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SPILYAY SPEAKS Special thanks to friends & family

The Black Hills, Well we are not in South Dakota, but we do have some Black Hills, for the time being that is. The hills turned black from the recent 120,000 acre Simnasho fire.

Each year we seem to have one major fire here on the reservation where a base camp is set up for all the firefighters that come in from various parts of the country. This year we have the Simnasho Fire that blackened some 120,000 acres of the reservation and it all started by man. The fire is still under investigation as to how it may have started but the blaze started between Simnasho and Red Lake. All other major fires have not been as large as this years fire and have not consumed any homes or structures at all.

When the smoke sort of cleared out and the sky was visible once again there are always the, "If's," "If We did this, or If we did that." All those decisions to be made on how to attack the fire. There are times when a person makes a decision on how to go about containing a fire, there seems to be something wrong, or the wrong method has been selected to fight the fire. Decisions are based on many factors, the safety of the lives of fire fighters, the weather conditions, wind etc. When and where not to back fire.

Yep! This year's fire tops all the fires in recent years of the size and the number of personnel, equipment of all kinds to fight the fire. The base camp set up in Simnasho housed all the fire fighters that were brought in which numbered to around 1600 men, along with all the equipment of planes, helicopters, all those bull dozers, fire trucks and what ever type of equipment that was needed to fight this pesky fire. Several times it appeared to be under control but the wind would come along and wake up the fire where it covered a great area of the reservation. Crossing the Warm Springs River going on to Miller Flat area threatening homes in that area, finally swooping down the valley of Dry Creek with such force with huge flames burning everything in it's way, where it destroyed 11 homes on the reservation. In Dry Creek alone it burned trailer homes and other structures. There were a few people who stayed and fought the flames using wet blankets and what ever they could to beat out the flames. Had they left they probably would have come home to a pile of ashes. When the wind gets hold of the flames in the dry grassy areas there's hardly anything that can stop the flames.

The fire was spread out covering a large area where it was necessary to bring in all the Fire Fighting Crews as possible. Crews came from Florida, New York Pennsylvania and many other parts of the country that sent in Hotshot Crews to fight the fire. We were very fortunate there was no serious injuries during the fire, as I'm sure everyone had the thought of the "King Mountain Fire," in the back of there minds that took lives of fire fighters in Colorado.

Yep! Wild fires can be very un-predictable and dangerous when the wind changes. Especially where the grass is tall and dry, a good breeze can take a flame in no time to cover a large are. And If you are in its path you'd better, "Skadattle out of there as fast as you can." The Smoke and carbon substances can choke a person very easy and fast. A person should study the wind pattern to make sure not to get caught in its path.

The plan of attack on range fires is a task, Many decisions have to be made. Sometimes it appears as if the wrong decision was made and makes other wonder where a person is coming from, but in the long run things work out. Sometimes to burn a few extra acres of land to save hundreds of acres works well. Fire Fighting is very dangerous if a person doesn't have the experience and ewe are lucky to have had experienced Hot Shot crews coming in to help with the Simnasho Fire. AHH-NAHH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

Ole Bob lost hid job and his friend asked why did the foreman fire him? Bob said: "You know that a foreman is the one who stands around and watches others work." His friend, "Well, what's that got to do with it?" Bob said, "He got jealous because everyone thought I was the foreman." YIKES

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Bill told his buddy Ben, "Here lately I've been shooting golf in the low 70's. But if it gets any colder I'm quitting." YIKES

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There was this guy about to go on trial, a lawyer called him and said, "I'd like to defend you, and I have some dependab witness I can bring along." YIKES

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To the editor, Dear Community, Friends & Family,

This letter is long in coming from the Warren "Rudy" Clements family. We wish to express our heartfelt "Thanks & Appreciation" for concern, prayers, support, cards, flowers, monetary assistance, was recently give a clean bill of health from Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland. Dr. Creelman, at the Health & Wellness Center, has also released him, saying his recovery is complete.

It started almost two years ago for Rudy. He wasn't feeling well and he underwent a series of tests in Bend. Doctors couldn't find anything wrong and Rudy continued with his hectic schedule as Director of the Public Information Branch, Chairman of the Gaming Work Group and later as the Chairman of the Gaming Board of Directors. In late June, 1995, Rudy was feeling more and more rundown and his cough was getting worse. In early July, 1995, the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Clinic speculated he had tuberculosis and treated for it while awaiting the return of tests. In early September it was determined that he didn't have TB and he returned to work.

The week after returning to work, Rudy traveled to Southern California with Tribal Council. Rudy collapsed and awoke at Scripps hospital in San Diego. We would like to thank Jazzy Wewa for his help, as well as Lynn Davis and Tribal Council members Delvis Heath, Mickey Brunoe, Irene Wells, Joe Moses and Jacob Frank. Sr. Mickey stayed over in San Diego and assisted us in getting lodging and a rental car. We greatly appreciate all they did.

Doctors Patrick Wolcott & Fredrick Henson at Scripps Hospital concluded that Rudy had a lung infection He also had double pneumo-

nia. They had to wait for Rudy to improve before they could operate. During the operation they found the infection had damaged his lung to the extent that part of the lung had to be removed. Rudy convalesced for a week before returning home.

Rudy's problems persisted and was admitted to Mt. View Hospital in Madras three times and St. Charles Hospital in Bend twice. Finally, in early November he entered the Oregon Health Science University Hospital in Portland. Doctors Caobanoglu and Ott, and a team of other doctors performed another operation to repair leakage in the area of the lung that had been operated on in California.

We have had so much support from the community during Rudy's illness and we are very thankful to all of you who helped, offered help and offered financial assistance. Our neighbors, Irene and Jack Towe, took care of our horse and watched our home when we were gone...Bob Pawalik, who hauled and got hay for our horse. Especially touching was the collection of funds spearheaded by Norene Greene & Kate Jackson. Governor Vic and Mr. Atyiah were very supportive. Our many friends from the Grand Ronde Reservation in the Willamette Valley, who offered their prayers, good wishes and support.

Rudy has been Master of Ceremonies of their powwow for the last few years, and as a result, we have many friends there. We appreciated their concern. Rudy's brothers and sister and their families visited him on numerous occasions, not only in Madras and Bend, but also in Portland. They were always there offering their support. Nettie & Sylvia were wonderful, coming to the hospital in Bend and the hospital in Portland to perform special blessings for him. There are so many people to

thank and we don't have the space to thank you all...but you know who you are, and we want you to know that you will always be dear to us. It has been very hard on us this past year, but because of your support, concern and love, we came through this ordeal!

We also would like to thank the Simnasho (Washaat) Longhouse, Pastor Rick, Rev. Elston, Anna Hurtado and her church group, and Garland Brunoe for all the visits, books and prayers.

Of course we need to thank Dr. Creelman and the staff at the Health & Wellness Center. As we said, we have many more people to thank than we have space! We just want you to know that we will always remember your love and kindness!

Anna, Trudee and Shayla

Birthday wishes sent

Happy Birthday Kate (across the miles)

There have been Angels in our lives.

While they haven't arrived with a blast of trumpets or a rustle of wings.

We've known them just the same. They performed their acts in human guise,

sometimes borrowing the faces of family and friends, sometimes posing as well-meaning strangers. You have known them too, When just the right word was needed.

When a tiny act of kindness made a great difference. Thinking of you (Kate & Del.) and the times you've been angels in our lives.

Always with love, Chino, Theo Jr., Annette, Steven, Adriana, Daniel, Rosalina, Marcie, Joanna, The Arce Family

Title IX to meet

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library, Tuesday, September 10, 1996 at 7 p.m. Steve Nelson will review the 1995-96 program evaluation. There will also be a review of the 1996-97 program activities and budget and a review of the Constitution and bylaws.

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 576-6192.

Poem receives award

The following poem was submitted to the Famous Poets Society by Emily Jim. Jim was awarded a Certificate Award of Recognition as a Famous Poet for 1995.

I May Live I May Die
by Emily Jim

I may live I may die but your memories will keep me alive. So please don't cry because I have forever love inside Don't tell me not to leave yes, I may have died, but i'll always be here, but you would know when i'm near. I'm the whisper in the wind the echo in the mountains and the stars in the sky. So please don't cry because I have forever love inside Please wipe the tears beneath your eyes. Look back to yesterday with a smile not in tears. So please don't cry because I have forever love inside. In memory of Jerome Albert Stanley

Thanks to family

To the editor, Please print in next Spilyay: To my family,

I would like to take this time to thank all my family, Delbert Frank Sr., Carol & Pete Parra, Priscilla Ike & Muff, Marlana & family for helping out with my family. I hope and pray that I will grow from all that's been going on in my life. I apologize for all the pain I caused all of you. I am thankful for this second chance that I have to make it up to all of you. I love all of you eternally.

I also want to tell my husband (Theodore AKA Chino) and children, thank you all for all the sacrificing and love you've always shown me. I'm glad that I've finally grown up to return it. Please forgive me. I will make it all up to you. Thank you to my husband for loving me unconditionally, and never saying "I told you..."

Thank you dad, Carol & Pete for taking on my responsibilities. Because of you I have the strength and courage to go on. Thank you!

Always & forever, Your Daughter, sister, sister-in-law, wife & mother, Annette Arce.

PS Also to Katie & Delbert Jr., I love you both and hope one day to actually shut up & listen. Thank you. You've all been wonderful teachers!!!

Happy Belated Birthday!

Randy Boise, Sr. Joseph Boise "Cheeks" Sheylene Greene-Boise We are thinking of you Tony & family

Thank you firefighters

To the editor, We would like to thank the crews that were with Tray Leonard and Willie Bagley. They did the fire line around Sunnyside before the fire came too close. We are thankful that our home was saved. Thank you. The Boise family



Happy 15th Birthday September 7th Lucinda "Cinderblock" Tufti We all love you lots. Love, Mom & BJ, Ricky & Jennifer Cimmeron, Amy & Wisdom Gram Mabel & Gramps Roy & the rest of your family



Happy belated 15th birthday, Thomas!! Love, Mom, Dad and the whole family

Education is on-going

To the editor, Hello from Pastor Rick. School day, School day, good old fashion rule day, reading and writing and arithmetic...Yes, school starts in five days. As a parent of three kids I say YES.

I have a question, when does education end?? Answer...NEVER. Can you understand your phone bill? Does the bank send you small print documents that says your charge card or checking account, or your savings will be going through some changes? An education will get you thorough the maze of information being thrown at you. An education will stop others from being the ones to lead you in

life choices. An education will cause you to ask questions to the doctor that fear/and not knowing would have stopped you. An education puts an inner discipline into your life that causes someone to decide to learn to basket weave, or paint, or learn a language so that time will not allow a tradition or custom to disappear from life. An education calls a thief a thief. An education says to people in power-enough.

Today is a good school day. Read a book, watch a bird fly over, ask an Elder for a story. Learn something new today. School Day...

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro WS Presbyterian Church (on the campus).

Congratulations sent

To the editor, Congratulations: to Graciela Estrada, on our beautiful baby boy; Carlos Frank Estrada, born on August 8, 1996. We are so proud of you always. (Thank our Lord Jesus for all His wonderful blessing).

Hang in there and be strong. We will never die. We will never fade away.

Love your family; Adriana & Marcos, Annette & Chino Arce, Carol & Pete Parra (Wun-sun); Delbert & Kate (& Oink); Charles & Angel & kids and all your sisters, Rosalina, Marcie, Joanna, Priscilla, Tarivia, Erica, Leticia, Bianca (& B.C.P.) & all the Boyz!!!



Happy 20th Birthday August 30th Amy Proctor (Tufti) Lots of love to you on your birthday from, Cimmeron & Wisdom Ricky & Jennifer, Laura, Lucy & BJ Your mom Patty, Gram Mabel & gramps Roy Grandma Iris, Lisa, Tawny & Harvey

Happy 26th Birthday on Sept. 1st to my husband Ricky Ray Smith. I love you lots, Love your wife, Jennifer Tufti-Smith

Happy Birthday Ricky Smith-Sept. 1st From: Laura, Lucy & BJ your mom, Lisa, Tawny & Harvey, Cimmeron, Amy & Wisdom, Gram Mabel & Gramps Roy

Thank you Red Cross, firefighters

To the editor, My husband & I would like to thank the Red Cross for their generous donation to help keep our business going. We lost our garage and two storage sheds. In them went 16 years of hard work getting the tools to begin our Aguilar Autobody business, then our Shekinah construction business tools, reforestation and personal tools were destroyed within a couple of hours. We thank God for protecting our

home and the lives of those sent to help our reservation. Especially to all the firefighters near & far. Our condolences to those that lost your homes, remember God can provide.

My husband almost got caught within the fire, I thank the good Lord for keeping His hand on him. Thank you friends & family who called and expressed your concern for us. We love you all and God bless you. Tina & Easton Aguilar & family

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