328.

## Tribal Council Agenda

### Monday, January 18, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. WSFPI Facility Com.
3. 1:30 p.m. Appointment of Hydro Relic. Task Force
4. 4:00 p.m. Ken Smith

### Tuesday, January 19, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. Department of Energy, Nuclear Waste Rep., Capital Project. (Tentative) Alcohol/Drug Discussion.

### Wednesday, January 20, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. Expulsion Ordinance
3. 11:00 a.m. Superintendent's Report
4. 1:30 p.m. Realty, Land Use committee

### Monday, January 25, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. Management's Reports (All day)

### Tuesday, January 26, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. Enrollments
3. 11:30 a.m. Joint Luncheon Meeting, Jefferson/Wasco County (Kah-Nee-Ta River Room)
4. Tort Claims Act

### Wednesday, January 27, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 9:30 a.m. Pension Committee Resolution
3. 1:30 p.m. WSFPI Facility Committee

### Thursday, January 28, Tribal Council Meeting

1. 9:00 a.m. Business
2. 10:00 a.m. President Byrne, COCC