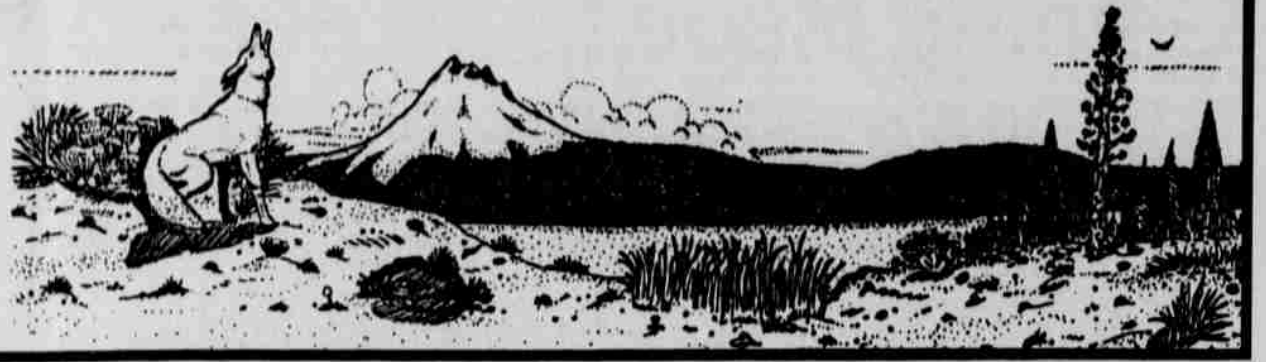


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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Water Rights!!

Where are we going today? Us once a proud tribe, who had a high standard of living and full of "Trust."

Like I said once before, "Our resources are slowly dwindling away to where pretty soon we won't have anything left. We are struggling to hold on to our treaty rights which should be the law of the land. Yep! The white man is trying every way to cheat us out of what we have left. What really irks me is the Water Negotiations that are going on and who's side is our attorney on? Making statements without consulting the general membership of what's happening. I don't really understand the legal mombo-jumbo, but as they say that an attorney's brief is about 5000

words containing statements referring to if you say "No," you really are saying "Yes" or vice-versa. Of all the promises made to the Native Americans almost everyone of them has been broken. The young generations of today don't really understand the original treaties with the United States Government. To them it's just a story in the History books. They don't understand the agreements between the Tribes and Government officials. The settlements and of what rights we have retained in order for the United States to take all the prime land for the new settlers. Today many think the Government gives all the Indians a check every month to live on. They don't realize the money is from our own funds. The white man owes the Native Americans a hellava lot more than just promises which they will never keep anyway.

OooPs! Sorta got carried away a little, but in reality that's what happens when promises are made. The entire membership has a right to know what's happening with our water rights, because we've lost so much in the past all from broken all across the country. It sounds good when the talking is going on but when its time to produce nothing happens. There must be someone who gains from all of this. "OH Well," no one reads this anyway...because I've never had any feedback of articles in the past.

Gaming Issue

It is said, if we go into gaming, in five years we'll have the option of agreeing to continue the operation or not. It is like a try out period to see if the project is beneficial to the Tribes or not. It is a subject that we have to take into serious consideration on every angle and try to decide if we should go into it or not.

Just recently there was an article of the Cow Creek Band of Indians in southern Oregon and how their operation is doing today. Well so far it has created a lot of jobs in the town of Canyonville, Oregon, a small town just out of Roseburg, Oregon. There are some who object to the establishment saying there are not enough trade brought in to the city, while others say that business has really increased since the gaming establishment has been in existence. It was also said the Cow Creek Tribe is paying off debts and have contributed quite well to the improvement of the water system in the city.

Sue Shaffer, the Tribal Council Chairwoman, said she hopes to start putting profits into tribal programs, especially in education. In all respects this is what in the minds of all the Tribes that are going into the gaming situation.

The Umatilla Tribe in Pendleton, Oregon, will soon be in full swing with their operation. Their situation is more unique because Pendleton, is isolated in the northeast corner of the state, and would most likely favor the gaming establishment to draw more trade to the city.

Both the Cow Creek Tribe and the Umatillas both reside along major freeways of the state. The Cow Creeks are situated along the I-5 to the south and the Umatillas are along the I-84 going east to west. One drawback for us is that we are not along one of the major freeways that leads in and out of the state. However we are in the resort area for the many here in Central Oregon. So how do we measure up to those who live along major freeways? So we must consider everything concerning going into the gaming project, make the right decision. "Nigh."

Toe Ness

They have something new in Las Vegas. It's called instant bankruptcy. YIKES

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A guy was bragging of how his three year old could count...one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King. YIKES

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Some think gambling is a sin, only if you lose. YIKES

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Christmas Program schedule

December

- 9 Buff Elementary
- 12 Madras High School-7:30 p.m.
- 13 Madras Jr. High School
- 14 Madras Elementary



Family extends thanks for search efforts

To the editor,

This is a special letter sent to the 4-H Search & Rescue team: Keith Baker, Victor Switzler, Ramona Starr, Jeffery Sanders, Jr., Chey Culpus, Larry Squiemphen III, Matthew Vaeth, Tia Bean, and Florence Starr.

You have done a super job in trying to help us search for Donnie Sampson. Your search and rescue team is one of the first group that we have seen work so hard together. The weather was bad and everybody was cold and tired, but our hearts kept us going. The family members that did not get to greet you or see you off

would like to send their gratitude from the bottom of their hearts. Edith Sampson and Roberta Danzuka were overwhelmed to hear what great jobs the kids did.

Jerry Sampson, Crystal Danzuka-Winshut, and Audrey Sampson-Olney would like to send a special thanks to the 4-H Search and Rescue Team. We enjoyed your help and company to keep up the laughter. Don't feel you failed, the snow was getting deeper and colder. We are just thankful to see you come and help. You will always be remembered. Just to let you know our hearts continue to search. After

your time here ran out we continued the search. In our hearts we cannot give up, our love for Donnie keeps us going.

It has been a month now that Donnie is missing. Even if it takes us all winter we will continue the search. You 4-H Search & Rescue have big hearts to the jobs that you have to do. So keep up the good spirit you are great kids, the parents also need to know that they too need to be recognized with letters for having such super kids.

Thank you all so very much. Edith Sampson

Happy birthday Clark Livingston December 23, from Darlyn

Positive opinion stated for gaming

To the editor & Tribal members of Warm Springs:

I hear a lot of words of doubt about the Gaming Hall. I, myself think it would benefit the tribes.

But, I do not think it needs to be located at Kah-Nee-Ta. We have many other locations on the reservation that can be considered such as the Industrial Park, Tenino (adjacent to Admin. Building) or others besides K.N.T. My thoughts are if it is built at KNT we will just make more jobs for non-members. I worked for KNT and know they will not hire tribal members on equal status or even consider them for the Hamlet apts. So why else did we build KNT & the Hamlets, to employ & house tribal members. But I do not see that at KNT.

Back to Gaming. I was up in Puyallup, WA and I seen all Indian employees. I talked to some workers and asked about wages, employees

start at \$6.00 per hour. So Indian employees will be more apt to work and stay on the job.

Also, I do not think it will make families go broke gambling and will not make children starve. There are a few people that like to gamble. I know that tribal members go to Reno, NV to gamble. They save up money all year. Some travel to stickgame every week-end but they still think of their families and the children do not starve.

So in the long run, I think the Gaming would benefit us the people of Warm Springs. Not only with the income but the jobs.

But if it is going to be built in the Kah-Nee-Ta area. I am against the Gaming.

I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Wilfred R. Jim, Jr. AKA Manny

WS Health Nations asks "How available is alcohol and drugs?"

By Scott McLean

At Warm Springs Healthy Nations, we ask a lot of questions. Each article in the newspaper, radio show featuring community members, or newsletter continues to ask you, the community member: What do you think will reduce the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs in our community? Today, I'd like to ask you a new question. How available are drugs and alcohol in our community?

Last week I introduced you to the idea of risk factors (the safety belt crash test dummies in the cars, not the videos). Risk-focused prevention is trying to prevent a problem from happening before it occurs by identifying and addressing risk factors. By taking a long look at where we stand in terms of these risk-factors, we can see where we need to focus our energies.

The risk factor "availability of drugs" states, "The more available drugs and alcohol are in a community, the higher the risk that drug abuse will occur in that community. Perceived availability of drugs is also associated with increased risk. In schools where children just think that drugs are more available, a higher rate of drug use occurs." Source-Communities that care.

Write me a note, call us at the office, stop us on the street and tell us how available alcohol and drugs are in our community. Your perceptions of both the problems and possible solutions count. We listen, record your ideas, and next year the Council on Alcohol and Drugs will outline your Healthy Nations programs for the next four years, until 2000. Let's try new ideas. Tell me yours, 553-4914, P.O. Box C, Healthy Nations, Warm Springs, 97761.

Memorial for:

James Lee Wolfe, Sr. December 17, 1994 at Simnasho Longhouse

Namegiving for:

James Lee Wolfe, III and Nelson Wilkens Wolfe Start 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.



Antone Fuentes 21 years ago you were born in Vancouver, Wa. Happy 21st Birthday Love, Mom, Sluggo, Dec, Rafa, Gringo, Tila, Paula, Jered and Beba

Senior Birthday List for December

- 2 Maxine Switzler
- 6 Lavina Queampts
- Emma Telekish
- 7 Claude Smith, Sr.
- 8 Chesley Yahtin, Sr.
- Levi Greene
- 9 Sammy Danzuka
- 11 Wilkins Hellow
- 17 Josepha Crowe
- 18 Caroline Tohet
- Sylvia Wallulatum
- Evelyn D. Sam
- 20 Harrison Davis, Sr.
- Louise Langley
- 22 Hazel Tewe
- 25 Hazel Tewe
- 31 Harvey Scott



Happy Birthday Grandpa Ben From, Annette & family with lots of love

Please write me, I miss you all

To the editor,

To my friends and family, I'm missing you! So if you're missing me too, please write me a letter. I lost my phone card so I can't call personally. So write to: Yerlonda Chase, 1921 84th Street, Oakland, California 94621.

Yerlonda Chase

Happy Birthday Davis Paul Boise-12-13-75 19 years old "Wow" and Gloria Brown-12-21, and happy belated birthday to Kathleen Weaver and Tedmond Perez

Thank you, family and friends

To the editor,

Thank you to all family/friends. Losing a Mother is the hardest I have dealt with; so many years of comfort, laughter, tears and teaching to myself and my daughter. Those years will be cherished and all the teachings will be carried on. I want to thank all the relatives/friends that came and called with your presence and all your comforting words and especially all your prayers. It meant a lot for me to see so many stop by. I know there were a lot of family that loved our mother and was inspired by her way.

I especially want to thank my supervisors Birney and Ruth for the understanding and allowing me the time from my job to spend the last month with my mother that will be the most precious time I will remember. A big thank you to LaDonna, Donovan, Marcie & Becka Danzuka and Carol for taking care of and putting my children to school, you are always there and its always appreci-

ated. We felt a lot of comfort especially when all our family from Yakama traveled here. We want to thank our cousin Fred Ike, Sr. for fulfilling our wishes.

Our mother had a strong teaching in all of our traditional ways especially in love and giving and helping each other. I have always tried to carry this on and will continue with my children. We as the parents now need to teach what we learned. We all need to be there for each other now. I always have a prayer for my brothers, Kenny, Alfred, Harold and my sisters, Katie and Eunice, all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren that comfort and guidance will override pain and loneliness. Ask God for comfort and He will hear you. With all my heart, thank you all. GOD BLESS YOU.

Josie (Wolfe) RedFox Sharondee L. Mitchell Jenny, Jay & James RedFox Jr.

Happy 9th Birthday George Enos Boise We all love you and wish you the best in the years ahead. We love you, Mom, Dad, Tonya and Leanna

Happy Holiday & Best wishes into the next year! From Everyone at the Business Economic Development Branch

Tribal Council Agenda

- Monday, December 12
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business/Minutes
 - 9:30 a.m. -Chief Operations Officer Update
 - 10:30 a.m. -Unscheduled business
 - 1:30 p.m. -Legislative Update
 - 2:30 p.m. -HUD/Elliott Heights, block grant status report
- Tuesday, December 13
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business/Minutes
 - 9:30 a.m. -Workers' Compensation Committee, - briefing -proposal code
 - 1:30 p.m. -Scholarship Program
 - 4:00 p.m. - Fishing/Hunting Issue
- Wednesday, December 14
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business
 - 9:30 a.m. -Fisheries Litigation
 - 1:30 p.m. -Composite (DE) Product
 - 4:00 p.m. -Systems Operation Review
- Thursday, December 15
 - Simnasho District Meeting-Gaming Update, Simnasho Longhouse 6:00 p.m. - Dinner, 7:00 p.m. - Meeting
- Monday, December 19
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business
 - 9:30 a.m. -Chief Operations Officer
 - 10:30 a.m. -IHS Monthly Report
 - 1:30 p.m. -Legislative Update
 - 2:00 p.m. -BIA Monthly Report
 - 3:30 p.m. -BIA Forestry Monthly Report
- Tuesday, December 20
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business
 - 9:30 a.m. -January "1995" Agenda
 - 10:30 a.m. -Realty
 - 1:30 p.m. -Enrollments
 - 2:30 p.m. -Attorney Update
- Wednesday, December 21
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business
 - 9:30 a.m. -Legislative Update
- Monday, December 26
 - Holiday - "Merry Christmas"
- Tuesday, December 27
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business/Minutes
 - 9:30 a.m. -Chief Operations Officer
 - 10:30 a.m. -Financial Monthly Report
 - 1:30 p.m. -Tribal Court Monthly Report
 - 3:30 p.m. -Museum Monthly Report
 - Vote today - Gaming Referendum at the Community Center 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 28
 - 9:00 a.m. -Business
 - 9:30 a.m. -Confirm Referendum Results
 - 10:00 a.m. -Gaming Update
 - 1:30 p.m. -Board/Committee Selections
 - 3:30 p.m. -Records Management Quarterly

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