

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



"Let's save the fish!" This seems to be one of the big issues today across the country. It appears the fish are becoming an endangered species more and more each day. Everyday there is something about the fish problems, the dams on all the rivers, water pollution, the hydro plants, the sports fishermen, and they even blame the Indians for dwindling the fish runs.



People blaming each other, probably to cover up what they are doing to harm the fish runs. All the water users blame the others for over-use of stream flow. Farmers, livestockmen, fish and wildlife and many more all have a hand in damaging the fish runs.

This can revert back to the old Indian traditional beliefs and that's the water is the backbone of life. Without water we would all perish from the face of the earth. It is the tradition to respect the water in the Indian religion and before any food is taken, water is recognized first of all. "Choosh!"

Instead of blaming each other, other aspects should be considered. With today's drought conditions all the reservoirs are far below normal and even in critical stages in some areas. The stream beds are much lower than usual and the stream turns warm, how does one expect the fish to survive through that? What we need is a change in the weather conditions to where we can get more moisture. A better snow depth in the higher mountains and hope the water levels will come to normal stages once again.

Take Eastern Oregon, for example, where there are plenty of lakes where the water was plentiful. Today, there are dust flats now visible. Perhaps someone should go out and do the rain dance and hope for some moisture to come and relieve this mess. It will take a lot of rain to get some of the streams a-going once again. And once the water levels are back to near normal then the fish may have a chance to reach their spawning areas.

In the olden days, all the tribes would gather at the famous Celilo Falls during the big fall run to catch their share of fish. Even at that, they didn't hurt the salmon runs. Today, all those hydro plants from the dams on the rivers show a great impact on the fish runs and the returns are getting smaller all the time. There are salmon and fish hatcheries all along the rivers by the game departments and the Indian tribes, who are trying to preserve the valuable fish runs. Each year, small salmon are released to migrate to the ocean and to return when they become adults, but the returns are not there. "So, where is the problem?" Maybe someday we will be able to find the solution, but for the present time, it is serious. Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!!

## ## ##

In-Mi-Mah-Tun-Nun-Mah: We all encourage education to our children. Education is one of the highest priorities here in Warm Springs, to equip our children to be ready to face the world.

I don't or can't count the number of times when I've heard the advice given, "Go away to school, get an education and come back and work for your people."

That really sounds good and it is a good policy to have in mind. There are several factors that are a negative mark that the young have to face today and we, the Tribes Of Warm Springs, should take these things into consideration. They are, number 1, education; 2, the residency policy; 3, the adoption policy; 4, wages; and 5, recreational activities here.

The first two items mentioned above, education and residence, must be addressed. We have to really think about these issues and start finding ways to meet situations that arise from this policy. This leads right into the adoption policy. There have been times when a person has shown an honest effort to make his goals. To get an education, but in order to have his/her children enrolled they must reside on the reservation for the past three years. How can a person get an education and live here at the same time?

## Toe Ness

There was these two guys who met in a narrow street where the cars couldn't pass. First guy pokes his head out of the window and yelled, "I don't back up for no dumb idiot." The other guy answered, "Well I do, put it in reverse and backed out." YIKES

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Ole Tom asked his friend, "Were you hired at the radio station?" "N-n-no, they s-s-said ah, ah I, w-w-wasn't t-t-t-tall enough?" YIKES

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"They say my grandfather was a great politician in his day." "Yeah, "What did he run for?" "The boarder." YIKES

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## Family extends thank you for support

To the editor,

I've slowed down my hectic pace, in order to take some time out and "Thank" Tribal Council for their donation that I had requested. It went towards gas, food, lodging, and childcare expenses, while my mom was at St. Charles in Bend.

She'll be needing follow-up treatment and I've again gone through the exact same steps as before to get additional help.

This time of trauma has been very stressful on us. Individually we are handling it in our own way. Emotions are tender and I tend to wrap myself up, mentally sorting out the pending problems looming before me. But, personally through this experience I

## Sorry for violations

To the editor,

To the people of Warm Springs Community, I am submitting a letter of apology for violation of Tribal law by driving and speeding on Warm Springs highways during the month of May 1992.

Priscilla Ike

I happen to be very lucky in that I have three very special men in my life— my husband Robin, my son James and my dad Allen. This is to wish my son a happy birthday on October 27 and a happy anniversary to my husband on the same day. I love all of you with all my heart and look forward to years to come with you all. You're the greatest.  
Janice Gunshows

Happy Birthday Conrad!  
October 24  
From, Sky, Saphronia & Toya



Happy Birthday Byron Scott  
3 yrs old, October 19  
Love you forever,  
Mom and Dad

feel our tribe is "looking out" for our members' needs. Once the need is identified and clarified they do, "Do their jobs!"

Through my prayers and this short note, I'd like to express my thankfulness for help received and the encouraging strength drawn from each and every praying person. May it be replaced by many good blessings, deep wisdom and courage to carry on the affairs of our tribes.

Mr (:14-29; Mt 17:19,20; Lu 9:37-43.

Respectfully yours,  
Tammy Hoptowit (Kalama)  
and children Rocky, Shirley,  
Dawn, Wee, Darleen and Kathy Sue.

## Knows not to do it anymore

To the editor:

This letter is for a apology, for driving in the city of Warm Springs. I was drinking at the time. I know not to do it anymore.

I would like to tell the community that I'm very sorry. I feel I was not in my right mind. When I'm not drinking I'm a very nice person to be with.

I have a drinking problem, I am going to try to get myself into a treatment center.

Well that's all I got to say.

Sincerely,  
Craig L. Sampson

## Wood for sale

Firewood for sale—Seasoned tamarack, Douglas fir and pine. \$75/cord, split and delivered. Contact Darryl Smith at 553-1431 after 4 p.m. or at 553-2103 during the day. Deliveries will be made after 4 p.m.

A birthday wish to Champ on October 22, 1992 from Angie and thanks for the great and fun summer together!  
"Happy Birthday!"  
Love Angie

Happy Birthday Alice Johnson  
October 10  
love always,  
Nancy, Lester, Julia

Happy Birthday Karal  
-2 years-  
October 11  
Love, Sky, Saphronia & Toya Katchia

Happy birthday this month to my sisters— Susan and Lucille  
Love, Janice

To my "Little Man,"  
Happy 5th Birthday Erickson James  
October 9, 1992  
Love and miss you very much!  
Your Mom (Fawn)



Happy Birthday!  
to the best boy in the world  
Owen!  
love Mom & Dad

## Apologies extended

To the editor,

I would like to extend my sincere apologies to the people of Warm Springs for placing them in grave danger by my irresponsible act of drinking and driving.

I realize the potential tragedies that could have occurred for myself, my family or someone else within the community.

I am truly sorry.

Agnes Lawrence

To the editor,

I regret the way I have been behaving within the last month. On August 26 and a later date. I have been caught driving under the influence. I will change direction's while there is time.

Jack Quinn

To the editor,

I would like to apologize to the Warm Springs community for my wrongful behavior on September 12, 1992. And for endangering the lives of friends, relatives and myself. I am sorry.

M. Governor

## Bazaar planned

The Deschutes County Historical Society will hold its 10th annual Holiday Bazaar Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Des Chutes Historical Center located at the corner of Wall Street and Idaho Avenue, near the county library in Bend.

Arts and Crafts, baked and canned goods, Grandma's, Attic and a delightful lunch will be featured. For more information call 389-1813.



Happy 1st Birthday  
October 9, 1991  
Dena Marie Thomas  
from Dad, Mom, Maria,  
Walsey, and Raylene  
With lots of love

Happy 11th Birthday,  
my son.  
May your heart always be  
young and your dreams  
live forever...  
Love you Shawnae!  
From your mom



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Senior Citizens!!!

Oct. 4 — Willie John  
Oct. 5 — Florence Meanus and Hazel Seyler  
Oct. 6 — Grant Waheneka  
Oct. 10 — Marena Miller  
Oct. 13 — Cyrus Katchia  
Oct. 14 — Alice Florendo  
Oct. 22 — Marvin Meanus, Sr.  
Oct. 31 — Noreen Greene

Canned Salmon and Baking mix have arrived at the Commodity Program. These are two of our most requested items, and will be available for all Commodity customers October 1.

For more information contact Patty at 553-3422.



## Happy Birthday Sky!

Have a great 22nd Birthday on October 24th  
Love, your 2 favorite sweethearts

## Happy Birthday DAD!!

October 21, 1992  
fr, Tony & family



To our Shaw-Girl Shawnee Janae  
Have a happy 1st B-day!  
October 21, 1992  
love, Mom, Grandma Chris,  
auntie Denise, William & Christina



Happy Birthday Lester Begay  
October 8, 1968  
love, Nancy and Julia

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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