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SPILYAY SPEAKS

GAMING ISSUE

Now that the gaming situation is pretty well underway here in Warm Springs and the temporary facility will be opening to the public, we will see what happens.

With the gaming issue that seems to be very popular in Indian country today makes me wonder what's in store for the whole thing in the near future. I don't think we should dwell on the gaming establishment as a true source of income. Even though it may prove me wrong, I still feel we should not stop exploring for other sources of income for the Tribes.

Anytime someone makes a comment like this they usually have some sort of an idea what might be worth looking into, or some idea of what may be a good money-making venture. But at this time I can't offer any kind of suggestions on what might be a good project it investigate.

One reason for my thinking the way I do is because there are so many Tribes within the state who are looking at going into the gaming field that there will be plenty of competition among all the tribes. I'm sure the non-Indian population would like to get their fingers in the pie also, or to try to prohibit this kind of business. Yep! I'm sure that people are trying to find ways to drain funds out of all the gaming establishments in the state.

Also I would like to suggest to the local people that this is not for us to spend all our money at the gaming center. We don't need to feel obligated to patronize the establishment. The funds many people have are just what it takes to run the family for the month let alone go gamble it away.

Well no matter what the outcome is, if I'm right or wrong we should look out for what we have.

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The 1995, rodeo season is once again upon us and cowboy and cowgirls were out in full force as indicated at the annual spring rodeo here in Warm Springs. Normally referred to as the Root Feast rodeo. The open show drew many of the top cowboys and girls from through out the Western states both Indian and non-Indian.

Rodeo's will be popping up all across the country where competitors will be on the road for the rest of the year. Yep! The rodeo one of the roughiest sports in the world where there are no guarantee's of any kind of income, just what's won in the arena. All contestants have to provide their own transportation from one rodeo to the next. All contestants have their own special events they work at each show. There are those who compete just in the rough stock events which include barebck, saddle bronc and bull riging. There are those who choose to compete in the timed events where they race against time in the calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and wild cow milking, and for the girls it's the barrel race and at some rodeo's they have the breakaway roping for the girls. There are some girls that compete in the team roping and do quite a good job at it.

All season long the competitors build up points in their special event and at the end of the year the ones with the most points qualify to compete at the National Finals Rodeo. They have to earn their way to the National Finals by competing all season long. This is one sport where people can't jump up with entry fee and enter the National finals. Yep! It's a long tough road to get to the National Finals for all the cowboys and cowgirls.

There are about ten regions throughout the United States and Canada where contestants compete all season long and being on the road from week-end to the next and it gets pretty tiresome as the end of the regular season comes. Many miles are coverd every year for all the contestants.

Here soon the Tywama All Indian Rodeo will be held in Tygh Valley, Oregon, where the show is sactioned by the Western States All Indian Rodeo Association (WSIRA). All contestants must pay there dues to the WSIRA prior to compete in order to have their points tabulated toward the finals in the fall. In the past the second WSIRA sactioned show was the Treaty Days Celebration at White Swan, Washington, the first part of June, than the Pi-um-sha Treaty Days Celebration here in Warm Springs around June 25th. Following are shows in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

For several years the Indian National Finals were held in Alburquerque, NM. But last year it was moved to Rapid City, South Dakota. Yep! It's a long tiresome road to the National Finals each year but to some, "It's Happy Trails."

Toe Ness

There was this secretary who was always about 20 minutes late to work every morning. One morning she made it to work just 5 minutes late.
"Well, said the Boss," This is the earliest you"ve ever been late>"
YIKES

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Doctor: Your husband must have absolute rest and quiet. Here are some sleeping pills.
Wife: When must I give them to him?
Doctor: They're for you. YIKES

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Tribal member shares poem

To the editor,

I would like to share this poem with the paper. It really sends a message that is so very true. Thank you.

Susan Coronado

'Twas the night before Jesus came
and all through the house
Not a creature was praying not
one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf
without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come
there.
The children were dressing to
crawl into bed
Not once ever kneeling or bowing
a head
And Mom in her rocker with the
baby on her lap
Watching the Late Show while I
took a nap.
When out of the East there arose
such a clatter
I sprang to my feet to see what
was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a
flash
Tore open the shutters and threw
up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes
should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus
was here.
With a light like the sun sending
forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be
THE DAY!
The light of His face made me
cover my head
It was Jesus! returning like He
said.
And though I possessed worldly
wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of
myself.
In the Book of Life which He held
in His hand
was written the name of every
saved man.
He spoke not a word as He
searched for my name:
When He said "It's not here" my
head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been
written with love
He gathered to take to His Father
above.
With those who were ready He
rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too
late;
I had waited too long and thus
sealed my fate.
I stood and cried as they rose out
of sight;
Oh, if only we had been ready
tonight.
In the words of this poem the
meaning is clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing
near.
There's only one life and when
comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true
after all!

Author unknown

Elders had a "good time"

The Senior Citizen Program in Warm Springs received many thank you cards and letters from elders who visited Warm Springs for 1994 Honor Seniors Day. There were many thanks for the wonderful food, experience of laughter and sharing, and warm hospitality. There were too many for the Spilyay to print, but here are two:

To the elders at Warm Springs,

We wish to thank you for the many ways you shared your friendship with us.

We enjoyed the children's dancing costume and their gifts, the wagon rides, the games and prizes, and the good lunch plus the words of wisdom that were expressed.

We look forward to seeing you next year, May God Bless you in all your efforts.

Sincerely, Ann Anderson
Coos Bay, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wewa and Seniors,

The La Pine Seniors want to thank all of you for the most entertaining and wonderful day. Thank you also for the delicious banquet, with the wonderful food you so graciously shared with all of us.

Everyone agreed that we had a real great time. The children were especially entertaining. They really showed the love of their heritage.

The gifts were too numerous to mention. As we look at them over the years we'll remember what a wonderful time we had. Many of the seniors who attended are planning to go again next year. We are sorry we had to leave before the powwow. We hope that we will be invited to return again next year.

Sincerely, Marian Holly
Group leader, and the La Pine Seniors

Happy belated "22" Birthday to my daughter Angela Polk

This is Angela doing a block wall while in the Job Corp in Curlew, WA She's doing very good and I just want to tell her "Keep up the good work, we all love you and miss you.

Love Mom, Victoria Polk-Muldrow

Friends & family please write her at: **Angela Polk**
Dorm 5
5 Campus Street
Curlew, WA 99118

Happy 5th Anniversary
Curtis & Sarah
Love you both
Foster, Sandra & Family

Elders need our love & care

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, did you have a good Easter? We had a great time at the Presbyterian Church. Good food, great Worship, eggs, candy and piñatas. WOW, what an Easter...

Well, I want to share a concern that I have with the people of Warm Springs. The issue is Elder Abuse. Sometimes our Elders are not having the best time in their "golden years" of life. The abuse is not only Elders who are being hit by someone. But Elders who are being bullied with words to do the will of someone; for money, food, a place to stay, etc. All of this an Elder can give freely, but is it right that it be taken from them by friends or relatives? The Bible is full of wisdom of caring for the Elders. The abuse is also indirect. An Elder who takes care of a lot of children will eat what the kids eat. They will get some rest only when the children will let them rest. The body of an Elder is different from kids. Their body has different needs for living.

Another form of abuse is not talking back to an Elder. I know I will catch some words for this statement but sometimes we must talk back against an Elder who will not eat right, or take their medicine on time. We must push with loving and firm words of their needs for life. One finally reminder, our Elders need someone to talk to them and to listen to them. Not about the bills, or who is sick, but about their dreams and ideas and feelings.

See you in church. HE is Risen....
Pastor Rick Ribeiro
WS Presbyterian Church
(on the campus)

Thank you for help

To the editor,

A big thank you to all the wonderful special people that took time and energy to help us out with the planning and getting ready for the special day to honor our elders. It was a great event for our elders and the visiting elders to enjoy the fun and games, the horse & buggy rides, the sharing of company of others from different towns, states.

Plus the gifts and the donations that were most appreciated from the Utilities staff, Police Department staff, CHR's, Fire & Safety staff, Printing staff, KWSO, Health & Welfare Committee, Guy Wallulatum for helping with putting the powwow together, Emcees Nathan "8 ball" Jim and Wilson Wewa, Jr., guest registration committee, the welcoming committee, Eldon Tom who was the fish cutter, Senior Wellness Team, and most of all the cooks–Margaret Suppah, Nola Queahpama, Shirley Heath, Cassie Rhoan, Reuben Henry, and all the helpers. Also to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Deschutes Crossing, The Museum at Warm Springs, Erickson's "Sentry" of Madras, Oregon, Ben Franklin in Madras, Yakama Elders, Zelda Thompson, Nisqually, Washington, Isabel Conn-Bel Publications of Fossil, Oregon, the Spilyay Tymoo photographers, and all the families from around here in our community, a big thank you for your support and donations.

Thanks to the ECE staff and the children for the powwow and the hand made gifts the children made to give to the elders plus the smiles and hugs the children gave. This touched a lot of elders hearts, it really hit the spot. A big hug goes to you all, thank you.

You can never say thank you enough to all, thank you to each and every one of you that took part in helping for getting involved or sharing your talent and knowledge and most of all your energy.

We will all rest and get ready for next year and we will keep in touch to let you know when the planning meeting will start.

Thank you from the Senior Program staff

Elton Greeley, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Lucille Schuster, Eileen Spino, Dorothy Simtustus, Julia Barney, Ursula Little, Ruby Reed

Treadmill for sale

For sale, DP Fit for Life Treadmill, adjustable speed control and more. $300 or best offer. For information, or to see, contact Joey Ortiz at 553-3381.

Happy Birthday to:

—Iris Kalama Smith—
April 19
—Leminnie Smith—
April 21
—Renso Rodriguez (13)—April 24
—David L. Dona—
April 26

Happy Birthday to my 3 children:
Angela Polk-April 23
Tyrone Mulrow-May 2
Dempsena Polk-May 18
(This picture was taken 16 years ago in Yakima, WA)
Happy birthday guys.
I love you all!
Love your mom
Victoria Polk-Muldrow

7-Drum religion sent by creator

Dear Editor,

Do I, have a Warm Springs Chief? Enrolled as a Full blooded Warm Springs, by blood quantum? Representing the Warm Springs best interests? I, think not!

7-Drum a sacred practice handed down by God, through our elders of the Columbia River. We, should not be led astray...Must communicate, enforce the strict ethics. Void anamosity, conflicts, should not be converted.

This 7-Drum is the creators dictation, very sacred worship...not an athority practice (who's the boss?); there are many customs not enforced, and should be.

The Warm Springs people must take action in this matter, and the present Warm Springs Chief to respond to the very 1st paragraph on this page!

Very Truly Yours,
Martinez Eugene Charles, Para Legal
PO Box 945
Warm Springs, OR 97761

❑ Yard Sale ❑

Saturday and Sunday
May 6 and 7
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day
Lots of clothes, furniture items and odds and ends
Zane Jackson residence
Follow signs from Deschutes Crossing

Happy 8th Anniversary
Love you Only
Sandra

Happy belated Birthday April 23, to my sister in Wapato, WA. Best wishes to you and we love you.
Gloria Gean Queahpama "Mutsi"
From Victoria Polk-Muldrow and family

Happy Anniversay
Roland & Verleen
Mitt & Bunch
Love you guys
Foster, Sandra & family

Happy Birthday Laneda
We love you very much
From, Grandma, Grandpa

Happy Birthday
Naomi Winishut May 1
Naomi Brisbois May 5

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