

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



Toon-ush-soon-wit-ta: A summit to build a hate free Oregon, was held in the Convention Center down town Portland, on December 4, 1992. There were representatives from just about every County in the state where 800 or 900 people gathered.

Prejudice, discrimination is something that will almost take a miracle to get rid of. If you stop to think about it, how can you get around it. There will always be something causing prejudice, or discrimination in some way.

The entire group discussed several issues that arise in their areas and since this was the first ever meeting on this there were no concrete answers or suggestions to deal with all situations. There needs to be careful study made on the whole state as various areas face different types of issues. The whole thing seems to focus on racial problems. A lot of this is blamed on cultural ignorance.

Central Oregon is one of the unique areas because of the many different minority groups are coming in. The reservation for instance with the Native American population where the children are migrating into the school system. And now the Hispanics are coming in during the harvest season. There will always be problems there because many Hispanics do not settle in one place for long and there need not be any kind of behavior pattern set because before some can be settled its time for them to move on. As for the Native Americans, this is home, roots are set and a permanent home or homes are built and as they try to do what's best for the area, there will always be that invisible line between the Indians and whites. "It's very hard to be fully accepted in the white world." But we have to keep trying to work things out and hope for the best. "Neigh!"

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"The White Buffaloes in the Tri-Valley League? Why not?" All the schools in that league would include Estacada, Banks, Sherwood, Hood River Valley, LaSalle, of Milwaukeee, The Dalles, Gladstone all near the Metro area except for Hood River Valley and The Dalles which are located along the Columbia River. In this league the longest trip for the Buffs would be to Banks, Oregon which is just west of Portland. Even though it would be the longest trip in this league it would be closer than the shortest trip for the Buffs in the G.O.L. and that's to Burns.

The School Board is always trying to find ways to make the budget work. Well heres one that would save many dollars for sports travel. The Mountain pass should offer no real problems because highway 26 is well maintained throughout the winter months. The Tri-Valley League shouldn't be any different than the Ski-Em League, because in that league LaPine is the only school east of the Cascades. Their league consists of Cottage Grove, Creswell, Elmira, Glide, Junction City, Marist, Pleasant Hill, Southerlin and LaPine. So as you can see all the schools are west of the Cascades except LaPine and the travel is really not that great. Not nearly as what it is in the G.O.L. So I say to the School Board, "Go for it!"

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"Hey! what's all that white stuff a falling?" Yep! we haven't seen much of that these past few years. Last year and a few years past everyone was beginning to wonder if we would see any snow. Well it's here and continues to pile up in the higher elevations.

Here these past few years all the reservoirs were at record low levels. Many small streams and springs all dried up during the summer months causing hardship on the livestock and wildlife.

Well when we stash our snow skis, we can dust off the water skis and get our feet wet this summer. Yep! Like they say, "Ain't nothing wrong with that!" Huh, Well let's hope we can all water our whistle. Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon.



Happy Birthday Jr.  
January 17

from, Your Mom, Dixon, Bipsey, Liya, Delmer, Goldie, Wilbur, Jr., Benita, Adrienne & Truman



Happy Birthday  
"Mushy"  
January 20

from, Your Mom, Dixon, Bipsey, Liya, Delmer, Goldie, Wilbur, Jr., Benita, Adrienne & Truman

### Identical twins born

Louie Ike, Sr. and Charlene Ike are the proud parents of identical twins born November 13, 1992. Louie Nelson Ike, Jr. weighed 3lbs, 14 oz. and Lance Nelson Ike, I weighed 3 lbs. 4 oz.

Happy 9th Birthday  
Edna  
January 28, 1984  
We love you!  
Mom & Twins



Tashina Rae Clements  
Born December 25, 1992,  
2:24 a.m.  
7 lbs, 21 1/2 inches  
Parents: William Clements of Warm Springs and Rhonda Wesley of Harrah, Washington.  
Grandparents: Paternal-Grant and Sandra Clements; Maternal-Clifford Wesley (late) and Martina Pachpe

Happy Birthday  
Mom  
January 20, 1949  
Love you lots,  
thinking of you.  
Jaime McKinley-Ruiz

Happy 11th Birthday  
to  
Darreck Danzuka Palmer  
We all love you,  
Mom & Dad & Tashayla, Grandma Edith, Pa & Ma Palmer, Ron & Kelli Palmer, Jason & Jen Palmer and Kaleb

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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## Kindness during loss appreciated by family

To the editor,

Thanks for the cards and kind words. For we always try to prepare for the unexpected. Which is many in our lifetime. Which is a very short period.

I am very grateful to our Creator for giving our mother to us as long as he did.

I'd like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone. For the support given to the family during the loss of our mother, Martha Culpus-George. On January 6, 1993 in the Mountain View Nursing Home in Madras. It's a great feeling knowing someone cares in time of

need. May He Above guide and watch over your footsteps always.

I agree very much with my big brother Philip David and his words at the services.

I apologize for not taking the time to circle our mother around the Shaker Church before taking her to the Simnasho Longhouse for her dressing. For our mother was gifted to help people in time of need. She never refused anyone. Even when she was never feeling in good health herself. We could never understand for we were always worried about her health. For I grew up around the Shaker Church in my life. So did many others here in the community.

It's sad to see our traditions and the culture gradually fading in time. For whatever the reasons a person may have for losing interest.

It was our mother's wish to be taken to the longhouse. With the assistance of the elders to guide us in the Washut tradition. Where the men and women are separated in the longhouse during services.

I apologize to the people for the lack of knowing and speaking the Indian language during the services. I feel it must be taught to our youth today and in the future. For if we are not guided right within our culture and traditions they could die out. You always here, "this is the way I

was," or, "we was taught." Never, "This is the way it should be!" For I've got a lot to learn so as to pass it on to my children. I write this part in support of our elders, who are our teachers and got us where we are today. God Bless them all.

No matter how much you prepare there's always something forgotten. It was never meant to be, for you never know if there's ever going to be a tomorrow. Only the Creator knows.

A special thanks to Chief Sanders and Captain Courtney for allowing me to be with my mother in her remaining days. Also Sergeant Whittenburg for filling in during my absence. God Bless you and yours. Thanks for this time and space. I love each and everyone, may He Above watch over you always. My prayers go out to my stepfather, brothers and sisters.

Love always,  
Tony "Big Rat" and Lucy Suppah family; Cheryl, Rodderick, Leif, Lil Bull Owl, Valerie, Obedt, Sherry, Red Sky Walker Suppah

## Thank you for support of ECE projects

To the editor,

I would like to thank all the parents/guardians, families and staff of the Early Childhood Education Center for making this past Christmas season a joyful one. Special thanks to all the parents/guardians who donated items and time for the Parent Club Christmas Bazaar fundraisers and the Christmas jeans/giant stocking raffle. By the way - the jeans were won by Becky Van Pelt and the stocking went to that lucky Benson Heah! Thank you to everyone who shopped at the Parent Club table at

the Bazaar and to all who purchased raffle tickets. The money raised was well spent on Christmas activities for families and stocking stuffers for our children.

A merry ho, ho, ho thanks to all our ECE Santas, Brian Lund, Levi VanPelt, Wendell Cook, Sky Katchia, Hulk Katchia & Joe Henry. Also thanks to all the parents/guardians who joined their children for Christmas celebrations. The children loved you all.

Thank you are in order to everyone who took a star from our giving tree and who got a present for

a needy child/family. Thanks to the ECE Teachers for raising money, at their rummage sale, to help stock our giving boxes for those families. And a special big thank you to Versa Smith, our Social Services Coordinator for coming up with the idea of the giving tree, making it all happen and giving us all the opportunity to feel good about doing something for others less fortunate.

Sincerely,  
Sue Matters,  
Head Start, Parent/Health Coordinator

## Member victimized, feels unsafe

To the Editor,

I'm writing to inform the public that thefts and acts of vandalism are occurring at the Senior Citizens Housing area. As a resident, I have witnessed these acts since 1980. People have stolen fire wood from me and have also taken rifles, coins (\$40 worth), chainsaws, binoculars and numerous other items. These items were never recovered even though the thefts were reported to the Warm Springs Police Department.

The latest incident occurred while I was in the hospital between January 4 and 7 of this year. Someone gained entrance to my home through a bedroom window and took a 20-gauge shotgun, a large amount of loose change, about a cord of fire wood, items out of the refrigerator and other small items. A statement was given to the police; they did not take pictures.

While I was in the hospital, I had my daughter turn my lights on at night and clean up the house. The theft took place while she was doing her chores. There is a lot of traffic up here on High Lookie, especially late at night.

I even had a vehicle stolen from my home in 1989 while I was sitting in an easy chair at 6 a.m. What can we do? I don't feel safe because I can't leave my place for any length of time.

It's possible that iron bars may have to be installed on the windows and doors of our homes or that a police foot patrol may be added to the area. I was told by the police that thieves have been going from house to house committing crimes—apparently there have been other thefts.

Roscoe Smith  
2339 High Lookie  
Warm Springs

## Snow removal helpful — Thank you

To the editor,

We would like to take this time to give Terry Courtney, Jr. a big thank you for coming in and blading the roads into our residences. This will help us if there is ever an emergency and/or emergency vehicles need to get into our residences. This will also help all the people that need to go to work. THANKS!!

Henry & Eraina Palmer & family,  
Vinson & Suzi Macy & family  
Richard & Vivian Macy & family  
Marty & Raynele Martinez & family  
Edith Danzuka & Darreck Mary Tohet-Ocampo & family

## Use alternative heat sources carefully

To the editor,

Now that we are well into the low temperatures of winter, families throughout the community are using all types of methods to keep the control of the chill. Since the fuel crisis of the 1970s, fireplaces, woodstoves and space heaters have become popular alternatives to central heating.

On the plus side, these alternate heating sources are less expensive to buy, and easier to install and run than central heating systems. On the minus side, they cause fires which cost hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year.

According to officials across the nation, most of these fires are caused by human error, not mechanical failure. Here are some suggestions for those who use space heaters and woodstoves:

Use only safety listed equipment. Look for the UL label on oil and electric heaters, a UL or AGA label on gas appliances.

Never use fuel-burning appliances without proper vents to the outside. Burning fuel (kerosene, coal or propane, for example) produce deadly fumes.

Always use the proper fuel for your particular type of heater. When refueling an oil unit, avoid overflowing it. And never fill your heater while it is burning.

If you use an electric heater, be sure your house wiring is adequate. Maintain adequate clearance in all directions around heaters and stoves — away from walls and

combustibles such as curtains, beds or other furniture. Use a screen around heaters with open flames.

Prevention Officer Bob Sjolund offers these tips for making sure your fireplace is safe this winter:

Never use flammable liquids to start or quicken a fire. Never burn charcoal in your fireplace; it gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

Use a metal screen in front of your fireplace to keep burning embers inside.

Keep the size of your fire manageable. It is possible to ignite soot in the chimney by over building the fire.

Keep flammable materials off your mantle and well away from the fireplace.

By remembering and practicing the use of these tips, we can all become involved in preventing unnecessary fires that create damage to the lives and property of the community.

Bob Sjolund  
Prevention Officer

I have no excuse for my actions on the following dates of February 8, 1992 and December 19, 1992. Therefore I would like to apologize for my hazardous and unsafe judgment of a motor vehicle.

Alvin Charley

To the editor,

To the Warm Springs community; I would like to apologize for driving while intoxicated in the Kah-Nee-Ta area on December 12, 1992. I realize that in doing this I endangered the lives of others as well as my own, and in the future will be more considerate of the safety of my fellow tribal members and their property.

Sincerely,  
Orvie Danzuka

To the editor,

I would like to apologize to the people of Warm Springs and for recklessly endangering people on the road.

Thane Colwash

To the editor,

To the people of Warm Springs, I'm very sorry for my actions for driving under the influence of intoxicants. I know that I endangered my life and the society. Now I realize my actions were very wrong and would ask all Tribal Members for forgiveness. I am proud that no one was hurt. I'm sorry.

Thank you,  
Corey Smith

Dear Tribal Members,

This is William Culpus and I am sorry I was driving drunk on the road. I was just trying to get home and got stopped.

William Culpus

Don't forget your  
valentine!  
Deadline: Jan. 29