

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



We can only look back and wonder what it was like in the early days of this nation. Wonder what really took place. The communication between the two different societies. The Whites and the Native Americans.

There is stories that a language called "jargon," was created between the two cultures. A language that has rapidly died out. There are just a hand full of people who remember that language and can still speak some of it. Words like "Ki-Da-Mikah." I'm not really sure what it means or if that's the correct way to spell it. However, my interpretation to that is, "How are you?"

Maybe someone will correct me if I'm wrong about the meaning. Well, getting back to the olden days, there are so many stories of what it used to be like. But for sure this language was used between the traders and the Indians who lived along the Columbia River. It's amazing how peple can create ways of communication, especially in those days. It could have been through that language that played an important role in the signing of the treaty. Well after all the negotiations were agreed upon the non-Indians got the land and the Indians got the reservation. Here is what a lot of non-Indians don't understand today is that the Indians agreed to live on the reservation but still retained the rights to "HUNT, FISH and GATHER FOODS," in all accustomed places as long as the rivers flow and the mountains stand.

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Oh, Yes! Remember to vote July 10, 1990 on those two important issues that went down during the last election because of a lack of participation of tribal members at the polls. The Tribal Council needs your support on these issues and if you think it's a waste of money or it's a good thing, now is the time to express yourself by voting for or against. Elections cost money to have and this is the second one...so get out and VOTE...Ah-Na-Ci-Umnee.

## Toe Ness

SPILYAY SEZ: "Where you go in the hereafter depends on what you go after here." YIKES

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Joe: "They say he married her because her uncle left her a million dollars."

Jim: "Oh, I don't think he's that kind of a boy. I think he'd have married her no matter who left it to her." YIKES

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A doctor finally got to his table after being asked medical advice from a women at a social gathering. He asked his lawyer friend, "Do you think I should send her a bill?" "Why not," the lawyer replied, you rendered professional services by giving her advice."

When the doc got to his office to send a bill to the annoying lady he found a statement from the lawyer. It read, "For legal service---\$25.00." YIKES

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How do you want your eggs this morning? a wife asked her Grumpy Husband. "Scramble one and boil the other!" was his gruffy reply. She scrambled one and boiled the other and put them on his plate. "You scrambled the wrong one!" YIKES

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## Much work, support involved in credential

To the Editor,

I have just received my Child Development Associate credential and have many people to thank for helping me. The CDA program is a competency based program, which involves three people coming to observe me working with children in the classroom, and me putting together a portfolio of my work. I have Normandie, my advisor, to thank for helping me get ideas and going over them before I put a final copy in the book. Normandie, You've done so much to help me throughout this whole process, it's unbelievable! I know you were also busy with Cinda and Jerry, as well as your other work, but you made time for me anyway and I really appreciate it.

I would also like to thank my Parent/Community Representative, Lorraine Suppah. You were very patient with us even though we kept changing our meeting times and dates. I think you were a good voice for the parents of this community and you did your job well. I thank your boss, Lloyd, for being so understanding when you had to take time off from work to attend our last meeting where I got my credential. I don't know if the national CDA representative will see this, but if you do, Karen, thank you for coming out and observing me and seeing that I am doing my job well.

Thanks to my typists, Laurie, Luanne and the one that stayed up the latest and got up the earliest to get the job done. Chet. I couldn't have gotten my portfolio done if you hadn't helped out last minute, thank you very much. I have to thank Doreen for staying a few more days to babysit the boys while I was preparing for the final judgement. I'm glad Mychal and Curtis were understanding throughout the whole thing when I was

working on the portfolio even though they didn't really know what was going on. I love you boys. I did this for you!

Much thanks goes to Reona for pushing me into this. I guess you cussing and forcing me to sit down to do the work finally paid off, right?! Just kidding. You gave me a lot of moral support and tried to help me get organized by getting some papers together for me and you were always there any time I needed anything, thank you.

I appreciate the staff at the three year olds trailer and at the Daycare

for putting up with me shutting around back and forth during the last few months I know we went through a lot of hectic teacher juggling. The staff in both places gave me a lot of support and I needed that.

I am more than grateful to those parents of children in Vivian's room who filled out the parent questionnaires and returned them, your input was very valuable in the LAT meeting because we couldn't have gotten far without them. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the credentialing

process I really appreciate you. Last, but certainly not least, I thank the children who were in the three's trailer at the time of the assessment. I did this to benefit you and all of the children I plan to work with for years to come. I hope to be the best possible teacher I can be for all of you.

Also, a big congratulations to Cinda and Jerry who also succeeded in attaining their CDA credential!

Rebecca J. Van Pelt

## Jurisdiction doesn't affect non-members

To the Editor,

The Supreme Court of the United States has recently issued an opinion that affects each of you. In a case decided by the court on May 29, 1990 called **Duro v.Reina**, the Supreme Court held that Indian tribes do not have criminal jurisdiction over non member Indians. What does this mean to you? If you are a tribal member of Warm Springs living on the reservation and an Indian from a different tribe beats you up, steals your car, or does some other criminal act against you, that person may go unpunished. The Supreme Court says that you cannot seek a criminal prosecution in our tribal courts. It is uncertain whether or not the case could be prosecuted by the state court or the federal court. Your tribal council has been recently meeting on this matter to determine what course of action they may take. You should not sit and wait for the tribal council to take action but make your concerns known to them and also to your state and federal representatives.

The Supreme Court said in its

opinion that congressional action is required in order for Indian tribes to extend criminal jurisdiction over non member Indians. What that means is congress needs to pass a law explicitly overturning the Supreme Court's ruling. The court also seemed to favor inter-tribal reciprocal agreements wherein tribes would agree that other tribes could extend criminal jurisdiction over their tribal members. I think such agreements should be discussed among the Columbia River tribes; Warm Springs, Umatilla, Nez Perce and Yakima, and other tribal organizations such as the Affiliated Tribes and National Congress of American Indians. I think this tribe should actively seek such inter-tribal agreements.

You also need to be thinking about other aspects of our tribal

structure that the Supreme Court questions. The Supreme Court essentially said that our tribal systems are unfair because non-tribal Indians cannot serve on juries, hold elective office, or vote in tribal elections. What do you think about that? Are you willing to open to such activities to non member Indians? What if we are required to open to such activities to non Indians?

Please do not sit idly by. Talk to your tribal council representative. Call for general council meetings to discuss this matter. Get involved. The impact of this case upon your daily life is too great for you not to be concerned.

Sincerely,  
Celeste Whitewolf

## Huckleberries

We had so much fun getting ready for these. Baskets are ready, pack up, make lunch, cinch up.

Horses puffed, going up, back and forth. The saddle slid back. Hang on! The Horn!

The thunder roared loud, made children cry. Rain ran in our ditches. Pots full, hail.

Blankets all wet, hang them over the rump. The sun came out bright. Everything clean.

It took four days to get there that time. Found sheep in our patch. Berries all gone.

Our four camp trees were cut. Our Grandmas all cried. We never went back.

Jean Halfmoon Danzuka  
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## Senior wants visitors

To the Editor,

I am writing as to what has started about 20 days ago. To me, it is not right. First, the Senior Citizen Program was to take my father and give him a house in the Senior Citizens Housing. They said it was taking great strain on my family, that some people said my family was not doing a very good job to take care of him. The people better look in another perspective. How many times do you stop by at his home, to visit in one year? answer: once or none at all. Now it's just words that the Senior Citizen's Program said they will move him to a house across from Senior Center. Nothing backing those words. Now, they said, we will screen out people as to who can live there. The decision better be made up faster than 20 days or so. What I call beating-around-

the-bush, To an ex-Tribal Councilman that helped; His part to make this Warm Springs Reservation.

The following is what he said to me after his release from St. Charles Hospital March 28. "Now that I am home, where are all the Indians at? when I was in hospital they came to visit. Now I'm home no visitors."

People said my family is taking advantage of my father, spending his money. The way he said it, "My four grandchildren is the only ones that take care of me, come cook, visit and stay with me. In return I help my four grandchildren." No one else taking that kind of responsibility. Are they? Just my family.

March, April and May, I witnessed only about 16 people stop by to visit. That's about 4 people per visit per month. Where's everyone? So my family is not the ones taking advantage. He is not getting visitors to make him happy.

Sincerely,  
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Temporary address until  
July 10 1999

## Ruggers Rendezvous set for July 21 in Bend

To the editor,

I am hoping you will publish the following in the community news section of your publication prior to July 15, 1990.

On July 21, 1990, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The High Desert Rug Hookers will host their Fourth Annual Rugger's Rendezvous at The High Desert Museum. Many different rugs will be on exhibit for the visitor's viewing

## Cancellation

To the Editor,

The family reunion and headstone setting/ memorial dinner for Dora Jane Meanus Hudson has been cancelled until further notice. It will occur later, possibly in August. When the exact date is known, we will notify the community.

Thank you.

Dorothy (Pebbles) Smith and  
Janice Gilbert

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## Reward offered for keys

A \$20.00 reward for Carol's keys. Someone kidnapped them from their drawer. If you hear them crying or see them where they don't belong, please return them to Carol's room at the Warm Springs Community Center. The children are bored, they can't do arts & crafts.

## Ruggers Rendezvous set for July 21 in Bend

pleasure. Rug hookers from around the state will demonstrate their craft and provide information.

Entertainment will be by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers on the Museum's Patio. Local cloggers will also demonstrate for the public.

Rug Hookers using the tradi-

tional method of rug hooking are invited to participate. For more information call Norma Gillette, (503) 388-1751.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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High Desert Rug Hookers  
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