Editorial E Coosh EEWA: The way it is Letters to the Editor



SPILYAY SPEARS

Let's take a moment of our I time to think of those 14 yount people who lost their lives during the Canyon Creek fire near Glenwood Springs, Colorado, of which 9 of them were from Oregon. Those 9 were from our Neighboring City of Prineville, of the Prineville Hotshot Crew. It was a terrible tragedy for those young folks to lose their lives. Also for the surviving relatives who have to face the loss. A moment of silence at your convenience for them would be most appropiate at this time.

A wild fire can be very destructive and threatening to human lives. Many people take it for granted when they see a

hotshot crew member without any consideration of a dangerous task he faces fighting a wild fire. What happened in Colorado can happen just about any place or any time. We've been lucky with all our wild fires around here so far. We have the rough terrain that can be very dangerous to anyone who might get caught in those locations. We've had some pretty hot fires in the steep White Water Canyon, the Shitike Creek Canyon, and almost every canyon around here is very steep We've had problems around the Warm Springs River canyons where some people were trapped at one time. We've had fires here where we had to call in crews from all parts of the Northwest to aid our Hot Shot crews to contain the fires. Base Camps set up for all the fire fighters both men and women in all the crews. Yep! We've had help from the National Forest crews from the Bear Springs Ranger Station, the Zig Zag Ranger station, the Prineville Hotshot crews, The Deschutes National forest crews.. We've even had crews from Arizona, Montana, and just about every neighboring state. Sometimes there isn't just one fire, but a whole lot of fires especially after a big thunder storm.

With the hot weather causing everything to dry up to where just a little spark could set off an inferno. Everything around here is so dry it wouldn't take much a spark to set-off a hot fire. The wind plays an important part for the fire fighter. Sometimes things look pretty good and the fire is about to be contained when all of a sudden the wind changes and all H—breaks loose and the fire is on its way once again.

It's very important that the fire fighters are in top condition while on the fire lines because you never know when you might have to split the scene and scramble for your life. Yep! Things can get right down nasty at times and you may even get your Mustache singed. Well let's hope Ole Smokey Bear can keep things under control around here.

Unity 94

Unity 94, is on tap... What is that? The Annual Convention of Journalists, which in the past was the Native American Journalists Association, annual convention. This year it will include the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, National Association of Black Journalists, Asian American Journalists Association and the Native American Journalists Association.

As for the Native American Journalists Association, it has been just 10 years ago when a hand full of editors and news writers gathered at Penn State University, where we set a goal to get a national organization going. There were members from the U.S. and Canada at that meeting. Our main commitment was to establish a voice in Indian Country that would be heard across the country. Another meeting was set up at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma where our first board of directors was established. The members consisted of, Minnie Two Shoes, Wotanin, Wowapi, Ft. Peck MT.; Tim Giago, Lakota Times, Pine Ridge, SD; George Gorospe, Pueblo News, Albuquerque, N.M.; Mary Polanco, Jicrilla Chieftain, Dulce, NM; Mike Burgess, Talking Leaf, Los Angeles; Sid Miller, Spilyay Tymoo, Warm Springs, OR.; Patty Bowen, Bishnik, Durant, OK; Jose Barreiro, Cornell Indian, Cornell, NY: Adrian Louis, Lakota Times, Pine Ridge, SD; Anita Austin, NAEF, Boulder, Colo.; Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, Sweetgrass Magazine, Toronto, Canada; Richard LaCourse, LaCourse Communications, Washington D.C.; Verna Friday, Sweetgrass Magazine, Toronto, Canada; Loren Tapahe, Navajo Times Today, Windowrock, AZ; and Pat Sulcer, Potawatomi News, Shawnee, OK.

The first annual convention for the NAJA, was held here in Warm Springs at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, where everyone had a grand time. And now ten years later the present staff and board of directors have sent out an invitation to all the founding board of directors to be recognized and thanked for all the hard work that was put in on such a great organization today. Yep! There were some very trying times at the begining getting the gang together for our meetings until we finally got established to where we have members from all parts of the lower 48, Alaska, and Canada.

In the begenning it was only for the newspapers but today the radio and TV are included in the organization. The multi-Cultural Convention should be one to remember, and a great one at Atlanta, GA. AHH-NAH-Chi-TOON!!

Toe Ness

Ole Bill: "Whats the difference between baseball and politics?" Ole Jeb: "In baseball, if you get cought stealing, your OUT!" YIKES

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A Russian said to another; "Our Olympic Hockey coach died after they lost the gold medal to the Americans."Other Russian: "When did he die?" 1st Russian: "Tomarrow." YIKES

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Tom went into a Bar in the rough part of town and yelled, "Fire." Everyone in there did. YIKES

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Whistling Lodge takes Wide Spot drumming contest

To the editor, A humble Thank you to ALL who gave help for the Wide Spot Drummer's drumming contest here during Pi-Ume-Sha celebration in June 1994. Cash donation: Warm Springs Forest Products, Inc-\$200; Warm Springs D.E.-\$200; Warm Springs D.E.-\$200; Brightwood-\$100; George Picard Logging Co.-\$30; Bel-Air Funeral Home-\$50; Rodney Smith Logging-\$50; Warm Springs Burger Inn-\$10; Macy's Market-\$50; R.V. Park Store-

\$20; John Deere-A toy truck (raffle).
Plus local people who dug into
their won pocket. I don't have the list here. Any where from \$1 to \$20.

Mostly \$1's. Total: \$186. A very special Thank you to Rita Squiemphen who said to pickout whatevershawl & saddle blanket (was from them). Millie Colwash, Teddy Tanawasha and Wanda Van Pelt brought raffle items brought raffle items.

Dalles Winishut, Jr. printed all the raffle tickets & fliers as his

drew the poster picture. Our family for selling the raffle tickets. Many of you bought whole books. There would not have been money for the cash prizes if it weren't for everyone's help. A very special "Thank you" to each of you.

Also to those who joined in on the memorial drumming and give-away on Thursday evening, Orthelia, Evelene, Beatrice, Reggie, Clydell & family, Suzanne, Lori Fuentes & family whose daughter also joined at the same time. Wilford Jim for emceeing & drumming with Tonto, Roy (or Ron) Heath & Olsen Meanus. We did this with all our hearts in memory of a group of young men and their families who gave so much of themselves, wherever & whenever there was an occasion and the elders too and of course, Gene Greene, Tonto Heath & 8-Ball, Richard & Jim Tohet & families.

The results are as follows: 1st-



Congratulation to Rhonda Wesley-Clements and William Clements who were married at The Heart of Reno Chapel, Reno, NV on June 9, 1994. Rhonda is the daughter of Martina Pachpe and the late Clifford Wesley. William is the son of Sandra and Grant Clements, Sr.

Happy Birthday "Miss America" July 31 Love, Sky, Saphronia, Toya

& baby John 111

Happy Birthday **Prunie Williams** July 24 Love, Sky, Saphronia, Victoria & John III

contribution. Beloved Carol Allison Whistling Lodge-\$1000; 2nd-Red drew the poster picture. Our family Sand-\$700; 3rd-Indian Creek-\$500; Consolation: Eagle Spirits-\$100; Eagle Spirits, Jr.-\$100; Spotted Eagle-\$100; River Bottom-\$90; Stoney Trail-\$90; 4-Directions-\$50 and Thunder Valley-\$50.

Each session was judged by point system, 3 judges with score cards.

All drums were given a sheet of paper. Everyone should have known what it was all about. End of a session, they gave the cards to the bookkeeper. Who kept a record of all drums. End of Pow-Wow points were added up. Thus, the winners. Each judge scored on their own.

Caroline Tohet

Coach proud of team players

To the editor,

A very appreciative thank you to all parents for allowing the girls to participate, also to all those who helped in transporting the girls to the tournament, July 10, 1994.

Being the first time as a team, in the girls Junior Olympics, as coaches, we were very proud of the team for their great effort and accomplishment, excelling hard both defensively and offensively, always showing good sportsmanship. The team surprised a lot of people getting into the finals. Especially playing a double overtime against southern

Oregon.

The game was very physical with both teams having injured players.
Our bench did a great job, giving our starters in foul trouble a breather. Holding their own in a tough game, which paid off in the end with a victory. The game was a reel barn burner. It was anybody's game, with the team holding under pressure, advancing into the finals.

Oregon Army National Guard Presents A Concert of Old Favorites

"Oregon's Own" 234th Army Band Wednesday, July 20--7 p.m Madras Sr. High School Football Stadium Thursday, July 21--7 p.m. Crooked River Park Amphitheater, Prineville Friday, July 22, 1994--2 p.m. Sunriver Mall, Sunriver

Happy Birthday to: Auntie Edith Danzuka, auntie Etta, Mudge, Bobbi James, Dan "Bart" Brisbois, Jasmine, Alysia, Georgianna, Ralph, Myrna Walking Eagle and Rob Lopez . Hope your day was special as you are to us. Love, Tina, Easton, Shanell, Colleen, III & Aaron & family

The team had one tough game against the Columbia River Iron Bears, who had a little more experience and height for them. We just informed the team, keep their heads up and prepare for their next game, which they did. It was great to see all the teams excel in all divisions this year. Giving Warm Springs a great representation. We were all over due since the existence of the state games eight years ago.

We enjoy coaching the teams, accepting invitations to various tourneys. Giving the players experience and exposure in showing their abilities. God bless all the parents and sponsors for their great

Team roster: Captains—Ambrosia Suppah and Rose Kirk, Reinna Estimo, Estomina Made, Orie Made, Shanna McConville, Val Red Star Suppah, Larrissa Napyer, Annie Kirk, Falena Kentura, and Fawn Begay.

Big Rat and Lucy Suppah Coaches, Simnasho, Oregon

Happy Birthday to Senior Citizens born in June & July

Hilda Culpus June 3 June 9 Ruby Torrez June 16 Earl Squiemphen June 17 Elton Greeley Louise DelRose June 24

Madeline McInturff June 26 Aradonna Seyler Julia Barney July 3 Mabel Eyle Russell Smith

July 4 Matilda Mitchell July 6 Reuben Johnson Sr. July 7 Christine Tom

July 8 Edith Danzuka Rita Squiemphen July 9 Silas Williams July 11 Joyce Quinn

July 16 Viola Kalama Henrietta Johnson July 22 July 24 Prosanna Williams

July 25 Marion Biss July 27 Wilson Wewa Sr.

Love, support during loss helpful for family; thank you

To the editor & Tribal Members:

I am writing to thank each and everyone that came to help find my husband. I was looking myself the first days, I don't know what I was thinking. My mother-in-law and a neighbor suggested that I call Search & Rescue. So I did. I kept thinking and hoping to find him all right but unfortunately we never. But I am just thankful to have found him to be able

to put him away properly. There were so many people to than for making that all possible, Search and Rescue, all the many units of Search and Rescue people, also for Mr. Miller and getting the plane out here right away, dispatcher for having him call me right away. Also for sending Sister Pauline up to my home to be with me late into the night and taking me to the store, cooking, washing dishes and praying with me, and when they found him, you were there with me. I could never thank you enough. That goes for everyone of you folks that helped find him.

then come the Washat faith. I have to thank all you that came to my home for services at my home. I know it was spur of the moment decision. But you all came anyway. Also thanks to all my neighbors up here in Schoolie Flat. For the food, songs, prayers, good words everyone had to offer. This was all new to me. I made mistakes. But I am learning. I thank you for correcting me all though I hurt myself. I am sorry if I hurt anyone's feelings. I didn't mean to. I love you all for caring enough to tell me. I don't want to forget anyone.

Then came the Peyote meeting I had the next night. I called up a Brother from Washington. I would like to thank them also for coming right over to put up teepee for overnight prayer services. All the church members from here. I am really thankful for having Church members with all their faith come and pray with us. On behalf of my children's father, my husband. To send him on his way. I had to make a way for my husband because he did many good things here on our Mother Earth, for the people, many sacrifices. A lot of things he did for everyone before he thought of himself. So I felt I had to have that meeting and I thank all you good folks for coming. Everyone all they did, putting up the teepee, peeling poles, firewood, again the food all my sisters brought. The cooking, cleaning, special thanks to my sister Katie for sticking it out with me through all the. Helping out cooking, everything you did for us. So I am really thankful to you all.

Then again I come to the Longhouse with my husband. I am thankful for Margaret Boise for being at the Longhouse, waiting for us. Although we didn't ask her to take care of him. She was there to help us out when we needed her. I am really thankful to our Creator for people like yourself. You also stuck with me until the end. And still today you check on me and the kids.

Again, I want to thank each and everyone at the Longhouse, drummers, dancers, cooks, people who brought flowers, food, grave diggers,

utilities for use of the truck, all the help you've us. Also at the desk, for being helpful to us. Also I want to thank all the AIM members who came to sing Sundance song and honor song for their Brother.

Then came the Shakers who came to my home that very night I called them. I am really thankful to my kids new grandpa for coming and conducting services for our home. My husband was also a boxer and boxed with these folks & traveled together. am thankful for being a part of your family. I thank all the Shaker Church members for coming for three nights like t hat. My kids still talk about it. They like the bells, how we felt each night after you all left. Thank you.

Then again, it came to my clothes. want to extend my thanks to all my in-laws for giving me clothes. Taking care of my needs. Advice like that so many folks gave us things, for our home. I want to thank all of you for all the gifts. I really appreciate everything from all of you.

There are so many folks to thank for all your good thoughts. I especially want to thank my family for all the help they gave me with good, gas, giveaway things I could go on. My mother Freda, my mother-in-law Arlene, my sisters Vio, Katie, Cecila, Robert Berry family, Olivia, Roberta Kirk, Pat & Bob Speakthunder, Nola Queahpama, Shirley & Delvis Heath, Matilda Mitchell, Nettie Shawaway, Sylvia Wallulatum, Fred Wallulatum, Paul Vaeth, Sister Pauline, Margaret Boise. There are so many to thank, I love you all for all the love and caring you all showed us through this all. I know the healing has just begun. But I will always remember this. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. Again, thank you and may

the Great Spirit be with you all. With all our love, Berry family, Lisa, Reggie, Billy, Bobby, Sonny, Melody, Little Mike Berry Sorry it took so long. Thank you.

Essay shared with readers

To the editor,

This is an example of one of the many participant entries for the Warm Springs Elementary Students Environmental month "94" essay contest. Coordinated & sponsored by the Water & Soil office in April

1994. A special thanks to the teachers, principal and students for their participation. This is the first of many essays that we will ask Spilyay Tymoo and Tomahawk Newsletter to publish and share with

Water and Soil office

Please don't Pollute the Water

Because the reservation won't have any salmon and then are tradition will be gone, we can't eat fish at the longhouse. We would just have to eat roots and berry for all the feast and regular foods and have no salmon to eat just poluted fish. Our tribe will have no tradition. It would be lika littel city on our tribe.

Salmon is very inportant to some tribe's because they have feast and whith out salmon we would just have two feast, we would not be able to eat salmon. We would be like light corled people and just have to feast once a year and thats way we don't won't pollution on our tribe.

Blanche Mitchell, Warm Springs, OR, 5th Grade #21

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Happy Belated Birthday to my four amily members (you know who you are). I'm sorry I missed it and missed

> Love from Mom, Grandma and Great-grandma