



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

I wonder if anyone needs any water? Or did you say you wanted to get your feet wet? Well at any rate last week there sure was enough water around here to wet anyone's whistle. Especially on Feb. 6 through the 10th, when banks of all streams were overrun by more water than you could shake a stick at.

With all the flooding that took place here last week don't quite compare with the 64 flow...or flood. Yep! that year the whole state was in a state of emergency, as roads, bridges highways were all washed away. There was power outage all across the country.



Here in Warm Springs, that year people were in pretty bad shape as the south side of the Shitike Creek were completely isolated from the rest of the world.

Yep! If you lived on the north side and were caught on the south side there was nothing you could do but to stay at the long house where food and lodging was set up for the flood victims. Those who were on the north side of the creek had a little better chance as they could get out into the world. The only thing is if you wanted to go to Madras the only route was through Simnasho, Maupin and on down to Madras. That was after the road was passable at Willowdale, about 25 miles north of Madras, where the bridge and highway was washed away, but crews were there to make things passable.

Yep! Here in Warm Springs, the Shitike Bridge was gone, highway 26 was washed out from the Agency to the Deschutes River. Highway 3 was closed because of the wash out on the south side of the bridge at Warm Springs River just up stream from the Kahneeta Village. There were some people that lost their lives during that flood.

People were transported from the south side if the creek to the clinic by Helicopter for medical attention. All supplies had to be flown to the long house for flood victims. Many people think we don't have problems with floods because we live up here on the plateaus and high in the mountains. Well Charley, things happen just as bad here as in any other place.

In the meantime we do have our problems here and one of the biggest gripes is the Communications around here. Especially the media when we feel its very important to get news out to the membership we can't because no one wants to release any information, in other words, "Be the Goat!" and the one letting the news out. At times like this people have the right to know whats happening, or be able to tune in KWSO and get the latest on whats happening. Locally we can't get any kind of information to give to our tribal members because no one will release any information. Than we read the same thing in the Bend Bulletin and Oregonian, just what we were trying to get, and people around here say, "Where were you the Spilyay and KWSO, not reporting the news. No one believes us when we try to say we were trying to get the news. The first thing is, "How did the Bulletin and Oregonian get the news? Our phone calls are never returned, so what can we do. They say because of the next of kin has not been notified they will not release any news. Yet on the outside you read in the paper. "There was a car accident on road 8, with a couple injuries but the names were withheld until the relatives have been notified. This gives the news but yet protects those whose names were not mentioned. We never alter any news what is turned in and never use anything with out the permission of the author. Our rule is, all letters to the paper must be signed and with a return address for confirmation if possible. Any letters are never printed if they are not signed. We do get some letters with some good points but they are not signed, so they are just filed away and not used. I have been accused of altering letters and using names of people with out their consent. Thats not true. I hate to receive letters that redicule others and expect it to be printed in the news paper. If you have a gripe about someone deal with them and not get the public involved. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

"Tell me," the city slicker asked the hillbilly, "is Boon's Hollow a healthy place to live?"
 "You Betcha!" crowed the lanky man. "Why, when I firs got here I couldn't walk or take solid food."
 "No kidding!" replied the visitor, "What was wrong?"
 Nuthin," shrugged the hillbilly. "I was born here," YIKED

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There was this patient whose doctor told him he had three months to live. When the patient informed him that he couldn't afford to pay the bill, the physician gave him another three months." YIKES

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The women had just stepped into the bathtub when the doorbell rang.
 "Who Is It?"
 "Blind man," come the response.
 Feeling charitable, the woman dashed from the tub without bothering to put on any clothes, grabbed her purse, and opened the door.
 The man's jaw dropped and he stammered, "wh-where do you want me to put these blinds, lady?" YIKES

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Powwow successful

To the editor,
 Greetings, my people, I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to the community and sponsors that had made the First Nations Celebration a success. We the committee and community had put a lot into this short timed event and it felt good to see everyone come together from far and near to share good times and meet new people.

I'm really glad to see the community get involved into things like this, I see a lot of families working with children and basketball tournaments and other sporting events and I was glad to see that there were a lot of parents who had gotten their children involved in the fundraising for the powwow.

This celebration is going to be an annual event and I would like to encourage those who would like to be a part of this celebration to get with one of the committee members and let them know you are interested

in getting involved in the powwow. This is the first powwow I was put as the chairperson and it is a lot of hard work and dedication. I would like to give a big thank you to the Neda Wesley family for coordinating the concessions. Without your hard work, we wouldn't have had a powwow. I was glad to see my people stay after the powwow and help clean the Longhouse. There were too many to name. There was a few in regalia that helped in cleaning.

This celebration was planned and only had five weeks to get the monies needed to cover dance contests, drum monies and honorariums to veterans and elders. This celebration had uplifted a lot of people and brought good feelings to people who are mourning or in sorrow. Again I would like to thank you all for making this First Nations Celebration a success and I hope to see you all next year!

Carlos R. Calica
 Committee Chairman

Please return items taken

To the editor,
 I am writing this letter on behalf of my kids and myself.

I go to work so I can buy my kids nice things, and to have someone break into my house and take it all is just too much. It's a shame when your own people have to steal from you for drugs and alcohol and our kids have to suffer for it.

We would just like our stuff back. We lost a 25" Gold Star T.V. and a 19" RCA T.V., an Emerson VCR, all with remote and a Quasar VCR (still have remote) and a super nintendo machine with three games.

If you have any information, please contact me or the Warm Springs Police.

Thank you.
 Laura Chiquito
 553-5604

Happy 3rd Birthday to my grandson NayNay on February 21st.

Love ya lotz, Grandma Faye & Charlie

Happy Birthday Charlie!
 From Tee, Joe & Chan

To K.B.
 Once there was a man, who walked this piece of land, I thought he was grand, but he was banned, from my pitiful life, Had to many women in his life, None he wanted to take for his wife Brother said to let him be, I turned my back and let him see, Our lives weren't destined to meet. I've watached you from day to day, Wished things could've been another way, it's kind of sad to say, my love will always be tucked away, I never meant to hurt you so bad, now its kind of sad. Hope you life works out fine, even tho you can't be mine. Too many things got in the way. So on this Valentines Day, Just wanted you to know, Loved you enough to send you away



Happy 13th Birthday Tony Love Ya
 Grandpa, Grandma, uncles Hoodzie, David, Frankie, Larry,
 Cat Bear & aunt Betty

Thanks to all

To the people, departments and agencies responding to the Flood of 1996;

I would like to personally and on behalf of the Health and Wellness Center thank every one who responded to the Flood of 1996. The coordination and efforts were truly outstanding.

Thanks,
 Dr. Tom Creelman
 WS Health & Wellness Center

Happy 40th Anniversary to Nathan & Ella Jane Jim
 From: Mike & Mary

To Beansy & Ransy:
 Oh what a great day,
 I've got time to say,
 Just a few words to you,
 remembering things we use to do.
 Still buddies to the end of time,
 still laughing, trying to rhyme.
 Hope your day goes real great,
 even though this poem is late,
 Guess we've given up our band,
 can't make music much anymore,
 only place we travel is Indian land,
 or staying home, acting bored.
 Besides, we only had one fan.
 Hope you have a wonderful Valentines Day!
 From Genius



Happy 6th Birthday "JOSIAH"
 We love you!
 Daddy, Mommy,
 Jr. & Devon Ray

Wishing my main squeeze, Charlie a spectacular birthday on February 25th. You have given me much happiness and we are happy that you let us be a part of your life!

Yours always,
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To our community,
 Wake up each morning with sleepy eyes, be thankful for another day.
 Hug your loved ones, hush your babies cries.
 Treat everyone in a kind and gentle way. Abuse in any form should not be a part of our lives.
 remember our Creator, take time to pray. Life is so precious and true, a blessing for both me and you.
 Our home, the Rez is ours for life, let's work hard to treat each other nice. On this Valentines day think twice.
 From Anita, Danica, Carolyn, Anson & Judy (Com. Health Ed. Team)

Happy Birthday to Snyder & Colleen Dorian & Shardaee,
 Wuv Ya'll
 Love, Val & Frank, Stacy, Daniel, Debbie & Perry, Becky & Dave, Gale & Marva,
 Grandpa & Grandma, Snyder,
 Agnes & Kenrick & all kids

Fireman Bob takes new position

To the editor,
 To the community of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, it is with great hardship that as of December 29, 1995, I (Fireman Bob) must say good-bye to the position as Prevention/Training Officer for the WS Fire & Safety.

It has been a great five years of service with the community and I will miss many things all of the people had to offer me. I have made new employment with the Jefferson County Fire District, in Madras, where I have been a volunteer

firefighter for the last 11 years. The job description will be similar to the one I did at Fire & Safety, but the people and culture will be different. I will still be able to make contact with the children in the Madras schools as I did in Warm Springs, and some of them will be yours.

I feel very fortunate to have worked here with the people of the Warm Springs Reservation, especially the children. Their lives were so important to me because of the impact on them today and how it will affect them the rest of their lives. I want to thank everyone who gave me the resources and support to help me succeed in my job tasks. The personnel at Fire & Safety are a great, caring, and dedicated group who work very hard to serve the community. Without them I could not have completed my job tasks in a positive and successful manner.

There are many good things that I've seen happen in Warm Springs and many good people I was fortunate enough to work with. I will miss the Indian culture atmosphere as much as the people who provided it. My career in the fire service is moved on into a different department, but part of my heart and soul will always remember the time spent on the Warm Springs Reservation. Please give full support to the next Fireman Bob or whoever takes my place. I know if that person who steps in that role will get the same love and support as I did than the success of that position will continue.

Thanks again for everything and hope to see many of you soon. Stay fire safe and God Bless.

Fireman Bob

Sorry for the hurt

To the editor please print this letter,

Dear Lila,
 I'm sorry for all the hurt that I've caused you. I just want you to know that I love you and that you mean the world to me. You and our girls are the best things that ever came into my life. When we got married it was because you are the woman that I want to love for the rest of my life.

I love you so much that I give up my heart and soul to you just to feel your love. I love you Lila.

Love you forever,
 Bennie J. Martinez

Appreciation given

To the editor,
 We want to send a special "THANKS" to the Roads department.

From Hazel Tewee residents

To our Senior Citizens:
 You've filled our lives with love, through laughter & twinkling eyes, Told us to believe in the Creator above,
 how he would guide our lives.
 On this Valentines Day, we realize how special you are, the words come easy to say, "Thanks" for helping us this far, Happy Valentines Day in a very heart-filled way.
 Love, Anson, Judy, Carolyn, Anita & Danica (Com. Health Ed. Team)



Happy Birthday Brandon
 From, George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson

Happy Valentine's Day
 Your love has shown me the way
 From the look in your eyes
 You've taken me by surprise
 Your smile is friendly
 But, your kiss is deadly
 Your love is beautiful
 like the soaring eagle
 Your love is forever
 like the endless running river
 There isn't a price
 That I wouldn't pay
 Your love has shown me the way
 Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Birthday to Donald L. Winishut Jr. 11 years old 1/22/96
 From Bernard & Nadine and family

To sister:
 sfor another great year, for being so near, tanks for loaning out your man, to go gambling with one of your fans!
 You make me laugh so hard, you take after Dad, you're such a card.
 You look like mom, you've got Gram's nose, soft, soft, feet, but you inherited Dad's toes.
 Just wanted to make you turn red, like the roses I wished I could have sent,
 Hope you day was great as can be,
 Love you much as you love me.
 Your big sis, Care-Bear



Happy 12th Birthday Joshua Dean Shawn
 Sohappyy
 February 16, 1984
 Love you always,
 Mom & Sister Skyla

It's that time of year again, Beaver Paddley! Another year older but we won't tell!

Love your sister; Faye, Charlie, Tasheena,
 Winnerjoe and Chandla

Amber,
 What can we say but Happy Birthday on February 21st to a very special young lady whom we are proud of!

Love ya lotz,
 Norma, Tee, Joe & Chan

Wishing my big "lil" Virg a happy 19th birthday on February 25th! How time flies! Now you are going to know the trying years soon!

Love you bunches,
 Mom

To Francis Kentura
 Happy 10th Birthday
 January 28, 1996
 From Sam, Margie
 Falena & Shelton

Happy 10th Birthday on 2/10/96
 Jerome E. Henry
 also be my happy valentine, sweets.
 Love,
 Mom