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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



Was 1988, a good or a bad year? To some people it was pretty good, to some it was just so, so, while to others, they would just as soon forget it.

Really, 1988, was just sort of a so, so, year...with nothing spectacular happening. One of the biggest events was probably our Tribal Council Chairman, Zane Jackson, was invited to visit with President Reagan, just recently, along with other Tribal leaders from across the country. Like a summit meeting between the President and the Nations. "Oh well." This was a meeting that was long overdue, but for the future, the outcome of this meeting could have been meaningless, as there will be a new Administration taking office

in January. This meeting should have taken place about 8 years ago and perhaps there could have been something positive from the outcome. Apparently the meeting went rather well, as there was misunderstanding cleared up between the President and the Tribal Leaders.

We were fortunate not to have any major forest fires during the year although we had several small fires during the summer. The local "Hot Shot Crew," done a lot of traveling during the fire season fighting fires across the state, in California, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and the Southwest and just about anywhere there was a fire to be fought. The crew was highly praised where ever they went for outstanding work. Some more highlights of good memories from 1988, were the Rodeos and all the Powwows that took place during the year. First was the Root Feast rodeo, the All-Indian rodeo in Tygh Valley, Pee-wee rodeos and the Huckleberry feast funday rodeo where everyone gets into the act of riding and roping for a good time. As usual it was a good year in sports as the teams did well in baseball, football, basketball and track. Of course there were the Indian basketball tournaments all over the country.

There were some events that we could have done without. One was a bad gas leak down at the Tribal Garage, from which seepage into the Community Center caused a shutdown of all activities there for more than a month or more. The cleanup work took a lot of time and money. Another event we could have done with out was the strike at our lumber mill. I could say plenty about this but I feel that its past and should be forgotten...let things fall as they may.

There are always the ones who have passed on during the year that are still in the hearts and minds of us and we will never forget. But we must face them and look toward the future. And now with a new Administration about to take office in January, we here in Indian country must be prepared to protect what we have because it seem as though we are being backed into a corner more and more all the time. Watch out for the smooth talker who uses money as a front, that can do a lot of damage to any organization especially during times like the present. So I say, "Just Stay Cool."

Have a safe and happy
New Year
from the Spilyay staff

Toe Ness

SPILYAY SEZ: A beautiful girl—something to look forward to and backward at. YIKES!!

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A salesman told a lady, "That hat makes you look 10 years younger. How old are you?"
"I'm 29 years old," said the lady.
"I mean without the hat." YIKES

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The boss sneaked up on the auditor, "Why aren't you busy?"
"Because I didn't see you coming!" YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Fitness Challenge tallies 99,958 minutes

To the editor

A great big thanks goes out to all the participants and departments for entering this years November Fitness Challenge and for attending the annual luncheon, which by the way was beautifully prepared, decorated and served by our own Lucinda Green.

These are the final tallies of 1988's total minutes recorded for the November Fitness Challenge:

Greatest time—1. Early Childhood Education, 30,072; Warm Springs Elementary, 13,691; 3. Recreation Department, 12,825.

Highest department average—1. Recreation Department, 1,604; 2. Finance/Insurance, 1,260; 3. Running Club, 1,218.

Highest individual minutes—Eva Montee, 2,570; 2. Lucinda Green, 2,390; 3. Lyle Rhoan, Sr., 2,320.

Total minutes for all departments came to 99,958 minutes and converted into hours is 1,666. The overall number of participants was 142, spread throughout 12 departments.

Once again, Thanks! Stay fit, healthy, and happy!

Sincerely,
Conrad Queahpama,
Andy Leonard,
Lucinda Green,
and the rest of the
Recreation staff

Unfair hiring practices unchecked

Dear Tribal Members:

We are a quiet people—Maybe too quiet. I had a complaint regarding unfair hiring, against tribal policy, going unchecked within the tribal organization. While trying to gather information for back-up of my complaint, tribal employees asked that I not mention their names. Yet, many told of similar incidents and offered whispered

encouragement.

Now, my questions are: Who are they afraid of within our own tribal organization? Should we all be afraid? Must we question our freedom of speech? We all, as individual tribal members, have a right to voice an opinion.

My complaint of unfair hiring practices is in the hands of my representative; I trust she will seek justice. I feel elected tribal officials

wear our trust like a badge; at every meeting, on every trip they attend.

Write to your council representative with your complaints and concerns. If we all could speak above a whisper about our complaints now, maybe our voice as tribal members will open closed doors for our future.

Judy Kalama King

Now it's time to pay for Christmas

In good as well as bad times, hidden feelings about money are frequently found to be the basis of a large number of family arguments. Now the charge bills have replaced the Christmas cards in the mail.

In financially-pressed households, scarce dollars involve more than practical spending questions, deeply rooted within each family member are belief and values about handling family finance that affect every decision involving the spending of money.

Values are seldom expressed or understood, but they come out in anger when the spending practices of one family member go against another's sense of right or wrong.

Families can learn to make spending decisions if everyone knows what is going on. But that takes practice! Values and attitudes are very complex because they are instilled

by what is heard and seen in families, among near and in the community.

What is deemed important by one is not so readily acceptable to another. In economically pressed families, new issues about spending are likely to emerge. Encourage your family to share their feelings about spending, how priorities must be set, and ways to compromise.

Once families begin talking together about their attitudes towards spending, they are in better posi-

tion to make cooperative and friendly decisions, sometimes parents holds attitudes left over from their youth and children hold attitudes that are influenced by their peers and television.

Financial attitudes are in a period of dramatic change. Dual income families appreciate the two checks but spending decisions are just as difficult. Feelings about spending and the values they represent need to be shared often.

Tournament gets underway

The 30th annual All-Indian Basketball Tournament gets underway with the first round pairings starting Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. when the Oregon Travelers meet the Warm Springs Renegades.

Game 2 will start at 3:30 p.m. with the Portland 501's playing against the Warm Springs Magpies.

Nez Perce Nation of Lapwai, Idaho will compete against Chico, California starting at 6:00 p.m. in game 3.

Starting at 8:00 p.m. game 4 has the Chiloquin team facing the Simnasho Roadrunners.

Thursday's game 5 starts at 2:00 p.m. with Yakima Nation vs. the winner of game 1.

Game 6 will see Santa Clara vs. the winner of game 2, of the first day.

Lawrence, Kansas will play the winner of game 3 during game 7.

Game 8 will pit Team USA against the winner of game 4 of the first day.

And from there winners will meet winners and losers will meet losers as there will be plenty of basketball action for the next few days at the Community Center.

Car for sale

For sale: 1980 Citation—6-cylinder automatic, good condition. Call Tim at 553-1161, Ext. 232. \$1,500.

Eight girls vying for Holiday Tournament title



Yvonne Washington



Saphronia Coochise



Sheylene Greene-Boise



Vivian Carter

The 30th annual Warm Springs National Holiday Indian Tournament (WSNHIT) is once again underway. It started Wednesday December 28 and will continue until Saturday December 31. The tournament court consists of four ladies in the junior court and four in the senior court. Junior court members have been selling raffle tickets for \$2 each and those members consist of Ina Jim, Rena Adams, Shayleen Boise, and Vivian Carter.

The senior court members have been selling admission tickets; the session which cost \$3 and the season which cost \$15. Senior court members include Yvonne Washington, Rachel Saludo, Angie Selam, and Saphronia Coochise. The crowning of the winners was Wednesday evening, results were unavailable at press time.

Yvonne Washington is 18 years old and is of the Warm Springs and Yakima tribes. Her mother is Delcie Scott.

Washington enjoys basketball, horse racing, meeting people and dancing at night clubs. The reason she has chosen to seek this title is so she will have something to look back at when she is older.

Haskell Indian Junior College is her future plans. She would like to become a physical education teacher or physical therapist.

Saphronia Roslyn Coochise is a senior at Madras Senior High School. She is 17 years old and is of the Warm Springs, Wasco, Hoopa, Hopi and Yakima tribes. Her mother is Libby Chase of Warm Springs and her father is El Coo-

hise of Edmond, Washington.

Coochise is the manager and also a player on the MHS basketball team. She also enjoys playing golf and softball at which she participates on the MHS team. She enjoys writing. She is the sports editor for the **White Buffalo** and she also works parttime at Spilyay Tymoo.

Her reason for seeking the title of Holiday tournament queen is to get out and meet more people.

Her future plans are to attend Mt. Hood Community College for two years, then transfer to University of Washington, receive a degree in Journalism.

A Junior queen candidate, Sheylene Greene-Boise is 13 years old and is an eighth grader at Madras Junior High School. Her mother is

Angie Greene and her father is Tony Boise.

Her favorite subject is choir in which she sings soprano. Her hobbies include running and she will be playing on the Jr. High team this winter. She intends to participate in track this spring.

Also a junior queen candidate, Vivian Carter is an eighth grader at Madras Junior High School. She is 14 years old and is of Sioux/Pueblo descent. Her mother is Iris Quam and her father is William Carter.

Her favorite subject in school is math. Her hobbies and activities include basketball, softball and she serves as secretary for the Jr. High Culture club.



Open December 30

The Warm Springs Information Center, Vehicle Pool, and Tribal Garage will be closed for inventory December 29. These enterprises will reopen December 30, 1988.

Photos available at Spilyay Tymoo office

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