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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



As the years pass by, times change along with the season's, like someone said, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." We never stop to realize what we have...until sometimes its too late to appreciate them. The year is rapidly coming to a close and will soon be forgotten. There so many things people would like to have changed but the past will never return and we have to face what ever there is in store for us. Spilyay Tymoo has had a lot of water pass under the bridge since its beginning. So many faces have come and gone, yet they will never be forgotten for the hard work they put in here. This is the time of the year when

we all look back and realize the good things that have happened. We here at Spilyay share right along with our readers all the joys of everyone's accomplishments and we also feel the loss of loved ones along with everyone during the year. So, for those of you who have come and gone through the Spilyay Tymoo department, you are not forgotten.

At this time, the entire Spilyay Tymoo staff would like to wish everyone the merriest Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Children should accept responsibility for actions

To the Editor,

I would like to speak up for the two churches that were vandalized by some young children two weeks ago.

I am a great-grandma, with several teenage grandchildren as well, and I have worked with young children for 10 years, both at the child development center and at church as a Sunday school teacher.

I was very upset to think these young children's parents have not taught them respect for churches. Children should be taught respect for other people's property. I do not think these young children should go with just a talking to. They destroyed things in the house of the Lord our God and I feel they should have to pay for what they did—both in money and in community service work. I feel that with them paying for the damages with just money will not make them understand because Mom and Dad and/or Grandpa and Grandma will be willing to pay it for them. But, if they have to do some community service work for this, maybe it will implant in their young minds that they must pay themselves for this, and there will be no next time for them.

I do hope these children have to do some work to help clean up the messes also.

I know some families do not feel this way but if something isn't done, they will do more again and you and the Elders of this community are approving of it.

A lot of us saw a young child wearing the beautiful bright orange

and red or pink, designed Pendleton blanket that was taken from the altar. We saw her wearing it while she walked down the street from the school. I think if this blanket is not returned or it is damaged, the parents and the child who wore it should have to pay to have another special blanket made for the church.

I hope that justice is done here.

Our churches here are too beautiful to be treated this way.

The spirits of our forefathers must have been appalled to see and hear them doing this thing and writing the words that they did.

The lead glass windows that were broken can never be replaced with that kind of glass now. They do not make it anymore and it will run into quite an expense for the church to pay for them. The church should not have to pay for this damage.

I hope the story will be put for all to read so they can see what has

happened to these young children. We do all we can to protect our children but we forget to teach in the home respect for people and their property.

Thank you for taking the time to read my feelings.

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Narrative explains Stwyer's beliefs

Due to incorrect information supplied Spilyay, it was reported in our last issue that Herb Stwyer, Sr. was named Elder of the Year by the National Indian Education Association. Though he did not receive this honor, he was, in fact, named Oregon Elder of the Year and was nominated for the national award. He traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to attend the conference, and due to miscommunications, the narrative for his national nomination did not reach the proper committee. That narrative read as follows.

"All children I consider as my children or grandchildren. I strive to see them receive a good education and to reach the highest goals possible. I look to the Creator several times daily to help us over the hurdles of alcohol and drugs. I have taught all ages from birth to the senior citizens the damages alcohol and drugs can do. I have taught the old time cultural and traditional ways to intervene in the

early signs of the problem. I do not discriminate against any religion, Indian or non-Indian. I believe we all look to one God.

"Among my concerns are the high school dropouts and abortions. The Indian people had never known to abort, but to give life. Our cultural belief was to lend a life when in need. Often a youngster was lent to an elder when he or she was no longer able to provide care. Parenting is not new to the Indian. Parenting was instilled in us in the cultural way, which can never be taken away from us (once in your heart.) Today's young parents may not be listening.

"Today I am involved in teaching our Indian language because it is a dying language. Our sacred Sunday worship, called the Seven Drum, is also encouraged to our younger generation, lest it be lost forever. I have helped initiate a powwow, which is dedicated to a great white chief who I deeply admire, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. I love to teach our old-time songs and see Indian dances done just for fun, not so much for competition, for we are losing the true meaning of our culture. I have participated in the Native American Indian Week festivities for the high school, sharing Warm Springs history. I am encouraging all Indian youngsters to keep on learning, you can never learn enough. Practice self-

discipline and always treat your elders with respect. It is now up to them.

"I am a former tribal council member for my tribes. My introduction to leadership began when I served as interpreter for the tribal council when our Sahaptin language was our first language. I helped

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Thanks for helping out

To the Editor,

This letter is to thank everyone for donating their spare change to help us get Albert to Seattle. It helped a great deal. Albert is doing well in the hospital now. He will be there until after Christmas.

A special thanks goes to the Warm Springs Elementary social fund for their donation. Also to Allied Health and staff.

If anyone wants to send a card to Albert, it can be mailed to: Albert Stahi, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, PO Box C-5371 (Room B217), Seattle, Washington 98105.

Again, thank you. God bless you one and all.

Eva Stahi and family

Community arts committee will be formed

To the Editor,

There is a search going on in the Warm Springs community for persons interested in being committee members of a performing arts group.

There is still an opportunity to apply for a position with the group's executive committee, which is named the "Performing Arts and Cultural Activities Committee." This committee will consist of seven members and will serve the organization as initial organizer, public relations staff, project designers, participants, supporters and fund raisers.

There will also be a sub-committee, that will provide direct support for all organization projects. There will be no limit on the number of sub-committee members.

The intent of the Performing Arts and Cultural Activities Committee is to provide and exercise every possible opportunity to preserve and promote the spiritual, cultural, historical, economic and traditional ways of life of the Warm Springs people.

The way that this is going to be accomplished is through organized community efforts to teach and instruct legends, stories, songs, skills, etc., to local people of all ages who will then be provided with an area or stage, regalia/traditional dress/costumes, drum and song, if needed, and an audience to show their teachings to.

It will be the responsibility of the members of both committees to provide a way for all of this to happen. Individuals who are skilled in many areas will be a part of the committee, so work can be closely coordinated, although it will not be a requirement to be a committee member to participate or help in some way.

Naturally, the project can become expensive and we do not want to burden the tribal organization budget, so we will seek private and public financial support. There will be expenses for administration and organizing, public relations activities, clothing/costumes for performers, stage building, possible fees to use various buildings as performance sites, daily needs of performers and instructors such as meals and so on.

Financial needs will be met through the efforts of the Performing Arts and Cultural Activities Committee by means of grant proposals to local businesses and organizations, donations from tribal committees and departments, donations from local individuals or groups, sales and raffles and possible federal agencies.

In any case, this project will not be a part of the tribal organization or managed by same, but will be managed by individual community members from Warm Springs (preferably tribal members) who are formally organized into a committee. I say preferably tribal members because this is their culture

and they need more say than anyone else as to how the knowledge is taught and used.

I don't want to discourage non-members from participating, but someone like myself, who is not a member, should let tribal members take the lead. Let the members fully restore the traditional knowledge and skills of the Elders. As non-members it can be our place to help with gathering information, design and organize projects such as this one and organize fund raising activities but it is not our place to teach people the information.

It is you, who are brother and sister, aunt and uncle, grandfather and grandmother, to these young people who must become the teachers and instructors. Above all, you must offer support.

It is you who we need on this community committee, to work toward the restoration of traditional knowledge that teaches values of Indians. It seems these values have been replaced with something else that has caused our young people to need drugs and alcohol.

I've always hoped we could make projects like this a reality, through

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Tribal Council to consider HUD block grant application

At 1:30 p.m. December 21, 1988, Tribal Council will be considering whether or not to apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are eligible to apply for up to \$250,000 in one of the following areas: Economic Development, Community Facilities, Housing Rehabilitation or Land Acquisition for Housing.

Two years ago, the Tribes received a \$130,000 block grant for additions to the sewing plant (Warm Springs Apparel Industries). This

year's application, if authorized by Tribal Council, will be in competition with the other thirty-plus regional tribes.

Under consideration will be an application to support development of the Warm Springs Museum. The recent tribal referendum authorized use of \$2.5 million in tribal funds. Another \$2 million needs to be raised from federal, state and private sectors.

Tribal members are encouraged to attend the meetings to express their views, preferences and priorities about proposed community development and housing activities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Tristan "Jeff", "T.J.", "Sunshine" Henry
Much love from:
Grandma and Grandpa Delores and Morris
Daddy Charley Henry
Mom Suzanne Quaempts
Uncle Benjie Quaempts

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November Tribal Council attendance

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD 12
DATE NOVEMBER 1988

NAME	MEETINGS ATTENDED	MEETINGS ABSENT	MEETINGS ABSENT DUE TO DELEGATE	TOTAL DELEGATIONS
Jackson, Zane - Chairman	12	0	0	0
Frank, Delbert Sr. - 1st Vice-Chairman	11	0	1	1
Brunoe, Bruce, Sr. - 2nd Vice-Chairman	0	12	0	0
Mallulatum, Nelson, Wasco Chief	11	1	0	0
Heath, Delvis, Sr., Warm Springs Chief	9	3	0	0
Henry, Vernon, Palute Chief	10	2	0	0
Mallulatum, Karen	10	0	2	2
Clements, Janice	0	12	0	0
Squlempen, Rita	6	0	6	6
Johnson, Ellen	12	0	0	0
Patt, Olney	2	10	0	0