

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor



"Spilyay Speaks"



"A Hate Free Oregon?" Just like I told the Mrs. at breakfast, err, I mean a friend that there has to be a lot of work done by everyone in the state to accomplish this...like at hate free Oregon.

Here just recently the Governor Barbara Roberts, called a huge gathering at the Convention center in Portland, Oregon, to work toward a Hate Free Oregon. There were representatives from just about every county in the state that brought around 800-900 individuals together. After a full day's session there was just a very small headway made. And the main points seem to focus toward racial indifferences across the state. The minorities seem to take a lot of the heat from the majority, that whatever happens seems to show up among the minorities. But that's not the only place differences arise. Employment, integrating into neighborhoods, in schools, in the shopping areas. This is something that is hard to pinpoint, and the usual escape goat is "Blame it on the Migrants," or to the minorities who live in a community. Hate doesn't come from just minorities but from within each race, through domestic problems, drinking problems and the employment problems we face today. So hate among all individuals is what has to be worked on.

Yep! There are so many barriers that have to be removed. Even on a clear beautiful day when the sun is shining with butterflies fluttering around all over the place there will always be someone to find fault with that. Either the butterflies are annoying or there should be more shade. Domestic problems shouldn't be forgotten. This creates a lot of disturbances among individuals in court battles and settlements between husband and wife. Husbands accused of looking at other Women's, Men accusing the Women's of flirting with other man's.

Yep! Like I told the Mrs...Err, I mean a friend, everything works out fine while everyone is in his own place. Take the agricultural communities across the state, where the Migrants move in during the harvest season for just a short period of time. A community can't set standards for the migrants because just as soon as the harvesting is done they are gone. They have their own habits that go with them where ever they go, and some could care less what the community does during the rest of the year. This makes it harder for the minority groups that live in one community year round because what ever happens the minorities are judged before the facts are known.

The problems are here in Central Oregon, and no matter what ever anyone say's there is a problem. There are so many Minority groups showing up around here. This gives some the opportunity to cause trouble around by saying, "it's those migrants who start problems." Yet they don't want to admit they are just as much to blame as the minority. When things get real bad then its gang related, the big city hoods moving in from California or other places where corrupt events take place.

Yep! Like I said to the Mrs. err, ah, I mean a friend at breakfast. "It will take a lot of hard work to settle something like this." AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Annual powwow scheduled for May 7-9

The annual Satus Longhouse Powwow is scheduled to be held May 7-9, 1993 at Satus Washington. Memorials will be May 6, 1993. The annual Satus Longhouse Powwow will open with memorials and rejoinders on May 6. The powwow will begin Friday night and continue through the weekend. Contest dancing in all divisions daily. A 12K run will begin Saturday morning before the powwow.

For more information about the powwow contact Cindy Yallup (509) 865-5121 or Roy Dick (509) 854-

1012 or Richard Thompson (509) 854-1978.

For 12K run contact Roy Dick or Patti Heemsah.

Clarification

In the last issue of Spilyay, the family of June Sutterlee submitted a letter of thanks to the community for the help extended during their loss. A daughter, Cheryl Sutterlee-Stinnett was incorrectly named. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Toe Ness

In Bootcamp the Rookie said, "I feel like punching that D.I. in the nose again."

Second Rookie: "What do you mean, again?"

First Rookie: "I felt like it yesterday, too." YIKES

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Guy: "You know honey, since I've met you I can't eat....I can't sleep....I can't drink...."

Girl: "Why not?"

Guy: "Because I'm broke." YIKES

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Wife: "I dreamed you gave me \$100 for clothes last night. You wouldn't spoil that dream would you?"

Husband: "Of course not darling, you can keep the \$100." YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Member distressed after hearing devastating news

Dear members of the Tribal Council,

I am writing this letter to you from the Mountain View Nursing Home, in Madras, Oregon. I have been here for the past seven months. I was admitted last April until July 1992 and again the latter part of the month October 1992 until the present month of January 1993. I had a fall and fractured the lower (lumbar) part of my spine and was transported by ambulance to the Mountain View Hospital for medical care and transferred to the nursing home for extended care.

The prognosis of my condition looks favorable at this time. I will learn the reality of my medical condition on February 1, praying and hoping for the best.

My hospital stay and being confined to the nursing home has been harrowing, tedious, discouraging, and difficult, to say the least, on my family and loved ones.

Last Friday I was in the Sun Room with the other Indian Residents enjoying an Indian Meal (a rare treat) of salmon lukamean & fried bread, when one of the office girls told me I had a phone call. I was happy and elated, because I thought it was one of my family members calling to check on me. I was wrong. Instead, it was a neighbor with the most devastating news. She told me that our homes on Walsey Lane were to be torn down, because it was being considered a commercial zone.

First of all, tearing down our

homes and placing us in other homes or apartments, would not be economically feasible for us or the Tribe, because it would mean added expense for the Tribe and additional rent for us. I don't believe the Tribe's added expense and the tribal members financial situation was considered in this very serious matter.

According to the Housing Department, we still need approximately 100 homes to accommodate all our Indian families that need homes. That is why I don't fully understand and can't comprehend your drastic action...tearing down nine (9) homes and displacing 27 Tribal Members, because you want to enhance or compliment the business of the museum. It doesn't make sense - tearing down much needed housing to satisfy the recreational whims or curiosities of our visitors and tourists - people that will probably pass through Warm Springs once or twice.

We were told that housing would be built for us before the opening of March 14, 1993. Lets be realistic. That is less than two months away.

In 1964, when I was on the Health & Welfare Committee, the Tribal Council declared Greenville and the area along Shitike Creek a flood zone...and no homes or business were no longer to be built or rebuilt in Greenville and along Shitike Creek. All the residents were compensated for their homes and given a moving fee. Except for one tribal member, there are no more residents living in the designated flood zone...Our museum was constructed right in the

middle of the flood zone.

If you recall, people were stranded on both sides of the Shitike Creek, because the bridge was so damaged, no one was allowed to use the bridge. Everyone was stranded for two weeks without electricity, no water and food. Supplies had to be flown in by helicopter. Finally, a foot bridge was constructed above the flood-damaged bridge. Edwin Scott, a former Tribal Council member lost his home and all his family's belongings in that 1964 flood also.

The following projects and facilities are now in existence, because of our Health & Welfare Committee's aggressiveness, persistence and hard work from 1964 to 1968:

1. The first trailer park was established by our Health & Welfare Committee by the old rodeo grounds. This park was established with the assistance of the local Indian Health Service. They designed the water and sewer system and all the supplies for same. This park was established for all the Greenville residents that lost their homes in the 1964 flood. Twenty-two trailers were rented from Art Baltzor in Bend, Oregon. These trailers were set up as temporary housing until other housing became available.

2. Our Health & Welfare Committee was also responsible for establishing the first senior citizen homes. The homes are those same homes we are now addressing on Walsey Lane, Simnasho and Greeley Heights.

Ironically, I am, living in Walsey

Lane, because the Health and Welfare Committee in 1988 disapproved an application my sister, Orthelia applied for in my behalf. She applied to the committee to have a ramp built at my home in Elliott Heights. My application was disapproved, because I am not a senior citizen.

Then I was required to go to the rehabilitation center in Bend. After my stay there, if I did not have a wheelchair accessible home to move to; I was going to be placed back in the Mountain View Nursing Home again. You see, the outside health officials are very strict with their patients. In fact, after the Housing Department understood my dilemma and approved my application to live at Walsey Lane, the Physical Therapist and the Occupational Therapist evaluated the home of accessibility and safety. You see, my home did not pass the evaluation for accessibility and safety, because I did not have a ramp.

Oh yes, I applied for a senior citizen home because of my disability and financial situation. Needless to say, my application for a senior citizen home was disapproved also.

When you took your oath of office as a Tribal Council member. You swore to preserve, protect and defend and uphold and adhere to the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes to the best of your ability, or something to that effect. If you reread and review our constitution, this includes the security of our homes too.

Please don't cause us to lose faith in our Tribal System. We have too much to lose. Think about it. What would you do, if you were told your home was going to be torn down? Think about it.

Respectfully submitted,
In God's Peace
Nina M. Rowe,
A very concerned Tribal Member

Thanks for supporting teams

To the editor,

Parents of 4-H, Basketball update on funds, since January 29, 1993. We, the parents raised \$177.00 for the February 5, 6, 7, tournament entry fee which was \$170.00. Because parents are still donating for the Baby Bears, Lil Bears, & Bears tournament on March 5, 6, 7, we now have \$38.00 carry over.

Many thanks to all the parents and thank you to coaches Foster & Gene for their valuable time shared, to teach our girls how to play, sportsmanship, & not to forget their education.

Signed purse carrier,
Shirley Sanders

Wes Patterson, Financial Specialist employed by the Business Economic Department, made his contribution via PRO FORMA. This is a print out of all information supplied to the computer regarding cost of equipment, operating cost of that equipment, wages, all lines insurance. Financial Forecast by the month for the next three years.

Taken into consideration was, down months, 10% variation per month of cost of operation, profit/loss factor. I knew exactly how much money I should have three years from now, providing work conditions were as predicted. This was my exposure to this thing named PRO FORMA. What I now lacked was a detailed financial/work plan. I needed to put into writing all the information I had gathered, the source of that information. All the contacts made during these last months. I needed to name the Financial Lender for this project, and the conditions involved. I needed an attorney for this project. I needed to hear the opinions of the BIA Forestry Members.

With these preliminaries out of

Amos Switzler, Jr.

Warm Springs-a place of opportunity

To the editor,

Too often I'm too quick to complain about the "goings on" in warm Springs. Too often I forget to remember our elders and leaders that fought, suffered & sacrificed in order to sign a treaty that would cede us land rich in natural resources, which we could live off of, be responsible for & protect. Too often I take our Warm Springs Indian Nation (WSIN) for granted.

The Warm Springs Indian Nation is a wonderful place to live...through the wise treaty that our elders signed, this enabled us to prosper. One only has to look to all the jobs and people that are in our Warm Springs Indian Nation to realize that this is a place of tremendous opportunity for prosperity. Too often I take these blessings for granted that we have here in Warm Springs.

I have to think & realize, which I

am, that a large part of the opportunities gained, job experience, housing, food, necessities in life, jobs, training, cars, trips, electricity, salmon, lumber, water, gravel, businesses, etc. are a direct result of our elders and present day leaders, our children, our Indian people of Warm Springs.

Too often I take for granted the tremendous economic impact that our WSIN possesses in Oregon. The large volume of families and businesses that sustain their living directly and indirectly from our W.S.I.N., from our Indian people. In these changing times we must take care of our Indian people. Care for our youth, as well as our elders and ourselves. We must prepare our youth for the future, through thinking and providing wholesome, healthy social and recreational programs to get them off the streets.

There are a lot of young people that are doing good and are learning to cope with our changing reservation. There are a lot that need help, training, attention, to get them back to their right direction. Our young people are our future, we must pay them more attention. I think if our WSIN cut back on the waste, devise a way to stop the flood of resources that are leaving our reservation, both legally and illegally, that we can reinvest our resources back into our reservation people. Make our home better, instead of someone else's. Build up our economy, take care of our own people.

We must pay more attention to our resources and our young people. Our children are a direct reflection of ourselves and what we value. Let's remember the sacrifices our elders

endured for us and do the same for our children too, as it should be.

We have a solid foundation of Indian leaders here in Warm Springs. We must build on this foundation by placing more of our Indian people in top management positions, so that they gain exposure, experience and opportunities to help our Indian people. We know what is best for ourselves. We must take care of one another. We have bonds and experiences, that run deep inside us that can't be broken...We must protect our children, elders, resources, from the outside world that is coming in. We must fight for our constitutional and civil rights which we are losing or maybe never had?

Thank you for taking time to read my thoughts. We are all people.

Bobby Eagleheart

P.S. I know some people don't appreciate my thought. Some time I don't feel like writing down what I think, mainly because of the mean looks and nasty remarks that some people offer me (of course I don't accept them).

Other times I just get tired of thinking about the abuse and suffering our people have endured over the years and are enduring this very moment...it hurts to think and write about it. It hurts me to watch our children, our people suffer, when I know we can make it better, because nobody else will, except us.

We have the voting power to change things for the better. When I try to forget, it haunts me, so I open my mind and let these thoughts out on paper... thanks for putting up with me the way I am.

Thank you for fun and laughter

To the editor,

Warm Springs Indian Shaker Church fun night. Taking time out

from being serious the members joined together to enjoy Valentine's. They came together to "Honor Our Elders" by having a king and queen, prince and princess. They were: King-Wilkie Leonard; Queen-Tillie Salas; Prince-Ernie Sconawah; Princess-Margaret Charley.

Thanks to everyone for sharing food, fun and laughter.

Also another birthday wish to Lester Poitra and thanking his children for the cake. Thank you all.

Shaker Members