

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



The weather was not very good over the Memorial Day weekend. But despite the bad weather, the roads were pretty crowded, but not the ideal weather for the campers. Many campgrounds are still closed because of snow on the roadways. Well, like the words go in a song, "It's a long, long way from May to September," where the weather will become hot and ideal for camping.

Even though the weather was uncooperative, many people observed Decoration Day. There were all kinds of services across the country with various Veterans groups observing those who gave their lives for their country in all the wars of the past. Family plots at the cemetery were also visited by relatives who decorated them with flowers.

No matter what the situation may be, there are always those people who have no sense of pride or have no brains at all and should be stuck away in a mental institution and forgotten, those who vandalize and damage property of sacred value. Take the memorial stone carrying the names of all servicemen who were killed in action fighting for this country. Vandals threw white paint on the stone. Others were out destructing property by breaking windows out of heavy equipment and doing other damage to property. Those people should be locked up and forgotten. It's bad to see senseless people on the lose. There are a lot of people who still wave Old Glory down at the court house.

Memorial Day weekend is a kick-off for summer travel as people travel to all sorts of activities during the summer months. Some go to powwows, rodeos, vacations and just plain family outings for the day. It's always good to have the nice warm weather around after some cold months of winter just past.

COCC News

The Central Oregon Community College Answer Van is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Macy's Market in Warm Springs. The van will stop at the Madras Erickson's Sentry Market the same day from 2-6:00 p.m.

For more information on getting started in college contact COCC college advisor Teresa Koger at 385-5500 or 1-800-422-3041, Ext. 500.

RV for sale

For Sale: 1985 Toyota Escaper, 21 foot self-contained motor home, 17 miles per gallon, like new, wired for air, \$13,950. Call 475-7630 evenings.

509-J retirement breakfast set

The Fifth Annual 509-J Retirement Breakfast will be held on Thursday, June 8, 1989, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Madras High School cafeteria.

All teachers and classified staff are invited to attend the breakfast prepared by District 509-J administrators. Past retirees are also invited to attend this special recognition of past valued employees.

Breakfast and a short recognition program will follow. Please come for the end-of-the-year social time and to honor classified and certified retirees.

Parents to hold rummage sale

Warm Springs Elementary Parents' Club and the teachers will be having a rummage sale in the WSE gym on June 7 and 8. It will begin immediately following the end-of-the-year Powwow at 3:30 p.m. and will run until 6:00 p.m. The remaining items will be sold the next day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The money being raised will be used to purchase supplies for our science program.

As the elementary model site for science curriculum development for the state of Oregon, the teachers will be spending two weeks in June writing science activities. Once they write this series of activities, they will require additional funds to purchase the supplies required to make this science program "come alive." The activities will allow the children to carry out more "hands-on" experiments, in order to discover the concepts and processes which form the basis for an understanding of the world of science.

The children and teachers need your support to raise these funds. Please bring your donated items to the school before June 5. The donated items are being stored on the stage in the gym. With your help this rummage sale can be a huge success. The children will reap the results of a successful fund raiser throughout next year as their science program becomes their favorite subject.

You may be of even further assistance, by joining the WSE Parent Club on Monday, June 5 from 7-8:00 p.m. to price the items. Parents will be meeting in the gym for one hour to sort and price all of the donated items. The more help we get at 7:00, the faster we will get the job done.

Thank you for your continuing support and assistance. If you have any questions, please call the school at 553-1128.

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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Words attempt to express love of friends, family

To the editor,

On this Memorial Holiday, I'd like to thank a few people for all the support and prayers we received from them this past year, and during my daughter's memorial. My daughter, Jewell Leah VanPelt, was killed in a tragic accident on April 7, 1988. I never thought that I'd make it this far. First, I'd like to let Syllas and Prusanna Williams know that I love them for their prayers and guidance; my supervisor Marge Rouse, for her understanding through this year; Betty Lucio, Uncle James Wolf, you truly will not be forgotten for your support; my sisters Charlotte and Neda—I couldn't have made it this far without you. Thanks for being so close, and dropping things to help out, sometimes leaving your families to come hold me. Love you; Jimmy Wesley, you're so thoughtful, making time to paint and change the room around, for all the time you've spent just being here; My children, I truly do love you, for your time you've spent with me, sharing the babies with me. That's what makes my day is to hold one of my grandchildren. It sure takes things off my mind, all your support and help

during the Pi-Ume-Sha memorial and the main one on April 15. I couldn't have pulled it through without you. We all learned something through this. I knew you all had to give up a lot, for all the time you spent at the house. We surely know how a close family feels when we lose one; My children—Levi and Pearl (Preencia and Jenny) VanPelt, Robert and Marella (Tracy, Sadie, Elsie, Robert, Neda, Jaleah), Sam, Chet and Becky (Mycheal, III), Tony and Tates (Danny and Baby Ann) VanPelt, Lillie and Lil Eliza VanPelt—Wolfman.

During the unveiling, the speech-

es by Tribal Council member Karen Wallulatum, tribal attorney Howard Arnett, Fish and Wildlife Committee member Bernice Mitchell Thanks for the beautiful memorial tribute; Lana Adams, the Lord's Prayer, I know how hard it was for you to do it; Edith Walsey for manning the video for us; Garry Hicks, I'd like you to know that we love him for he traveled out of his way to be with us at times that we needed him. We know what Baby meant to him too and the loss he feels too. Garry, do take care.

The memorial will not be forgotten, for all that came: my cousins

from Pendleton, aunts from Nisqually, relatives from Washington; all my children and my children's people, a very big thank you for all the thoughts and prayers. The Indian names came through beautiful. All the children's family, you made this possible, for the gifts and handshakes they received. The cooks—Mary Sam, Nancy Johnson, Kathleen Foltz and Ursella, the meal was great.

Again, no words can express my real feeling of love for you all.

Jewell Leah VanPelt's Mother
Eliza Brown

Friends, relatives help in finding peace

To my friends and family:

I have three reasons for writing this letter. My first one is to thank my friends and my family for all your ongoing love and support.

In August of 1988, I brought my brother, Tony Nejal, home to his final resting place. My logic told me he would finally rest in peace. Yet, I found it difficult to find peace for my own spirit and e-

motions.

I would like to give particular thanks to my Aunt Elvina Switzler and her daughter Beulah Calica. Both were at my side the entire time. There were countless details to remember and with their help everything went smoothly.

The second reason for this letter is to announce that there will be a memorial lunch and give-away in honor of my brother on June 23 at 12:00 p.m. at the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds.

Lastly, I am very proud of my Indian heritage and tradition. I've returned over the last several years during Pi-Ume-Sha. This year I

will be returning again, as a joiner. Joining with me will be my daughter, Charmagne and my brother's (Tony's) two daughters, Paisly and Sweetwater. I consider this to be quite an honor.

Once again, my love and thanks to everyone who was there to help during my grief and sorrow. Now I truly understand what it means to finally "come home" again.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Nejal Wilhelm
(daughter of Inez Stacona and niece of Elvina Switzler)



"Drum..."
by Swaptsa
(Leroy B. Selam)

I am the world--
There are directions:
I am all those directions

I am the center
I am here--alive
My heart
All can feel the beat

I am shaped like the Sun
the Moon
The Earth

I never change
for I am the Drum
I am life

I am the sound of life
within you

I am the sound of
the world

When your world ends
I will sound one last time
for you

I will sound good, or
I will sound bad
I will ask--
Have you been good
Have you been bad
You can only answer
with a straight tongue

The Creator will listen
He hears all things
He will hear you

The Creator
Told me
The Drum

That I, must look
after my people

My people
do not abuse me

I am the Drum
I am your Heart

Greene family expresses thanks

To All my relations, family and friends,

Where are the words to express how I feel. I hurt so much inside. I wish there was something I could do to take away the pain and loss I am feeling. The only thing I know how to do is pray.

I want to take this time to thank you all for your most comforting prayers, words, flowers and cards.

Thank you for being there. Without all of you I would have never made it through.

I want to give my sincere thank yous to the cooks, drummers, Shakers and dancers.

Everything that each and everyone of you did to help out during my time of sorrow is greatly appreciated.

I will truly miss Michael Dana Greene and I will never forget him. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

God Bless!
"The Greene Family"
Angie & Cakes Smith-Greene
Jesse Greene, Loretta Halfmoon
All Mike's Bro's and Sis's

Know any graduates?

To the tribal members of Warm Springs,

Do you know of anyone graduating from high school, college or receiving or will receive a GED by June 15, 1989? If you do please give me a call so that we can put them on our graduating list for 1989. Please submit an address for these graduates. You may call me at 553-1161, Ext. 258 or Ext. 259 with the information.

Carroll Dick,
Secretary
Education Committee

Philip Selam memorial will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 16 at the White Swan Pavillion



Stream bank repair

Warm Springs Elementary fifth grade students Aerie Gibson (left) and Lynn Chavez (right) plant tree on edge of Shitike Creek. Students are helping to provide shade for fish and stabilize banks of the stream.

Next show October 13, 1990

To the editor,

The Warm Springs Arts and Craft Committee thanks the 31 exhibition dances; to MaryAnn May 13 show.

A special thank you to the Li'l Miss Warm Springs girls who did exhibition dances; to Maryann Meanus and Leroy Selam for drumming and singing; and to Merle Kirk, Lincoln's Birthday Powwow

queen for hosting and taking care of the guest book; and to all those people behind the scenes who helped.

This is a Warm Springs people's show and we are proud of all of you. Thank you.

Our 3rd annual show is set for October 13, 1990.

Arts and Crafts
Committee

Couple weds

Rachel Dawn Saludo and Raymond Fred Calica, Jr. joined wed ding vows Sunday, May 7 at the Warm Springs Baptist Church. Ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Alken Elston.

The bride is of Warm Springs, Wasco and Yakima descent. She is the daughter of Frank and Rose Saludo.

The groom is of the Warm Springs, Wasco tribe. His parents are Raymond F. Calica, Sr. and Wanna A. Calica.